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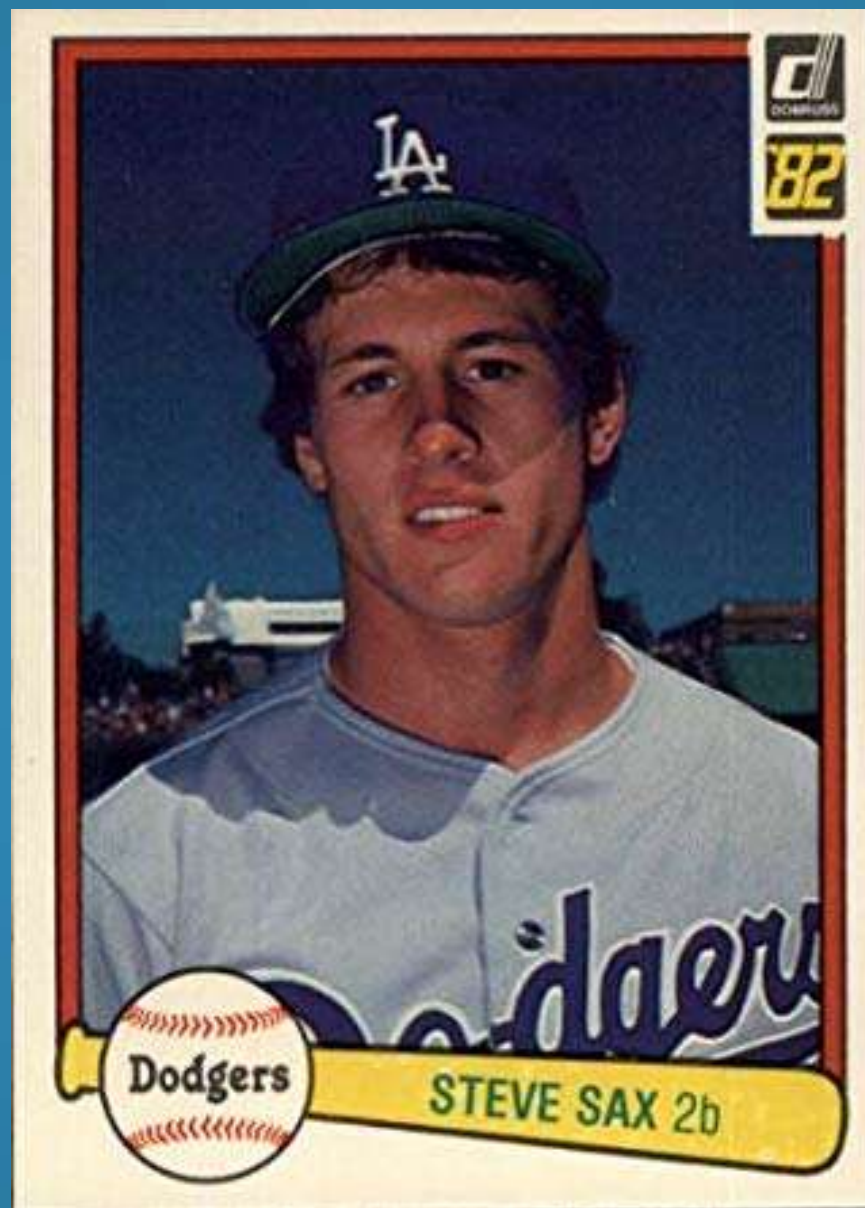
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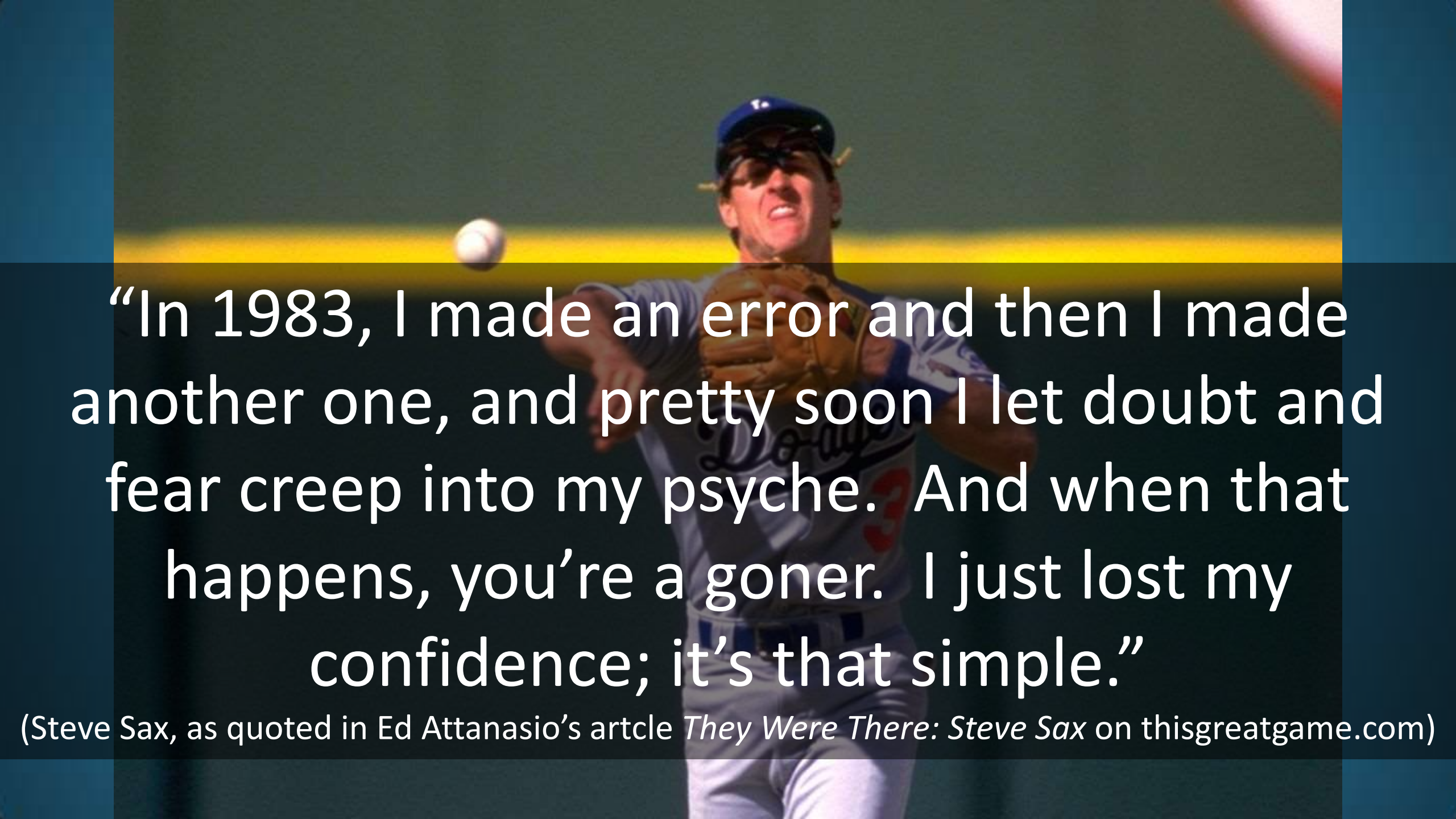






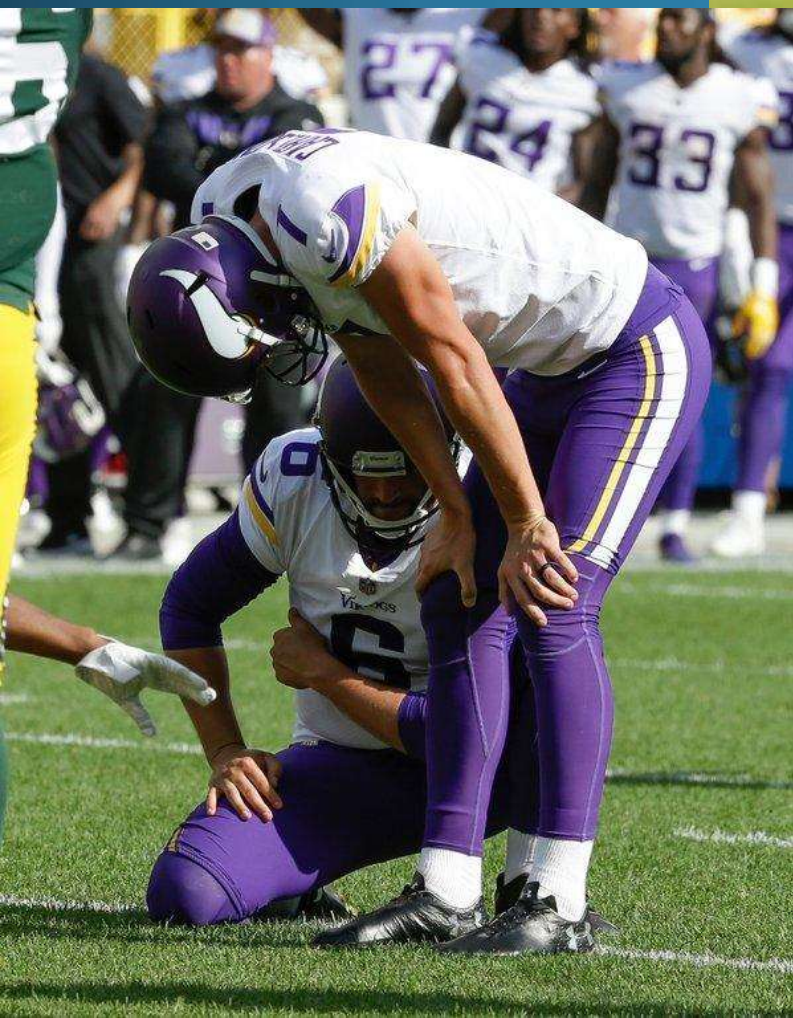




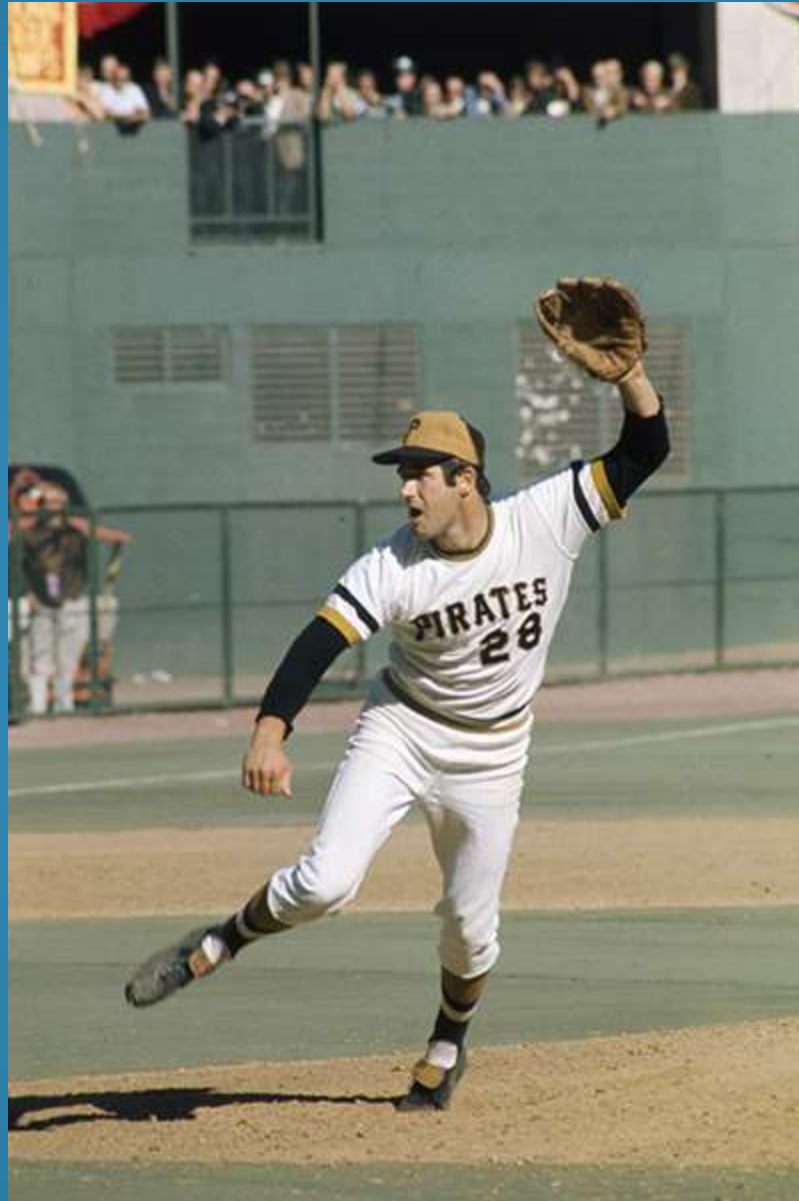
A photograph of Steve Sax, a former Los Angeles Dodgers player, in his uniform. He is wearing a blue cap, sunglasses, and a blue jersey with "Dodgers" and the number "3" in red. He is in a fielding stance, with his left hand in a brown glove and his right hand reaching out. A baseball is in the air in front of him. The background is a blurred green field and a blue sky.

“In 1983, I made an error and then I made another one, and pretty soon I let doubt and fear creep into my psyche. And when that happens, you’re a goner. I just lost my confidence; it’s that simple.”

(Steve Sax, as quoted in Ed Attanasio’s article *They Were There: Steve Sax* on thisgreatgame.com)









“I went to bed with it. I
woke up with it. I was the
laughingstock of the league.”

(Steve Sax, as quoted in Sean Braswell’s article “The Big
Leaguer Who Forgot How to Throw” on ozy.com,
May 28, 2015)



“I felt myself thinking too much, analyzing my every little mistake. It was like I lost my ability to be spontaneous.”

(From Steve Sax's autobiography *Sax!*, page 58)



“I don’t know. I don’t understand it at all. It’s aggravating. It’s frustrating. My sister can make that throw.”

(Steve Sax, as quoted by *The Sporting News*, page 20, May 14, 1984)



“He told me, ‘One day you’ll wake up and this whole thing will be gone. I did the same thing when I was in high school.’ And he was right. One day I woke up and it was all over.”

(Steve Sax, as quoted in Michael Martinez’s article “Sax Combines Comedy and Intensity” in *The New York Times*, July 10, 1989)







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Colossians 2:20-21 (ESV): “Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.
21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.”

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PARENTING IS NOT
EASY,
BUT IT IS
SIMPLE.

Main Point



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Proverbs 19:18-20 (NIV): “Discipline your children, for in that there is hope; do not be a willing party to their death. **19** A hot-tempered person must pay the penalty; rescue them, and you will have to do it again. **20** Listen to advice and accept discipline, and at the end you will be counted among the wise.”

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TO BE A GOOD KID,

LISTEN

TO YOUR PARENTS;

TO BE A GOOD PARENT,

DISCIPLINE

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Application

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Hebrews 12:11 (NASB): “All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.”

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1 Corinthians 4:4-5 (NIV): “It is the Lord who judges me. 5 Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time.”

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Hebrews 12:9-10 (ESV): “We have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? **10** For they disciplined us for a short time **as it seemed best to them**, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness.”

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Proverbs 22:6 (NKJV): “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.”

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