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Cubs manager Dusty Baker said over the weekend, "I'm gone. I won't be back," regarding his position as manager of the organization. The Cubs went 65-97, worst in the NL this season.

Baker was in the final year of his contract, and had not heard from GM Jim Hendry on an extension.

"If they wanted me back, I would have heard something by now," Baker said.

As reported:

Baker likened the '06 season to 1996, his fourth year managing the San Francisco Giants.

"We lost 94 games," he said. "But they believed in me, and we won the next year, and we kept winning."

Baker said he will leave with his head high, knowing he never backed down from his principles or let his critics change him into something he was not.

"I am what I am, and I am who I am," he said. "My dad taught me a long time ago, speak the truth and be yourself, with no regrets."

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