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From the Alex Trebek Stage at Sony
Pictures Studios, this is Inside

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00:00:07,170 --> 00:00:07,830
Jeopardy!.

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00:00:08,610 --> 00:00:11,970
Hello and welcome back to Inside Jeopardy!,
your exclusive and official podcast

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00:00:11,970 --> 00:00:15,840
destination for all things happening in
the world of Jeopardy!, even in the summer.

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00:00:16,140 --> 00:00:19,380
I'm Sarah Foss and I'm
joined today by Buzzy Cohen.

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00:00:19,440 --> 00:00:20,940
A little tired, Buzzy Cohen.

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00:00:20,940 --> 00:00:21,750
I do think dare little

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00:00:21,750 --> 00:00:25,980
tired coming, dare to say, coming
off, uh, 4th of July holiday.

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00:00:26,264 --> 00:00:28,064
Well, I had a great time, but
you know, sometimes you need

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00:00:28,064 --> 00:00:29,505
a vacation from the vacation.

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00:00:29,505 --> 00:00:30,375
It's so true.

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00:00:30,584 --> 00:00:31,034
How about you?

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00:00:31,215 --> 00:00:32,205
I feel the same.

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00:00:32,205 --> 00:00:36,495
A little lake life in Michigan did me
well, but then we're just back at it.

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00:00:36,585 --> 00:00:36,735
Yeah.

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00:00:36,735 --> 00:00:39,614
You know, life is back,
but I do love summer.

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00:00:39,614 --> 00:00:39,675
The.

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00:00:40,365 --> 00:00:41,985
My children home from school.

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00:00:42,495 --> 00:00:42,795
Yes.

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00:00:42,795 --> 00:00:43,815
Joining us in the pod.

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00:00:43,815 --> 00:00:47,895
Actually, we each have, we have one
child in the pod today because the older

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00:00:47,895 --> 00:00:51,885
siblings, it was, take your older sibling
to the inside Jeopardy Podcast day.

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00:00:53,895 --> 00:00:55,455
Anyway, it's summer.

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00:00:55,485 --> 00:00:59,145
We're very excited because today is the
day we are kicking off our series of

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00:00:59,145 --> 00:01:02,505
interviews with some of our Jeopardy
masters, some of our Jeopardy greats.

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00:01:02,625 --> 00:01:04,785
And first up, oh my goodness.

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00:01:04,785 --> 00:01:05,625
I'm so excited.

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00:01:05,625 --> 00:01:07,935
I know Sam bring it Buty.

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00:01:07,935 --> 00:01:08,805
I'm busting.

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00:01:08,850 --> 00:01:12,990
Ah, he's gonna be joining us later in
the pod, so looking forward to that.

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00:01:13,500 --> 00:01:14,399
Wait bust is busting.

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00:01:14,405 --> 00:01:14,589
Can't wait.

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00:01:14,589 --> 00:01:15,030
I'm busting.

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00:01:15,149 --> 00:01:18,509
But before we can see what Sam has
been up to, we first have to get to

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00:01:18,509 --> 00:01:21,600
the highlights of last week's game,
so get right into it, everybody.

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00:01:22,289 --> 00:01:23,369
Beep boobs.

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00:01:28,250 --> 00:01:31,649
We kicked off the week with

returning Champion Elena de Toro.

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00:01:31,885 --> 00:01:35,305

Going for her second win up
against Elliot Kim and Sarah Daley.

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00:01:35,635 --> 00:01:38,485

Our new challenger Elliot was
on fire in the jeopardy round

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00:01:38,485 --> 00:01:43,345

scoring an incredible 18 correct
responses and a \$5,000 daily double.

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00:01:43,525 --> 00:01:46,705

He didn't let up and double jeopardy,
adding 10 more correct responses

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00:01:46,705 --> 00:01:52,735

and another \$5,000 daily double on
his way to a no doubt runaway win.

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00:01:53,185 --> 00:01:54,625

This was a big game.

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00:01:54,625 --> 00:01:55,865

His jeopardy round alone.

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00:01:56,440 --> 00:01:57,580

You know, we ran the stats.

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00:01:57,610 --> 00:01:57,670

Yeah.

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00:01:57,670 --> 00:01:59,140

Carlos was right on the stats.

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00:01:59,500 --> 00:02:02,020

Second best of the entire season.

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00:02:02,050 --> 00:02:02,440

Wow.

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00:02:02,774 --> 00:02:07,875
Only after Chris Pineo, so Elliot
had 15,200 at the end of the

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00:02:07,875 --> 00:02:11,025
jeopardy round, Chris Pineo, 16,200.

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00:02:11,025 --> 00:02:12,614
So clearly impressive.

53
00:02:12,674 --> 00:02:16,035
Elliot got off to a hot start
and he was in his rhythm.

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00:02:16,334 --> 00:02:19,035
Yeah, unfortunately everyone
did miss final jeopardy.

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00:02:19,035 --> 00:02:20,084
Yeah, but it didn't matter.

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00:02:20,084 --> 00:02:20,505
It doesn't matter.

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00:02:20,815 --> 00:02:21,025
You know?

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00:02:21,025 --> 00:02:21,265
No.

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00:02:21,269 --> 00:02:22,555
When it's a runaway final,

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00:02:22,555 --> 00:02:23,005
doesn't matter.

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00:02:23,005 --> 00:02:23,875
I did love that.

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00:02:23,875 --> 00:02:27,295

Elena's high school history teacher,
Marian Campbell, had been a two day

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00:02:27,295 --> 00:02:29,275
jeopardy champ back in the nineties.

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00:02:29,785 --> 00:02:33,954
I had a high school teacher,
English teacher of mine who came to.

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00:02:34,725 --> 00:02:36,345
Every one of my tapings.

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00:02:36,345 --> 00:02:36,495
Oh really?

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00:02:36,495 --> 00:02:37,365
He lives in LA now.

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00:02:37,365 --> 00:02:38,535
He's retired to la Yep.

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00:02:38,985 --> 00:02:43,485
And uh, he taught me some of the
material that I got right and some

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00:02:43,485 --> 00:02:45,735
that I got wrong on the Jeopardy stage.

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00:02:45,735 --> 00:02:49,005
And I think he felt, he always felt
like he was a little slow, but I

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00:02:49,005 --> 00:02:52,155
think in his prime, he would've
been a great Jeopardy champion.

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00:02:52,160 --> 00:02:55,545
So, Dean Slider, if you're listening,
just know I'm thinking of you.

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00:02:55,785 --> 00:02:59,054

Well, hopefully Elena is now reaching out to her high school teacher

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00:02:59,114 --> 00:03:00,075
because Yes, cuz now it's finally air.

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00:03:00,075 --> 00:03:03,614
At the time she didn't, she said she didn't let anyone know except for her

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00:03:03,614 --> 00:03:06,915
family, because you know, you never know what's gonna happen on the Alex Beck

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00:03:06,915 --> 00:03:07,095
stage.

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00:03:07,095 --> 00:03:08,655
So some people don't even let their family know.

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00:03:08,660 --> 00:03:09,825
So already you're

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00:03:09,829 --> 00:03:10,575
a step ahead.

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00:03:10,695 --> 00:03:12,915
All right, well moving on to Tuesday where Elliot returned to

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00:03:12,915 --> 00:03:15,195
face, Kate Camp Alita and Chuck.

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00:03:15,235 --> 00:03:19,345
Beam Elliot had a slower start than he did on Monday, leaving the door open

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00:03:19,345 --> 00:03:22,735
for Kate to take a strong lead into double jeopardy, where she continued

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00:03:22,735 --> 00:03:28,435
her solid play and cruised into our
second runaway in a row of the week.

87
00:03:29,035 --> 00:03:30,445
And this is the 4th of July show.

88
00:03:30,505 --> 00:03:30,895
Oh my God.

89
00:03:31,455 --> 00:03:31,735
Fireworks.

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00:03:31,755 --> 00:03:35,745
For Kate, Kate gained some independence
from having to play final jeopardy.

91
00:03:35,924 --> 00:03:35,954
Oh.

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00:03:35,954 --> 00:03:36,795
With that runaway game.

93
00:03:36,795 --> 00:03:37,635
I'm just trying here.

94
00:03:37,875 --> 00:03:40,394
Really exciting to have two runaway games.

95
00:03:40,400 --> 00:03:43,155
Sometimes like The Runaways, when
it's one champion feel like it

96
00:03:43,155 --> 00:03:45,525
can, you can, you're like, come on,
I want to see someone go for it.

97
00:03:45,525 --> 00:03:45,615
Sure.

98
00:03:45,615 --> 00:03:49,484
But when it's kind of like back to back

players getting runaways against each

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00:03:49,484 --> 00:03:50,834
other, I find that kind of exciting.

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00:03:51,495 --> 00:03:51,734
Well,

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00:03:51,734 --> 00:03:55,215
and I find it exciting that Kate
revealed, you know, what she

102

00:03:55,220 --> 00:03:57,225
did to prepare for Jeopardy.

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00:03:57,315 --> 00:03:57,405
Mm-hmm.

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00:03:57,644 --> 00:04:00,165
She watched a lot of crash
course with John Green.

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00:04:00,655 --> 00:04:04,695
I love, and we love John Green, friend
of the show, and I think that is another,

106

00:04:04,875 --> 00:04:07,635
just add that to your preparation arsenal.

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00:04:07,655 --> 00:04:08,315
Crash course.

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00:04:08,345 --> 00:04:08,405
Yeah.

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00:04:08,405 --> 00:04:09,185
Love John Green.

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00:04:09,185 --> 00:04:10,295
Also a big fan of Hank Green.

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00:04:10,295 --> 00:04:11,225
I love the whole green crew.

112
00:04:11,225 --> 00:04:11,285
Yeah.

113
00:04:11,285 --> 00:04:11,525
Love him both.

114
00:04:11,525 --> 00:04:12,915
Smart cookies in that family, huh?

115
00:04:12,915 --> 00:04:13,435
Smart family.

116
00:04:13,535 --> 00:04:16,115
Uh, Ken even thought that final
was tough and he doesn't think

117
00:04:16,115 --> 00:04:17,404
he would've gotten in 30 seconds.

118
00:04:17,404 --> 00:04:18,185
So, you know, that

119
00:04:18,185 --> 00:04:18,995
has to make you feel good.

120
00:04:18,995 --> 00:04:20,855
Gotta make you feel better as a
contest contestant when Ken Jennings,

121
00:04:20,855 --> 00:04:21,845
the goat says, you know what?

122
00:04:21,845 --> 00:04:22,385
That was tough.

123
00:04:22,505 --> 00:04:24,275
I wouldn't have gotten
there in 30 seconds.

124
00:04:24,275 --> 00:04:26,345
You're like, alright, I can go home proud.

125
00:04:26,585 --> 00:04:27,035
All right, let's

126
00:04:27,035 --> 00:04:28,355
move on to Wednesday's game, shall we?

127
00:04:28,385 --> 00:04:28,625
Well,

128
00:04:28,625 --> 00:04:31,475
we shall and Kate return
to face Aubrey Gil.

129
00:04:31,695 --> 00:04:31,915
And.

130
00:04:32,114 --> 00:04:33,315
Angie Nyquist.

131
00:04:33,315 --> 00:04:36,375
It was a slow star for our players
in this game, but Aubrey found his

132
00:04:36,375 --> 00:04:39,674
stride in double jeopardy heading
into final with a near runaway.

133
00:04:40,005 --> 00:04:43,125
But Angie, the only one to come
up with the correct response.

134
00:04:43,130 --> 00:04:47,174
In final, going from third place to
earn an exciting come from behind win.

135
00:04:47,534 --> 00:04:49,125
Ken closed out the show with you.

136

00:04:49,125 --> 00:04:51,705
Never know what's going to
happen on Jeopardy and boy.

137
00:04:52,815 --> 00:04:53,265
That is true.

138
00:04:53,505 --> 00:04:53,835
Yeah.

139
00:04:53,835 --> 00:04:53,984
I

140
00:04:53,984 --> 00:04:58,695
just gotta give a shout out to a
really great play, uh, from Angie.

141
00:04:58,784 --> 00:05:01,575
Sometimes in third place, you're like, oh,
they're gonna bet against each other and

142
00:05:01,575 --> 00:05:04,065
I can just sit tight and kind of at zero.

143
00:05:04,070 --> 00:05:04,174
Mm-hmm.

144
00:05:04,755 --> 00:05:05,865
Angie, you earned that one.

145
00:05:05,865 --> 00:05:06,855
Congratulations.

146
00:05:06,855 --> 00:05:07,275
And I don't

147
00:05:07,280 --> 00:05:09,255
think Angie still believes that she won.

148
00:05:09,285 --> 00:05:10,755
She was shocked in the moment.

149

00:05:10,965 --> 00:05:13,245

She was laughing throughout
the post-game chat.

150

00:05:13,245 --> 00:05:16,875

Ken joked you look like you just
won Jeopardy as, as a bit, you know?

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00:05:16,905 --> 00:05:17,025

Yeah.

152

00:05:17,055 --> 00:05:17,595

Hey, you look.

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00:05:17,600 --> 00:05:20,595

And she said she's been
watching since she's 13.

154

00:05:20,595 --> 00:05:25,185

She never thought she would be on the
stage and now I won, so That is crazy.

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00:05:25,335 --> 00:05:25,605

Yeah.

156

00:05:25,635 --> 00:05:29,445

And even Kate, she said, you know,
there were a few of us on this tape day.

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00:05:29,445 --> 00:05:31,065

We were just here for the vibes.

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00:05:31,155 --> 00:05:31,335

Totally.

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00:05:31,335 --> 00:05:32,534

So I know how you feel, girl.

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00:05:32,534 --> 00:05:34,245

She said to Angie, just take it in.

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00:05:34,545 --> 00:05:37,965
And Aubrey added that his husband
had applied for the show five times

162
00:05:38,385 --> 00:05:40,905
and he thought, you know what, I'm
just gonna apply and see how it goes.

163
00:05:40,905 --> 00:05:40,965
Yeah.

164
00:05:41,025 --> 00:05:42,465
And then here he is.

165
00:05:42,465 --> 00:05:46,665
So all of these stories just to tell
anyone who's listening, Give it a try.

166
00:05:46,695 --> 00:05:48,615
Yeah, just take the Anytime test.

167
00:05:48,615 --> 00:05:50,145
It takes 15 minutes.

168
00:05:50,385 --> 00:05:51,165
You never

169
00:05:51,285 --> 00:05:51,735
know.

170
00:05:51,825 --> 00:05:54,045
And you could end up like Angie.

171
00:05:54,375 --> 00:05:59,115
And Angie gets to say that she is
a Jeopardy champion for the rest

172
00:05:59,115 --> 00:05:59,985
of her, for the rest of her life.

173
00:05:59,985 --> 00:05:59,986
Life.

174

00:06:00,015 --> 00:06:02,085

And Ken said, you know, I
got some bad news for you.

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00:06:02,085 --> 00:06:04,155

You're gonna have to come
back and play tomorrow.

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00:06:04,160 --> 00:06:08,205

And she said, okay, I have a warmer shirt
As I, as she wore a sweater the next day.

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00:06:08,475 --> 00:06:10,655

Cause let's be honest,
it's cold on that stage.

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00:06:10,685 --> 00:06:11,695

It's cold on that stage.

179

00:06:11,835 --> 00:06:13,215

And as much as we tell you that.

180

00:06:13,475 --> 00:06:17,045

And the contestant team does tell people
that, you know, you don't believe 'em.

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00:06:17,045 --> 00:06:19,235

There are so many layers
behind the scenes.

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00:06:19,295 --> 00:06:20,225

Um, it's crazy.

183

00:06:20,225 --> 00:06:22,175

There are people in parkass ski hats.

184

00:06:22,265 --> 00:06:22,355

Yeah.

185

00:06:22,355 --> 00:06:22,745

You name it.

186

00:06:22,745 --> 00:06:23,855

I've got hand warmers.

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00:06:23,855 --> 00:06:24,575

I don't know if you know that.

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00:06:24,615 --> 00:06:25,175

I I do

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00:06:25,175 --> 00:06:25,805

know that, yes.

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00:06:25,810 --> 00:06:29,105

Oh, you know that I've, and I've seen, um, Mindy Jennings sometimes

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00:06:29,195 --> 00:06:30,995

with a blanket and the hand warmers.

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00:06:31,000 --> 00:06:31,085

Yes.

193

00:06:31,090 --> 00:06:31,565

Mindy does

194

00:06:31,565 --> 00:06:32,165

bring a blanket.

195

00:06:32,165 --> 00:06:33,755

You know, she's been around for a few years, know.

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00:06:33,755 --> 00:06:33,815

Yeah.

197

00:06:33,815 --> 00:06:34,495

She's a, she's a pro.

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00:06:34,679 --> 00:06:36,119

She knows how to do it well.

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00:06:36,119 --> 00:06:40,349

We head into Thursday with Angie going up against Alex Gordon and Carol Oppenheim.

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00:06:40,349 --> 00:06:43,530

Alex got out to an early lead but really turned it on in double

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00:06:43,530 --> 00:06:47,280

jeopardy with 13 correct responses and both daily doubles finishing

202

00:06:47,280 --> 00:06:50,130

the round with nearly \$23,000 and.

203

00:06:50,655 --> 00:06:51,675

Another runaway on

204

00:06:51,675 --> 00:06:53,235

this week, another runaway.

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00:06:53,235 --> 00:06:54,195

It's runaway week.

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00:06:54,375 --> 00:06:56,835

First off, this show aired on my dad's birthday, so I'm

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00:06:56,835 --> 00:06:58,275

gonna say happy birthday, dad.

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00:06:58,275 --> 00:06:58,515

Happy birthday.

209

00:06:58,515 --> 00:06:59,035

I like to do that

210

00:06:59,035 --> 00:06:59,435

kinda stuff.

211

00:06:59,435 --> 00:07:00,115
Happy Buzz's dad.

212
00:07:00,585 --> 00:07:01,305
We know he listens.

213
00:07:01,305 --> 00:07:02,295
We know he listens.

214
00:07:02,325 --> 00:07:05,835
Um, and I, what I think is really
amazing is that even without the

215
00:07:05,835 --> 00:07:11,235
\$7,500 of daily doubles, I mean, he
doesn't have a runaway, but Alex has a.

216
00:07:11,420 --> 00:07:12,500
Big lead.

217
00:07:12,500 --> 00:07:15,020
So it just goes to show, you know,
sometimes you have those runaway games

218
00:07:15,020 --> 00:07:18,710
where it's like the daily doubles,
right, are really like the decider.

219
00:07:18,710 --> 00:07:21,470
This was, if you just look at
Choreo, still a well played

220
00:07:21,530 --> 00:07:23,300
game by Alex and that had to

221
00:07:23,300 --> 00:07:26,540
feel good for Alex because he missed
his medical school graduation.

222
00:07:26,630 --> 00:07:26,930
Oh my God.

223

00:07:27,050 --> 00:07:29,810
To be here on this day and.

224
00:07:29,965 --> 00:07:32,545
Angie even joked to him, happy graduation.

225
00:07:32,545 --> 00:07:33,955
That was my present to you.

226
00:07:34,045 --> 00:07:35,755
You know, losing the game.

227
00:07:35,755 --> 00:07:37,075
She did that for him.

228
00:07:37,375 --> 00:07:39,985
And Ken asked, did it
validate your decision?

229
00:07:39,990 --> 00:07:43,555
And Ken joked, unless they were
gonna give you a \$25,001 grant.

230
00:07:43,615 --> 00:07:44,095
Yes.

231
00:07:44,185 --> 00:07:47,395
And it was such a sweet moment because
Alex's mom was in the audience.

232
00:07:47,405 --> 00:07:49,984
And he had said, you know, I always
knew this was the right decision,

233
00:07:49,984 --> 00:07:51,424
but I don't know that my parents did.

234
00:07:51,484 --> 00:07:51,695
Right.

235
00:07:51,905 --> 00:07:55,354
And she stood up and she kissed

him and she was crying and

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00:07:55,354 --> 00:07:56,375
it was just such a beautiful

237

00:07:56,375 --> 00:07:56,885
moment.

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00:07:56,974 --> 00:08:01,715
The naus that as a parent you must
have on the day that your kid gets

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00:08:01,715 --> 00:08:03,335
their diploma from med school.

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00:08:03,364 --> 00:08:03,544
Right.

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00:08:03,549 --> 00:08:06,604
And wins on America's favorite quiz show.

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00:08:06,604 --> 00:08:09,880
I mean, I can't imagine as a
parent, A imagine as a child, like

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00:08:09,880 --> 00:08:12,150
imagine as we look across at our two,
as we look at our children, you know,

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00:08:12,599 --> 00:08:16,560
one day, all right, well we closed out
the week with Alex going for his second

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00:08:16,565 --> 00:08:22,020
win up against Tom Zelensky and Raquel
Stewart, Alex Kaf to a good start in

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00:08:22,020 --> 00:08:25,140
the jeopardy round and never looked back
from their ending the double jeopardy

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00:08:25,140 --> 00:08:30,390

round with 25 correct responses and
a runaway score for the second time.

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00:08:30,555 --> 00:08:35,235

In a row and we were so happy to see this
because we had a little bit of a, a streak

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00:08:35,235 --> 00:08:36,945

of one day champions, which is great, yes.

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00:08:36,945 --> 00:08:39,705

Happens cuz you make, make that many
more Jeopardy champions in one week.

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00:08:39,705 --> 00:08:43,395

But we were wanting to see a little
streak build and here Alex broke our

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00:08:43,395 --> 00:08:45,585

four day streak of one day winners.

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00:08:45,885 --> 00:08:45,915

I

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00:08:45,915 --> 00:08:47,985

am glad that Alex did
break that one day streak.

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00:08:47,990 --> 00:08:48,405

But you know what?

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00:08:48,410 --> 00:08:52,095

Sometimes it's like we get so used
to, especially in last season, where

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00:08:52,095 --> 00:08:54,895

we had all of these super champs,
it's like this season of the super

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00:08:54,895 --> 00:08:55,995

champ, this is the kind of like.

259

00:08:56,415 --> 00:08:57,945
One day champ thing, one or two.

260
00:08:57,945 --> 00:09:01,545
It's like kind of helps you appreciate
those moments even more, doesn't it?

261
00:09:01,665 --> 00:09:02,325
It does, yeah.

262
00:09:02,325 --> 00:09:04,785
And you know, Ken made sure
Alex had a clear calendar.

263
00:09:04,785 --> 00:09:05,955
He could be back next week.

264
00:09:06,050 --> 00:09:07,605
He didn't have to miss any big events.

265
00:09:07,605 --> 00:09:10,215
And, uh, he will be back next week.

266
00:09:10,575 --> 00:09:14,145
That wraps up our game highlights, but
instead of diving into viewer questions,

267
00:09:14,235 --> 00:09:16,125
we've got questions for Sam Buttrey.

268
00:09:16,130 --> 00:09:18,615
So let's welcome Sam Buttrey to the pod.

269
00:09:18,750 --> 00:09:19,680
Sam, so

270
00:09:19,680 --> 00:09:20,430
good to see you.

271
00:09:20,580 --> 00:09:21,690
Thank you very much for having me.

272

00:09:21,690 --> 00:09:22,080
Thank you.

273

00:09:22,080 --> 00:09:22,680
Good to be here.

274

00:09:22,770 --> 00:09:23,040
Oh,

275

00:09:23,040 --> 00:09:26,460
you know, it's only been less
than two months since we saw you

276

00:09:26,460 --> 00:09:29,100
last, and yet it's too long, Sam.

277

00:09:29,160 --> 00:09:30,990
Everyone wants more Sam Buttrey.

278

00:09:32,580 --> 00:09:34,590
That seems unlikely, but
I'm delighted to be here.

279

00:09:34,590 --> 00:09:37,350
I myself have had enough of Sam
Buttrey, as you can understand.

280

00:09:38,070 --> 00:09:38,460
I really

281

00:09:38,460 --> 00:09:42,030
can't, you know, this is a series
we wanted to kick off of checking

282

00:09:42,030 --> 00:09:44,250
in with our masters and just seeing.

283

00:09:44,729 --> 00:09:49,349
What life has been like for you,
you know, since that epic prime time

284

00:09:49,349 --> 00:09:50,160
showdown?

285
00:09:50,400 --> 00:09:53,069
It has been, uh, somewhat
different than my life.

286
00:09:53,069 --> 00:09:56,069
After the last, uh, jeopardy
tournaments that I've been in, I think

287
00:09:56,074 --> 00:09:57,900
there's been more attention paid.

288
00:09:57,900 --> 00:10:00,689
I feel like I'm being
recognized more and in.

289
00:10:01,090 --> 00:10:03,400
Uh, places that I wouldn't
expect to get recognized.

290
00:10:03,790 --> 00:10:07,300
But, uh, you know, the level of, I, I
don't wanna say harassment, the level

291
00:10:07,300 --> 00:10:09,190
of fun is about where it should be.

292
00:10:09,190 --> 00:10:10,300
I haven't been bothered.

293
00:10:10,300 --> 00:10:13,840
Uh, people seem very complimentary
and, uh, you know, my life is

294
00:10:13,840 --> 00:10:15,130
slowly getting back to normal.

295
00:10:15,340 --> 00:10:15,700
What's the

296

00:10:15,700 --> 00:10:18,070
most surprising place that
you've been recognized?

297

00:10:18,400 --> 00:10:21,430
Uh, my wife and I just got back from
a working vacation, at least working

298

00:10:21,430 --> 00:10:24,010
on my part in, in Portsmouth, New
Hampshire, and I thought, well, that's

299

00:10:24,010 --> 00:10:26,950
about as far away as you can get from
where I live in the Monterey area.

300

00:10:27,180 --> 00:10:30,510
And I told her, you know, we're accustomed
to being stopped on the street out

301

00:10:30,510 --> 00:10:33,960
here in California, but there's no
chance that we'll be stopped and, oh,

302

00:10:34,320 --> 00:10:36,810
hello Jackie from the Sandwich Shop?

303

00:10:36,960 --> 00:10:37,260
Yes.

304

00:10:37,265 --> 00:10:38,010
You may have a picture.

305

00:10:38,910 --> 00:10:42,180
I wanna roll back the clock if
I may, because you may buzz in.

306

00:10:42,180 --> 00:10:46,680
When we started the Inside Jeopardy
podcast, you had already been on the

307

00:10:46,680 --> 00:10:48,180
Professor's tournament inside Jeopardy.

308
00:10:48,180 --> 00:10:52,320
We kind of started talking about
you in anticipation of the T O c.

309
00:10:52,470 --> 00:10:56,340
So I would love to kind of go back
even before the professor's tournament.

310
00:10:56,715 --> 00:10:57,255
And talk

311
00:10:57,255 --> 00:11:00,165
about, like, I wanna go
back to Sam's audition.

312
00:11:00,165 --> 00:11:00,895
Can we go back that far?

313
00:11:00,895 --> 00:11:00,896
Yes.

314
00:11:00,901 --> 00:11:01,065
That's

315
00:11:01,065 --> 00:11:03,645
kinda, I wanna, actually, I
wanna go further back than that.

316
00:11:03,645 --> 00:11:03,735
Yes.

317
00:11:03,735 --> 00:11:06,975
It goes without saying, someone
who performs at your level is a fan

318
00:11:06,980 --> 00:11:11,025
of the show, but like how did it
go from I'm a fan to, I'm going to

319
00:11:11,025 --> 00:11:12,615
take a test, I'm gonna audition.

320

00:11:12,915 --> 00:11:14,955

There's this thing called
the professor's tournament.

321

00:11:14,955 --> 00:11:16,215

Take me there, Sam.

322

00:11:17,040 --> 00:11:21,300

Well, our story begins, ironically
enough in Rome, Italy, many years ago.

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00:11:21,840 --> 00:11:24,930

Ah, uh, no, I, I, it turns out
I was born in Rome, but that's

324

00:11:24,930 --> 00:11:26,040

not relevant to your question.

325

00:11:26,040 --> 00:11:28,890

I think, you know, I've always been a
Jeopardy fan, as I've said, going way

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00:11:28,890 --> 00:11:30,870

back to the, uh, to the Art Fleming days.

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00:11:31,200 --> 00:11:34,800

And I had tried on and off to
take the, the, the test before

328

00:11:34,800 --> 00:11:36,240

it was in the anytime version.

329

00:11:36,240 --> 00:11:37,740

Of course, you had to, to think about it.

330

00:11:37,830 --> 00:11:39,540

I'd taken the test a number of times.

331

00:11:39,885 --> 00:11:42,584

I had been to at least one of
those big meetings you guys

332

00:11:42,589 --> 00:11:43,755
used to put on at a hotel.

333

00:11:43,785 --> 00:11:46,964
I, I don't think I'd really
expected to get the, the final call.

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00:11:46,964 --> 00:11:50,474
You know, a lot of people get put on the
list and told to wait 18 months, and I,

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00:11:50,474 --> 00:11:53,415
I would've been happy, I think, to be in
that group, but of course, I'm happier.

336

00:11:53,790 --> 00:11:54,060
To be here

337

00:11:54,060 --> 00:11:54,359
now.

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00:11:54,839 --> 00:11:58,530
Well, and when we did our one-on-one
audition, it was during the heart

339

00:11:58,530 --> 00:12:01,979
of Covid, so I had stepped into the
contestant department, which is why I

340

00:12:01,979 --> 00:12:03,689
was so fortunate to come across you.

341

00:12:03,930 --> 00:12:09,209
I looked back at my notes and
I said, resembles Eugene Levy.

342

00:12:09,215 --> 00:12:14,765
Not Steve Martin, but I will say, Sam, you
had a much different look at home during

343

00:12:15,035 --> 00:12:17,885

C O I D when you weren't, you know, the
face of the professor, you're a little

344

00:12:17,885 --> 00:12:19,445
more casual, a little more facial hair.

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00:12:19,445 --> 00:12:19,505
I

346

00:12:19,510 --> 00:12:21,635
think that may have been true.

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00:12:21,635 --> 00:12:22,865
That was pandemic times.

348

00:12:22,865 --> 00:12:23,195
Yes.

349

00:12:23,195 --> 00:12:24,515
Facial hair, head hair.

350

00:12:24,515 --> 00:12:25,805
Really, really all the hairs.

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00:12:25,805 --> 00:12:25,925
All the

352

00:12:25,930 --> 00:12:28,265
hairs were involved in those
days, all the hairs were there.

353

00:12:28,535 --> 00:12:31,265
But when I talked to you, we didn't even
know about the professor's tournament.

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00:12:31,265 --> 00:12:32,495
It was really just to.

355

00:12:32,985 --> 00:12:35,205
Audition people to get them in the pool.

356

00:12:35,205 --> 00:12:37,695
And then I think they said,
Hey, we've got this great

357
00:12:37,695 --> 00:12:39,375
contestant and he's a professor.

358
00:12:39,675 --> 00:12:40,515
Home run.

359
00:12:40,725 --> 00:12:42,105
We get to the professor's tournament.

360
00:12:42,105 --> 00:12:43,845
We had never done something like that.

361
00:12:44,205 --> 00:12:47,145
And you really did excel throughout.

362
00:12:47,175 --> 00:12:50,325
If there was anyone that really hit
the quarter finals with a stride,

363
00:12:50,330 --> 00:12:53,865
the semi-finals and the finals, like
that was Sam Buttrey, it was your

364
00:12:53,865 --> 00:12:55,455
tournament to lose it really felt like,

365
00:12:56,055 --> 00:12:59,325
yeah, I, I made a critical wagering
error at one point, but other than

366
00:12:59,325 --> 00:13:00,615
that, I thought I acquitted myself.

367
00:13:00,615 --> 00:13:02,475
Well, I, I swept into the semifinals.

368
00:13:02,850 --> 00:13:05,760
I won that game against, I think

two pretty strong players, and

369

00:13:05,760 --> 00:13:07,560
then I nearly ran away with.

370

00:13:07,830 --> 00:13:09,690
The two, two day total point affair.

371

00:13:09,900 --> 00:13:10,110
Ah, yes.

372

00:13:10,110 --> 00:13:10,800
We love fact not right.

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00:13:10,800 --> 00:13:12,870
And I faced a strong player in Ed Hashima.

374

00:13:12,930 --> 00:13:14,790
I don't know if the folks
remember Ed, but they should.

375

00:13:14,790 --> 00:13:16,830
He was a very nice man
and a strong player.

376

00:13:17,160 --> 00:13:18,780
But I was delighted to
come out the other end.

377

00:13:18,780 --> 00:13:21,990
It had never been explicitly said
that the professor's tournament

378

00:13:21,990 --> 00:13:25,770
champion would in fact get a bid into
the tournament of champions until I

379

00:13:25,770 --> 00:13:27,810
think the last day it was implied.

380

00:13:27,810 --> 00:13:28,170
I assumed we didn't

381

00:13:28,170 --> 00:13:29,170
tell you that, Sam.

382

00:13:29,310 --> 00:13:30,050
Oh my goodness.

383

00:13:30,720 --> 00:13:33,660
I learned it on air from
Myambi Wester heart.

384

00:13:34,140 --> 00:13:37,940
So, uh, that made my heart go
and, and here I quote, Pat.

385

00:13:39,170 --> 00:13:40,760
So what were those months like?

386

00:13:40,850 --> 00:13:44,030
You know, you're a professor's champion
and now you know you're coming back to

387

00:13:44,030 --> 00:13:50,330
the T O C and you're watching the Matmos,
the Amy Schneiders, the Mateo Roach.

388

00:13:50,330 --> 00:13:53,780
Like you are seeing this all unfold
and knowing that you'll be facing them.

389

00:13:54,590 --> 00:13:57,500
So, uh, I had already seen
the wonder That is Matt.

390

00:13:57,745 --> 00:14:01,285
So I knew I was up against at least
one enormous champion, but when Matt

391

00:14:01,285 --> 00:14:04,465
finally lost, and I wasn't delighted,
but it was fun to see a new face.

392

00:14:04,465 --> 00:14:06,835
There was Jonathan Fisher winning,
I don't know, 10 in a row.

393
00:14:06,865 --> 00:14:06,955
Yes.

394
00:14:07,045 --> 00:14:07,205
Mm-hmm.

395
00:14:07,305 --> 00:14:09,205
And I thought, oh, this
is not gonna go well.

396
00:14:09,205 --> 00:14:12,085
And then there was Ryan Long and
Matea, I forget what ordered Amy.

397
00:14:12,295 --> 00:14:13,645
Amy, I think was taping.

398
00:14:13,795 --> 00:14:15,895
Got her taping was interrupted
for our tournament.

399
00:14:15,895 --> 00:14:15,985
Yes.

400
00:14:15,985 --> 00:14:18,115
So we hadn't seen her, but
she came on quite quickly.

401
00:14:18,115 --> 00:14:22,480
So I thought, you know what, uh, It's just
nice to be invited and man, if I could

402
00:14:22,480 --> 00:14:26,500
win one, you know, at, at that time I
thought it would be the same format as the

403
00:14:26,500 --> 00:14:30,970
professors where there might be wild cards
available to sneak into the second round.

404

00:14:30,970 --> 00:14:33,790

And honestly, that was
my, my goal at that time.

405

00:14:33,790 --> 00:14:36,220

Sneak into the second round
and, and anything can happen.

406

00:14:36,580 --> 00:14:38,950

Well, and for those who don't remember
and the quarter funnels, you go up

407

00:14:38,955 --> 00:14:41,470

against Zach Newkirk and Jessica Stevens.

408

00:14:41,500 --> 00:14:42,340

Tough competition.

409

00:14:42,340 --> 00:14:42,760

You win.

410

00:14:42,970 --> 00:14:48,310

Then in the semi-finals, you go up
against a seated madam and John Folk.

411

00:14:48,900 --> 00:14:50,580

And you win Sam,

412

00:14:50,880 --> 00:14:53,970

it was a shock to everyone for,
for half an hour afterwards.

413

00:14:53,975 --> 00:14:57,870

I could only say a phrase that
sounds a little bit like holy stuff.

414

00:14:57,930 --> 00:14:59,430

That was the only words I could say.

415

00:14:59,910 --> 00:15:02,790

People maybe underestimate how

strong a player John Folk was.

416

00:15:02,795 --> 00:15:03,390

Yes, yes.

417

00:15:03,450 --> 00:15:05,700

Uh, and Matt, of course
was spec Spectacular.

418

00:15:05,700 --> 00:15:09,780

And I, I, I think in retrospect it helped
that I had those two guys cuz they were

419

00:15:10,050 --> 00:15:11,280

fighting against one another mm-hmm.

420

00:15:11,520 --> 00:15:11,910

As well as me.

421

00:15:12,360 --> 00:15:14,730

But I was able to, uh,
get a little bit ahead.

422

00:15:14,730 --> 00:15:18,390

I found a daily double when I needed to
and, uh, brought final jeopardy home and.

423

00:15:18,645 --> 00:15:21,645

Of course Matt and I are friends, uh,
but we weren't really at the time and he

424

00:15:21,645 --> 00:15:23,505

was a hundred percent gracious about it.

425

00:15:23,565 --> 00:15:26,745

I was delighted with, uh, with
Matt starting from the first,

426

00:15:26,745 --> 00:15:27,885

basically the first time I met him.

427

00:15:27,975 --> 00:15:28,095

And

428

00:15:28,095 --> 00:15:30,195
we saw that you two just got together.

429

00:15:30,195 --> 00:15:32,445
You had a little rendezvous,
you and your buddy Matt.

430

00:15:33,285 --> 00:15:33,705
That's right.

431

00:15:33,705 --> 00:15:36,405
He's a resident of, uh,
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

432

00:15:36,410 --> 00:15:39,405
And as I say, I was up in Portsmouth,
New Hampshire where the Navy has

433

00:15:39,405 --> 00:15:40,695
a facility, which is ironically.

434

00:15:41,190 --> 00:15:42,990
It's called the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

435

00:15:42,990 --> 00:15:46,080
So perhaps unsurprisingly, it's
actually in, in Kittery, Maine.

436

00:15:46,770 --> 00:15:50,370
But my, my, I was planning to meet
up with my brother down in Boston.

437

00:15:50,370 --> 00:15:53,550
So we, we got there a night early and
met up with Matt and his girlfriend,

438

00:15:53,580 --> 00:15:56,910
two very charming people, and we had a
nice time, you know, dinner and so on.

439

00:15:56,910 --> 00:15:58,680
And, uh, just good to get back together.

440
00:15:58,680 --> 00:16:01,920
He and I and all of the other
masters, uh, are in touch over.

441
00:16:02,339 --> 00:16:03,240
Over the magic telephone.

442
00:16:03,270 --> 00:16:03,449
Well,

443
00:16:03,449 --> 00:16:07,079
I would imagine that after you
beat him, when you guys would meet

444
00:16:07,079 --> 00:16:08,550
up, you would pick up the tab.

445
00:16:08,579 --> 00:16:12,990
Now that he went further than you
and masters, is he picking up the tab

446
00:16:12,990 --> 00:16:14,790
or are you guys back to going Dutch?

447
00:16:14,819 --> 00:16:15,150
What's the

448
00:16:16,390 --> 00:16:20,579
There was, there was a brief period
where I required that he pick up the tab.

449
00:16:20,610 --> 00:16:20,819
Yeah.

450
00:16:21,719 --> 00:16:25,199
He, he and Andrew, he and I had
had a three way bet on this.

451
00:16:25,589 --> 00:16:28,829

Uh, but my, my wife got tired
of me shoving the check away.

452

00:16:28,829 --> 00:16:31,145
So we, uh, We split this most recent one.

453

00:16:31,145 --> 00:16:31,385
Okay.

454

00:16:31,385 --> 00:16:31,665
Okay.

455

00:16:31,765 --> 00:16:31,945
All

456

00:16:31,945 --> 00:16:32,245
right.

457

00:16:32,245 --> 00:16:33,925
Well, we finish out that T o c.

458

00:16:33,955 --> 00:16:38,155
You pull out one win, but you fought
for a lot of those wins coming

459

00:16:38,155 --> 00:16:42,415
really close, taking it to six games,
which was a thrill for all of us.

460

00:16:42,535 --> 00:16:46,465
The t o c concludes, tell us about
the journey to when you start

461

00:16:46,470 --> 00:16:50,665
hearing about masters, that there's
a chance that you're coming back

462

00:16:50,665 --> 00:16:52,735
yet again to the Alex Beck stage.

463

00:16:52,795 --> 00:16:53,005
Right.

464
00:16:53,005 --> 00:16:55,465
I should not have
underestimated anything that Mr.

465
00:16:55,465 --> 00:16:58,705
Davies decides to do, but I
had assumed at the end that my.

466
00:16:59,040 --> 00:17:00,330
My Jeopardy days were over.

467
00:17:00,360 --> 00:17:03,780
And, and that would've been, I think,
a fun way to go out to have, uh,

468
00:17:03,780 --> 00:17:06,450
ended up in the finals, even though I
didn't do as well as I would've liked.

469
00:17:06,750 --> 00:17:09,660
So, uh, actually the first I heard
of it, I honestly thought it was

470
00:17:09,660 --> 00:17:12,690
Jeopardy bringing back the seniors
turn, which they'd had some years back.

471
00:17:13,349 --> 00:17:16,949
And although I don't, uh, feel it on
the inside, I look at on the outside

472
00:17:16,949 --> 00:17:18,419
old enough to be in such a tournament.

473
00:17:18,419 --> 00:17:21,209
So I said to myself, I got a
shot at this thing, you know?

474
00:17:21,719 --> 00:17:25,469
And then I realized, oh, no, no, you're
gonna go in with, you know, AU and Madam

475
00:17:25,829 --> 00:17:30,239
who is hungry and angry and, and, uh, you
know, Amy and Matta and all those folks.

476
00:17:30,245 --> 00:17:33,659
So, uh, I was just delighted
to be thought of in that, in

477
00:17:33,659 --> 00:17:34,919
the same breath as those guys.

478
00:17:34,949 --> 00:17:38,100
You know, I, I've had a little
bit of imposter syndrome, which

479
00:17:38,100 --> 00:17:39,270
I'm trying to get rid of, but it.

480
00:17:39,585 --> 00:17:42,135
Sometimes feels as if
I'm in for comic relief.

481
00:17:42,315 --> 00:17:44,895
You know that there are the great
Jeopardy players and then there's the

482
00:17:44,895 --> 00:17:48,105
amusing guy who looks a little bit
like Rick Moranis, the movie actor.

483
00:17:48,165 --> 00:17:48,495
Now, we

484
00:17:48,495 --> 00:17:52,485
knew you had humor, even, you know, back
to the professor's tournament, but I feel

485
00:17:52,485 --> 00:17:55,935
like you've allowed yourself to bring it.

486
00:17:56,040 --> 00:17:58,710
Out more as different

competitions have gone on.

487

00:17:58,710 --> 00:17:59,220
Do you feel

488

00:17:59,220 --> 00:17:59,700
like that?

489

00:17:59,910 --> 00:18:04,200
Yeah, I, in a way, I've almost made
a conscious decision to try to not

490

00:18:04,200 --> 00:18:06,030
suppress my natural personality.

491

00:18:06,030 --> 00:18:07,620
I, I think people do that on jeopardy.

492

00:18:07,620 --> 00:18:08,790
They want to be focused.

493

00:18:08,940 --> 00:18:10,200
I, I mean, which is important.

494

00:18:10,530 --> 00:18:13,290
A and they also wanna respect
the game, and I wanna make sure

495

00:18:13,295 --> 00:18:14,850
that, that I do that as well.

496

00:18:14,855 --> 00:18:19,620
So I think there's room for a little
more banter, uh, at least in this group

497

00:18:19,620 --> 00:18:20,790
where everybody knows one another.

498

00:18:20,850 --> 00:18:21,060
Mm-hmm.

499

00:18:21,300 --> 00:18:22,950
I, I don't know that I would do the same.

500
00:18:23,310 --> 00:18:26,580
When I was playing against strangers with whom I didn't have this sort of rapport.

501
00:18:27,000 --> 00:18:32,040
So, uh, I, I'm delighted to have had a chance to simultaneously be focused enough

502
00:18:32,040 --> 00:18:36,030
on the game to do well, and also to have a moment or two of lightheartedness.

503
00:18:36,150 --> 00:18:38,520
The, the one thing I don't wanna do is make it sound like I'm not taking

504
00:18:38,550 --> 00:18:40,260
jeopardy seriously, or I'm not taking.

505
00:18:40,680 --> 00:18:42,690
Ken and Myam and the memory of Alex Rabbe.

506
00:18:42,690 --> 00:18:47,130
Seriously, because I am, but I'm also happy that I've been able to say a couple

507
00:18:47,130 --> 00:18:48,990
things that struck people as amusing.

508
00:18:48,990 --> 00:18:49,140
Yeah.

509
00:18:49,290 --> 00:18:49,740
Oh yeah.

510
00:18:49,800 --> 00:18:51,510
Kj K dog.

511
00:18:51,810 --> 00:18:54,510

How did bring it first
come about in your mind?

512

00:18:54,510 --> 00:18:56,190
Did that just, you know, bring it?

513

00:18:56,195 --> 00:18:57,210
How did that come about?

514

00:18:57,360 --> 00:18:57,570
I

515

00:18:57,570 --> 00:18:57,690
have

516

00:18:57,695 --> 00:18:59,700
always been struck by this weird thing.

517

00:18:59,700 --> 00:19:02,840
I know Buzzy has had the same thing
where, well, there's one clue left.

518

00:19:03,250 --> 00:19:04,450
Nobody knows what to do.

519

00:19:04,510 --> 00:19:04,660
Yeah.

520

00:19:04,690 --> 00:19:08,230
Do you wait and have Ken or May
saying no the final clue, or do you

521

00:19:08,230 --> 00:19:11,440
try to get out ahead of them and say,
and I'll also take the 200 there?

522

00:19:11,680 --> 00:19:14,320
There's never been a, uh, a
policy for that, so I thought I

523

00:19:14,325 --> 00:19:15,550
was gonna get out ahead of that.

524

00:19:15,610 --> 00:19:15,790

Yeah.

525

00:19:16,060 --> 00:19:18,940

And I don't know that bring, it was
the particular phrase that I had

526

00:19:18,940 --> 00:19:20,770

planned, but, but there, there it was.

527

00:19:20,770 --> 00:19:21,760

I had to call for it.

528

00:19:22,110 --> 00:19:25,679

And it became clear that, uh, that
people liked that and I liked it.

529

00:19:25,679 --> 00:19:30,149

So, um, I, it was fun to see my
fellow competitors using that.

530

00:19:30,419 --> 00:19:34,169

At one point in a, I guess a Shakespeare
category, Amy said, bringeth it.

531

00:19:34,350 --> 00:19:34,620

Oh, yes.

532

00:19:34,679 --> 00:19:34,830

Yeah.

533

00:19:34,830 --> 00:19:38,760

Which while not grammatically impeccable,
certainly gets the spirit across.

534

00:19:38,939 --> 00:19:42,780

And in the syndicated show, contestants
have continued to honor you.

535

00:19:42,780 --> 00:19:45,360

Bring, it shows up every few weeks or so.

536
00:19:45,360 --> 00:19:46,889
So you're a part of it all, Sam.

537
00:19:47,215 --> 00:19:48,804
I'm part of Jeopardy lore.

538
00:19:49,075 --> 00:19:49,524
Absolutely.

539
00:19:49,885 --> 00:19:50,185
Well,

540
00:19:50,365 --> 00:19:53,995
if I can do a little squashing
of your imposter syndrome.

541
00:19:54,085 --> 00:19:54,534
Ah, yes.

542
00:19:54,595 --> 00:19:55,764
I wanna pull out some stats here.

543
00:19:55,764 --> 00:20:00,564
When you faced James in the quarterfinals,
you were very evenly matched.

544
00:20:00,865 --> 00:20:02,245
James with 22, correct.

545
00:20:02,250 --> 00:20:03,054
Two incorrect.

546
00:20:03,145 --> 00:20:03,685
Sam.

547
00:20:03,685 --> 00:20:04,554
19, correct.

548
00:20:04,560 --> 00:20:05,544
One incorrect.

549

00:20:05,605 --> 00:20:08,725
James with 48 buzzer attempts,
Sam with 40 buzzer attempts.

550

00:20:09,085 --> 00:20:09,985
Buzzer percentage.

551

00:20:09,985 --> 00:20:11,304
James at 44%.

552

00:20:11,304 --> 00:20:11,845
Sam.

553

00:20:12,450 --> 00:20:15,810
At 50%, 50, you know,
you were 90% correct.

554

00:20:15,810 --> 00:20:20,370
Response rate, 50% buzzer percentage,
which is really high in this field.

555

00:20:20,430 --> 00:20:24,480
Uh, second only to James overall,
obviously number one in our hearts.

556

00:20:24,690 --> 00:20:26,760
I have a question I would like to ask you.

557

00:20:26,970 --> 00:20:30,300
What is the statistic over the
course of your entire time?

558

00:20:30,480 --> 00:20:32,310
On the Jeopardy stage that you are

559

00:20:32,310 --> 00:20:33,210
most proud of?

560

00:20:33,210 --> 00:20:36,270
First, I just wanna go back to the
imposter syndrome and say the statistic

561
00:20:36,270 --> 00:20:39,990
I think I'm least proud of is, and, and
I haven't double checked this, I believe

562
00:20:39,990 --> 00:20:44,850
I'm the person who has lost more Jeopardy
games lifetime than anyone ever, including

563
00:20:44,850 --> 00:20:49,050
people who, who have played in a lot of
tournaments like Brad and James, uh, Brad.

564
00:20:49,110 --> 00:20:50,040
Well, James and Ken.

565
00:20:50,490 --> 00:20:53,490
Uh, I believe I've,
I'm the world champion.

566
00:20:53,850 --> 00:20:55,020
Loser at jeopardy.

567
00:20:55,139 --> 00:20:55,350
Wow.

568
00:20:55,350 --> 00:20:56,490
We're gonna check those stats.

569
00:20:56,490 --> 00:20:59,280
So you're saying people who've been
in Battle of the Decades, ultimate

570
00:20:59,280 --> 00:21:01,590
tournament champion million, you're the
biggest loser, million dollar masters.

571
00:21:01,590 --> 00:21:02,430
It doesn't matter.

572
00:21:02,850 --> 00:21:03,420
You win

573
00:21:03,750 --> 00:21:04,200
losing.

574
00:21:04,205 --> 00:21:05,129
I think it's me.

575
00:21:05,250 --> 00:21:05,400
Okay.

576
00:21:05,400 --> 00:21:07,950
You know you have to have
something on your tombstone.

577
00:21:07,955 --> 00:21:10,170
If there's room after they
put, bring it underneath.

578
00:21:12,030 --> 00:21:13,350
Biggest jeopardy, loser.

579
00:21:13,950 --> 00:21:15,570
Um, yeah, I was very excited.

580
00:21:15,570 --> 00:21:18,840
I don't know about the one statistic
I'm proudest of, but I really felt I

581
00:21:18,840 --> 00:21:20,610
was in that game with James all the way.

582
00:21:20,610 --> 00:21:20,820
Yeah.

583
00:21:20,820 --> 00:21:22,830
We were, I was ahead in double jeopardy.

584
00:21:23,040 --> 00:21:23,130
Mm-hmm.

585
00:21:23,370 --> 00:21:25,500

Uh, until the two daily doubles came up.

586

00:21:25,500 --> 00:21:29,940

And it was some, it was, uh, no one other than Buzzy Cohen who pointed

587

00:21:29,945 --> 00:21:31,440

out a tactical error I'd made.

588

00:21:31,445 --> 00:21:31,830

Ah, yes.

589

00:21:32,160 --> 00:21:32,760

We did point that out.

590

00:21:32,760 --> 00:21:34,830

Had accused how many daily doubles there had been.

591

00:21:34,830 --> 00:21:35,070

Right.

592

00:21:35,070 --> 00:21:35,400

Uhhuh and I.

593

00:21:35,710 --> 00:21:38,680

I picked a second time in a, in a category, which happens in a

594

00:21:38,680 --> 00:21:39,820

grand scheme of things, it happens.

595

00:21:39,850 --> 00:21:40,140

Yeah.

596

00:21:40,140 --> 00:21:42,430

And it might not kill you as long as you get that clue, right?

597

00:21:42,460 --> 00:21:42,640

Mm-hmm.

598

00:21:43,030 --> 00:21:45,490

Uh, but of course I'm up against wholesalers, so that's tough.

599

00:21:46,120 --> 00:21:49,330

Uh, the thing I'm most proud of, I think, uh, honestly, I.

600

00:21:49,665 --> 00:21:49,845

It.

601

00:21:50,835 --> 00:21:51,615

I have two things.

602

00:21:51,795 --> 00:21:54,825

One is all the way back in my Sarah Foss tryout days.

603

00:21:55,125 --> 00:21:55,305

Yes.

604

00:21:55,605 --> 00:21:57,045

And I don't know if I'm allowed to reveal this.

605

00:21:57,045 --> 00:21:58,155

You may have to edit this out.

606

00:21:58,605 --> 00:22:00,855

I had missed a question I'd passed on.

607

00:22:00,855 --> 00:22:00,945

Yes.

608

00:22:00,945 --> 00:22:00,975

A

609

00:22:00,975 --> 00:22:01,635

question as we ago.

610

00:22:01,745 --> 00:22:01,905

This.

611

00:22:02,325 --> 00:22:02,545

This is so true.

612

00:22:02,550 --> 00:22:03,945

I totally remember this.

613

00:22:04,275 --> 00:22:07,125

Words that start done with the same letter and I passed, and about

614

00:22:07,125 --> 00:22:09,645

four questions later in between the ones she was asking me yes.

615

00:22:09,645 --> 00:22:10,485

Every 15 seconds.

616

00:22:10,485 --> 00:22:12,795

I said, Mo, and she said afterwards.

617

00:22:12,825 --> 00:22:13,725

Well, I counted it.

618

00:22:13,980 --> 00:22:18,030

And my weird daydream is without that, I would never have made it to Jeopardy.

619

00:22:18,030 --> 00:22:18,810

No, maybe I would've.

620

00:22:19,140 --> 00:22:23,730

But that one question and then the thing I think that really made me

621

00:22:23,730 --> 00:22:27,300

into the sort of player that would show up on the podcast is beating

622

00:22:27,305 --> 00:22:29,760

Madam, and I don't wanna say beating.

623

00:22:29,760 --> 00:22:32,670

I was in a game against Matt
and John and I won the game.

624

00:22:33,389 --> 00:22:36,480

Uh, cuz you know how it is, you
don't really beat the other two,

625

00:22:36,480 --> 00:22:37,500

you're playing against the board.

626

00:22:37,560 --> 00:22:37,800

Yeah.

627

00:22:37,800 --> 00:22:39,120

And there's a three-way interaction.

628

00:22:39,125 --> 00:22:39,179

Yeah.

629

00:22:39,750 --> 00:22:43,050

Uh, but to get ahead, to get, I had
a big daily double and to get the

630

00:22:43,050 --> 00:22:47,129

final jeopardy and walk away, uh,
with the, the pass into the finals.

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00:22:47,220 --> 00:22:49,679

E even though I've been through a
lot more with the masters, that was

632

00:22:49,685 --> 00:22:53,879

something that, uh, I think really made
me into this internationally famous

633

00:22:53,879 --> 00:22:55,409

man of mystery you see in front of you.

634

00:22:55,409 --> 00:22:55,560

Mm-hmm.

635

00:22:55,845 --> 00:22:58,845

And also, uh, just something
I really remember very

636

00:22:58,845 --> 00:22:59,205

fondly.

637

00:22:59,265 --> 00:23:03,525

Well, we know Masters was a huge
success, but you were there early

638

00:23:03,525 --> 00:23:05,535

on when the criticism came in.

639

00:23:05,775 --> 00:23:07,545

You're having only six players.

640

00:23:07,545 --> 00:23:10,785

This is the t o c repeat
throw in James Auer.

641

00:23:10,935 --> 00:23:15,075

And then obviously I think the six of
you proved exactly why you were chosen.

642

00:23:15,075 --> 00:23:18,015

But what was it like kind of
heading into Masters and, and

643

00:23:18,015 --> 00:23:19,785

hearing the doubters, if you

644

00:23:19,785 --> 00:23:20,085

will.

645

00:23:20,655 --> 00:23:23,565

Well, there's a, a funny thing
about haters, Tara, that you

646

00:23:23,565 --> 00:23:24,535

may not know, I don't know.

647

00:23:24,705 --> 00:23:27,225

And that is they're going to
continue to, I, I don't know,

648

00:23:27,225 --> 00:23:28,185

they're gonna continue to hate.

649

00:23:28,185 --> 00:23:31,485

I will say that I understood the
criticisms, the fact that, uh, the

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00:23:31,485 --> 00:23:33,525

five of us had been in the t o C.

651

00:23:34,274 --> 00:23:35,655

Seemingly weeks before.

652

00:23:36,074 --> 00:23:38,445

Um, and then they, they picked
up James, who was obviously

653

00:23:38,445 --> 00:23:39,645

one of the great players ever.

654

00:23:39,735 --> 00:23:42,405

Uh, but you know, if I
may say, where's Buzzy?

655

00:23:42,409 --> 00:23:43,334

Where's Brad?

656

00:23:43,334 --> 00:23:46,965

Sam Kavanaugh had a nice piece on
Twitter where he didn't say anything bad.

657

00:23:46,965 --> 00:23:50,715

He just felt that he was sad, not
because he was overlooked, but because

658

00:23:50,715 --> 00:23:52,425

he was excited about playing Jeopardy.

659

00:23:52,429 --> 00:23:54,074

So I, I felt that.

660

00:23:54,335 --> 00:23:58,835

I understood where that was coming from,
but I do think that after the fact, I hope

661

00:23:58,835 --> 00:24:01,745

everybody will look back on the Masters
and say it was immensely entertaining.

662

00:24:01,805 --> 00:24:01,895

Mm-hmm.

663

00:24:02,135 --> 00:24:02,585

That's what I

664

00:24:02,645 --> 00:24:02,795

thought.

665

00:24:02,885 --> 00:24:03,185

Yeah.

666

00:24:03,515 --> 00:24:07,445

And now of course we've gotten
more of the, uh, jeopardy

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00:24:07,445 --> 00:24:09,365

pyramid out of Michael Davies.

668

00:24:09,545 --> 00:24:13,715

So some of those people that would've been
in people's lists of masters, like the

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00:24:13,715 --> 00:24:17,825

Sam Kavanaugh's, maybe in Austin Rogers,
Brad, a Brad Rudder, you mentioned Rudder

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00:24:17,825 --> 00:24:18,125

Brad, rudder, Brad,

671
00:24:18,575 --> 00:24:19,685
um, Matt Jackson.

672
00:24:19,685 --> 00:24:20,465
Matt Jackson, yes.

673
00:24:20,855 --> 00:24:22,985
Sam Kavanaugh will likely, possibly.

674
00:24:23,535 --> 00:24:28,845
Maybe be in the jit, but who we do know
will be in the JIT will be you, Amy.

675
00:24:29,475 --> 00:24:30,105
And Andrew,

676
00:24:30,285 --> 00:24:32,325
the Jeopardy Invitational Tournament.

677
00:24:32,325 --> 00:24:32,415
Yes.

678
00:24:32,415 --> 00:24:32,416
Sorry.

679
00:24:32,421 --> 00:24:32,535
Sorry.

680
00:24:32,535 --> 00:24:35,625
If people aren't familiar, we call
it the JIT here on Inside Jay.

681
00:24:35,735 --> 00:24:36,675
I figure if you're listening

682
00:24:36,675 --> 00:24:37,695
to Inside Jay, you're inside.

683
00:24:37,695 --> 00:24:38,025
You should

684

00:24:38,025 --> 00:24:38,475
know.

685

00:24:38,535 --> 00:24:40,665
But we do have the Jeopardy
Invitational tournament.

686

00:24:40,695 --> 00:24:45,345
And remember that the three of you who did
not come in, the top three of Masters will

687

00:24:45,345 --> 00:24:48,195
be there along with other invited guests.

688

00:24:48,225 --> 00:24:51,285
And the plan has always been that this
is the chance for people who maybe

689

00:24:51,285 --> 00:24:55,425
haven't been recently able to prove
that they are one of the best to get

690

00:24:55,430 --> 00:24:57,705
another chance to get that direct.

691

00:24:57,710 --> 00:24:59,330
Entrance into masters.

692

00:24:59,750 --> 00:25:03,260
Who you looking forward to coming
up against how you're preparing,

693

00:25:03,260 --> 00:25:04,730
what's it like to know you're coming

694

00:25:04,730 --> 00:25:05,150
back?

695

00:25:05,210 --> 00:25:05,450
Okay.

696

00:25:05,450 --> 00:25:06,620
Those are a couple of good questions.

697
00:25:06,620 --> 00:25:06,710
Mm-hmm.

698
00:25:06,950 --> 00:25:09,740
I would like to just note though,
that once the j i t, that's the

699
00:25:09,740 --> 00:25:10,880
Jeopardy Invitational tournament.

700
00:25:10,880 --> 00:25:11,390
Ah, yes ma'am.

701
00:25:11,395 --> 00:25:14,300
Once that was announced, uh,
I think the whole masters

702
00:25:14,300 --> 00:25:15,560
lineup made a lot more sense.

703
00:25:15,770 --> 00:25:19,700
So rather than somebody like Austin,
Rogers was a very strong player, but

704
00:25:19,700 --> 00:25:24,440
if you're looking to take the, the
top 5, 6, 7 4 from right this minute,

705
00:25:24,824 --> 00:25:26,024
I'm happy to have been part of that.

706
00:25:26,024 --> 00:25:27,284
So I think it all makes sense.

707
00:25:27,435 --> 00:25:32,115
And now we have to worry about the, uh,
the j I t i, I guess the format, the

708
00:25:32,115 --> 00:25:34,334

number of invitees has not been announced.

709

00:25:34,695 --> 00:25:37,784

I, I'm really looking forward just to meeting some of these people that I

710

00:25:37,784 --> 00:25:41,745

was, uh, very excited about as Jeopardy players before I myself became one.

711

00:25:42,105 --> 00:25:44,235

For instance, I haven't met Brad, and that would be neat.

712

00:25:44,535 --> 00:25:47,355

Honestly, I'd like to meet Colby from the teacher's turn.

713

00:25:47,355 --> 00:25:47,445

Yes.

714

00:25:48,045 --> 00:25:49,545

Because he turned into a superstar.

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00:25:49,545 --> 00:25:50,055

That's right.

716

00:25:50,055 --> 00:25:50,235

Yeah.

717

00:25:50,415 --> 00:25:53,985

And of course, uh, just to be selfish, I'm also looking forward to taking on

718

00:25:53,985 --> 00:25:55,875

Amy and Andrick again, cause this time.

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00:25:56,340 --> 00:26:00,300

I'm gonna get it, but I'll say something, which I'm not sure anybody listening in

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00:26:00,300 --> 00:26:05,340

the podcast cares about, but I will tell you guys, uh, and, and, uh, buzzy knows

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00:26:05,580 --> 00:26:07,170
what it means to prepare for Jeopardy.

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00:26:07,170 --> 00:26:09,630
I don't think I was very efficient at preparing.

723

00:26:09,630 --> 00:26:11,310
So I'm faced with a choice in my life.

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00:26:11,310 --> 00:26:13,920
You know, you may not be able to tell just by looking at me.

725

00:26:14,130 --> 00:26:17,220
No, but I'm actually one of the older players in the, in the pan.

726

00:26:17,400 --> 00:26:18,360
It's weird, right?

727

00:26:18,360 --> 00:26:18,510
Yeah.

728

00:26:18,840 --> 00:26:21,450
It's color balance on my, uh, on my camera.

729

00:26:22,050 --> 00:26:25,380
But I, I have to decide right now, am I gonna try to devote, let's

730

00:26:25,380 --> 00:26:28,620
say, a year of my life to getting really, really good at jeopardy and

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00:26:28,620 --> 00:26:32,160
hoping to come out the other side in a tournament that I know in advance

732

00:26:32,165 --> 00:26:33,450
is gonna have a lot of variability.

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00:26:33,720 --> 00:26:37,620
And there'll probably be, you're not
committing yourself but 15 players, 21

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00:26:37,625 --> 00:26:40,920
players, whatever the number is, uh,
in order to get back into the Masters.

735

00:26:40,920 --> 00:26:43,950
Cuz I love the masters, but
uh, you know, there's always

736

00:26:43,950 --> 00:26:45,600
the risk that you spend a year.

737

00:26:46,230 --> 00:26:50,220
Preparing for Jeopardy and get flame out
in the first round for whatever reason.

738

00:26:50,220 --> 00:26:50,700
I have no

739

00:26:50,700 --> 00:26:52,200
idea what you're talking about, Sam.

740

00:26:52,610 --> 00:26:52,830
Oh,

741

00:26:53,340 --> 00:26:56,010
perhaps you haven't heard about
Buzz's preparation for all stars.

742

00:26:56,190 --> 00:26:58,200
It was intense and there were flames.

743

00:27:00,330 --> 00:27:00,870
What are you gonna do?

744

00:27:00,900 --> 00:27:01,020
Yeah.

745
00:27:01,020 --> 00:27:01,260
Right.

746
00:27:01,620 --> 00:27:05,790
So, and alternative is I could just
enjoy my fame, take the year off.

747
00:27:06,254 --> 00:27:07,965
Show up, you know, see what happens.

748
00:27:07,965 --> 00:27:10,574
And I, I think there's gotta be
a, a middle ground between that.

749
00:27:10,574 --> 00:27:12,885
But, you know, we could talk
about all these past champions.

750
00:27:12,885 --> 00:27:15,945
I think a lot of the fun would just be
meeting them and hanging out with them.

751
00:27:16,335 --> 00:27:20,085
Uh, a as maybe, you know, all of these
people, I mean, at least the ones

752
00:27:20,085 --> 00:27:23,534
I've met, the, the masters and so
on, they are very smart about stuff.

753
00:27:23,540 --> 00:27:25,455
They know stuff and they're
very quick on their feet.

754
00:27:25,665 --> 00:27:30,375
So that makes for great conversations,
particularly, uh, Andrew and Matt

755
00:27:30,585 --> 00:27:33,915
and I had a lot of fun conversations

and I was really delighted.

756

00:27:34,395 --> 00:27:38,325

To be treated like a regular guy, uh,
among a group of people who are on

757

00:27:38,325 --> 00:27:42,165

average quite a bit younger than I am and
uh, you know, they would hold doors for

758

00:27:42,165 --> 00:27:46,965

me and pull up my chair cuz as I faked
injuries a lot, other of my strategies.

759

00:27:47,205 --> 00:27:51,165

Well you mentioned that comradery
and I think that is something that

760

00:27:51,495 --> 00:27:56,085

people saw somewhat on stage during
masters and people knew somewhat about.

761

00:27:56,639 --> 00:27:59,520

Different things that had happened
and what the six of you went

762

00:27:59,520 --> 00:28:04,199

through, but really I've never
seen a group that was so bonded and

763

00:28:04,199 --> 00:28:06,209

connected and there for each other.

764

00:28:06,480 --> 00:28:10,919

And even the fact that you flew back
down for the finals and the semi-finals

765

00:28:10,919 --> 00:28:14,760

to cheer on your fellow masters even
though you hadn't made it to that round.

766

00:28:14,760 --> 00:28:16,590

Can you talk about that connection?

767

00:28:16,590 --> 00:28:17,100

The six of you have?

768

00:28:17,475 --> 00:28:17,925

You know, I

769

00:28:17,925 --> 00:28:20,504

think it has to do with the fact
that we got to play lots of games

770

00:28:20,504 --> 00:28:22,395

together in every possible combination.

771

00:28:22,425 --> 00:28:22,514

Mm-hmm.

772

00:28:22,754 --> 00:28:25,965

In the Tournament of Champions, I made
pretty good friends with a number of

773

00:28:25,965 --> 00:28:29,175

those players that I never got to play
against even once because we were in

774

00:28:29,175 --> 00:28:30,705

different first round games, for example.

775

00:28:30,824 --> 00:28:33,855

I, I think it is this idea of
an experience that shared by

776

00:28:33,860 --> 00:28:35,504

us and hardly anybody else.

777

00:28:35,625 --> 00:28:38,745

I mean, we were the only Jeopardy
Masters, I suppose, just by name.

778

00:28:39,044 --> 00:28:42,375

But, uh, hardly anybody, buzzy
aside has been in a Tournament

779

00:28:42,375 --> 00:28:43,395
of Champions, I guess.

780

00:28:43,395 --> 00:28:45,284
Uh, Tyler posted.

781

00:28:45,764 --> 00:28:49,665
His, uh, research that there have been
more people in outer space than have

782

00:28:49,665 --> 00:28:51,315
been a Jeopardy tournament of champions.

783

00:28:51,495 --> 00:28:51,675
I saw that.

784

00:28:51,675 --> 00:28:51,855
Wow.

785

00:28:51,855 --> 00:28:54,885
So, and you're, you know, you're,
you're not locked in a room, but you're

786

00:28:54,885 --> 00:28:59,175
enclosed in a room with a certain amount
of downtime and, uh, all you can do is

787

00:28:59,175 --> 00:29:02,085
chat with one another and understand
what one another is going through.

788

00:29:02,264 --> 00:29:05,655
We get to bond over this crazy,
fun thing that we're all doing

789

00:29:05,655 --> 00:29:06,794
that nobody really knows about.

790

00:29:06,915 --> 00:29:07,845
So that's a lot of fun.

791
00:29:08,129 --> 00:29:08,490
Speaking

792
00:29:08,490 --> 00:29:09,270
of downtime.

793
00:29:09,270 --> 00:29:11,129
Another important question for me.

794
00:29:11,129 --> 00:29:11,320
Uh, this is,

795
00:29:11,324 --> 00:29:12,330
this is important buzzy.

796
00:29:12,330 --> 00:29:13,290
He's got a new thing.

797
00:29:13,290 --> 00:29:15,540
He's gonna ask all of our masters.

798
00:29:15,750 --> 00:29:16,290
Take it away.

799
00:29:16,290 --> 00:29:16,649
Buzzy.

800
00:29:16,949 --> 00:29:20,879
What is your lunch order
when you are on the Sony lot?

801
00:29:21,030 --> 00:29:21,270
Well,

802
00:29:21,270 --> 00:29:24,870
as you may know, uh, there are a
number of different lunch provisos.

803
00:29:24,875 --> 00:29:27,210
We've been taken to
the, uh, the commissary.

804
00:29:27,764 --> 00:29:30,855
We have been, uh, in a, a parking lot.

805
00:29:30,855 --> 00:29:33,495
The second floor of the parking
lot is apparently a nicer Oh,

806
00:29:33,495 --> 00:29:34,725
lunch setup than the ground floor.

807
00:29:34,725 --> 00:29:34,814
Yes.

808
00:29:34,814 --> 00:29:34,905
You're

809
00:29:34,905 --> 00:29:36,915
talking about our covid
lunch arrangements?

810
00:29:36,915 --> 00:29:37,365
Exactly.

811
00:29:37,365 --> 00:29:38,264
Not, not the nicest.

812
00:29:38,264 --> 00:29:38,715
Yes.

813
00:29:39,044 --> 00:29:41,085
There the choices are the sandwiches.

814
00:29:41,415 --> 00:29:45,105
Um, it's a good, good question though,
because I, I try to take that seriously.

815
00:29:45,105 --> 00:29:46,245
I wanna get some protein.

816
00:29:46,514 --> 00:29:47,774

I don't wanna stuff myself.

817

00:29:48,220 --> 00:29:51,040

Um, I went with the, uh, the poke bowl.

818

00:29:51,070 --> 00:29:51,160

Mm-hmm.

819

00:29:51,160 --> 00:29:52,480

I think last time I was there.

820

00:29:52,750 --> 00:29:52,840

Mm-hmm.

821

00:29:52,840 --> 00:29:56,770

There was an occasion where lunch came to us over on the wheel of Fortune side,

822

00:29:56,770 --> 00:30:01,690

a nice lady with a, a, uh, stack of food at a menu of two or three items.

823

00:30:01,930 --> 00:30:04,630

In that case, I got a surprisingly good tofu bowl.

824

00:30:05,140 --> 00:30:07,870

I'm not a vegetarian, but you know, from time to time you go tofu.

825

00:30:07,870 --> 00:30:08,440

It was grilled.

826

00:30:08,440 --> 00:30:12,130

It had a nice smoky flavor and like a number of the other players,

827

00:30:12,190 --> 00:30:15,490

uh, I enjoy a caffeinated beverage from time to time, so I would go

828

00:30:15,490 --> 00:30:17,080

with a Diet Coke, diet Pepsi, that

829

00:30:17,080 --> 00:30:17,560
sort of thing.

830

00:30:17,850 --> 00:30:22,080
Well, we alluded how life has changed
and being recognized, but I really just

831

00:30:22,080 --> 00:30:28,350
wanna hone in on the fact that you are
so loved that people watch the show and.

832

00:30:28,740 --> 00:30:30,210
Everyone comes away.

833

00:30:30,210 --> 00:30:36,090
Being a Sam fan, I know Alex was able
to experience some of that after his

834

00:30:36,090 --> 00:30:39,570
diagnosis and so many people reaching out
and saying how much they loved and adored

835

00:30:39,575 --> 00:30:41,400
him, and he said, this is so strange.

836

00:30:41,400 --> 00:30:44,460
This is normally something you
don't hear until after you're gone,

837

00:30:44,460 --> 00:30:45,660
and yet he was able to hear it.

838

00:30:45,930 --> 00:30:48,210
But I feel like that is
happening for you too.

839

00:30:48,210 --> 00:30:50,880
I just, the love that people feel for you.

840

00:30:50,970 --> 00:30:52,710

What's that like to take in?

841

00:30:53,460 --> 00:30:54,990

Yeah, it is a little bewildering.

842

00:30:55,290 --> 00:30:57,150

I'm not a hundred percent
sure what's happening there.

843

00:30:57,150 --> 00:30:59,879

I have my own theories, so
I will share them with you.

844

00:31:00,270 --> 00:31:04,530

One is that, you know, as I say,
I'm an older player and I, I think

845

00:31:04,535 --> 00:31:07,590

a lot of the love I'm getting is
from older viewers who are happy

846

00:31:07,590 --> 00:31:10,350

to see somebody like them do well.

847

00:31:10,355 --> 00:31:14,010

And again, that seems to be dominated by
people in their twenties and thirties.

848

00:31:14,550 --> 00:31:16,980

Um, and I also think it's part of
another thing I said, which is that.

849

00:31:17,504 --> 00:31:20,354

Maybe I'm a little more effusive,
a little more enthusiastic playing

850

00:31:20,685 --> 00:31:23,715

because I've had people send me,
you know, emails and what have you.

851

00:31:23,715 --> 00:31:27,764

I also get a surprisingly large
number of letters in the US Mail.

852

00:31:27,794 --> 00:31:31,245
People would say, uh, yeah, I
just, I really love your, your

853

00:31:31,245 --> 00:31:33,645
personality and your sense of
humor, and I think these people

854

00:31:33,645 --> 00:31:35,235
have no idea what my personality is.

855

00:31:35,235 --> 00:31:35,504
Like.

856

00:31:35,504 --> 00:31:39,645
They've seen me in a 15 second
anecdote, you know, half a dozen times.

857

00:31:40,125 --> 00:31:44,774
So I, I guess I just give off a vibe
of openness and without too much

858

00:31:44,864 --> 00:31:46,905
tension that some of the players have.

859

00:31:47,190 --> 00:31:50,130
It, it is a little bit bewildering
and occasionally I allow myself to

860

00:31:50,130 --> 00:31:54,600
look on social media at Reddit, for
example, and uh, I have to sometimes

861

00:31:54,600 --> 00:31:58,110
give up because there are just
too many people being too excited.

862

00:31:58,260 --> 00:32:01,140
I will also say, and I bet Buzz
he's had this, there is that one

863

00:32:01,145 --> 00:32:03,570
out of a hundred person who will
say stuff like, you're not funny.

864
00:32:04,159 --> 00:32:06,980
And I go, well, maybe not, but
did you have to point that out?

865
00:32:07,030 --> 00:32:07,379
Right.

866
00:32:07,409 --> 00:32:10,830
Well, speaking of people commenting
online, the game show villain himself,

867
00:32:10,830 --> 00:32:15,629
James Auer, shortly after Masters
tweeting, I only had briefly met Sam Brus

868
00:32:15,629 --> 00:32:19,469
prior to these tapings, but his charm
and wit were immediately evident when

869
00:32:19,469 --> 00:32:21,480
he wasn't busy winning America's hearts.

870
00:32:21,480 --> 00:32:25,590
He was the only master's contestant
to outperform me on the signaling

871
00:32:25,590 --> 00:32:28,020
device head-to-head, check the box

872
00:32:28,020 --> 00:32:28,350
scores.

873
00:32:28,794 --> 00:32:33,475
Uh, I, the people at home may not
know that James is a delightful

874
00:32:33,475 --> 00:32:36,445
man who is, uh, putting on an act
for the benefit of the cameras.

875
00:32:36,445 --> 00:32:39,024
And I've had to explain this to quite
a lot of people, including family

876
00:32:39,030 --> 00:32:40,615
members who tell me, I hate James.

877
00:32:40,794 --> 00:32:40,855
Yeah.

878
00:32:41,185 --> 00:32:42,325
Like, I don't hate James.

879
00:32:42,325 --> 00:32:42,445
James.

880
00:32:42,445 --> 00:32:43,135
There's nothing to hate James.

881
00:32:43,139 --> 00:32:44,455
He's a, a very nice man.

882
00:32:44,455 --> 00:32:45,055
It was nice of him.

883
00:32:45,055 --> 00:32:46,615
He said nice things about all of us.

884
00:32:46,945 --> 00:32:50,034
Uh, and I will say that when people
want to talk to me about Jeopardy,

885
00:32:50,455 --> 00:32:51,774
they ask about the experience.

886
00:32:52,105 --> 00:32:55,794
Uh, and I've had very few people
ask me, what's Matea really like,

887
00:32:55,915 --> 00:32:57,595

even though they're spectacular.

888

00:32:57,930 --> 00:33:00,540

And lots and lots of people ask me what James is real like, mm.

889

00:33:00,720 --> 00:33:02,550

But I think he intrigues a lot of people.

890

00:33:02,880 --> 00:33:03,030

Mm-hmm.

891

00:33:03,270 --> 00:33:03,273

With his act.

892

00:33:03,278 --> 00:33:03,530

Mm-hmm.

893

00:33:03,780 --> 00:33:06,480

And I'm here to inform people that it is an act.

894

00:33:06,485 --> 00:33:08,340

He's a, you know, a family man.

895

00:33:08,340 --> 00:33:09,850

He tells stories about his wife and daughter.

896

00:33:10,290 --> 00:33:13,260

He's very active in charity and in fact, I'll be joining him in

897

00:33:13,260 --> 00:33:16,650

a charitable endeavor in August in his hometown of Las Vegas.

898

00:33:16,890 --> 00:33:20,520

The, uh, the folks at home may not know that James puts together a charity event

899

00:33:20,580 --> 00:33:24,180

that's supposed to help people get on,
and here I quote their favorite Gabe show.

900
00:33:24,180 --> 00:33:25,450
I don't think they
mentioned which one it is.

901
00:33:25,470 --> 00:33:25,890
Ah, we know.

902
00:33:26,190 --> 00:33:28,980
I know that Jeopardy will have a little
bit of an official representation.

903
00:33:28,980 --> 00:33:29,310
That's right.

904
00:33:29,370 --> 00:33:29,670
Yes.

905
00:33:29,670 --> 00:33:30,240
We'll be there.

906
00:33:30,240 --> 00:33:31,050
Will you yourself be there?

907
00:33:31,210 --> 00:33:31,860
I will not be there.

908
00:33:31,860 --> 00:33:36,570
I have to keep my lines more
declared now that I'm a producer.

909
00:33:36,570 --> 00:33:39,630
I can't just be interviewing
contestants like Sam Buty

910
00:33:39,840 --> 00:33:40,980
more the way I use.

911
00:33:41,220 --> 00:33:41,550
That's right.

912

00:33:41,550 --> 00:33:43,800

They, I actually, having interviewed
me, you said, well, that's it.

913

00:33:43,890 --> 00:33:45,690

I can, I can never do better than that.

914

00:33:46,305 --> 00:33:49,425

But I'll be on a panel with
uh, Fritz Snaggle who wrote

915

00:33:49,575 --> 00:33:50,535

the book about the buzzer.

916

00:33:50,535 --> 00:33:53,355

I'll be on a panel about the
buzzer maybe cuz I hold it funny.

917

00:33:53,385 --> 00:33:54,735

I'm not sure, but Well,

918

00:33:54,735 --> 00:33:57,225

maybe James wanted you to do
that cuz you out buzzed him.

919

00:33:57,645 --> 00:33:57,675

Ah,

920

00:33:57,705 --> 00:33:59,295

maybe he wants to hear some secrets.

921

00:33:59,820 --> 00:34:02,909

Well, you mentioned that not as
many people ask you about Matea,

922

00:34:02,970 --> 00:34:08,940

but we can assure you all six of
you are fantastic humans, wonderful

923

00:34:08,940 --> 00:34:11,489

players, the best ambassadors.

924

00:34:11,580 --> 00:34:16,350

You know, we really struck the, uh,
contestant lottery with our masters.

925

00:34:16,350 --> 00:34:21,270

We're so thankful to have you as a part of
our Jeopardy family, and I'm just excited

926

00:34:21,270 --> 00:34:26,040

cuz I know I get to see Sam Buttrey on
the Alex Beck stage again for the j i

927

00:34:26,040 --> 00:34:29,069

t, the jit, the Jeopardy Invitational
Tournament, whatever you wanna call it.

928

00:34:29,284 --> 00:34:32,134

But I can't wait to see
you again on that stage.

929

00:34:32,134 --> 00:34:36,245

Sam, you bring so much joy and you're
just a pleasure to see play that game.

930

00:34:36,484 --> 00:34:36,754

Thank you.

931

00:34:36,754 --> 00:34:38,194

I'm looking forward to getting back there.

932

00:34:38,194 --> 00:34:41,375

Re uh, remaking some old acquaintances,
catching up with the two of you,

933

00:34:41,495 --> 00:34:43,835

although I don't like hanging out
with you two guys, cuz my hair

934

00:34:43,839 --> 00:34:45,574

definitely comes through ah, in any

935

00:34:45,580 --> 00:34:46,324
matchup with you.

936
00:34:46,444 --> 00:34:46,835
Oh good.

937
00:34:46,835 --> 00:34:49,714
There's something that I
can win against Sam Butcher.

938
00:34:49,714 --> 00:34:49,955
Yeah, likewise.

939
00:34:49,955 --> 00:34:51,995
Cause it's not in America's
hearts, I don't think.

940
00:34:53,495 --> 00:34:53,524
Aw.

941
00:34:53,975 --> 00:34:55,415
But thank you very much
for thinking of me.

942
00:34:55,504 --> 00:34:58,174
I I, uh, I have been catching
most of the podcasts and I'm.

943
00:34:58,425 --> 00:34:59,805
Kinda looking forward to seeing this one.

944
00:34:59,805 --> 00:35:02,835
Although my voice always sounds
better to me than it does on

945
00:35:02,835 --> 00:35:03,285
the air.

946
00:35:03,435 --> 00:35:07,035
Before you leave now, are there any
new tunes that we should look out for?

947

00:35:07,035 --> 00:35:08,805
You know, don't put your
cat butt in my face.

948
00:35:08,805 --> 00:35:10,035
Are there any new jingles?

949
00:35:10,095 --> 00:35:10,575
I've been working

950
00:35:10,575 --> 00:35:11,115
on A couple.

951
00:35:11,115 --> 00:35:12,555
One is about a guy.

952
00:35:12,900 --> 00:35:15,840
Who is unhappy with his
wife, girlfriend, loved one.

953
00:35:15,840 --> 00:35:16,680
I'm not sure.

954
00:35:16,920 --> 00:35:18,600
He's having difficulty communicating.

955
00:35:18,600 --> 00:35:21,330
And the title of the song is Don't
Answer in the form of a question.

956
00:35:21,990 --> 00:35:23,280
Ah, is good advice for all of us.

957
00:35:23,790 --> 00:35:24,270
Ah, this is great.

958
00:35:24,270 --> 00:35:27,120
And I have another one about,
uh, don't read the comments.

959
00:35:27,150 --> 00:35:27,180
Mm.

960
00:35:27,390 --> 00:35:28,680
And it comes from social media.

961
00:35:28,680 --> 00:35:29,610
You know, you post a thing.

962
00:35:29,984 --> 00:35:32,805
That's fine, but the temptation
is to see what people think of it.

963
00:35:32,810 --> 00:35:32,884
Mm-hmm.

964
00:35:32,964 --> 00:35:33,285
Don't do it.

965
00:35:33,424 --> 00:35:34,935
And, uh, it turns out to be a mistake.

966
00:35:34,935 --> 00:35:34,995
Yeah.

967
00:35:34,995 --> 00:35:37,875
So I, I think we, someone
needs to put that into song.

968
00:35:37,935 --> 00:35:38,384
Sam,

969
00:35:38,390 --> 00:35:40,395
we wish you a wonderful summer.

970
00:35:40,755 --> 00:35:43,395
We'll see you back here
hopefully before we know it.

971
00:35:43,395 --> 00:35:45,045
And thanks so much for joining the pod.

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00:35:45,134 --> 00:35:45,464

Thanks for

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00:35:45,470 --> 00:35:46,005
thinking of me.

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00:35:46,005 --> 00:35:47,295
It's been great to chat with you guys.

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00:35:48,165 --> 00:35:51,045
I can't even picture Sam
in my head and not smile.

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00:35:51,085 --> 00:35:51,285
I know.

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00:35:51,444 --> 00:35:51,765
I love it.

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00:35:51,765 --> 00:35:52,245
He's an incredible

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00:35:52,245 --> 00:35:52,404
guy.

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00:35:52,424 --> 00:35:53,895
I picture him either singing.

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00:35:54,180 --> 00:35:56,580
You know, one of his great
tunes or just talking with us.

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00:35:56,580 --> 00:35:59,609
So thanks so much for Sam
joining us and that wraps

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00:35:59,609 --> 00:35:59,940
it up.

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00:35:59,970 --> 00:36:01,680
Yeah, that brings us to
the end of today's show.

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00:36:01,680 --> 00:36:04,589

We'll be back next week for
more gameplay discussion and

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00:36:04,595 --> 00:36:05,759

we'll be joined by Jeopardy.

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00:36:05,765 --> 00:36:09,270

Master the one, the only, Amy Schneider.

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00:36:09,330 --> 00:36:09,450

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00:36:09,450 --> 00:36:10,350

can't wait for that.

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00:36:10,350 --> 00:36:12,359

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We'll see y'all next week.