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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:05,040
From the Alex Trebek Stage
at Sony Pictures Studios, this

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00:00:05,130 --> 00:00:07,830
is Inside Jeopardy!.

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00:00:08,340 --> 00:00:11,250
Hello and welcome back to Inside
Jeopardy!, your exclusive and official

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00:00:11,250 --> 00:00:14,940
podcast destination for all things
happening in the world of Jeopardy!.

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00:00:15,330 --> 00:00:15,900
I'm Sarah Foss.

6
00:00:16,110 --> 00:00:18,360
I'm joined today by Buzzy Cohen.

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00:00:18,540 --> 00:00:21,150
It is the Dog Days of Summer here, huh?

8
00:00:21,600 --> 00:00:21,690
Woo.

9
00:00:21,690 --> 00:00:22,950
What a way to beat the heat.

10
00:00:23,310 --> 00:00:27,240
Come on inside and watch some
Jeopardy or get into your car and

11
00:00:27,570 --> 00:00:29,460
crank up that AC inside Jeopardy.

12
00:00:29,460 --> 00:00:33,090
Listen to some inside jeopardy,
not outside Sweaty jeopardy.

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00:00:33,090 --> 00:00:33,840
No inside.

14
00:00:33,840 --> 00:00:35,730
Cool Air conditioned Jeopardy!.

15
00:00:35,850 --> 00:00:36,030
It's

16
00:00:36,035 --> 00:00:36,990
almost August.

17
00:00:37,080 --> 00:00:37,200
Yeah.

18
00:00:37,200 --> 00:00:38,340
I mean, where has Summer gone

19
00:00:38,370 --> 00:00:40,440
now, by the way, I mentioned
the dog days of summer.

20
00:00:40,445 --> 00:00:42,660
Do you know why they are
called the dog Days of summer?

21
00:00:42,860 --> 00:00:43,440
I do not.

22
00:00:43,560 --> 00:00:47,010
It is because the Constellation
serious would be in the sky

23
00:00:47,010 --> 00:00:48,210
ju Oh, for this, you know,

24
00:00:48,570 --> 00:00:50,700
I always just pictured a really hot dog.

25
00:00:50,730 --> 00:00:50,970
Yeah.

26
00:00:51,000 --> 00:00:51,300
With their

27
00:00:51,300 --> 00:00:51,900
tongue out.

28
00:00:51,900 --> 00:00:52,019
Yeah.

29
00:00:52,019 --> 00:00:53,610
It's kind like, yeah, that's
what everyone does, but it's

30
00:00:53,610 --> 00:00:54,810
because of the constellation.

31
00:00:54,810 --> 00:00:55,500
Serious.

32
00:00:56,010 --> 00:00:56,220
Hmm.

33
00:00:56,370 --> 00:00:56,879
There you go.

34
00:00:57,120 --> 00:01:00,390
Learn something new here on
the pod with Buzz Buzz Cohen.

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00:01:01,170 --> 00:01:03,540
Well, it's happened buzzy season 39.

36
00:01:03,945 --> 00:01:04,635
It's in the books.

37
00:01:04,665 --> 00:01:04,905
Yep.

38
00:01:05,265 --> 00:01:11,565
We've got six weeks of fabulous reruns,
second chance, T O C, and a few curated

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00:01:11,565 --> 00:01:16,425
special episodes to wrap up that
last week of the six weeks of reruns.

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00:01:16,515 --> 00:01:19,935
And right after that is
the start of season 40.

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00:01:20,115 --> 00:01:24,075
And we know a lot of people have
a lot of questions about Season 40

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00:01:24,075 --> 00:01:27,555
right now, and a lot of people are
talking about Jeopardy right now.

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00:01:27,585 --> 00:01:32,385
So next week, executive producer, Michael
Davies and I will be here on the pod.

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00:01:32,425 --> 00:01:33,925
To talk about it all.

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00:01:33,985 --> 00:01:37,975
A place where for the past year
you've come for that information.

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00:01:38,035 --> 00:01:43,075
In fact, it was exactly one year
ago this week that this little

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00:01:43,075 --> 00:01:45,354
podcast inside Jeopardy launched.

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00:01:45,745 --> 00:01:47,725
It was right at the start of the reruns.

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00:01:48,024 --> 00:01:53,934
We were heading into season 39, and one of
the things that was so anticipated was the

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00:01:53,934 --> 00:01:59,125
return of those season 38 standouts when
they came back for T O C, and obviously

51
00:01:59,125 --> 00:02:00,744
they were back for masters as well.

52
00:02:00,925 --> 00:02:01,164
Yep.

53
00:02:01,225 --> 00:02:03,685
And later in the show we're
gonna be talking with our

54
00:02:03,985 --> 00:02:06,175
Jeopardy Masters finalist.

55
00:02:06,509 --> 00:02:06,899
Matt

56
00:02:06,990 --> 00:02:09,389
Amodio cannot wait to talk to him.

57
00:02:09,479 --> 00:02:09,720
Yeah.

58
00:02:09,720 --> 00:02:11,640
But we've got a lot of
shows to talk about.

59
00:02:11,640 --> 00:02:11,820
Huh?

60
00:02:12,150 --> 00:02:12,329
Cue

61
00:02:12,329 --> 00:02:12,510
those

62
00:02:12,510 --> 00:02:13,109
beep boops.

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00:02:18,090 --> 00:02:21,209

We started out the week with One Day
Champion Taylor k Claggett, going

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00:02:21,209 --> 00:02:25,829

up against Simone Fina and Ian Fouts
Taylor got off to a good start, but

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00:02:25,829 --> 00:02:30,690

really caught fire in double jeopardy,
ending the round with \$17,500.

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00:02:30,990 --> 00:02:32,070

And a runaway

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00:02:32,400 --> 00:02:36,000

25 correct responses in that game
and the only one to get final.

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00:02:36,000 --> 00:02:37,380

Very, very impressive.

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00:02:37,620 --> 00:02:40,470

A lot of people might be
interested by Taylor's two.

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00:02:40,680 --> 00:02:40,770

Mm-hmm.

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00:02:41,010 --> 00:02:43,140

\$100 daily double wagers.

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00:02:43,500 --> 00:02:48,150

I think when you are in control of the
game this much, sometimes it makes sense.

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00:02:48,360 --> 00:02:51,540

One of the pieces of advices I got
from Alex Jacob, one of the things that

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00:02:51,545 --> 00:02:54,210

we've seen people like Alan Lin do.

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00:02:54,505 --> 00:02:58,495
Like James Holt Hower is you, you
either bet a big amount on a daily

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00:02:58,495 --> 00:03:00,204
double, or you bet really small.

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00:03:00,204 --> 00:03:00,475
Now.

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00:03:00,475 --> 00:03:04,465
I think Taylor could have bet
\$5 and it was essentially the

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00:03:04,465 --> 00:03:05,575
same as a hundred dollars bet.

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00:03:05,575 --> 00:03:08,245
But you know, if you're not feeling
strong in the categories or you just

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00:03:08,245 --> 00:03:12,445
don't wanna put yourself at risk,
I know we, we had previously been

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00:03:12,445 --> 00:03:15,685
quoted as saying, we want you to bet
bigger, but we want you, we being you.

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00:03:16,020 --> 00:03:20,070
Me, I know I've been on record
as saying bet bigger, but I think

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00:03:20,070 --> 00:03:23,340
what I mean is most of the time
strategically that's the right move.

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00:03:23,340 --> 00:03:26,280
Taylor found this situation where
it's not the right move, but I

86

00:03:26,280 --> 00:03:30,810
think, uh, you know, Taylor clearly
knows what he's doing on this stage.

87
00:03:31,080 --> 00:03:31,410
Yes.

88
00:03:31,410 --> 00:03:34,140
And as you mentioned, it proved
to be a good decision because he

89
00:03:34,145 --> 00:03:36,060
did get both of them incorrect.

90
00:03:36,060 --> 00:03:36,810
Only losing.

91
00:03:37,185 --> 00:03:38,385
\$100 each time.

92
00:03:38,804 --> 00:03:41,744
Now those categories where the
daily doubles came up, musical

93
00:03:41,744 --> 00:03:44,325
works, and my would be vp.

94
00:03:44,984 --> 00:03:47,204
These were two very difficult categories.

95
00:03:47,234 --> 00:03:47,325
Mm-hmm.

96
00:03:47,565 --> 00:03:48,704
For all three of our players.

97
00:03:49,005 --> 00:03:52,485
Nine out of the 10 clues in
those categories, Triples stumps.

98
00:03:52,485 --> 00:03:52,545
Oof.

99

00:03:53,115 --> 00:03:53,745

That's rough.

100

00:03:53,865 --> 00:03:56,415

Yes, but it was Ian's
birthday on that tape day.

101

00:03:56,985 --> 00:04:02,145

So during the break, Jimmy McGuire
led the audience in a very arousing

102

00:04:02,150 --> 00:04:04,185

rendition of Happy Birthday.

103

00:04:04,190 --> 00:04:05,055

It's not every day.

104

00:04:05,055 --> 00:04:05,115

No.

105

00:04:05,115 --> 00:04:08,355

You can compete on Jeopardy
and have a studio audience.

106

00:04:08,600 --> 00:04:09,170

Sing to you.

107

00:04:09,260 --> 00:04:09,710

And while it

108

00:04:09,710 --> 00:04:14,120

may not have been the outcome that
Ian wanted, he did get a \$2,000

109

00:04:14,120 --> 00:04:15,860

consolation prize for his birthday.

110

00:04:15,865 --> 00:04:15,880

Yeah.

111

00:04:15,880 --> 00:04:19,460
Which I, you know, if I got a random
\$2,000 on my birthday, I wouldn't

112
00:04:19,465 --> 00:04:20,060
sneeze at it.

113
00:04:20,090 --> 00:04:20,630
Winning.

114
00:04:20,720 --> 00:04:21,890
That's winning on your birthday?

115
00:04:21,950 --> 00:04:22,160
Yeah.

116
00:04:22,580 --> 00:04:26,030
Well, on Tuesday our winner
Taylor returned to face Andrew

117
00:04:26,030 --> 00:04:27,470
Knowles and Julie Sisson.

118
00:04:27,785 --> 00:04:30,365
Taylor finished the jeopardy
round in the lead while Julie

119
00:04:30,365 --> 00:04:32,405
trailed behind in third place.

120
00:04:32,855 --> 00:04:35,495
Julie finds the daily
double in double jeopardy.

121
00:04:35,495 --> 00:04:40,175
She wagers 4,000, but gets it wrong,
dropping her down to just \$200.

122
00:04:40,235 --> 00:04:43,865
Don't fear though she works her way
back into contention, ending the

123

00:04:43,870 --> 00:04:45,905
round in second place behind Taylor.

124
00:04:46,355 --> 00:04:50,225
Taylor couldn't come up with the correct
response and final, but Julie does.

125
00:04:50,784 --> 00:04:54,745
Earning a very exciting come
from behind win proving you never

126
00:04:55,075 --> 00:04:56,905
know when you're still in this.

127
00:04:57,115 --> 00:04:59,125
You know, this is a very interesting game.

128
00:04:59,185 --> 00:05:04,465
Statistically, if you look at
buzzer percentage, Andrew certainly

129
00:05:04,465 --> 00:05:06,295
in control in double jeopardy.

130
00:05:06,295 --> 00:05:10,945
And right behind Taylor in the jeopardy
round has the most correct responses as

131
00:05:10,945 --> 00:05:16,435
well with 17, but with eight incorrect
responses, that's really hurting him.

132
00:05:16,435 --> 00:05:16,525
Mm-hmm.

133
00:05:16,765 --> 00:05:19,875
And after such an impressive
25 correct responses in.

134
00:05:20,095 --> 00:05:21,265
The previous game.

135

00:05:21,415 --> 00:05:25,795
This time Taylor only with
14 and Julie only with 14.

136
00:05:26,035 --> 00:05:30,625
This just feels like a game where
nobody's really rocking, but

137
00:05:30,775 --> 00:05:34,825
very, very well played and a great
come from behind win for Julie.

138
00:05:35,185 --> 00:05:39,205
Well, we did learn that Andrew has a
really long tongue, um, he's able to

139
00:05:39,205 --> 00:05:44,485
lick his elbow and then Ken mentioned
that he can lick his own nose.

140
00:05:44,815 --> 00:05:47,725
And then at the break, Ken and
Andrew took a picture with their

141
00:05:47,725 --> 00:05:49,645
tongues touching their noses.

142
00:05:50,310 --> 00:05:51,090
I can do this.

143
00:05:51,090 --> 00:05:52,590
Can you touch your tongue to your nose?

144
00:05:52,590 --> 00:05:53,310
I cannot touch my

145
00:05:53,310 --> 00:05:53,490
tongue

146
00:05:53,490 --> 00:05:53,700
to my nose.

147

00:05:53,700 --> 00:05:53,789
Watch.

148
00:05:54,659 --> 00:05:55,409
Oh, you got it.

149
00:05:55,409 --> 00:05:55,810
I got it right.

150
00:05:55,950 --> 00:05:57,390
I was actually born with a tongue tie.

151
00:05:57,390 --> 00:06:00,539
So I guess it's not surprising that
I can't touch my tongue to my nose.

152
00:06:00,599 --> 00:06:00,659
I

153
00:06:00,659 --> 00:06:02,849
also can make a, uh,
very long tongue taco.

154
00:06:03,210 --> 00:06:04,230
Whoa.

155
00:06:04,320 --> 00:06:07,409
You know, we're near the end of
this, uh, season of Jeopardy and

156
00:06:07,409 --> 00:06:09,690
this season of Inside Jeopardy
when we're comparing mm-hmm.

157
00:06:10,080 --> 00:06:11,849
Tongue tacos, but it's happened before.

158
00:06:12,150 --> 00:06:13,770
But Andrew and Ken do have a nice.

159
00:06:14,025 --> 00:06:15,795
Picture because Can you just picture it?

160

00:06:15,795 --> 00:06:17,805

Yeah, I can picture like you have
a picture just standing with Alex.

161

00:06:18,255 --> 00:06:20,325

Andrew has a picture with Ian Ken touching

162

00:06:20,325 --> 00:06:21,756

their, that is really sweet
nose with their tongue.

163

00:06:21,756 --> 00:06:24,105

And I had never, I had never heard
that thing about touching your

164

00:06:24,110 --> 00:06:25,335

tongue to your elbow being hard.

165

00:06:25,485 --> 00:06:26,715

And I just tried it again.

166

00:06:26,985 --> 00:06:28,005

We're at the end of the season, you guys.

167

00:06:28,005 --> 00:06:28,755

Not even close guys.

168

00:06:28,755 --> 00:06:29,715

Not even, even.

169

00:06:30,290 --> 00:06:31,920

Um, let's move on to Wednesday's

170

00:06:31,920 --> 00:06:32,250

game, shall we?

171

00:06:32,250 --> 00:06:32,640

Let's do it.

172

00:06:32,640 --> 00:06:35,310

Our new champion, Julie,
returning to compete against

173

00:06:35,340 --> 00:06:37,230
Lucas Partridge and Alex Mueller.

174

00:06:37,230 --> 00:06:41,100
Lucas and Alex battled back and forth with
the lead changing hands multiple times.

175

00:06:41,460 --> 00:06:43,980
Alex finds the first daily
double and double jeopardy.

176

00:06:43,980 --> 00:06:49,440
Betts big to try to catch Lucas, but she
responds incorrectly, allowing Lucas to

177

00:06:49,440 --> 00:06:52,530
cruise into final with a runaway win.

178

00:06:52,710 --> 00:06:53,070
I think

179

00:06:53,070 --> 00:06:56,760
Lucas must have taken note of Taylor's
a hundred dollars daily double

180

00:06:56,760 --> 00:06:58,620
strategy, did the same thing in it.

181

00:06:58,850 --> 00:07:02,150
You know, kind of with the same outcome,
but the runaway here, really strong.

182

00:07:02,180 --> 00:07:07,250
22 correct responses in this game
for Lucas Lucas with 92% correct.

183

00:07:07,250 --> 00:07:07,970
Really strong.

184

00:07:08,300 --> 00:07:11,600
Those are the kinds of stats that put
together a runaway game, so congrats.

185
00:07:11,810 --> 00:07:14,690
I also wanna point out that
in his interview, as you know,

186
00:07:14,690 --> 00:07:15,920
my favorite part of the show.

187
00:07:15,920 --> 00:07:16,040
Mm-hmm.

188
00:07:16,280 --> 00:07:20,000
Lucas made 50 drinks in 50 days
for each state during the pandemic.

189
00:07:20,180 --> 00:07:21,620
Doesn't sound like he
made one for each state.

190
00:07:21,620 --> 00:07:23,180
It sounds like he made one for himself.

191
00:07:23,190 --> 00:07:24,190
For 50 days,

192
00:07:25,140 --> 00:07:27,390
and he went over a few of
them in the commercial break

193
00:07:27,390 --> 00:07:28,560
and they sounded delicious.

194
00:07:28,590 --> 00:07:28,620
Ooh.

195
00:07:28,620 --> 00:07:32,100
So I'm just saying I might
need to get those recipes.

196

00:07:32,370 --> 00:07:36,300
Julie leaves us as a one day champion,
but she actually brought with her, you

197

00:07:36,300 --> 00:07:39,960
know, the, the previous game, she had
a Scrabble tile for her grandmother

198

00:07:39,960 --> 00:07:43,830
who watched the game with her for so
many years and proved to be good luck.

199

00:07:43,830 --> 00:07:45,420
And then she said, well,
it could have been this.

200

00:07:45,420 --> 00:07:47,010
And she pulls out a Ken Jennings.

201

00:07:47,015 --> 00:07:47,675
Equivalent.

202

00:07:47,680 --> 00:07:47,895
Trading card.

203

00:07:47,895 --> 00:07:49,505
Trading card, A trading
card, a baseball card.

204

00:07:49,985 --> 00:07:53,615
So when she was getting ready
to leave, she said, Ken, would

205

00:07:53,615 --> 00:07:54,784
you sign my baseball card?

206

00:07:54,784 --> 00:07:56,135
And he's like, sure.

207

00:07:56,284 --> 00:07:57,724
And he goes, this is gonna go up on eBay.

208

00:07:57,724 --> 00:08:00,695
And she said, oh no, I would
never, never part with it.

209
00:08:00,700 --> 00:08:03,305
And he signed it to a
fellow Jeopardy champion.

210
00:08:03,305 --> 00:08:03,695
That is really sweet.

211
00:08:03,695 --> 00:08:04,805
And he said, you know what, Julie?

212
00:08:04,810 --> 00:08:05,705
We're in a pretty elite club.

213
00:08:06,375 --> 00:08:07,305
That is really sweet.

214
00:08:07,305 --> 00:08:07,815
Well done.

215
00:08:07,815 --> 00:08:08,745
What have mensch that?

216
00:08:08,745 --> 00:08:09,255
Ken Jennings.

217
00:08:09,255 --> 00:08:09,795
I love that.

218
00:08:09,795 --> 00:08:10,425
Ken Jennings.

219
00:08:10,455 --> 00:08:10,575
Yeah.

220
00:08:10,845 --> 00:08:15,465
Well, on Thursday, Lucas returning
to face Alicia Schaefer and Zach.

221

00:08:16,095 --> 00:08:16,515

Avi.

222

00:08:16,755 --> 00:08:21,015

Lucas and Alicia were neck in neck most of the game, but Lucas was able to pull ahead

223

00:08:21,015 --> 00:08:22,905

slightly by the end of double jeopardy.

224

00:08:22,910 --> 00:08:25,935

All three players came up with a correct response, but Lucas

225

00:08:25,965 --> 00:08:27,675

is the one who earns his second

226

00:08:27,675 --> 00:08:28,035

win.

227

00:08:28,125 --> 00:08:28,395

Yep.

228

00:08:28,395 --> 00:08:33,045

I want to give a shout out as well to Alicia, who really played a good game even

229

00:08:33,045 --> 00:08:34,845

after missing that first daily double.

230

00:08:34,950 --> 00:08:38,370

Found the second one, you know, could have made a bigger wager, but I understand

231

00:08:38,370 --> 00:08:42,450

being a little gun shy after that, but really played with a lot of heart in

232

00:08:42,450 --> 00:08:42,510

the

233

00:08:42,510 --> 00:08:43,530
post-game chat.

234
00:08:43,530 --> 00:08:44,670
Ken couldn't help.

235
00:08:44,670 --> 00:08:49,140
I mean, if you look at Lucas, he's, he's
wearing a jacket that does match his hair.

236
00:08:49,140 --> 00:08:52,380
Ken asked if he dyed his hair to
match the jacket or if he chose

237
00:08:52,380 --> 00:08:54,030
the jacket to match his hair.

238
00:08:54,030 --> 00:08:56,460
Lucas says, you know, I think
the hair came before the jacket.

239
00:08:56,465 --> 00:08:56,550
Mm-hmm.

240
00:08:56,635 --> 00:08:58,770
But it really is pretty impressive.

241
00:08:58,795 --> 00:08:59,485
The match.

242
00:08:59,515 --> 00:08:59,665
Yeah.

243
00:08:59,665 --> 00:08:59,785
I

244
00:08:59,785 --> 00:09:02,185
feel like that reminds me
of Rowan Ward, I think.

245
00:09:02,185 --> 00:09:03,204
Did some hair.

246
00:09:03,209 --> 00:09:03,435
Yeah.

247
00:09:03,435 --> 00:09:03,635
A little

248
00:09:03,704 --> 00:09:04,314
turquoise.

249
00:09:04,454 --> 00:09:04,675
Yes.

250
00:09:04,675 --> 00:09:06,385
Little hair with tur turquoise shirt.

251
00:09:06,444 --> 00:09:06,895
Yes.

252
00:09:06,925 --> 00:09:07,525
Yep, yep, yep.

253
00:09:07,525 --> 00:09:08,115
Worked well for Rowan.

254
00:09:08,520 --> 00:09:10,260
Working well so far for Lucas.

255
00:09:10,290 --> 00:09:10,470
Yep.

256
00:09:10,500 --> 00:09:14,130
Closing out the week, he is
going up for a third win against

257
00:09:14,130 --> 00:09:16,260
Sharon Bishop and Monica Chavez.

258
00:09:16,440 --> 00:09:19,140
It was a great game for
our season 39 finale.

259

00:09:19,140 --> 00:09:21,270

Sharon proved to be a formidable challenger.

260

00:09:21,275 --> 00:09:23,490

She's neck and neck with Lucas in the jeopardy round.

261

00:09:23,685 --> 00:09:25,814

Really turned it on in double jeopardy.

262

00:09:25,814 --> 00:09:28,334

Building a strong but not insurmountable lead.

263

00:09:28,334 --> 00:09:34,094

Going into our final, final of the season, both Sharon and Monica couldn't

264

00:09:34,094 --> 00:09:35,655

come up with the correct response.

265

00:09:35,655 --> 00:09:36,915

What is Gonzo?

266

00:09:37,275 --> 00:09:39,224

So Lucas is able to pull off.

267

00:09:39,224 --> 00:09:40,994

An exciting come from behind win.

268

00:09:41,310 --> 00:09:44,969

Breaking our long streak of one and two day winners.

269

00:09:45,030 --> 00:09:47,729

He ends the season as a three game champion.

270

00:09:47,819 --> 00:09:48,599

Incredible.

271

00:09:48,780 --> 00:09:52,079

And all three games with a pretty high money total in the 20 thousands,

272

00:09:52,079 --> 00:09:53,099

which I think is pretty good.

273

00:09:53,160 --> 00:09:56,430

And I do wanna point out that after we had that week of all runaway games,

274

00:09:56,430 --> 00:10:00,329

which had fairly low totals, which sometimes happens, uh, everyone thinks of

275

00:10:00,329 --> 00:10:01,650

a runaway as being a really high score.

276

00:10:01,650 --> 00:10:02,369

But sometimes when it.

277

00:10:02,645 --> 00:10:03,814

Material and blah, blah, blah.

278

00:10:03,845 --> 00:10:03,995

You don't

279

00:10:03,995 --> 00:10:05,015

have to wager with the runaway.

280

00:10:05,015 --> 00:10:05,675

Exactly.

281

00:10:05,675 --> 00:10:06,334

Sometimes it's

282

00:10:06,334 --> 00:10:07,055

actually lower total.

283

00:10:07,055 --> 00:10:09,995

This shows sometimes that when you have these tighter games, you end

284

00:10:09,995 --> 00:10:11,495
up with higher finishing scores.

285

00:10:11,495 --> 00:10:16,055
So Lucas with a little extra cash to throw around on that summer trip

286

00:10:16,055 --> 00:10:17,735
has to cool his heels a little bit.

287

00:10:17,735 --> 00:10:20,074
But will he will be back as a returning

288

00:10:20,079 --> 00:10:20,675
champion.

289

00:10:20,864 --> 00:10:21,285
Yes.

290

00:10:21,285 --> 00:10:25,334
So it's interesting because obviously we're going to have champions wild card.

291

00:10:25,395 --> 00:10:25,604
Yep.

292

00:10:25,724 --> 00:10:30,915
Which Lucas would qualify, but not this season because Lucas is still playing.

293

00:10:31,185 --> 00:10:36,854
So he will be making his appearance after our postseason after all that fun.

294

00:10:36,854 --> 00:10:39,135
So Lucas is gonna have some time, yeah.

295

00:10:39,165 --> 00:10:40,645
To relax, to study up.

296
00:10:40,755 --> 00:10:42,614
He could have one of the longest breaks.

297
00:10:42,635 --> 00:10:43,595
We've ever had.

298
00:10:43,865 --> 00:10:46,955
Ken had to ask, you know, you've
got the entire summer to prepare.

299
00:10:46,955 --> 00:10:49,835
We're gonna see a whole new Lucas
Partridge when you come back.

300
00:10:49,835 --> 00:10:53,255
And Lucas joked, well, we'll see
what the hair color is going to be.

301
00:10:53,255 --> 00:10:54,485
So that's fun too.

302
00:10:54,490 --> 00:10:54,555
Yeah.

303
00:10:54,665 --> 00:10:54,755
Yeah.

304
00:10:54,755 --> 00:10:58,805
That reminds me of, I think Austin
Rogers whole new look when he came

305
00:10:58,805 --> 00:11:00,095
back, whole new look came back, right?

306
00:11:00,095 --> 00:11:00,335
Yes.

307
00:11:00,355 --> 00:11:00,655
Yes.

308

00:11:00,655 --> 00:11:02,785
Very well groomed after being sort of

309
00:11:02,785 --> 00:11:03,265
It was, yeah.

310
00:11:03,265 --> 00:11:04,045
He was coughed.

311
00:11:04,075 --> 00:11:07,405
Yeah, he was quaffed Austin Rogers
was quaffed and putting together

312
00:11:07,405 --> 00:11:11,515
his highlights, you know, it was
just like this to this overnight,

313
00:11:11,515 --> 00:11:13,135
but literally it was not overnight.

314
00:11:13,165 --> 00:11:13,255
Yeah.

315
00:11:13,255 --> 00:11:15,055
'cause we had of course, the summer.

316
00:11:15,535 --> 00:11:19,705
Alright, let's take a look at
our season 39 wrap up stats.

317
00:11:19,705 --> 00:11:20,845
Hit me with it.

318
00:11:21,050 --> 00:11:27,500
In syndication with 46 weeks of original
programming in jeopardy, we saw a total

319
00:11:27,500 --> 00:11:34,250
of 445 contestants, Jiminy Christmas
381 contestants during the regular

320
00:11:34,250 --> 00:11:38,960

season, 64 contestants across our
second chance tournament of Champions

321

00:11:39,050 --> 00:11:40,940
and the high school reunion tournament.

322

00:11:41,330 --> 00:11:44,690
And according to our accounting
department, season 30 nine's, total

323

00:11:44,690 --> 00:11:46,550
prize money wasn't impressive.

324

00:11:46,875 --> 00:11:47,985
Whoa, wait for it.

325

00:11:47,985 --> 00:11:53,055
\$5,930,842.

326

00:11:53,385 --> 00:11:55,155
Now, that does include
all the tournaments.

327

00:11:55,155 --> 00:11:58,545
It includes all the second and
third place pricing on the regular

328

00:11:58,545 --> 00:12:01,875
shows, but that's nearly \$6 million.

329

00:12:02,400 --> 00:12:03,570
People, are you hearing this?

330

00:12:03,570 --> 00:12:04,860
Try out for

331

00:12:04,860 --> 00:12:05,310
Jeopardy.

332

00:12:05,310 --> 00:12:06,120
We've said it before.

333
00:12:06,125 --> 00:12:06,780
We will say

334
00:12:06,780 --> 00:12:07,260
it again.

335
00:12:07,260 --> 00:12:07,560
Yes.

336
00:12:07,560 --> 00:12:09,390
We've made five millionaires so far.

337
00:12:09,390 --> 00:12:10,350
You could be the next one.

338
00:12:10,350 --> 00:12:11,220
It's an anytime test.

339
00:12:11,220 --> 00:12:12,570
It takes less than 15 minutes.

340
00:12:12,575 --> 00:12:13,300
It changed my life.

341
00:12:13,480 --> 00:12:14,430
It changed your life.

342
00:12:14,460 --> 00:12:15,120
There you have it.

343
00:12:15,120 --> 00:12:18,660
That wraps up our final game
highlights for season 39.

344
00:12:18,660 --> 00:12:22,020
And now it's time to welcome
Jeopardy Masters finalist.

345
00:12:22,020 --> 00:12:24,210
Matt Amodio to the show.

346
00:12:24,210 --> 00:12:24,750
Welcome

347
00:12:24,750 --> 00:12:25,590
back, Matt.

348
00:12:26,070 --> 00:12:26,940
Good to be here.

349
00:12:26,940 --> 00:12:27,570
Excited.

350
00:12:27,990 --> 00:12:30,840
Well, we haven't seen you in
a few months ever since that

351
00:12:30,840 --> 00:12:32,730
little thing we call Masters.

352
00:12:32,730 --> 00:12:34,650
How has life been treating you?

353
00:12:35,010 --> 00:12:35,160
Uh,

354
00:12:35,160 --> 00:12:36,420
it's been very good.

355
00:12:36,420 --> 00:12:36,720
Yeah.

356
00:12:36,720 --> 00:12:41,730
I, I like how, uh, not being on the
Jeopardy set for a few months constitutes

357
00:12:41,730 --> 00:12:44,670
a, uh, uh, like unexpected, unusual break.

358
00:12:44,940 --> 00:12:45,420
Yeah.

359

00:12:46,020 --> 00:12:47,850

It's been a busy couple
years for you, huh?

360

00:12:47,910 --> 00:12:49,010

Yeah, it has.

361

00:12:49,530 --> 00:12:52,230

You are part of both
season 37 and season 38.

362

00:12:52,230 --> 00:12:53,070

Of course.

363

00:12:53,190 --> 00:12:56,970

And I don't want anyone to forget
that you are the only one in history.

364

00:12:57,360 --> 00:13:01,440

To have played Jeopardy
with seven different hosts.

365

00:13:01,440 --> 00:13:03,930

I don't think we ever thought
that would even be a statement

366

00:13:03,930 --> 00:13:05,160

that anyone could accomplish.

367

00:13:05,340 --> 00:13:06,360

No, but you did it.

368

00:13:06,690 --> 00:13:07,170

Yeah.

369

00:13:07,170 --> 00:13:09,510

And uh, you know, it's a weird experience.

370

00:13:09,515 --> 00:13:14,550

So most people, uh, if they get so
lucky as to beyond the jeopardy stage,

371
00:13:14,550 --> 00:13:16,890
at any point will play one game.

372
00:13:17,340 --> 00:13:18,330
With one host.

373
00:13:18,390 --> 00:13:20,490
Uh, and it will be a great experience.

374
00:13:20,490 --> 00:13:22,650
Uh, everybody has a good time, I hope.

375
00:13:22,650 --> 00:13:26,550
But I had a very fortunate experience,
uh, where it just kept going.

376
00:13:26,970 --> 00:13:29,640
And Jeopardy is still a part
of my life, even to this day.

377
00:13:29,640 --> 00:13:31,260
And so I'm so fortunate for that.

378
00:13:31,439 --> 00:13:32,220
You had said

379
00:13:32,220 --> 00:13:36,300
in your initial run that you had
really wanted to have Ken Jennings.

380
00:13:36,829 --> 00:13:41,000
As a host and you know, you had six
hosts at that point, but it had not

381
00:13:41,000 --> 00:13:46,550
yet been Ken, now t o c and Masters,
you've now been hosted by Ken twice.

382
00:13:47,090 --> 00:13:49,520
Now you haven't come out a
champion in either of those.

383
00:13:49,525 --> 00:13:51,860
Are you still thinking
you like Ken Jennings as a

384
00:13:51,860 --> 00:13:52,280
host?

385
00:13:52,640 --> 00:13:56,000
I dunno, my enthusiasm for
having Ken as a host was, uh,

386
00:13:56,000 --> 00:13:58,010
initially from, uh, ignorance.

387
00:13:58,255 --> 00:14:01,735
I didn't know, uh, what a negative
experience it was gonna be.

388
00:14:01,945 --> 00:14:02,665
No, I'm just kidding.

389
00:14:02,665 --> 00:14:04,765
He is a tremendous host.

390
00:14:04,945 --> 00:14:09,025
We already knew he was a tremendous
trivia player and a tremendous person,

391
00:14:09,265 --> 00:14:13,645
but we have learned in the last few
years that he is also an a awesome host.

392
00:14:13,675 --> 00:14:17,425
It's a different skill from playing
the game, uh, but how he also is

393
00:14:17,605 --> 00:14:19,405
talented at that, I, I have no

394
00:14:19,405 --> 00:14:19,855
idea.

395

00:14:20,060 --> 00:14:22,010

Well, you get to share
a few things with Ken.

396

00:14:22,040 --> 00:14:27,110

Obviously you share the stage with him for
T F C and Masters, but also some pretty

397

00:14:27,110 --> 00:14:30,050

impressive leaderboard of legend stats.

398

00:14:30,080 --> 00:14:33,350

You're one of five millionaires
thanks to Jeopardy.

399

00:14:33,470 --> 00:14:35,600

Did you ever think that would
be something you could say?

400

00:14:36,845 --> 00:14:38,255

No, so I'm a stats guy.

401

00:14:38,285 --> 00:14:39,365

I engaged with baseball.

402

00:14:39,365 --> 00:14:40,235

Growing up with it.

403

00:14:40,235 --> 00:14:42,395

I engaged with Jeopardy, uh, all the time.

404

00:14:42,395 --> 00:14:46,835

And so when I was, uh, watching my
own stats, I would track cor, average,

405

00:14:46,840 --> 00:14:49,175

cor, the best, CORs, all this stuff.

406

00:14:49,180 --> 00:14:50,915

And I, I feel really good.

407

00:14:50,920 --> 00:14:55,355
I, I never imagined that my name
would be right up there next to Ken's,

408
00:14:55,385 --> 00:14:57,095
uh, and some of these leaderboards.

409
00:14:57,245 --> 00:15:01,025
But then when you introduce this kind
of topic and mention the millionaire

410
00:15:01,025 --> 00:15:04,025
part, I say, oh, right, yeah,
that's also something that happened.

411
00:15:05,110 --> 00:15:09,490
And in terms of the stats, you
actually beat kin on daily average.

412
00:15:09,520 --> 00:15:15,670
You know, in your mere 38 game
run, you were averaging \$39,963.

413
00:15:16,335 --> 00:15:20,475
Per victory less than James
Sauer, but more than Ken

414
00:15:20,475 --> 00:15:21,075
Jennings.

415
00:15:21,435 --> 00:15:21,975
Yes.

416
00:15:21,975 --> 00:15:26,445
You know, I, I feel like, uh, Ken was
always, uh, betting conservatively and

417
00:15:26,450 --> 00:15:31,665
final even when he had room not to,
and I can understand the impulse to do

418
00:15:31,665 --> 00:15:35,955
that because I think temperamentally,

I'm more of a Ken than a, than a James.

419

00:15:35,955 --> 00:15:40,995

But you know, the math just works out
if you know 50.1% of them, you should

420

00:15:40,995 --> 00:15:43,755

just bet everything you can and it
worked out well for me, thankfully.

421

00:15:44,160 --> 00:15:47,880

Now, when you came back for T O C,
you were seated, which is something

422

00:15:47,880 --> 00:15:51,540

we had never done before in A T O
C, but basically we had you, we had

423

00:15:51,540 --> 00:15:53,579

Amy Schneider, we had Mateo Roach.

424

00:15:53,579 --> 00:15:56,609

We had this level of champion we
had never had before in A T O C,

425

00:15:57,390 --> 00:16:01,109

obviously it didn't work out so well
for you in the T O C, you know, any

426

00:16:01,115 --> 00:16:02,550

given day, anyone can win jeopardy.

427

00:16:02,550 --> 00:16:03,000

We know that.

428

00:16:03,000 --> 00:16:05,280

But what's your thought on
the seeding now that you've.

429

00:16:05,790 --> 00:16:06,720

Had that experience,

430

00:16:06,720 --> 00:16:07,170
would you say?

431
00:16:07,560 --> 00:16:11,970
Yeah, I think, uh, if all things are
being equal to seating, uh, it made

432
00:16:11,970 --> 00:16:17,460
me \$5,000 because if I had played Sam,
uh, butcher in the Corner final, then I

433
00:16:17,465 --> 00:16:19,170
think it would've ended up the same way.

434
00:16:19,380 --> 00:16:24,330
Yeah, no, I don't think that the buy
made any significant difference to me.

435
00:16:24,690 --> 00:16:28,440
I, I did come in cold while I were,
I was playing people who were, uh,

436
00:16:28,440 --> 00:16:33,150
a little more warmed up, but really
I need more than one game to fully.

437
00:16:33,314 --> 00:16:38,084
Break myself in, uh, you get a
rhythm maybe after, after five 10

438
00:16:38,175 --> 00:16:41,444
in the Masters, like you could, you
could really, uh, develop a rhythm

439
00:16:41,444 --> 00:16:43,694
there, but one extra game practice.

440
00:16:43,694 --> 00:16:45,645
I, I don't think
negatively impacts anyone.

441
00:16:45,735 --> 00:16:46,094
So I

442

00:16:46,099 --> 00:16:50,055
gotta ask, you know, we've mentioned
that you're in the rare air of the

443

00:16:50,060 --> 00:16:52,245
Jeopardy Millionaire Club, but.

444

00:16:52,470 --> 00:16:56,189
When you were on the show, you
were in your PhD program, now

445

00:16:56,189 --> 00:16:57,569
you're doing postgraduate work.

446

00:16:57,720 --> 00:17:01,500
Do your fellow post grads look
at you a little differently as

447

00:17:01,500 --> 00:17:04,819
the sort of probably, I'm gonna
guess the lone millionaire Yeah.

448

00:17:04,920 --> 00:17:05,420
On the crew.

449

00:17:05,420 --> 00:17:05,500
Yeah.

450

00:17:05,500 --> 00:17:05,780
I'm thinking,

451

00:17:05,839 --> 00:17:06,420
I'm thinking that is,

452

00:17:06,420 --> 00:17:06,540
is

453

00:17:06,540 --> 00:17:12,089
true when, when the, uh, tab comes at the
bar, uh, and we're deciding whose card

454
00:17:12,095 --> 00:17:14,550
goes in, it's usually looking right at me.

455
00:17:14,550 --> 00:17:14,970
Yeah.

456
00:17:14,974 --> 00:17:15,180
Yeah.

457
00:17:15,540 --> 00:17:18,379
And then, you know, when it comes
time to Venmo afterwards, I don't.

458
00:17:18,500 --> 00:17:23,210
To always get everyone, uh, and I feel a
little bad trying to hound them for it.

459
00:17:23,210 --> 00:17:23,990
So yeah, there's that.

460
00:17:23,990 --> 00:17:24,170
Got it.

461
00:17:25,160 --> 00:17:26,780
Do you just love school?

462
00:17:26,780 --> 00:17:31,100
I mean, between the University
of Ohio, we've got University of

463
00:17:31,105 --> 00:17:35,030
Wisconsin, you've got Yale, like it
seems like you are just someone who

464
00:17:35,030 --> 00:17:37,970
loves learning on a level that is

465
00:17:38,060 --> 00:17:38,690
pretty rare.

466
00:17:38,885 --> 00:17:41,254

Yeah, so I, I do love learning.

467

00:17:41,314 --> 00:17:45,395

I'm not sure I love school so much as I don't love non-school.

468

00:17:45,715 --> 00:17:46,175

Ah, yes.

469

00:17:46,685 --> 00:17:46,804

Uh, yeah.

470

00:17:46,804 --> 00:17:49,895

So I, I like learning and if I can find any environment that

471

00:17:49,895 --> 00:17:53,104

encourages that and really supports it, that's where I wanna be.

472

00:17:53,524 --> 00:17:55,715

What is the day-to-day life like for you in summer

473

00:17:55,715 --> 00:17:56,885

2023?

474

00:17:57,160 --> 00:18:01,720

My day-to-day life is basically unchanged from pre jeopardy.

475

00:18:01,800 --> 00:18:05,320

I, I do say I, uh, when I'm walking down the street, I, I do run into

476

00:18:05,320 --> 00:18:08,800

people who flag me down and say, Hey, Matt, could I get a selfie?

477

00:18:08,800 --> 00:18:09,400

Things like that.

478

00:18:09,400 --> 00:18:10,600
So that, that is new.

479
00:18:10,720 --> 00:18:14,980
But other than that, my, my work life
is, uh, just the same as it was before.

480
00:18:14,980 --> 00:18:19,870
I do AI research and that
involves me, uh, coding and uh,

481
00:18:19,870 --> 00:18:20,980
and being on my computer a lot.

482
00:18:21,320 --> 00:18:25,220
I enjoy the flexibility that academia
gives me, where I can usually

483
00:18:25,220 --> 00:18:28,700
work at home from the morning and
then come into the office a little

484
00:18:28,700 --> 00:18:30,530
bit later and do my work there.

485
00:18:30,530 --> 00:18:33,439
And so, uh, it, it's a
pretty, pretty enjoyable time.

486
00:18:33,439 --> 00:18:34,490
I really like my work.

487
00:18:34,490 --> 00:18:35,540
I wouldn't wanna give it up.

488
00:18:35,840 --> 00:18:36,020
Well,

489
00:18:36,020 --> 00:18:38,629
good thing because
Jeopardy is great and all.

490

00:18:38,635 --> 00:18:38,780
Yeah.

491
00:18:38,780 --> 00:18:42,139
But you can't really quit your day
job unless you're Ken Jennings.

492
00:18:42,139 --> 00:18:43,220
I guess he did quit his day

493
00:18:43,220 --> 00:18:43,460
job.

494
00:18:43,465 --> 00:18:43,560
He

495
00:18:43,560 --> 00:18:43,879
did, yeah.

496
00:18:43,879 --> 00:18:44,320
Eventually.

497
00:18:44,350 --> 00:18:48,315
Yeah, he did that so, I don't wanna
bring up any painful memories.

498
00:18:48,345 --> 00:18:53,910
However, your 38 game winning streak
did and eventually against Jonathan

499
00:18:53,910 --> 00:18:59,175
Fisher and Jessica Stevens, both of whom
ended up in the Tournament of Champions.

500
00:18:59,565 --> 00:19:01,485
What was that reunion like?

501
00:19:01,515 --> 00:19:02,595
Well, let's go first to the game.

502
00:19:02,595 --> 00:19:04,815
'cause I think a lot of people

consider that one of the best

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00:19:04,815 --> 00:19:06,645
played Jeopardy games, but it

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00:19:06,645 --> 00:19:08,445
certainly won a Jeopardy Honors Award.

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00:19:08,445 --> 00:19:09,165
It won a Jeopardy

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00:19:09,165 --> 00:19:09,555
Honors

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00:19:09,555 --> 00:19:10,005
Award.

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00:19:10,005 --> 00:19:10,875
Award as best game of the season.

509

00:19:10,905 --> 00:19:13,875
You know, I don't know if we ever
really got a breakdown from you of.

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00:19:13,930 --> 00:19:17,320
What that was like coming in
as a 38 day champ and then

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00:19:17,320 --> 00:19:18,820
playing such an incredible game.

512

00:19:19,330 --> 00:19:19,660
Yeah.

513

00:19:19,660 --> 00:19:22,900
So I wasn't warned that we were
gonna talk about this, so I'm gonna

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00:19:22,900 --> 00:19:26,350
have to like, uh, bring it up,
uh, to remind me of what happened.

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00:19:26,350 --> 00:19:26,370
I'm sorry.

516

00:19:26,370 --> 00:19:27,190
No, I'm just kidding.

517

00:19:27,400 --> 00:19:28,180
No, I'm just kidding.

518

00:19:28,250 --> 00:19:31,660
I, I remember every moment of
it in my head still to this day.

519

00:19:31,690 --> 00:19:31,870
Yeah.

520

00:19:31,900 --> 00:19:35,449
I mean, that's, it was a very
well, Played game of Jeopardy

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00:19:35,449 --> 00:19:37,490
by two of the three contestants.

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00:19:38,080 --> 00:19:42,470
Uh, I feel like I, I was not on
my mark there, and it was a Monday

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00:19:42,470 --> 00:19:44,810
game after a two week taping break.

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00:19:45,110 --> 00:19:45,260
Okay.

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00:19:45,260 --> 00:19:51,620
Uh, which for most of Jeopardy's history
is a normal break, but for my run,

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00:19:51,620 --> 00:19:54,889
things were a little bit more compressed,
uh, time-wise in terms of tape days.

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00:19:54,889 --> 00:19:57,770
So it was, uh, one of the bigger
breaks for me, and I always knew

528
00:19:58,010 --> 00:20:01,340
that I'm, I'm not a morning person
and it does take me a little bit.

529
00:20:01,405 --> 00:20:05,425
Of caffeine and, and waking
up to get on my buzzer rhythm.

530
00:20:05,425 --> 00:20:08,285
So I thought that Monday Air Day,
uh, it was going to be my, mm-hmm.

531
00:20:08,385 --> 00:20:11,425
My Achilles, uh, heel,
and lo and behold it was.

532
00:20:12,135 --> 00:20:16,905
And this was a Monday, the first
time you had Myambi LEC as a host

533
00:20:17,625 --> 00:20:19,185
at that point, your sixth host.

534
00:20:19,185 --> 00:20:19,875
Is that correct?

535
00:20:20,475 --> 00:20:22,005
Uh, yeah, I think that's correct.

536
00:20:22,005 --> 00:20:24,705
So that's another, another
variable, uh, in it.

537
00:20:24,705 --> 00:20:27,855
And I remember, uh, it was just a
lot of pressing the buzzer and not

538
00:20:27,855 --> 00:20:29,865
seeing my lights, uh, light up.

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00:20:29,865 --> 00:20:34,365

And then a few very, uh, uh,
poorly timed incorrect responses.

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00:20:34,395 --> 00:20:34,485

Mm-hmm.

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00:20:34,935 --> 00:20:37,005

Including on a comic book character.

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00:20:37,035 --> 00:20:38,685

I, I saw a picture of venom and a.

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00:20:38,685 --> 00:20:43,050

Course I know, uh, who Venom was, but
just in the moment, people always,

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00:20:43,050 --> 00:20:47,580

uh, underestimate the, uh, ability of
your mind to just go blank on a name.

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00:20:47,640 --> 00:20:51,990

But my dad is a huge comic book lover,
and we read a lot of the, the Spider-Man

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00:20:51,990 --> 00:20:55,770

stories as a, when I was a kid, and
we watched the Venom movie together.

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00:20:55,770 --> 00:20:59,760

And so he was yelling at me in a
facetious, but I I, I think also

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00:20:59,760 --> 00:21:02,010

somewhat serious tone after that.

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00:21:02,610 --> 00:21:05,730

And it was your dad who really
encouraged you to audition

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00:21:05,735 --> 00:21:06,810

for Jeopardy, is that right?

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00:21:07,005 --> 00:21:11,025

Yeah, he really loves Jeopardy and he's, uh, kind of been teaching me a lot

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00:21:11,025 --> 00:21:15,465

throughout the process and I never really thought that I would get on the show.

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00:21:15,495 --> 00:21:19,575

I, I never thought I would do well on the show, so I never auditioned for the show,

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00:21:19,575 --> 00:21:24,045

but he was just nagging me and nagging me, and eventually I did it to appease him.

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00:21:24,405 --> 00:21:25,755

And thank you, dad.

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00:21:25,785 --> 00:21:26,235

You were right.

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00:21:27,255 --> 00:21:32,254

So I just wanna say, Matt has played with seven different hosts.

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00:21:32,314 --> 00:21:35,945

The two that he probably has the losing his track record with are

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00:21:35,945 --> 00:21:37,475

Mayan Bialek and Ken Jennings.

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00:21:37,625 --> 00:21:40,145

Lo and behold, they become the two permanent hosts.

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00:21:40,415 --> 00:21:41,885

How does that make you feel, Matt?

562

00:21:42,215 --> 00:21:44,975
You know, I They couldn't have
picked David Faber for you.

563
00:21:45,125 --> 00:21:46,054
Yeah, exactly.

564
00:21:46,060 --> 00:21:48,034
What, what's, what's Joe
Buck doing these days?

565
00:21:50,854 --> 00:21:51,635
Yeah, no, it was great.

566
00:21:51,635 --> 00:21:54,875
The guest hosting time was
really a special time, and I.

567
00:21:55,140 --> 00:21:58,590
Flattered and honored that I was
able to be a part of it because,

568
00:21:58,620 --> 00:22:03,540
uh, you got to see so many people
come in who clearly, uh, revered the

569
00:22:03,540 --> 00:22:05,790
show and the institution that it is.

570
00:22:05,850 --> 00:22:09,630
And to see that experience where
instead of just three people, uh,

571
00:22:09,660 --> 00:22:13,650
kind of in awe on the stage, you have
four people in awe on the stage was

572
00:22:13,650 --> 00:22:15,360
a, a special moment for the show.

573
00:22:15,675 --> 00:22:19,215
Yeah, you had Robin Roberts as one
of your guest hosts as well, and

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00:22:19,215 --> 00:22:23,385
I remember Robin came on the stage
and she said, I feel Alex here.

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00:22:23,385 --> 00:22:23,505
Yeah.

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00:22:23,565 --> 00:22:27,435
She had met Alex of course, and she
said, I totally feel Alex's presence

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00:22:27,435 --> 00:22:30,705
here, and I know that meant so much
to all of us because we certainly

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00:22:30,705 --> 00:22:32,925
feel his presence still today.

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00:22:33,225 --> 00:22:34,215
One thing about Matt's.

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00:22:34,405 --> 00:22:38,215
Last day before T O c, it
was also Michael Davies'.

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00:22:38,395 --> 00:22:43,254
First day as ep, first tape day, he
comes in, he hears about this hot

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00:22:43,260 --> 00:22:45,835
shot, Madam Modio, we got 38 wins.

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00:22:45,925 --> 00:22:47,514
Who knows where it's going to end?

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00:22:47,514 --> 00:22:48,325
This is gonna be great.

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00:22:48,325 --> 00:22:53,004
He sits down in the seat in 30
minutes later, what has happened.

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00:22:53,004 --> 00:22:56,785

But certainly even he will
say, what a game to come in on.

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00:22:56,785 --> 00:22:56,965

Totally.

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00:22:56,965 --> 00:23:01,270

'cause it was such a competition and
obviously, A season that continued.

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00:23:01,270 --> 00:23:05,260

You really set the tone because
then came Amy and Mateo and

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00:23:05,260 --> 00:23:06,880

that season of Super Champions.

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00:23:06,880 --> 00:23:06,940

Yeah.

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00:23:06,940 --> 00:23:08,380

You really paved the way for the ball.

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00:23:08,550 --> 00:23:08,770

And

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00:23:08,970 --> 00:23:10,810

Jonathan himself, uh,
yeah, Jonathan, of course.

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00:23:10,990 --> 00:23:11,410

And Jonathan,

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00:23:11,560 --> 00:23:13,540

you know, if you get 11,
you're a super champion.

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00:23:13,540 --> 00:23:13,630

Yes.

598
00:23:13,630 --> 00:23:15,610
I did not mean to sell Jonathan Short.

599
00:23:15,655 --> 00:23:16,195
Yeah, double

600
00:23:16,195 --> 00:23:16,945
digits, man.

601
00:23:16,945 --> 00:23:17,469
Ryan

602
00:23:17,469 --> 00:23:18,855
Long, a bunch of great chances

603
00:23:18,875 --> 00:23:19,335
in 30 years.

604
00:23:19,335 --> 00:23:20,125
Oh, it was such a season.

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00:23:20,125 --> 00:23:20,965
Such a season.

606
00:23:21,504 --> 00:23:24,205
And then we move on and we do the T o c.

607
00:23:24,264 --> 00:23:27,774
And as we said, you leave us in
the T O C, not in the finals.

608
00:23:28,045 --> 00:23:31,105
When you left the stage that
day, were you pretty confident.

609
00:23:31,110 --> 00:23:33,510
That was not your last
time on the Alex Trebek

610
00:23:33,510 --> 00:23:33,929
stage.

611
00:23:34,469 --> 00:23:39,270
I, I was moderately confident,
but what I had in mind was maybe a

612
00:23:39,270 --> 00:23:41,699
reunion show 10 years down the line.

613
00:23:41,939 --> 00:23:43,649
Uh, something of that kind.

614
00:23:43,919 --> 00:23:47,939
And I did not expect it to be such a
quick turnaround, and that was awesome.

615
00:23:48,000 --> 00:23:48,899
I was glad for that.

616
00:23:49,590 --> 00:23:51,270
I was a pleasant surprise.

617
00:23:51,360 --> 00:23:53,070
And now it'll just be one more

618
00:23:53,070 --> 00:23:53,340
year.

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00:23:53,550 --> 00:23:58,350
So when Masters was first announced,
and it was six players, a lot of people.

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00:23:58,505 --> 00:24:01,805
Were a bit critical of the playing format.

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00:24:01,805 --> 00:24:03,485
They thought there should be more players.

622
00:24:03,485 --> 00:24:06,985
They thought this is just a
t o C remake with James Holz.

623

00:24:06,990 --> 00:24:07,805
Hower thrown in.

624
00:24:08,015 --> 00:24:12,605
You know, we had a lot of critics,
a lot of skeptics, and then at least

625
00:24:12,635 --> 00:24:16,745
our impression is when the six of you
showed up and boy did you all show

626
00:24:16,750 --> 00:24:19,115
up, what a performance you put on.

627
00:24:19,605 --> 00:24:23,985
And how we really did have the six
current best, which is what Masters

628
00:24:23,985 --> 00:24:29,254
is all about on the stage in that
moment, what did it feel like to be.

629
00:24:30,165 --> 00:24:33,705
One kind of promoted to that high
list from the beginning that we're

630
00:24:33,710 --> 00:24:35,085
saying you're one of the six best.

631
00:24:35,534 --> 00:24:37,815
And then to have to know, you have
to go on the stage and you have to

632
00:24:37,815 --> 00:24:42,014
prove that we chose the best for
this competition, the first ever,

633
00:24:42,014 --> 00:24:43,274
and we needed it to be a success.

634
00:24:43,274 --> 00:24:43,335
Yeah.

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00:24:43,365 --> 00:24:45,645

Because we wanted masters
to be an annual event.

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00:24:45,754 --> 00:24:46,044

Yeah.

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00:24:46,395 --> 00:24:46,665

Yeah.

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00:24:46,665 --> 00:24:49,395

And so, uh, first off, I,
I can understand where the.

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00:24:49,415 --> 00:24:52,985

People who, uh, were a little
disappointed at the choice of the, the

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00:24:52,985 --> 00:24:56,465

six participants, what, where they're
coming from, especially 'cause Jeopardy

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00:24:56,465 --> 00:25:01,115

historically has used these tournaments
to say, uh, like, oh, let's take a

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00:25:01,115 --> 00:25:05,014

smattering of people, uh, from throughout
the history that you may have liked.

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00:25:05,020 --> 00:25:07,055

And we'll, we'll give
them one more hurrah.

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00:25:07,055 --> 00:25:07,115

Uh.

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00:25:07,445 --> 00:25:08,794

Through, through the experience.

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00:25:08,794 --> 00:25:12,034

And so it's like a cameo, uh,

almost, uh, for all these people

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00:25:12,034 --> 00:25:13,895
you remember from the past.

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00:25:14,165 --> 00:25:18,605
But as a sporting fan, I can understand
where the actual idea through this,

649

00:25:18,635 --> 00:25:22,264
uh, is that you wanna set this
like almost rule-based system.

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00:25:22,540 --> 00:25:26,230
Uh, that you have to instantiate with
some group of six, but then after

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00:25:26,230 --> 00:25:29,680
that it will be perpetuating in a
way that gives it legitimacy as an

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00:25:29,680 --> 00:25:31,120
institution and all that good stuff.

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00:25:31,120 --> 00:25:34,780
So I was, first of all, as a fan,
pretty interested in the format, but

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00:25:34,780 --> 00:25:38,200
then also as a participant, very happy
with the, uh, with the selection.

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00:25:38,470 --> 00:25:42,190
I, I felt definitely a lot of
pressure, especially because at

656

00:25:42,190 --> 00:25:43,860
that point I think I had lost my.

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00:25:44,105 --> 00:25:49,145
Previous three games of Jeopardy between
my last regular season exhibition

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00:25:49,145 --> 00:25:52,185
match the exhibition game,
and then the d o c semi and

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00:25:52,185 --> 00:25:53,705
thet o c semi I.

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00:25:53,795 --> 00:25:57,005
And I know the exhibition match was,
uh, a different thing, but still

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00:25:57,155 --> 00:26:01,445
wasn't feeling overly good about my
chances, uh, coming in and then having

662

00:26:01,445 --> 00:26:03,845
to add James, uh, into the mix there.

663

00:26:03,955 --> 00:26:05,215
Definitely didn't help.

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00:26:05,455 --> 00:26:09,355
So I felt a lot of, uh, pressure
about that and was trying to

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00:26:09,355 --> 00:26:11,635
lower my expectations coming in.

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00:26:11,635 --> 00:26:14,754
I said, you know, a top three
finish would be really great.

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00:26:14,814 --> 00:26:18,324
The idea that you could pick any
three of these people and have me

668

00:26:18,324 --> 00:26:21,625
finish above them seems like a,
a stretch, but I would like that.

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00:26:21,985 --> 00:26:25,355
Then when I got into the finals,

I said, you know, second, First

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00:26:25,355 --> 00:26:29,045
Steven, uh, that would be even
better, but you, you recalibrate

671

00:26:29,045 --> 00:26:30,965
your expectations as you move on.

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00:26:31,024 --> 00:26:34,055
And then in the end, I got
third and I was, uh, very happy

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00:26:34,055 --> 00:26:34,475
with that.

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00:26:34,535 --> 00:26:42,274
So I do want to take my hat off to you as
the person who showed after Emma Becher.

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00:26:43,065 --> 00:26:46,635
That James Hauer can be beat.

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00:26:47,625 --> 00:26:50,655
How did that win feel?

677

00:26:51,015 --> 00:26:55,125
I think that was my favorite moment
on the Jeopardy stage for myself.

678

00:26:55,185 --> 00:26:55,635
Wow.

679

00:26:55,725 --> 00:26:59,265
Yeah, I mean, James is a legend,
uh, and he's a legend for a reason.

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00:26:59,325 --> 00:27:01,455
He was very inspiring to me when I was.

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00:27:01,500 --> 00:27:06,300
Watching him before I was on the show and

he kind of showed me that there is this

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00:27:06,300 --> 00:27:08,370

level of greatness that you can achieve.

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00:27:08,550 --> 00:27:11,010

And you don't have to be

Ken Jennings to do it.

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00:27:11,040 --> 00:27:13,740

'cause if, if it's Ken

Jennings, it's an exception.

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00:27:13,890 --> 00:27:17,700

But if it's two people now it's a

pattern and, and somebody else can do it.

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00:27:17,700 --> 00:27:20,970

So he was really, uh, inspirational

to me and just, just to see him

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00:27:20,970 --> 00:27:23,190

dominate, uh, over and over again.

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00:27:23,190 --> 00:27:28,435

And his t o c was a bit closer,

but he was still very in control.

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00:27:28,440 --> 00:27:28,825

Mm-hmm.

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00:27:28,905 --> 00:27:33,175

Uh, and so having him come in and

dominate his first game of masters

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00:27:33,504 --> 00:27:37,495

said, okay, we're just gonna be, uh,

uh, in for this experience again.

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00:27:37,735 --> 00:27:40,764

And then that second game, and

boy, that was, that was thrilling.

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00:27:40,764 --> 00:27:44,245

I think my heart rate is still a little bit elevated from the last

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00:27:44,245 --> 00:27:46,044

few questions of double jeopardy of

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00:27:46,044 --> 00:27:46,195

that

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00:27:46,195 --> 00:27:46,375

game.

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00:27:46,764 --> 00:27:46,794

Mm.

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00:27:46,975 --> 00:27:49,195

So you come out of the second game.

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00:27:49,435 --> 00:27:54,745

You had this thrilling victory over James and the quarterfinals kind of dredged

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00:27:54,745 --> 00:27:59,815

on, but you really had to show up there, you know, in the end to get into the

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00:27:59,815 --> 00:28:00,325

semis.

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00:28:00,330 --> 00:28:01,705

It, it was a roller coaster.

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00:28:01,815 --> 00:28:05,035

I, I didn't start off so well, I won the game against James.

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00:28:05,035 --> 00:28:09,145

I then had a, a rough patch and then I pulled one out at the end to win.

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00:28:09,145 --> 00:28:13,255
Although, I will say part of that is just
the game sequencing because it's a lot.

706
00:28:13,275 --> 00:28:16,845
Easier to win games that
James Holt hour isn't in.

707
00:28:16,935 --> 00:28:21,375
And uh, some of that is a coincidence
of when my games against James

708
00:28:21,380 --> 00:28:23,715
were in my quarterfinal stretch,

709
00:28:23,805 --> 00:28:23,955
right

710
00:28:24,285 --> 00:28:30,075
in the semifinals once again, you know,
we go into show nine and you have to win.

711
00:28:30,285 --> 00:28:31,935
It's a must win game for you.

712
00:28:32,145 --> 00:28:35,265
Not only do you win, you do
the biggest daily double of

713
00:28:35,265 --> 00:28:38,535
the semi-finals, 13,200 points.

714
00:28:38,865 --> 00:28:42,495
You get a runaway game
against Matea and Andrew.

715
00:28:42,945 --> 00:28:45,855
And you secure yourself a spot in
the finals that had to feel great.

716
00:28:46,575 --> 00:28:46,905
Yeah.

717

00:28:46,905 --> 00:28:51,345

So it's amazing what just the different,
uh, opponents can do to the buzzer timing

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00:28:51,345 --> 00:28:55,935

because, uh, it, it doesn't work in the
straight mathematical, uh, transitive

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00:28:55,935 --> 00:29:00,615

property thing of if so and so can
out buzz so and so if, if person A can

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00:29:00,765 --> 00:29:05,145

out buzz person B and I can out buzz
person A, then I can out buzz person

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00:29:05,145 --> 00:29:06,645

B and no, it doesn't work that way.

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00:29:06,645 --> 00:29:08,715

And so I was having just a, uh, the.

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00:29:08,800 --> 00:29:12,190

Uh, Dickens at the time, uh,
trying to, trying to buzz in on

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00:29:12,190 --> 00:29:13,899

any game when James was there.

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00:29:14,110 --> 00:29:17,590

But then when James was gone,
I just found my buzzer rhythm,

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00:29:17,680 --> 00:29:19,090

uh, working a whole lot better.

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00:29:19,090 --> 00:29:22,090

And so I, I played at what
I think was a very good game

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00:29:22,090 --> 00:29:23,710

against, uh, Andrew and Mateo.

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00:29:23,710 --> 00:29:24,909

I was very proud of that.

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00:29:24,940 --> 00:29:27,940

I was kind of assuming that would be the last time I was on the

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00:29:27,940 --> 00:29:29,770

stage, uh, of this tournament.

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00:29:29,770 --> 00:29:33,190

And then about halfway through I looked at the scoreboard and I said,

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00:29:33,220 --> 00:29:35,110

oh, wow, this is going well so far.

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00:29:36,610 --> 00:29:38,620

And you would live another day and you would live.

735

00:29:38,635 --> 00:29:40,675

More days in the finals.

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00:29:40,675 --> 00:29:40,945

The finals.

737

00:29:41,455 --> 00:29:43,885

Talk about the level of that material.

738

00:29:44,035 --> 00:29:48,295

What was it like to be against James and Mateo with a half a

739

00:29:48,295 --> 00:29:49,465

million dollars on the line?

740

00:29:49,855 --> 00:29:53,365

Yeah, so I'd have to go back and, and look at it, but uh, I think there

741

00:29:53,365 --> 00:29:57,595
were double digit triple stumps in
both of the games of the finals,

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00:29:57,595 --> 00:30:00,535
and that was a surreal experience.

743

00:30:00,535 --> 00:30:06,620
To be on the stage with, uh, two other
talented players like that, uh, and

744

00:30:06,620 --> 00:30:08,780
to just have so many standing stairs.

745

00:30:09,320 --> 00:30:10,790
And that I think is just there.

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00:30:10,790 --> 00:30:14,990
There's no better way of describing how
difficult the material is than to say

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00:30:14,990 --> 00:30:20,270
it that way, but it required calibration
from myself because usually I am used

748

00:30:20,274 --> 00:30:22,520
to the regular season jeopardy where I.

749

00:30:22,680 --> 00:30:25,080
Feel like I know almost
all of the questions.

750

00:30:25,260 --> 00:30:25,350
Mm-hmm.

751

00:30:25,350 --> 00:30:29,940
And so even if the parsing the question
isn't coming to me at the moment, I

752

00:30:29,940 --> 00:30:34,380
ring in anyway and figure that in the
six seconds, uh, afterwards, I will,

753

00:30:34,410 --> 00:30:38,070
uh, figure out what it's looking for
and be able to respond correctly when

754

00:30:38,070 --> 00:30:40,200
it comes to this level of difficulty.

755

00:30:40,200 --> 00:30:42,150
I can't do that anymore because mm-hmm.

756

00:30:42,150 --> 00:30:45,420
Uh, it may be a composer that
I've never heard of in my life as

757

00:30:45,420 --> 00:30:48,660
opposed to just needing to think
about it for a second or two.

758

00:30:48,820 --> 00:30:52,870
It got me in trouble as well because
sometimes when you get a daily double

759

00:30:52,870 --> 00:30:56,020
wrong and you end up at zero, you
need to make up ground quickly.

760

00:30:56,080 --> 00:31:00,490
And in that case you have to take stabs
on things that maybe, uh, you wouldn't

761

00:31:00,490 --> 00:31:02,679
want to ring in on in a close game.

762

00:31:02,950 --> 00:31:07,360
And again, in normal material, maybe
my best guess, even if I only give it a

763

00:31:07,360 --> 00:31:11,740
40% chance of being right, my best guess
might actually be, uh, the correct answer.

764

00:31:11,740 --> 00:31:11,860
Mm-hmm.

765
00:31:12,100 --> 00:31:15,700
But in this case, I was ringing
in, I would say some bad.

766
00:31:15,935 --> 00:31:16,835
Bad guess.

767
00:31:16,865 --> 00:31:17,435
Uh, got it.

768
00:31:17,435 --> 00:31:20,585
And then Ken would tell me
that, no, the answer is blah.

769
00:31:20,705 --> 00:31:22,415
And I had never heard of blah in my life.

770
00:31:23,675 --> 00:31:25,685
But now you have, and you'll never forget.

771
00:31:25,685 --> 00:31:26,455
Blah, I'll never forget.

772
00:31:26,455 --> 00:31:28,175
I'll, I'll, I'll be
ready for it next year.

773
00:31:28,205 --> 00:31:28,865
Or Dope sick.

774
00:31:29,165 --> 00:31:29,735
Dope sick.

775
00:31:29,945 --> 00:31:30,605
That's right.

776
00:31:30,635 --> 00:31:31,685
That one still hurts.

777

00:31:31,685 --> 00:31:32,254
Dope Sick.

778

00:31:32,675 --> 00:31:33,125
Yes.

779

00:31:33,125 --> 00:31:34,264
That big daily double.

780

00:31:34,804 --> 00:31:39,455
Well, unlike most times when you
lose on the Alex Trebek stage.

781

00:31:39,764 --> 00:31:45,405
You know, you are coming back once again,
masters, an annual event, a, B, C has

782

00:31:45,405 --> 00:31:49,215
already said, you know, tell these players
they'll be back because they were so

783

00:31:49,219 --> 00:31:51,975
happy even in the early days of Masters.

784

00:31:52,215 --> 00:31:56,895
So what does one do knowing that
they're coming back, knowing

785

00:31:56,895 --> 00:31:59,685
the level of competition, you
know, at least half of the people

786

00:31:59,685 --> 00:32:01,125
that are gonna be in that field.

787

00:32:01,125 --> 00:32:01,185
Yeah.

788

00:32:01,574 --> 00:32:06,405
And you know, you do have your day
job, but how do you kind of regulate,

789
00:32:06,495 --> 00:32:08,864
needing to have a life, but also needing.

790
00:32:09,315 --> 00:32:10,995
To prepare to come back.

791
00:32:11,264 --> 00:32:11,475
Yeah.

792
00:32:11,475 --> 00:32:14,895
So I've been working on an
elaborate distraction mechanism

793
00:32:14,895 --> 00:32:16,335
for the whole tower household.

794
00:32:17,535 --> 00:32:19,785
They'll be dealing with
stray pizza orders.

795
00:32:19,790 --> 00:32:20,085
Yeah.

796
00:32:20,085 --> 00:32:21,254
Uh, showing up at their door.

797
00:32:21,254 --> 00:32:23,985
And so hopefully that will,
uh, help my chances next year.

798
00:32:24,375 --> 00:32:27,705
Uh, but no, so I do have
a lot going on in my life.

799
00:32:27,764 --> 00:32:31,125
Uh, my work takes a lot of
time, and then I have family

800
00:32:31,125 --> 00:32:32,385
and personal life afterwards.

801

00:32:32,385 --> 00:32:35,985
And so at least for
the, uh, near term I am.

802
00:32:36,290 --> 00:32:39,410
Taking a much needed break from trivia.

803
00:32:39,500 --> 00:32:43,550
And I figure sometime later in the
year, uh, maybe next year I will,

804
00:32:43,670 --> 00:32:45,290
I will have to ramp that back up.

805
00:32:45,290 --> 00:32:48,860
But at this point it's just, uh,
my head's swimming a little bit.

806
00:32:49,129 --> 00:32:49,580
Yeah,

807
00:32:49,850 --> 00:32:53,300
and I think it's important, you
know, to get that rest in so you

808
00:32:53,305 --> 00:32:56,840
feel refreshed as opposed to just
kind of like dragging yourself.

809
00:32:57,139 --> 00:33:00,020
You know, one of the things,
Roger Banister, when he ran that

810
00:33:00,020 --> 00:33:03,050
four minute mile, one of the big
changes he did was a lot of rest.

811
00:33:03,050 --> 00:33:05,540
So I think, you know, that
could work out very well for

812
00:33:05,540 --> 00:33:05,720
you.

813
00:33:05,890 --> 00:33:06,160
Absolutely.

814
00:33:06,160 --> 00:33:10,120
And this is something coming from Buzzy
because buzzy trains for everything

815
00:33:10,120 --> 00:33:12,040
like no one I've ever seen before.

816
00:33:12,190 --> 00:33:14,770
So if Buzzy is saying to rest,
it really it's, it means a

817
00:33:14,770 --> 00:33:14,980
lot.

818
00:33:15,460 --> 00:33:17,530
I've got two quick
questions for you, Matt.

819
00:33:17,530 --> 00:33:19,390
I know I don't wanna take
up too much of your time.

820
00:33:19,710 --> 00:33:20,610
One, I.

821
00:33:20,669 --> 00:33:23,010
What's your lunch order
on a Jeopardy tape day?

822
00:33:23,010 --> 00:33:23,070
Hmm.

823
00:33:23,550 --> 00:33:24,149
Very important.

824
00:33:24,179 --> 00:33:27,600
Ooh, I, I love the Impossible Burger.

825

00:33:27,600 --> 00:33:31,230

So I'm a vegetarian and I've never been a huge fan of like

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00:33:31,230 --> 00:33:35,250

the, the black bean patties or the old style of, uh, veggie burger.

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00:33:35,250 --> 00:33:36,990

And so I usually just get something else.

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00:33:36,990 --> 00:33:41,909

But now that Impossible Burgers are available around, I always jump to that.

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00:33:41,909 --> 00:33:43,500

Do we have those at the Sony

830

00:33:44,100 --> 00:33:44,610

cafeteria?

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00:33:44,610 --> 00:33:44,669

Yeah.

832

00:33:45,450 --> 00:33:45,669

Wow.

833

00:33:46,260 --> 00:33:47,820

Yeah, I'm learning things.

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00:33:47,820 --> 00:33:47,911

They're good.

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00:33:47,916 --> 00:33:48,350

This interview.

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00:33:48,350 --> 00:33:48,750

They're.

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00:33:50,205 --> 00:33:53,835

Um, my second question, we've talked

about, you've got incredible stats

838

00:33:53,835 --> 00:33:58,635
in your initial run, money earned
correct responses daily doubles and

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00:33:58,635 --> 00:34:01,425
continued, you know, into masters.

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00:34:01,544 --> 00:34:06,855
Is there one particular statistic as
somebody who loves stats and SABRE

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00:34:06,855 --> 00:34:11,384
metrics and all that stuff, is there
a statistic of your own that you are

842

00:34:11,384 --> 00:34:16,935
especially keen on or proud of that might
not be the most obvious one to an average

843

00:34:16,935 --> 00:34:17,235
viewer?

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00:34:17,485 --> 00:34:18,264
Absolutely.

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00:34:18,295 --> 00:34:21,505
So this is one that I can just pull
right off the top of my head that

846

00:34:21,505 --> 00:34:25,795
I, I know that if you rank players
by their regular season performance

847

00:34:25,975 --> 00:34:29,545
and then their average choreo, how
many questions they get, right?

848

00:34:29,545 --> 00:34:31,795
But weighted by the dollar
value of those questions.

849
00:34:32,005 --> 00:34:37,014
I know that at the top of that list sits
James Holts hour, but I know that second

850
00:34:37,045 --> 00:34:41,845
on that list sits one Madam Modio, and
you have to go all the way down to.

851
00:34:41,870 --> 00:34:43,460
Third define Ken Jennings.

852
00:34:43,460 --> 00:34:43,949
So, wow.

853
00:34:44,969 --> 00:34:46,589
Get another place where you wanna get

854
00:34:46,609 --> 00:34:46,949
the James.

855
00:34:47,130 --> 00:34:48,350
You get through Matt.

856
00:34:48,609 --> 00:34:48,830
Yes.

857
00:34:50,750 --> 00:34:54,350
Well, we've talked a lot about
competition, but I think we would

858
00:34:54,350 --> 00:34:58,670
be remiss if we didn't talk about
the comradery between you and

859
00:34:58,670 --> 00:35:00,589
your fellow Masters contestants.

860
00:35:00,589 --> 00:35:03,859
I think one of my favorite moments
throughout Masters was when you talked

861

00:35:03,859 --> 00:35:08,690
about your friendship with Sam Butchery
despite, you know, being competitors.

862
00:35:08,695 --> 00:35:12,625
And obviously the six of you went
through a lot in these tapings.

863
00:35:12,625 --> 00:35:14,545
We had unforeseen delays.

864
00:35:14,545 --> 00:35:15,715
We had a birth of a baby.

865
00:35:15,775 --> 00:35:15,865
Mm-hmm.

866
00:35:16,255 --> 00:35:18,835
Your, your little master's family
went through a lot and I just would

867
00:35:18,840 --> 00:35:21,985
love for you to talk about that
relationship and how it has been

868
00:35:21,990 --> 00:35:25,285
fostered through this, this unique
Jeopardy club that you six are a

869
00:35:25,285 --> 00:35:25,675
part of.

870
00:35:26,100 --> 00:35:27,840
Yeah, it's really a special experience.

871
00:35:27,840 --> 00:35:32,759
So I, I know that most people who come in,
uh, to the Jeopardy tape day are with 10

872
00:35:32,759 --> 00:35:37,500
to 12 other people, uh, and they can form
some friendships and relationships there.

873
00:35:37,770 --> 00:35:41,730
I found, uh, that, so I've actually
been pleased that people have reached

874
00:35:41,730 --> 00:35:45,180
out to me for my original run and said
like, oh, you were so nice in the, in

875
00:35:45,180 --> 00:35:49,110
the studio and, and on the tape day,
because I felt like I was very reserved

876
00:35:49,350 --> 00:35:54,180
and I was laser focused on my task at
hand of, uh, keeping my streak going.

877
00:35:54,185 --> 00:35:55,470
And so I feel like that.

878
00:35:55,700 --> 00:36:00,230
I had a lot of stress on me in that moment
and was not able to really develop as

879
00:36:00,230 --> 00:36:04,970
strong of a relationship with people as
I would otherwise want to in the Masters,

880
00:36:05,000 --> 00:36:09,980
it's such a weird experience knowing that
we're trying to win, but we're going to be

881
00:36:09,980 --> 00:36:12,980
stuck together for a while no matter what.

882
00:36:13,189 --> 00:36:17,390
And so we've just had a lot of opportunity
to make small talk and then, uh, go

883
00:36:17,390 --> 00:36:19,279
out to dinner together beforehand.

884
00:36:19,279 --> 00:36:22,040

And then we've been through
a lot, which encouraged us or

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00:36:22,040 --> 00:36:23,600
put us together, uh, at, at.

886

00:36:23,605 --> 00:36:26,455
These other times with ups and downs.

887

00:36:26,485 --> 00:36:29,275
So it's just really been a great
opportunity to get to know them

888

00:36:29,275 --> 00:36:33,385
as people, um, beyond getting
to know them as competitors.

889

00:36:33,505 --> 00:36:36,385
And I think most of America
is jealous that you call Sam

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00:36:36,385 --> 00:36:37,525
Buty one of your best friends.

891

00:36:38,065 --> 00:36:38,455
Yeah.

892

00:36:38,460 --> 00:36:40,375
So, uh, Sam is just a great guy.

893

00:36:40,375 --> 00:36:44,815
I mean, all five of my fellow masters
are, are great people, but I think that

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00:36:44,815 --> 00:36:48,235
I, I have just a very similar personality.

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00:36:48,235 --> 00:36:51,715
Sam, we, we riff off of
each other, uh, when we're.

896

00:36:51,725 --> 00:36:52,205

Together.

897

00:36:52,205 --> 00:36:55,565

He is, uh, as you know, very
into word play with his, uh,

898

00:36:55,595 --> 00:36:57,515

crossword writing and everything.

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00:36:57,755 --> 00:37:00,785

And so I am a big fan of
it myself, and we can just.

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00:37:01,155 --> 00:37:04,035

Amuse each other for hours,
or at least he amuses me.

901

00:37:04,035 --> 00:37:06,705

I have no idea how amused
he is by my comments.

902

00:37:06,705 --> 00:37:10,005

And we get together still that
we're, we're planning to meet

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00:37:10,005 --> 00:37:11,415

up just next week actually.

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00:37:11,415 --> 00:37:14,265

So the friendship lives
on, the bromance, lives on

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00:37:15,855 --> 00:37:17,145

that makes me very happy.

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00:37:17,145 --> 00:37:21,315

You know, I often say we don't get to
choose who our Jeopardy ambassadors are.

907

00:37:21,590 --> 00:37:25,160

But we have been so fortunate and
you are certainly one of the Jeopardy

908
00:37:25,160 --> 00:37:28,550
greats, but also just a great
ambassador, a great human for our show.

909
00:37:28,550 --> 00:37:30,890
Thank you so much for taking some time.

910
00:37:30,890 --> 00:37:33,620
People were dying to know
what Madam Modio, the Amodio

911
00:37:33,620 --> 00:37:35,180
rodeo, what was up with him.

912
00:37:35,630 --> 00:37:38,090
Thank you for joining
us and it's not goodbye.

913
00:37:38,090 --> 00:37:39,410
It's just so long for now.

914
00:37:39,440 --> 00:37:41,120
'cause we're gonna see
you back in Masters.

915
00:37:41,270 --> 00:37:41,510
That's

916
00:37:41,510 --> 00:37:41,720
right.

917
00:37:41,720 --> 00:37:42,950
Thank you very much for having me.

918
00:37:42,950 --> 00:37:45,350
This was a lot of fun and I
can't wait till next time.

919
00:37:46,500 --> 00:37:50,040
I know I say it every week, but I just
love catching up with these masters again.

920

00:37:50,040 --> 00:37:51,540

They've had a little
time from the tournament.

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00:37:51,840 --> 00:37:52,860

What a great group of people.

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00:37:52,860 --> 00:37:56,430

I mean, I think Jeopardy choosing your
friend group is, you know, a pretty

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00:37:56,430 --> 00:37:59,820

good way to, uh, make sure you've got
some pretty special people around.

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00:38:00,180 --> 00:38:02,010

That brings us to the end of today's show.

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00:38:02,015 --> 00:38:05,460

We'll be back next week with our
special interview with Jeopardy Master

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00:38:05,460 --> 00:38:08,790

finalists, the one, the only Mateo Roach.

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00:38:08,820 --> 00:38:10,050

I cannot wait.

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00:38:10,050 --> 00:38:14,760

And as a reminder, executive producer
Michael Davies will be with us on the pod.

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00:38:15,240 --> 00:38:18,959

To discuss plans for Season
40, and as always, make sure

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00:38:18,959 --> 00:38:20,339

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