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00:00:00,300 \longrightarrow 00:00:03,150
Michael Davies: From the Alex
Trebek stage at Sony Pictures
00:00:03,150 --> 00:00:07,800
Studios, this is Inside Jeopardy!
00:00:08,370 \longrightarrow 00:00:12,270
Oh, 2023 has really now started.
00:00:12,360 --> 00:00:16,170
Now I've heard Johnny Gilbert
with his ax, uh, taking us into
00:00:16,379 --> 00:00:20,200
the year and this episode of
Inside Jeopardy!, your exclusive.
00:00:20,849 --> 00:00:24,150
An official podcast destination
for all things happening in the
00:00:24,150 --> 00:00:27,270
world of Jeopardy!, and we're gonna
talk about a lot of those today.
00:00:27,299 --> 00:00:28,020
I'm Michael Davies.
00:00:28,020 --> 00:00:30,030
I'm joined today by producer Sarah Foss.
00:00:30,060 --> 00:00:31,019
Hello Michael.
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00:00:31,025 --> 00:00:31,860
Sarah Foss: Welcome back.
00:00:31,860 --> 00:00:33,300
We missed you here at the pod.
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00:00:33,570 --> 00:00:34,110
Michael Davies: Thank you.
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00:00:34,110 --> 00:00:35,010
I've been away.
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00:00:35,099 --> 00:00:38,280
I took perhaps the longest
vacation of my career.
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00:00:38,280 --> 00:00:39,400
I think I took two weeks off.
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00:00:39,870 --> 00:00:41,860
Um, Nobody's mentioned my suntan.
00:00:41,860 --> 00:00:43,510
I've come here straight
from the tennis courts.
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00:00:43,510 --> 00:00:45,970
I'm in my shorts and my You
are very appreciate golden.
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00:00:45,970 --> 00:00:46,330
You golden.
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00:00:46,330 --> 00:00:46,530
Yes.
00:00:46,530 --> 00:00:46,769
Thank you.
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00:00:46,769 --> 00:00:46,971
Sarah Foss: Are, thank you.
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00:00:46,976 --> 00:00:47,650
I appreciate it.
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00:00:47,680 --> 00:00:49,810
Um, for those who can't
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see what I can see, yes.

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00:00:49,989 --> 00:00:50,830
Golden tan going.
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00:00:50,830 --> 00:00:51,190
Uh, and
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00:00:51,190 --> 00:00:53,500
Michael Davies: I know I haven't
been on the podcast much in the,
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00:00:53,589 --> 00:00:56,410
uh, last month and a half I was
covering the World Cup in my other.
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00:00:56,480 --> 00:00:59,000
Pod life, the Men in Blazers Show.
00:00:59,209 --> 00:01:04,009
Um, I really do appreciate the, in
the Venn diagram of, uh, fans of
32
00:01:04,009 --> 00:01:08,450
both pods, it's the people I've got
a special shout out to the Gfo ps
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00:01:08,455 --> 00:01:13,550
the, uh, men in Blazers pod fans who
turned up two a various men in Blazers
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00:01:13,550 --> 00:01:15,199
live events all over the country.
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00:01:15,554 --> 00:01:19,485
Um, and there are at least three or four
at every event wearing their Jeopardy
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00:01:19,485 --> 00:01:23,445
gear saying that they were fans of both
Inside Jeopardy and men in Blazers.
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00:01:23,445 --> 00:01:24,345

## I really appreciated 38 00:01:24,350 --> 00:01:24,585 Sarah Foss: that. 00:01:24,675 --> 00:01:27,554 I even had the chance to see one of your shows in Seattle. 40 00:01:27,585 --> 00:01:27,945 Michael Davies: You did. 41 00:01:27,949 --> 00:01:29,384 You came to one of the live shows. 42 00:01:29,384 --> 00:01:29,685 Yeah. 43 00:01:29,744 --> 00:01:30,104 Yeah. 44 00:01:30,134 --> 00:01:31,274 I learned, I learned a lot. 00:01:31,280 --> 00:01:31,604 Yeah. 46 00:01:31,604 --> 00:01:34,274 It's a very, it's a, it's a very different world. 47 00:01:34,425 --> 00:01:37,995 I think I, I play a slightly different role on the Men in Blazer's podcast. 48 00:01:37,995 --> 00:01:38,385 You are? 00:01:38,385 --> 00:01:39,075 No, Roger.

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00:01:39,495 --> 00:01:40,395
Um, I am no Roger.
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00:01:40,425 --> 00:01:42,855
Which I mean, I mean very
much as a compliment in sense.
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00:01:43,065 --> 00:01:43,575
Sarah Foss: I understand it.
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00:01:43,575 --> 00:01:47,205
And I think it only took five minutes
before I had a beer spilled on Me too.
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00:01:47,205 --> 00:01:48,555
So it's a ruckus crowd there.
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00:01:48,555 --> 00:01:48,735
Yeah.
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00:01:48,740 --> 00:01:49,545
That is The men in
00:01:49,545 --> 00:01:50,205
Michael Davies: Blazer's crowd.
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00:01:50,205 --> 00:01:52,245
There is a little bit
more alcohol involved.
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00:01:52,245 --> 00:01:52,905
How is your break?
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00:01:52,905 --> 00:01:53,205
I know.
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00:01:53,520 --> 00:01:56,220
You went, uh, with your
family to, uh, Palm Desert.
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00:01:56,429 --> 00:02:00,420
I got your amazing holiday card,
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which was just a, perhaps you might
63
00:02:00,420 --> 00:02:01,890
run an Emmy for your holiday card.
00:02:01,949 --> 00:02:02,190
Sarah Foss: Yeah.
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00:02:02,190 \longrightarrow 00:02:05,369
I don't think there's a category for that,
but a lot of work and effort goes into it,
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00:02:05,429 --> 00:02:07,560
uh, every year and I I appreciate that.
67
00:02:07,800 --> 00:02:10,229
You know, we did kind of, let's
pull back the curtain a bit.
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00:02:10,500 --> 00:02:14,519
We may have recorded the episodes
over the holiday break for the podcast
00:02:14,519 --> 00:02:15,900
before the holidays actually happened.
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00:02:15,900 --> 00:02:16,019
Whoa, okay.
00:02:16,019 --> 00:02:17,730
I just, you were bombed.
00:02:17,730 --> 00:02:18,510
That's so inside Jeopardy.
73
00:02:18,600 --> 00:02:20,310
Buzzy was gonna head to Brazil.
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00:02:20,315 --> 00:02:22,620
Brazil, I, Brazil was gonna
head to Palm Desert, but.
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00:02:22,965 --> 00:02:23,595
Nonetheless.
00:02:23,595 --> 00:02:26,865
This is the first time we've
actually been here in the new year.
00:02:26,865 --> 00:02:28,365
Buzzy will be back with us next week.
78
00:02:28,365 --> 00:02:32,475
He is still in Brazil, but it was
nice to have that family time.
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00:02:32,535 --> 00:02:35,745
Not that we don't all love jeopardy,
but it's nice to take a little
80
00:02:35,745 --> 00:02:36,015
Michael Davies: break.
00:02:36,020 --> 00:02:39,075
Once in a while I found myself
binging another quiz show.
82
00:02:39,465 --> 00:02:40,935
Over really the holidays.
00:02:40,935 --> 00:02:41,234
Yeah.
84
00:02:41,234 \longrightarrow 00:02:44,774
A British quiz show, and I've watched
a little bit in the past, but I became
85
00:02:45,815 --> 00:02:48,255
properly addicted to only connect.
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00:02:48,495 --> 00:02:48,584
Oh yeah.
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00:02:48,584 --> 00:02:50,935
A And I know many of our, exactly.
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00:02:50,935 --> 00:02:52,295
Sarah Foss: Our listeners of our fans know
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00:02:52,299 --> 00:02:53,575
Michael Davies: exactly what
you're talking about, CHOP fans.
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00:02:53,575 --> 00:02:53,894
But I.
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00:02:54,210 --> 00:02:58,020
I spent a lot of time trying to
figure out, could only connect
92
00:02:58,080 --> 00:03:01,920
ever work in the United States
of America or is it too British?
93
00:03:01,920 --> 00:03:03,630
I'm very interested to know.
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00:03:03,690 --> 00:03:06,930
Uh, I'm sure that the Jeopardy Reddit
will light up with that kind of stuff
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00:03:06,930 --> 00:03:09,600
because I'm inclined to like give it a go.
00:03:09,605 --> 00:03:10,140
I don't own it.
00:03:10,140 \longrightarrow 00:03:13,170
I believe the BBC owner, BBC have
their own very fine production company.
00:03:13,170 --> 00:03:18,090
They don't need us to do anything,
but I'm just interested in, uh, what
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00:03:18,090 --> 00:03:20,760
people think of Only connect because I
became addicted to it over the holiday.
00:03:21,220 --> 00:03:21,579
Sarah Foss: All right.
101
00:03:21,579 --> 00:03:23,350
I was just catching up on White Lotus.
102
00:03:23,410 --> 00:03:28,030
Oh, I . But I love that you were doing
your research on other, uh, quiz shows.
103
00:03:28,030 --> 00:03:28,450
I like it.
104
00:03:28,690 --> 00:03:29,079
Okay.
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00:03:29,170 --> 00:03:33,130
Michael Davies: I am so happy to be back
as this is our first podcast in 2023.
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00:03:33,130 --> 00:03:34,239
They're actually recording.
107
00:03:34,269 --> 00:03:38,260
I feel a responsibility to give some
of my resolutions and revelations for.
108
00:03:38,620 --> 00:03:39,790
2023.
109
00:03:39,940 --> 00:03:42,790
None of this is the news that's
gonna break over the next, uh, few
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00:03:42,790 --> 00:03:46,120
days, but I think it will give you
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a good sense and certainly give some

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00:03:46,120 --> 00:03:48,370
meat for those sort of Jeopardy.
112
00:03:48,520 \longrightarrow 00:03:52,390
Carnivores who want to feed off every
piece of information, including the Sun
113
00:03:52,390 --> 00:03:56,050
newspaper, uh, in the United States,
these are the resolutions I spent a lot
114
00:03:56,050 --> 00:04:01,330
of time thinking about over the holiday
break and uh, also working on, and one of
115
00:04:01,330 \longrightarrow 00:04:05,290
the things that I really had some time to
do over the break is to really analyze.
116
00:04:05,700 --> 00:04:09,000
What's going on with our ratings,
and particularly on the performance
117
00:04:09,030 --> 00:04:13,500
of the, the, the, not the new
post-season, but sort of jeopardy
118
00:04:13,500 \longrightarrow 00:04:15,510
post-Season 2.0, what we did?
119
00:04:15,840 --> 00:04:15,930
Yes.
120
00:04:15,930 --> 00:04:18,149
Uh, with Second Chance and
Tournament of Champions.
121
00:04:18,855 --> 00:04:23,655
And it's pretty clear that the
post-season really worked and it really
122
00:04:23,655 --> 00:04:25,575
worked, I think, for a lot of reasons.
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123 00:04:25,575 --> 00:04:28,215 Extraordinary players, extraordinary gameplay.

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00:04:28,695 --> 00:04:32,655 And I really, you know, hats off to the fans of Jeopardy who really

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00:04:32,655 --> 00:04:35,295 engaged with us on social media.

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00:04:35,685 --> 00:04:39,165
You know, just, I felt really like we were watching it along with our

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00:04:39,165 --> 00:04:43,245 audience in especially in those final, uh, first of three, that, that

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00:04:43,245 --> 00:04:47,145 best of seven series with Amy and Sam and Andrew, right at the end.

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00:04:49,185 --> 00:04:53,985 my first resolution is that we are going to expand the postseason next year.

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00:04:54,045 --> 00:04:56,265 We had this sort of slightly weird thing where we, we kicked

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00:04:56,265 --> 00:04:57,935 off the regular season, right?

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 $00:04:57,940 \longrightarrow 00:04:59,115$  For five weeks.

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00:04:59,265 --> 00:05:03,555 Then we went into postseason and then we came back and, uh, went

00:05:03,560 --> 00:05:04,695 back into regular season again.

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00:05:04,695 --> 00:05:08,295

And I think what we're gonna do next season, we're gonna kick off the season

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00:05:08,295 --> 00:05:10,605 with the post season for last season.

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00:05:11,290 --> 00:05:14,200
and then go into regular
season thereafter.

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00:05:14,530 --> 00:05:15,520 I think it'll work better.

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00:05:15,520 --> 00:05:19,450 I think we've already got some great ideas on how we're going to expand.

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00:05:19,450 --> 00:05:22,270 We're so excited the postseason and how we're gonna build it, but I think

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00:05:22,270 --> 00:05:23,770 the postseason really deserves it.

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00:05:23,800 --> 00:05:30,040 I wanna make clear though, we do understand the value of new players

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00:05:30,070 --> 00:05:33,310 getting the opportunity to get on the Alex Trebek stage and getting

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00:05:33,310 --> 00:05:37,240 opportunities to go and play, and there will be so many opportunities we.

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00:05:37,855 --> 00:05:39,685 I remember when I first took this job and I was like, how

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00:05:39,685 --> 00:05:40,975
many weeks of original do we do?
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00:05:41,125 --> 00:05:45,475
And, uh, Suzanne, pre 10, 46, 46 weeks.
148
00:05:45,565 --> 00:05:47,155
I was like, wow, that is a lot of weeks.
00:05:47,425 --> 00:05:49,165
We could expand the post-season.
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00:05:49,225 --> 00:05:53,185
You know, we could, you know,
expand it to nine weeks, 10 weeks,
151
00:05:53,190 --> 00:05:54,385
11 weeks, whatever we decide.
152
00:05:54,445 --> 00:05:55,045
Eight weeks.
153
00:05:55,050 --> 00:05:58,165
There would be plenty
of weeks for regular.
154
00:05:58,295 --> 00:06:00,875
Gameplay still, but I think we're
gonna expand the postseason.
155
00:06:00,875 --> 00:06:02,195
I think it's gonna be a
really important thing.
156
00:06:02,375 --> 00:06:02,675
And it
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00:06:02,675 --> 00:06:06,335
Sarah Foss: may mean that we have less of
some of the more traditional tournaments
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00:06:06,335 --> 00:06:10,805
that we've had in the past because we
are hearing our fans and our players
159
00:06:10,810 --> 00:06:15,035
say they want more chances for people
to have that first time opportunity.
160
00:06:15,035 --> 00:06:18,415
And some of our tournaments in the past
haven't allowed for necessarily us.
00:06:18,610 --> 00:06:19,720
Bought in the T O C.
162
00:06:19,720 --> 00:06:21,700
So this might be a way to have that
163
00:06:21,700 --> 00:06:22,210
Michael Davies: balance.
00:06:22,240 --> 00:06:22,510
Yeah.
00:06:22,510 --> 00:06:25,720
Look, and I loved, you know, professors
was one of my first tournaments
166
00:06:25,720 --> 00:06:29,110
here, and I love professors, but
to me, our very best professors,
167
00:06:29,350 --> 00:06:31,990
you tell me that Sam couldn't
have competed on the regular show.
168
00:06:31,990 --> 00:06:33,190
He would've done brilliantly.
169
00:06:33,220 --> 00:06:36,780
And I think we also have now, You
know, we're seeing celebrity, which
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00:06:36,780 --> 00:06:39,090
used to be a syndication tournament.
171
00:06:39,150 --> 00:06:40,229
Now, not
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00:06:40,380 \longrightarrow 00:06:40,561
Sarah Foss: very often,
173
00:06:40,690 --> 00:06:41,789
Michael Davies: but it was in syndication.
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00:06:41,789 --> 00:06:41,909
175
00:06:41,909 --> 00:06:44,400
But celebrity now is a, I
believe, a primetime fixture
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00:06:44,400 --> 00:06:46,200
based on that show's performance.
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00:06:46,200 \longrightarrow 00:06:49,170
So I believe we can take some of these
other specials and maybe do them like
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00:06:49,175 --> 00:06:51,599
college and maybe do them in primetime.
00:06:51,599 --> 00:06:52,980
They won't be part of the syndication run.
00:06:53,130 --> 00:06:55,680
So expanding the postseason,
building that out.
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00:06:55,740 --> 00:06:57,480
That's sort of my first resolution.
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00:06:57,480 --> 00:06:59,010
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That's gonna be a big thing this year.

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 $00:06:59,700 \longrightarrow 00:07:00,180$  The second.

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00:07:00,854 --> 00:07:02,265 Jeopardy Masters as you know.

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00:07:02,325 --> 00:07:05,895 This is my , this is my baby, this is my fondest dream.

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00:07:06,255 --> 00:07:09,435 This was my big, you know, realization when I came into the job.

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00:07:09,440 --> 00:07:13,215

And of course the timing, you know, you know, was so fortunate with the,

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00:07:13,484 --> 00:07:17,265 you know, right at the back end of Matt and the advent of Amy, the coming

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00:07:17,270 --> 00:07:21,044 of Matt mate, like all of these, you know, amazing players that we had.

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00:07:21,674 --> 00:07:26,984

But it really did strike me that we have these pro-level, elite level players.

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 $00:07:27,720 \longrightarrow 00:07:29,970$  and our fans.

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00:07:30,060 --> 00:07:33,630 You all out there and you tell us on social media the entire time.

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00:07:34,335 --> 00:07:35,985
You watch the show through these people.

00:07:35,985 --> 00:07:38,385 I know sometimes you get tired of them and sometimes you want to go and 00:07:38,385 --> 00:07:43,425 watch new players, but really I just look at the ratings and when we have 196 00:07:43,935 --> 00:07:45,675 a super champion there in the mix. 197 00:07:45,680 --> 00:07:48,645 And certainly when we had them playing against each other, the 198 00:07:48,675 --> 00:07:53,565 quality of the programs, the ratings of those programs, the social media 199 00:07:53,565 --> 00:07:56,265 interaction, the engagement with those programs, it was off the. 200 00:07:57,090 --> 00:07:59,100 Sarah Foss: Sometimes you're just tuning in because you want 201  $00:07:59,100 \longrightarrow 00:08:00,390$ them to lose, let's be honest. 202  $00:08:00,390 \longrightarrow 00:08:00,450$ Yeah. 203 00:08:00,480 --> 00:08:04,150 But you're still tuning in to see if that's the day that that super, 204 00:08:04,155 --> 00:08:05,460 super champion may be taken down. 205

00:08:05,550 --> 00:08:07,290 Michael Davies: So we're gonna make Jeopardy masters happen.

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00:08:07,530 \longrightarrow 00:08:07,950
You heard it
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00:08:07,950 --> 00:08:11,400
Sarah Foss: here, 2023 Michael
Davies is gonna make masters
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00:08:11,400 --> 00:08:11,880
Michael Davies: happen.
209
00:08:11,910 --> 00:08:14,820
Yeah, this um, we are far enough along.
210
00:08:14,910 --> 00:08:18,960
I should, I would say that that isn't
an insane resolution for me to make,
211
00:08:18,960 --> 00:08:20,400
but we're gonna make masters happen.
00:08:21,060 --> 00:08:22,320
That is gonna be real.
213
00:08:23,205 --> 00:08:27,135
And therefore what I've been
spending the time in you and I,
214
00:08:27,344 --> 00:08:31,485
uh, I think pretty much 99% of our
messages to each other over the.
215
00:08:32,819 --> 00:08:37,620
Have been about if we're doing
masters for the first time, who
216
00:08:37,620 --> 00:08:41,819
are our current current masters?
217
00:08:41,824 --> 00:08:44,550
Who are the people who
are the Jeopardy masters?
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00:08:44,550 --> 00:08:46,890
I'm sure the same conversation
happened a few years ago for goat,
219
00:08:46,890 --> 00:08:50,490
like who were absolutely who were the
goats, but so who are the masters?
220
00:08:50,490 --> 00:08:54,360
What are gonna be the, the factors
that go into that algorithm that will
221
00:08:54,360 --> 00:08:56,430
have us decide who goes and plays?
222
00:08:56,430 --> 00:08:58,620
I think there are some things
that really do occur to me.
223
00:08:58,890 --> 00:08:59,370
I think.
224
00:09:00,105 --> 00:09:03,165
You know, recency just
like it is in most sports.
225
00:09:03,165 --> 00:09:03,435
Absolutely.
226
00:09:03,945 --> 00:09:05,685
You know, is a very, very important thing.
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00:09:05,685 --> 00:09:09,900
So I think we look at that T O c I
think you look at a champion like Amy
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00:09:09,900 --> 00:09:12,405
Schneider, I think you look at some
of the people who gave her a real run
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00:09:12,405 --> 00:09:14,265
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for her money in the, in the T O C. 230 00:09:14,265 --> 00:09:16,965 And I think you think, wow, they rank up there, they are 231 00:09:16,965 --> 00:09:18,615 really good on a recency basis. 232 00:09:18,885 --> 00:09:20,535 I think we've gotta look at consecutive games. 233 00:09:20,935 --> 00:09:24,025 That is the metric, you know, nothing else. 234 00:09:24,025 --> 00:09:26,994 The, the purity of having to go on that stage and win and 235 00:09:26,994 --> 00:09:28,824 win and win again. 236 00:09:28,824 --> 00:09:32,665 And now with the launch of Jeopardy data last year, we suddenly have so much other 237 00:09:32,665 --> 00:09:36,265 data, which is important, you know, that we're tracking constantly, you know, 238 00:09:36,354 --> 00:09:37,854 number of clues answered correctly. 239 00:09:37,885 --> 00:09:38,964 We see the buzzer data.

240 00:09:39,585 --> 00:09:42,435 , which is not the only thing you know, for years.

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00:09:42,435 --> 00:09:44,325
I think people thought before
we published it, it was gonna
242
00:09:44,325 --> 00:09:45,315
be the only thing that mattered.
243
00:09:45,315 --> 00:09:48,315
It's not the only thing that mattered,
but the number of times you make an
244
00:09:48,315 --> 00:09:50,655
attempt on the buzzer is really important.
245
00:09:50,775 --> 00:09:51,285
Says so much.
246
00:09:51,285 --> 00:09:57,135
It does say so much, and certainly in
terms of like buzzer speed, you know,
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00:09:57,140 --> 00:10:00,015
without, we're still trying to figure
out a way of how to publish that data
248
00:10:00,015 --> 00:10:01,755
and how to, how to make it make sense.
249
00:10:01,845 --> 00:10:04,035
But buzzer speed, I can tell
you that a player like Matt.
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00:10:04,800 --> 00:10:09,480
not only from a point of view of
competitors, they just could not believe
251
00:10:09,750 --> 00:10:15,840
how fast they were when they got in on
the buzzer, but also just the statistics.
252
00:10:15,840 --> 00:10:16,650
Bear it out.
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253
00:10:16,890 --> 00:10:20,100
Uh, when you go and look at it, you
almost think that they might be in.
254
00:10:20,430 --> 00:10:23,250
Uh, Michael Harris's brain,
uh, when they're buzzing.
255
00:10:23,250 --> 00:10:23,880
All nav the time.
256
00:10:23,910 --> 00:10:24,839
Yeah, absolutely.
257
00:10:24,990 --> 00:10:28,290
So I think that those are all really
important factors, but we are working
258
00:10:28,290 --> 00:10:32,579
that out and at the point that we announce
masters, believe me, there is, you
259
00:10:32,579 --> 00:10:33,930
know, like everything else at Jeopardy.
260
00:10:33,930 --> 00:10:35,520
It doesn't just go on a whim.
261
00:10:35,520 --> 00:10:38,430
It isn't just like I make some
proclamation from on high.
262
00:10:38,760 --> 00:10:41,100
There has been passionate
debate about how we.
263
00:10:41,570 --> 00:10:46,190
The competitors who will make
that field when that is announced.
264
00:10:46,460 --> 00:10:47,720
And I think all of this goes too.
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265
00:10:47,720 --> 00:10:51,140
So that's my second resolution,
is make Masters happen and get
266
00:10:51,140 --> 00:10:54,530
the Masters right, uh, and build
something which is permanent.
267
00:10:55,130 --> 00:10:58,190
I don't wanna just like do
masters and do it once, like goat.
268
00:10:58,790 --> 00:11:01,850
I want Masters to be an annual event.
269
00:11:01,880 --> 00:11:07,430
I want that to be the pinnacle
event at the top of the pyramid of.
270
00:11:08,580 --> 00:11:09,240
Of jeopardy.
00:11:09,650 --> 00:11:10,860
T o c is fabulous.
272
00:11:10,950 --> 00:11:16,740
T o c is amazing, but t o c is only for
the players who competed on the Alex
273
00:11:16,740 --> 00:11:19,360
Trebek stage in the previous season.
274
00:11:20,730 --> 00:11:25,710
It is not for everybody, and I want
to find a way to build a pyramid
275
00:11:26,280 --> 00:11:32,370
where everyone who has played
jeopardy in the last, we'll figure
276
00:11:32,370 --> 00:11:34,530
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out the number of years has a chance. 277 00:11:34,890 --> 00:11:37,350 To compete again and build it. 278 00:11:37,350 --> 00:11:39,000 And to, that is my third thing. 279 00:11:39,300 --> 00:11:40,950 And this is not a promise. 280 00:11:40,950 --> 00:11:43,410 This is the thing that I really want to explore. 281 00:11:43,415 --> 00:11:45,360 And something I've been spending a lot of time over the holidays 282 00:11:45,360 --> 00:11:50,020 thinking about why can't we build a ranking system in jeopardy, you know? 283 00:11:50,715 --> 00:11:52,574 , every other sport has rankings. 284 00:11:52,755 --> 00:11:56,055 You know, golf, if you play golf, you have probably a U S G A handicap 285 00:11:56,055 --> 00:11:57,795 or a role in ancient handicap. 286 00:11:58,095 --> 00:12:00,255 Uh, if you play tennis, you know, I have a universal tennis 287 00:12:00,255 --> 00:12:01,725 rating, I have a U ssta rating. 288 00:12:01,725 --> 00:12:02,745

I have all these things.

289 00:12:03,135 --> 00:12:06,705 We have enough data now on our players to build ratings and rankings, 290 00:12:06,705 --> 00:12:09,705 and I would really like to be able to rate and rank our players. 291 00:12:09,710 --> 00:12:12,285 And so I think everybody should have a sense and. 292 00:12:13,440 --> 00:12:14,280 in the future. 293 00:12:14,550 --> 00:12:18,390 Sarah desperately wants to interrupt . And then in the future, I would 294 00:12:18,390 --> 00:12:22,980 really like to see every elite player, highly ranked player who's ever 295 00:12:22,985 --> 00:12:24,510 come through the Alex Teck stage. 296 00:12:24,570 --> 00:12:27,960 I would like to see them have a chance to go and compete again. 297 00:12:28,560 --> 00:12:30,660 Inal events in Masters. 298 00:12:30,840 --> 00:12:32,910 Sarah Foss: I was just going to say that when you talk about this 299 00:12:32,910 --> 00:12:35,400 ranking, people might be saying, but you have the leaderboard of legends,

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00:12:35,640 --> 00:12:37,080
but that's different categories.
301
00:12:37,080 --> 00:12:37,830
We're not looking at.
302
00:12:38,520 --> 00:12:40,680
Consecutive games won or money won.
303
00:12:40,980 --> 00:12:44,520
We wanna know with this new
system, like the best of the best
304
00:12:44,525 --> 00:12:47,130
the all around ranking system.
305
00:12:47,190 --> 00:12:47,460
Michael Davies: Yeah.
306
00:12:47,520 --> 00:12:48,180
And contemporary.
307
00:12:48,180 --> 00:12:51,960
And, and you know, we, we really do have
the, you know, the tools and the Jeopardy
308
00:12:51,960 --> 00:12:54,840
data that we're taking and, and some
more jeopardy data that we're working
309
00:12:54,840 --> 00:12:57,690
on to go and, you know, separate people.
310
00:12:57,690 --> 00:12:59,790
And I think the past players
is a really important thing.
311
00:12:59,790 --> 00:13:02,310
I think this is the other thing
that, you know, this is a passion
312
00:13:02,310 --> 00:13:03,630
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project for both Sarah and. 313 00:13:04,845 --> 00:13:07,725 is to, you know, and we've had tournaments in the past in 314 00:13:07,725 --> 00:13:11,445 jeopardy where previous players and previous seasons have come back. 315 00:13:11,475 --> 00:13:11,925 Sure. 316 00:13:11,925 --> 00:13:16,455 And I think we're just gonna try and establish something again like that, but 317 00:13:16,575 --> 00:13:21,285 which fits into the pyramid and allows people to go and reclaim their seat and 318 00:13:21,285 --> 00:13:23,445 to get into Masters at the Pinnacle. 319 00:13:23,505 --> 00:13:25,875 Sarah Foss: And that it can be also an annual event so that 320 00:13:25,875 --> 00:13:28,045 again, it's, yeah, it's a chance. 321 00:13:28,980 --> 00:13:32,340 Everyone knows Jeopardy is all about how you're playing in that moment. 322 00:13:32,490 --> 00:13:32,610 Yeah.

323 00:13:32,610 --> 00:13:37,350 And we need to know who are the very best of the best in each given year.

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00:13:37,350 --> 00:13:38,670
I'm so excited about it.
325
00:13:38,760 --> 00:13:42,120
And Masters, I think you may have
mentioned, but this is a primetime event.
326
00:13:42,180 --> 00:13:42,240
Yeah.
327
00:13:42,245 --> 00:13:44,460
Like this is going to be just like.
328
00:13:44,800 --> 00:13:45,640
Our goat.
329
00:13:45,729 --> 00:13:45,819
Yeah.
330
00:13:45,819 --> 00:13:48,010
Just like our celebrity,
just like our college.
00:13:48,010 --> 00:13:50,140
Like, you're gonna be
watching this in prime time.
332
00:13:50,140 --> 00:13:50,199
Yeah.
333
00:13:50,199 --> 00:13:51,219
Which to me is really
334
00:13:51,219 --> 00:13:51,729
Michael Davies: exciting.
335
00:13:51,760 --> 00:13:52,060
Yeah.
336
00:13:52,119 --> 00:13:55,869
No, we're really excited to,
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um, to, to talk about this more.

337 00:13:56,109 --> 00:13:59,619 So my fifth resolution is gonna sound less exciting. 338 00:13:59,619 --> 00:14:02,500 It's gonna make less news, but nevertheless, it is. 339 00:14:03,195 --> 00:14:09,185 It is just so important for us to focus on Jeopardy this year, and we are constantly 340 00:14:09,190 --> 00:14:13,095 reminded when we hear from you that you know, you had problems accessing the 341 00:14:13,095 --> 00:14:18,075 correct episode on a certain day, or they a show was preempted in your market, you 342 00:14:18,075 --> 00:14:20,565 know, for sports or for election coverage. 343 00:14:21,114 --> 00:14:24,805 You know, one thing we really need to do more at Jeopardy is build stronger 344 00:14:24,805 --> 00:14:26,305 relationships with our local stations. 345 00:14:26,305 --> 00:14:32,185 We have 200 television stations who all across the country, you know, uh, 346 00:14:32,515 --> 00:14:36,444 a few more than 200 actually at ABC stations in many of the major markets. 347 00:14:36,449 --> 00:14:38,364 But we've got some big CBS markets too.

00:14:38,665 --> 00:14:42,354 Fantastic NBC stations, including one down the street in San Diego. 00:14:42,655 --> 00:14:46,944 Um, some Fox affiliates that are, that are superb, some independent stations. 00:14:47,110 --> 00:14:47,680 In the mix. 351 00:14:47,685 --> 00:14:49,360 Some of them in tiny little towns. 352 00:14:49,360 --> 00:14:50,620 In tiny little markets. 353 00:14:50,860 --> 00:14:51,190 Um, 354 00:14:51,280 --> 00:14:53,321 Sarah Foss: yes, a couple of them I worked in, yes, many 355 00:14:53,321 --> 00:14:54,850 years ago on my early broadcast, 356 00:14:55,360 --> 00:14:55,950 Michael Davies: uh, news Days. 357  $00:14:56,030 \longrightarrow 00:14:59,170$ These are our partners in bringing the Daily Show to you, 00:14:59,175 --> 00:15:02,890 and we need to build much strong relationships, uh, with the stations. 359 00:15:02,890 --> 00:15:07,000

If anybody from the stations is listening to this, or please just get in touch,

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00:15:07,000 --> 00:15:08,710 we, this is one of our resolution. 361 00:15:09,045 --> 00:15:10,665 Just please get in touch with us. 362 00:15:10,665 --> 00:15:12,285 We want to, we want to hear from you. 363 00:15:12,285 --> 00:15:13,245 We wanna talk to you more. 364 00:15:13,365 --> 00:15:16,095 There used to be these huge events in the world of syndication. 365 00:15:16,095 --> 00:15:17,055 There was nappy. 366 00:15:17,385 --> 00:15:20,204 I think this for the first year, nappy is canceled. 367 00:15:20,209 --> 00:15:21,405 It's not even happening this year. 368 00:15:21,454 --> 00:15:22,415 Promax in Promax. 369 00:15:22,415 --> 00:15:25,185 Yes, Promax, which has been the, the big event in Vegas every year. 370 00:15:25,245 --> 00:15:26,475 That's not happening anymore. 371 00:15:26,655 --> 00:15:29,084 We need to figure a way to bring our stations together, get them all. 372

00:15:29,880 --> 00:15:33,000 Get them on the Alex Trebek stage

and, and work with 'em harder. 373 00:15:33,000 --> 00:15:36,360 Because honestly, without our stations, without our affiliates, we have no show. 374 00:15:36,360 --> 00:15:37,620 There's no way for you to access it. 00:15:37,620 --> 00:15:39,270 There's no way for you to watch it whatsoever. 376 00:15:39,569 --> 00:15:40,140 Well, in 377 00:15:40,140 --> 00:15:42,900 Sarah Foss: terms of our show, the one that our affiliates provide, we know 378 00:15:42,900 --> 00:15:47,160 there's been a lot of discussion around the hosting schedule in the new Year. 379 00:15:47,160 --> 00:15:47,250 Mm-hmm. 380 00:15:47,490 --> 00:15:50,610 , and so we wanna just kind of let you know when you can watch Maya, when you 00:15:50,610 --> 00:15:52,079 can watch Ken in the coming months. 382 00:15:52,079 --> 00:15:55,140 First off, celebrity Jeopardy is back last Thursday. 00:15:55,140 --> 00:15:55,590 It's now. 384 00:15:56,765 --> 00:15:57,345

Thursday nights. 385 00:15:57,350 --> 00:15:58,575 Yeah, so that's exciting. 386 00:15:58,605 --> 00:16:03,135 And Maya will be hosting that every Thursday leading up to our huge finale 387 00:16:03,135 --> 00:16:06,645 on February 2nd, where three celebrity finalists will be battling out for 388 00:16:06,645 --> 00:16:10,335 a 1 million prize donation for the charity that they're playing for. 389 00:16:10,755 --> 00:16:12,885 Of course, they're gonna win the Celebrity Jeopardy. 390 00:16:12,975 --> 00:16:14,025 Question mark Trophy. 391 00:16:14,920 --> 00:16:16,600 And some pretty big bragging rights. 392 00:16:16,600 --> 00:16:18,130 So a lot at stake there. 393 00:16:18,340 --> 00:16:20,500 And then in the syndicated show, I like that trophy by 00:16:20,500 --> 00:16:20,740 Michael Davies: the way. 395 00:16:20,745 --> 00:16:21,520 I think it's good looking, right? 396 00:16:21,700 --> 00:16:22,180

Sarah Foss: Yeah.

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397
00:16:22,180 --> 00:16:23,080
Wait till you guys see it.
398
00:16:23,080 --> 00:16:24,820
It's pretty, uh, pretty fantastic.
00:16:24,825 --> 00:16:29,620
And one person will be holding it come
February 2nd, over on the syndicated show.
400
00:16:29,620 --> 00:16:31,900
Ken is gonna be hosting through January.
00:16:31,990 --> 00:16:32,230
Yeah.
402
00:16:32,260 --> 00:16:36,550
And into February before Myam then takes
over to host our high school reunion.
00:16:36,965 --> 00:16:40,955
That's the one where we're very
excited to welcome back 27 of our teen
404
00:16:40,955 --> 00:16:44,915
tournament participants back from season
35 when we had so many great players.
405
00:16:45,275 --> 00:16:48,995
They are now all in college, so we
are excited to welcome them back.
406
00:16:49,055 --> 00:16:52,475
Yeah, and we had a great first week of
shows that we need to discuss Michael.
407
00:16:52,475 --> 00:16:54,005
So, you know, 2023.
408
00:16:54,680 --> 00:16:55,250
Off to a great
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409
00:16:55,250 --> 00:16:55,550
Michael Davies: start.
410
00:16:55,640 --> 00:16:57,050
Yeah, absolutely.
411
00:16:57,050 --> 00:17:00,650
And I'm glad you're keeping, uh, me
honest on that promise that I made
412
00:17:00,650 --> 00:17:04,790
to inform everybody about the hosting
rotation and, and how that's working.
413
00:17:04,850 --> 00:17:05,000
And
414
00:17:05,000 --> 00:17:06,860
Sarah Foss: originally we did
think Myam was going Yeah.
415
00:17:06,865 --> 00:17:07,910
To come back in January.
416
00:17:07,910 --> 00:17:09,650
Obviously her call me cat schedule.
00:17:09,680 --> 00:17:09,950
Yeah.
418
00:17:10,190 --> 00:17:10,970
It evolves.
419
00:17:10,970 --> 00:17:14,810
So we are seeing her a little later
than we had anticipated, but not for.
420
00:17:14,974 --> 00:17:19,135
Any lack of wanting to have both of our
hosts on the show as much as possible.
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421
00:17:19,140 \longrightarrow 00:17:20,375
Just scheduling.
422
00:17:20,375 --> 00:17:22,535
You know, Miam is a busy, busy woman.
423
00:17:22,535 --> 00:17:26,165
Excited though to have her back in
the new year for Celebrity Jeopardy.
424
00:17:26,165 --> 00:17:30,815
But as I mentioned, we have a first
week of shows in 2023 to discuss.
425
00:17:30,815 --> 00:17:31,145
So.
426
00:17:31,270 --> 00:17:32,170
Cue the beep boos.
427
00:17:37,450 --> 00:17:37,840
All right.
428
00:17:37,840 --> 00:17:42,490
For our first show of 2023, Ray La
Lawn was seeking his 13th win against
429
00:17:42,495 --> 00:17:44,530
Denise Carlin and Chris Blair.
430
00:17:44,740 --> 00:17:46,660
This was a great game.
00:17:46,930 --> 00:17:51,250
Now, Denise dominated the Jeopardy
round with 13 correct responses
432
00:17:51,250 --> 00:17:53,139
and a $2,000 daily double.
433
00:17:53,139 --> 00:17:56,710
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So she got out to an early lead of 5,000. 434 00:17:57,305 --> 00:18:00,514 Over Ray, he was able to take back the lead in double jeopardy with 435 00:18:00,955 --> 00:18:05,885 14 correct responses, and this was despite him missing both daily doubles. 436 00:18:06,125 --> 00:18:10,155 So we head into final, he has just a hundred dollars lead over Denise. 437 00:18:10,814 --> 00:18:11,625 Ken couldn't believe it. 438 00:18:11,625 --> 00:18:14,685 He said you were only at a thousand dollars a moment ago, 439 00:18:14,685 --> 00:18:16,395 so what a comeback for Ray. 440 00:18:16,425 --> 00:18:17,145 He wins. 441 00:18:17,145 --> 00:18:21,554 But boy, people on social media, were talking about Denise Carlin. 442 00:18:21,560 --> 00:18:22,665 I have to thank Michael. 00:18:22,665 --> 00:18:24,074 She's a second chance candidate. 444 00:18:24,225 --> 00:18:24,465 Michael Davies: Yes. 445

00:18:24,465 --> 00:18:27,945 Seems like a very good candidate

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for Second Chance on the, the, uh,
446
00:18:28,895 --> 00:18:29,135
Sarah Foss: responses.
00:18:29,135 --> 00:18:29,574
Yeah.
448
00:18:29,715 --> 00:18:31,635
You know, dominates a big champion.
449
00:18:31,690 --> 00:18:33,940
That was pretty incredible.
450
00:18:33,940 --> 00:18:37,707
One other great thing about this show
was our category with author Eric
451
00:18:37,707 --> 00:18:41,560
Larson did have a chance to catch
up with him when we recorded that.
452
00:18:41,560 --> 00:18:42,520
And I want you to have a listen.
453
00:18:43,660 --> 00:18:49,300
Eric Larson, what is it like to be
featured as a clue presenter on Jeopardy?
454
00:18:49,420 --> 00:18:49,840
I, it
455
00:18:50,110 --> 00:18:54,040
Michael Davies: is an incredible honor cuz
you know, my wife and I have been Jeopardy
456
00:18:54,040 --> 00:18:57,460
fans for the 37 years that we've been.
457
00:18:58,199 --> 00:19:01,040
Sarah Foss: What's your thought on how the
contestants will perform in your category?
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458
00:19:02,040 --> 00:19:03,840
Michael Davies: I think they will ace
459
00:19:03,840 --> 00:19:04,800
Sarah Foss: it completely.
460
00:19:04,919 --> 00:19:08,730
When you watch Jeopardy, what are some of
your favorite categories to have come up?
461
00:19:09,330 --> 00:19:09,720
My
462
00:19:09,720 --> 00:19:15,480
Michael Davies: favorite categories
are, um, historical figures, places,
463
00:19:16,260 --> 00:19:21,870
um, my least favorite categories are the
things we, you actually have to think
464
00:19:23,520 --> 00:19:23,669
Sarah Foss: Yeah.
465
00:19:23,669 --> 00:19:24,870
We make you do that on jeopardy.
466
00:19:25,375 --> 00:19:29,245
Is there one clue or final
jeopardy or something that stands
467
00:19:29,245 --> 00:19:30,504
out to you over the years that.
468
00:19:31,080 --> 00:19:34,530
Stumped you or that you know
made you learn something.
469
00:19:34,530 \longrightarrow 00:19:35,760
Anything that stands out?
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00:19:36,840 --> 00:19:38,639
Michael Davies: I'm generally
stumped by final jeopardy.
471
00:19:38,639 --> 00:19:40,739
So , it's all kind of a blur of stumping.
472
00:19:40,800 --> 00:19:41,040
Well,
473
00:19:41,040 --> 00:19:43,860
Sarah Foss: we're thrilled to
feature you on Jeopardy and thanks
474
00:19:43,860 --> 00:19:45,389
for being a part of Inside Jeopardy.
475
00:19:45,570 --> 00:19:45,929
My pleasure.
476
00:19:45,929 --> 00:19:46,590
It's delicious.
477
00:19:47,024 --> 00:19:49,335
I have to say this was such a fun shoot.
478
00:19:49,335 --> 00:19:50,504
We went into his home.
479
00:19:50,504 --> 00:19:50,595
Mm-hmm.
480
00:19:51,060 --> 00:19:52,965
in Manhattan with his wife.
481
00:19:52,965 --> 00:19:54,375
They are real fans of the show.
482
00:19:54,375 --> 00:19:54,705
Michael.
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470

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483
00:19:54,705 \longrightarrow 00:19:59,325
They welcomed to sin, they had warm
coffee and it was a really fun shoot
484
00:19:59,415 --> 00:20:03,014
and he actually emailed after his
category aired to say he had heard
485
00:20:03,014 --> 00:20:04,665
from people all over the world.
486
00:20:04,669 --> 00:20:06,254
And what a thrilling experience it was.
487
00:20:06,465 --> 00:20:06,645
Really.
488
00:20:06,645 --> 00:20:06,764
Oh,
489
00:20:07,014 --> 00:20:08,955
Michael Davies: I'm a real fan
of Eric Larson and his books.
490
00:20:08,955 --> 00:20:10,814
They are just, uh, they are so terrific.
00:20:10,855 --> 00:20:11,135
I.
492
00:20:11,460 --> 00:20:13,290
Send him a message and go
and see him in Manhattan.
493
00:20:13,290 --> 00:20:14,610
I'd like to have coffee
with Eric lesson too.
494
00:20:14,830 --> 00:20:15,870
Look, no, I'm just telling you, you can't
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495
00:20:15,870 --> 00:20:16,440
Sarah Foss: have all the perks.
496
00:20:16,440 --> 00:20:18,030
It's a very welcoming environment.
497
00:20:18,030 --> 00:20:18,060
Okay.
498
00:20:18,060 --> 00:20:18,720
I have to say.
499
00:20:18,720 --> 00:20:18,810
Good.
500
00:20:19,110 --> 00:20:19,231
All right.
501
00:20:19,235 --> 00:20:20,250
Moving on to Tuesday.
502
00:20:20,250 --> 00:20:25,379
Ray Lan going up against
Claire Thet and Lloyd C.
503
00:20:25,530 --> 00:20:28,290
This was, you know, a close
round in the jeopardy.
504
00:20:28,290 --> 00:20:28,710
Round.
505
00:20:28,710 --> 00:20:32,879
Ray ended just with a $5
lead, but double jeopardy.
506
00:20:32,940 --> 00:20:33,419
It was great.
507
00:20:33,450 \longrightarrow 00:20:35,700
All three players, they're just
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going back and forth and back 508 00:20:35,700 --> 00:20:36,810 and forth, all three of them. 509 00:20:36,810 --> 00:20:37,919 But Lloyd finish. 510 00:20:38,655 --> 00:20:42,345 With just a \$490 lead. 511 00:20:42,555 --> 00:20:45,615 That's because he made a \$5 wager in an earlier category. 512 00:20:45,620 --> 00:20:46,995 He didn't know much about food. 513 00:20:46,995 --> 00:20:47,805 He got it wrong. 00:20:47,805 --> 00:20:48,765 He said he's not a food guy. 515 00:20:49,065 --> 00:20:51,375 Ken kind of made fun of him, but hey, you know what? 516 00:20:51,375 --> 00:20:55,605 He was laughing all the way to the finish line, but this game so great. 517 00:20:55,610 --> 00:20:59,775 All three players finished with over \$20,000. 518 00:20:59,775 --> 00:20:59,835 Yeah. 519 00:20:59,835 --> 00:20:59,955 Great.

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520
00:20:59,955 --> 00:21:04,485
So again, we're looking at some potential
second chance candidates this week.
521
00:21:04,695 --> 00:21:05,265
Have to think.
522
00:21:05,265 --> 00:21:07,125
Claire is in the competition.
523
00:21:07,910 --> 00:21:11,210
. I don't know if you saw Lloyd's
social media, but he posted a
524
00:21:11,210 --> 00:21:15,230
picture with he and Ken Jennings
from years ago at an audition.
525
00:21:15,800 --> 00:21:19,160
Ken looks about 10, and Lloyd
looks, I don't know, about five.
526
00:21:19,160 --> 00:21:19,970
I mean, that's hilarious.
527
00:21:20,200 --> 00:21:20,690
So young.
528
00:21:21,050 --> 00:21:25,550
Um, he also posted a picture with Ray La
Lawn saying, this is a photo of me and the
529
00:21:25,555 --> 00:21:27,670
guy who she told me not to worry about.
530
00:21:27,670 --> 00:21:31,010
I do wanna point out that Ray had
a great streak, you know, he was
531
00:21:31,220 --> 00:21:33,170
knocking down the door of the legend.
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00:21:33,795 --> 00:21:36,495
He had 13 wins, 80% correct.
00:21:36,495 --> 00:21:37,275
Of his daily doubles.
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00:21:37,635 --> 00:21:40,995
Interestingly enough, he only
had four runaways, so that made
535
00:21:40,995 --> 00:21:44,595
for so many of his games to be
so exciting for a super champion.
536
00:21:44,985 --> 00:21:47,895
And I also wanna point out, I did
read something where people were
537
00:21:47,900 --> 00:21:51,955
wondering about contestants like Ray,
who, you know, people were kind of.
538
00:21:52,544 --> 00:21:55,034
Making fun of a bit for the
way that he was swaying.
539
00:21:55,034 --> 00:21:58,185
And he said he actually had a back
issue and it helped relieve it.
540
00:21:58,185 --> 00:22:00,585
So people were wondering, why
don't we let them sit down?
00:22:00,885 --> 00:22:05,565
Please know any contestant is given the
opportunity to have a chair at any point.
542
00:22:05,565 --> 00:22:07,665
We would never make people stand.
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00:22:07,665 --> 00:22:10,935
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And you'll see even in the coming
weeks that we had a contestant that
544
00:22:10,935 --> 00:22:12,615
did choose to Yeah, absolutely.
545
00:22:12,615 --> 00:22:15,165
To sit, you know, after their
performance, they felt like that may
546
00:22:15,165 --> 00:22:17,115
be a better opportunity for them.
547
00:22:17,680 --> 00:22:20,530
We are not out there saying,
no, you have to stand and play.
548
00:22:20,530 --> 00:22:23,680
We want you to play at whatever is going
to allow you to play at your very best.
549
00:22:23,740 --> 00:22:23,800
Yeah.
550
00:22:23,800 --> 00:22:24,010
Look,
551
00:22:24,010 --> 00:22:26,140
Michael Davies: our contestant
department are always, you know,
00:22:26,140 --> 00:22:30,340
asking questions and, uh, inquiring
as to the wellbeing of all of our
553
00:22:30,340 --> 00:22:32,230
contestants and making sure they're okay.
00:22:32,235 --> 00:22:33,340
And, and, and sitting down is a.
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00:22:33,555 --> 00:22:37,605
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Absolutely, uh, an option if they are struggling to go and play the game. 556 00:22:37,905 --> 00:22:40,065 Uh, standing up, you know, I'm gonna Ms. 557 00:22:40,065 --> 00:22:40,335 Ray. 558 00:22:40,365 --> 00:22:43,185 I love Ray and, uh, looking forward to seeing him again 559 00:22:43,215 --> 00:22:44,955 when he comes back to t o c. 560 00:22:45,015 --> 00:22:48,255 You know, there are a lot of, some of the, uh, conversation on social media 561 00:22:48,255 --> 00:22:49,965 is why don't you stop him from swaying? 562 00:22:49,995 --> 00:22:50,805 Why don't you do that? 563 00:22:51,345 --> 00:22:55,635 I gotta tell you, and this, this goes back to, you know, you know, probably 564 00:22:55,905 --> 00:23:00,375 it, it's my point of view as a producer of these kind of shows, when contestants 565 00:23:00,375 --> 00:23:01,785 come on and play for real money. 566 00:23:02,670 --> 00:23:05,910 I really don't like telling them how to go and play the game.

567 00:23:06,360 --> 00:23:09,390 Once we've selected you and you are up on that stage and you are playing, if

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00:23:09,390 --> 00:23:14,100 you wanna hold the buzzer in a certain way, if you want to, you know, conduct

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00:23:14,100 --> 00:23:17,850 yourself in a certain way, if you want to sway, if you wanna do anything,

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00:23:17,850 --> 00:23:22,400 whether it's for a medical condition or not, I'm just not really into.

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00:23:23,070 --> 00:23:27,270

The idea that I'm gonna tell contestants how to go and be when they play the game.

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00:23:27,270 --> 00:23:27,960 And you know what?

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00:23:28,320 --> 00:23:31,590 Some people might not like it, but I think it would be a pretty poor thing

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00:23:31,590 --> 00:23:35,580 if we start establishing, you know, ways in which people have to hold

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00:23:35,580 --> 00:23:37,710 themselves, uh, behind those podiums.

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00:23:37,950 --> 00:23:38,430 Sarah Foss: Yes.

577

 $00:23:38,670 \longrightarrow 00:23:40,950$  Well, we say goodbye to Ray the sway.

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 $00:23:40,950 \longrightarrow 00:23:42,090$  It was fun to reach out.

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00:23:42,090 --> 00:23:45,450 I was talking with Matta at one point before Ray debut Butin.

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00:23:45,450 --> 00:23:46,350 I said, just wait.

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00:23:46,350 --> 00:23:50,280
You've got a fellow
Toronto, Ontario, Canadian.

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00:23:50,515 --> 00:23:52,135
That you'll be able to talk jeopardy with.

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00:23:52,135 --> 00:23:53,995 And they said, oh my goodness, I'm so excited.

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00:23:53,995 --> 00:23:54,655 I haven't had.

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00:23:55,290 --> 00:23:57,330 You know, fellow champions up here in Canada.

586

00:23:57,330 --> 00:24:00,850 I have to head all the way down to visit Amy or other champions.

587

00:24:00,855 --> 00:24:05,879 So Ray and Matt mate think a bond will be formed as is all of our

588

00:24:05,940 --> 00:24:08,820 Jeopardy community once you have come and, and played this game.

589

00:24:09,300 --> 00:24:13,980
Moving on to Wednesday, Lloyd C going up against Francis Englert and Sarah.

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00:24:14,415 --> 00:24:15,284 Palmer.

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591
00:24:15,645 --> 00:24:20,625
This was a really close game between Lloyd
and Francis, and one part of this game I
592
00:24:20,625 --> 00:24:24,555
loved was in the interview Lloyd talked
about his love for Sports talk radio
593
00:24:24,645 --> 00:24:28,905
and one of his favorites being Shannon
Sharp, and then Shannon Sharp actually
594
00:24:28,905 --> 00:24:33,335
shared the clip on Twitter and said,
y'all heard the man, I'm one of his faves.
595
00:24:33,495 --> 00:24:36,614
He's also a fan of the Seahawks,
so of course Ken being from
596
00:24:36,614 --> 00:24:39,344
Seattle, shouted that out as well.
597
00:24:39,435 --> 00:24:40,935
It was a tough final.
598
00:24:40,935 --> 00:24:42,405
It was tough for Sarah and Francis.
599
00:24:42,405 --> 00:24:44,534
The category was continental geography.
600
00:24:44,925 --> 00:24:47,625
Uh, the clue read until a 1903 secession.
601
00:24:47,625 --> 00:24:52,064
This country's contagious
territory spanned to continents.
602
00:24:52,070 --> 00:24:52,695
Correct.
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603
00:24:52,754 --> 00:24:56,985
Response was Columbia, only Lloyd came
up with the correct response, and then
604
00:24:56,985 --> 00:24:58,604
he admitted in the post-game chat.
605
00:24:59,129 --> 00:25:01,320
That it was a total guess, actually.
606
00:25:01,320 --> 00:25:01,840
Whoa, whoa.
607
00:25:02,250 --> 00:25:03,060
. It doesn't matter.
608
00:25:03,330 \longrightarrow 00:25:04,350
He got it correct.
609
00:25:04,350 --> 00:25:09,840
He goes on to Thursday, going up
against Patrick Curran and Lois Kalei.
610
00:25:09,990 --> 00:25:12,960
Best part of this show, I
think is the bring it category.
611
00:25:12,960 --> 00:25:14,669
A little nod to Sam Butcher.
612
00:25:15,350 --> 00:25:19,939
Our social and digital team actually
posted a meme of Sam along with the
613
00:25:19,939 --> 00:25:24,770
category and it said what the board
said versus what we saw along with who
614
00:25:24,770 --> 00:25:27,169
else misses Sam Buttrey right about now.
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615
00:25:27,169 --> 00:25:31,340
I mean, who can think of bring it
without Sam just saying Bring it Ken.
616
00:25:31,730 --> 00:25:33,260
So that was a fun part of this game.
00:25:33,620 --> 00:25:34,230
You know, it was.
618
00:25:35,129 --> 00:25:36,210
It was one of these games.
619
00:25:36,210 --> 00:25:38,669
Unfortunately, not all three
players made it to final.
620
00:25:38,669 --> 00:25:42,000
Lois was not able to play, but
she actually tweeted over the
00:25:42,000 --> 00:25:46,230
weekend and said, winding up my
Jeopardy week by giving thanks to
622
00:25:46,230 --> 00:25:50,580
you Michael at Embassy Davies for
instituting box scores for the game.
623
00:25:50,580 --> 00:25:51,630
I can feel good about the.
624
00:25:51,690 --> 00:25:57,270
38 buzzer attempts, even though my
26% success rate sunk my chances.
625
00:25:57,330 --> 00:25:57,390
Wow.
626
00:25:57,570 --> 00:25:57,850
Yeah.
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627
00:25:57,855 --> 00:25:58,620
Hashtag jeopardy.
628
00:25:58,620 --> 00:26:00,000
Hashtag It's a sport.
629
00:26:00,180 --> 00:26:00,360
Yeah.
630
00:26:00,360 --> 00:26:00,420
631
00:26:00,420 --> 00:26:00,840
Michael Davies: happens.
632
00:26:00,840 --> 00:26:04,260
When you were talking about Wednesday's
game and you were talking about final,
633
00:26:04,590 --> 00:26:08,400
one of the other things, you know, I
think people who have followed my year
634
00:26:08,405 --> 00:26:11,130
and a half at Jeopardy are starting
to understand my obsession with data.
635
00:26:11,135 --> 00:26:11,410
Yeah.
636
00:26:11,550 --> 00:26:16,054
And one thing we've been looking
at and digging into, Is our final
637
00:26:16,054 --> 00:26:21,335
Jeopardy stats and how many times
all three get final jeopardy, right?
638
00:26:21,335 --> 00:26:23,044
How many times nobody
gets Jeopardy, right?
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639
00:26:23,044 --> 00:26:25,385
How many times one gets it right,
how many times two gets it right?
640
00:26:26,415 --> 00:26:30,795
. My preference is, I think,
the best final Jeopardy games.
641
00:26:31,155 --> 00:26:33,225
Obviously, you never know
which contestants are gonna
642
00:26:33,225 --> 00:26:34,515
arrive with which material.
643
00:26:34,520 --> 00:26:38,055
There's a, you know, it's all luck
of the draw, but I like it when
644
00:26:38,175 --> 00:26:41,175
only one person gets it right,
or only two of them get it right.
00:26:41,175 --> 00:26:41,355
I like two.
646
00:26:41,355 --> 00:26:42,465
Those are my, those are my friends.
647
00:26:42,465 --> 00:26:44,115
I'm more of a one person over two.
648
00:26:44,770 --> 00:26:48,010
Um, I don't like it when
all three get it right.
649
00:26:48,130 --> 00:26:49,360
I don't think it was challenging enough.
650
00:26:49,360 --> 00:26:52,570
And when, uh, nobody gets it right,
I think it can be a bit, it can
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651
00:26:52,570 --> 00:26:56,020
be a bit frustrating, but I'm very
interested to hear, uh, from you out
652
00:26:56,020 --> 00:27:00,970
there, what should the percentage of
times over a full season, how many
653
00:27:00,975 --> 00:27:03,460
times should it be a triple stuper?
654
00:27:03,580 --> 00:27:05,080
How many times should
all three get it right?
655
00:27:05,080 --> 00:27:05,860
How many times should it be?
656
00:27:05,860 --> 00:27:07,840
One, how many times should it be?
657
00:27:07,840 --> 00:27:08,260
Two.
658
00:27:08,380 --> 00:27:11,980
I think you start from a point of saying
those should all be evenly distributed.
659
00:27:12,460 --> 00:27:13,780
Um, but maybe.
00:27:14,100 --> 00:27:15,629
We would like more time, certainly.
661
00:27:15,629 --> 00:27:15,870
Right.
662
00:27:16,665 --> 00:27:20,115
The, the majority of times are
one person gets one, right.
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663
00:27:20,235 --> 00:27:21,675
Or, or two people get them right.
00:27:21,675 --> 00:27:22,815
That seems to be the majority,
665
00:27:23,715 --> 00:27:27,345
Sarah Foss: although you have to know that
those moments when no one gets it correct.
666
00:27:27,735 --> 00:27:30,885
And you at home do, or even me
in the studio, yeah, they're the
667
00:27:30,885 --> 00:27:31,785
greatest moments of all time.
668
00:27:31,790 --> 00:27:34,845
I've never felt more brilliant
in my whole life, so I don't know
00:27:34,845 --> 00:27:36,435
if we wanna rob people of that.
670
00:27:36,435 --> 00:27:38,515
But again, that, that incredible
moment, it still happen.
671
00:27:38,515 --> 00:27:40,875
But that is a moment when
you feel like the ultimate.
00:27:41,350 --> 00:27:42,550
Genius, I would say.
673
00:27:42,550 --> 00:27:42,939
Yeah, very true.
674
00:27:43,149 --> 00:27:46,570
All right, we're closing out the week
with Patrick Curran going up against
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675
00:27:46,600 --> 00:27:51,580
Caitlin Mono Smith and Ruben DeSouza
and this game, you know, Patrick
676
00:27:51,580 --> 00:27:54,909
was headed in, he had a runaway
in his first game, and guess what?
677
00:27:54,909 --> 00:27:57,520
He makes this one a runaway as well.
678
00:27:57,520 --> 00:28:01,300
He took control of this game and double
jeopardy, got both daily doubles.
679
00:28:01,570 --> 00:28:04,149
It's tough to come up against someone
when they're finding the daily
680
00:28:04,149 --> 00:28:07,510
doubles, when they're getting them
correct and when they're going into.
681
00:28:08,324 --> 00:28:09,885
With no one else able to catch them.
682
00:28:09,885 --> 00:28:11,385
So he's headed into the weekend.
683
00:28:11,625 --> 00:28:11,745
Yep.
684
00:28:11,774 --> 00:28:12,915
As a champion.
685
00:28:13,215 --> 00:28:16,905
But we have to take a look back at
our last celebrity Jeopardy game that
686
00:28:16,905 --> 00:28:18,885
aired on Thursday night in primetime.
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687
00:28:19,125 --> 00:28:23,925
We had Michael, Sarah going up against
Brian Howie and Zoe Chow, and this was
688
00:28:23,929 --> 00:28:27,465
the first, you know, we're in this new
round, this is group three, and this
689
00:28:27,469 --> 00:28:29,314
was our first quarter final, so we're.
690
00:28:29,460 --> 00:28:34,200
On the road now to the final semi-final,
and that winner will head in to join
691
00:28:34,200 --> 00:28:38,760
Ike Baron Holtz and Will Wheaton in
the finals for a million dollars.
692
00:28:39,270 --> 00:28:42,630
Michael Davies: Yeah, I am an
enormous fan of all three of these.
00:28:42,630 --> 00:28:42,720
Yes.
694
00:28:42,720 --> 00:28:46,470
Uh, of these players, all three
of these actors, Michael, a
695
00:28:46,470 --> 00:28:48,300
huge Jeopardy fan, you know.
696
00:28:48,750 --> 00:28:51,150
Uh, it was one of the first
people to reach out to us when
697
00:28:51,150 --> 00:28:53,820
we announced Celebrity Jeopardy
that he really wanted to play.
698
00:28:54,120 --> 00:28:57,210
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Uh, for a while there were celebrity friends of his who were gonna play Yes. 699 00:28:57,390 --> 00:28:59,610 Against him, who he's used to watching it with every week and 700 00:28:59,610 --> 00:29:01,050 competing with very gonna matchups. 701 00:29:01,050 --> 00:29:01,170 Yeah. 702 00:29:01,200 --> 00:29:06,360 Um, uh, Zoe Chow is an actress who I've just loved almost everything 703 00:29:06,360 --> 00:29:10,470 she's ever done and been in Winter Brown, really bright person I think. 704 00:29:10,735 --> 00:29:14,425 It's very funny her stories about her, uh, her father's reaction. 705 00:29:14,514 --> 00:29:14,754 Oh, yes. 706 00:29:14,814 --> 00:29:17,155 When, when she found out you that you shouldn't do it. 707 00:29:17,155 --> 00:29:17,455 Yeah. 708 00:29:17,544 --> 00:29:18,715 Concern was going on the show. 709 00:29:18,985 --> 00:29:19,225 This

710

00:29:19,225 --> 00:29:22,524

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Sarah Foss: feels like the least friendly
Zoey activity you could dream of.
711
00:29:22,524 --> 00:29:22,975
He said
712
00:29:23,419 --> 00:29:23,635
Michael Davies: Yeah.
713
00:29:23,784 --> 00:29:28,195
And, and Brianne Howie another, you know,
really, you know, just smart player.
714
00:29:28,195 --> 00:29:29,635
But Michael took them on the show.
715
00:29:29,635 --> 00:29:34,255
Michael did really, really, And you
know, looking forward to seeing his
716
00:29:34,255 --> 00:29:35,755
next performance in the semi-finals.
717
00:29:35,845 --> 00:29:36,265
Yeah,
718
00:29:36,295 --> 00:29:39,565
Sarah Foss: certainly going in,
having a runaway in this game, you
719
00:29:39,565 --> 00:29:43,195
have to think he's a strong contender
for the semis, but you never know
720
00:29:43,195 --> 00:29:44,725
what will happen in jeopardy.
00:29:44,755 --> 00:29:44,845
Mm-hmm.
722
00:29:45,115 --> 00:29:45,535
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. All right.
723
00:29:45,535 --> 00:29:49,945
Well, with that it is time to
move on to our viewer questions.
724
00:29:54,955 --> 00:29:56,125
Michael Davies: Any obligations.
725
00:29:56,125 --> 00:29:58,255
97 61 on Reddit asks.
726
00:29:58,980 --> 00:30:03,120
Our Jeopardy contestant pairings decided,
is it random or is there some factoring
727
00:30:03,120 --> 00:30:05,460
in of personality test score, et cetera.
728
00:30:05,460 --> 00:30:06,420
I couldn't find anything.
729
00:30:06,630 --> 00:30:10,900
Uh, answering this from the Google search
started wondering because of the increase
730
00:30:10,905 --> 00:30:13,650
of super champions in recent years, how
731
00:30:13,650 --> 00:30:16,455
Sarah Foss: it works is, Each of
our contestants are booked for
732
00:30:16,455 --> 00:30:20,385
a, a tape session, usually two
tape days for 10 shows, and we
733
00:30:20,385 --> 00:30:23,085
book a group of 12 to 15 people.
734
00:30:23,265 --> 00:30:27,705
So when we're booking that group, we
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take into account geography, gender,
735
00:30:27,705 --> 00:30:29,565
personality, even first names.
736
00:30:29,565 --> 00:30:30,345
We don't wanna have.
737
00:30:30,960 --> 00:30:34,470
You know, that group come and
have two Daves or two Michaels,
738
00:30:34,470 --> 00:30:35,640
it would be really confusing.
739
00:30:35,670 --> 00:30:35,760
Mm-hmm.
740
00:30:36,030 --> 00:30:39,780
. And then from there there's a random
selection that is done before each
741
00:30:39,780 --> 00:30:42,030
show for that individual show matchup.
742
00:30:42,030 --> 00:30:45,510
And that's done by our standards
and practices representatives.
743
00:30:45,515 --> 00:30:50,565
So the group, you know, we try to get
as great of, um, Variety is possible
744
00:30:50,805 --> 00:30:52,905
to have for those given tape days.
745
00:30:52,905 --> 00:30:57,135
And then our standards and practices
person actually randomly selects who will
746
00:30:57,135 --> 00:30:58,965
go up against each other in each game.
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747
00:30:59,115 --> 00:30:59,595
Hope that
748
00:30:59,600 --> 00:31:00,405
Michael Davies: answers the question.
00:31:00,435 --> 00:31:00,615
Yeah.
750
00:31:00,615 --> 00:31:03,165
Look, there are so many factors that
go into the selection of Jeopardy.
751
00:31:03,165 --> 00:31:08,115
Contestants, test scores, you know, are
paramount probably, uh, within them.
752
00:31:08,385 --> 00:31:11,565
Geography is one thing that, you
know, we're spending a lot more
753
00:31:11,565 --> 00:31:13,125
time thinking of, of looking at.
754
00:31:13,395 --> 00:31:15,855
You know, when I talked earlier about
our television stations, you know,
755
00:31:15,855 --> 00:31:18,345
we need to make sure that markets.
00:31:18,780 --> 00:31:21,240
That Carrie Jeopardy, I've
represented with contestants.
757
00:31:21,270 --> 00:31:24,660
You know, we have to represent
the entire country on this show.
758
00:31:24,660 --> 00:31:29,850
That's, uh, that's very, very important
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and, um, a real, uh, mission of our
759
00:31:29,855 --> 00:31:35,790
contestant department in, uh, in 2023 to
continue to represent our entire audience.
760
00:31:35,790 --> 00:31:36,930
That's a very important thing.
761
00:31:37,110 --> 00:31:41,940
Okay, Laine asks, I have a question
about how you keep the results of games.
762
00:31:42,810 --> 00:31:43,860
Until airtime.
763
00:31:44,130 --> 00:31:47,970
I would imagine that contestants and
staff sign contracts that obligate
764
00:31:47,970 --> 00:31:51,480
them not to reveal anything, but
what about the studio audience?
765
00:31:51,910 --> 00:31:52,400
Well,
766
00:31:52,400 --> 00:31:56,040
Sarah Foss: Laan, this is something
that I love so much about our Jeopardy
767
00:31:56,040 --> 00:31:58,280
fans, they come to the studio audience.
768
00:31:59,129 --> 00:32:02,970
Jimmy McGuire asks them as our
audience, warm up, enjoy these shows.
00:32:03,000 --> 00:32:04,169
Don't share.
00:32:04,379 --> 00:32:06,240
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Let people enjoy them when they air. 771 00:32:06,240 --> 00:32:08,159 And amazingly people do just that. 772  $00:32:08,340 \longrightarrow 00:32:12,179$ And Ken always says at the end of his hosting on that day, which was what 773 00:32:12,179 --> 00:32:14,550 Alex used to always say, go home. 774 00:32:14,785 --> 00:32:16,675 Don't tell anyone you were here. 775 00:32:17,245 --> 00:32:21,115 Watch the show, get all the responses correct, and then people 776 00:32:21,115 --> 00:32:22,315 will just think you're brilliant. 777 00:32:22,315 --> 00:32:27,535 So I joke, but honestly I think that's what's so special about it, is that people 778 00:32:27,535 --> 00:32:29,125 don't wanna spoil it for other people. 779 00:32:30,120 --> 00:32:33,510 They know how much they love watching this show playing along 780 00:32:33,659 --> 00:32:35,129 and not knowing the outcome. 781 00:32:35,159 --> 00:32:37,169 And so they preserve that for people. 782 00:32:37,169 --> 00:32:41,610 And we've been really lucky that even when we have super champions, even when we

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783
00:32:41,615 --> 00:32:45,750
have tournaments, that it's been very rare
that any results have ever been leaked
784
00:32:46,590 --> 00:32:46,919
Michael Davies: yet.
785
00:32:46,980 --> 00:32:51,870
The, um, certainly our contestants
sign contracts that, that say this
786
00:32:51,870 --> 00:32:53,939
is secret, I think in our staff.
787
00:32:53,970 --> 00:32:54,540
I'm not sure.
788
00:32:54,540 --> 00:32:56,040
I think it's just
implicit to working here.
789
00:32:56,040 --> 00:32:56,460
Right.
790
00:32:56,460 --> 00:32:57,230
I'm not sure that the staff usually
791
00:32:57,230 --> 00:32:57,710
Sarah Foss: on the bigger.
792
00:32:57,970 --> 00:32:58,390
You know?
793
00:32:58,420 --> 00:32:58,600
Yeah.
794
00:32:58,630 --> 00:33:00,040
Like goat and things
we're asked absolutely.
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00:33:00,250 --> 00:33:00,850
To sign that, but
796
00:33:00,910 --> 00:33:01,390
Michael Davies: very true.
797
00:33:01,600 --> 00:33:01,960
Okay.
798
00:33:02,170 --> 00:33:04,120
Well that brings us to the end
of today's show, right, Sarah?
799
00:33:04,180 --> 00:33:05,320
Sarah Foss: Oh my goodness.
800
00:33:05,410 --> 00:33:06,610
I can't believe it's done.
801
00:33:06,615 --> 00:33:08,860
But thank you so much for joining us here.
802
00:33:09,130 --> 00:33:13,300
Next week we're gonna discuss, well, more
great gameplay, and of course, the next
803
00:33:13,300 --> 00:33:18,970
celebrity quarter, final game with Patton
Oswalt, Candace Parker and Tori DeVito.
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00:33:18,975 --> 00:33:21,640
Michael Davies: Yeah, uh, we might
have some other news to discuss also.
00:33:21,640 --> 00:33:23,950
As always, please make sure to subscribe.
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00:33:24,780 --> 00:33:27,930
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social, follow us at jeopardy
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00:33:28,110 --> 00:33:30,990
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00:33:31,020 --> 00:33:32,640 We're gonna see you next week.

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00:33:32,730 --> 00:33:33,660 Take us out, Johnny.