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00:00:00,270 --> 00:00:07,790  
From the Alex Trebek stage at Sony  
Pictures Studios, this is Inside Jeopardy!

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00:00:08,200 --> 00:00:08,690  
Play it!

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00:00:09,059 --> 00:00:10,440  
Johnny Gilbert, I love it.

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00:00:10,880 --> 00:00:14,076  
Uh, welcome everybody, Inside  
Jeopardy, your exclusive edition

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00:00:14,076 --> 00:00:17,263  
of First Destination for all things  
happening in the world of Jeopardy.

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00:00:17,263 --> 00:00:19,919  
I'm Michael Davies, joined, as  
always, by producer Sarah Foss.

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00:00:19,919 --> 00:00:21,513  
Well, good to see you, Michael.

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00:00:21,513 --> 00:00:23,230  
We made it back to Cali.

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00:00:23,510 --> 00:00:26,880  
Yeah, you're wearing your 1940s  
style dress that you picked up

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00:00:26,880 --> 00:00:28,530  
there, uh, on the East Coast.

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00:00:28,590 --> 00:00:29,520  
Lovely look today.

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00:00:29,570 --> 00:00:29,730  
Well, thank you.

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00:00:29,730 --> 00:00:30,970  
I've complimented you all day.

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00:00:30,970 --> 00:00:31,729  
What a beautiful dress.

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00:00:31,730 --> 00:00:34,070  
I know, I've never felt so  
complimented, Michael, I have to say.

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00:00:34,080 --> 00:00:34,539  
Thank you very much.

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00:00:34,540 --> 00:00:35,190  
Certainly by me.

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00:00:35,695 --> 00:00:39,125  
And you saw a lot of this outfit  
today because we came right now

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00:00:39,125 --> 00:00:42,645  
from the Alex Trebek stage where  
we've been busy taping Masters.

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00:00:42,675 --> 00:00:46,905  
Yes, the first six episodes of Jeopardy!

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00:00:46,965 --> 00:00:50,175  
Masters are in the can, as  
they say in the biz, Sarah.

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00:00:50,235 --> 00:00:55,145  
And wow, we can't give away anything,  
but wow, wow, wow, wow, wow.

23  
00:00:55,335 --> 00:00:55,915  
Wow.

24  
00:00:56,404 --> 00:00:56,754  
Yeah.

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00:00:56,785 --> 00:00:58,105

That's about how many games we played.

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00:00:58,235 --> 00:00:59,294

Six quarter finals.

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00:00:59,614 --> 00:01:00,815

wow for each of them.

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00:01:01,154 --> 00:01:04,445

And of course we'll be taping the semi  
finals and finals in a couple of weeks,

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00:01:04,445 --> 00:01:06,785

but really just great to see our masters.

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00:01:07,235 --> 00:01:09,944

Those who are returning to the Alex  
Trebek stage, can't wait to see all

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00:01:09,944 --> 00:01:12,634

of them back on the stage competing  
at the pinnacle of the pyramid.

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00:01:12,725 --> 00:01:18,265

Yeah, and many other great former Jeopardy  
champions joining us, uh, in the audience.

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00:01:18,295 --> 00:01:19,955

Just always so great to see everybody.

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00:01:20,289 --> 00:01:23,500

Well, today on the pod, we're going  
to be sharing some highlights from

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00:01:23,500 --> 00:01:25,429

last week in Regular Jeopardy.

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00:01:25,429 --> 00:01:27,030

You know, it's just Original recipe.

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00:01:27,130 --> 00:01:27,600

That's right.

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00:01:27,600 --> 00:01:31,580  
It's just a couple of weeks into  
regular gameplay, and we already

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00:01:31,580 --> 00:01:36,709  
have our first regular season  
TOC qualifier in Allison Betts.

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00:01:37,099 --> 00:01:40,670  
Of course, Lisa and Walter will  
be the first official Qualifier.

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00:01:40,670 --> 00:01:43,490  
But yeah, two females in the TLC so far.

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00:01:43,600 --> 00:01:43,930  
Yeah.

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00:01:43,970 --> 00:01:44,570  
Wonderful.

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00:01:44,620 --> 00:01:44,900  
Great.

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00:01:44,960 --> 00:01:47,650  
I have loved watching  
her compete on the stage.

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00:01:47,680 --> 00:01:51,720  
And, uh, you know, we now have, as  
you all know, lots and lots other

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00:01:51,720 --> 00:01:56,600  
than what's going on in prime time  
with, uh, with, with masters and

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00:01:56,609 --> 00:01:57,939  
ultimately celebrity jeopardy.

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00:01:57,939 --> 00:01:59,980  
We hope in the fall, we haven't

heard yet, but we hope again,

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00:02:00,369 --> 00:02:01,924  
we have a number of her.

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00:02:02,085 --> 00:02:05,825  
of consecutive weeks of  
Original Recipe Jeopardy until

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00:02:05,825 --> 00:02:07,875  
we get to, uh, the next TLC.

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00:02:08,024 --> 00:02:12,534  
Yeah, so all of the remaining of  
2024, when you're watching Syndicated

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00:02:12,534 --> 00:02:14,975  
Jeopardy, you are watching regular games.

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00:02:15,244 --> 00:02:18,584  
A little later in the pod, we're going  
to share our conversation from Ken

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00:02:18,584 --> 00:02:22,499  
Jennings, of course, a part of our  
first ever Inside Jeopardy Live podcast.

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00:02:22,600 --> 00:02:23,290  
Podcast.

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00:02:23,290 --> 00:02:24,440  
So stick around for that.

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00:02:24,820 --> 00:02:28,580  
But first let's head back to season  
30 for this week in Jeopardy history.

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00:02:33,480 --> 00:02:36,960  
Julia Collins, you were  
leading for most of the game.

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00:02:37,330 --> 00:02:38,799

Did you come up with the correct response?

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00:02:38,799 --> 00:02:39,590  
You did.

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00:02:39,890 --> 00:02:41,519  
How much money did you earn?

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00:02:41,520 --> 00:02:41,659  
76.

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00:02:41,660 --> 00:02:42,769  
05.

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00:02:42,799 --> 00:02:44,149  
That's going to make you the new Jeopardy!

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00:02:44,149 --> 00:02:45,327  
champion with 15, 605.

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00:02:45,327 --> 00:02:48,081  
And that means you get  
to play again tomorrow.

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00:02:48,081 --> 00:02:51,446  
We'll see you then, and I  
hope you'll join us also.

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00:02:51,446 --> 00:02:58,189  
It was on April 21st, 2014, when Julia  
Collins became a one day Jeopardy!

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00:02:58,189 --> 00:02:58,789  
champion.

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00:02:59,080 --> 00:03:03,470  
Of course, Julia would go on to win  
20 consecutive games, 12 of which

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00:03:03,470 --> 00:03:07,974  
were runaways, earning over 400, 000,  
which, at the time, looked like this.

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00:03:08,035 --> 00:03:11,965  
was the third highest winning total  
behind none other than Ken Jennings

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00:03:12,005 --> 00:03:14,465  
and 19 game champion David Madden.

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00:03:14,835 --> 00:03:18,084  
Julia returned to compete in  
the Tournament of Champions that

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00:03:18,085 --> 00:03:21,364  
year, finishing third, and then  
of course returned for our All

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00:03:21,364 --> 00:03:24,075  
Stars games as a captain in 2019.

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00:03:24,514 --> 00:03:28,165  
To this day, Julia still holds the  
seventh spot on the leaderboard

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00:03:28,165 --> 00:03:32,165  
of legends for consecutive games  
won, and the ninth spot for highest

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00:03:32,165 --> 00:03:34,035  
winnings in regular season play.

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00:03:34,065 --> 00:03:38,940  
Julia is certainly someone to Who  
many fans are hoping to see compete

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00:03:38,960 --> 00:03:41,040  
again on the Alex Trebek stage.

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00:03:41,050 --> 00:03:42,690  
Something we would all welcome as well.

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00:03:42,870 --> 00:03:43,560  
Yes, certainly.

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00:03:43,560 --> 00:03:43,750

Yeah.

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00:03:43,750 --> 00:03:46,379

Many fans and many producers,  
I would say as well.

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00:03:46,860 --> 00:03:49,800

Well, taking a look at some of the  
highlights of the week, we mentioned

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00:03:49,809 --> 00:03:51,310

Alison Betts a little bit earlier.

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00:03:51,530 --> 00:03:55,500

Alison returned this past week  
with two wins under her belt.

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00:03:55,945 --> 00:04:00,405

with a dominant performance, 26  
correct responses, all three daily

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00:04:00,405 --> 00:04:02,445

doubles cruising into a runaway.

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00:04:02,445 --> 00:04:04,874

Plus she was correct again in final.

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00:04:04,885 --> 00:04:07,444

So after Monday, she was three for three.

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00:04:07,954 --> 00:04:10,904

Now, something happened in this game  
that fans were very surprised about.

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00:04:10,904 --> 00:04:13,834

And that is Ken made a mistake.

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00:04:13,834 --> 00:04:14,644

Whoa, what?



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00:04:14,704 --> 00:04:15,095  
I know.

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00:04:15,444 --> 00:04:19,064  
I mean, he only made it long  
enough to correct himself.

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00:04:19,064 --> 00:04:20,844  
We didn't even have to correct him.

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00:04:20,844 --> 00:04:22,835  
But basically, Allison rang in.

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00:04:23,340 --> 00:04:26,860  
And said Venice, and Ken said correct,  
and then he was like, wait, wait.

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00:04:27,530 --> 00:04:29,320  
And it was actually Florence.

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00:04:29,330 --> 00:04:31,480  
So he quickly ruled Allison incorrect.

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00:04:31,480 --> 00:04:34,950  
But this happened so quickly, and Ken says  
things with such confidence sometimes,

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00:04:34,950 --> 00:04:36,510  
that we kind of almost go, oh yeah.

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00:04:36,510 --> 00:04:38,909  
And then all of a sudden all  
of us are yelling, no, no, no.

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00:04:38,909 --> 00:04:40,959  
So that was a fun moment in this game.

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00:04:40,959 --> 00:04:43,269  
But nothing that couldn't  
stop the flow of Allison.

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00:04:43,709 --> 00:04:47,570  
In her post game chat, she talked about,  
you know, hey, I'll be happy if I can

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00:04:47,570 --> 00:04:49,460  
just play in a way that I'm proud of.

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00:04:49,500 --> 00:04:50,270  
And I know.

113  
00:04:50,505 --> 00:04:53,594  
People who are much better trivia  
players than myself who come out

114  
00:04:53,594 --> 00:04:54,664  
and lose on their first game.

115  
00:04:54,905 --> 00:04:58,045  
So I know that losing Jeopardy is  
not an indication of one's skill.

116  
00:04:58,424 --> 00:05:00,635  
So I was really hoping to come  
out here and have fun and be

117  
00:05:00,635 --> 00:05:01,664  
proud of the way I played.

118  
00:05:01,964 --> 00:05:05,094  
I feel very fortunate that I've  
been able to notch a couple of wins.

119  
00:05:05,135 --> 00:05:06,404  
Yeah, wonderful.

120  
00:05:06,424 --> 00:05:09,144  
Well on Tuesday, Alison was  
able to secure her fourth win.

121  
00:05:09,544 --> 00:05:12,844  
Uh, but Eric gave her a run for her  
money, had the lead going into final.

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00:05:12,844 --> 00:05:15,094

Both Alison and Eric were  
incorrect in that final.

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00:05:15,164 --> 00:05:17,284

Had a savvy wager from second place.

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00:05:17,385 --> 00:05:18,249

Gave Alison the win.

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00:05:18,410 --> 00:05:19,490

that come from behind win.

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00:05:19,890 --> 00:05:22,660

Ken caught up with our players  
after this exciting game.

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00:05:22,670 --> 00:05:26,350

Let's hear how Allison felt  
about clinching a fourth win.

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00:05:27,090 --> 00:05:28,190

Eric, I want to start with you.

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00:05:28,220 --> 00:05:28,440

Sure.

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00:05:28,540 --> 00:05:29,690

That was quite a game.

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00:05:29,840 --> 00:05:32,209

Well, so I started out  
just extremely nervous.

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00:05:32,300 --> 00:05:34,079

Kind of got into the  
groove a little bit there.

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00:05:34,110 --> 00:05:37,840

Somehow didn't break down after  
messing up that daily double.

134  
00:05:37,890 --> 00:05:42,560  
And, uh, you know, just kind of tried to,  
you know, work the buzzer as best I could.

135  
00:05:42,570 --> 00:05:45,620  
I was wondering if psychologically that  
would be a tough moment to overcome.

136  
00:05:45,679 --> 00:05:46,970  
I didn't feel it at all.

137  
00:05:46,980 --> 00:05:47,225  
It's weird.

138  
00:05:47,225 --> 00:05:47,740  
It's weird.

139  
00:05:47,760 --> 00:05:49,049  
That's great.

140  
00:05:49,050 --> 00:05:50,499  
You're just numb up here.

141  
00:05:50,500 --> 00:05:51,700  
I suspect you can say that again.

142  
00:05:51,760 --> 00:05:53,750  
Now, Allison, that was  
a tough scare for you.

143  
00:05:53,900 --> 00:05:54,070  
Yeah.

144  
00:05:54,070 --> 00:05:55,510  
I assume you knew the Olsen twins.

145  
00:05:55,680 --> 00:05:56,840  
I did know the Olsen twins.

146  
00:05:56,840 --> 00:06:01,050  
I am of a certain age that I, it's like

mandated by law to know the Olsen twins.

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00:06:01,080 --> 00:06:04,719

Um, but you know, he was just beating me on the buzzer and he's got so much

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00:06:04,719 --> 00:06:09,749

knowledge and I was desperately trying to get in and I really thought that I

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00:06:09,749 --> 00:06:11,339

was going to be saying goodnight tonight.

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00:06:11,349 --> 00:06:14,140

So just amazing, amazing gameplay, both of you.

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00:06:14,665 --> 00:06:18,435

Eric had some gets, I believe Allison was kind of outscoring you on attempts

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00:06:18,435 --> 00:06:21,835

on correct responses, but you had some nice high level Responses.

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00:06:21,835 --> 00:06:24,185

Did you know the band Yola Tango or did you just know how

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00:06:24,185 --> 00:06:25,535

to say I got it in Spanish?

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00:06:25,825 --> 00:06:27,325

No, i've seen Yola Tango live.

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00:06:27,395 --> 00:06:28,315

Yeah, they're great.

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00:06:28,365 --> 00:06:29,375

I love autumn sweater.

158

00:06:29,765 --> 00:06:31,215

Yeah It's great.

159

00:06:31,394 --> 00:06:32,295  
I've seen Yola Tango.

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00:06:32,295 --> 00:06:34,534  
I don't know six or  
seven times Very awesome.

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00:06:34,615 --> 00:06:37,034  
How do you think your uh,  
your students will react?

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00:06:37,064 --> 00:06:39,684  
Oh, they're gonna be over the moon  
You know I played a great game and

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00:06:39,765 --> 00:06:43,095  
like I was a little felt a little  
bad Originally that I gave him this

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00:06:43,095 --> 00:06:47,835  
shout out and then just played like  
that And so, I did it for them.

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00:06:47,865 --> 00:06:48,585  
Yeah, for sure.

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00:06:48,935 --> 00:06:50,485  
No, you came back for them.

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00:06:50,525 --> 00:06:52,505  
I'm glad you know that, that  
you played a strong game.

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00:06:52,585 --> 00:06:53,584  
Yeah, thank you very much.

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00:06:53,644 --> 00:06:55,516  
Because that was indeed,  
like, a lot of fun to watch.

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00:06:55,516 --> 00:06:55,914  
Complete dream.

171  
00:06:55,915 --> 00:06:57,844  
And now, a quick word from our sponsor.

172  
00:06:58,405 --> 00:07:01,155  
Selling a little, or a lot.

173  
00:07:02,380 --> 00:07:05,310  
Shopify helps you do your  
thing however you cha ching.

174  
00:07:05,330 --> 00:07:08,700  
Shopify is the global commerce  
platform that helps you sell at

175  
00:07:08,760 --> 00:07:10,200  
every stage of your business.

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00:07:10,250 --> 00:07:14,260  
From the launch your online shop  
stage, to the first real life store

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00:07:14,260 --> 00:07:18,099  
stage, all the way to the, did we  
just hit a million orders stage.

178  
00:07:18,570 --> 00:07:20,150  
Shopify is there to help you grow.

179  
00:07:20,600 --> 00:07:24,100  
From their all in one e commerce  
platform to their in person point of

180  
00:07:24,100 --> 00:07:28,730  
sale system, wherever and whatever you're  
selling, Shopify's got you covered.

181  
00:07:29,190 --> 00:07:32,420  
Shopify powers 10 percent  
of all e commerce in the U.

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00:07:32,420 --> 00:07:32,730

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00:07:32,840 --> 00:07:36,640

Plus, they have the internet's best  
converting checkout, 36 percent

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00:07:36,650 --> 00:07:39,840

better on average compared to  
other leading commerce platforms.

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00:07:39,970 --> 00:07:43,660

What I love about Shopify is how simple  
they've made it to grow your business.

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00:07:43,909 --> 00:07:47,200

You can manage inventory, track  
payments, and view real time

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00:07:47,219 --> 00:07:49,020

insights all in one place.

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00:07:49,159 --> 00:07:52,719

Shopify is there to support your  
success every step of the way, because

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00:07:52,740 --> 00:07:55,090

businesses that grow, grow with Shopify.

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00:07:55,090 --> 00:07:58,809

Sign up for a 1 per month  
trial period at Shopify.

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00:07:58,840 --> 00:08:01,090

com slash Jeopardy, all lowercase.

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00:08:01,569 --> 00:08:02,479

Go to Shopify.

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00:08:02,520 --> 00:08:06,740

com slash Jeopardy now to grow your  
business no matter what stage you're in.



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00:08:07,130 --> 00:08:07,930  
Shopify.

195  
00:08:07,930 --> 00:08:09,840  
com slash Jeopardy.

196  
00:08:10,275 --> 00:08:12,255  
Now, back to Inside Jeopardy.

197  
00:08:12,985 --> 00:08:17,855  
And on Wednesday, Allison punched her  
ticket to the Tournament of Champions

198  
00:08:17,855 --> 00:08:19,755  
with a bit of an exclamation point.

199  
00:08:19,755 --> 00:08:21,775  
She did that with a runaway win.

200  
00:08:22,315 --> 00:08:26,645  
Many people talking about this  
was a 6th show day, and this game

201  
00:08:26,645 --> 00:08:29,015  
was the 6th show of the tape day.

202  
00:08:29,015 --> 00:08:32,445  
So, just giving Allison so much  
credit, not only for pulling off

203  
00:08:32,445 --> 00:08:35,895  
that win, but pulling off a win at  
the end of a very long tape day.

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00:08:35,895 --> 00:08:39,245  
Of course, our tape days have  
been a bit in flux with all of

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00:08:39,245 --> 00:08:40,545  
the tournaments and competitions.

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00:08:40,555 --> 00:08:46,554  
But for those of us in JPT, we're  
back to five show days, unless we're

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00:08:46,554 --> 00:08:48,354  
talking about primetime and masters.

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00:08:48,885 --> 00:08:51,694  
Well, I did have the chance to  
catch up with Alison after she

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00:08:51,694 --> 00:08:53,905  
secured that spot in the TOC.

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00:08:53,974 --> 00:08:54,855  
Let's take a listen.

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00:08:55,635 --> 00:09:00,355  
Alison Betts, you are a five game  
champion and guaranteed to head

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00:09:00,355 --> 00:09:01,605  
to the tournament of champions.

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00:09:01,625 --> 00:09:02,314  
How does that feel?

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00:09:02,490 --> 00:09:04,720  
I'm in shock, total disbelief.

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00:09:04,730 --> 00:09:07,460  
When I came here today, I really  
just thought, you know, as long

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00:09:07,460 --> 00:09:09,800  
as I do well and I play a game I  
can be proud of, I'll be happy.

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00:09:10,050 --> 00:09:14,370  
Um, so this outcome is just, um,  
I feel like someone's punking me.

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00:09:14,370 --> 00:09:16,350  
I don't know if Ashton Kutcher's  
around here somewhere, but that's

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00:09:16,350 --> 00:09:17,510  
kind of how it feels right now.

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00:09:18,110 --> 00:09:21,859  
Well, for all of us here at Jeopardy  
on staff and crew, but also for

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00:09:21,860 --> 00:09:25,840  
the Jeopardy community, people have  
been awaiting, you know, regular new

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00:09:25,850 --> 00:09:30,420  
contestants for so many months and  
right out of the gate, We get you.

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00:09:30,630 --> 00:09:34,510  
Uh, I mean, I, I, I, I  
feel very fortunate again.

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00:09:34,520 --> 00:09:37,450  
Um, you know, it was great seeing Lee  
when that first game, that amazing

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00:09:37,450 --> 00:09:40,770  
come from behind win, we were all  
cheering in the green room for Lee.

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00:09:41,040 --> 00:09:43,339  
Uh, so it's nice to have kind of  
back to back female champions.

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00:09:43,340 --> 00:09:45,379  
I feel like maybe we  
don't get enough of those.

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00:09:45,379 --> 00:09:47,259  
So when it happens, I'm excited to see it.

229

00:09:47,340 --> 00:09:51,855  
And as you kept racking up additional  
wins, What was going through your mind?

230  
00:09:51,965 --> 00:09:53,065  
How is this happening?

231  
00:09:53,095 --> 00:09:53,785  
Essentially?

232  
00:09:53,825 --> 00:09:56,595  
Uh, I, I feel like I definitely  
had boards in my favor, although

233  
00:09:56,595 --> 00:09:57,735  
there was way too much music.

234  
00:09:57,735 --> 00:09:58,995  
You guys need to kind of work on that.

235  
00:09:58,995 --> 00:10:00,285  
I, in my opinion.

236  
00:10:00,565 --> 00:10:03,974  
Um, but in general, they were  
good boards and I was, I was

237  
00:10:03,974 --> 00:10:05,454  
pretty lucky with daily doubles.

238  
00:10:05,455 --> 00:10:09,854  
I think I got all the daily doubles I  
got right, but there were one or two

239  
00:10:09,864 --> 00:10:12,695  
games where someone else pulled a daily  
double where I would not have got it.

240  
00:10:12,705 --> 00:10:15,595  
So, you know, it definitely,  
there was definitely a lot

241

00:10:15,595 --> 00:10:16,835  
of luck working in my favor.

242  
00:10:17,144 --> 00:10:19,005  
Um, and it's just kind  
of a dream come true.

243  
00:10:19,005 --> 00:10:19,795  
You know, it's.

244  
00:10:20,225 --> 00:10:22,205  
Obviously you want to win, you want  
to play hard, you want to do your

245  
00:10:22,215 --> 00:10:24,205  
best, but you know, you're having fun.

246  
00:10:24,205 --> 00:10:28,145  
This is a game and honestly, I  
really, really enjoyed playing it.

247  
00:10:28,265 --> 00:10:31,025  
Playing it the last one was a  
little bit more tiring, but it's

248  
00:10:31,025 --> 00:10:32,395  
still fun even when you're tired.

249  
00:10:32,835 --> 00:10:34,504  
Well, yes, let's talk about Jeopardy!

250  
00:10:34,504 --> 00:10:35,464  
production time.

251  
00:10:35,464 --> 00:10:39,134  
Today was a six show day and  
you played in five of them.

252  
00:10:39,184 --> 00:10:39,704  
Yes.

253  
00:10:39,774 --> 00:10:44,025

That takes a lot to continue to bring  
this energy and that level of focus.

254

00:10:44,545 --> 00:10:49,104  
Game after game, tell me how the day  
went on for you as, as the games went on.

255

00:10:49,114 --> 00:10:49,484  
Yeah.

256

00:10:49,484 --> 00:10:52,045  
So I, I am local, but I  
live about an hour away.

257

00:10:52,045 --> 00:10:56,564  
So that means my, my gate day  
started at about 5 AM, which was

258

00:10:56,564 --> 00:10:59,165  
a little bit early, but then got  
here, got to watch that first game.

259

00:10:59,204 --> 00:11:01,265  
Uh, you know, obviously we  
had the practice game and I

260

00:11:01,265 --> 00:11:02,114  
felt pretty good about it.

261

00:11:02,114 --> 00:11:04,645  
I was really, honestly, the  
thing I was most concerned about.

262

00:11:05,074 --> 00:11:08,405  
Was well, there are two things  
confidence knowing to ring in and

263

00:11:08,405 --> 00:11:12,495  
trust myself and the buzzer is the one  
thing that you really can't Perfectly

264

00:11:12,495 --> 00:11:15,714  
approximate so after I realized that

okay, I feel pretty good with this.

265

00:11:15,715 --> 00:11:19,130

I'm not i'm not as worried about getting the fractions of the second.

266

00:11:19,180 --> 00:11:22,690

Um, so yeah, as the day went on and I was getting in, I was able to

267

00:11:22,690 --> 00:11:26,470

kind of stop thinking about it and starting to just a couple of friends

268

00:11:26,479 --> 00:11:28,029

playing some trivia on a stage.

269

00:11:28,070 --> 00:11:30,250

That's all it is with people watching.

270

00:11:30,250 --> 00:11:31,040

It's no big deal.

271

00:11:31,400 --> 00:11:32,099

Yeah, exactly.

272

00:11:32,099 --> 00:11:33,040

Not, not a problem.

273

00:11:33,430 --> 00:11:37,000

You mentioned one of the things you do is play trivia on Wednesdays.

274

00:11:37,120 --> 00:11:38,130

at O'Brien's.

275

00:11:38,150 --> 00:11:38,350

Yes.

276

00:11:38,350 --> 00:11:41,030

I have to think that's a pretty good training for Jeopardy.

277

00:11:41,080 --> 00:11:41,610

It is.

278

00:11:41,620 --> 00:11:41,930

It is.

279

00:11:41,930 --> 00:11:44,540

I mean, I know people are probably thinking it's like false modesty

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00:11:44,540 --> 00:11:46,770

when I say I play trivia with people who are a lot smarter than me.

281

00:11:46,770 --> 00:11:48,790

No, I've never, my team has never won.

282

00:11:49,010 --> 00:11:51,400

I think the highest we've ever come in is third place.

283

00:11:51,670 --> 00:11:54,450

Um, you know, you have people like Pam Mueller, Brad Rutter, I

284

00:11:54,500 --> 00:11:56,320

mean, all these Jeopardy greats.

285

00:11:56,320 --> 00:11:59,535

Um, And, uh, recently I actually have got the opportunity to

286

00:11:59,535 --> 00:12:00,694

write the quiz a couple of times.

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00:12:00,694 --> 00:12:02,915

So I've hosted a few times, and that's a lot of fun too.

288

00:12:03,185 --> 00:12:04,265

Um, but it's a great place.



289

00:12:04,285 --> 00:12:06,825  
Anyone who's local should drop in  
on a Wednesday night to O'Brien's.

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00:12:06,825 --> 00:12:07,855  
It's really accessible.

291

00:12:07,944 --> 00:12:10,114  
Even if the questions are hard,  
you're gonna have a fun time.

292

00:12:10,265 --> 00:12:11,774  
Well, you mentioned some of your Jeopardy!

293

00:12:11,774 --> 00:12:14,625  
friends have given you, you  
know, various bits of advice.

294

00:12:14,844 --> 00:12:16,454  
What came in handy today?

295

00:12:16,755 --> 00:12:22,035  
Um, I think kind of again, the biggest  
thing was to trust myself and be confident

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00:12:22,035 --> 00:12:26,015  
because I think that that was kind of  
my biggest weakness is, uh, not going

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00:12:26,015 --> 00:12:29,895  
for it and, you know, board control is  
so important that you need to roll the

298

00:12:29,895 --> 00:12:34,780  
dice on those questions that you're You  
have a good feeling about, um, uh, but

299

00:12:34,790 --> 00:12:38,030  
then the other thing was I was actually  
talking to Ben Chan a couple of days

300

00:12:38,030 --> 00:12:39,820  
ago and, you know, said any advice.

301  
00:12:40,070 --> 00:12:42,869  
I said, you know, I'm definitely kind  
of scared going in and he said, no,

302  
00:12:43,080 --> 00:12:44,660  
remember they should be scared of you.

303  
00:12:44,870 --> 00:12:46,020  
You should not be scared of them.

304  
00:12:46,100 --> 00:12:49,770  
I don't know if he just scared me into  
doing well or if those were wise words.

305  
00:12:49,890 --> 00:12:52,249  
Well, Ben Chan known for runaway wins.

306  
00:12:52,620 --> 00:12:55,080  
You've become known for  
runaway wins yourself.

307  
00:12:55,150 --> 00:12:55,640  
Wow.

308  
00:12:56,230 --> 00:12:56,560  
Yeah.

309  
00:12:56,920 --> 00:13:01,670  
Again, I feel like I just got, I had some,  
some luck as far as categories and, uh,

310  
00:13:01,690 --> 00:13:05,280  
landing on good daily doubles and getting  
finals that were pretty good, except

311  
00:13:05,280 --> 00:13:06,750  
for that one, which was just so hard.

312  
00:13:07,239 --> 00:13:07,959

So, yeah.

313

00:13:07,959 --> 00:13:07,960

Yeah.

314

00:13:07,960 --> 00:13:10,819

Let's talk about that one because  
that game wasn't a runaway

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00:13:10,819 --> 00:13:13,059

for you, but a savvy wager.

316

00:13:13,069 --> 00:13:17,869

Had wagering when it came to wagering  
from second place in final jeopardy?

317

00:13:17,879 --> 00:13:20,469

Yeah, I definitely, I  
mean, speaking of Ben Chan.

318

00:13:21,225 --> 00:13:23,185

Love Ike, but I, I was so stressed.

319

00:13:23,185 --> 00:13:25,005

Yes, this happened to Ike just recently.

320

00:13:25,005 --> 00:13:25,704

This happened to Ike.

321

00:13:25,735 --> 00:13:27,475

I actually was in the  
audience for that taping.

322

00:13:27,515 --> 00:13:27,915

Oh wow.

323

00:13:27,925 --> 00:13:31,234

Um, so I just had this sinking  
feeling in my gut and when,

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00:13:31,245 --> 00:13:32,405

when that happened for him.

325

00:13:32,704 --> 00:13:35,664  
And, uh, today I was just like,  
okay, the only way I can win

326

00:13:35,665 --> 00:13:37,174  
this is if he gets it wrong.

327

00:13:37,435 --> 00:13:40,554  
And so I'm going to have to make  
a conservative bet to make sure

328

00:13:40,554 --> 00:13:41,785  
that I have money if that happens.

329

00:13:41,785 --> 00:13:43,155  
But I mean, he was such a good player.

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00:13:43,155 --> 00:13:45,055  
I'm like, He's not gonna get it wrong.

331

00:13:45,374 --> 00:13:46,824  
This is this is my swan song.

332

00:13:46,824 --> 00:13:49,774  
I put my kids initials back on the  
bottom I was sure I was going home.

333

00:13:49,884 --> 00:13:51,655  
What's been the best part so far again?

334

00:13:51,655 --> 00:13:54,364  
Just getting the chance to do  
this I I've watched Jeopardy!

335

00:13:54,374 --> 00:13:57,224  
since well for I was born  
in 1984 this Jeopardy!

336

00:13:57,264 --> 00:14:00,394  
started this version started in 1984  
So when I say literally my whole

337

00:14:00,394 --> 00:14:03,535  
life, I mean quite literally my  
whole life My 40th birthday is the

338

00:14:03,535 --> 00:14:05,705  
weekend that this is This is airing.

339

00:14:06,005 --> 00:14:08,215  
Um, so, you know, getting to  
actually be here and play.

340

00:14:08,215 --> 00:14:11,535  
I've come to a few tapings and I've  
always just really love the energy

341

00:14:11,535 --> 00:14:15,635  
of the place and It's nice to have a  
signaling device that works instead

342

00:14:15,635 --> 00:14:18,385  
of my thumb just frantically buzzing,  
you know Bouncing up and down in

343

00:14:18,385 --> 00:14:19,695  
the audience and nothing happens.

344

00:14:19,695 --> 00:14:23,154  
I never win from the audience So it's  
fun to be able to actually do it for

345

00:14:23,154 --> 00:14:27,255  
real Well, what would you say to someone  
who loves the show like you and is

346

00:14:27,505 --> 00:14:29,475  
considering taking that anytime test?

347

00:14:29,495 --> 00:14:32,175  
First of all, everyone says about take  
the anytime test I mean it really is

348

00:14:32,525 --> 00:14:36,405  
Literally anytime you can do it at two  
o'clock in the morning anywhere you are

349  
00:14:36,405 --> 00:14:40,635  
You can take the anytime test Um a lot  
of my friends who I know to be brilliant

350  
00:14:40,645 --> 00:14:42,535  
people are just like no No, you're smart.

351  
00:14:42,715 --> 00:14:46,714  
I'm like no i'm i'm i'm no smarter  
than you or anybody else I just have a

352  
00:14:46,715 --> 00:14:49,534  
love for jeopardy a love for trivia and  
there's so many people who just think

353  
00:14:49,534 --> 00:14:53,355  
that they wouldn't do well on The test or  
oh, I I don't know things like that But

354  
00:14:53,365 --> 00:14:57,175  
I think that people should be confident  
in themselves and try because you might

355  
00:14:57,175 --> 00:15:00,465  
surprise yourself You might end up a  
five day champion out of nowhere like I

356  
00:15:00,485 --> 00:15:05,795  
did You Well, on Thursday, Marco Saric  
took the stage to defeat Alisson after

357  
00:15:05,795 --> 00:15:07,305  
what was a very close and exciting game.

358  
00:15:07,305 --> 00:15:11,824  
The close scores forced all three  
players to go nearly all in, and

359  
00:15:11,824 --> 00:15:15,545

final was a triple stumper giving  
first place Marco the narrow win

360

00:15:15,734 --> 00:15:16,974  
because of the minimal wager.

361

00:15:17,035 --> 00:15:20,314  
Claire McNair was chiming  
in on Alisson bets.

362

00:15:20,334 --> 00:15:24,645  
Claire said, have to say there's  
something deeply Cosmically funny about

363

00:15:24,645 --> 00:15:29,474  
the Jeopardy tournament's finally ending  
only for a contestant to immediately

364

00:15:29,504 --> 00:15:31,854  
embark on a long winning streak.

365

00:15:32,094 --> 00:15:34,464  
Allison responded with  
some emojis to that.

366

00:15:34,805 --> 00:15:40,074  
Of course, Allison's streak does come  
to an end with five wins, but three

367

00:15:40,074 --> 00:15:45,405  
runaway games Averaging 22 correct  
responses, found 11 daily doubles

368

00:15:45,405 --> 00:15:49,905  
and responded to 10 of them correctly  
and was four for six in finals.

369

00:15:49,925 --> 00:15:54,005  
So looking forward to seeing  
Allison back in the TOC.

370

00:15:54,314 --> 00:15:57,515  
Before Allison left us, Ken

did catch up with her and all

371

00:15:57,525 --> 00:15:58,725  
the players after this game.

372

00:15:58,735 --> 00:15:59,544  
Let's take a listen.

373

00:16:00,365 --> 00:16:01,264  
That was a great game.

374

00:16:01,475 --> 00:16:03,755  
You know, it turned out that the  
final Jeopardy wagering turned out

375

00:16:03,755 --> 00:16:07,345  
to be important, but um, the Marcos  
small lead was also important.

376

00:16:07,575 --> 00:16:07,945  
Yeah.

377

00:16:08,395 --> 00:16:10,564  
You all found a daily  
double, which was nice.

378

00:16:10,584 --> 00:16:11,235  
Although.

379

00:16:11,290 --> 00:16:14,880  
Yeah, although Allison  
couldn't convert on the samba.

380

00:16:14,930 --> 00:16:15,500  
Yeah.

381

00:16:15,730 --> 00:16:16,010  
Yeah.

382

00:16:16,410 --> 00:16:20,800  
I missed a samba, but that's okay I  
mean I knew this was going to be I said



383  
00:16:20,800 --> 00:16:24,090  
to them this was going to be the match  
up that I was dreading yesterday And

384  
00:16:24,360 --> 00:16:28,269  
they obviously both came and played  
super hard and going into final.

385  
00:16:28,269 --> 00:16:32,574  
I knew I was in that position where  
I had to defend above and below.

386  
00:16:32,575 --> 00:16:36,435  
So you got somebody, yeah, it was a  
really tricky wagering decision.

387  
00:16:36,444 --> 00:16:39,995  
And so, but again, I couldn't be  
happier to, yeah, the Tuesday.

388  
00:16:39,995 --> 00:16:40,704  
Oh, geez.

389  
00:16:40,704 --> 00:16:40,944  
Yeah.

390  
00:16:40,944 --> 00:16:41,415  
The Tuesday.

391  
00:16:41,415 --> 00:16:41,755  
Oh, geez.

392  
00:16:41,755 --> 00:16:45,405  
And again, not just saying, yeah, again,  
not just saying a week now we've all been

393  
00:16:45,405 --> 00:16:47,464  
here a week, so it's, it's been amazing.

394  
00:16:47,834 --> 00:16:50,884  
You were the alternates for

the previous five games.

395

00:16:50,885 --> 00:16:54,375

So you got to see Alison  
come in, seeing somebody.

396

00:16:54,615 --> 00:16:56,305

Win five times that you're going  
to have to play the next day.

397

00:16:56,335 --> 00:16:58,025

It's very, very intimidating.

398

00:16:58,025 --> 00:16:59,155

It's very scary.

399

00:16:59,205 --> 00:17:01,175

She is incredible on the buzzer.

400

00:17:01,175 --> 00:17:06,145

She has a wide breadth of knowledge  
and we, we knew that, that we were

401

00:17:06,165 --> 00:17:08,845

up against it for sure, but we also  
knew it would be a great match.

402

00:17:08,864 --> 00:17:10,715

They were buzzing as  
much as I was this game.

403

00:17:10,725 --> 00:17:11,824

Like they were in there.

404

00:17:11,864 --> 00:17:13,605

I was having to fight them for the bus.

405

00:17:13,645 --> 00:17:15,655

So they are also, there are  
no slouches on the buzzer.

406

00:17:15,655 --> 00:17:16,655

These two, they were great.

407

00:17:16,795 --> 00:17:21,435  
You had 49 attempts, Alison to 43 for  
Marco, but he actually got in a few more

408

00:17:21,435 --> 00:17:23,865  
times than you did 22 times to your.

409

00:17:24,830 --> 00:17:27,770  
So, uh, despite having less  
buzzer experience than Allison,

410

00:17:27,770 --> 00:17:28,660  
Marco, you had a pretty good game.

411

00:17:28,720 --> 00:17:32,049  
Yeah, and I think, uh, you know, I buzzed  
on things that I shouldn't have buzzed on.

412

00:17:32,050 --> 00:17:34,239  
I lost 2, 000 on the Angora.

413

00:17:34,540 --> 00:17:35,610  
Not Angora, but you know.

414

00:17:35,939 --> 00:17:38,139  
Um, so I think that was just,  
you know, first game nerves.

415

00:17:38,139 --> 00:17:38,909  
Hopefully I can, you know, win.

416

00:17:39,250 --> 00:17:40,030  
Build a bit more.

417

00:17:40,050 --> 00:17:40,620  
Yeah, buddy.

418

00:17:40,650 --> 00:17:42,950  
Yeah, and with the audience in  
mind you were trying to make it

419

00:17:42,950 --> 00:17:44,340  
close down the stretch I like that.

420

00:17:44,610 --> 00:17:46,720  
Yeah, I I'm always doing  
it for the content.

421

00:17:47,410 --> 00:17:47,620  
Marco.

422

00:17:47,700 --> 00:17:49,390  
Congratulations on your way so much

423

00:17:55,825 --> 00:17:59,365  
So on Friday, Marco, uh, returned  
and managed to close out the week

424

00:17:59,365 --> 00:18:02,795  
with his second win despite a hard  
fought battle by Scott Nations.

425

00:18:03,185 --> 00:18:06,294  
And this is one of those games where  
in Final Jeopardy, you know, Marco

426

00:18:06,294 --> 00:18:09,525  
said he was really nervous when  
he saw the Final Jeopardy category

427

00:18:09,874 --> 00:18:14,024  
comic book characters, but lucked out  
with the response of Harley Quinn.

428

00:18:14,034 --> 00:18:17,855  
Apparently, he and his girlfriend  
dressed as the Joker and Harley

429

00:18:17,915 --> 00:18:20,215  
Quinn for Halloween in college.

430

00:18:20,520 --> 00:18:22,780

You just never know how these things  
are going to come full circle.

431

00:18:22,790 --> 00:18:25,810  
Marco even added a little heart  
and diamond in his final Jeopardy

432

00:18:25,810 --> 00:18:29,340  
response, which of course referred  
to little Joker emojis, Michael.

433

00:18:29,830 --> 00:18:30,310  
Wonderful.

434

00:18:30,599 --> 00:18:33,079  
Well, we're doing something special  
for our host chat this week.

435

00:18:33,080 --> 00:18:34,320  
You know, we have a special edition.

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00:18:34,320 --> 00:18:39,430  
We're going to share our conversation with  
Ken from the Inside Jeopardy Live podcast.

437

00:18:39,450 --> 00:18:40,379  
Let's take a listen.

438

00:19:01,310 --> 00:19:02,620  
Thank you so much.

439

00:19:02,620 --> 00:19:02,810  
What a welcome.

440

00:19:03,240 --> 00:19:03,500  
Wow.

441

00:19:03,750 --> 00:19:04,800  
Ken Jennings.

442

00:19:04,830 --> 00:19:05,570  
Thanks for coming.

443  
00:19:05,570 --> 00:19:07,290  
I know you've got a big week next week.

444  
00:19:07,580 --> 00:19:08,099  
Oh yeah.

445  
00:19:08,140 --> 00:19:08,480  
Masters.

446  
00:19:08,490 --> 00:19:09,089  
Masters.

447  
00:19:09,089 --> 00:19:09,399  
Yeah.

448  
00:19:09,960 --> 00:19:13,560  
But, you know, I decided I'd take a second  
out from my busy schedule and come on

449  
00:19:13,560 --> 00:19:17,060  
my favorite podcast, Inside Jeopardy.

450  
00:19:17,100 --> 00:19:20,450  
Yes, Ken is our best, uh, plug,  
er, uh, he does that during

451  
00:19:20,450 --> 00:19:21,780  
the studio audience tapings.

452  
00:19:22,109 --> 00:19:26,049  
Every time Sarah tells me, plug  
the podcast, I eagerly do so.

453  
00:19:26,150 --> 00:19:31,380  
Yeah, I'm that voice in Ken's ear that he  
never knew he loved so much, right Ken?

454  
00:19:32,190 --> 00:19:35,600  
The only reason the show gets  
hosted plausibly is because Sarah

455  
00:19:35,600 --> 00:19:36,840  
is saying, Ken, you screwed up.

456  
00:19:37,010 --> 00:19:37,840  
Ken, you screwed up.

457  
00:19:38,370 --> 00:19:41,160  
Or Ken, you're awesome, which  
is, I know what we all feel.

458  
00:19:41,370 --> 00:19:46,380  
So I have to ask, you've had some  
pretty great moments in the last couple

459  
00:19:46,380 --> 00:19:47,780  
of years since you started hosting.

460  
00:19:47,810 --> 00:19:49,039  
Is there a highlight?

461  
00:19:49,589 --> 00:19:54,670  
You know, last year's masters was  
something else when you're a contestant.

462  
00:19:55,090 --> 00:19:58,970  
In a very closely fought, stressful  
Jeopardy game, you're kind of enjoying it,

463  
00:19:59,650 --> 00:20:04,790  
but a big part of your brain cannot enjoy  
it, because you are putting your nervous

464  
00:20:04,790 --> 00:20:08,500  
system through something crazy, going, uh,  
on a high pressure situation like that.

465  
00:20:08,789 --> 00:20:12,019  
And I find that now that I'm hosting,  
I can enjoy these high pressure

466  
00:20:12,019 --> 00:20:18,419  
situations, uh, stress free, you know,

like, Like, Matea getting James on

467

00:20:18,419 --> 00:20:21,659  
the ropes towards the end of Masters  
last year, that was fantastic.

468

00:20:21,659 --> 00:20:25,840  
I was so relieved that that was  
not me at any of those podiums.

469

00:20:25,959 --> 00:20:29,539  
Yeah, you know a little something about  
playing against James and what that can

470

00:20:29,539 --> 00:20:31,199  
do to someone's nervous system, right?

471

00:20:31,639 --> 00:20:34,389  
I'm getting flashbacks just  
seeing him behind the podium.

472

00:20:34,429 --> 00:20:37,199  
Well, you often answer  
Q& As with our audience.

473

00:20:37,199 --> 00:20:41,415  
I have to ask, what's been the most  
Surprising or interesting question

474

00:20:41,415 --> 00:20:43,175  
that someone has come up with for you.

475

00:20:43,395 --> 00:20:46,935  
I saw on social media people wanted  
to know what my favorite cheese was.

476

00:20:47,124 --> 00:20:47,405  
Oh.

477

00:20:48,544 --> 00:20:49,685  
Inquiring minds want to know.

478



00:20:49,995 --> 00:20:53,364  
Hard to imagine what the, what  
the use case is for this question.

479  
00:20:53,364 --> 00:20:57,019  
What, what is this person going to do  
with this information once they know?

480  
00:20:57,740 --> 00:21:00,389  
Can you imagine, you folks  
watch Jeopardy sometimes.

481  
00:21:01,260 --> 00:21:05,420  
How often, how often are you wondering, I  
wonder what the host's favorite cheese is?

482  
00:21:05,420 --> 00:21:08,329  
Is this person Dutch, by any chance?

483  
00:21:08,329 --> 00:21:09,840  
Sounds like a very Dutch question to me.

484  
00:21:09,840 --> 00:21:10,723  
Are they hoping for Gouda?

485  
00:21:10,723 --> 00:21:11,970  
Could they be from Wisconsin?

486  
00:21:12,069 --> 00:21:12,259  
Yes.

487  
00:21:13,200 --> 00:21:16,430  
Are they going to build a life size statue  
of me out of the cheese of my choice?

488  
00:21:16,490 --> 00:21:18,379  
I feel like that's been done, no?

489  
00:21:18,590 --> 00:21:21,220  
I don't know, I'm definitely going  
to pick a firm cheese, just in case.

490

00:21:21,220 --> 00:21:21,570  
Okay, good.

491  
00:21:21,970 --> 00:21:22,830  
That's their plan.

492  
00:21:22,889 --> 00:21:24,060  
So you haven't decided yet.

493  
00:21:24,560 --> 00:21:27,389  
I'm not going to say burrata, because  
I want the statue to look good.

494  
00:21:28,419 --> 00:21:29,679  
How about manchego?

495  
00:21:29,689 --> 00:21:31,000  
Spanish manchego cheese.

496  
00:21:31,010 --> 00:21:31,899  
It's very mellow.

497  
00:21:32,330 --> 00:21:33,050  
Yes, thank you.

498  
00:21:33,060 --> 00:21:36,184  
Give it up, please, for queso manchego.

499  
00:21:37,635 --> 00:21:41,925  
So, my, my question is very inside, so  
inside that I should probably ask you

500  
00:21:41,925 --> 00:21:45,844  
this at work, rather than when we're  
on a stage in front of all these people

501  
00:21:45,875 --> 00:21:48,844  
and with New York City and, wow, it  
just gets more beautiful every second.

502  
00:21:49,304 --> 00:21:53,695  
So, I've known you for quite a long time,

certainly before my time at Jeopardy, we

503

00:21:53,695 --> 00:21:58,715  
developed, a quiz show with each other,  
Ken Jennings versus the rest of the world

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00:21:58,715 --> 00:22:00,885  
for Comedy Central, never got on the air.

505

00:22:02,015 --> 00:22:05,244  
But we developed that in the wake of  
Wim Ben Stein's Money, actually in

506

00:22:05,244 --> 00:22:08,384  
the wake of you obviously coming off  
your amazing performance on Jeopardy.

507

00:22:08,805 --> 00:22:10,255  
You're then on Grand Slam.

508

00:22:10,804 --> 00:22:15,325  
Um, you won Grand Slam, a UK  
format that we had on, on Game Show

509

00:22:15,325 --> 00:22:18,050  
Network, but Even on Ken Jennings vs.

510

00:22:18,050 --> 00:22:21,780  
The Rest of the World, I saw  
potential as a host, but I have to

511

00:22:21,780 --> 00:22:23,970  
admit to you now, quite a small P.

512

00:22:25,880 --> 00:22:28,379  
When I came Wait, a small  
P in potential, right?

513

00:22:28,440 --> 00:22:28,720  
Yes.

514

00:22:28,789 --> 00:22:29,029

Okay.

515

00:22:29,030 --> 00:22:33,659

Very This is what you meant  
by too inside Jeopardy?

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00:22:33,830 --> 00:22:38,930

But when I came to Jeopardy,  
I'd seen your guest hosting.

517

00:22:38,960 --> 00:22:40,200

I got to watch you on stage.

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00:22:40,200 --> 00:22:43,160

That suddenly became a very big pee, Ken.

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00:22:43,160 --> 00:22:51,220

And now working with you  
day after day after day.

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00:22:51,720 --> 00:22:55,190

And I say all the time  
that this wasn't our work.

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00:22:55,280 --> 00:22:56,350

It was your work.

522

00:22:56,909 --> 00:22:58,010

We don't deserve credit.

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00:22:58,110 --> 00:22:59,070

You deserve credit.

524

00:23:01,440 --> 00:23:06,539

But you now make something that  
is so difficult, looks so easy.

525

00:23:06,849 --> 00:23:11,349

And yet I am sure there are parts  
of it, which is like a duck on water

526

00:23:11,389 --> 00:23:14,090

that underneath you must be paddling  
like hell and thinking about it.

527

00:23:14,430 --> 00:23:16,879

What are those moments  
that you do find hard?

528

00:23:17,469 --> 00:23:19,399

First of all, thank  
you for the kind words.

529

00:23:19,540 --> 00:23:24,190

And, uh, Thanks to everybody on the  
show for their patience with a very big

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00:23:24,220 --> 00:23:29,510

P as I kind of, as I kind of got up to  
speed because really without, without

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00:23:29,510 --> 00:23:32,980

the patience and the training of the,  
you know, the very knowledgeable and

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00:23:32,980 --> 00:23:36,979

experienced Jeopardy staff and crew,  
it would have been an impossible show

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00:23:36,979 --> 00:23:40,580

to host instead of merely, as Michael  
points out a very difficult one.

534

00:23:40,870 --> 00:23:44,440

Um, I would not have thought  
that I had that potential.

535

00:23:44,480 --> 00:23:48,559

Um, but thanks to the show being such  
an amazing format and the people who,

536

00:23:48,560 --> 00:23:51,870

um, I was able to give it a shot.

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00:23:51,880 --> 00:23:54,320

The hardest parts surprised me.

538

00:23:54,370 --> 00:23:58,140

Um, I found Final Jeopardy  
very difficult at first.

539

00:23:58,790 --> 00:24:01,790

Because I thought, well, you know,  
it's just the same thing the player

540

00:24:01,790 --> 00:24:03,350

does, but from the other side of it.

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00:24:03,350 --> 00:24:07,310

But really the, the host is going  
off a card that's full of numbers.

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00:24:07,315 --> 00:24:10,010

You know, here's, here's what she  
had, here's what the wager was.

543

00:24:10,015 --> 00:24:11,210

So if she gets it right, it's this.

544

00:24:11,210 --> 00:24:13,010

If she gets it, if she  
gets it wrong, it's this.

545

00:24:13,190 --> 00:24:16,100

Yesterday she had this, so her  
three day total would be this.

546

00:24:16,100 --> 00:24:18,890

If it's right, if it's wrong, her  
three day total is actually that.

547

00:24:18,950 --> 00:24:23,750

And so they just give you this  
mind-boggling Sudoku of a card

548

00:24:24,710 --> 00:24:27,440

with like parallel universes  
branching out off of it.

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00:24:28,275 --> 00:24:31,005

And, uh, it was not intuitive at all.

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00:24:31,055 --> 00:24:35,784

The other thing I've noticed is the, you know, uh, you know, we've talked about

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00:24:35,785 --> 00:24:39,105

the endless, the endless tournaments that were not our choice, but, uh, now

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00:24:39,105 --> 00:24:43,245

that we've had new contestants on, you realize the difference is not really

553

00:24:43,245 --> 00:24:46,384

gameplay, it's just how comfortable they are being on television, being a Jeopardy!

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00:24:46,385 --> 00:24:46,925

contestant.

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00:24:47,335 --> 00:24:50,355

And so, there's something I want to do where if somebody's not comfortable,

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00:24:50,355 --> 00:24:52,045

I'm like, look, I remember how that was.

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00:24:52,590 --> 00:24:55,100

I remember that deer in the headlights feeling, you know, how

558

00:24:55,100 --> 00:24:56,680

can I settle that person down?

559

00:24:56,940 --> 00:24:59,130

Is there a way to bring them out in the interview?

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00:24:59,340 --> 00:25:02,610

Is there a way to get them to laugh to catch them off guard to actually enjoy

561

00:25:02,610 --> 00:25:07,390  
this moment because I think they deserve that and and the moment often goes by.

562

00:25:07,500 --> 00:25:10,730  
I'm going to give you a chance because you know one thing that I love about when you

563

00:25:10,730 --> 00:25:15,210  
take audience questions at the Alex Trebek stage is when you talk about Alex and how

564

00:25:15,210 --> 00:25:21,529  
you You know marveled at his ability as both a fan and a contestant and his friend

565

00:25:21,529 --> 00:25:23,730  
You at the way he hosted this program.

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00:25:24,220 --> 00:25:29,280  
What is it still that Alex had that there, I know you've said yourself, there are

567

00:25:29,280 --> 00:25:32,320  
things that he did that you can never do, but what are the qualities he had

568

00:25:32,320 --> 00:25:35,500  
that you aspire to have more on the show?

569

00:25:35,979 --> 00:25:38,709  
You know, I'm never going to have the voice.

570

00:25:38,750 --> 00:25:42,270  
I'm never, I'm never going to be the, the, the good looking silver fox, the

571

00:25:42,270 --> 00:25:46,490  
Canadian silver fox that we were so lucky



to have with our stash won't be happening.

572

00:25:46,500 --> 00:25:47,560

We won't see a mustache.

573

00:25:47,560 --> 00:25:48,830

I don't think you're going to like it.

574

00:25:48,830 --> 00:25:50,120

If you ever see it, got it, got it.

575

00:25:51,090 --> 00:25:54,129

Thinking about it, you will see the ratings drop, I think.

576

00:25:55,800 --> 00:26:00,160

But I do think that the thing about Alex that I always admired as a contestant,

577

00:26:00,180 --> 00:26:05,910

you would just marvel at his flawlessness, you know, somehow he had this presence

578

00:26:05,910 --> 00:26:09,149

of mind where he had a governor in his mind that kept him from almost

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00:26:09,149 --> 00:26:11,479

never making a mistake on that stage.

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00:26:11,560 --> 00:26:14,610

You know, he would occasionally read over a clue during a commercial break, not

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00:26:14,610 --> 00:26:19,500

that often, uh, and just everything else that came out was just kind of perfectly.

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00:26:20,010 --> 00:26:25,320

Uh, manicured and ready for air because of just decades of broadcasting experience.

583

00:26:25,720 --> 00:26:29,630  
And I think, I don't know how you do  
that, but it seems like he figured it out.

584  
00:26:29,640 --> 00:26:30,619  
That must be achievable.

585  
00:26:30,620 --> 00:26:35,185  
I would love, I aspire to just  
that kind of perfection where He

586  
00:26:35,185 --> 00:26:36,955  
has that control at all times.

587  
00:26:36,995 --> 00:26:38,765  
Are you looking to do a  
couple more game shows?

588  
00:26:38,765 --> 00:26:41,245  
Maybe Family Feud, if that  
ever becomes available.

589  
00:26:41,705 --> 00:26:42,185  
Concentration.

590  
00:26:42,185 --> 00:26:44,355  
Ken would love to be on  
Family Feud, let's be honest.

591  
00:26:44,415 --> 00:26:46,744  
That was my childhood dream,  
was a Family Feud contestant.

592  
00:26:46,795 --> 00:26:48,865  
And our family never got on, so.

593  
00:26:49,215 --> 00:26:49,645  
There you go.

594  
00:26:49,675 --> 00:26:51,924  
I think we could probably  
make a call, Ken.

595

00:26:51,925 --> 00:26:53,214

And make that happen.

596

00:26:53,455 --> 00:26:55,565

For the Jennings family, I'd be amazing.

597

00:26:55,605 --> 00:26:58,525

I now have to think, do I have four members of my family who I would

598

00:26:58,525 --> 00:27:00,275

not mind seeing on national TV?

599

00:27:00,515 --> 00:27:01,774

That's the family feud calculus.

600

00:27:01,785 --> 00:27:01,925

Yeah.

601

00:27:01,925 --> 00:27:04,715

I think in the new celebrity family feud, cause I think you'd

602

00:27:04,715 --> 00:27:05,905

be on celebrity, not regular.

603

00:27:05,905 --> 00:27:09,125

It's just like, yes, I think they're, they're very loose with the definition

604

00:27:09,125 --> 00:27:10,605

of family and you can bring on.

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00:27:11,300 --> 00:27:11,870

All sorts of people.

606

00:27:12,680 --> 00:27:15,530

I don't, I don't join you, Ken, my new fake relative.

607

00:27:15,590 --> 00:27:15,900

Yes.

608

00:27:15,910 --> 00:27:17,150

This will be us.

609

00:27:17,200 --> 00:27:22,159

Well, you brought up Alex and one of the traditions that you continue to honor is

610

00:27:22,190 --> 00:27:23,800

answering questions with our audience.

611

00:27:24,060 --> 00:27:27,590

I'm sure all of you would rather ask your own question than hear from us.

612

00:27:27,600 --> 00:27:28,810

So we're going to take a few.

613

00:27:29,040 --> 00:27:31,340

So raise your hand if you have a question for Ken.

614

00:27:31,570 --> 00:27:32,790

Does anyone want to ask me anything?

615

00:27:32,790 --> 00:27:35,370

This is anybody who has been to a jeopardy taping, by the way,

616

00:27:35,370 --> 00:27:36,840

show of hands, a few of you.

617

00:27:37,070 --> 00:27:38,670

So this is what the commercial breaks are.

618

00:27:38,670 --> 00:27:39,169

It's a.

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00:27:39,565 --> 00:27:40,885

Q& A to entertain the crowd.

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00:27:40,915 --> 00:27:41,865  
There was one here, right?

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00:27:41,865 --> 00:27:42,165  
Yeah.

622

00:27:42,165 --> 00:27:46,598  
I am a software engineer and I know that  
you're a reformed software developer,

623

00:27:46,598 --> 00:27:48,814  
and I wondered if that might, uh,

624

00:27:53,755 --> 00:27:54,885  
Oh, interesting question.

625

00:27:55,295 --> 00:27:58,795  
Does working in software prepare  
you to be the host of Jeopardy?

626

00:28:01,545 --> 00:28:05,104  
I mean, there is a sense of orderly  
thinking, of algorithm, you know,

627

00:28:05,134 --> 00:28:07,784  
of, uh, you know, here's what  
happens at this decision and here,

628

00:28:07,814 --> 00:28:09,235  
here are the three possibilities.

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00:28:09,274 --> 00:28:12,149  
Um, And I would like to think  
that helped except that I was such

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00:28:12,149 --> 00:28:13,499  
a terrible computer programmer.

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00:28:13,499 --> 00:28:18,549  
I'm not sure that I'm not sure that it  
actually made my thinking rigorous at all.

632  
00:28:18,570 --> 00:28:20,089  
I really look forward to giving the note.

633  
00:28:20,119 --> 00:28:23,580  
It's like, can we need a little bit  
more software engineering in that model?

634  
00:28:23,719 --> 00:28:26,389  
That would really, we need  
the audience could tell.

635  
00:28:26,459 --> 00:28:27,249  
Yeah, exactly.

636  
00:28:27,309 --> 00:28:29,029  
It's not software engineering enough.

637  
00:28:29,349 --> 00:28:29,729  
How about here?

638  
00:28:29,729 --> 00:28:30,809  
The young man in the front row.

639  
00:28:33,739 --> 00:28:35,769  
Ooh, my favorite category.

640  
00:28:35,949 --> 00:28:37,919  
When you're the host, you  
like it when they're tricky.

641  
00:28:38,910 --> 00:28:41,400  
Like, when you're playing, the last  
thing you want is one of these high

642  
00:28:41,400 --> 00:28:45,830  
concept, these are all 16 letter words  
with a V in the exact middle, you know?

643  
00:28:47,200 --> 00:28:49,000  
The contestants are like, no, no, no, no.

644

00:28:49,950 --> 00:28:51,150  
But let me tell you about the host.

645  
00:28:51,200 --> 00:28:53,610  
Uh, you know, I have all  
the correct responses.

646  
00:28:53,830 --> 00:28:56,689  
So now I'm like, yeah, the  
more high concept, the better.

647  
00:28:57,069 --> 00:28:59,450  
Especially if it's Masters or  
JIT or something, you know?

648  
00:28:59,460 --> 00:29:01,320  
Bring it, let's see if  
these folks can do this.

649  
00:29:01,320 --> 00:29:06,084  
I like it when we ask a lot of  
them, because I just read the

650  
00:29:06,084 --> 00:29:07,364  
Masters material, by the way.

651  
00:29:07,364 --> 00:29:07,994  
Have you read it, Ross?

652  
00:29:07,995 --> 00:29:09,044  
I have not seen the games.

653  
00:29:09,104 --> 00:29:11,614  
Wow, the Masters material is  
going to give you something to

654  
00:29:11,614 --> 00:29:12,504  
really sink your teeth into.

655  
00:29:12,504 --> 00:29:13,074  
It's so good.

656

00:29:13,135 --> 00:29:15,474  
Well, I was on the record that  
the JIT stuff was very hard.

657  
00:29:15,474 --> 00:29:16,684  
And then the games played out.

658  
00:29:16,705 --> 00:29:18,114  
You know, we had Victoria.

659  
00:29:18,114 --> 00:29:22,205  
We had all these players who just  
made it look like, like a kids week.

660  
00:29:22,284 --> 00:29:24,735  
And you love a Johnny  
Gilbert category as well.

661  
00:29:24,874 --> 00:29:25,534  
Those are my favorite.

662  
00:29:25,534 --> 00:29:26,614  
Who doesn't?

663  
00:29:27,100 --> 00:29:34,570  
When Johnny gets to do, uh, hip hop, or,  
uh, Shakespeare, 90's torch songs, uh, New

664  
00:29:34,570 --> 00:29:36,229  
Jack Swing, that's what we love, right?

665  
00:29:36,379 --> 00:29:36,939  
He does it better.

666  
00:29:37,050 --> 00:29:37,389  
That's great.

667  
00:29:37,560 --> 00:29:38,719  
Nobody does it better.

668  
00:29:39,119 --> 00:29:41,509  
I feel like I'm just concentrating



too much on this area.

669

00:29:41,570 --> 00:29:42,589

How about you with the hat, sir?

670

00:29:53,679 --> 00:29:58,810

Somebody asked me the other day, a similar meta question, which is, uh, What's a

671

00:29:58,810 --> 00:30:00,470

question you don't get asked enough?

672

00:30:01,220 --> 00:30:03,660

And I didn't have a good answer, but today I do.

673

00:30:04,140 --> 00:30:07,750

I wish people would ask me more advice column kinds of questions at the break.

674

00:30:08,810 --> 00:30:10,100

Like dating advice?

675

00:30:10,530 --> 00:30:12,290

Why am I not giving relationship advice?

676

00:30:12,650 --> 00:30:14,759

Okay, okay.

677

00:30:14,759 --> 00:30:16,149

To the people in studio.

678

00:30:16,520 --> 00:30:17,719

Makes sense, makes sense.

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00:30:17,729 --> 00:30:20,370

So who's got a question about their, who brought their significant other?

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00:30:20,400 --> 00:30:21,874

No, I'm just kidding.

681  
00:30:23,215 --> 00:30:24,435  
I think we can introduce that.

682  
00:30:24,435 --> 00:30:25,815  
Jeopardate will do that.

683  
00:30:25,825 --> 00:30:28,275  
That would be very, that  
will work very well.

684  
00:30:28,275 --> 00:30:30,005  
Coming to a station near you.

685  
00:30:30,445 --> 00:30:32,425  
Don't say that to a television producer.

686  
00:30:32,514 --> 00:30:34,215  
That's like, we're  
going to sell that idea.

687  
00:30:34,224 --> 00:30:36,185  
At a minimum, it should be  
a segment on the podcast.

688  
00:30:36,215 --> 00:30:36,895  
Yes, it should be.

689  
00:30:36,934 --> 00:30:37,535  
That's very good.

690  
00:30:37,575 --> 00:30:37,885  
Okay.

691  
00:30:38,234 --> 00:30:41,605  
There's been a lot of love stories on  
Jeopardy, so it could be a segment.

692  
00:30:41,605 --> 00:30:42,684  
That's right.

693  
00:30:42,685 --> 00:30:43,035

Over here.

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00:30:43,035 --> 00:30:43,525  
How about over here?

695

00:30:43,525 --> 00:30:43,845  
Yes.

696

00:30:43,845 --> 00:30:46,556  
I wanted to get back to  
John Gilbert for a second.

697

00:30:46,556 --> 00:30:49,759  
He's in the studio these days, but  
when he was there, he announced

698

00:31:09,130 --> 00:31:12,400  
First of all, I'd love to talk  
about Johnny Gilbert, uh, one

699

00:31:12,400 --> 00:31:13,710  
of a kind Jeopardy legend.

700

00:31:13,929 --> 00:31:14,029  
Yes.

701

00:31:14,090 --> 00:31:17,000  
9, 000 something straight  
shows without missing a beat.

702

00:31:19,460 --> 00:31:23,370  
When you think about how Don Pardo lived  
to be over 100, it turns out the secret

703

00:31:23,370 --> 00:31:25,260  
to life is just to announce Jeopardy.

704

00:31:25,610 --> 00:31:25,870  
Who knew?

705

00:31:25,870 --> 00:31:27,960  
The secret to immortality.

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00:31:27,960 --> 00:31:27,970

Jeopardy.

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00:31:27,970 --> 00:31:27,979

Jeopardy.

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00:31:28,400 --> 00:31:30,970

Uh, you know, there's no bigger thrill than hearing him say

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00:31:30,970 --> 00:31:32,030

your name as a contestant.

710

00:31:32,340 --> 00:31:36,360

And I have to say, it's the same every time that he announces me as host.

711

00:31:36,800 --> 00:31:39,780

And I realized at once when I was watching at home, like, I suddenly just

712

00:31:39,780 --> 00:31:41,169

got choked up hearing him say my name.

713

00:31:41,170 --> 00:31:44,060

And I, and I wrote him a little note and I sent it to him.

714

00:31:44,060 --> 00:31:46,760

Cause I, I was like, what if I don't, you know, John doesn't come in anymore.

715

00:31:47,060 --> 00:31:48,420

What if I don't see him soon?

716

00:31:48,460 --> 00:31:50,440

Let me just tell him how much this means to me.

717

00:31:50,785 --> 00:31:55,035

When he says my name, and, uh, and

he sent me the loveliest email back,

718

00:31:55,055 --> 00:31:56,235  
and then I saw him a couple times.

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00:31:56,235 --> 00:31:57,495  
I saw him at the Christmas party.

720

00:31:57,495 --> 00:32:02,514  
I saw him when he came in for show  
9000, and you know, he is still going

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00:32:02,515 --> 00:32:07,684  
strong in his mid 90s, and you know,  
Johnny Gilbert is goals, basically,

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00:32:07,684 --> 00:32:09,104  
like we all want to be Johnny Gilbert.

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00:32:09,155 --> 00:32:09,525  
Yes.

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00:32:10,395 --> 00:32:14,175  
And as for a day on Jeopardy, it's, it's  
basically Alex's day, because we're still

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00:32:14,175 --> 00:32:16,660  
doing Five in a day, sometimes more.

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00:32:17,050 --> 00:32:20,330  
And Alex used to come in early to  
look for, look at the, look at all

727

00:32:20,330 --> 00:32:21,950  
the clues and games for the day.

728

00:32:22,670 --> 00:32:25,670  
The main difference between me  
and Alex in that respect is that,

729

00:32:25,700 --> 00:32:29,170  
uh, I am not a working class hero,

you know, and a Canadian working

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00:32:29,170 --> 00:32:30,549  
class gentleman like Alex Trebek.

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00:32:30,580 --> 00:32:31,890  
I do, I'm not a morning person.

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00:32:32,970 --> 00:32:34,920  
I don't want to be here at  
six looking at Jeopardy games.

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00:32:34,950 --> 00:32:39,999  
So I often look at the games the evening  
before, um, and then I come in in the

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00:32:40,000 --> 00:32:41,390  
morning and, but it's all the same thing.

735

00:32:41,400 --> 00:32:43,769  
Meeting with the writers, where  
we go through all the games.

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00:32:44,200 --> 00:32:45,910  
Kick the tires on every category.

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00:32:45,910 --> 00:32:47,560  
I'll often have questions for them.

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00:32:48,380 --> 00:32:52,270  
So if they say this instead of that,  
uh, you know, which pronunciation

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00:32:52,270 --> 00:32:53,769  
sounds least weird to you?

740

00:32:53,920 --> 00:32:56,410  
Could we turn this around so  
it's easier for me to read?

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00:32:56,410 --> 00:32:58,669  
You know, just kind of

small style notes like that.

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00:32:58,690 --> 00:33:00,189

The material's always amazing.

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00:33:00,610 --> 00:33:03,100

Um, and then I say hi to the contestants.

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00:33:03,100 --> 00:33:05,600

That's actually something Alex did not do.

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00:33:05,640 --> 00:33:08,680

Um, I think maybe he thought it would step on his intro a little,

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00:33:08,700 --> 00:33:11,120

but I know how nervous they are and so any little thing I can do to

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00:33:11,130 --> 00:33:12,470

be like, hey, welcome to Jeopardy!

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00:33:12,925 --> 00:33:15,505

Try to have a fun day, like, I promise we're gonna get through this.

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00:33:16,285 --> 00:33:18,405

We're gonna, you can come through the other side of this,

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00:33:18,415 --> 00:33:19,515

it's gonna be fun, I promise.

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00:33:19,985 --> 00:33:23,065

Um, and then while they're rehearsing, I get hair and makeup on, and

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00:33:23,065 --> 00:33:24,835

uh, and then we do five shows.

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00:33:25,075 --> 00:33:26,904

Uh, it's, it has really

not changed that much.

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00:33:26,905 --> 00:33:27,695  
Sometimes six.

755

00:33:27,784 --> 00:33:28,744  
Sometimes six.

756

00:33:29,014 --> 00:33:30,624  
I think once seven, am I making this up?

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00:33:30,624 --> 00:33:32,365  
We did seven in last year's TOC, yeah.

758

00:33:32,535 --> 00:33:33,495  
Not a huge fan of seven.

759

00:33:33,505 --> 00:33:34,325  
No, I'm not either.

760

00:33:35,405 --> 00:33:36,185  
I'm not either.

761

00:33:36,815 --> 00:33:39,755  
Well, this is going to conclude our  
first part of the evening, which is

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00:33:39,775 --> 00:33:41,435  
our first ever Inside Jeopardy Live.

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00:33:41,475 --> 00:33:47,736  
Thank you so much for being a part of it.

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00:33:47,736 --> 00:33:49,419  
Okay, Sarah, that wraps  
up today's episode.

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00:33:49,419 --> 00:33:52,063  
It's been a long day here at  
Jeopardy and Jeopardy Masters.

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00:33:52,063 --> 00:33:55,055  
We'll be back next week for  
more game highlights as Marco

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00:33:55,285 --> 00:33:58,245  
goes for his third win today.

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00:33:58,245 --> 00:33:59,815  
Can't wait to see what happens.

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00:33:59,845 --> 00:34:01,195  
We will see you all next week.