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00:00:00,390 --> 00:00:07,840  
From the Alex Trebek stage at Sony  
Picture Studios, this is Inside Jeopardy!

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00:00:08,510 --> 00:00:10,410  
Hello and welcome back to Inside Jeopardy!

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00:00:10,410 --> 00:00:13,500  
Your exclusive and official  
podcast destination for all things

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00:00:13,500 --> 00:00:15,670  
happening in the world of Jeopardy!

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00:00:16,000 --> 00:00:21,200  
I'm Sarah Foss, and here with me in  
the studio today, it's Buzzy Cohen.

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00:00:21,695 --> 00:00:22,455  
Hi, Sarah.

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00:00:22,465 --> 00:00:23,635  
I'm so happy to be back.

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00:00:23,685 --> 00:00:24,475  
It has been a minute.

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00:00:24,485 --> 00:00:26,285  
You guys have been very busy.

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00:00:26,285 --> 00:00:26,965  
We've been busy.

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00:00:26,985 --> 00:00:30,314  
And, uh, when we were on our way  
over here, I was like, yeah, I said

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00:00:30,314 --> 00:00:31,474  
something to one of my co workers.

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00:00:31,474 --> 00:00:32,354

We're going to go pod.

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00:00:32,705 --> 00:00:37,525

And then podcast producer Carlos said, uh, it's going to be a potty.

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00:00:37,535 --> 00:00:40,454

And I thought, yes, especially with Buzzy Cohen here today.

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00:00:40,594 --> 00:00:41,604

Yes.

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00:00:41,674 --> 00:00:42,334

It's a potty.

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00:00:42,344 --> 00:00:42,714

We always

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00:00:42,714 --> 00:00:43,074

have fun.

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00:00:43,540 --> 00:00:43,780

We do.

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00:00:44,030 --> 00:00:46,240

But you have been busy too, my friend.

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00:00:46,240 --> 00:00:46,290

I

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00:00:46,290 --> 00:00:46,900

have been busy.

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00:00:46,900 --> 00:00:47,130

You have

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00:00:47,360 --> 00:00:48,440

a new book out.

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00:00:48,470 --> 00:00:49,120

I do.

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00:00:49,140 --> 00:00:49,980  
Baby Got Facts.

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00:00:49,980 --> 00:00:50,420  
Baby

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00:00:50,470 --> 00:00:51,390  
Got Facts.

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00:00:51,450 --> 00:00:52,900  
Totally 90s trivia.

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00:00:52,999 --> 00:00:53,170  
Love it.

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00:00:53,180 --> 00:00:54,940  
We like big brains and we cannot lie.

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00:00:55,450 --> 00:00:55,850  
I love it.

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00:00:55,850 --> 00:00:55,995  
I

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00:00:55,995 --> 00:00:56,574  
love it so much.

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00:00:56,574 --> 00:00:59,650  
Yeah, so it came out last  
week and it's very exciting.

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00:00:59,710 --> 00:01:02,740  
You know, it's my first trivia  
book, my first print book.

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00:01:02,900 --> 00:01:04,459  
The get ready book was an audio book.

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00:01:04,459 --> 00:01:06,489

And so it's been really fun promoting it.

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00:01:06,489 --> 00:01:07,779

The response has been awesome.

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00:01:07,779 --> 00:01:10,520

And it's just, you know, if you're listening out there and you like trivia

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00:01:10,520 --> 00:01:14,640

or you have a millennial or someone who lived through the 90s in your

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00:01:14,649 --> 00:01:17,060

household, it's a, it's a fun gift.

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00:01:17,295 --> 00:01:18,785

What made you want to write it?

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00:01:19,475 --> 00:01:23,175

I'm a child of the 90s, and I was approached, and someone asked if I

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00:01:23,175 --> 00:01:26,065

was interested in doing a 90s trivia book, if I'm being totally honest.

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00:01:26,075 --> 00:01:29,165

But when I got into it, I was, it was a really interesting decade.

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00:01:29,165 --> 00:01:33,634

It was like, started with the fall of the Soviet Union, and kind of ended

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00:01:33,635 --> 00:01:35,904

with the rise of the internet, in a way.

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00:01:35,904 --> 00:01:38,345

And so it was this very, you know, if we think about where we are

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00:01:38,345 --> 00:01:40,254  
now, it was really a big change.

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00:01:40,515 --> 00:01:45,725  
Inflection point in in modern history  
and some great culture is kind of

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00:01:45,744 --> 00:01:51,235  
the last time everybody was watching  
and listening to a lot of the same

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00:01:51,235 --> 00:01:54,314  
stuff we had the rise of, you know,  
more cable shows and all of that.

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00:01:54,315 --> 00:01:57,985  
But really, you know, everybody was  
watching 90210 whether you were, you

56  
00:01:57,985 --> 00:02:03,770  
know, Uh, a goth kid or a cheerleader,  
everybody was watching Home Improvement

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00:02:03,770 --> 00:02:07,109  
and Friends and Sign, you know,  
it was like must see TV, right?

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00:02:07,270 --> 00:02:10,929  
Everybody was watching all of these  
programs, uh, Family Matters was

59  
00:02:10,929 --> 00:02:12,079  
like, you know, this phenomenon.

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00:02:12,090 --> 00:02:16,339  
So, it's kind of cool that there  
is this, there's a whole TGIF

61  
00:02:16,979 --> 00:02:18,590  
chapter, there's a whole SNCC.

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00:02:18,610 --> 00:02:18,889  
Remember

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00:02:19,070 --> 00:02:20,459

Snick?

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00:02:20,510 --> 00:02:20,780

There's a

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00:02:20,780 --> 00:02:25,890

whole, uh, Disney afternoon chapter,  
um, and I also got to do some fun kind

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00:02:25,890 --> 00:02:31,109

of, like, variety quizzes where, you  
know, locate, uh, on the map where

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00:02:31,109 --> 00:02:35,369

Kevin McAllister put the various  
booby traps from, uh, Home Alone.

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00:02:35,519 --> 00:02:38,290

Stuff like that where it's, you know,  
not just a straight question answer.

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00:02:38,290 --> 00:02:38,959

So it's a lot of fun.

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00:02:38,959 --> 00:02:43,910

I did, I did a really tough one,  
actually, which was 90s power ballads,

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00:02:43,910 --> 00:02:48,800

and I gave you the first And you have  
to figure out what the song is, but just

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00:02:48,800 --> 00:02:53,865

reading the lyrics without The music  
is really tricky, even for music fans.

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00:02:53,915 --> 00:02:56,772

That's almost like when Johnny  
Gilbert does some of them for us.

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00:02:56,772 --> 00:03:00,061  
It's exactly, it was inspired by  
none other than Johnny Gilbert.

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00:03:00,061 --> 00:03:00,360  
Now,

76  
00:03:00,360 --> 00:03:03,705  
are there any photos of  
you in the 90s in the book?

77  
00:03:03,735 --> 00:03:04,564  
Because that would be fun.

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00:03:04,595 --> 00:03:07,455  
There are no photos, however, in the  
answer sheet occasionally I'll give

79  
00:03:07,455 --> 00:03:13,484  
a little, a little tip as to how this  
piece of information connects to my life.

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00:03:13,494 --> 00:03:16,774  
For example, uh, there's a  
question about bagel bites, and

81  
00:03:16,774 --> 00:03:20,535  
I actually wrote my My college  
admissions essay about bagel bites.

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00:03:20,905 --> 00:03:21,525  
Of course.

83  
00:03:21,535 --> 00:03:24,575  
So, there's, there's some stuff  
like that that's peppered in,

84  
00:03:24,795 --> 00:03:26,215  
uh, in the answer section.

85  
00:03:26,305 --> 00:03:30,314  
Well, and we've seen you, you know,  
making the, the rounds we saw you on.

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00:03:30,325 --> 00:03:31,624

Watch what happens live.

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00:03:31,624 --> 00:03:33,895

Of course, one of Michael  
Davey's other shows.

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00:03:34,005 --> 00:03:37,155

I, I don't know if my publicist  
dropped his name to get me in

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00:03:37,155 --> 00:03:39,815

there, but if they did good for  
them, because it was a lot of fun.

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00:03:39,815 --> 00:03:44,475

I mean, I've never been on a program  
like that, so it was super, super fun.

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00:03:44,755 --> 00:03:48,444

Uh, and Andy was really great and  
the guests were, were great as well.

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00:03:48,474 --> 00:03:51,594

And, um, yeah, I did not have  
to mix any drinks in spite

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00:03:51,594 --> 00:03:52,845

of being the guest bartender.

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00:03:52,854 --> 00:03:57,109

Sorry burst anyone's bubble, but  
it was fun in the after show to

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00:03:57,109 --> 00:04:00,720

talking about, you know, what it's  
like to, to be on Jeopardy versus

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00:04:00,720 --> 00:04:04,039

what it's like to be in the blue  
chairs on watch what happens live.



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00:04:04,100 --> 00:04:08,079  
Well, it was a big week last year  
for you, of course, doing a media

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00:04:08,079 --> 00:04:09,639  
tour, having the book come out.

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00:04:10,199 --> 00:04:13,160  
But here in Jeopardy, it's  
a big week for us this week.

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00:04:13,570 --> 00:04:18,935  
It is Masters Week, which is hard  
to believe because really just shot.

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00:04:19,045 --> 00:04:20,795  
You know, six of these episodes.

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00:04:20,995 --> 00:04:24,105  
Our post team has been working  
around the clock working weekends

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00:04:24,105 --> 00:04:26,265  
to get everything turned around.

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00:04:26,305 --> 00:04:31,064  
So the first episode, which will feature  
the first two quarterfinal games airs

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00:04:31,095 --> 00:04:34,885  
this Wednesday, May 1st, on ABC at 8pm.

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00:04:35,224 --> 00:04:36,075  
Game one.

107

00:04:36,450 --> 00:04:39,140  
Mattea, Matt, and Victoria.

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00:04:39,470 --> 00:04:43,360  
And then game two, James, Yogesh, and Amy.

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00:04:43,360 --> 00:04:46,279  
So of course with Masters, you're  
going to see all six players,

110  
00:04:46,300 --> 00:04:48,150  
you know, in a single episode.

111  
00:04:48,229 --> 00:04:50,120  
Three in the first game,  
three in the second.

112  
00:04:50,439 --> 00:04:52,660  
We have match points just like last year.

113  
00:04:52,660 --> 00:04:54,970  
So you're going to have three  
points going to the winner.

114  
00:04:55,295 --> 00:04:56,675  
One point for second.

115  
00:04:56,685 --> 00:05:00,745  
So that second place finish, unlike  
in the regular show, is so important.

116  
00:05:00,765 --> 00:05:02,665  
And then zero points for third place.

117  
00:05:03,085 --> 00:05:05,475  
We're going to play these  
six quarterfinal episodes.

118  
00:05:05,505 --> 00:05:08,325  
And then from there, two of  
our masters will be eliminated.

119  
00:05:08,415 --> 00:05:11,234  
We'll then head into the semifinals,  
which will be two additional

120  
00:05:11,235 --> 00:05:12,574  
episodes with four games.

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00:05:12,924 --> 00:05:16,704

And then from there, only the top three will make it to our final.

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00:05:17,055 --> 00:05:22,685

Two game total point of fair episode in the finals, you know, not too much on the

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00:05:22,685 --> 00:05:27,795

line except, oh, a half a million dollars, the title of Jeopardy masters champion

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00:05:28,205 --> 00:05:32,265

and the Trebek trophy, which is just beautiful and something that we feature

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00:05:32,265 --> 00:05:33,684

a lot more in the show this season.

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00:05:33,684 --> 00:05:35,235

So it's pretty exciting.

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00:05:35,265 --> 00:05:39,465

Um, if you haven't gotten a look at the masters, the social and digital team

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00:05:39,465 --> 00:05:41,715

wanted to do some lamb bot videos of them.

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00:05:41,715 --> 00:05:46,115

And when they came to me with this idea, I was like, Well, you're welcome to ask them

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00:05:46,195 --> 00:05:50,885

and they are welcome to say no, but, um, they all did participate in the glam bot.

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00:05:50,905 --> 00:05:52,735

So check those out if you haven't seen it.

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00:05:53,115 --> 00:05:55,745

And then a little later on the pod,

we're actually going to share our

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00:05:55,745 --> 00:06:01,025  
conversation from the first ever  
Inside Jeopardy live on tour podcast

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00:06:01,064 --> 00:06:03,435  
where Matt and Mattea were guests.

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00:06:03,445 --> 00:06:06,325  
So we're going to hear how they  
were feeling just days before

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00:06:06,325 --> 00:06:08,805  
competing in Masters season two.

137

00:06:09,710 --> 00:06:12,920  
And, you know, we got to highlight  
last week's games as well.

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00:06:12,930 --> 00:06:16,390  
But before we do that, we're  
going to take a quick look back.

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00:06:16,450 --> 00:06:19,240  
It's a special look back,  
Buzzy, because you are here.

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00:06:19,659 --> 00:06:23,330  
Let's take a look back at  
this week in Jeopardy history.

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00:06:28,569 --> 00:06:30,159  
Over to our champion, Buzzy Cohen.

142

00:06:30,370 --> 00:06:32,140  
He wrote down the correct response.

143

00:06:32,370 --> 00:06:34,100  
He's going to make it five  
days in a row with how much?

144

00:06:34,945 --> 00:06:40,465  
Another 10, 001, 22, 801, and  
now a five day total of 101, 402.

145  
00:06:40,465 --> 00:06:45,825  
And Budsy, you get to relax for three  
weeks, because next week, we're back

146  
00:06:45,825 --> 00:06:49,675  
in school with the Teachers Tournament,  
and that will be followed by our

147  
00:06:49,685 --> 00:06:51,745  
Power Players Week in Washington, D.

148  
00:06:51,745 --> 00:06:52,025  
C.

149  
00:06:52,114 --> 00:06:53,155  
Have a good weekend, everyone.

150  
00:06:53,155 --> 00:06:53,765  
See you Monday.

151  
00:06:54,414 --> 00:07:00,215  
That's right, it was this week,  
way back in 2016, when Buzzy, you

152  
00:07:00,215 --> 00:07:05,385  
secured your fifth game win, your  
spot in the Tournament of Champions.

153  
00:07:05,395 --> 00:07:08,904  
Now this was a close game for you,  
but you did have a small lead heading

154  
00:07:08,904 --> 00:07:12,329  
into Final Jeopardy, and you were  
of course correct for the win.

155  
00:07:12,650 --> 00:07:14,219  
Just a reminder, that Final Jeopardy!

156  
00:07:14,219 --> 00:07:15,890  
clue, I'm sure you will never forget it.

157  
00:07:16,250 --> 00:07:21,169  
In 1929, London's great Ormond  
Street Children's Hospital was

158  
00:07:21,189 --> 00:07:25,519  
given all rights to this character,  
created 27 years earlier.

159  
00:07:25,880 --> 00:07:26,900  
Correct response?

160  
00:07:27,140 --> 00:07:28,130  
Who is Peter Pan?

161  
00:07:29,000 --> 00:07:32,030  
Now, right after that correct response,  
you did take a little break because

162  
00:07:32,039 --> 00:07:35,120  
we, of course, had the Teacher's  
Tournament that fell in the middle,

163  
00:07:35,430 --> 00:07:39,960  
but then you returned on May 23rd to  
secure You know, four additional wins.

164  
00:07:39,990 --> 00:07:45,290  
And of course, then you came back in  
2017 to win the Tournament of Champions,

165  
00:07:45,720 --> 00:07:47,390  
all part of our history, BuzzFeed.

166  
00:07:47,390 --> 00:07:47,740  
Yeah.

167  
00:07:48,000 --> 00:07:51,809  
I mean, what an amazing moment  
in my life this taping was.

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00:07:51,809 --> 00:07:53,920

And when we're taping this  
podcast, it was actually the

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00:07:53,920 --> 00:07:55,840

anniversary of my first ever win.

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00:07:56,139 --> 00:08:00,950

Uh, I'd kind of forgotten that this  
end of April time is, is when this all

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00:08:00,950 --> 00:08:02,440

happened, but it was such a thrill.

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00:08:02,710 --> 00:08:06,520

Um, that first week was a lot of  
close games and I eked it out.

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00:08:06,540 --> 00:08:12,035

And, um, Took that time of the break  
to get my head right and came back with

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00:08:12,035 --> 00:08:13,955

a vengeance, but it was just so fun.

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00:08:13,955 --> 00:08:16,025

You know, I still am in touch  
with a lot of these people that

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00:08:16,025 --> 00:08:17,225

I played in that first week.

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00:08:17,504 --> 00:08:19,654

Um, everyone on the  
Jeopardy team was so kind.

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00:08:19,655 --> 00:08:23,814

It was such a whirlwind as so many  
people, I'm sure, would corroborate

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00:08:23,945 --> 00:08:27,544

their first time on the show, but  
really so many amazing memories.

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00:08:28,165 --> 00:08:30,225  
I could, I couldn't pick one, you know.

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00:08:30,225 --> 00:08:33,544  
I think probably the most fun was the  
moments when I got to interact with

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00:08:33,544 --> 00:08:37,830  
Alex because Even though it really  
took To another level, the second

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00:08:37,830 --> 00:08:41,340  
week of shows, we were already having  
a lot of fun in that first week.

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00:08:41,450 --> 00:08:44,780  
Well, it's crazy to think eight  
years ago today when we're taping

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00:08:44,780 --> 00:08:48,600  
this was the first time that Mitch  
Cohen said to you, Hey champ.

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00:08:48,699 --> 00:08:49,409  
Yes.

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00:08:49,649 --> 00:08:52,050  
And I, at the time I was  
like, Oh, it's so nice.

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00:08:52,050 --> 00:08:55,349  
He's calling me champ and everyone's  
calling me champ and I feel so good

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00:08:55,349 --> 00:08:56,510  
and they're all celebrating me.

190

00:08:56,710 --> 00:08:59,980  
And it was not until years later that  
I realized, well, it's easier to call



191  
00:08:59,980 --> 00:09:02,640  
me champ than, than say the wrong name.

192  
00:09:02,640 --> 00:09:04,949  
So, um, Mitch is a genius.

193  
00:09:04,949 --> 00:09:05,259  
Yeah.

194  
00:09:05,375 --> 00:09:09,465  
He's a genius and a legend, and he has  
been able to say champ to a lot of people.

195  
00:09:09,465 --> 00:09:12,375  
But certainly we're happy for  
that day when he got to say that.

196  
00:09:12,395 --> 00:09:12,665  
Yeah.

197  
00:09:12,665 --> 00:09:12,695  
It

198  
00:09:12,715 --> 00:09:14,095  
never feels less good.

199  
00:09:14,185 --> 00:09:14,645  
No.

200  
00:09:14,685 --> 00:09:14,915  
Yeah.

201  
00:09:14,925 --> 00:09:15,784  
Jeopardy champion.

202  
00:09:15,885 --> 00:09:16,225  
Well,

203  
00:09:16,255 --> 00:09:18,215  
thank you for making that

this week's memory though.

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00:09:18,325 --> 00:09:18,974

So sweet of you.

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00:09:18,975 --> 00:09:20,505

You know, we could thank Alexa, actually.

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00:09:20,505 --> 00:09:23,835

I was, she, she did pull that one and it's a special one.

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00:09:23,845 --> 00:09:23,855

Aw.

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00:09:23,865 --> 00:09:24,515

All

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00:09:25,175 --> 00:09:25,385

right.

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00:09:25,385 --> 00:09:28,205

Well, we're going to get into our top highlights of the week.

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00:09:28,325 --> 00:09:29,575

Marco returned.

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00:09:29,949 --> 00:09:33,759

Last Monday going for a third win, but Nam Nguyen had other plans.

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00:09:34,020 --> 00:09:38,069

Marco on fire early on, but then Nam came roaring back in double jeopardy,

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00:09:38,079 --> 00:09:42,920

ending the round with a near runaway and helping secure his win in final.

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00:09:43,420 --> 00:09:44,580

Take a look at these stats.

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00:09:44,630 --> 00:09:49,344  
71 percent buzzer accuracy,  
really getting in on season.

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00:09:49,355 --> 00:09:51,465  
71 percent of the clues  
that he's going for.

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00:09:51,465 --> 00:09:52,445  
So impressive.

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00:09:52,455 --> 00:09:56,964  
Then 27 correct responses, only  
one incorrect and 16 correct

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00:09:56,974 --> 00:10:00,954  
in double jeopardy alone ends  
double jeopardy with 28, 200.

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00:10:02,024 --> 00:10:06,025  
Now, Nam had a watch party and  
you may have seen this online.

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00:10:06,025 --> 00:10:10,069  
And if you look closely, well, In a  
baseball cap, but there is none other

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00:10:10,109 --> 00:10:12,319  
than Jeopardy master Mattea Roach.

224

00:10:12,740 --> 00:10:15,790  
I talked to Mattea about this,  
and basically they were in

225

00:10:15,850 --> 00:10:19,409  
undergrad at the University of  
Toronto at about the same time.

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00:10:19,410 --> 00:10:22,270  
They didn't actually know each  
other when they were in school, but

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00:10:22,270 --> 00:10:23,920  
they had a lot of common friends.

228

00:10:23,939 --> 00:10:27,250  
And so when Nam was preparing for  
Jeopardy, one of the mutual friends,

229

00:10:27,500 --> 00:10:29,550  
you know, put Mattea in touch with him.

230

00:10:29,550 --> 00:10:33,560  
So when we were talking about Mattea  
coming, to our event in New York.

231

00:10:33,580 --> 00:10:36,020  
You know, they were telling me that  
they had a friend who was coming on

232

00:10:36,030 --> 00:10:40,520  
Jeopardy, so great that Mateo was there  
to support Nam at the watch party.

233

00:10:40,800 --> 00:10:44,900  
After this game, Ken caught up with our  
players and really wanted to ask Nam

234

00:10:45,270 --> 00:10:47,079  
how he felt about this dominant win.

235

00:10:47,110 --> 00:10:47,780  
Take a listen.

236

00:10:48,560 --> 00:10:52,730  
Nam, we often see that a buzzer  
percentage in the 60s is just a

237

00:10:52,730 --> 00:10:54,510  
dominating kind of unheard of thing.

238

00:10:54,840 --> 00:10:56,496  
Today, you were shooting 71%.

239

00:10:56,496 --> 00:10:56,973

Wow.

240

00:10:56,973 --> 00:10:57,450

You

241

00:10:57,450 --> 00:10:58,403

got in

242

00:10:58,403 --> 00:11:01,739

71 percent of the time you were.

243

00:11:02,520 --> 00:11:05,180

Which means you were dialed in  
in a way that we rarely see,

244

00:11:05,180 --> 00:11:06,249

and you seem surprised by that.

245

00:11:06,340 --> 00:11:09,159

Uh, I mean, I feel like

I'm a young person.

246

00:11:09,159 --> 00:11:10,319

I had video game experience.

247

00:11:10,419 --> 00:11:11,240

That's all I gotta say.

248

00:11:11,419 --> 00:11:13,060

I had a lot of caffeine in the green room.

249

00:11:13,069 --> 00:11:14,190

Like, four cups of coffee.

250

00:11:14,300 --> 00:11:14,830

Uh, that's it.

251

00:11:15,210 --> 00:11:16,300

That's your secret of success.

252  
00:11:16,470 --> 00:11:17,960  
Four cups of coffee and what video game?

253  
00:11:17,990 --> 00:11:18,380  
Do you want to share that?

254  
00:11:18,390 --> 00:11:18,680  
Uh,

255  
00:11:18,710 --> 00:11:22,560  
I, I, honestly, a lot of the studying  
process I did was like, re watching

256  
00:11:22,560 --> 00:11:24,470  
like, uh, Crash course videos.

257  
00:11:24,500 --> 00:11:26,290  
And then at the same time playing Tetris.

258  
00:11:26,850 --> 00:11:28,660  
Ah, so it's like distraction.

259  
00:11:28,800 --> 00:11:29,070  
Yeah.

260  
00:11:29,130 --> 00:11:31,489  
Like, can I remember this stuff while I'm.

261  
00:11:31,869 --> 00:11:32,660  
Trying to multitask.

262  
00:11:32,699 --> 00:11:32,999  
Yeah.

263  
00:11:33,359 --> 00:11:34,140  
Oh, that's really good.

264  
00:11:34,140 --> 00:11:36,030  
I don't think I've ever  
heard of players trying that.

265  
00:11:36,390 --> 00:11:40,530  
Yeah, it wasn't like intentional I just,  
Tetris is the procrastination thing and

266  
00:11:40,530 --> 00:11:41,849  
then Crash Course was the learning thing.

267  
00:11:42,510 --> 00:11:45,329  
I see, like you're a, you're a  
modern two screener You can't

268  
00:11:45,329 --> 00:11:45,684  
just look at Jeopardy materials.

269  
00:11:45,684 --> 00:11:46,489  
Yeah, yeah, no, I, like

270  
00:11:46,489 --> 00:11:50,789  
it's a little like, uh, We are,  
young people are truly broken.

271  
00:11:50,789 --> 00:11:51,260  
Oh, yeah, your

272  
00:11:51,260 --> 00:11:55,520  
brains are all in terrible shape  
and yet 27, 000 on Jeopardy

273  
00:11:55,520 --> 00:11:56,600  
without even getting Final Ride.

274  
00:11:56,610 --> 00:11:57,290  
That's a great day.

275  
00:11:57,460 --> 00:11:57,620  
And it's

276  
00:11:57,620 --> 00:11:58,680  
American dollars!

277  
00:11:58,680 --> 00:12:01,680

No, we pay you in Canadian, sorry.

278

00:12:01,860 --> 00:12:02,550

Oh my god, this sucks.

279

00:12:02,760 --> 00:12:02,950

This is

280

00:12:02,950 --> 00:12:03,980

going to buy me like a coffee.

281

00:12:03,980 --> 00:12:08,769

13, 000 Toonies is waiting

in a briefcase, tax free.

282

00:12:10,165 --> 00:12:15,524

Well, on Tuesday, despite that dominant performance by Nam on Monday, it was Mark

283

00:12:15,524 --> 00:12:20,555

Lashley who came from behind to take the win and come up with a correct response

284

00:12:20,594 --> 00:12:23,824

in final, something Nam could not do.

285

00:12:24,145 --> 00:12:27,554

Now, I have to bring up one category and clue in this game.

286

00:12:27,635 --> 00:12:30,755

Culture, popularly, was the category.

287

00:12:31,005 --> 00:12:34,655

Gene Autry's been gone for a while, but he was on the Billboard Hot

288

00:12:34,655 --> 00:12:41,135

100 in late December 2023 with Here comes This fellow, Nam, buzzes in

289

00:12:41,175 --> 00:12:43,535



and responds, Who is the hot stepper?

290

00:12:44,825 --> 00:12:45,005

Of

291

00:12:45,005 --> 00:12:47,565

course, Leanne did rebound with what was the correct response.

292

00:12:47,565 --> 00:12:49,414

We were going for Santa Claus.

293

00:12:49,735 --> 00:12:53,084

Ken joked, yeah, kind of the Christmas hot stepper, I call him.

294

00:12:53,084 --> 00:12:57,824

And then if you've seen Nam on Reddit, has changed his Reddit username.

295

00:12:57,825 --> 00:13:00,225

It is now Nam the hot stepper.

296

00:13:00,275 --> 00:13:00,795

Yes.

297

00:13:00,815 --> 00:13:02,485

Well, you gotta, you gotta roll with those.

298

00:13:02,944 --> 00:13:03,975

Incorrect responses.

299

00:13:03,985 --> 00:13:04,535

Yeah,

300

00:13:04,574 --> 00:13:05,805

like make it work for you.

301

00:13:05,805 --> 00:13:06,564

I love it, Nam.

302

00:13:07,074 --> 00:13:11,745

Well, on Wednesday, Amy Hummel took the stage, defeating Mark after his

303

00:13:11,755 --> 00:13:14,745

one win in what was a very close game.

304

00:13:14,765 --> 00:13:19,005

Amy managed to close out Double Jeopardy with a small lead and then sealed up the

305

00:13:19,005 --> 00:13:21,995

win with a correct response in final.

306

00:13:22,510 --> 00:13:26,750

Gotta shout out Paul Drake, because he may not have had a win, but he

307

00:13:26,750 --> 00:13:28,709

was winning with the host photo.

308

00:13:28,730 --> 00:13:31,970

You know, he went on Reddit to share that there was some sort of camera

309

00:13:31,970 --> 00:13:34,200

malfunction during his photo with Ken.

310

00:13:34,209 --> 00:13:37,389

And so, you know, he joked that it was like, because he

311

00:13:37,389 --> 00:13:39,560

was so handsome, too handsome.

312

00:13:39,579 --> 00:13:43,459

And so then he asked Ken, maybe we should do a blue steel for the next one.

313

00:13:43,460 --> 00:13:45,820

Ken was great and obliged.

314

00:13:45,830 --> 00:13:48,010

And um, if you see this picture,

315

00:13:48,040 --> 00:13:48,290

yeah.

316

00:13:48,585 --> 00:13:52,265

And you wanted to know what Ken Jennings and, of course, Paul Drake

317

00:13:52,265 --> 00:13:53,705

look like with their blue steel.

318

00:13:53,745 --> 00:13:54,265

Check it out.

319

00:13:54,265 --> 00:13:55,395

It's, uh, it's something.

320

00:13:55,825 --> 00:13:56,755

It certainly is.

321

00:13:58,115 --> 00:14:01,975

Paul also shared some of his behind the scenes experiences on Reddit,

322

00:14:02,015 --> 00:14:05,895

saying, I want to say if life is about soaking up the love and light

323

00:14:05,925 --> 00:14:09,865

around you and becoming the best version of yourself, then Jeopardy!

324

00:14:09,875 --> 00:14:11,319

has sent my life on an unearthly journey.

325

00:14:11,430 --> 00:14:15,210

Upward trajectory, I hope to never come down from.

326

00:14:15,670 --> 00:14:16,130  
How cool is that?

327  
00:14:16,210 --> 00:14:16,700  
So sweet.

328  
00:14:16,700 --> 00:14:16,960  
Yeah.

329  
00:14:16,960 --> 00:14:21,530  
And so true for so many people, but  
every time somebody says it in their

330  
00:14:21,530 --> 00:14:22,979  
own words, it's really inspiring.

331  
00:14:23,060 --> 00:14:23,839  
It really is.

332  
00:14:23,850 --> 00:14:27,239  
And I think someone who is, you  
know, wanting to not come down is Amy

333  
00:14:27,240 --> 00:14:28,689  
Hummel, because now she's a Jeopardy!

334  
00:14:28,689 --> 00:14:29,199  
champion.

335  
00:14:29,510 --> 00:14:32,800  
Let's take a listen to how she was feeling  
after clinching that first Jeopardy!

336  
00:14:32,800 --> 00:14:33,210  
win.

337  
00:14:34,180 --> 00:14:35,090  
Amy, nicely done.

338  
00:14:36,315 --> 00:14:37,135  
I have a question for you.

339  
00:14:37,135 --> 00:14:40,545  
Will the Hindenburg to you now be a  
metaphor for great success and happiness?

340  
00:14:40,545 --> 00:14:42,085  
Great success, absolutely.

341  
00:14:42,385 --> 00:14:43,365  
Like many people.

342  
00:14:43,644 --> 00:14:44,755  
You'll be like, Oh, the humanity!

343  
00:14:45,765 --> 00:14:49,005  
It took me that, it took me that  
entire time to come up with it, too.

344  
00:14:49,705 --> 00:14:51,434  
So did you know from the  
beginning what it was?

345  
00:14:51,434 --> 00:14:52,665  
Like, it's the thing that blew up.

346  
00:14:52,725 --> 00:14:53,305  
No.

347  
00:14:53,315 --> 00:14:53,705  
No, I

348  
00:14:53,705 --> 00:14:55,695  
was trying to come up,  
it was the airlock thing.

349  
00:14:55,795 --> 00:14:56,005  
Right.

350  
00:14:56,025 --> 00:14:57,835  
I had no idea who the Montgolfiers were.

351  
00:14:58,540 --> 00:14:59,950

Well, you started writing  
down what, Zeppelin?

352  
00:15:00,180 --> 00:15:00,560  
Zeppelin.

353  
00:15:00,610 --> 00:15:01,120  
Is that right?

354  
00:15:01,120 --> 00:15:03,810  
To figure out what's going  
to blow up with the smoking.

355  
00:15:04,200 --> 00:15:07,390  
The behind the scenes secret is I can see  
you folks right, and I saw Zeppelin and I

356  
00:15:07,390 --> 00:15:09,920  
was like, well that's it, she just lost.

357  
00:15:09,940 --> 00:15:12,805  
And then all of a sudden, er, What's this?

358  
00:15:13,445 --> 00:15:16,585  
Uh, and it was a race against time because  
we would have needed you to get that G in.

359  
00:15:16,585 --> 00:15:16,635  
The

360  
00:15:16,635 --> 00:15:16,975  
G?

361  
00:15:17,015 --> 00:15:17,505  
Oh really?

362  
00:15:17,755 --> 00:15:18,495  
I'm glad I didn't know that.

363  
00:15:19,235 --> 00:15:20,575  
That was a great game  
from all three of you.

364

00:15:20,645 --> 00:15:22,185  
That was a lot of fun to watch.

365

00:15:22,234 --> 00:15:23,744  
We had some like great gets there.

366

00:15:23,785 --> 00:15:26,444  
Uh, I thought that Virginia  
Wolf clue was pretty hard, Amy.

367

00:15:26,444 --> 00:15:27,995  
We didn't really give  
any of her better known

368

00:15:28,245 --> 00:15:28,475  
works.

369

00:15:28,495 --> 00:15:29,495  
That was a hard guess.

370

00:15:29,804 --> 00:15:32,404  
I believe it was the only miss in  
the first round of the Daily Double.

371

00:15:32,545 --> 00:15:35,495  
And just for the record, uh, talking  
with the writers this morning, I said,

372

00:15:35,525 --> 00:15:39,130  
this is very hard because unless you've  
read Schwarzenegger's memoir, You have to

373

00:15:39,130 --> 00:15:41,669  
remember which of his movies was in 1990

374

00:15:41,670 --> 00:15:41,820  
and

375

00:15:41,820 --> 00:15:43,630  
they were like, well, come  
on, what was it going to be?

376

00:15:43,630 --> 00:15:44,540  
Kindergarten cop.

377

00:15:45,770 --> 00:15:46,580  
And that's a fair point.

378

00:15:46,670 --> 00:15:48,920  
I said, well, it could be  
true lies or last action hero.

379

00:15:48,920 --> 00:15:51,120  
And let me ask you this.

380

00:15:51,559 --> 00:15:54,460  
We also had some discussion about  
the Nathaniel Hawthorne clue.

381

00:15:54,980 --> 00:15:58,500  
We added young Goodman Brown,  
like really at my insistence, I

382

00:15:58,500 --> 00:16:01,420  
kind of put my reputation on the  
line and I turned out to be wrong.

383

00:16:01,440 --> 00:16:02,390  
It actually did not help.

384

00:16:02,480 --> 00:16:05,900  
What if we had said mosses from an  
old man's, does that help anyone?

385

00:16:06,735 --> 00:16:08,704  
What if we'd said author  
who's a friend of Melville?

386

00:16:09,285 --> 00:16:09,715  
No,

387

00:16:09,975 --> 00:16:10,334  
keep going.



388  
00:16:10,775 --> 00:16:12,555  
Rappuccini's daughter, the

389  
00:16:13,425 --> 00:16:13,785  
birthmark.

390  
00:16:14,074 --> 00:16:14,665  
You keep pitching

391  
00:16:14,665 --> 00:16:17,530  
him.

392  
00:16:17,530 --> 00:16:21,324  
Well, that was a great game, Amy.

393  
00:16:21,355 --> 00:16:22,174  
You're a Jeopardy champion.

394  
00:16:22,185 --> 00:16:22,755  
How does it feel?

395  
00:16:22,935 --> 00:16:24,225  
Can't even describe it.

396  
00:16:24,225 --> 00:16:25,324  
It doesn't feel real.

397  
00:16:25,994 --> 00:16:26,985  
It's like another Hindenburg.

398  
00:16:28,535 --> 00:16:29,685  
That's my brain right now.

399  
00:16:29,694 --> 00:16:30,875  
It's just an explosion.

400  
00:16:31,715 --> 00:16:33,025  
You're going to have to  
come back and play again.

401  
00:16:33,035 --> 00:16:33,545  
Are you ready?

402  
00:16:33,635 --> 00:16:34,255  
Better be.

403  
00:16:34,605 --> 00:16:35,125  
Better be.

404  
00:16:35,410 --> 00:16:36,590  
Well, you have a little time to rest.

405  
00:16:36,780 --> 00:16:37,850  
Uh, best of luck in your next game.

406  
00:16:38,180 --> 00:16:39,130  
That was fabulous to watch.

407  
00:16:39,130 --> 00:16:40,536  
Thanks for playing all three

408  
00:16:40,536 --> 00:16:40,899  
of

409  
00:16:40,899 --> 00:16:41,261  
you.

410  
00:16:41,261 --> 00:16:41,986  
Appreciate it.

411  
00:16:41,986 --> 00:16:44,589  
Yeah, Ken, a little bit of rest.

412  
00:16:44,599 --> 00:16:45,749  
About 15 minutes, I'd say.

413  
00:16:45,780 --> 00:16:46,010  
Yeah,

414  
00:16:46,169 --> 00:16:46,790

yeah, yeah.

415

00:16:46,890 --> 00:16:49,589  
Just take it all in, change and  
get back out and do it again.

416

00:16:49,599 --> 00:16:49,629  
Yes.

417

00:16:49,759 --> 00:16:53,559  
Which Amy did on Thursday, notching  
a second win after a dominant

418

00:16:53,560 --> 00:16:55,030  
performance in Double Jeopardy.

419

00:16:55,455 --> 00:16:57,675  
Locking up a runaway win.

420

00:16:58,045 --> 00:17:00,915  
Now in the post game chat,  
Ken did point out that Amy is

421

00:17:00,915 --> 00:17:02,935  
somewhat of a conservative player.

422

00:17:03,255 --> 00:17:03,405  
She

423

00:17:03,425 --> 00:17:08,944  
only had 34 buzzer attempts, but she  
successfully got in on 26 of those.

424

00:17:08,955 --> 00:17:13,255  
So that's a 76 percent buzzer  
accuracy average there.

425

00:17:13,604 --> 00:17:16,805  
Um, you know, she talked about being  
a more conservative player and she

426

00:17:16,805 --> 00:17:20,784

said, you know, her thumb in the first game was faster than her brain.

427

00:17:21,680 --> 00:17:22,290

That happens.

428

00:17:22,330 --> 00:17:22,770

It happens.

429

00:17:22,790 --> 00:17:23,330

That happens.

430

00:17:23,350 --> 00:17:25,990

And also, there's so much adrenaline in that first game that sometimes

431

00:17:25,990 --> 00:17:27,780

your, your hand gets away from you.

432

00:17:27,840 --> 00:17:28,710

I can't imagine.

433

00:17:28,730 --> 00:17:28,910

Yeah.

434

00:17:29,130 --> 00:17:32,720

One thing that folks have called out was that in this game, you know,

435

00:17:32,720 --> 00:17:35,390

four clues were left on the board.

436

00:17:35,779 --> 00:17:38,910

After all those competitions and tournaments that you loved so

437

00:17:38,920 --> 00:17:41,800

much, you know, we didn't have any material left on the board.

438

00:17:41,800 --> 00:17:43,180

And I know that was something that.

439  
00:17:43,645 --> 00:17:46,905  
If people have compliments about  
that time, that would be one of them.

440  
00:17:46,915 --> 00:17:50,545  
But the bottom line is with  
three relatively new players,

441  
00:17:50,545 --> 00:17:53,345  
you know, two there for the first  
time, one of, you know, few game

442  
00:17:53,345 --> 00:17:54,925  
champion or one game champion.

443  
00:17:55,554 --> 00:17:59,745  
It is a slower game sometimes, you  
know, calling out the categories,

444  
00:18:00,195 --> 00:18:02,484  
responding correctly or incorrectly.

445  
00:18:02,484 --> 00:18:05,774  
And then, you know, when there's triple  
stumpers, it just does take more time.

446  
00:18:06,175 --> 00:18:07,935  
We always try to play as much as we can.

447  
00:18:07,935 --> 00:18:11,475  
But once we have called less than  
a minute, we have to stick to that.

448  
00:18:11,495 --> 00:18:15,915  
And even though things may unfold in the  
game at that point that we wish, Oh, I

449  
00:18:15,915 --> 00:18:17,904  
wish we could just go a little longer.

450  
00:18:17,915 --> 00:18:19,435

We can't, we can't do that.

451

00:18:19,435 --> 00:18:21,245  
Once we call less than a  
minute, we have to stick to it.

452

00:18:21,254 --> 00:18:22,764  
So we hear you.

453

00:18:22,805 --> 00:18:26,404  
We always want to play all the  
clues, but this is the reality of,

454

00:18:26,974 --> 00:18:29,685  
you know, they make us keep this  
show to a certain amount of time.

455

00:18:29,725 --> 00:18:33,104  
I think everyone else would just like  
Jeopardy to go on forever, but you know.

456

00:18:33,325 --> 00:18:33,764  
That 8 p.

457

00:18:33,764 --> 00:18:33,885  
m.

458

00:18:33,885 --> 00:18:36,235  
time slot or whatever's coming  
after us, you know, in some

459

00:18:36,235 --> 00:18:37,865  
markets, it'll be Masters this week.

460

00:18:37,865 --> 00:18:39,274  
Uh, we gotta get out on time.

461

00:18:40,554 --> 00:18:44,405  
Well, Amy closed out the week with  
a hard fought battle with Dan Byrne.

462

00:18:44,415 --> 00:18:49,744

She had the lead heading into final  
and secured the win by just 101

463

00:18:49,745 --> 00:18:55,095  
with a correct response and she ends  
the week as a three game champion.

464

00:18:55,105 --> 00:18:56,415  
Congratulations, Amy.

465

00:18:56,585 --> 00:19:01,135  
Yeah, in the post game chat, you know, she  
compared herself to a duck, cool on top,

466

00:19:01,205 --> 00:19:03,435  
frantically paddling under the surface.

467

00:19:03,435 --> 00:19:06,805  
And for any of us who work with  
Michael Davies, this is often

468

00:19:06,805 --> 00:19:08,535  
what he calls a good producer.

469

00:19:09,015 --> 00:19:11,574  
And certainly he's like, you know,  
you just, you're calm on top, but

470

00:19:11,574 --> 00:19:12,344  
underneath you're just paddling.

471

00:19:12,605 --> 00:19:13,655  
Paddling like hell.

472

00:19:13,705 --> 00:19:14,195  
Yeah.

473

00:19:14,325 --> 00:19:15,825  
Doesn't say it quite like that.

474

00:19:15,875 --> 00:19:19,895  
I think a lot of our calmest, uh,

contestants would describe themselves

475

00:19:19,895 --> 00:19:21,965  
that way because there's a lot going on.

476

00:19:22,045 --> 00:19:23,634  
So it's a stressful situation.

477

00:19:23,705 --> 00:19:24,095  
Yeah.

478

00:19:24,175 --> 00:19:26,604  
For them and for us who are  
producing the show as well.

479

00:19:26,785 --> 00:19:29,325  
So let's all just try to  
keep being ducks, everybody.

480

00:19:30,090 --> 00:19:32,260  
It is time for this week's host chat.

481

00:19:32,300 --> 00:19:36,100  
An audience member asked Ken, does  
your family still watch Jeopardy?

482

00:19:37,110 --> 00:19:40,050  
Uh, we have always been a big  
Jeopardy family, don't get me wrong.

483

00:19:40,090 --> 00:19:43,200  
Uh, grew up as a huge fan of the  
show and I guess I still feel

484

00:19:43,200 --> 00:19:44,820  
like a fan first and foremost.

485

00:19:44,940 --> 00:19:48,049  
But I have to say, not a lot of  
surprises for me on Jeopardy anymore.

486

00:19:49,020 --> 00:19:51,500



My wife will often put it on  
and I'll be like, really, are

487

00:19:51,500 --> 00:19:52,770  
we, are we watching Jeopardy?

488

00:19:52,810 --> 00:19:55,730  
I, I thought I was off today.

489

00:19:55,730 --> 00:19:56,870  
I'll, look, I'll tell you who wins.

490

00:19:57,010 --> 00:19:59,210  
I, I'll tell you who wins.

491

00:19:59,530 --> 00:20:01,530  
No, I do, I have a family of  
Jeopardy fans, which means

492

00:20:01,530 --> 00:20:02,790  
it is off and on in my house.

493

00:20:02,840 --> 00:20:05,280  
Do you like the sound of your own voice?

494

00:20:05,500 --> 00:20:07,480  
I don't want to turn on the  
TV and hear my own voice.

495

00:20:07,480 --> 00:20:10,790  
It's not, it's not my, it's like hearing  
your voice on your, uh, voicemail.

496

00:20:11,550 --> 00:20:12,730  
Uh, Buzzy, how about you?

497

00:20:12,760 --> 00:20:13,779  
Does your family still watch

498

00:20:13,779 --> 00:20:14,259  
Jeopardy?

499  
00:20:14,340 --> 00:20:16,520  
Every chance we get, we do watch Jeopardy.

500  
00:20:16,520 --> 00:20:19,469  
It's, it's kind of right in the  
middle of our bedtime routine.

501  
00:20:19,469 --> 00:20:22,500  
I've got young kids, so 7  
o'clock where it comes on in L.

502  
00:20:22,500 --> 00:20:22,679  
A.

503  
00:20:22,879 --> 00:20:26,495  
is a little tough for me, but I  
find often when we're Traveling

504  
00:20:26,495 --> 00:20:29,355  
and, and, you know, the, the bedtime  
schedule gets a little looser.

505  
00:20:29,935 --> 00:20:32,695  
Yeah, especially on the east  
coast because it's earlier.

506  
00:20:32,695 --> 00:20:36,995  
Yeah, so we'll, we'll often,  
uh, find Jeopardy on our hotel

507  
00:20:37,354 --> 00:20:38,795  
television or wherever we are.

508  
00:20:38,795 --> 00:20:42,484  
So that's, it's definitely, it's, it's  
a kind of a special treat, I would say.

509  
00:20:42,645 --> 00:20:45,694  
At this point, have the girls  
seen all of your episodes?

510  
00:20:46,044 --> 00:20:46,324

No.

511

00:20:46,524 --> 00:20:46,924

No.

512

00:20:46,994 --> 00:20:47,374

No.

513

00:20:48,004 --> 00:20:52,410

I don't think I mean, the way that they talk about me in a sort of loving but

514

00:20:52,410 --> 00:20:55,330

not loving way, I don't think they're interested in seeing my episodes.

515

00:20:55,360 --> 00:20:59,439

No, I, I mean, my children couldn't care less about seeing any of my

516

00:20:59,439 --> 00:21:01,540

clues from times past, you know.

517

00:21:01,609 --> 00:21:04,410

And I will say that, um, my older, my 10 year old is much

518

00:21:04,420 --> 00:21:05,589

more interested in Jeopardy!

519

00:21:05,589 --> 00:21:07,119

than my 5 year old.

520

00:21:07,170 --> 00:21:07,400

Yes.

521

00:21:07,430 --> 00:21:09,480

My 5 year old finds it incredibly boring.

522

00:21:09,640 --> 00:21:09,910

Yeah.

523

00:21:09,950 --> 00:21:13,050  
Uh, but, My five year old also  
went to a Dodgers game this weekend

524

00:21:13,050 --> 00:21:14,110  
and said, this is so boring.

525

00:21:14,110 --> 00:21:16,490  
They just throw the ball and hit the  
ball and catch the ball and run around.

526

00:21:16,490 --> 00:21:17,970  
And then you sing and dance and clap.

527

00:21:18,120 --> 00:21:18,780  
This is so boring.

528

00:21:18,780 --> 00:21:21,909  
I'm like, you just described the  
most fun a five year old could have.

529

00:21:21,919 --> 00:21:23,600  
So I don't trust her opinion.

530

00:21:23,850 --> 00:21:24,200  
Yeah.

531

00:21:24,520 --> 00:21:28,000  
Well, same with me, my 10 year old,  
you know, Likes it a little more.

532

00:21:28,000 --> 00:21:30,610  
My six year old, she really just  
wants to hear Johnny Gilbert.

533

00:21:30,630 --> 00:21:30,820  
Yeah.

534

00:21:31,030 --> 00:21:31,340  
Who doesn't?

535

00:21:31,380 --> 00:21:32,950  
Once, once that's done, she's kind of.

536  
00:21:34,420 --> 00:21:37,680  
Well, we haven't asked this question  
to our listeners in a while, but we

537  
00:21:37,680 --> 00:21:39,989  
want to hear from you once again.

538  
00:21:39,999 --> 00:21:43,410  
So if you have anything you want  
to know, we'll answer most of it.

539  
00:21:43,579 --> 00:21:46,360  
You know, go ahead and send  
those questions to inside

540  
00:21:46,370 --> 00:21:48,699  
jeopardy podcast at gmail.

541  
00:21:48,700 --> 00:21:49,110  
com.

542  
00:21:49,480 --> 00:21:51,070  
We're going to get those  
answered for you right there.

543  
00:21:51,209 --> 00:21:52,659  
Away in the pod.

544  
00:21:53,290 --> 00:21:56,520  
Now, given that it is Master's  
Week, we thought it would be fun

545  
00:21:56,520 --> 00:22:00,389  
to take a listen to Michael and my  
conversation with Mateo Roach and

546  
00:22:00,389 --> 00:22:03,199  
Matt Amodio from our Inside Jeopardy!

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00:22:03,269 --> 00:22:04,370  
live podcast.

548  
00:22:04,370 --> 00:22:05,489  
So, take a listen.

549  
00:22:09,520 --> 00:22:10,050  
Oh, I love it.

550  
00:22:10,050 --> 00:22:10,929  
A long entrance.

551  
00:22:26,380 --> 00:22:27,790  
That was quite entrance music.

552  
00:22:27,830 --> 00:22:28,410  
I know.

553  
00:22:28,880 --> 00:22:30,330  
We took that from our Jeopardy!

554  
00:22:30,360 --> 00:22:32,350  
Honors, uh, blue carpet.

555  
00:22:32,350 --> 00:22:34,880  
I don't know if you all have  
remembered it, but it really,

556  
00:22:34,900 --> 00:22:35,899  
it brings me back to the Honors.

557  
00:22:35,900 --> 00:22:36,320  
I was thinking

558  
00:22:36,320 --> 00:22:38,809  
that was Johnny Gilbert on the  
drums, which I love that idea.

559  
00:22:39,820 --> 00:22:41,029  
He can only do the acts.

560

00:22:41,040 --> 00:22:41,449  
Come on.

561  
00:22:41,450 --> 00:22:43,209  
I mean, he's, he's already  
done one instrument.

562  
00:22:43,649 --> 00:22:45,440  
Well, my first question,  
we just brought it up.

563  
00:22:45,520 --> 00:22:49,450  
Mattea, I have to know, what  
have you done to prepare?

564  
00:22:49,450 --> 00:22:52,309  
Because Buzzy talked about the  
flashcards and what would happen

565  
00:22:52,309 --> 00:22:53,559  
if you got a hold of some?

566  
00:22:53,559 --> 00:22:56,040  
Um, What's it been like for  
you preparing to know that

567  
00:22:56,070 --> 00:22:57,320  
you're coming back to masters?

568  
00:22:57,950 --> 00:23:02,210  
I think when I was talking to Buzzy after  
last year's masters, I had big ambitions

569  
00:23:02,210 --> 00:23:05,849  
of how I was going to be feeling in  
like August, October, was I going to

570  
00:23:05,849 --> 00:23:07,740  
feel ready to get into the flashcards?

571  
00:23:07,740 --> 00:23:09,650  
I never made flashcards for like school.

572

00:23:09,679 --> 00:23:12,030

So this was really going  
to be a big change for me.

573

00:23:12,770 --> 00:23:14,480

I have not made any, I regret to report.

574

00:23:15,810 --> 00:23:17,900

I've been watching a lot of movies  
and reading a lot of books and

575

00:23:17,900 --> 00:23:19,170

playing a lot of learned league.

576

00:23:19,170 --> 00:23:21,120

And I'm hoping that's going  
to stand me in good stead.

577

00:23:22,310 --> 00:23:23,150

I think they agree.

578

00:23:23,190 --> 00:23:25,910

That sounds pretty similar to the  
rest of your life, though, Mattea.

579

00:23:25,910 --> 00:23:27,210

That's not exactly preparation.

580

00:23:27,210 --> 00:23:29,440

That's what you've been doing  
since the age of three, I feel.

581

00:23:29,510 --> 00:23:32,809

It did fine for me on my regular  
season, so let's see if it still works.

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00:23:33,330 --> 00:23:34,880

No, very, very true.

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00:23:34,899 --> 00:23:37,360

So, the field has been made public, Matt.



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00:23:37,470 --> 00:23:41,219

You know everybody who's,  
uh, coming on the show.

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00:23:41,720 --> 00:23:46,150

You've competed against many  
of them, other than James, who

586

00:23:46,150 --> 00:23:47,400

you did take down last year.

587

00:23:47,819 --> 00:23:48,600

Who are you afraid of?

588

00:23:48,609 --> 00:23:50,350

Who are you preparing for this season?

589

00:23:50,890 --> 00:23:54,200

I think that I'm still  
preparing for James.

590

00:23:54,300 --> 00:23:59,129

Uh, there are, um, five, very  
talented people on that stage

591

00:23:59,130 --> 00:24:02,630

who I think are trying to prove  
themselves to be James as equal.

592

00:24:02,790 --> 00:24:05,000

Uh, and that was true last year.

593

00:24:05,000 --> 00:24:06,270

And I think it's still true now.

594

00:24:06,900 --> 00:24:09,244

Matt, we know that you've  
recently moved to New York.

595

00:24:09,725 --> 00:24:10,304

How's yours?

596

00:24:10,965 --> 00:24:12,294

Yes, he's he's one of you.

597

00:24:12,334 --> 00:24:12,635

Now.

598

00:24:13,165 --> 00:24:14,485

How's your preparation been?

599

00:24:14,495 --> 00:24:15,284

Because you've been busy, too.

600

00:24:15,655 --> 00:24:15,895

Yes.

601

00:24:15,905 --> 00:24:20,564

So, um, it's hard to balance Jeopardy with everything else going on in life and

602

00:24:20,564 --> 00:24:22,875

especially the pop culture keeps changing.

603

00:24:23,165 --> 00:24:24,584

I memorize that.

604

00:24:24,604 --> 00:24:25,084

Yeah, I

605

00:24:25,094 --> 00:24:28,875

was the artist and the ticktochers from a year ago and now they're all different.

606

00:24:29,660 --> 00:24:31,270

I wish they just stopped doing that.

607

00:24:31,890 --> 00:24:35,210

But I really don't want to, uh, get a question wrong when the

608

00:24:35,210 --> 00:24:38,400

stakes are high that I feel like

I would have gotten two years ago.

609

00:24:38,400 --> 00:24:39,960

And that's the most frustrating thing.

610

00:24:40,140 --> 00:24:42,049

You know stuff, and then you forget it.

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00:24:42,669 --> 00:24:45,079

You have to keep  
maintaining that knowledge.

612

00:24:45,170 --> 00:24:46,499

That's such a good point.

613

00:24:46,539 --> 00:24:49,479

The history of Carthage,  
Greece, and Rome never changes.

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00:24:49,999 --> 00:24:53,370

But, pop culture, Sports.

615

00:24:53,409 --> 00:24:54,919

I know your favorite category, Mattea.

616

00:24:55,129 --> 00:24:57,560

These things change and  
change and change again.

617

00:24:57,689 --> 00:24:57,959

Yeah.

618

00:24:58,100 --> 00:24:58,320

Yeah.

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00:24:58,320 --> 00:24:58,830

It's tough.

620

00:24:59,110 --> 00:25:02,439

And also our taste, what we  
decide to write about changes.

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00:25:02,439 --> 00:25:05,250

We are constantly modernizing  
the canon, changing the approach

622

00:25:05,250 --> 00:25:06,899

of what we're doing as well.

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00:25:06,969 --> 00:25:10,849

Just still keep TikTokers  
in the background, please.

624

00:25:10,850 --> 00:25:11,729

That's a bridge too far.

625

00:25:12,209 --> 00:25:15,439

Well, one thing we always hear from  
Jeopardy champions is you just want

626

00:25:15,439 --> 00:25:17,429

another chance to play this game.

627

00:25:17,449 --> 00:25:20,570

Of course, the two of you knew since last  
year that you would have that chance.

628

00:25:21,250 --> 00:25:25,550

What's the best part about knowing you're  
returning to the Alex Trebek stage, Mattea?

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00:25:26,150 --> 00:25:28,460

It is unbelievably fun to play the game.

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00:25:28,460 --> 00:25:32,000

And I think also knowing after last  
year that not only was I going to get

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00:25:32,000 --> 00:25:34,820

to play, but play against, you know,  
competitors who, first of all, are some

632

00:25:34,820 --> 00:25:37,970

of the best of the best, but second of

all, that I consider to be good friends.

633

00:25:38,010 --> 00:25:42,070

Um, I think last year's Masters, we really developed a bond as a group.

634

00:25:42,070 --> 00:25:44,730

And now, you know, you all in the room know who the full field is.

635

00:25:44,730 --> 00:25:46,400

It's going to be four of the six from last year.

636

00:25:46,640 --> 00:25:48,660

I'm excited to meet Victoria and Yogesh.

637

00:25:48,680 --> 00:25:51,030

They're, Such unbelievably strong competitors.

638

00:25:51,030 --> 00:25:53,780

I've heard good things about them from people that I know who've met

639

00:25:53,780 --> 00:25:55,490

them, who played trivia against them.

640

00:25:55,790 --> 00:25:59,590

So I think just that group dynamic of being amongst like like minded people

641

00:25:59,600 --> 00:26:03,189

and getting to play multiple games where even if you lose, you still have a chance

642

00:26:03,189 --> 00:26:04,949

to redeem yourself in that next match.

643

00:26:05,269 --> 00:26:07,590

That's a huge difference from regular season Jeopardy.

644

00:26:07,899 --> 00:26:12,129

The fraternity and sorority between our players has been something.

645

00:26:12,675 --> 00:26:15,735

That I have really enjoyed watching, and I sort of feel like you all

646

00:26:15,735 --> 00:26:18,895

kicked it off, uh, on Masters last year in a very big way.

647

00:26:19,135 --> 00:26:21,904

I mean, not everyone can have the bromance of Sam and Andrew.

648

00:26:22,165 --> 00:26:24,034

That is, like, that, uh, the Uh, Matt thinks

649

00:26:24,034 --> 00:26:24,824

he's part of that.

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00:26:24,824 --> 00:26:27,575

Yeah, I know, it's, I So, um, I don't know if you know, but Sam's his best friend.

651

00:26:27,635 --> 00:26:29,485

Yeah, Sam and I have talked about this.

652

00:26:29,554 --> 00:26:29,824

Okay.

653

00:26:29,824 --> 00:26:30,745

It's okay, it's okay.

654

00:26:31,294 --> 00:26:32,991

We've, uh But you're not one of the We've talked about it.

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00:26:32,991 --> 00:26:34,405

But you're not one of the losing ists.

656

00:26:34,610 --> 00:26:36,230

Ever contestants on Jeopardy!

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00:26:36,250 --> 00:26:37,560

So you can't really compete with them.

658

00:26:37,570 --> 00:26:38,050

That's true.

659

00:26:38,060 --> 00:26:38,460

That's true.

660

00:26:38,470 --> 00:26:39,550

It's unrelatable for me.

661

00:26:39,990 --> 00:26:41,050

We'll see how masters goes.

662

00:26:41,060 --> 00:26:43,309

Like, I think both of us could  
be coming for the record if

663

00:26:43,309 --> 00:26:44,380

we don't do well in masters.

664

00:26:45,059 --> 00:26:45,189

Yeah.

665

00:26:45,190 --> 00:26:49,490

This is a recent thing we've looked into  
the biggest winning loser on Jeopardy!

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00:26:49,815 --> 00:26:51,555

Andrew, he currently in the lead.

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00:26:51,555 --> 00:26:53,285

Sam Butchery really wants that honor.

668

00:26:53,285 --> 00:26:55,095

And apparently these two

want to get in on it too.

669

00:26:55,515 --> 00:26:58,435  
You know, it's an, it's an honor  
to be invited onto the stage

670

00:26:58,465 --> 00:27:00,405  
enough times to have that record.

671

00:27:00,425 --> 00:27:01,635  
So I hope they're proud of it.

672

00:27:01,764 --> 00:27:03,305  
And what are you looking forward to?

673

00:27:03,564 --> 00:27:07,405  
Uh, yeah, so I am a big believer  
in self improvement, so I always

674

00:27:07,415 --> 00:27:09,564  
have these grandiose ideas.

675

00:27:09,705 --> 00:27:12,515  
of how great I'm going  
to be one year from now.

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00:27:12,545 --> 00:27:16,085  
So when, when the master's concluded,  
I said, I'm going to just, I'm going

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00:27:16,085 --> 00:27:17,495  
to know so much more about this.

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00:27:17,495 --> 00:27:19,355  
I'm going to know so much more about that.

679

00:27:19,664 --> 00:27:24,395  
And I haven't achieved everything that  
I would have hoped for, but I feel

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00:27:24,395 --> 00:27:25,885  
like I'm a stronger competitor now.



681  
00:27:25,905 --> 00:27:27,575  
So I appreciate that opportunity.

682  
00:27:28,855 --> 00:27:31,195  
How are you finding living in New York?

683  
00:27:31,740 --> 00:27:35,530  
Like as we see it spread out behind  
us and all around us and everywhere.

684  
00:27:35,570 --> 00:27:36,850  
I don't, I don't like heights.

685  
00:27:36,850 --> 00:27:38,050  
So don't tell me to look

686  
00:27:38,050 --> 00:27:38,669  
in that direction.

687  
00:27:38,709 --> 00:27:42,339  
Yes, Matt told me he didn't realize we  
were gonna be 1, 100 feet in the sky

688  
00:27:42,340 --> 00:27:44,310  
when he said yes to this invitation.

689  
00:27:44,340 --> 00:27:46,509  
I thought it was an elevated event.

690  
00:27:46,540 --> 00:27:50,489  
I thought it was L I O I,  
but it's actually L 1 O 1.

691  
00:27:50,490 --> 00:27:51,000  
Yes.

692  
00:27:51,070 --> 00:27:51,860  
That's terrifying.

693  
00:27:52,605 --> 00:27:53,955

I don't even want to think about it.

694

00:27:54,095 --> 00:27:56,435

Uh, no, but it's, uh, um, it's great.

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00:27:56,435 --> 00:28:00,605

I, as a PhD student and everything, I've moved around and seen much of the country.

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00:28:00,615 --> 00:28:04,584

Uh, and, uh, I, I, uh, liked it all.

697

00:28:04,625 --> 00:28:05,924

There are a lot of great places out there.

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00:28:06,544 --> 00:28:08,735

Still fond of my home in Ohio.

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00:28:08,945 --> 00:28:09,754

Let's go Midwest.

700

00:28:11,135 --> 00:28:11,985

And Canada.

701

00:28:12,875 --> 00:28:13,324

True.

702

00:28:13,405 --> 00:28:14,074

Yeah, there's two.

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00:28:14,435 --> 00:28:16,814

I think we were talking about this, you know, talking about working with

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00:28:16,824 --> 00:28:18,114

broadcasters all around the country.

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00:28:18,114 --> 00:28:19,314

And Michael, you said, and Canada.

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00:28:19,314 --> 00:28:21,264

We also work with broadcasters in Canada.

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00:28:21,895 --> 00:28:23,454

Um, no, Canada, great country.

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00:28:23,485 --> 00:28:24,615

I've lived all around the place.

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00:28:24,655 --> 00:28:26,814

Um, been in Toronto for now almost nine years, though.

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00:28:26,814 --> 00:28:28,215

I'm like very planted there.

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00:28:28,225 --> 00:28:29,044

Don't really want to leave.

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00:28:29,865 --> 00:28:30,955

What Canada is.

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00:28:31,145 --> 00:28:36,085

It's our fastest growing market for Jeopardy, you know, Canadians, you,

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00:28:36,605 --> 00:28:41,515

Ray Lalonde, a number of other great, uh, yeah, Javeria and other great

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00:28:41,515 --> 00:28:43,095

Canadian players coming onto the show.

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00:28:43,095 --> 00:28:44,625

And of course, Alex Trebek.

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00:28:45,055 --> 00:28:49,495

The show is clearly Canadian, um, uh, in its, in its origin as well.

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00:28:49,744 --> 00:28:53,525

I didn't stop James from stealing many, many, many of the clues about

719  
00:28:53,525 --> 00:28:55,055  
Canada from me in Masters last year.

720  
00:28:55,275 --> 00:28:57,615  
So hopefully I'll have a, you  
know, the chance for payback there.

721  
00:28:58,100 --> 00:29:01,820  
Well, we are so excited to see both  
of you back on the Alex Trebek stage.

722  
00:29:01,880 --> 00:29:02,910  
Thank you for joining us.

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00:29:02,910 --> 00:29:05,001  
Let's hear it for Madame

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00:29:05,001 --> 00:29:05,419  
Mattea.

725  
00:29:05,420 --> 00:29:05,710  
guys.

726  
00:29:10,399 --> 00:29:12,499  
And that brings us to the  
end of today's episode.

727  
00:29:12,689 --> 00:29:15,940  
We'll be back next week for more  
regular Jeopardy highlights.

728  
00:29:15,950 --> 00:29:18,979  
Plus we'll be discussing  
all things Jeopardy Masters.

729  
00:29:19,000 --> 00:29:20,060  
I cannot wait.

730  
00:29:20,100 --> 00:29:20,710  
We'll see you then.

