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00:00:00,180 --> 00:00:01,140
From the Alex

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00:00:01,145 --> 00:00:03,120
Trebek stage at Sony Pictures

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00:00:03,120 --> 00:00:04,019
Studios,

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00:00:04,200 --> 00:00:07,860
this is Inside Jeopardy!.

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00:00:08,340 --> 00:00:08,850
Oh yes.

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00:00:08,855 --> 00:00:12,570
Hello, and welcome back to Inside
Jeopardy!, your exclusive and official

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00:00:12,570 --> 00:00:16,320
podcast destination for all things
happening in the world of Jeopardy!.

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00:00:16,620 --> 00:00:20,940
I'm Sarah Foss, and I'm joined by the man
who needs no introduction, Buzzy Cohen,

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00:00:21,000 --> 00:00:25,680
and also Jeopardy Senior Researcher
and Gameplay analyst, the enabler.

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00:00:25,680 --> 00:00:26,670
Michael Harris.

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00:00:26,670 --> 00:00:27,060
Welcome

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00:00:27,065 --> 00:00:27,750
to you both.

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00:00:27,755 --> 00:00:28,400

Thank you.

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00:00:28,400 --> 00:00:28,840

Thank you.

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00:00:28,845 --> 00:00:29,040

Glad to

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00:00:29,040 --> 00:00:29,160

be.

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00:00:29,850 --> 00:00:33,180

How does it feel to have,
uh, an epithet, the enabler

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00:00:33,995 --> 00:00:37,860

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Well, I mean, uh, I guess if I'm gonna
be known by anything that's as good a

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00:00:37,865 --> 00:00:38,880

title Yeah.

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00:00:39,030 --> 00:00:40,050

As someone can have.

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00:00:40,350 --> 00:00:41,550

And you've had it for a few years.

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00:00:41,580 --> 00:00:42,060

Yeah.

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00:00:42,065 --> 00:00:44,130

I've, I've, This is not
new to Inside Jeopardy.

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00:00:44,310 --> 00:00:45,150

We've been calling him the

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00:00:45,150 --> 00:00:46,080

enabler for, Of course.

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00:00:46,085 --> 00:00:49,260
I, I, I have to say, when I come
to a taping, which I don't often

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00:00:49,260 --> 00:00:52,590
get the chance to, I always love
sitting as close to Michael Harris

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00:00:52,590 --> 00:00:55,170
as possible to watch him enable.

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00:00:55,950 --> 00:01:01,560
Those signaling devices and as
well as enabling Michael Davies

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00:01:01,620 --> 00:01:04,170
with his, uh, mid-game analysis.

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00:01:04,170 --> 00:01:06,150
You're like doing eight
different things at once.

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00:01:06,150 --> 00:01:06,960
It's incredibly

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00:01:06,965 --> 00:01:07,410
impressive.

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00:01:07,740 --> 00:01:09,990
I mean, you can't for one second

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00:01:10,500 --> 00:01:11,130
zone out.

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00:01:11,250 --> 00:01:12,520
No, I have to stay focused.

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00:01:12,790 --> 00:01:16,300
And in the gameplay, which is what
I like about it, but I also have to

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00:01:16,300 --> 00:01:21,730
stay focused with Ken and the subtle
changes between what the contestants

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00:01:21,730 --> 00:01:23,440
are doing and how they're responding.

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00:01:23,440 --> 00:01:28,070
And if there's a subtle change where, you
know, Ken suddenly realizes, Okay, yeah.

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00:01:28,505 --> 00:01:29,585
This is not gonna be correct.

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00:01:29,585 --> 00:01:31,625
So I can re-enable the board, all of that.

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00:01:31,625 --> 00:01:32,585
But yeah, it's great.

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00:01:32,675 --> 00:01:36,935
Speaking of enabling, Michael has done a
lot of enabling because we have concluded

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00:01:36,935 --> 00:01:40,985
week one of the Second Chance competition
brought to you by Moderna on Friday.

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00:01:41,015 --> 00:01:45,215
That wrapped up with Jessica Stevens
advancing to the Tournament of Champions.

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00:01:45,515 --> 00:01:48,485
So looking forward to diving
into all of these games with

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00:01:48,485 --> 00:01:49,685
the two of you later in the.

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00:01:49,910 --> 00:01:53,960
And as a reminder, today, we head into
week two of Second Chance, where Sadie

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00:01:53,960 --> 00:01:59,750
Goldberg, Alicia O'Hare, Dough Park, Tom
Phillipo, Nicki Pcca, Jeff Smith, Sarah

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00:01:59,750 --> 00:02:04,850
Snyder, Rowan Ward, and Jack Weller will
all be back to battle for that final spot.

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00:02:05,790 --> 00:02:06,350
In the

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00:02:06,410 --> 00:02:10,560
TOC and in case you've missed seeing
them so far, you can check out the

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00:02:10,560 --> 00:02:14,250
contestant sizzle reels on the Jeopardy
YouTube channel for a fun review

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00:02:14,250 --> 00:02:18,210
of what gave each of these players
a solid case for a second chance.

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00:02:18,390 --> 00:02:20,520
And our own, Ken Jennings called them.

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00:02:20,775 --> 00:02:21,285
His new

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00:02:21,285 --> 00:02:21,915
favorite thing.

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00:02:22,065 --> 00:02:26,145
Yes, Ken and you buzzy both reached
out to me to inquire about who

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00:02:26,145 --> 00:02:28,695
had put those videos together
because you were loving them.

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00:02:29,025 --> 00:02:31,935
The credit goes to our social and

digital team who are always up to

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00:02:31,935 --> 00:02:35,115
great things, but in particular
on this one, wanna call out?

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00:02:35,115 --> 00:02:36,705
Shout out Devin O'Rourke.

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00:02:36,825 --> 00:02:40,305
He wrote all of those pieces and
he voiced the scratch tracks.

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00:02:40,695 --> 00:02:43,305
They were so good that we all
agreed it needed to be him.

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00:02:43,420 --> 00:02:45,250
Who voiced the final versions.

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00:02:45,519 --> 00:02:46,869
Those really are so much fun.

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00:02:46,869 --> 00:02:49,750
So make sure you check them
out if you haven't already.

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00:02:49,929 --> 00:02:52,899
And later in today's episode, we'll
be featuring my interview with Michael

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00:02:52,899 --> 00:02:56,410
Stray Hand, who presented a category
last week, and we'll be discussing

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00:02:56,410 --> 00:03:01,029
Celebrity Jeopardy, where Aisha, Tyler,
John, Michael Higgins, and Matt Rogers

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00:03:01,035 --> 00:03:03,070
competed for the first spot in our.

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00:03:03,515 --> 00:03:07,355
Of three semifinals in Celebrity Jeopardy,
and at the end of the show, you'll

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00:03:07,355 --> 00:03:10,894
get to hear my conversations with our
Tournament of Champions competitors.

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00:03:10,894 --> 00:03:14,494
Megan Walks press, Erica Hasek,
John Folk, and Ryan Long.

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00:03:14,855 --> 00:03:18,575
Okay, first up, let's get into
week one of Second Chance.

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00:03:18,575 --> 00:03:23,375
We kick Monday off with Cindy
jg, Aaron Goas, Jessica Stevens.

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00:03:23,375 --> 00:03:26,404
I know a lot of people were disappointed
with this matchup because they

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00:03:26,404 --> 00:03:30,125
thought, how could you put so many of
our favorites up against each other?

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00:03:30,465 --> 00:03:32,115
It was bound to happen.

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00:03:32,115 --> 00:03:33,105
It did not disappoint.

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00:03:33,105 --> 00:03:37,605
Cindy Young, did not disappoint in the
handwriting or in the fashion department.

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00:03:37,605 --> 00:03:38,475
Really impressive.

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00:03:38,475 --> 00:03:42,075
But of course, Jessica

Stevens was playing.

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00:03:42,075 --> 00:03:42,405
Great.

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00:03:42,465 --> 00:03:43,755
Michael, what do you seeing

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00:03:43,760 --> 00:03:43,995
here?

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00:03:44,175 --> 00:03:48,125
Well, you know, as the game started,
it was, um, A pretty much even exchange

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00:03:48,125 --> 00:03:51,484
between Cindy and Erin, and even though
there was high hopes on Jessica, it

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00:03:51,484 --> 00:03:55,025
seemed like she was struggling to kind
of find her rhythm in that first round.

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00:03:55,234 --> 00:03:59,255
It was a pretty even exchange, and as you
can see from their stats, there are buzz

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00:03:59,260 --> 00:04:01,984
ends that they actually got in to respond.

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00:04:02,165 --> 00:04:05,555
Were quite even 10 across the
board for all three contestants.

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00:04:05,734 --> 00:04:07,545
It did, of course, take Jessica A.

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00:04:07,545 --> 00:04:10,834
Little bit of time to find her
rhythm, which she managed to

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00:04:10,834 --> 00:04:12,905

do after Cindy made an error.

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00:04:13,590 --> 00:04:17,730

That era was kind of a pivotal moment for Jessica because not only did she

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00:04:17,730 --> 00:04:22,740

go into first break with the lead, she maintained it after the break and

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00:04:22,740 --> 00:04:24,690

started the double jeopardy round in the

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00:04:24,695 --> 00:04:25,020

lead.

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00:04:25,320 --> 00:04:28,680

Yeah, and starting out that double jeopardy round, Cindy and Aaron have

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00:04:28,680 --> 00:04:31,310

a couple of errors that really helps.

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00:04:32,025 --> 00:04:35,745

Jessica without doing too much, extend her lead.

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00:04:35,745 --> 00:04:39,405

And when she hits that first daily double response correctly, it's

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00:04:39,405 --> 00:04:44,475

open space, as we say, in front of Jessica Stevens, AKA Jeopardy.

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00:04:44,655 --> 00:04:45,705

Karen Allen

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00:04:46,965 --> 00:04:47,295

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Yeah.

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00:04:47,295 --> 00:04:51,315
Jessica continued her momentum, and
especially toward the end of the round,

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00:04:51,315 --> 00:04:56,025
she was picking up some high value clues
and so she just maintained that lead

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00:04:56,025 --> 00:04:57,555
as, uh, we went toward the end of the.

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00:04:58,065 --> 00:04:59,385
Yeah, final jeopardy.

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00:04:59,474 --> 00:05:02,985
Erin and Jessica are correct, but it
doesn't really matter at that point

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00:05:02,985 --> 00:05:07,815
because it is a runaway game for Jessica
Stevens pretty satisfying to see her move

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00:05:07,820 --> 00:05:09,375
onto the finals, as we've talked about.

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00:05:09,375 --> 00:05:13,815
She was the inspiration originally for
Michael Davies and this competition.

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00:05:14,295 --> 00:05:16,515
Love the support for
our contestants, though.

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00:05:16,520 --> 00:05:19,710
I saw Cindy posted a video
of a watch party back in New

118
00:05:19,710 --> 00:05:21,045
York with her trivia group.

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00:05:21,495 --> 00:05:25,125
A lot of love out there for the
second chancellors, Interestingly.

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00:05:25,515 --> 00:05:29,085
Jessica, when she would call in a
category, you know, she would stay

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00:05:29,085 --> 00:05:31,965
in one category, so she just would
call out the number value, which can

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00:05:31,965 --> 00:05:35,025
be tricky, especially for Michelle
on our team, who's back in the

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00:05:35,025 --> 00:05:36,195
back, you know, indicating mm-hmm.

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00:05:36,435 --> 00:05:37,365
which clue she's gonna pop up.

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00:05:37,695 --> 00:05:41,655
We encourage contestants to always say
the category as well as the dollar amount,

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00:05:41,660 --> 00:05:45,915
but if they're maintaining it in the same
category, we'll kind of let it slide.

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00:05:46,155 --> 00:05:50,535
And this show featured the category with
Michael Treyhan, A to Z of skincare.

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00:05:50,535 --> 00:05:50,925
I know.

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00:05:51,285 --> 00:05:51,585
Some.

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00:05:51,615 --> 00:05:51,705
Mm-hmm.

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00:05:52,125 --> 00:05:56,235
, We heard some pushback from people feeling

like this was a commercial, but I want

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00:05:56,235 --> 00:06:00,795

people to look at the actual category and
the actual clues and A to Z of skincare.

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00:06:01,005 --> 00:06:04,305

Our writers wrote some brilliant
clues about Yes, they did general

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00:06:04,305 --> 00:06:07,695

skincare, and in my opinion,
Michael Stray Hand brought it.

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00:06:07,725 --> 00:06:09,735

He delivered it with
energy and excitement.

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00:06:10,065 --> 00:06:13,575

I had a chance to catch up with him
after our recording session with him.

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00:06:13,575 --> 00:06:14,775

And, uh, let's take a, listen.

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00:06:14,985 --> 00:06:16,545

You're a category on Jeopardy.

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00:06:16,550 --> 00:06:17,235

What does that feel?

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00:06:17,615 --> 00:06:17,915

It

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00:06:17,915 --> 00:06:21,275

feels like I have hit the lottery
. I've bought 'em on Jeopardy.

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00:06:21,275 --> 00:06:21,965

I've made it.

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00:06:22,055 --> 00:06:23,015

You made everything else.

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00:06:23,195 --> 00:06:25,775

Nothing else compares
to being on Jeopardy.

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00:06:26,015 --> 00:06:29,675

And you know, I'm excited about it
because it's such an iconic show and

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00:06:29,680 --> 00:06:31,955

I've, I hoped to be on for years.

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00:06:31,955 --> 00:06:33,575

So now to be a part of it is special.

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00:06:33,665 --> 00:06:35,255

You've got something
cool you're introducing?

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00:06:35,465 --> 00:06:35,735

Yeah,

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00:06:35,740 --> 00:06:39,335

I have my own, my new skincare line,
Michael Stray Hand Daily Defense.

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00:06:39,335 --> 00:06:42,905

So it's kind of going hand in hand
and it's a category that kind of

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00:06:42,905 --> 00:06:47,370

fits me in my lifestyle right now
because, It's confidence and I think

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00:06:47,370 --> 00:06:49,440

when you're playing the game with
Jeopardy, you better come on there and

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00:06:49,440 --> 00:06:52,230

be confident and knowing that you don't
have to worry about your skin because

155
00:06:52,230 --> 00:06:53,880
it looks good and all those things.

156
00:06:53,940 --> 00:06:54,090
That's

157
00:06:54,090 --> 00:06:55,080
Confidence builder.

158
00:06:55,290 --> 00:06:56,670
So you host Pyramid.

159
00:06:56,670 --> 00:06:59,910
One of our hosts, Ken Jennings,
was a guest on your show.

160
00:06:59,910 --> 00:07:01,980
What do you, what do you have
to say about his performance?

161
00:07:02,490 --> 00:07:02,730
When

162
00:07:02,730 --> 00:07:07,080
Ken Jennings came on the \$100,000
pyramid, I've never seen the

163
00:07:07,140 --> 00:07:08,640
people work there so excited.

164
00:07:09,510 --> 00:07:11,700
. And I'm not just talking,
I'm talking about everyone.

165
00:07:11,700 --> 00:07:14,370
I had an intern of mine,
Tyler, who's 20 years old.

166
00:07:14,700 --> 00:07:17,610
That was the only person we had on the
entire seat that he cared to have a

167
00:07:17,610 --> 00:07:22,800
picture with , because Pyramid and having
Ken on was kind of like, it just goes

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00:07:22,800 --> 00:07:27,180
hand in hand because he is a genius and
I can't say enough about how great he.

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00:07:28,170 --> 00:07:31,409
You also had a chance to meet
our legendary host, Alex Trube.

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00:07:31,890 --> 00:07:32,340
Yes.

171
00:07:32,430 --> 00:07:33,390
What was that like for you?

172
00:07:33,840 --> 00:07:34,650
Oh, man.

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00:07:34,650 --> 00:07:38,190
Meeting Alex Trebek with an experience
that I'll never forget, to be able

174
00:07:38,190 --> 00:07:42,090
to go to his home and spend some time
with him and his wife Jean, He had

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00:07:42,090 --> 00:07:45,659
just come off the roof from removing
leaves and this is while he was going

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00:07:45,659 --> 00:07:48,780
through, you know, um, everything
that he was dealing with at that time.

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00:07:48,780 --> 00:07:52,770
And just an amazing man, inspiring
man, and just to be around

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00:07:52,775 --> 00:07:55,560

someone who you watched every day.

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00:07:57,120 --> 00:07:59,940

Always gave you just
this spirit of happiness.

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00:07:59,940 --> 00:08:02,880

And it was, it was a special something
I'll never forget, and I know I'm

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00:08:02,885 --> 00:08:05,070

one of the few people who can say
they've actually had a chance to

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00:08:05,070 --> 00:08:06,450

spend that time with him like that.

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00:08:06,720 --> 00:08:10,680

And I appreciate him and Gene for letting
me into their home and sharing that time.

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00:08:11,310 --> 00:08:13,170

Well, they appreciated that time as well.

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00:08:13,170 --> 00:08:13,230

Yeah.

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00:08:13,230 --> 00:08:14,970

And we're so happy to
feed you on Jeopardy.

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00:08:15,270 --> 00:08:16,800

Jeopardy baby.

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00:08:16,820 --> 00:08:18,420

Woo, I'm coming for you.

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00:08:18,920 --> 00:08:21,920

Yes, I am not playing
because I'm not good.

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00:08:22,070 --> 00:08:25,940

I'm just introducing some stuff in the category, which is perfect for me.

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00:08:26,000 --> 00:08:28,880

Those who can't play Host, that's why I host Pyramid too.

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00:08:29,780 --> 00:08:30,290

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We love it.

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00:08:30,380 --> 00:08:33,799

Just great to hear Michael reflect on his interview that he had with Alex.

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00:08:33,804 --> 00:08:36,080

You know, he is someone who had a connection to our show,

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00:08:36,080 --> 00:08:37,610

a connection to Alex, and so.

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00:08:37,929 --> 00:08:41,229

Really great to catch up with him and to feature him in this category.

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00:08:41,620 --> 00:08:45,609

Moving on now to Tuesday's game, our second game and the second chance.

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00:08:45,609 --> 00:08:48,280

This is a, an all female competition.

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00:08:48,430 --> 00:08:48,550

Yeah.

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00:08:48,550 --> 00:08:49,540

With Erica Wiener.

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00:08:49,540 --> 00:08:52,359

Amachi competing in place of Isaac Applebaum.

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00:08:52,510 --> 00:08:52,900

Yeah.

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00:08:52,905 --> 00:08:56,109

As we mentioned earlier, Isaac Applebaum was not able to compete

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00:08:56,109 --> 00:08:59,349

at the last minute, so Erica Wiener, Amachi, our alternate was called in.

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00:08:59,800 --> 00:09:02,199

You know, we have alternates for all of our competitions.

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00:09:02,199 --> 00:09:05,530

Rarely do we ever get the chance to use them in this.

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00:09:05,910 --> 00:09:10,920

Erica found out the morning she was going to play, so it was almost a second, second

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00:09:10,920 --> 00:09:11,400

chance for.

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00:09:11,910 --> 00:09:14,819

Michael, walk us through what you were seeing in this game.

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00:09:15,240 --> 00:09:18,750

Well, Molly takes an early lead in the, uh, jeopardy round.

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00:09:18,990 --> 00:09:23,460

It seems that everyone's kind of tentative as the game moves along, but Erica gets

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00:09:23,460 --> 00:09:27,330

the daily double responds correctly, but doesn't gain traction from that

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00:09:27,330 --> 00:09:29,550
as often some contestants will do.

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00:09:29,580 --> 00:09:30,780
Starting out double jeopardy.

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00:09:30,780 --> 00:09:33,060
Tracy and Erica were really,
it was like a little tennis

216
00:09:33,060 --> 00:09:33,990
game between the two of them.

217
00:09:33,990 --> 00:09:34,080
Mm-hmm.

218
00:09:34,319 --> 00:09:35,189
going back and forth, huh?

219
00:09:35,490 --> 00:09:36,780
Oh, yeah, for a minute.

220
00:09:36,780 --> 00:09:38,670
It was just kind of like their show.

221
00:09:38,939 --> 00:09:40,230
Uh, Molly does manage to.

222
00:09:40,625 --> 00:09:44,975
First daily double in the DJ
round from a third place position.

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00:09:44,975 --> 00:09:48,005
She makes her wager and she
moves into second place.

224
00:09:48,305 --> 00:09:48,575
Yeah.

225
00:09:48,575 --> 00:09:53,495
And Erica Wiener, Amachi winning the
eyewear game and also going into final

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00:09:53,500 --> 00:09:55,205
and think she called them
her new woke glasses.

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00:09:55,265 --> 00:09:55,385
Oh,

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00:09:56,825 --> 00:09:58,325

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But going into final in the lead.

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00:09:58,325 --> 00:10:04,115
Tracy is still in this because Erica
has to bet to cover a Molly doubling.

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00:10:04,415 --> 00:10:06,125
Michael, what do you think
about, Let's talk a little bit

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00:10:06,125 --> 00:10:07,685
about the wagering situation.

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00:10:08,025 --> 00:10:08,955
Going into final.

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00:10:08,955 --> 00:10:09,795
What are you, what are you thinking

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00:10:09,795 --> 00:10:10,005
here?

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00:10:10,425 --> 00:10:14,445
Well, I mean, even though Erica
had a strong lead, she has to make

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00:10:14,445 --> 00:10:19,635
sure that if Molly doubles that
uh, she has enough to cover that

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00:10:19,755 --> 00:10:21,435
and maintain the win in the game.

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00:10:21,465 --> 00:10:25,815
Molly made a very conservative
bet in this case, which I think

239

00:10:25,815 --> 00:10:28,335
surprised maybe all of us.

240

00:10:28,755 --> 00:10:28,905
Not the

241

00:10:28,905 --> 00:10:30,405
traditional second place wager.

242

00:10:30,405 --> 00:10:30,735
No,

243

00:10:30,795 --> 00:10:32,325
not the traditional second place wager.

244

00:10:32,325 --> 00:10:34,995
Especially when you're like,
Hey, this is one and done.

245

00:10:35,145 --> 00:10:35,355
Yeah.

246

00:10:35,385 --> 00:10:36,255
You wanna take.

247

00:10:36,410 --> 00:10:40,459
Which actually worked to her
favor, obviously, because the final

248

00:10:40,459 --> 00:10:42,140
ended up being extremely hard.

249

00:10:42,350 --> 00:10:46,520
It was an oh for three, and
Molly managed to win the game.

250

00:10:47,000 --> 00:10:47,420
Molly

251
00:10:47,420 --> 00:10:51,050
tweeted last Wednesday, You know,
Beyond Sight to join Jessica Stevens

252
00:10:51,055 --> 00:10:55,010
in this week's two day total point
of fair finale, along with Mystery

253
00:10:55,010 --> 00:10:57,130
congested number three, Who shall it be?

254
00:10:57,130 --> 00:10:58,490
And then Jessica Stevens responded.

255
00:10:59,025 --> 00:11:01,155
And when is our new band naturally called?

256
00:11:01,155 --> 00:11:03,795
Two Day Total Point of
Fair Drop the album Buzzy.

257
00:11:03,795 --> 00:11:05,625
We know you'd be first in
line to buy that album.

258
00:11:05,715 --> 00:11:06,195
I would buy that

259
00:11:06,195 --> 00:11:08,865
album and it'll maybe they
could do the soundtrack for my

260
00:11:08,955 --> 00:11:11,745
Yet to be Shot Comedy thriller.

261
00:11:12,165 --> 00:11:13,215
Two day Total point of fair.

262
00:11:13,335 --> 00:11:13,575

Yes.

263

00:11:13,575 --> 00:11:16,725

I have to say, when Buzzy hosted the
Tournament of Champions and we were

264

00:11:16,725 --> 00:11:19,755

going through the different, you know,
versions of opens and things that he

265

00:11:19,755 --> 00:11:23,925

would talk about, he's like, When do I
get to say two day total point of fair?

266

00:11:23,925 --> 00:11:25,035

Cuz that's when I'll know.

267

00:11:25,035 --> 00:11:25,605

I just love that.

268

00:11:25,980 --> 00:11:27,120

I've made it as

269

00:11:27,125 --> 00:11:27,840

a Jeopardy host.

270

00:11:27,900 --> 00:11:29,460

Well, let's find out
who's gonna join them.

271

00:11:29,460 --> 00:11:33,270

On our Wednesday game, we had James
Fraser, Renee Russell, and Pam

272

00:11:33,270 --> 00:11:34,020

Schanberg.

273

00:11:34,230 --> 00:11:37,530

Hearing James say that when he got
the email to compete, he thought it

274

00:11:37,530 --> 00:11:39,630

was spam, you know, he was deployed.

275

00:11:39,720 --> 00:11:42,000

He thought, There's no way
they're asking me to go back.

276

00:11:42,000 --> 00:11:43,290

But then he gave it a second read.

277

00:11:43,295 --> 00:11:44,220

He said, Oh my gosh.

278

00:11:44,730 --> 00:11:47,310

So then he goes and says, Can
I leave my deployment early?

279

00:11:47,310 --> 00:11:51,660

And thankfully the military let him
get out early, but a lot of pressure

280

00:11:51,660 --> 00:11:53,190

on him, I think, to perform as a

281

00:11:53,190 --> 00:11:53,580

result.

282

00:11:53,700 --> 00:11:54,420

Absolutely.

283

00:11:54,950 --> 00:11:58,010

Well, I found that James came
into the game very composed.

284

00:11:58,310 --> 00:12:03,230

He seemed to be well prepared and
ready to play, and that showed in,

285

00:12:03,230 --> 00:12:05,030

uh, his gameplay in the first round.

286

00:12:05,035 --> 00:12:06,290

He hits the daily double.

287

00:12:06,590 --> 00:12:10,160
Uh, he makes the maximum wager,
so he instantly takes the lead.

288

00:12:10,550 --> 00:12:12,230
Pam makes a small push.

289

00:12:12,490 --> 00:12:15,670
Before the end of the round, the
first Jeopardy round, closed the

290

00:12:15,670 --> 00:12:20,500
gap with James, who at that point
has a \$4,000 lead over his next

291

00:12:20,500 --> 00:12:22,420
opponent, Pam, heading into the DJ

292

00:12:22,425 --> 00:12:22,810
round.

293

00:12:22,990 --> 00:12:27,430
Just looking at those numbers,
he is in that jeopardy round.

294

00:12:28,140 --> 00:12:31,860
The neck and neck on attempts,
but he is just getting in first.

295

00:12:31,890 --> 00:12:35,000
He is not giving incorrect responses.

296

00:12:35,340 --> 00:12:37,440
Went on a five clue streak.

297

00:12:37,500 --> 00:12:38,520
That's intimidating.

298

00:12:38,580 --> 00:12:43,350
But as we see, as we get into double
jeopardy, Renee and Pam do not let up.

299

00:12:43,440 --> 00:12:46,740

Renee runs into some
trouble, but Pam really gets.

300

00:12:46,969 --> 00:12:48,290

James up against the ropes.

301

00:12:48,319 --> 00:12:48,439

Yeah.

302

00:12:48,439 --> 00:12:48,740

You could tell

303

00:12:48,740 --> 00:12:49,579

she kind of moved into

304

00:12:49,579 --> 00:12:50,480

a second gear.

305

00:12:50,660 --> 00:12:54,530

Yeah, and I think that happens a lot where
the, the jeopardy round is sort of a rush

306

00:12:54,530 --> 00:12:55,849

cuz you're like, Oh my God, I'm back here.

307

00:12:55,855 --> 00:12:56,360

What's going on?

308

00:12:56,360 --> 00:12:56,962

Da da da.

309

00:12:56,990 --> 00:13:00,530

Trying to catch your bearings, trying to
sync up with our friend Michael Harris

310

00:13:00,530 --> 00:13:02,660

over here, , and then double jeopardy.

311

00:13:02,660 --> 00:13:03,560

You're like, okay.

312

00:13:03,790 --> 00:13:05,440
If I'm gonna do this, I'm gonna do it

313

00:13:05,440 --> 00:13:05,830
now.

314

00:13:06,190 --> 00:13:09,190
Yeah, well she definitely, they
both did have to kind of step

315

00:13:09,190 --> 00:13:12,100
up their game cuz James got the
first daily double in that round.

316

00:13:12,250 --> 00:13:13,420
He responds correctly.

317

00:13:13,425 --> 00:13:16,300
He extended his lead when we
were getting close to the end

318

00:13:16,300 --> 00:13:18,250
of the double jeopardy round.

319

00:13:18,670 --> 00:13:23,810
Pam did manage to get within 5,000
of James' lead, but you know,

320

00:13:23,810 --> 00:13:24,910
he was playing pretty strong.

321

00:13:24,910 --> 00:13:25,750
It was not easy.

322

00:13:25,930 --> 00:13:29,410
Renee on the other hand,
it just was not her day.

323

00:13:30,495 --> 00:13:34,785
Tried her best and she ended up in the red

and wasn't able to stay with us in final.

324

00:13:34,935 --> 00:13:39,225

I think this is just an example of, you know, sometimes it's not your categories.

325

00:13:39,285 --> 00:13:42,855

Renee had such a strong game on her initial appearance, so we

326

00:13:42,855 --> 00:13:45,285

could run this back, We could play it with three different people.

327

00:13:45,285 --> 00:13:46,454

We could play with three of the same people.

328

00:13:46,454 --> 00:13:48,855

We could do it again and have a different outcome.

329

00:13:49,005 --> 00:13:49,935

Just wasn't her day.

330

00:13:49,964 --> 00:13:50,625

Yeah, totally.

331

00:13:50,834 --> 00:13:54,645

Okay, so we've got just a a a two horse race and final.

332

00:13:54,935 --> 00:13:58,865

Category American history, a pretty broad subject in terms of jeopardy,

333

00:13:58,865 --> 00:14:01,295

really could go almost anywhere.

334

00:14:01,505 --> 00:14:03,965

Once again, interesting wagering and final.

335
00:14:03,965 --> 00:14:09,395
Pam is betting to cover James's current
score as opposed to where he might go.

336
00:14:09,425 --> 00:14:10,445
What do you think about this, Michael?

337
00:14:10,565 --> 00:14:10,925
I think

338
00:14:10,930 --> 00:14:13,285
it's probably a, A safe be Yes.

339
00:14:13,285 --> 00:14:14,285
In that case.

340
00:14:14,285 --> 00:14:16,475
I mean, it is a one and done situation.

341
00:14:17,165 --> 00:14:17,945
Like you said.

342
00:14:18,035 --> 00:14:20,585
This is a broad final.

343
00:14:20,954 --> 00:14:23,895
It's like saying the world, you know?

344
00:14:23,925 --> 00:14:24,015
Yes.

345
00:14:24,285 --> 00:14:28,964
There's so much that could be covered
in this final, So I think she's

346
00:14:28,970 --> 00:14:33,615
playing smartly and conservatively
and hoping that maybe it's so broad.

347
00:14:34,035 --> 00:14:39,464
That they both get it wrong and she ends

up capitalizing on maybe him, either not

348

00:14:39,464 --> 00:14:44,354

betting or, or betting just enough for her
to get ahead or too much to try to cover.

349

00:14:44,354 --> 00:14:46,435

Yeah, she being incorrect,
which I think when you're in

350

00:14:46,439 --> 00:14:47,805

second place, is a smart tactic.

351

00:14:47,805 --> 00:14:48,854

I know it's not your tactic.

352

00:14:48,854 --> 00:14:48,974

No.

353

00:14:48,974 --> 00:14:50,175

You wanna go all in for the win.

354

00:14:50,204 --> 00:14:54,135

Not necessarily, but I think my issue
with that approach is that if, if that's

355

00:14:54,135 --> 00:15:00,375

what you're thinking, he is gonna bet,
you know, 9,000 something or other, right?

356

00:15:00,495 --> 00:15:00,555

Yeah.

357

00:15:00,555 --> 00:15:02,954

He's gonna bet about a
little over 9,000 to cover.

358

00:15:03,810 --> 00:15:06,000

She bets too much if
they both get it wrong.

359

00:15:06,000 --> 00:15:07,319

And so that's my kind of issue.

360

00:15:07,319 --> 00:15:08,670

It's it's neither a play to the win.

361

00:15:09,430 --> 00:15:09,510

Interesting.

362

00:15:09,510 --> 00:15:10,950

Or play for their, them both to be wrong.

363

00:15:11,040 --> 00:15:12,000

So she

364

00:15:12,000 --> 00:15:12,960

could have been a little bit,

365

00:15:13,290 --> 00:15:16,319

she needs, needs to be wrong
for this to work out her wager.

366

00:15:16,530 --> 00:15:17,069

Correct.

367

00:15:17,075 --> 00:15:19,470

Or he needs to bet
nothing and she gets it.

368

00:15:19,470 --> 00:15:19,770

Right.

369

00:15:19,800 --> 00:15:22,620

So I think it's, if you're, if
I were in Pam's position, I'm

370

00:15:22,625 --> 00:15:24,120

either betting much more or much

371

00:15:24,120 --> 00:15:24,569

less.

372

00:15:24,660 --> 00:15:24,870
Yeah.

373
00:15:24,870 --> 00:15:25,590
Maybe much.

374
00:15:26,390 --> 00:15:26,990
Yeah, well in

375
00:15:26,990 --> 00:15:30,980
the end, wagering didn't really become
a factor because James is the only

376
00:15:30,980 --> 00:15:35,180
one who is correct and he advances
to the finals where he will face on

377
00:15:35,180 --> 00:15:39,980
this next game Thursday up against
Jessica Stevens and Molly Carroll for

378
00:15:39,980 --> 00:15:41,960
a spot in the TOC in a two day total

379
00:15:41,960 --> 00:15:45,920
point affair, not one pair
of glasses amongst them.

380
00:15:45,980 --> 00:15:48,140
This was a great two
day total point affair.

381
00:15:48,140 --> 00:15:48,740
I have to say.

382
00:15:48,740 --> 00:15:51,590
This was a really fun finals to watch.

383
00:15:51,650 --> 00:15:53,900
I did enjoy in the jeopardy round.

384
00:15:54,555 --> 00:15:57,675

Jessica fo running the phobias category.

385

00:15:57,795 --> 00:15:58,814

What does that say about her?

386

00:15:58,995 --> 00:15:59,475

Yeah.

387

00:15:59,475 --> 00:16:03,795

And that our writers come up with responses like, What is German people?

388

00:16:03,975 --> 00:16:04,485

I mean, who knew?

389

00:16:04,725 --> 00:16:04,995

Yeah.

390

00:16:04,995 --> 00:16:08,265

I mean, it was kind of a follow up on Ike saying, What are Filipino people

391

00:16:08,265 --> 00:16:09,944

in Simu calling him out on that?

392

00:16:09,944 --> 00:16:10,005

Yeah.

393

00:16:10,064 --> 00:16:12,495

So we've got a lot going on here, Jeffrey.

394

00:16:12,495 --> 00:16:12,966

I've got of love

395

00:16:12,971 --> 00:16:13,395

on that one.

396

00:16:13,755 --> 00:16:17,295

Well, I mean, the one thing I did notice at the start of the game,

397

00:16:17,625 --> 00:16:20,175
James dives for the hot corner.

398
00:16:20,444 --> 00:16:22,365
Now there are places.

399
00:16:22,780 --> 00:16:26,260
Folks know where the daily
double will usually kind of

400
00:16:26,260 --> 00:16:28,090
appear on the Jeopardy board.

401
00:16:28,090 --> 00:16:32,620
Not always, but he dies for that
hot corner and doesn't find it

402
00:16:33,640 --> 00:16:36,250
Jessica, on the other
hand, does capitalize.

403
00:16:36,250 --> 00:16:38,320
I believe it was on a rebound from him.

404
00:16:38,440 --> 00:16:42,630
And then she hits the phobia category
and like you said, boom, she runs.

405
00:16:43,090 --> 00:16:44,700
And it kind of leaves James A.

406
00:16:44,700 --> 00:16:45,640
Little flat footed.

407
00:16:45,640 --> 00:16:49,150
I don't think he was
expecting that to be so open.

408
00:16:49,210 --> 00:16:52,270
I thought he thought he was gonna
get the daily double, kind of get it

409

00:16:52,270 --> 00:16:54,189
early lead and then kind of cruise.

410
00:16:54,310 --> 00:16:57,310
Jessica ends the round with 7,600.

411
00:16:57,314 --> 00:17:01,660
James was close at 7,000,
and Molly trailing 2,800.

412
00:17:01,870 --> 00:17:02,140
What

413
00:17:02,140 --> 00:17:05,410
is most impressive to me shows
how great these second chance

414
00:17:05,560 --> 00:17:09,839
contestants are no incorrect
responses in that jeopardy round.

415
00:17:09,845 --> 00:17:10,930
And as we come into double.

416
00:17:11,580 --> 00:17:15,840
Also very few slow start to the
double jeopardy round, but James

417
00:17:15,840 --> 00:17:18,810
finds that first daily double
capitalizes on it, takes the lead.

418
00:17:18,840 --> 00:17:22,800
And then James goes on on a bit of a mini
run and really does begin to extend his

419
00:17:22,800 --> 00:17:23,580
lead with that.

420
00:17:23,580 --> 00:17:28,140
He finds the second daily double in
the round, but he responds incorrectly.

421

00:17:28,145 --> 00:17:30,750

And here is again, one
of those pivotal moments.

422

00:17:31,500 --> 00:17:35,130

It drops a little, but he still
has the lead over Jessica, and you

423

00:17:35,130 --> 00:17:37,710

thought that might throw his game
off, but it really, really doesn't.

424

00:17:37,770 --> 00:17:42,845

Going into final obvious, James has the
lead here, Jessica not that far behind,

425

00:17:42,845 --> 00:17:45,665

and Molly is still very much in this game.

426

00:17:45,665 --> 00:17:49,925

And we have to remember this is
a two day total point of fair.

427

00:17:49,925 --> 00:17:55,175

So you kind of have to treat this
first final, almost like a daily

428

00:17:55,180 --> 00:17:56,975

double that everybody gets to play.

429

00:17:57,425 --> 00:17:58,085

Very true.

430

00:17:58,085 --> 00:18:02,575

Wagering is very important at this
stage in this kind of competition.

431

00:18:02,575 --> 00:18:05,075

And yet Jessica goes big
with her wager, you know?

432

00:18:05,395 --> 00:18:07,585

Betting \$13,000.

433

00:18:07,585 --> 00:18:09,535

Molly, a little bit more conservative.

434

00:18:10,135 --> 00:18:10,705

James

435

00:18:10,855 --> 00:18:11,815

Wagering big as well.

436

00:18:11,905 --> 00:18:16,075

One thing that people talk about in the Jeopardy world is effective lead, right?

437

00:18:16,080 --> 00:18:17,675

So right now James has a.

438

00:18:18,135 --> 00:18:20,895

Roughly \$15,000 lead on Molly.

439

00:18:20,895 --> 00:18:24,945

But that is a, a effective leave of \$7,500, right?

440

00:18:24,945 --> 00:18:29,235

So if she's behind by \$7,500 at the end of the game the next day, she can

441

00:18:29,235 --> 00:18:31,995

double that up to make up that 15,000.

442

00:18:32,295 --> 00:18:35,175

And I love a two day total point affair where when you're going

443

00:18:35,175 --> 00:18:37,335

into day two, anything can happen.

444

00:18:37,335 --> 00:18:38,445

It's still anyone's game.

445
00:18:38,625 --> 00:18:40,215
None of these totals is

446
00:18:40,275 --> 00:18:40,965
insurmountable.

447
00:18:41,085 --> 00:18:41,325
Yeah.

448
00:18:41,505 --> 00:18:44,805
Jessica is only few thousand
dollars behind James.

449
00:18:44,805 --> 00:18:46,185
They're essentially starting at zero.

450
00:18:46,185 --> 00:18:46,275
The.

451
00:18:46,925 --> 00:18:47,165
Yeah.

452
00:18:47,195 --> 00:18:48,395
Buzzy, as you well know.

453
00:18:48,425 --> 00:18:48,515
Mm-hmm.

454
00:18:48,755 --> 00:18:52,925
, you're not out of it until the
last, you know, final jeopardy

455
00:18:52,925 --> 00:18:54,305
in that kind of competi.

456
00:18:54,720 --> 00:18:59,310
What I found interesting in this
second final, James, again, he's

457
00:18:59,310 --> 00:19:00,780
looking for those daily doubles.

458

00:19:00,840 --> 00:19:02,370

He finds one early on.

459

00:19:02,550 --> 00:19:06,030

He's in third place as
he makes this, uh, wager.

460

00:19:06,150 --> 00:19:06,810

He's correct.

461

00:19:06,810 --> 00:19:10,730

And he takes the lead, who at that
point, Molly has the lead, which.

462

00:19:11,365 --> 00:19:15,445

In her previous games, she was not
really coming from a leading position.

463

00:19:16,945 --> 00:19:20,425

Everyone seems to be pretty evenly
matched and then comes the moment

464

00:19:20,605 --> 00:19:22,465

James makes an incorrect response.

465

00:19:22,465 --> 00:19:26,455

On a \$1,000 clue, Jessica
starts to find her groove.

466

00:19:26,575 --> 00:19:29,995

That first round finishes
with Jessica in the lead.

467

00:19:30,205 --> 00:19:33,805

Here comes double jeopardy though
James finds that first daily double.

468

00:19:33,865 --> 00:19:35,845

He goes true daily double gutsy.

469

00:19:36,385 --> 00:19:37,344

He's incorrect.

470
00:19:37,405 --> 00:19:41,004
He responds, sees candy
instead of Hershey.

471
00:19:41,004 --> 00:19:42,955
The other two competitors
look at each other.

472
00:19:42,955 --> 00:19:45,534
They're like kind of giggling
almost that he missed it.

473
00:19:45,594 --> 00:19:47,334
He knows he should have gotten it.

474
00:19:47,725 --> 00:19:48,955
And you know, that was a pivotal

475
00:19:48,959 --> 00:19:49,824
moment for this game.

476
00:19:49,885 --> 00:19:51,925
Did you notice the category, Sarah?

477
00:19:51,929 --> 00:19:52,354
It was.

478
00:19:52,765 --> 00:19:54,115
The Blewitt category.

479
00:19:54,145 --> 00:19:55,315
Thought it was kind of ironic.

480
00:19:55,405 --> 00:19:59,005
, it was, I, it was the Blewitt category
and he blew it, which he actually

481
00:19:59,005 --> 00:20:01,255
noted himself, uh, in the game.

482

00:20:01,345 --> 00:20:03,025
But this is a pivotal moment.

483

00:20:03,025 --> 00:20:06,055
As Sarah said, James lost
his composure at this point.

484

00:20:06,505 --> 00:20:08,455
He's down, he's scrambling.

485

00:20:08,515 --> 00:20:13,765
Jessica has a good pace, a good rhythm,
and so now James is good on the buzzer.

486

00:20:13,795 --> 00:20:18,565
He's trying to ring in as much as he can,
but he's also catching himself because

487

00:20:18,565 --> 00:20:21,265
he's ringing in and realizing I don't.

488

00:20:22,155 --> 00:20:23,024
The response.

489

00:20:23,264 --> 00:20:27,165
And so he is helping
Jessica maintain her lead.

490

00:20:27,345 --> 00:20:31,965
Jessica continues to maintain her
composure, keeps a steady lead.

491

00:20:31,995 --> 00:20:35,355
Molly is always in the game,
nipping away, trying to stay

492

00:20:35,360 --> 00:20:37,335
close as she does each time she

493

00:20:37,335 --> 00:20:37,875
plays.

494
00:20:38,024 --> 00:20:44,145
Jessica found that second daily double
wagers \$3,500 and gets it correctly,

495
00:20:44,145 --> 00:20:46,635
and she's just, she's, she's after it.

496
00:20:46,635 --> 00:20:47,745
So going into.

497
00:20:48,915 --> 00:20:50,535
Final jeopardy round.

498
00:20:51,405 --> 00:20:54,915
Jessica in the lead with
15,300, Molly with 10,600.

499
00:20:54,915 --> 00:20:59,685
James has just 2000, but remember
today total point of fair.

500
00:21:00,255 --> 00:21:02,925
You know, he did have the lead from, you
did have the lead from the day before.

501
00:21:02,925 --> 00:21:04,425
So anything can happen.

502
00:21:04,635 --> 00:21:09,795
And we got some interesting wagers once
again in final, A final that tripped all

503
00:21:09,795 --> 00:21:12,135
three of our contestants up, which really.

504
00:21:12,870 --> 00:21:17,400
Goes to show that this could have
been, you know, if James had gotten

505
00:21:17,400 --> 00:21:19,770
that correct and Jessica hadn't.

506

00:21:19,890 --> 00:21:22,560
He's winning this first week of
the Second Chance competition.

507

00:21:22,710 --> 00:21:22,860
Oh

508

00:21:22,865 --> 00:21:23,100
yeah.

509

00:21:23,250 --> 00:21:27,270
I remember when I saw the wagers,
there was like a, a subtle gas.

510

00:21:27,275 --> 00:21:28,980
We all kind of did gas like.

511

00:21:29,255 --> 00:21:31,655
Does she know that she could lose?

512

00:21:31,655 --> 00:21:32,765
She had it locked up.

513

00:21:32,825 --> 00:21:33,545
What totally what?

514

00:21:33,725 --> 00:21:34,385
What's going on with

515

00:21:34,385 --> 00:21:34,865
this wager?

516

00:21:34,925 --> 00:21:36,455
She totally had it locked up.

517

00:21:36,935 --> 00:21:44,285
She wagered way too much given even the
two day spread, and had luck not fallen.

518

00:21:44,865 --> 00:21:48,375
The way it did that they were

all incorrect as buzzy noted.

519

00:21:48,375 --> 00:21:51,885
She could have easily lost
that game and not gone onto the

520

00:21:52,125 --> 00:21:52,545
toc.

521

00:21:52,545 --> 00:21:53,625
Yeah, but she does.

522

00:21:53,685 --> 00:21:57,785
And Jessica earns our first,
second chance spot in the toc.

523

00:21:58,825 --> 00:21:59,805
Interestingly enough, yes.

524

00:21:59,810 --> 00:22:04,665
For the first time ever in the toc,
we can have a rematch, a full Remax

525

00:22:04,665 --> 00:22:08,025
Matam, Jonathan Fisher, like we've
had two contestants from a single.

526

00:22:08,685 --> 00:22:11,085
Go on to a toc, but never all three.

527

00:22:11,085 --> 00:22:15,764
So pretty exciting that three
competitors from one single game are

528

00:22:15,764 --> 00:22:17,575
all gonna be represented in the toc.

529

00:22:17,575 --> 00:22:21,284
And it was the game that inspired
this second chance competition.

530

00:22:21,345 --> 00:22:21,645

Yes.

531

00:22:21,645 --> 00:22:21,705

Yeah.

532

00:22:21,825 --> 00:22:25,215

So if, if ever we needed validation
that there was something to this

533

00:22:25,220 --> 00:22:28,975

second chance idea, I think Jessica
Stevens making it to the, to.

534

00:22:29,475 --> 00:22:32,205

Certainly affirms that we were
on the right track with this,

535

00:22:32,294 --> 00:22:36,945

and week two of the Second Chance
competition is beginning right now.

536

00:22:37,445 --> 00:22:41,264

Tonight's right when you tune in, find
out who that second, second Chancer.

537

00:22:41,879 --> 00:22:44,070

That feels like it should be a
fourth chancellor, but it's just

538

00:22:44,070 --> 00:22:47,689

our second, second chancellor
who will be in this year's toc.

539

00:22:48,030 --> 00:22:49,530

Moving on, let's get into celebrity

540

00:22:49,530 --> 00:22:50,250

jeopardy.

541

00:22:50,729 --> 00:22:51,629

Let's do it.

542

00:22:51,659 --> 00:22:52,500
Prime time.

543
00:22:52,530 --> 00:22:53,550
Jeopardy and prime Time.

544
00:22:53,550 --> 00:22:54,090
Time, baby.

545
00:22:54,090 --> 00:22:54,780
We've got celebrity.

546
00:22:54,780 --> 00:22:58,919
Last night we began our next round of
quarter final games with Aisha, Tyler,

547
00:22:59,100 --> 00:23:01,530
John, Michael Higgins, and Matt Roger.

548
00:23:02,115 --> 00:23:07,335
Once again, you could feel a little
intimidation when Johnny introduces Aisha

549
00:23:07,335 --> 00:23:10,695
Tyler as a former Jeopardy champion.

550
00:23:11,085 --> 00:23:14,025
You know, I don't think everyone knows
coming in necessarily who they're

551
00:23:14,025 --> 00:23:16,695
playing against of our celebrities,
and certainly when they hear.

552
00:23:17,175 --> 00:23:21,764
that it's, it's instantly intimidating to
know that not only has someone been on the

553
00:23:21,855 --> 00:23:24,375
Alex Streck stage before, but they've won.

554
00:23:24,375 --> 00:23:24,915

They've come out a

555

00:23:24,915 --> 00:23:25,395
champion.

556

00:23:25,605 --> 00:23:25,844
Yeah.

557

00:23:25,850 --> 00:23:28,034
But I think, you know,
it can work both ways.

558

00:23:28,040 --> 00:23:28,485
Sure.

559

00:23:28,544 --> 00:23:32,895
You get that introduction and now
the pressure's on you and people

560

00:23:32,895 --> 00:23:37,034
are going to expect, or there's an
expectation that you're gonna perform.

561

00:23:37,199 --> 00:23:40,860
Amazingly well because you're, you
know, you're in the pocket of the game.

562

00:23:40,949 --> 00:23:42,480
And she did perform well.

563

00:23:42,480 --> 00:23:46,169
I, I mean, Michael Higgins, I
was impressed with his gameplay.

564

00:23:46,500 --> 00:23:48,659
Very steady, very knowledgeable.

565

00:23:48,780 --> 00:23:50,250
He was very good on the buzzer.

566

00:23:50,580 --> 00:23:55,050
I had to think, Michael Higgins being a

trivia host himself, did have a slight leg

567

00:23:55,054 --> 00:23:58,080

up perhaps, and we had to watch the game
to see if that would end up being true.

568

00:23:58,320 --> 00:23:58,590

You know,

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00:23:58,590 --> 00:24:02,580

Michael Harris and I were discussing
earlier that I think that part of what.

570

00:24:03,315 --> 00:24:06,705

Michael Higgins was actually a little
bit of the generational difference.

571

00:24:06,705 --> 00:24:06,855

Yes.

572

00:24:06,925 --> 00:24:07,485

You know, just.

573

00:24:08,040 --> 00:24:11,100

For instance, the clue about Heidi, like
that's something where if you're a little

574

00:24:11,100 --> 00:24:16,139

bit older, everyone grew up reading or
watching the film versions of Heidi, where

575

00:24:16,139 --> 00:24:18,959

Matt Rogers and Aisha Tyler, probably not.

576

00:24:19,050 --> 00:24:19,500

I like

577

00:24:19,500 --> 00:24:19,709

that.

578

00:24:19,709 --> 00:24:21,899

When we headed into double

jeopardy and Michael got that

579

00:24:22,110 --> 00:24:25,560
daily double, he was like, I'm
gonna make it a true daily double.

580

00:24:25,560 --> 00:24:26,620
And then he said, Miam.

581

00:24:26,960 --> 00:24:27,649
Stop me.

582

00:24:27,649 --> 00:24:30,919
Like he couldn't even believe
he was gonna wager so big on

583

00:24:30,919 --> 00:24:31,190
that one.

584

00:24:31,190 --> 00:24:33,710
And I appreciated some,
some bigger wagers.

585

00:24:34,100 --> 00:24:34,159
Yeah.

586

00:24:34,159 --> 00:24:34,820
In this game.

587

00:24:34,879 --> 00:24:39,139
Um, and as we see it, you know,
made a difference when Matt went

588

00:24:39,139 --> 00:24:44,210
all in on that third daily double,
in the triple jeopardy round, you

589

00:24:44,210 --> 00:24:46,370
could see the joy, the excitement.

590

00:24:46,399 --> 00:24:47,720
It was, it was just really fun.

591

00:24:47,720 --> 00:24:50,780
I mean, it felt like the, a great
combination of people having fun

592

00:24:50,780 --> 00:24:53,480
playing and also really in the game it.

593

00:24:54,150 --> 00:24:55,320
I, I loved watching this episode.

594

00:24:55,380 --> 00:24:58,470
We continued our tradition in
Celebrity Jeopardy to feature

595

00:24:58,470 --> 00:25:00,210
our Jeopardy celebrities.

596

00:25:00,210 --> 00:25:04,710
Obviously Buzzy was fashion earlier in
the celebrity season, and this time we

597

00:25:04,710 --> 00:25:09,240
had around Philly with Ryan Long, someone
who loves his city, and he got to give

598

00:25:09,240 --> 00:25:11,440
a full category all about Philadelphia.

599

00:25:11,640 --> 00:25:12,870
It played very well.

600

00:25:13,155 --> 00:25:15,344
And, uh, it was a lot of fun to see Ryan.

601

00:25:15,344 --> 00:25:17,985
He had reached out to me a few
weeks before the category aired.

602

00:25:18,195 --> 00:25:20,534
My mom wants to make sure she records it.

603

00:25:20,534 --> 00:25:22,665

What night am I gonna be
on Celebrity Jeopardy?

604

00:25:22,665 --> 00:25:23,955

So fun to see him as well.

605

00:25:24,254 --> 00:25:24,375

The

606

00:25:24,375 --> 00:25:27,945

one thing about this game is it
was a joy to watch them play,

607

00:25:27,945 --> 00:25:29,175

as you kind of mentioned buzzy.

608

00:25:29,175 --> 00:25:29,895

Yes, they were.

609

00:25:30,405 --> 00:25:31,605

Very personable.

610

00:25:31,605 --> 00:25:35,145

They were really lovely with each
other, and as you said, as the

611

00:25:35,145 --> 00:25:39,195

gameplay continued along, they were
just really having a good time.

612

00:25:39,195 --> 00:25:43,125

And I think that made it easier
for them to take those chances and

613

00:25:43,125 --> 00:25:47,835

making those chances really elevated
the, the game play all around.

614

00:25:47,955 --> 00:25:51,855

Interestingly enough, Aisha Tyler had
the most correct responses in the game.

615
00:25:51,855 --> 00:25:52,635
Yes, But it comes.

616
00:25:53,564 --> 00:25:54,645
To those daily doubles.

617
00:25:54,645 --> 00:25:54,915
Absolutely.

618
00:25:55,235 --> 00:25:56,745
And she wasn't able to find them.

619
00:25:56,834 --> 00:25:57,104
If you

620
00:25:57,104 --> 00:26:00,044
flip through the game, it
really feels like Aisha's game.

621
00:26:01,260 --> 00:26:03,810
John Michael Higgins kind of
pulls a, pulls a cart outta

622
00:26:03,810 --> 00:26:05,370
the buzzy cone, ah, playbook.

623
00:26:05,700 --> 00:26:09,510
Getting that lead and just letting
his opponents kind of make mistakes.

624
00:26:09,600 --> 00:26:09,870
Yeah.

625
00:26:10,000 --> 00:26:10,400
Yeah.

626
00:26:10,650 --> 00:26:13,020
Well, he, I'm claiming
that as my playbook, but I

627

00:26:13,020 --> 00:26:13,380
like it.

628
00:26:13,380 --> 00:26:16,890
Who knew that he was reading it,
but I think maybe he was, perhaps, I

629
00:26:16,890 --> 00:26:19,950
hope he continues to study it because
he's heading to the semifinals.

630
00:26:19,950 --> 00:26:23,730
But this Sunday, October 30th,
join us to find out who will

631
00:26:23,735 --> 00:26:25,590
join Michael in the semis.

632
00:26:25,650 --> 00:26:27,180
All right, we're gonna switch gears now.

633
00:26:27,180 --> 00:26:29,640
It's time to continue a road.

634
00:26:29,695 --> 00:26:30,975
To the toc.

635
00:26:31,195 --> 00:26:34,945
First up my conversation with
five game winner, Erica Hasek.

636
00:26:35,125 --> 00:26:37,075
Erica Hasek, welcome back to Jeopardy.

637
00:26:37,465 --> 00:26:37,764
Yeah,

638
00:26:37,764 --> 00:26:38,395
thanks for having

639
00:26:38,395 --> 00:26:38,575
me.

640
00:26:38,635 --> 00:26:39,145
How have

641
00:26:39,375 --> 00:26:40,405
the past few months been?

642
00:26:40,645 --> 00:26:41,665
It's been a whirlwind.

643
00:26:41,669 --> 00:26:46,105
I mean, obviously, you know, we taped in
middle of April, and then you have your

644
00:26:46,105 --> 00:26:48,475
month or two, which is weird, right?

645
00:26:48,475 --> 00:26:51,475
You're the Jeopardy champion, but you
can't tell anybody, and so you have

646
00:26:51,475 --> 00:26:55,284
to kind of keep it a secret and it
kind of moves in the back of your head

647
00:26:55,645 --> 00:26:57,355
and then your shows are on and then.

648
00:26:58,280 --> 00:27:02,910
I mean, the interviews, I was on the
Weather Channel, I was on the AccuWeather

649
00:27:02,910 --> 00:27:05,130
tv, you know, all the local news stations.

650
00:27:05,130 --> 00:27:07,320
Just a crazy week there.

651
00:27:07,560 --> 00:27:10,980
It gets to be September and, Oh wow, I
got this tournament champions coming up.

652

00:27:11,040 --> 00:27:14,040
It's been really fun, especially
knowing that this was at the end of

653

00:27:14,040 --> 00:27:16,710
the road, this tournament champions
was coming up and it just, I mean,

654

00:27:16,710 --> 00:27:17,910
we haven't even started playing yet.

655

00:27:17,910 --> 00:27:18,390
I'm just having

656

00:27:18,390 --> 00:27:18,750
so much.

657

00:27:19,425 --> 00:27:23,625
Well, you didn't just defeat a champion,
you defeated a 16 game champion and

658

00:27:23,630 --> 00:27:25,665
then you went on to do your own big run.

659

00:27:25,695 --> 00:27:27,015
No wonder they wanna talk to you.

660

00:27:27,015 --> 00:27:29,385
That's, that's quite an impression
you made on the Jeopardy

661

00:27:29,385 --> 00:27:29,835
stage.

662

00:27:29,955 --> 00:27:33,735
Yeah, and I, I mean, I think anyone will
tell you the first thing you kind of do.

663

00:27:33,735 --> 00:27:35,505
You show up to the studio
in the morning and you're.

664
00:27:35,595 --> 00:27:36,375
Kind of eyeing.

665
00:27:36,375 --> 00:27:36,615
Okay.

666
00:27:36,615 --> 00:27:37,725
Who's the defended champion?

667
00:27:37,725 --> 00:27:38,385
Who's here?

668
00:27:38,385 --> 00:27:40,905
Hope it's not the person
I'm seeing on TV right now.

669
00:27:40,910 --> 00:27:44,535
Yes, . And I mean, when they, when I
answer his RY and the number of games

670
00:27:44,535 --> 00:27:47,985
he won and the money he won, that was
kind of a dark moment for a second.

671
00:27:47,990 --> 00:27:51,045
So you're always like, Well, I think
I'm okay at this game, but there's

672
00:27:51,045 --> 00:27:52,245
always someone better out there.

673
00:27:52,250 --> 00:27:54,555
And sure enough, that's
who you have to play first.

674
00:27:54,560 --> 00:27:55,425
But it kind of helped.

675
00:27:56,430 --> 00:27:59,100
I knew we had play aggressive to
begin with, but when you're playing

676

00:27:59,100 --> 00:28:02,250
someone that's a, a super champ,
you just need to be aggressive.

677

00:28:02,250 --> 00:28:03,090
There's nothing to lose.

678

00:28:03,090 --> 00:28:06,330
So that really helped to just
get daily doubles, go big and be

679

00:28:06,330 --> 00:28:08,070
aggressive and stick to that strategy.

680

00:28:08,075 --> 00:28:09,120
And it, it worked.

681

00:28:09,120 --> 00:28:13,050
And then, I mean, I was the Monday
game and you just ride that wave for

682

00:28:13,050 --> 00:28:16,455
as long as you can and went through
the whole day and, uh, Here we are.

683

00:28:16,605 --> 00:28:16,935
Here

684

00:28:16,935 --> 00:28:17,565
we are.

685

00:28:17,745 --> 00:28:21,225
You mentioned you've had the least amount
of time to prepare, I think you and Megan.

686

00:28:21,315 --> 00:28:22,785
What have you done in that amount

687

00:28:22,785 --> 00:28:22,875
of

688

00:28:22,875 --> 00:28:23,115
time?

689
00:28:23,275 --> 00:28:26,805
I, I think it probably helped where,
you know, I didn't push jeopardy

690
00:28:26,805 --> 00:28:29,475
to the back of my mind for a year
and then have to come back into it.

691
00:28:29,475 --> 00:28:33,525
You know, I was doing my prep for
my tape days in April, then I took

692
00:28:33,525 --> 00:28:35,685
a nice vacation, uh, for a bit.

693
00:28:35,685 --> 00:28:36,765
Little reserved, well deserved.

694
00:28:36,765 --> 00:28:38,625
I just needed stuff away
from the Butz for a bit.

695
00:28:38,830 --> 00:28:41,710
And then after my show's aired,
ended June and got, I got the

696
00:28:41,710 --> 00:28:42,669
itched in, which was good.

697
00:28:42,669 --> 00:28:43,840
You're ready to get back into it.

698
00:28:43,840 --> 00:28:47,139
And so it's been a couple months
now, so just kind of, you know, just

699
00:28:47,199 --> 00:28:48,760
trying to learn as much as you can.

700

00:28:48,790 --> 00:28:52,330
Obviously you can't know everything,
but as long as you know a little bit

701
00:28:52,419 --> 00:28:54,460
about everything that gets you by Okay.

702
00:28:54,460 --> 00:28:55,000
In jeopardy.

703
00:28:55,000 --> 00:28:58,750
Obviously it's top tier competition, so
we'll just have to do out there and do.

704
00:28:59,295 --> 00:29:00,945
How about your buzzer technique?

705
00:29:00,945 --> 00:29:03,765
Did you do any work with that or did
you feel like that was pretty strong?

706
00:29:03,825 --> 00:29:03,945
I

707
00:29:03,945 --> 00:29:04,905
mean, it came and went.

708
00:29:04,965 --> 00:29:07,995
Yeah, I, I had some times where
we just locked in and then you had

709
00:29:07,995 --> 00:29:11,115
some times where you'd lose it in
the same game it would happen where

710
00:29:11,355 --> 00:29:12,825
you'd, you'd be hitting everything.

711
00:29:12,825 --> 00:29:14,835
Then you'd have a couple where
you're locked out and it would come

712

00:29:14,840 --> 00:29:17,205
and go, so you just never know.

713
00:29:17,285 --> 00:29:19,745
Until you go out there on
stage, it's, it's a mystery.

714
00:29:19,745 --> 00:29:20,765
But yeah, I had my pen.

715
00:29:20,765 --> 00:29:23,765
I would click around watching
the games on TV to try to get

716
00:29:23,765 --> 00:29:24,875
a little bit of timing down.

717
00:29:24,905 --> 00:29:26,735
But yeah, we went
through rehearsals today.

718
00:29:26,735 --> 00:29:28,645
And what was it like to, It

719
00:29:28,645 --> 00:29:29,795
was, Oh my God, shake the dust off.

720
00:29:29,855 --> 00:29:30,305
It is.

721
00:29:30,305 --> 00:29:34,505
So, you know, just, you see that stage
again and your eyes light up, you

722
00:29:34,505 --> 00:29:37,415
get the buzzer in your hand and it,
it was really fun to be back there.

723
00:29:37,415 --> 00:29:40,085
And then you're up there and you're
getting your rhythm and then you

724

00:29:40,085 --> 00:29:42,785
know, your time's up and another
group comes in and you're just

725
00:29:42,785 --> 00:29:44,105
like, Oh, I wanna keep going.

726
00:29:44,105 --> 00:29:44,945
I wanna keep going.

727
00:29:44,945 --> 00:29:45,425
Let me play.

728
00:29:45,425 --> 00:29:46,205
So yeah, you.

729
00:29:46,870 --> 00:29:49,530
As you said, you don't really know until
you show up and play how that's gonna go.

730
00:29:49,530 --> 00:29:52,710
It's always the mystery of Jeopardy
is the, It's not a test, right?

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00:29:52,710 --> 00:29:55,950
It's not the acts, it's a, it's
a competition and buzzer timing

732
00:29:55,950 --> 00:29:56,700
is part of the game.

733
00:29:56,880 --> 00:29:57,660
Well, welcome back.

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00:29:57,660 --> 00:30:00,900
We're so excited to have you and I can't
wait for the competition to begin for you.

735
00:30:01,200 --> 00:30:02,010
Yeah, same here.

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00:30:02,550 --> 00:30:05,880

Next up, I had the chance to catch up with six game winner Megan Walks press.

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00:30:06,540 --> 00:30:09,179
Megan Walks, press, Welcome to the Tournament of Champions.

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00:30:09,209 --> 00:30:10,350
It's amazing to be here.

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00:30:10,409 --> 00:30:11,820
We knew you were gonna make it.

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00:30:11,970 --> 00:30:14,879
There were a lot of circumstances as you were going along your win, but you

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00:30:14,879 --> 00:30:17,699
were one of the few people that knew you were gonna make the cut, right?

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00:30:17,730 --> 00:30:18,780
I mean, were you confident?

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00:30:18,959 --> 00:30:19,379
I mean,

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00:30:19,385 --> 00:30:23,159
I strongly suspected after my fifth win that that was generally

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00:30:23,159 --> 00:30:24,659
historically speaking the policy.

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00:30:24,659 --> 00:30:25,490
Yes, that five wins.

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00:30:26,004 --> 00:30:26,665
Got you in.

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00:30:26,845 --> 00:30:28,975
Um, but you know, nothing's done

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00:30:28,975 --> 00:30:29,695
until it's done.

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00:30:29,695 --> 00:30:34,495
So, great competition, I mean, you
competed and beat a six day champion.

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00:30:34,615 --> 00:30:36,415
What is in the water this season?

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00:30:36,415 --> 00:30:36,625
Maybe

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00:30:38,004 --> 00:30:39,085

.
I, I don't know.

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00:30:39,145 --> 00:30:42,955
I think, I guess people have
had a lot of time at home.

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00:30:43,315 --> 00:30:47,305
Uh, more opportunities to study, maybe
more folks taking the Anytime test.

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00:30:47,305 --> 00:30:50,665
I know for me, that was a
big reason I ended up here.

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00:30:50,665 --> 00:30:51,415
I, I wouldn't.

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00:30:52,050 --> 00:30:54,840
Been able to make the time to, to
do the test at the standard time,

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00:30:54,840 --> 00:30:56,350
or maybe even travel for audition.

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00:30:56,355 --> 00:30:59,970
So it could be bringing folks out

for whom it wouldn't be an option

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00:30:59,970 --> 00:31:00,330
otherwise.

762

00:31:00,335 --> 00:31:00,720
I don't know.

763

00:31:01,410 --> 00:31:06,570
What's it like to be a part of this field
of 21 of the most impressive contestants

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00:31:06,570 --> 00:31:08,580
we've ever seen in Jeopardy history?

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00:31:08,640 --> 00:31:09,540
It's truly

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00:31:09,540 --> 00:31:10,170
surreal.

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00:31:10,200 --> 00:31:13,200
Um, I had the, you know, I have
already competed against Eric.

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00:31:13,995 --> 00:31:14,685
Met him.

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00:31:14,774 --> 00:31:17,985
But other than that, it's this
bizarre situation of being

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00:31:17,985 --> 00:31:19,485
around celebrities like people

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00:31:19,975 --> 00:31:22,365
that you like have this
kinda celebrity relationship.

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00:31:22,365 --> 00:31:22,455
Yes.

773

00:31:22,735 --> 00:31:23,865
These are Jeopardy celebrities.

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00:31:23,865 --> 00:31:24,615
Absolutely.

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00:31:24,645 --> 00:31:27,825
You're like in the same
group somehow sort of.

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00:31:27,825 --> 00:31:29,955
And it's just a dream come true.

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00:31:29,985 --> 00:31:34,034
12 year old me, like would not
have believed it, um, to like

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00:31:34,034 --> 00:31:36,675
see the Tournament of Champions
lights come up on the stage.

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00:31:37,240 --> 00:31:39,580
To be a part of that is just unbelievable.

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00:31:39,730 --> 00:31:43,330
I've heard so many of your fellow
competitors talk about just what a great

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00:31:43,330 --> 00:31:48,130
group this is, just of people, aside from
the skill level in jeopardy, just what

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00:31:48,130 --> 00:31:50,110
a, a great group of contestants we have.

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00:31:50,590 --> 00:31:53,950
Not just the people here, but the
people in both of my tape days.

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00:31:53,955 --> 00:31:58,520
Everyone is so thoughtful and kind
and genuinely wants to see everyone

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00:31:58,525 --> 00:32:00,700
around them do well, and some of.

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00:32:01,514 --> 00:32:05,085
Present company excluded are
really funny, , so they're like

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00:32:05,085 --> 00:32:06,855
cracking everybody up along the way.

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00:32:07,095 --> 00:32:08,685
It is, The vibes are good.

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00:32:08,715 --> 00:32:09,945
I will say the vibes are very good.

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00:32:10,004 --> 00:32:10,185
You

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00:32:10,185 --> 00:32:13,335
have been speaking since day one
about how you wanted to give.

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00:32:13,784 --> 00:32:17,324
Back from your winnings and really
kind of, you know, do what you can.

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00:32:17,324 --> 00:32:19,334
Have you been able to do that
with some of your earnings?

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00:32:19,365 --> 00:32:24,584
Yeah, so I, I gave \$25,000, um, to the
Homeless Action Center, which is an

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00:32:24,590 --> 00:32:30,584
organization in Oakland and Berkeley,
um, that provides legal services to,

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00:32:30,675 --> 00:32:35,294
um, unhoused folks and also drop in and

just general support services, primarily

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00:32:35,294 --> 00:32:36,284
focused on getting folks who are.

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00:32:36,830 --> 00:32:40,399
For Social Security insurance, but
who don't have the wherewithal or the

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00:32:40,399 --> 00:32:44,570
ability to advocate for themselves in
those proceedings, to get them in front

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00:32:44,570 --> 00:32:48,050
of a judge and to really get them the,
the support that they're entitled to

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00:32:48,054 --> 00:32:49,399
and, and should be getting already.

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00:32:49,399 --> 00:32:51,679
So they're an amazing organization
and it felt really good to

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00:32:51,685 --> 00:32:53,030
be able to, to say, Hey,

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00:32:53,780 --> 00:32:54,290
,
I'm helping

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00:32:54,919 --> 00:32:55,820
You are indeed.

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00:32:55,820 --> 00:33:00,070
And just another incredible
member of this class of champions.

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00:33:00,074 --> 00:33:02,300
So welcome back to the Tournament
of Champions and wishing

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00:33:02,300 --> 00:33:03,230
you all the best of luck.

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00:33:03,350 --> 00:33:04,490
All right, thank you so much.

810
00:33:04,490 --> 00:33:04,879
Thank you.

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00:33:06,405 --> 00:33:09,794
And next my conversation with
four game winner, John Folk.

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00:33:09,945 --> 00:33:11,745
John Folk, welcome back.

813
00:33:11,804 --> 00:33:12,975
You and I go way back.

814
00:33:13,064 --> 00:33:13,155
Yes.

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00:33:13,155 --> 00:33:15,094
Way back to your Zoom audition.

816
00:33:15,375 --> 00:33:16,064
Oh, yes.

817
00:33:16,064 --> 00:33:17,355
It was April, May,

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00:33:17,355 --> 00:33:18,284
2020, somewhere back there.

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00:33:18,284 --> 00:33:20,114
It was right in the beginning of Covid.

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00:33:20,114 --> 00:33:20,175
Yeah.

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00:33:20,205 --> 00:33:22,995

Who could have known that we'd
be meeting up back here in

822

00:33:22,995 --> 00:33:23,985
the Tournament of Champions?

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00:33:23,985 --> 00:33:26,595
Not only would you make it on
the show, You would have a great

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00:33:26,595 --> 00:33:29,504
streak and you would be here
with this group of champions.

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00:33:29,625 --> 00:33:30,195
Oh, it's amazing.

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00:33:30,195 --> 00:33:30,495
Yeah.

827

00:33:30,855 --> 00:33:32,205
What has it been like for you?

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00:33:32,264 --> 00:33:35,385
Who could have anticipated the
super champions that would come?

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00:33:35,389 --> 00:33:35,715
Right.

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00:33:35,745 --> 00:33:39,284
Well, especially coming out of the
streak, I had a four game streak,

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00:33:39,465 --> 00:33:42,065
and then there were another a.

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00:33:42,660 --> 00:33:45,900
12, 15 weeks where no one
put together more than three.

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00:33:45,900 --> 00:33:47,370

For a while it was no one more than two.

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00:33:47,490 --> 00:33:50,910

And it was, when I, when I left, I was told You have an outside chance of making

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00:33:51,060 --> 00:33:54,900

the tournament as a four game winner, as a four game winner with a six figure total.

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00:33:54,900 --> 00:33:58,710

It's pretty good, good numbers, um, but, you know, don't rely on it.

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00:33:58,950 --> 00:34:00,060

And I did not.

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00:34:00,150 --> 00:34:04,151

And then I watched all that, that spring, all that summer as it

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00:34:04,156 --> 00:34:06,090

just kept piling up for a while.

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00:34:06,510 --> 00:34:13,500

Uh, and then in very quick succession, Matt and Jonathan and Andrew, Tyler.

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00:34:13,500 --> 00:34:15,300

I have those out of order Cuz then was Amy.

842

00:34:15,390 --> 00:34:15,660

Yes.

843

00:34:15,690 --> 00:34:19,560

And at the, at that point, um, some of my coworkers were like, What are

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00:34:19,560 --> 00:34:20,760

your odds of getting in now Uhhuh?

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00:34:20,760 --> 00:34:23,160
And I said, I don't know, but
we're all very analytical.

846
00:34:23,165 --> 00:34:23,920
Very, Yes, I was gonna

847
00:34:23,920 --> 00:34:26,040
say very around this very
department that could really look

848
00:34:26,040 --> 00:34:27,540
at the stats of your chance to

849
00:34:27,540 --> 00:34:27,930
get in.

850
00:34:28,020 --> 00:34:31,140
And so I sat down and looked at it and
kind of figured out, you know, there's,

851
00:34:31,170 --> 00:34:32,640
there's a power law relationship there.

852
00:34:32,640 --> 00:34:35,490
You can kind of project out
what, what people are gonna do.

853
00:34:35,880 --> 00:34:38,850
And I came about and I said,
you know, this is about.

854
00:34:39,420 --> 00:34:44,070
15% at this point, and then it kept going
up and then it went down very quickly.

855
00:34:44,850 --> 00:34:48,810
uh, and then I, then I was told that I
would be here with the expanded format.

856
00:34:49,049 --> 00:34:52,529
Now because you've been in the middle of
the baseball season, have you been able to

857
00:34:52,534 --> 00:34:56,610
study and practice or is it more just been
the analytics that you've been focused on?

858
00:34:56,670 --> 00:35:00,600
People ask me what I study, and it's
kind of like, what do you study?

859
00:35:00,600 --> 00:35:02,500
The whole sum of human
knowledge, what Right.

860
00:35:02,940 --> 00:35:04,259
, what do you actually go and look at?

861
00:35:04,259 --> 00:35:05,460
And I think it's less about.

862
00:35:06,270 --> 00:35:09,120
being specific in the studying
and more about being intentional

863
00:35:09,120 --> 00:35:10,950
about paying attention to the
things that are coming up.

864
00:35:10,950 --> 00:35:13,410
Anyway, um, I did do a lot of analytics.

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00:35:13,620 --> 00:35:16,050
You know, I've been trying to figure
out how, how the game works and

866
00:35:16,050 --> 00:35:19,290
I can tell you actually it's, in
some ways it's so very contained.

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00:35:19,320 --> 00:35:21,630
You feel like you should be able
to understand what goes on with it.

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00:35:21,870 --> 00:35:24,390
You know, win probably models are
the first thing that came out in

869
00:35:24,395 --> 00:35:26,100
baseball really, that people looked at.

870
00:35:26,130 --> 00:35:27,360
What should you do to win games?

871
00:35:27,360 --> 00:35:30,240
What strategies, when is
bunting even appropriate to do?

872
00:35:30,690 --> 00:35:34,350
Uh, was one of the very first
questions that came up and I tried to.

873
00:35:35,160 --> 00:35:38,520
A model for Jeopardy, and there's
just too much that's going on The, the

874
00:35:38,520 --> 00:35:41,220
number of things that are happening,
and in particular the way that

875
00:35:41,220 --> 00:35:44,520
there's three players as opposed to
two teams, and that the way that the

876
00:35:44,525 --> 00:35:48,150
scores relate to each other, not just
in how much the absolute difference

877
00:35:48,155 --> 00:35:51,060
is, but because of the daily doubles,
because of final jeopardy, you have to

878
00:35:51,060 --> 00:35:52,600
pay attention to the ratios as well.

879
00:35:52,970 --> 00:35:57,350
All of that just makes it wildly

complex and chaotic in order to model.

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00:35:57,470 --> 00:36:01,069

So I kind of gave
up , you know, in pieces.

881

00:36:01,100 --> 00:36:05,390

You, you can put a, put enough together
to try and test what your intuition is.

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00:36:05,720 --> 00:36:09,830

What my intuition was going
in when I played originally is

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00:36:09,830 --> 00:36:10,970

different than what it is now.

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00:36:10,970 --> 00:36:16,520

There's definitely room, particularly in
a field that you know is very strong to.

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00:36:17,640 --> 00:36:22,830

Much less risk averse to just go for it,
not even on like a 50 50 in your mind.

886

00:36:22,830 --> 00:36:26,100

If you think there's a 30% chance
you're right, maybe go for it

887

00:36:26,160 --> 00:36:27,990

because you need, you need that edge.

888

00:36:27,990 --> 00:36:30,930

When you think your competition is better
than you have to take those chances.

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00:36:30,930 --> 00:36:31,589

You have to do it.

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00:36:31,620 --> 00:36:33,000

And that's what I'm looking to do.

891

00:36:33,359 --> 00:36:35,100
Well, I can't wait to see you play.

892
00:36:35,279 --> 00:36:36,390
Good luck in the tournament.

893
00:36:36,395 --> 00:36:37,770
Thanks so much for being back.

894
00:36:37,770 --> 00:36:38,850
Yeah, and we can't wait to watch you play.

895
00:36:38,910 --> 00:36:39,330
Thanks sir.

896
00:36:40,439 --> 00:36:43,259
And finally we talked about
him earlier in the show.

897
00:36:43,259 --> 00:36:47,609
Here's my interview with 16
Game Super Champion Ryan Long.

898
00:36:47,970 --> 00:36:50,580
Ryan Long, he's here from Philadelphia.

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00:36:50,580 --> 00:36:51,629
Welcome back, Ryan.

900
00:36:51,740 --> 00:36:52,459
Thank you.

901
00:36:52,680 --> 00:36:52,890
Thank you.

902
00:36:52,895 --> 00:36:53,459
It's nice to be here.

903
00:36:54,000 --> 00:36:57,390
How have the past, you know,
few months been for you in life?

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00:36:57,990 --> 00:36:58,290

,
uh, the last

905
00:36:58,290 --> 00:37:02,400
few months have been amazing and
transitional and transformative

906
00:37:02,400 --> 00:37:04,980
and all those multi-syllabic words.

907
00:37:05,460 --> 00:37:09,510
I love when we talked after your
first set of wins and I said,

908
00:37:09,660 --> 00:37:12,390
You know, Ryan, you're a Jeopardy
champion for the rest of your life.

909
00:37:12,390 --> 00:37:14,670
And you said, Dad, mama, nobody.

910
00:37:14,730 --> 00:37:15,810
Look at you.

911
00:37:15,930 --> 00:37:17,160
Have you convinced yourself?

912
00:37:17,745 --> 00:37:19,455
How extraordinary you are?

913
00:37:19,545 --> 00:37:20,175
Uh, no.

914
00:37:20,295 --> 00:37:23,625
Well, the city of Philadelphia must
certainly be helping convince you.

915
00:37:23,895 --> 00:37:25,305
Yeah, they, uh,

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00:37:26,745 --> 00:37:31,455
the response has been, I really, I
dunno, oversized, I feel like, See,

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00:37:31,455 --> 00:37:32,625
it's hard for me to even talk about it.

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00:37:32,655 --> 00:37:33,065
I know,

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00:37:33,075 --> 00:37:36,285
because I, and we, it just
doesn't seem, it just doesn't

920
00:37:36,290 --> 00:37:38,944
seem real, but, I got, I got
a thing from the, the mayor.

921
00:37:39,125 --> 00:37:41,705
They were telling me it's at, you
know, our version of the key of the

922
00:37:41,705 --> 00:37:43,145
city, which is like the Liberty Bell.

923
00:37:43,174 --> 00:37:43,955
It's a little Liberty Bell.

924
00:37:43,955 --> 00:37:44,944
It's, it's great.

925
00:37:45,305 --> 00:37:48,904
And they were telling me like, Oh yeah,
you, we don't give these out too often.

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00:37:48,964 --> 00:37:51,455
Uh, you know, uh, slides got one and I'm

927
00:37:51,774 --> 00:37:52,384
likely

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00:37:52,745 --> 00:37:52,984

still

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00:37:52,990 --> 00:37:55,234
own . So, yeah.

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00:37:55,450 --> 00:37:56,109
So

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00:37:56,410 --> 00:37:56,830
it's,

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00:37:56,830 --> 00:38:00,220
it's been amazing and you are
basically the highest seed that

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00:38:00,220 --> 00:38:02,109
isn't seated into the semifinals.

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00:38:02,140 --> 00:38:06,189
So going into the quarter finals,
you're the most successful champion.

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00:38:06,250 --> 00:38:07,419
Any pressure with that?

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00:38:08,330 --> 00:38:09,210
No, no, no,

937

00:38:09,210 --> 00:38:09,690
not really.

938

00:38:09,780 --> 00:38:13,680
I, uh, you know, if I
win nothing, it's fine.

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00:38:13,740 --> 00:38:18,030
If I win again, it would be great, but,
you know, it's not gonna determine whether

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00:38:18,030 --> 00:38:19,470
or not I have a great time outta here.

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00:38:19,530 --> 00:38:22,710

I'm just enjoying seeing everybody
and, and having fun with it.

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00:38:22,710 --> 00:38:25,980

Being back on the lot and looking
forward to my, my Chicken Caesar

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00:38:25,985 --> 00:38:26,640

Rapid Lunch.

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00:38:28,200 --> 00:38:31,560

,
what's it like to be a part
of this group of champions?

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00:38:31,560 --> 00:38:34,770

I mean, I think season 38 will
be talked about for decades.

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00:38:34,944 --> 00:38:35,935

I think it's amazing.

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00:38:35,935 --> 00:38:40,524

I, I'm happy to be
considered a, a part of it.

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00:38:40,524 --> 00:38:45,174

I'm still not sure that I deserve it a
lot of the time just because I've, you

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00:38:45,180 --> 00:38:48,955

know, everybody I've met is so bright and
it's, it's hard to believe I'm in this

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00:38:48,955 --> 00:38:50,484

company, but it's, it's really great.

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00:38:51,085 --> 00:38:53,845

You know, You used that word redemption
the first time you were here.

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00:38:53,845 --> 00:38:58,674
Do you have any sort of a word to describe
this second time around enjoyment?

953
00:38:59,095 --> 00:39:01,075
Everything that, that
has happened over the.

954
00:39:02,265 --> 00:39:03,465
Uh, it's been a lot of,

955
00:39:03,525 --> 00:39:04,725
you know, private stuff too.

956
00:39:04,725 --> 00:39:08,685
Like, I've grown as a person, you know,
since I've had this experience and

957
00:39:08,685 --> 00:39:12,765
been able to, you know, focus on, you
know, living my life a little more.

958
00:39:13,425 --> 00:39:15,675
A little more freely without
having to worry about, you know,

959
00:39:15,675 --> 00:39:17,205
grinding myself down every day.

960
00:39:17,415 --> 00:39:22,875
I've been able to make personal strides
and just improve my life in so many ways

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00:39:22,875 --> 00:39:24,345
that I didn't think were were possible.

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00:39:24,345 --> 00:39:29,145
So, you know, Jeopardy gave me
that and most, most appreciative.

963
00:39:29,445 --> 00:39:32,475
Well, with that in mind, I hope you
enjoy the Tournament of Champions

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00:39:32,475 --> 00:39:33,825
and it is so great to have you back.

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00:39:33,915 --> 00:39:34,215
Thanks.

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00:39:34,215 --> 00:39:35,025
It's good to be back and it's

967
00:39:35,025 --> 00:39:36,165
good to see you and everybody.

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00:39:37,200 --> 00:39:38,130
Great champions.

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00:39:38,280 --> 00:39:39,750
Gotta say, I'm a Ryan Long fan.

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00:39:39,750 --> 00:39:42,510
I know I'm not supposed to play favorites,
but how can you not love that guy?

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00:39:42,510 --> 00:39:43,770
He's just all heart.

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00:39:43,860 --> 00:39:46,950
And getting a chance to meet
his son at honors was great.

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00:39:46,950 --> 00:39:50,310
You know, traveling on his first airplane
trip, we asked him what was it like?

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00:39:50,310 --> 00:39:51,750
He said it was awesome.

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00:39:51,810 --> 00:39:53,520
Yeah, it was extremely sweet.

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00:39:53,880 --> 00:39:56,850

All right, time to answer
some viewer questions, Victor.

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00:39:57,765 --> 00:40:01,185
Now that the audience is back, who's
doing the warmup before tapings,

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00:40:01,335 --> 00:40:03,375
thank you for all you guys do.

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00:40:03,615 --> 00:40:03,884
Well,

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00:40:03,884 --> 00:40:04,965
thank you, Victor.

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00:40:04,965 --> 00:40:09,585
And I'm happy to say that our warmup
is continued to be brilliantly

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00:40:09,585 --> 00:40:14,595
performed and executed by my
clue crew partner Jimmy McGuire.

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00:40:14,654 --> 00:40:17,355
He wears many hats on the tape days.

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00:40:17,615 --> 00:40:22,115
These days, uh, in addition to doing
the audience warmup, he also is the

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00:40:22,115 --> 00:40:26,075
host for all of our rehearsal games,
and he's also the stage manager.

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00:40:26,285 --> 00:40:30,095
Our stage manager, John Lauderdale,
retired after many, many years on

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00:40:30,095 --> 00:40:33,935
the show and kind of had sought Jimmy
out for a few years knowing that

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00:40:33,940 --> 00:40:35,405
he would be a great stage manager.

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00:40:35,405 --> 00:40:39,815
Many of you may not know, but long before
the clue crew, Jimmy was a stage manager.

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00:40:40,495 --> 00:40:42,174
Kind of coming full circle on that.

991
00:40:42,235 --> 00:40:45,565
Great for me because I love
being able to, to share the stage

992
00:40:45,565 --> 00:40:47,095
with Jimmy at any opportunity.

993
00:40:47,095 --> 00:40:50,424
And he does a great job doing our
warmup as well as so many other things.

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00:40:50,424 --> 00:40:51,115
So thanks for the

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00:40:51,120 --> 00:40:51,475
question.

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00:40:51,475 --> 00:40:55,525
Victor Thomas asks, Ever since I
started watching as a kid, I've

997
00:40:55,525 --> 00:40:59,545
always wondered how Jeopardy gets
contestants to Los Angeles for taping.

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00:41:00,025 --> 00:41:02,305
How do they know when to
travel, take time off?

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00:41:02,335 --> 00:41:04,915
Is there a window that
they're given and how is that?

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00:41:05,859 --> 00:41:06,970
Well, it can vary.

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00:41:06,970 --> 00:41:11,290
Thomas, we obviously like to give our
contestants as much notice as possible.

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00:41:11,529 --> 00:41:15,160
We hope to let them know about a month
in advance, but sometimes things happen.

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00:41:15,160 --> 00:41:16,810
It's a, it's a shorter window.

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00:41:17,140 --> 00:41:20,919
Our contestants are asked to fly
themselves out to Los Angeles

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00:41:20,950 --> 00:41:21,910
for their first appearance.

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00:41:22,685 --> 00:41:26,585
, if they end up being a returning
champion, then we do provide travel for

1007
00:41:26,585 --> 00:41:28,865
them on their returning trips out here.

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00:41:28,865 --> 00:41:31,535
So a lot of incentive
to go on a super streak.

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00:41:31,565 --> 00:41:34,055
Maybe that's, maybe that's
what all the um, Yeah.

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00:41:34,355 --> 00:41:35,585
You know, rising airfare costs.

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00:41:35,590 --> 00:41:37,985
Maybe that's what has led

to all of our super streaks.

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00:41:38,585 --> 00:41:42,845

Um, so it really does vary, but we try to give them as much notice as possible.

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00:41:42,850 --> 00:41:47,795

And then we always have local Los Angeles contestants as alternates on every

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00:41:47,795 --> 00:41:52,900

tape day so that if anything happens and we have to slot them in, They can

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00:41:52,900 --> 00:41:55,630

do so, and if not, we can invite them back and we guarantee that they will

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00:41:55,630 --> 00:41:59,230

play on the next time that they make, make the journey through Los Angeles.

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00:41:59,230 --> 00:42:02,350

But we don't want anyone to fly in and not be able to compete.

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00:42:02,710 --> 00:42:02,920

Yeah.

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00:42:02,920 --> 00:42:04,029

I was actually an alternate.

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00:42:04,210 --> 00:42:05,049

Were you really?

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00:42:05,055 --> 00:42:05,980

Yes, I was.

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00:42:05,985 --> 00:42:06,610

I was an alternate.

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00:42:06,670 --> 00:42:09,730

Uh, the first time I came I
did not play, and then I came

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00:42:09,730 --> 00:42:10,930
back about a month later and.

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00:42:11,325 --> 00:42:12,314
The rest is history.

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00:42:12,524 --> 00:42:15,794
Sometimes I think it's great to be an
alternate because without the pressure

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00:42:15,794 --> 00:42:17,535
of competing, you get to kind of come in.

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00:42:17,774 --> 00:42:19,484
Yep, see how it works,
get out, maybe some of the

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00:42:19,484 --> 00:42:19,995
nerves.

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00:42:20,174 --> 00:42:21,165
I think it definitely helps.

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00:42:21,165 --> 00:42:24,375
The more familiar you are with
what is going on, there's so much

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00:42:24,379 --> 00:42:27,645
that happens not on stage that
you don't see as a viewer at home.

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00:42:27,855 --> 00:42:30,674
The more comfortable you are with all of
that, the better you're gonna perform.

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00:42:30,674 --> 00:42:36,495
So I certainly credit it as helping
me be as moderately successful as

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00:42:36,495 --> 00:42:36,884
I was.

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00:42:36,944 --> 00:42:38,835
Oh, you are a big success Buzz

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00:42:39,549 --> 00:42:42,015
. Well, thank you for your questions, Victor and Thomas.

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00:42:42,015 --> 00:42:45,194
We love this portion of the show, so please keep sending your questions

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00:42:45,200 --> 00:42:49,105
into Inside Jeopardy podcast@gmail.com.

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00:42:49,685 --> 00:42:51,855
And that brings us to the end of today's show.

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00:42:51,855 --> 00:42:53,835
We will be back here next Monday to.

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00:42:54,445 --> 00:42:58,975
Week two of the Second Chance Competition, another episode of Celebrity Jeopardy.

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00:42:59,215 --> 00:43:01,345
And thank you, Michael for joining us today.

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00:43:01,345 --> 00:43:03,595
Always a blast to speak with the

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00:43:03,595 --> 00:43:04,735
enabler.

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00:43:04,740 --> 00:43:06,325
My pleasure, my pleasure.

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00:43:06,325 --> 00:43:07,405
Look forward to, And

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00:43:07,405 --> 00:43:12,985
we are now just one week out from this
year's Historic Tournament of Champions.

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00:43:13,345 --> 00:43:15,835
You can go to jeopardy.com now and.

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00:43:16,590 --> 00:43:20,759
All of the quarter final matchups,
with the exception of who will

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00:43:20,759 --> 00:43:25,050
get that coveted last spot from
our week two of second chance.

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00:43:25,259 --> 00:43:29,370
So you can check out who is matched
up against who in the quarter finals.

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00:43:29,730 --> 00:43:31,140
You're also going to see.

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00:43:31,440 --> 00:43:36,900
Who is seated in the semi-finals
and we have a special episode during

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00:43:36,960 --> 00:43:41,520
the Tournament of Champions that
Michael and I have shared all about

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00:43:41,550 --> 00:43:43,680
on the Jeopardy YouTube channel.

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00:43:43,680 --> 00:43:45,720
So make sure you check that out as well.

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00:43:46,020 --> 00:43:49,890
Also on jeopardy.com, all the tournament
format, how it's gonna play out.

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00:43:50,250 --> 00:43:53,070
Remember this is a little different
from in the past, so we have that

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00:43:53,760 --> 00:43:57,840
possible seven game finals because
it's the first player to win three.

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00:43:58,380 --> 00:44:01,890
That gets the title of our
Tournament of Champions winner.

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00:44:01,890 --> 00:44:05,970
So lots of great stuff to check
out@jeopardy.com, as well as on

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00:44:05,970 --> 00:44:07,320
the Jeopardy YouTube channel.

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00:44:07,680 --> 00:44:10,950
On the next inside jeopardy, we
will share my conversations with

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00:44:10,950 --> 00:44:15,660
our Final Five champions as we reach
the end of our road to the toc.

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00:44:16,050 --> 00:44:19,440
You won't wanna miss it, so make
sure you subscribe to the podcast.

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00:44:19,650 --> 00:44:22,320
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00:44:22,320 --> 00:44:26,009
us at Jeopardy on Twitter, on
Instagram, on Facebook, and on.

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00:44:26,655 --> 00:44:27,675
And we will see you all

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00:44:27,675 --> 00:44:28,245
next week.