

1  
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:05,040  
From the Alex Trebek Stage  
at Sony Pictures Studios, this

2  
00:00:05,130 --> 00:00:07,830  
is Inside Jeopardy!.

3  
00:00:08,340 --> 00:00:11,250  
Hello and welcome back to Inside  
Jeopardy!, your exclusive and official

4  
00:00:11,250 --> 00:00:14,940  
podcast destination for all things  
happening in the world of Jeopardy!.

5  
00:00:15,330 --> 00:00:15,900  
I'm Sarah Foss.

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

7  
00:00:18,540 --> 00:00:21,150  
It is the Dog Days of Summer here, huh?

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

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

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

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

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

13

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

35  
00:01:01,170 --> 00:01:03,540  
Well, it's happened buzzy season 39.

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

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

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

39

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

40

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

41

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

42

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

43

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

44

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

45

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

46

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

47

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

48

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

49

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

50

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

63

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

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

64

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

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

65

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

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

66

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

And a runaway

67

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

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

68

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

Very, very impressive.

69

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

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

70

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

Mm-hmm.

71

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

\$100 daily double wagers.

72

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

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

73

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

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

74

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

we've seen people like Alan Lin do.

75

00:02:54,505 --> 00:02:58,495

Like James Holt Hower is you, you either bet a big amount on a daily

76

00:02:58,495 --> 00:03:00,204

double, or you bet really small.

77

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

Now.

78

00:03:00,475 --> 00:03:04,465

I think Taylor could have bet \$5 and it was essentially the

79

00:03:04,465 --> 00:03:05,575

same as a hundred dollars bet.

80

00:03:05,575 --> 00:03:08,245

But you know, if you're not feeling strong in the categories or you just

81

00:03:08,245 --> 00:03:12,445

don't wanna put yourself at risk, I know we, we had previously been

82

00:03:12,445 --> 00:03:15,685

quoted as saying, we want you to bet bigger, but we want you, we being you.

83

00:03:16,020 --> 00:03:20,070

Me, I know I've been on record as saying bet bigger, but I think

84

00:03:20,070 --> 00:03:23,340

what I mean is most of the time strategically that's the right move.

85

00:03:23,340 --> 00:03:26,280

Taylor found this situation where it's not the right move, but I

86

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



99

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

That's rough.

100

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

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

101

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

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

102

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

rendition of Happy Birthday.

103

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

It's not every day.

104

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

No.

105

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

You can compete on Jeopardy  
and have a studio audience.

106

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

Sing to you.

107

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

And while it

108

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

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

109

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

consolation prize for his birthday.

110

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

Yeah.

111

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

123

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

135

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

147

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

160

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

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

161

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

Andrew has a picture with Ian Ken touching

162

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

their, that is really sweet  
nose with their tongue.

163

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

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

164

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

tongue to your elbow being hard.

165

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

And I just tried it again.

166

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

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

167

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

Not even close guys.

168

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

Not even, even.

169

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

Um, let's move on to Wednesday's

170

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

game, shall we?

171

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

Let's do it.

172

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

Our new champion, Julie,  
returning to compete against

173

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

174

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

175

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

176

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

177

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

178

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

179

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

180

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

181

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

182

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

183

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

184

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

196



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

197

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

198

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

199

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

200

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

201

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

202

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

203

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

204

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

205

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

206

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

207

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

208

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

221

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

Avi.

222

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

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

223

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

slightly by the end of double jeopardy.

224

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

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

225

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

is the one who earns his second

226

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

win.

227

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

Yep.

228

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

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

229

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

after missing that first daily double.

230

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

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

231

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

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

232

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

the

233

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

259

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

Sharon proved to be a formidable challenger.

260

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

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

261

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

Really turned it on in double jeopardy.

262

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

Building a strong but not insurmountable lead.

263

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

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

264

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

come up with the correct response.

265

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

What is Gonzo?

266

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

So Lucas is able to pull off.

267

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

An exciting come from behind win.

268

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

Breaking our long streak of one and two day winners.

269

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

He ends the season as a three game champion.

270

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

Incredible.

271

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

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

272

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

which I think is pretty good.

273

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

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

274

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

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

275

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

a runaway as being a really high score.

276

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

But sometimes when it.

277

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

Material and blah, blah, blah.

278

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

You don't

279

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

have to wager with the runaway.

280

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

Exactly.

281

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

Sometimes it's

282

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

actually lower total.

283

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

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

284

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

285

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

286

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

287

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

288

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

289

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

290

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

291

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

292

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

293

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

294

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

295

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

308

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

season, 64 contestants across our  
second chance tournament of Champions

321

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

322

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

323

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

324

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

325

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

326

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

327

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

328

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

329

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

330

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

331

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

332

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

359

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

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

360

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

Yeah, it has.

361

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

You are part of both  
season 37 and season 38.

362

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

Of course.

363

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

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

364

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

To have played Jeopardy  
with seven different hosts.

365

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

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

366

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

that anyone could accomplish.

367

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

No, but you did it.

368

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

Yeah.

369

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

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

370

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

383

00:13:49,525 --> 00:13:51,860

Are you still thinking  
you like Ken Jennings as a

384

00:13:51,860 --> 00:13:52,280

host?

385

00:13:52,640 --> 00:13:56,000

I dunno, my enthusiasm for  
having Ken as a host was, uh,

386

00:13:56,000 --> 00:13:58,010

initially from, uh, ignorance.

387

00:13:58,255 --> 00:14:01,735

I didn't know, uh, what a negative  
experience it was gonna be.

388

00:14:01,945 --> 00:14:02,665

No, I'm just kidding.

389

00:14:02,665 --> 00:14:04,765

He is a tremendous host.

390

00:14:04,945 --> 00:14:09,025

We already knew he was a tremendous  
trivia player and a tremendous person,

391

00:14:09,265 --> 00:14:13,645

but we have learned in the last few  
years that he is also an awesome host.

392

00:14:13,675 --> 00:14:17,425

It's a different skill from playing  
the game, uh, but how he also is

393

00:14:17,605 --> 00:14:19,405

talented at that, I, I have no

394

00:14:19,405 --> 00:14:19,855

idea.



395

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

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

396

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

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

397

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

impressive leaderboard of legend stats.

398

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

You're one of five millionaires  
thanks to Jeopardy.

399

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

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

400

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

No, so I'm a stats guy.

401

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

I engaged with baseball.

402

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

Growing up with it.

403

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

I engaged with Jeopardy, uh, all the time.

404

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

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

405

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

cor, the best, CORs, all this stuff.

406

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

And I, I feel really good.

407

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

419

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

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

420

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

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

421

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

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

422

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

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

423

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

Amy Schneider, we had Mateo Roach.

424

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

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

425

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

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

426

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

given day, anyone can win jeopardy.

427

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

We know that.

428

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

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

429

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

Had that experience,

430

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

442

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

443

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

444

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

445

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

446

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

447

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

448

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

449

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

450

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

451

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

452

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

453

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yeah, so I, I do love learning.

467

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

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

468

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

Ah, yes.

469

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

Uh, yeah.

470

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

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

471

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

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

472

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

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

473

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

2023?

474

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

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

475

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

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

476

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

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

477

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

Things like that.

478

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

490



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

consider that one of the best

503

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

504

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

505

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

506

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

507

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

508

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

509

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

510

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

511

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

512

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

513

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

514

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

515

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

516

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

517

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

518

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

519

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

520

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

521

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

522

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

523

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

524

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

525

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

526

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

527

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

539

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

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

540

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

Mm-hmm.

541

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

Including on a comic book character.

542

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

I, I saw a picture of venom and a.

543

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

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

544

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

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

545

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

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

546

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

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

547

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

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

548

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

somewhat serious tone after that.

549

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

And it was your dad who really  
encouraged you to audition

550

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

for Jeopardy, is that right?

551

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

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

552

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

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

553

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

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

554

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

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

555

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

And thank you, dad.

556

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

You were right.

557

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

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

558

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

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

559

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

Mayan Bialek and Ken Jennings.

560

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

Lo and behold, they become the two permanent hosts.

561

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

How does that make you feel, Matt?

562

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

574

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

575

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

576

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

577

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

578

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

579

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

580

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

581

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

582

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

583

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

584

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

585

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



586

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

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

587

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

Totally.

588

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

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

589

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

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

590

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

that season of Super Champions.

591

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

Yeah.

592

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

You really paved the way for the ball.

593

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

And

594

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

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

595

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

And Jonathan,

596

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

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

597

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

Yes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

605  
00:23:20,125 --> 00:23:20,965  
Such a season.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

619  
00:23:53,550 --> 00:23:58,350  
So when Masters was first announced,  
and it was six players, a lot of people.

620  
00:23:58,505 --> 00:24:01,805  
Were a bit critical of the playing format.

621  
00:24:01,805 --> 00:24:03,485  
They thought there should be more players.

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

623

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

635

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

Because we wanted masters  
to be an annual event.

636

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

Yeah.

637

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

Yeah.

638

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

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

639

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

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

640

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

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

641

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

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

642

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

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

643

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

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

644

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

Uh.

645

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

Through, through the experience.

646

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

And so it's like a cameo, uh,

almost, uh, for all these people

647

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

648

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

649

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

650

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

651

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

652

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

653

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

654

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

655

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

656

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

657

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

658

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

659

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

660

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

661

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

662

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

663

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

664

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

665

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

666

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

667

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

668

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

669

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

I said, you know, second, First

670

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

671

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

672

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

673

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

674

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

675

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

676

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

677

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

678

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

679

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

680

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

681

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



he kind of showed me that there is this

682

00:27:06,300 --> 00:27:08,370  
level of greatness that you can achieve.

683

00:27:08,550 --> 00:27:11,010  
And you don't have to be  
Ken Jennings to do it.

684

00:27:11,040 --> 00:27:13,740  
'cause if, if it's Ken  
Jennings, it's an exception.

685

00:27:13,890 --> 00:27:17,700  
But if it's two people now it's a  
pattern and, and somebody else can do it.

686

00:27:17,700 --> 00:27:20,970  
So he was really, uh, inspirational  
to me and just, just to see him

687

00:27:20,970 --> 00:27:23,190  
dominate, uh, over and over again.

688

00:27:23,190 --> 00:27:28,435  
And his t o c was a bit closer,  
but he was still very in control.

689

00:27:28,440 --> 00:27:28,825  
Mm-hmm.

690

00:27:28,905 --> 00:27:33,175  
Uh, and so having him come in and  
dominate his first game of masters

691

00:27:33,504 --> 00:27:37,495  
said, okay, we're just gonna be, uh,  
uh, in for this experience again.

692

00:27:37,735 --> 00:27:40,764  
And then that second game, and  
boy, that was, that was thrilling.

693

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

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

694

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

few questions of double jeopardy of

695

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

that

696

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

game.

697

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

Mm.

698

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

So you come out of the second game.

699

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

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

700

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

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

701

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

semis.

702

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

It, it was a roller coaster.

703

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

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

704

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

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

705

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

717  
00:28:46,905 --> 00:28:51,345  
So it's amazing what just the different,  
uh, opponents can do to the buzzer timing

718  
00:28:51,345 --> 00:28:55,935  
because, uh, it, it doesn't work in the  
straight mathematical, uh, transitive

719  
00:28:55,935 --> 00:29:00,615  
property thing of if so and so can  
out buzz so and so if, if person A can

720  
00:29:00,765 --> 00:29:05,145  
out buzz person B and I can out buzz  
person A, then I can out buzz person

721  
00:29:05,145 --> 00:29:06,645  
B and no, it doesn't work that way.

722  
00:29:06,645 --> 00:29:08,715  
And so I was having just a, uh, the.

723  
00:29:08,800 --> 00:29:12,190  
Uh, Dickens at the time, uh,  
trying to, trying to buzz in on

724  
00:29:12,190 --> 00:29:13,899  
any game when James was there.

725  
00:29:14,110 --> 00:29:17,590  
But then when James was gone,  
I just found my buzzer rhythm,

726  
00:29:17,680 --> 00:29:19,090  
uh, working a whole lot better.

727  
00:29:19,090 --> 00:29:22,090  
And so I, I played at what  
I think was a very good game

728  
00:29:22,090 --> 00:29:23,710  
against, uh, Andrew and Mateo.

729

00:29:23,710 --> 00:29:24,909

I was very proud of that.

730

00:29:24,940 --> 00:29:27,940

I was kind of assuming that would be the last time I was on the

731

00:29:27,940 --> 00:29:29,770

stage, uh, of this tournament.

732

00:29:29,770 --> 00:29:33,190

And then about halfway through I looked at the scoreboard and I said,

733

00:29:33,220 --> 00:29:35,110

oh, wow, this is going well so far.

734

00:29:36,610 --> 00:29:38,620

And you would live another day and you would live.

735

00:29:38,635 --> 00:29:40,675

More days in the finals.

736

00:29:40,675 --> 00:29:40,945

The finals.

737

00:29:41,455 --> 00:29:43,885

Talk about the level of that material.

738

00:29:44,035 --> 00:29:48,295

What was it like to be against James and Mateo with a half a

739

00:29:48,295 --> 00:29:49,465

million dollars on the line?

740

00:29:49,855 --> 00:29:53,365

Yeah, so I'd have to go back and, and look at it, but uh, I think there

741

00:29:53,365 --> 00:29:57,595  
were double digit triple stumps in  
both of the games of the finals,

742

00:29:57,595 --> 00:30:00,535  
and that was a surreal experience.

743

00:30:00,535 --> 00:30:06,620  
To be on the stage with, uh, two other  
talented players like that, uh, and

744

00:30:06,620 --> 00:30:08,780  
to just have so many standing stairs.

745

00:30:09,320 --> 00:30:10,790  
And that I think is just there.

746

00:30:10,790 --> 00:30:14,990  
There's no better way of describing how  
difficult the material is than to say

747

00:30:14,990 --> 00:30:20,270  
it that way, but it required calibration  
from myself because usually I am used

748

00:30:20,274 --> 00:30:22,520  
to the regular season jeopardy where I.

749

00:30:22,680 --> 00:30:25,080  
Feel like I know almost  
all of the questions.

750

00:30:25,260 --> 00:30:25,350  
Mm-hmm.

751

00:30:25,350 --> 00:30:29,940  
And so even if the parsing the question  
isn't coming to me at the moment, I

752

00:30:29,940 --> 00:30:34,380  
ring in anyway and figure that in the  
six seconds, uh, afterwards, I will,

753

00:30:34,410 --> 00:30:38,070  
uh, figure out what it's looking for  
and be able to respond correctly when

754

00:30:38,070 --> 00:30:40,200  
it comes to this level of difficulty.

755

00:30:40,200 --> 00:30:42,150  
I can't do that anymore because mm-hmm.

756

00:30:42,150 --> 00:30:45,420  
Uh, it may be a composer that  
I've never heard of in my life as

757

00:30:45,420 --> 00:30:48,660  
opposed to just needing to think  
about it for a second or two.

758

00:30:48,820 --> 00:30:52,870  
It got me in trouble as well because  
sometimes when you get a daily double

759

00:30:52,870 --> 00:30:56,020  
wrong and you end up at zero, you  
need to make up ground quickly.

760

00:30:56,080 --> 00:31:00,490  
And in that case you have to take stabs  
on things that maybe, uh, you wouldn't

761

00:31:00,490 --> 00:31:02,679  
want to ring in on in a close game.

762

00:31:02,950 --> 00:31:07,360  
And again, in normal material, maybe  
my best guess, even if I only give it a

763

00:31:07,360 --> 00:31:11,740  
40% chance of being right, my best guess  
might actually be, uh, the correct answer.

764

00:31:11,740 --> 00:31:11,860  
Mm-hmm.

765  
00:31:12,100 --> 00:31:15,700  
But in this case, I was ringing  
in, I would say some bad.

766  
00:31:15,935 --> 00:31:16,835  
Bad guess.

767  
00:31:16,865 --> 00:31:17,435  
Uh, got it.

768  
00:31:17,435 --> 00:31:20,585  
And then Ken would tell me  
that, no, the answer is blah.

769  
00:31:20,705 --> 00:31:22,415  
And I had never heard of blah in my life.

770  
00:31:23,675 --> 00:31:25,685  
But now you have, and you'll never forget.

771  
00:31:25,685 --> 00:31:26,455  
Blah, I'll never forget.

772  
00:31:26,455 --> 00:31:28,175  
I'll, I'll, I'll be  
ready for it next year.

773  
00:31:28,205 --> 00:31:28,865  
Or Dope sick.

774  
00:31:29,165 --> 00:31:29,735  
Dope sick.

775  
00:31:29,945 --> 00:31:30,605  
That's right.

776  
00:31:30,635 --> 00:31:31,685  
That one still hurts.



777

00:31:31,685 --> 00:31:32,254  
Dope Sick.

778

00:31:32,675 --> 00:31:33,125  
Yes.

779

00:31:33,125 --> 00:31:34,264  
That big daily double.

780

00:31:34,804 --> 00:31:39,455  
Well, unlike most times when you  
lose on the Alex Trebek stage.

781

00:31:39,764 --> 00:31:45,405  
You know, you are coming back once again,  
masters, an annual event, a, B, C has

782

00:31:45,405 --> 00:31:49,215  
already said, you know, tell these players  
they'll be back because they were so

783

00:31:49,219 --> 00:31:51,975  
happy even in the early days of Masters.

784

00:31:52,215 --> 00:31:56,895  
So what does one do knowing that  
they're coming back, knowing

785

00:31:56,895 --> 00:31:59,685  
the level of competition, you  
know, at least half of the people

786

00:31:59,685 --> 00:32:01,125  
that are gonna be in that field.

787

00:32:01,125 --> 00:32:01,185  
Yeah.

788

00:32:01,574 --> 00:32:06,405  
And you know, you do have your day  
job, but how do you kind of regulate,

789  
00:32:06,495 --> 00:32:08,864  
needing to have a life, but also needing.

790  
00:32:09,315 --> 00:32:10,995  
To prepare to come back.

791  
00:32:11,264 --> 00:32:11,475  
Yeah.

792  
00:32:11,475 --> 00:32:14,895  
So I've been working on an  
elaborate distraction mechanism

793  
00:32:14,895 --> 00:32:16,335  
for the whole tower household.

794  
00:32:17,535 --> 00:32:19,785  
They'll be dealing with  
stray pizza orders.

795  
00:32:19,790 --> 00:32:20,085  
Yeah.

796  
00:32:20,085 --> 00:32:21,254  
Uh, showing up at their door.

797  
00:32:21,254 --> 00:32:23,985  
And so hopefully that will,  
uh, help my chances next year.

798  
00:32:24,375 --> 00:32:27,705  
Uh, but no, so I do have  
a lot going on in my life.

799  
00:32:27,764 --> 00:32:31,125  
Uh, my work takes a lot of  
time, and then I have family

800  
00:32:31,125 --> 00:32:32,385  
and personal life afterwards.

801

00:32:32,385 --> 00:32:35,985  
And so at least for  
the, uh, near term I am.

802  
00:32:36,290 --> 00:32:39,410  
Taking a much needed break from trivia.

803  
00:32:39,500 --> 00:32:43,550  
And I figure sometime later in the  
year, uh, maybe next year I will,

804  
00:32:43,670 --> 00:32:45,290  
I will have to ramp that back up.

805  
00:32:45,290 --> 00:32:48,860  
But at this point it's just, uh,  
my head's swimming a little bit.

806  
00:32:49,129 --> 00:32:49,580  
Yeah,

807  
00:32:49,850 --> 00:32:53,300  
and I think it's important, you  
know, to get that rest in so you

808  
00:32:53,305 --> 00:32:56,840  
feel refreshed as opposed to just  
kind of like dragging yourself.

809  
00:32:57,139 --> 00:33:00,020  
You know, one of the things,  
Roger Banister, when he ran that

810  
00:33:00,020 --> 00:33:03,050  
four minute mile, one of the big  
changes he did was a lot of rest.

811  
00:33:03,050 --> 00:33:05,540  
So I think, you know, that  
could work out very well for

812  
00:33:05,540 --> 00:33:05,720  
you.

813  
00:33:05,890 --> 00:33:06,160  
Absolutely.

814  
00:33:06,160 --> 00:33:10,120  
And this is something coming from Buzzy  
because buzzy trains for everything

815  
00:33:10,120 --> 00:33:12,040  
like no one I've ever seen before.

816  
00:33:12,190 --> 00:33:14,770  
So if Buzzy is saying to rest,  
it really it's, it means a

817  
00:33:14,770 --> 00:33:14,980  
lot.

818  
00:33:15,460 --> 00:33:17,530  
I've got two quick  
questions for you, Matt.

819  
00:33:17,530 --> 00:33:19,390  
I know I don't wanna take  
up too much of your time.

820  
00:33:19,710 --> 00:33:20,610  
One, I.

821  
00:33:20,669 --> 00:33:23,010  
What's your lunch order  
on a Jeopardy tape day?

822  
00:33:23,010 --> 00:33:23,070  
Hmm.

823  
00:33:23,550 --> 00:33:24,149  
Very important.

824  
00:33:24,179 --> 00:33:27,600  
Ooh, I, I love the Impossible Burger.

825

00:33:27,600 --> 00:33:31,230

So I'm a vegetarian and I've never been a huge fan of like

826

00:33:31,230 --> 00:33:35,250

the, the black bean patties or the old style of, uh, veggie burger.

827

00:33:35,250 --> 00:33:36,990

And so I usually just get something else.

828

00:33:36,990 --> 00:33:41,909

But now that Impossible Burgers are available around, I always jump to that.

829

00:33:41,909 --> 00:33:43,500

Do we have those at the Sony

830

00:33:44,100 --> 00:33:44,610

cafeteria?

831

00:33:44,610 --> 00:33:44,669

Yeah.

832

00:33:45,450 --> 00:33:45,669

Wow.

833

00:33:46,260 --> 00:33:47,820

Yeah, I'm learning things.

834

00:33:47,820 --> 00:33:47,911

They're good.

835

00:33:47,916 --> 00:33:48,350

This interview.

836

00:33:48,350 --> 00:33:48,750

They're.

837

00:33:50,205 --> 00:33:53,835

Um, my second question, we've talked

about, you've got incredible stats

838

00:33:53,835 --> 00:33:58,635  
in your initial run, money earned  
correct responses daily doubles and

839

00:33:58,635 --> 00:34:01,425  
continued, you know, into masters.

840

00:34:01,544 --> 00:34:06,855  
Is there one particular statistic as  
somebody who loves stats and SABRE

841

00:34:06,855 --> 00:34:11,384  
metrics and all that stuff, is there  
a statistic of your own that you are

842

00:34:11,384 --> 00:34:16,935  
especially keen on or proud of that might  
not be the most obvious one to an average

843

00:34:16,935 --> 00:34:17,235  
viewer?

844

00:34:17,485 --> 00:34:18,264  
Absolutely.

845

00:34:18,295 --> 00:34:21,505  
So this is one that I can just pull  
right off the top of my head that

846

00:34:21,505 --> 00:34:25,795  
I, I know that if you rank players  
by their regular season performance

847

00:34:25,975 --> 00:34:29,545  
and then their average choreo, how  
many questions they get, right?

848

00:34:29,545 --> 00:34:31,795  
But weighted by the dollar  
value of those questions.

849  
00:34:32,005 --> 00:34:37,014  
I know that at the top of that list sits  
James Holts hour, but I know that second

850  
00:34:37,045 --> 00:34:41,845  
on that list sits one Madam Modio, and  
you have to go all the way down to.

851  
00:34:41,870 --> 00:34:43,460  
Third define Ken Jennings.

852  
00:34:43,460 --> 00:34:43,949  
So, wow.

853  
00:34:44,969 --> 00:34:46,589  
Get another place where you wanna get

854  
00:34:46,609 --> 00:34:46,949  
the James.

855  
00:34:47,130 --> 00:34:48,350  
You get through Matt.

856  
00:34:48,609 --> 00:34:48,830  
Yes.

857  
00:34:50,750 --> 00:34:54,350  
Well, we've talked a lot about  
competition, but I think we would

858  
00:34:54,350 --> 00:34:58,670  
be remiss if we didn't talk about  
the comradery between you and

859  
00:34:58,670 --> 00:35:00,589  
your fellow Masters contestants.

860  
00:35:00,589 --> 00:35:03,859  
I think one of my favorite moments  
throughout Masters was when you talked

861

00:35:03,859 --> 00:35:08,690  
about your friendship with Sam Butchery  
despite, you know, being competitors.

862  
00:35:08,695 --> 00:35:12,625  
And obviously the six of you went  
through a lot in these tapings.

863  
00:35:12,625 --> 00:35:14,545  
We had unforeseen delays.

864  
00:35:14,545 --> 00:35:15,715  
We had a birth of a baby.

865  
00:35:15,775 --> 00:35:15,865  
Mm-hmm.

866  
00:35:16,255 --> 00:35:18,835  
Your, your little master's family  
went through a lot and I just would

867  
00:35:18,840 --> 00:35:21,985  
love for you to talk about that  
relationship and how it has been

868  
00:35:21,990 --> 00:35:25,285  
fostered through this, this unique  
Jeopardy club that you six are a

869  
00:35:25,285 --> 00:35:25,675  
part of.

870  
00:35:26,100 --> 00:35:27,840  
Yeah, it's really a special experience.

871  
00:35:27,840 --> 00:35:32,759  
So I, I know that most people who come in,  
uh, to the Jeopardy tape day are with 10

872  
00:35:32,759 --> 00:35:37,500  
to 12 other people, uh, and they can form  
some friendships and relationships there.



873  
00:35:37,770 --> 00:35:41,730  
I found, uh, that, so I've actually  
been pleased that people have reached

874  
00:35:41,730 --> 00:35:45,180  
out to me for my original run and said  
like, oh, you were so nice in the, in

875  
00:35:45,180 --> 00:35:49,110  
the studio and, and on the tape day,  
because I felt like I was very reserved

876  
00:35:49,350 --> 00:35:54,180  
and I was laser focused on my task at  
hand of, uh, keeping my streak going.

877  
00:35:54,185 --> 00:35:55,470  
And so I feel like that.

878  
00:35:55,700 --> 00:36:00,230  
I had a lot of stress on me in that moment  
and was not able to really develop as

879  
00:36:00,230 --> 00:36:04,970  
strong of a relationship with people as  
I would otherwise want to in the Masters,

880  
00:36:05,000 --> 00:36:09,980  
it's such a weird experience knowing that  
we're trying to win, but we're going to be

881  
00:36:09,980 --> 00:36:12,980  
stuck together for a while no matter what.

882  
00:36:13,189 --> 00:36:17,390  
And so we've just had a lot of opportunity  
to make small talk and then, uh, go

883  
00:36:17,390 --> 00:36:19,279  
out to dinner together beforehand.

884  
00:36:19,279 --> 00:36:22,040

And then we've been through  
a lot, which encouraged us or

885

00:36:22,040 --> 00:36:23,600  
put us together, uh, at, at.

886

00:36:23,605 --> 00:36:26,455  
These other times with ups and downs.

887

00:36:26,485 --> 00:36:29,275  
So it's just really been a great  
opportunity to get to know them

888

00:36:29,275 --> 00:36:33,385  
as people, um, beyond getting  
to know them as competitors.

889

00:36:33,505 --> 00:36:36,385  
And I think most of America  
is jealous that you call Sam

890

00:36:36,385 --> 00:36:37,525  
Buty one of your best friends.

891

00:36:38,065 --> 00:36:38,455  
Yeah.

892

00:36:38,460 --> 00:36:40,375  
So, uh, Sam is just a great guy.

893

00:36:40,375 --> 00:36:44,815  
I mean, all five of my fellow masters  
are, are great people, but I think that

894

00:36:44,815 --> 00:36:48,235  
I, I have just a very similar personality.

895

00:36:48,235 --> 00:36:51,715  
Sam, we, we riff off of  
each other, uh, when we're.

896

00:36:51,725 --> 00:36:52,205

Together.

897

00:36:52,205 --> 00:36:55,565

He is, uh, as you know, very  
into word play with his, uh,

898

00:36:55,595 --> 00:36:57,515

crossword writing and everything.

899

00:36:57,755 --> 00:37:00,785

And so I am a big fan of  
it myself, and we can just.

900

00:37:01,155 --> 00:37:04,035

Amuse each other for hours,  
or at least he amuses me.

901

00:37:04,035 --> 00:37:06,705

I have no idea how amused  
he is by my comments.

902

00:37:06,705 --> 00:37:10,005

And we get together still that  
we're, we're planning to meet

903

00:37:10,005 --> 00:37:11,415

up just next week actually.

904

00:37:11,415 --> 00:37:14,265

So the friendship lives  
on, the bromance, lives on

905

00:37:15,855 --> 00:37:17,145

that makes me very happy.

906

00:37:17,145 --> 00:37:21,315

You know, I often say we don't get to  
choose who our Jeopardy ambassadors are.

907

00:37:21,590 --> 00:37:25,160

But we have been so fortunate and  
you are certainly one of the Jeopardy

908  
00:37:25,160 --> 00:37:28,550  
greats, but also just a great  
ambassador, a great human for our show.

909  
00:37:28,550 --> 00:37:30,890  
Thank you so much for taking some time.

910  
00:37:30,890 --> 00:37:33,620  
People were dying to know  
what Madam Modio, the Amodio

911  
00:37:33,620 --> 00:37:35,180  
rodeo, what was up with him.

912  
00:37:35,630 --> 00:37:38,090  
Thank you for joining  
us and it's not goodbye.

913  
00:37:38,090 --> 00:37:39,410  
It's just so long for now.

914  
00:37:39,440 --> 00:37:41,120  
'cause we're gonna see  
you back in Masters.

915  
00:37:41,270 --> 00:37:41,510  
That's

916  
00:37:41,510 --> 00:37:41,720  
right.

917  
00:37:41,720 --> 00:37:42,950  
Thank you very much for having me.

918  
00:37:42,950 --> 00:37:45,350  
This was a lot of fun and I  
can't wait till next time.

919  
00:37:46,500 --> 00:37:50,040  
I know I say it every week, but I just  
love catching up with these masters again.

920

00:37:50,040 --> 00:37:51,540

They've had a little  
time from the tournament.

921

00:37:51,840 --> 00:37:52,860

What a great group of people.

922

00:37:52,860 --> 00:37:56,430

I mean, I think Jeopardy choosing your  
friend group is, you know, a pretty

923

00:37:56,430 --> 00:37:59,820

good way to, uh, make sure you've got  
some pretty special people around.

924

00:38:00,180 --> 00:38:02,010

That brings us to the end of today's show.

925

00:38:02,015 --> 00:38:05,460

We'll be back next week with our  
special interview with Jeopardy Master

926

00:38:05,460 --> 00:38:08,790

finalists, the one, the only Mateo Roach.

927

00:38:08,820 --> 00:38:10,050

I cannot wait.

928

00:38:10,050 --> 00:38:14,760

And as a reminder, executive producer  
Michael Davies will be with us on the pod.

929

00:38:15,240 --> 00:38:18,959

To discuss plans for Season  
40, and as always, make sure

930

00:38:18,959 --> 00:38:20,339

to subscribe to the podcast.

931

00:38:20,339 --> 00:38:23,009

Rate us, leave us a comment, share  
across social and follow us at

932

00:38:23,015 --> 00:38:26,220

Jeopardy on Twitter, on Instagram, on  
Facebook, on YouTube, and on TikTok.

933

00:38:26,220 --> 00:38:31,200

And send us your questions and comments to  
Inside Jeopardy podcast@gmail.com with See

934

00:38:31,200 --> 00:38:31,560

you next week.