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00:00:00,270 --> 00:00:04,680  
From the Alex Trebek Stage  
at Sony Pictures Studios, this

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00:00:05,140 --> 00:00:07,720  
is Inside Jeopardy!

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00:00:08,430 --> 00:00:11,330  
Hello and welcome back to Inside  
Jeopardy!, your exclusive and official

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00:00:11,330 --> 00:00:14,590  
podcast destination for all things  
happening in the world of Jeopardy!.

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00:00:14,920 --> 00:00:18,060  
I'm Sarah Foss, and I'm here once  
again today with Buzzy Cohen.

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00:00:18,539 --> 00:00:19,499  
Hey Sarah, how are you doing?

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00:00:19,915 --> 00:00:20,555  
Hanging in.

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00:00:20,655 --> 00:00:21,225  
I know, if

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00:00:21,225 --> 00:00:21,774  
I sound a little tired.

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00:00:21,774 --> 00:00:23,155  
Holidays are coming in hot.

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00:00:23,195 --> 00:00:24,255  
Yeah, well, it's Hanukkah.

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00:00:24,565 --> 00:00:26,544  
You guys are in the throes  
of Hanukkah as well.

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00:00:26,605 --> 00:00:26,945  
I don't know if

14  
00:00:26,945 --> 00:00:30,145  
we call it the throes of Hanukkah, but  
yes, we are in the middle of Hanukkah.

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00:00:30,365 --> 00:00:33,874  
So in the world of Jeopardy, I want  
everyone to keep your eyes out for

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00:00:33,874 --> 00:00:35,624  
our second chance announcement.

17  
00:00:35,635 --> 00:00:37,364  
That's coming out tomorrow.

18  
00:00:37,364 --> 00:00:43,249  
So you are going to see All 36 players  
from last season who are getting

19  
00:00:43,290 --> 00:00:45,650  
that second chance at redemption.

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00:00:45,980 --> 00:00:48,849  
Again, these are players who  
came so close to a victory.

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00:00:48,870 --> 00:00:52,429  
And over, you know, these four  
weeks of competition, 12 of

22  
00:00:52,429 --> 00:00:53,629  
them are going to be Jeopardy!

23  
00:00:53,629 --> 00:00:55,459  
champions for the rest of their lives.

24  
00:00:55,509 --> 00:00:56,389  
Unfathomable.

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00:00:56,439 --> 00:00:56,809

Right?

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00:00:56,910 --> 00:01:00,250  
And four of them are going to  
go on to Champions Wildcard.

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00:01:00,259 --> 00:01:03,610  
So, the stakes are big,  
the competition is great.

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00:01:03,629 --> 00:01:08,389  
We actually just wrapped up those  
second chance games yesterday.

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00:01:08,690 --> 00:01:10,450  
in J P T.

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00:01:10,860 --> 00:01:15,900  
Believe it or not, we are done  
with all of our tapings for 2023.

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00:01:17,380 --> 00:01:21,684  
And we're really starting to gear  
up for The tournament of champions.

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00:01:21,975 --> 00:01:26,335  
I've kind of alluded to it on the pod that  
it was going to be the biggest field ever.

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00:01:26,335 --> 00:01:29,204  
And I know people started thinking,  
what does she mean by that?

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00:01:29,204 --> 00:01:31,954  
Well, we pulled off a means the most

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00:01:31,954 --> 00:01:33,335  
people in the competition.

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00:01:33,345 --> 00:01:34,005  
That's literally,

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00:01:34,005 --> 00:01:36,404  
it's pretty, no, but who  
would those people be?

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00:01:36,404 --> 00:01:36,804  
So.

39  
00:01:37,145 --> 00:01:40,704  
We partnered with eight of our  
affiliates, and we pulled off

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00:01:40,725 --> 00:01:42,624  
some great surprises last week.

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00:01:43,045 --> 00:01:47,804  
We talked to Emmett Stanton from  
Baltimore WBFFs, Sean McShane from

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00:01:48,615 --> 00:01:52,484  
WBZ in Boston, Yogesh Raut from  
KATU in Portland, Jake D'Arruda

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00:01:52,484 --> 00:01:54,924  
from WPRI Providence, Rhode Island.

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00:01:55,230 --> 00:02:01,520  
Melissa Clapper from WPVI in Philadelphia,  
Brian Henniger from WBIR in Knoxville,

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00:02:01,520 --> 00:02:04,959  
Kevin Bell from WJLA in Washington, D.

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00:02:04,960 --> 00:02:09,650  
C., and Jared Watson from KTVT in  
Dallas, our new affiliate there.

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00:02:09,959 --> 00:02:11,540  
What do these eight Jeopardy!

48  
00:02:11,550 --> 00:02:14,419  
champions all have in common, you  
ask, if you don't already know.

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00:02:14,939 --> 00:02:20,249  
Well, there are three game winners,  
Buzzy, who are headed directly to the TOC.

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00:02:20,640 --> 00:02:23,740  
And we pulled off this surprise  
because we reached out to these

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00:02:23,740 --> 00:02:26,750  
affiliates and we said, Hey, we  
have this cool thing we want to do.

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00:02:27,419 --> 00:02:30,640  
We're going to have you reach out to  
these contestants and say, You know what?

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00:02:30,640 --> 00:02:32,699  
We, we hear there's a new  
competition coming up.

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00:02:32,699 --> 00:02:33,079  
Jeopardy!

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00:02:33,080 --> 00:02:35,120  
Champions wildcard and  
as a three game winner.

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00:02:35,595 --> 00:02:39,815  
pretty likely chance that you're going  
to end up in the champion's wild card.

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00:02:39,815 --> 00:02:41,215  
So do you want to come into the station?

58  
00:02:41,225 --> 00:02:45,085  
Maybe talk about your anticipation  
of possibly being invited and what

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00:02:45,085 --> 00:02:46,455  
it's been like being a Jeopardy!

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00:02:46,455 --> 00:02:46,905

champion.

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00:02:47,255 --> 00:02:50,785  
Then we got Kinnan on the  
joke and we recorded him doing

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00:02:50,805 --> 00:02:51,985  
eight different messages.

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00:02:52,224 --> 00:02:57,295  
The gist being something like,  
Hey Yogesh, Ken Jennings here.

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00:02:57,579 --> 00:02:58,690  
Great to see you.

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00:02:58,730 --> 00:03:01,140  
I do have some news  
that I wanted to share.

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00:03:01,850 --> 00:03:04,180  
Unfortunately, we are not going to be

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00:03:04,200 --> 00:03:04,540  
able

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00:03:04,570 --> 00:03:10,109  
to offer you a spot in our upcoming  
Champions Wildcard because you're going

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00:03:10,109 --> 00:03:12,600  
directly to the Tournament of Champions.

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00:03:12,920 --> 00:03:16,160  
And the reactions, you can find  
a lot of them online on Reddit.

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00:03:16,190 --> 00:03:18,540  
Their reactions were just priceless.

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00:03:18,550 --> 00:03:22,549  
For a few seconds, I think they

thought the news anchors and Jeopardy

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00:03:22,869 --> 00:03:26,770

And Ken were the cruelest people in television, but they were relieved

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00:03:26,780 --> 00:03:29,880

a few seconds later to know that they're bypassing Champion's Wildcard.

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00:03:30,150 --> 00:03:32,000

They're heading directly to the T.

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00:03:32,000 --> 00:03:32,100

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00:03:32,100 --> 00:03:32,500

C.

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00:03:32,959 --> 00:03:34,489

It is a field of 27.

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00:03:34,510 --> 00:03:38,170

I think people have connected most of the dots, but We have Ike Barron

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00:03:38,170 --> 00:03:39,570

Holtz, our Celebrity Jeopardy!

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00:03:39,570 --> 00:03:40,480

Champion coming back.

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00:03:40,740 --> 00:03:43,810

We have Justin Bolson, who won our High School Reunion Tournament.

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00:03:44,100 --> 00:03:47,660

And then we've got, you know, super champions like Chris Panulo, Ray Lalonde.

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00:03:47,679 --> 00:03:50,529

Then you've got your, your Ben Chan,

your Steven Webb, your Hannah Wilson,

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00:03:50,530 --> 00:03:55,769  
your Troy Meyer, your Suresh Krishnan,  
Luigi de Guzman, Ben Goldstein, David

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00:03:56,420 --> 00:03:58,900  
Sibley, Matthew Marcus, the list goes on.

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00:03:59,630 --> 00:04:00,400  
It's going to be big.

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00:04:00,410 --> 00:04:01,060  
It's going to be good.

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00:04:01,070 --> 00:04:04,340  
And of course we have our four champions  
from our earlier champions wildcard

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00:04:04,340 --> 00:04:05,520  
games that are wrapping up now.

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00:04:05,550 --> 00:04:08,460  
And then we will have the  
two from last season champion

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00:04:08,460 --> 00:04:09,979  
wildcard competitions coming up.

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00:04:09,979 --> 00:04:11,390  
And before you know it,  
it's going to be February.

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00:04:11,559 --> 00:04:12,770  
We're going to tape the TOC.

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00:04:13,380 --> 00:04:14,470  
Oh, can you tell I'm excited?

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00:04:14,610 --> 00:04:14,929  
I can



97  
00:04:14,929 --> 00:04:15,709  
tell you're excited.

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00:04:15,709 --> 00:04:16,380  
I'm excited.

99  
00:04:16,389 --> 00:04:17,149  
I want to be there.

100  
00:04:17,160 --> 00:04:17,514  
I want to.

101  
00:04:17,515 --> 00:04:18,475  
be in the room where it

102  
00:04:18,475 --> 00:04:19,084  
happens.

103  
00:04:19,394 --> 00:04:23,555  
What does this, you know, you were  
a field of 15 emerged victorious.

104  
00:04:23,555 --> 00:04:25,725  
What does it conjure up in your mind?

105  
00:04:25,735 --> 00:04:26,754  
The biggest field ever.

106  
00:04:26,754 --> 00:04:29,435  
And what would it mean to  
pull off a win in that?

107  
00:04:29,584 --> 00:04:33,924  
Well, I think it certainly would  
speak to the level of play of

108  
00:04:33,935 --> 00:04:35,694  
whoever won to get through that.

109  
00:04:35,775 --> 00:04:38,905  
Uh, what I like about it

is, uh, no wild cards.

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00:04:39,284 --> 00:04:39,924  
I assume.

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00:04:39,955 --> 00:04:40,744  
No wild cards.

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00:04:40,854 --> 00:04:41,964  
No, you gotta win

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00:04:41,964 --> 00:04:42,614  
it to advance.

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00:04:42,645 --> 00:04:45,874  
You gotta win it to advance, which I  
always like, and that's how I play, so I

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00:04:45,885 --> 00:04:47,534  
think we'll see some exciting gameplay.

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00:04:47,535 --> 00:04:50,395  
And I think this is a  
really competitive field.

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00:04:50,434 --> 00:04:54,750  
I think one of the challenges is  
gonna be, you know, sometimes With a

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00:04:54,789 --> 00:04:59,080  
field of 15, you can kind of handicap  
your competition a little bit.

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00:04:59,250 --> 00:05:04,490  
I think with 27 people, almost twice  
as many competitors, it starts to

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00:05:04,500 --> 00:05:08,430  
maybe get harder to kind of remember  
who, not as, I mean, you're going

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00:05:08,430 --> 00:05:09,920

to remember who everyone is, but.

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00:05:10,255 --> 00:05:14,065

But kind of the style of play and how,  
how they play, how to play against them.

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00:05:14,225 --> 00:05:17,665

So, um, I think that's going  
to be an interesting challenge.

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00:05:17,685 --> 00:05:22,095

And I think as we go through the  
competition and people start advancing,

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00:05:22,305 --> 00:05:26,204

we'll see a little more of that  
kind of, the stories, the heroes and

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00:05:26,204 --> 00:05:30,805

villains, uh, start to kind of eye  
each other a little more particularly.

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00:05:30,825 --> 00:05:34,355

I do know, I do know, I have  
heard from some of these people

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00:05:34,565 --> 00:05:35,855

that they are out for blood.

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00:05:36,165 --> 00:05:38,875

I ran, you know, I was  
at SporkleCon last year.

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00:05:38,875 --> 00:05:39,905

I saw a couple of them there.

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00:05:40,135 --> 00:05:42,775

These people, they're not  
here to have a good time.

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00:05:42,775 --> 00:05:44,195

They're here to win this

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00:05:44,255 --> 00:05:44,885  
TOC.

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00:05:45,065 --> 00:05:47,984  
Well, and some of these, you know,  
champions emerging from Champions

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00:05:47,995 --> 00:05:51,865  
Wildcard that are heading into the  
TOC are going to be facing off against

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00:05:51,865 --> 00:05:54,340  
the people who actually Took down.

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00:05:54,350 --> 00:05:58,080  
Yeah, you know their initial runs  
like these are rematches That are

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00:05:58,080 --> 00:06:01,400  
gonna be really fun to see if it if it  
lines up that way and we are gonna be

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00:06:01,400 --> 00:06:06,250  
playing that You know first to three  
win best of seven type final again.

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00:06:06,260 --> 00:06:07,710  
So whoo.

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00:06:08,059 --> 00:06:11,390  
I mean it's gonna be a long I'm  
sweating thinking about it, right?

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00:06:11,429 --> 00:06:14,210  
Yeah I mean you're you had a two  
day taping and I'm sure that felt

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00:06:14,210 --> 00:06:18,935  
like a lot this is gonna be a  
marathon Yeah, but an exciting one.

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00:06:18,974 --> 00:06:20,614

I can't wait front row seats.

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00:06:20,614 --> 00:06:21,895

We're both going to have are we

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00:06:21,895 --> 00:06:25,794

going to go through this whole field  
of 27 and talk through them again?

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00:06:25,804 --> 00:06:26,864

Like we did last time.

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00:06:27,325 --> 00:06:27,664

Okay,

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00:06:27,664 --> 00:06:28,075

I'm excited.

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00:06:28,414 --> 00:06:28,844

Yes.

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00:06:28,854 --> 00:06:31,674

You know, now that the official  
postseason has kicked off, we're going

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00:06:31,674 --> 00:06:35,334

to really try to give you, you know,  
a little bit more insight into who

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00:06:35,334 --> 00:06:39,645

you are going to see in these upcoming  
competitions and exclaiming in the TLC.

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00:06:39,745 --> 00:06:40,085

Excellent.

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00:06:40,604 --> 00:06:43,974

We also have another exciting pod,  
not just about the future, but

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00:06:43,974 --> 00:06:45,434

what's happening right here today.

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00:06:45,434 --> 00:06:47,304

We're going to highlight  
some of those Jeopardy!

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00:06:47,384 --> 00:06:51,814

Champions wildcard quarterfinal games  
that are going on and we had the last

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00:06:51,860 --> 00:06:55,180

Celebrity Jeopardy quarterfinal as well.

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00:06:55,180 --> 00:06:56,870

So the quarterfinals are wrapping up.

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00:06:57,280 --> 00:07:01,409

And a little later in the pod, we're  
going to be joined by champions wildcard

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00:07:01,409 --> 00:07:05,060

finalist of the clubs group, Dennis Chase.

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00:07:05,529 --> 00:07:07,919

But before all that, we're going  
to take a quick look back at

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00:07:07,919 --> 00:07:09,370

this week in Jeopardy history.

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00:07:14,200 --> 00:07:15,099

Welcome to

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00:07:15,099 --> 00:07:18,909

the finals of our first ever  
Jeopardy Professors Tournament.

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00:07:19,140 --> 00:07:20,380

It is a two day.

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00:07:21,920 --> 00:07:25,480

And by the end of tomorrow's game, we  
will know the name of the professor

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00:07:25,590 --> 00:07:30,990  
who will be returning to campus  
with the 100, 000 top prize and a

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00:07:30,990 --> 00:07:33,129  
spot in the tournament of champions.

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00:07:33,349 --> 00:07:35,280  
There is a lot at stake.

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00:07:35,380 --> 00:07:38,360  
Welcome to our finalists,  
Sam, Ed, and Elisa.

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00:07:38,689 --> 00:07:41,490  
Good luck and let's go  
to work in the Jeopardy

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00:07:41,490 --> 00:07:41,830  
round.

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00:07:42,820 --> 00:07:48,510  
That's right, it was December 16th, 2021,  
when we kicked off the two day total point

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00:07:48,510 --> 00:07:50,550  
of fair final for the first ever Jeopardy!

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00:07:50,550 --> 00:07:51,740  
Professors Tournament.

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00:07:52,179 --> 00:07:57,319  
Alisa Hovey, Ed Hashima, and bring  
it Sam Buttry were all competing.

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00:07:57,320 --> 00:08:01,560  
It was Sam who took home the  
title, the 100, 000 grand prize,

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00:08:01,580 --> 00:08:05,190  
and earned a spot in the following

year's Tournament of Champions.

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00:08:05,690 --> 00:08:07,640

After his win, you know, Sam told us.

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00:08:08,290 --> 00:08:10,600

This has been the greatest time  
and to come out ahead of all

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00:08:10,600 --> 00:08:13,330

these other great players is  
something I will remember forever.

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00:08:13,330 --> 00:08:17,630

He also added I know there are some strong  
players, but I want to go up against them.

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00:08:17,810 --> 00:08:19,750

I want to play against Matt Amodio.

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00:08:19,750 --> 00:08:22,360

He's a strong player, and  
I'd like to see how I can do.

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00:08:22,360 --> 00:08:27,749

Well, Sam did just that in the semi  
finals of the Tournament of Champions.

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00:08:27,750 --> 00:08:30,939

That's, of course, where Matt  
was seated, and Sam beat Matt.

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00:08:31,045 --> 00:08:34,485

Advancing to our finals last season,  
where he faced off against none other

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00:08:34,485 --> 00:08:36,794

than Amy Schneider and Andrew He.

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00:08:37,215 --> 00:08:40,204

Of course, Sam would go on to  
face them yet again in Jeopardy!



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00:08:40,204 --> 00:08:40,934  
Masters.

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00:08:41,545 --> 00:08:44,835  
Always looking forward to  
another opportunity to see Sam

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00:08:44,865 --> 00:08:46,734  
back on the Alex Trebek stage.

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00:08:46,754 --> 00:08:50,805  
I have to say, you know, I love  
all the little odes to Sam that

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00:08:50,805 --> 00:08:52,125  
our players continue to do.

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00:08:52,125 --> 00:08:53,425  
The, the bring its.

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00:08:53,515 --> 00:08:57,255  
Although online, I've been  
hearing some people are, they're,

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00:08:57,255 --> 00:08:58,244  
they're not loving the bring its.

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00:08:58,255 --> 00:08:58,625  
You know.

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00:08:59,305 --> 00:09:02,885  
I think everyone's entitled to their  
opinion, but some opinions are just wrong.

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00:09:03,155 --> 00:09:03,485  
Yeah.

203

00:09:04,285 --> 00:09:06,625  
Is there ever too much bring  
it buttry in the world?

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00:09:06,685 --> 00:09:07,225  
Yeah, I think

205  
00:09:07,225 --> 00:09:09,475  
if players are having fun with  
it, then it's a good thing.

206  
00:09:09,484 --> 00:09:09,564  
Exactly.

207  
00:09:09,564 --> 00:09:13,154  
I think if it, you know, any  
joke can be beaten to death, as

208  
00:09:13,175 --> 00:09:16,405  
evidenced by my, uh, meteoric fall.

209  
00:09:17,145 --> 00:09:19,815  
Uh, it's so funny that people  
always talk about a meteoric rise

210  
00:09:19,815 --> 00:09:21,655  
when in fact meteors always fall.

211  
00:09:22,155 --> 00:09:27,355  
Um, but anyway, I love that, you  
know, I think when the professor's

212  
00:09:27,355 --> 00:09:30,064  
tournament was announced, it was  
something new that we hadn't experienced.

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00:09:30,064 --> 00:09:30,965  
There's regular jeopardy.

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00:09:30,965 --> 00:09:34,095  
There's been teacher's tournament, but the  
professor's tournament was something new.

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00:09:34,095 --> 00:09:37,155  
I think there were some doubters  
out there and Sam emerged from

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00:09:37,155 --> 00:09:38,864  
it and has really become an icon.

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00:09:39,209 --> 00:09:42,770  
Well, and as we will discuss in  
the Game Highlights, that field

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00:09:42,780 --> 00:09:46,260  
in that Professor's Tournament is  
continuing to prove just how strong.

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00:09:46,490 --> 00:09:46,880  
Well, let's

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00:09:46,880 --> 00:09:47,370  
do that.

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00:09:47,850 --> 00:09:47,939  
Let's get

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00:09:47,939 --> 00:09:48,930  
into those Game Highlights.

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00:09:48,970 --> 00:09:52,230  
We kicked off the week with our fourth  
quarterfinal game for the Hearts Group.

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00:09:52,300 --> 00:09:56,089  
Julia Markham Cameron, Finn  
Corrigan, and Kristen Thomas McGill.

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00:09:56,399 --> 00:09:59,920  
It was a close game throughout, with  
Julia taking a small lead in Double

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00:09:59,920 --> 00:10:03,680  
Jeopardy, and she maintained that  
lead heading into Final, but all

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00:10:03,680 --> 00:10:05,430  
three players were in contention.

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00:10:05,580 --> 00:10:08,640

Both Julia and Kristen were able to come up with the correct responses,

229

00:10:09,000 --> 00:10:14,220

and so it was Julia who secured the win and her spot in the semifinals.

230

00:10:14,890 --> 00:10:18,410

Interesting fact about this game that Ken actually pointed out to me.

231

00:10:18,659 --> 00:10:21,620

Of course, this was when we were using some of our redeployed material,

232

00:10:21,670 --> 00:10:26,579

and so one of the clues came from one of Ken's games way back in 2004.

233

00:10:27,110 --> 00:10:31,520

The category was math calculated as the ratio.

234

00:10:32,204 --> 00:10:39,525

Of S to R, this measure of an angle is similar to the word that R stands for.

235

00:10:39,995 --> 00:10:42,635

Ken, back in the day, responded radius.

236

00:10:42,975 --> 00:10:45,104

Kristen said radial.

237

00:10:45,394 --> 00:10:47,655

But the correct response, radian.

238

00:10:47,894 --> 00:10:48,444

Of course.

239

00:10:49,025 --> 00:10:52,895

My, uh, my older kid is on

the math olympiad team now.

240

00:10:53,125 --> 00:10:57,290

And so I've I've been diving back  
into math in order to, so all of

241

00:10:57,290 --> 00:10:58,890

these things are very top of mind for

242

00:10:58,890 --> 00:10:59,110

me.

243

00:10:59,450 --> 00:11:03,450

Well, I just think it speaks to the fact  
that even though we did have to redeploy.

244

00:11:03,450 --> 00:11:05,210

Yeah, 19 years later, it's still hard.

245

00:11:05,459 --> 00:11:05,550

It's still

246

00:11:05,680 --> 00:11:06,080

tricky.

247

00:11:06,110 --> 00:11:08,629

You know, this jeopardy,  
it doesn't get any easier.

248

00:11:08,669 --> 00:11:10,900

Well, I just want to comment  
on the level of gameplay.

249

00:11:10,909 --> 00:11:13,240

This was a really fun game.

250

00:11:13,290 --> 00:11:14,230

Great game to watch.

251

00:11:14,240 --> 00:11:16,130

You love seeing people do well.

252

00:11:16,380 --> 00:11:17,720  
Not a lot of wrong answers.

253

00:11:17,740 --> 00:11:19,450  
Very tight going into final.

254

00:11:19,650 --> 00:11:23,040  
And even, you know, the most wrong  
answers in any round was Kristen.

255

00:11:23,285 --> 00:11:27,075  
In, uh, the Jeopardy round with three  
incorrect, that's A, not a lot, and

256

00:11:27,085 --> 00:11:32,055  
B, I think it's okay to get some  
wrong in the Jeopardy round if you're

257

00:11:32,055 --> 00:11:34,294  
just trying to find your buzzer mojo.

258

00:11:34,295 --> 00:11:36,154  
There's so much more money  
on the board in double.

259

00:11:36,235 --> 00:11:36,925  
Absolutely.

260

00:11:37,015 --> 00:11:39,945  
I think that is a good tactic  
and it was a great game to watch.

261

00:11:40,100 --> 00:11:43,140  
Moving on to Tuesday's quarterfinal  
with Laura Portwood Stacer,

262

00:11:43,230 --> 00:11:45,750  
Andrew Chaykin, and Matt Mirzois.

263

00:11:46,240 --> 00:11:49,719  
Another close game heading into double  
jeopardy, but it was Andrew who came on

264  
00:11:49,719 --> 00:11:55,310  
strong with 10 correct responses and a 5,  
000 daily double to secure a runaway win.

265  
00:11:55,569 --> 00:12:00,420  
I got called out here during the  
interview with Matt talking about the

266  
00:12:00,420 --> 00:12:04,939  
fact that he's going to have to face  
the inscrutable review of Buzzy Cohen.

267  
00:12:05,209 --> 00:12:06,619  
I love the layers, Matt.

268  
00:12:06,870 --> 00:12:08,089  
I love the layers.

269  
00:12:08,329 --> 00:12:10,160  
I'm trying to layer more in my life.

270  
00:12:10,430 --> 00:12:12,600  
Uh, so, Matt, you get a thumbs up.

271  
00:12:12,600 --> 00:12:16,380  
I like the textures, and I would  
love to see a tie next time.

272  
00:12:16,760 --> 00:12:18,590  
But, other than that, I give you two

273  
00:12:18,590 --> 00:12:19,000  
thumbs up.

274  
00:12:19,349 --> 00:12:22,060  
And Laura Portwood Stacer Oh my god, yeah.

275  
00:12:22,110 --> 00:12:26,265  
Her sweater was one that she wore in  
one of her initial appearances because,

276  
00:12:26,915 --> 00:12:30,395  
hey, she won, and she got lots of  
compliments on it, so she brought it out

277  
00:12:30,395 --> 00:12:30,685  
again.

278  
00:12:30,795 --> 00:12:33,725  
You know, it's funny, for  
being such analytical and

279  
00:12:33,725 --> 00:12:36,135  
intelligent people, Jeopardy!

280  
00:12:36,135 --> 00:12:37,635  
champs are very superstitious.

281  
00:12:38,095 --> 00:12:38,595  
Absolutely.

282  
00:12:39,035 --> 00:12:40,645  
You know, if it worked once, why

283  
00:12:40,645 --> 00:12:41,904  
not try again?

284  
00:12:41,914 --> 00:12:43,025  
Change nothing.

285  
00:12:43,104 --> 00:12:46,064  
Well, Ken caught up with  
our players after the game.

286  
00:12:46,064 --> 00:12:46,804  
Let's have a listen.

287  
00:12:48,250 --> 00:12:48,439  
Well

288  
00:12:48,439 --> 00:12:48,810  
done.



289  
00:12:49,180 --> 00:12:51,270  
There was a long pause when I  
thought, Oh, maybe none of them

290  
00:12:51,270 --> 00:12:52,340  
have been watching that show.

291  
00:12:52,390 --> 00:12:52,930  
Mm hmm.

292  
00:12:53,120 --> 00:12:55,170  
But then you all started  
writing something long.

293  
00:12:55,900 --> 00:12:57,199  
And I thought, maybe they have it.

294  
00:12:57,329 --> 00:12:59,660  
Took most of the 30 seconds to write that.

295  
00:12:59,709 --> 00:13:03,159  
That is something we think about that  
goes into Final Jeopardy composition

296  
00:13:03,159 --> 00:13:07,269  
is, Do they have time to actually  
write the Battle Hymn of the Republic?

297  
00:13:07,270 --> 00:13:08,749  
Or, or whatever it is.

298  
00:13:09,310 --> 00:13:12,385  
But this seemed like one where  
A player who knew it might know

299  
00:13:12,385 --> 00:13:15,225  
it early and would have most of  
the time to start writing, so.

300  
00:13:15,935 --> 00:13:16,475  
Well done.

301  
00:13:16,505 --> 00:13:18,525  
Andrew, uh, that was well played.

302  
00:13:18,535 --> 00:13:19,805  
You were way out in front.

303  
00:13:19,995 --> 00:13:21,415  
What's the secret of your success there?

304  
00:13:21,695 --> 00:13:22,804  
Uh, my intention

305  
00:13:22,804 --> 00:13:26,315  
was to enjoy as many moments  
as I could remember to enjoy.

306  
00:13:26,625 --> 00:13:26,834  
Oh, that's nice.

307  
00:13:26,845 --> 00:13:27,405  
That was my intention.

308  
00:13:27,405 --> 00:13:29,295  
That really is a

309  
00:13:29,295 --> 00:13:30,325  
great way to play, I think.

310  
00:13:30,325 --> 00:13:30,535  
Thank you.

311  
00:13:31,560 --> 00:13:35,199  
Yes, that response only  
murders in the building.

312  
00:13:35,209 --> 00:13:38,620  
As he mentioned, you know, these,  
these longer responses in final, the

313  
00:13:38,620 --> 00:13:42,669

writers do give some thought to if it is something that the, the contestants can

314

00:13:42,689 --> 00:13:47,979  
in fact think of, respond to correctly  
and write all those words down in time.

315

00:13:48,000 --> 00:13:51,350  
But that one worked out for all three  
of our players as they were all correct.

316

00:13:51,560 --> 00:13:54,410  
What was the longest final jeopardy  
that you had to respond to, Buzzy?

317

00:13:54,410 --> 00:13:55,740  
Does it, does it come to mind?

318

00:13:55,819 --> 00:13:56,590  
I'm trying to think,

319

00:13:56,600 --> 00:13:59,800  
you know, in my, in my  
TOC waiting for Godot.

320

00:13:59,824 --> 00:14:01,114  
It was pretty long.

321

00:14:01,124 --> 00:14:02,305  
That was a, you know.

322

00:14:02,655 --> 00:14:04,225  
I mean, you wrote much longer things.

323

00:14:04,314 --> 00:14:04,975  
I wrote much

324

00:14:04,975 --> 00:14:06,055  
longer things as a joke.

325

00:14:06,055 --> 00:14:07,364  
You weren't trying to

actually write the comments.

326

00:14:07,365 --> 00:14:11,114

But I'd already, I'd already wagered  
zero, so I could, the second the think

327

00:14:11,114 --> 00:14:13,194

music started, I could just start teasing

328

00:14:13,194 --> 00:14:13,424

Alex.

329

00:14:13,425 --> 00:14:15,425

And you probably had those,  
like, lined up, right?

330

00:14:15,435 --> 00:14:15,545

The

331

00:14:15,545 --> 00:14:19,285

first time I didn't, and then,  
and I really wasn't planning on

332

00:14:19,285 --> 00:14:22,775

getting more runaways, so I, I did  
have to think of them on the spot.

333

00:14:22,785 --> 00:14:25,805

But once I had a runaway, I, I  
started cooking something up.

334

00:14:25,965 --> 00:14:27,405

Well, they were well enjoyed.

335

00:14:27,405 --> 00:14:27,985

Thank you.

336

00:14:28,210 --> 00:14:32,850

We head into Wednesday's game with Ed  
Colson, Kate Freeman, and Patrick Hume.

337

00:14:33,220 --> 00:14:36,190

Patrick got off to a hot start, but  
it was Ed who went on a run in double

338

00:14:36,190 --> 00:14:39,509  
jeopardy, finding the first daily  
double and adding 3, 000 to his score.

339

00:14:39,840 --> 00:14:43,570  
Patrick and Kate worked to close  
the gap on Ed, but he maintained

340

00:14:43,570 --> 00:14:44,750  
the lead heading into final.

341

00:14:45,165 --> 00:14:47,394  
where he was correct to take the win.

342

00:14:47,814 --> 00:14:50,704  
We mentioned those professor  
tournament players.

343

00:14:50,795 --> 00:14:54,255  
Ed was actually our alternate  
in the professor's tournament.

344

00:14:54,285 --> 00:14:58,295  
Then he came back to play in the regular  
games, but just another sign of how good

345

00:14:58,565 --> 00:15:00,705  
the field was in that initial professor's

346

00:15:00,745 --> 00:15:01,035  
tournament.

347

00:15:01,230 --> 00:15:04,470  
And how good the field is in this  
quarterfinal, this is, you know,

348

00:15:04,470 --> 00:15:05,770  
reminds me of the Monday game.

349

00:15:05,770 --> 00:15:06,940  
It's so tight.

350  
00:15:07,040 --> 00:15:11,139  
I want to congratulate all three players  
on a really, really well fought game.

351  
00:15:11,300 --> 00:15:14,790  
Yes, this was a game that took  
a little bit to get started.

352  
00:15:15,120 --> 00:15:19,719  
Ken had to redo the open a few  
times, which rarely happens, but Ken

353  
00:15:19,719 --> 00:15:21,430  
said, we're going to get this right.

354  
00:15:21,430 --> 00:15:24,150  
I know you're a little worried,  
but it's going to be okay.

355  
00:15:24,380 --> 00:15:26,120  
And then in the commercial break, he said.

356  
00:15:26,420 --> 00:15:30,020  
Um, I understand Jimmy McGuire,  
he's of course our stage manager

357  
00:15:30,020 --> 00:15:32,290  
and my long time co clue crewer.

358  
00:15:32,930 --> 00:15:36,970  
He said, I understand Jimmy offered you  
a full refund if you weren't satisfied

359  
00:15:36,970 --> 00:15:40,870  
and since I had to redo the open three  
times, you will each be receiving 20.

360  
00:15:41,759 --> 00:15:42,370  
He was kidding.

361  
00:15:42,430 --> 00:15:42,810  
Yes.

362  
00:15:44,360 --> 00:15:44,669  
He's human.

363  
00:15:44,670 --> 00:15:48,965  
It's always good to remember that  
Ken is human and sometimes He makes

364  
00:15:48,995 --> 00:15:52,865  
a mistake, which we always say you  
guys are here for Jeopardy history.

365  
00:15:52,865 --> 00:15:55,265  
That's the first mistake Ken Jennings has

366  
00:15:55,265 --> 00:15:55,455  
ever

367  
00:15:55,455 --> 00:16:00,595  
made And those opens are probably my  
experience was like the the gameplay

368  
00:16:00,595 --> 00:16:04,165  
part if you're if you're a former player  
at least my experience That's easier

369  
00:16:04,225 --> 00:16:08,485  
than the like interview the opens the  
toss to commercial that was harder

370  
00:16:08,485 --> 00:16:12,795  
for me Yeah, but Ken's ability to  
memorize in seconds is oh my god.

371  
00:16:12,835 --> 00:16:13,595  
It's quite something.

372  
00:16:13,605 --> 00:16:17,950  
I'm very impressed You know, I'm writing  
those up in between shows, we have very

373  
00:16:17,950 --> 00:16:22,110  
little turn around time and then he has to  
wait for me to give it to him, for which

374  
00:16:22,510 --> 00:16:27,600  
he then memorizes it quickly and comes out  
and almost always presents it perfectly,

375  
00:16:27,750 --> 00:16:28,950  
with the exception of this show.

376  
00:16:29,349 --> 00:16:31,469  
I have to point out Final  
Jeopardy in this game.

377  
00:16:31,480 --> 00:16:31,949  
Okay, let's do it.

378  
00:16:31,950 --> 00:16:33,450  
Category famous names.

379  
00:16:33,819 --> 00:16:36,079  
Subject of a 2003 film.

380  
00:16:36,080 --> 00:16:41,710  
His 1947 obituary said he fathered  
at least 100 and died of a heart

381  
00:16:41,710 --> 00:16:44,220  
attack at 14 at a California ranch.

382  
00:16:44,949 --> 00:16:47,529  
Kate responded, Who is Will Rogers?

383  
00:16:47,930 --> 00:16:51,520  
Now, of course, she clarified in the  
post game chat that she was thinking

384  
00:16:51,520 --> 00:16:53,309  
maybe this was a joke obituary.



385

00:16:53,310 --> 00:16:56,940  
She didn't actually think that Will  
Rogers had fathered, you know, 100

386

00:16:56,950 --> 00:16:58,749  
children by the time he was born.

387

00:16:59,319 --> 00:17:05,099  
14, or before he was 14, but the correct  
response, of course, was Seabiscuit.

388

00:17:05,150 --> 00:17:06,960  
Did you go there when you  
were going through this?

389

00:17:07,030 --> 00:17:10,379  
It took me a little bit to kind  
of like, put it together, but

390

00:17:10,379 --> 00:17:11,240  
like, That it's not a human.

391

00:17:11,410 --> 00:17:13,250  
The age, exactly, the age.

392

00:17:13,655 --> 00:17:19,055  
Uh, that era and the 2003 film, I  
was able to put it together and, um,

393

00:17:19,385 --> 00:17:22,865  
but it's a, I can see how if you,  
if you get on the wrong track, yeah.

394

00:17:23,225 --> 00:17:24,694  
Uh, it's easy to get tripped up.

395

00:17:24,700 --> 00:17:27,185  
Speaking of Kate, I want  
to point out two things.

396

00:17:27,185 --> 00:17:30,005  
First of all, as you guys may or

may not know, I am a nerd and it

397

00:17:30,010 --> 00:17:34,205  
looks like Kate put the three dots  
over the A, which is a Tolkien

398

00:17:34,265 --> 00:17:34,535  
Yes.

399

00:17:34,535 --> 00:17:34,955  
Thing.

400

00:17:35,015 --> 00:17:35,405  
Yes.

401

00:17:35,405 --> 00:17:36,605  
We asked her about that.

402

00:17:38,080 --> 00:17:38,400  
Yeah.

403

00:17:38,500 --> 00:17:42,420  
Um, my house is, we're really in  
a deep Tolkien era with my kids.

404

00:17:42,440 --> 00:17:46,160  
Uh, I may have mentioned that one of them  
was Legolas for Halloween, so I love that.

405

00:17:46,529 --> 00:17:52,520  
Um, Kate also prepared for her return in  
a, quote, Rocky IV style training montage.

406

00:17:53,010 --> 00:17:55,700  
I want to know more, because  
you know that is Buzzy Cohen.

407

00:17:56,185 --> 00:17:56,945  
To a tee.

408

00:17:57,045 --> 00:18:00,385  
She was kind of joking, you know, she's

like, there was tire pushing, like.

409

00:18:00,385 --> 00:18:00,775

I did.

410

00:18:00,815 --> 00:18:01,465

I did that stuff.

411

00:18:01,475 --> 00:18:03,195

Which are all things you actually did.

412

00:18:03,235 --> 00:18:03,485

Yes.

413

00:18:03,485 --> 00:18:06,795

So I feel like this is definitely  
right there in the Buzzy Cohen,

414

00:18:06,815 --> 00:18:08,415

um, how to get on Jeopardy and

415

00:18:08,425 --> 00:18:08,925

succeed.

416

00:18:08,975 --> 00:18:12,794

Not only did I actually do all  
that stuff, but I also like every

417

00:18:12,794 --> 00:18:17,275

week watched the training montages  
from Rocky IV and from Creed.

418

00:18:17,355 --> 00:18:17,945

Makes sense.

419

00:18:18,325 --> 00:18:18,975

Does not surprise me.

420

00:18:19,515 --> 00:18:20,345

Does not surprise me.

421

00:18:20,365 --> 00:18:20,765  
Let's move

422  
00:18:20,765 --> 00:18:20,955  
on.

423  
00:18:20,965 --> 00:18:21,455  
Let's, I'm,

424  
00:18:21,685 --> 00:18:22,254  
let's move on.

425  
00:18:22,585 --> 00:18:26,745  
All right, on Thursday, it was time  
for Scott Shufelt, Youngshin Wong,

426  
00:18:26,775 --> 00:18:29,155  
and Robin Lozano to take the stage.

427  
00:18:29,455 --> 00:18:33,164  
Youngshin and Robin were battling for  
the lead until Robin lost 3, 000 on the

428  
00:18:33,164 --> 00:18:34,645  
first daily double in Double Jeopardy.

429  
00:18:34,655 --> 00:18:39,385  
Scott then responded correctly to a big  
6, 400 true daily double to take the lead,

430  
00:18:39,725 --> 00:18:44,545  
which he maintained heading into final  
despite a valiant effort from Youngshin.

431  
00:18:44,935 --> 00:18:47,895  
In final, though, it was Youngshin  
who was the only one to come

432  
00:18:47,895 --> 00:18:48,855  
up with the correct response.

433  
00:18:49,035 --> 00:18:53,465

He tops off that exciting Come  
from behind when his fashion was

434

00:18:53,465 --> 00:18:55,004  
on point in this game as well.

435

00:18:55,004 --> 00:18:58,085  
But Buzzy, you will remember,  
of course, he won best

436

00:18:58,085 --> 00:18:58,625  
dressed.

437

00:18:58,954 --> 00:19:00,915  
He absolutely won best

438

00:19:00,915 --> 00:19:03,004  
dressed and 2022 Jeopardy

439

00:19:03,045 --> 00:19:03,605  
honors.

440

00:19:03,685 --> 00:19:07,004  
I mean, is this going to be  
a back to back win situation?

441

00:19:07,004 --> 00:19:07,385  
I don't know.

442

00:19:07,385 --> 00:19:09,395  
He's got some tough  
competition this season.

443

00:19:09,705 --> 00:19:14,014  
The thing I loved about Youngshin when  
he did accept his trophy, he had the

444

00:19:14,014 --> 00:19:16,565  
trophy in one hand, a Corona in the other.

445

00:19:16,855 --> 00:19:20,885  
He was there for the party as he was an

alternate for the tournament of champions.

446

00:19:20,885 --> 00:19:24,555

So unlike the other, you know, 21  
folks who were there and we're going

447

00:19:24,555 --> 00:19:27,915

to have to compete the next day,  
young shin was just there for the

448

00:19:27,915 --> 00:19:28,265

party.

449

00:19:28,295 --> 00:19:28,495

Yeah.

450

00:19:28,495 --> 00:19:33,104

And I also did enjoy young Shen also  
writing his name in Chinese, kind of

451

00:19:33,105 --> 00:19:38,975

a throwback to, um, James Holzhauer  
writing his name in Japanese, uh, back in

452

00:19:38,975 --> 00:19:39,725

masters.

453

00:19:39,755 --> 00:19:40,295

I love it.

454

00:19:40,355 --> 00:19:42,135

You know, young shin  
asked if that was okay.

455

00:19:42,135 --> 00:19:43,915

And I said, absolutely.

456

00:19:44,365 --> 00:19:48,129

People are always asking, you know,  
how do we find the things we know.

457

00:19:48,209 --> 00:19:52,189

And there's no length that our  
writers and researchers won't go

458

00:19:52,220 --> 00:19:54,500  
to, to get to the correct response.

459

00:19:54,510 --> 00:19:58,320  
So in this show, we had the  
category, a donut shop dictionary.

460

00:19:58,959 --> 00:20:05,409  
1871, the great fire of this city  
starts in a barn on DeKoven Street.

461

00:20:05,690 --> 00:20:07,210  
Correct response, what is Chicago?

462

00:20:07,210 --> 00:20:12,750  
But it turned out we were a little  
unsure if it was DeKoven or DeKoven.

463

00:20:13,610 --> 00:20:14,920  
So what do we do?

464

00:20:15,020 --> 00:20:16,819  
We call up a Chick fil A.

465

00:20:16,820 --> 00:20:22,600  
On DeKoven Street, in the break,  
and we asked them, How do you

466

00:20:22,600 --> 00:20:24,610  
pronounce the name of your street?

467

00:20:25,010 --> 00:20:30,819  
And so it was the Chick fil A worker  
who did in fact confirm, It is DeKoven.

468

00:20:31,100 --> 00:20:32,970  
Yeah, that is a kind of  
a tricky thing, right?

469

00:20:32,970 --> 00:20:33,749  
Like, in L.

470  
00:20:33,749 --> 00:20:37,710  
A., now the street's been renamed  
Obama, but there was a rodeo.

471  
00:20:37,765 --> 00:20:43,955  
And Rodeo in the same town, so I'm  
glad that you guys did your fact

472  
00:20:43,995 --> 00:20:44,594  
checking.

473  
00:20:44,604 --> 00:20:48,374  
There are no links that we won't go to  
to get you the correct pronunciations

474  
00:20:48,405 --> 00:20:50,155  
and the correct facts on Jeopardy.

475  
00:20:50,454 --> 00:20:54,534  
We closed out the week with Gary  
Hollis, Carmella Chan, and John Sperney.

476  
00:20:54,824 --> 00:20:56,874  
Another tight game throughout  
the Jeopardy round.

477  
00:20:56,884 --> 00:20:59,405  
Gary really turned it on in Double  
Jeopardy and with a string of

478  
00:20:59,405 --> 00:21:03,215  
correct responses and two nearly  
back to back correct daily doubles,

479  
00:21:03,625 --> 00:21:05,675  
adding 6, 000 to his score.

480  
00:21:05,985 --> 00:21:09,915  
He jumped from third place to first,  
heading into final, just shy of a



481

00:21:09,915 --> 00:21:14,035  
runaway, but then he was correct  
in final and he secured the win.

482

00:21:14,055 --> 00:21:18,315  
Gary, another Professors Tournament  
player, he made it, of course,

483

00:21:18,315 --> 00:21:23,035  
to the semi finals and then lost  
to finalist and fellow Champions

484

00:21:23,044 --> 00:21:24,665  
Wildcard player, Ed Hashima.

485

00:21:25,255 --> 00:21:28,745  
Gary, now the second Professors  
Tournament player to make it.

486

00:21:29,235 --> 00:21:32,104  
to the semifinals because  
Ed did as well in the clubs.

487

00:21:32,185 --> 00:21:34,814  
Yeah, we were just talking about  
this amazing professors tournament.

488

00:21:34,814 --> 00:21:36,254  
The gift that keeps on giving.

489

00:21:36,274 --> 00:21:37,674  
What great players.

490

00:21:37,695 --> 00:21:41,514  
And I think this just speaks to how great  
a player Sam is, which we already knew

491

00:21:41,524 --> 00:21:46,235  
by his TOC performance, his master's  
performance, and then the fact that

492

00:21:46,235 --> 00:21:51,404  
he came out of a field that is giving  
us consistently strong players is so

493  
00:21:51,404 --> 00:21:51,904  
impressive.

494  
00:21:52,220 --> 00:21:56,009  
Yes, because in Sam's two game final in  
the Professors Tournament, I don't want

495  
00:21:56,009 --> 00:21:59,790  
to say he ran away with it, but it really,  
he dominated throughout both games.

496  
00:21:59,800 --> 00:22:03,529  
So this really is telling about  
how good the competition is.

497  
00:22:04,330 --> 00:22:06,989  
All right, let's head  
back to last Wednesday.

498  
00:22:07,429 --> 00:22:08,379  
It was prime time.

499  
00:22:08,419 --> 00:22:10,239  
Our last Celebrity Jeopardy!

500  
00:22:10,259 --> 00:22:12,029  
quarterfinal.

501  
00:22:12,030 --> 00:22:16,030  
Kira Sedgwick, Mo Rocca, Amanda  
Seals, all three players were evenly

502  
00:22:16,030 --> 00:22:19,270  
matched, but Mo really stepped  
on the gas in double Jeopardy!

503  
00:22:19,620 --> 00:22:22,390  
Forming a strong lead  
heading into triple Jeopardy.

504

00:22:22,490 --> 00:22:27,529  
He then left his opponents in the  
dust with the help of 17 correct

505

00:22:27,529 --> 00:22:32,420  
responses, including two massive  
daily doubles, 6, 000 and 5, 000.

506

00:22:32,769 --> 00:22:35,159  
All this on the way to his runaway win.

507

00:22:35,570 --> 00:22:39,310  
Amanda was the only player who was  
correct in final, but it didn't matter.

508

00:22:39,530 --> 00:22:41,040  
Mo had already locked it up.

509

00:22:41,414 --> 00:22:45,424  
And one note in the Celebrity Game  
that, uh, you know, you can't anticipate

510

00:22:45,424 --> 00:22:48,844  
things are going to be happening, and of  
course we tape our shows well in advance.

511

00:22:49,194 --> 00:22:52,764  
In the category Celebrity Tell Alls,  
we did have a clue about Matthew

512

00:22:52,764 --> 00:22:56,554  
Perry, and so we decided that we  
wanted to indicate on the screen

513

00:22:56,564 --> 00:22:58,554  
that it had been previously recorded.

514

00:22:58,845 --> 00:23:02,335  
Before his passing, a  
clue about his memoir.

515

00:23:02,745 --> 00:23:06,785  
One of the clues I want to point out  
that Keira Sedgwick got correct was a

516  
00:23:06,814 --> 00:23:09,535  
clue in the category, Ooh, Ooh, I Know!

517  
00:23:10,115 --> 00:23:14,814  
Kevin Bacon once said that when he attends  
a wedding, he bribes the DJ to play this

518  
00:23:14,814 --> 00:23:17,505  
song from a 1984 movie he starred in.

519  
00:23:18,074 --> 00:23:20,935  
Of course, what is Footloose  
was the correct response.

520  
00:23:21,655 --> 00:23:22,645  
Rang in correctly.

521  
00:23:22,645 --> 00:23:24,265  
Ken joked, how did you know that?

522  
00:23:24,355 --> 00:23:27,025  
And Mo joked her marriage has been saved.

523  
00:23:27,025 --> 00:23:31,405  
But Ken clarified and I wanna clarify  
as well that these games are randomized.

524  
00:23:31,405 --> 00:23:36,415  
So it wasn't that we knew that Kira  
would in fact play in a game with a

525  
00:23:36,415 --> 00:23:39,355  
clue that had to do with her husband.

526  
00:23:39,415 --> 00:23:42,535  
Uh, I think there was also a Macaulay  
call clue that didn't happen to

527

00:23:42,535 --> 00:23:44,515  
play in a Macaulay Culkin show.

528  
00:23:44,515 --> 00:23:46,105  
But I'm glad she got it.

529  
00:23:46,105 --> 00:23:46,405  
This is,

530  
00:23:46,405 --> 00:23:46,765  
yeah.

531  
00:23:46,765 --> 00:23:47,545  
Yeah.

532  
00:23:47,760 --> 00:23:49,610  
For everyone's sake, I'm glad she got it.

533  
00:23:49,640 --> 00:23:54,110  
Um, and, uh, you know, this is kind of  
the fun of having Celebrity Jeopardy.

534  
00:23:54,110 --> 00:23:57,320  
I know, I remember when, uh,  
Brad was on Celebrity Millionaire

535  
00:23:57,320 --> 00:24:00,910  
with Catherine O'Hara, she got  
a question about Home Alone.

536  
00:24:00,920 --> 00:24:01,080  
No.

537  
00:24:01,179 --> 00:24:05,050  
Which she was in, and she was  
like, I was in this movie!

538  
00:24:05,190 --> 00:24:09,000  
So at least Kira, you did, you  
know, knew about your husband.

539  
00:24:09,060 --> 00:24:13,044

I, I wanna know if she can  
verify that this happens.

540  
00:24:13,145 --> 00:24:15,044  
According to the clue,  
Kevin Bacon claims this.

541  
00:24:15,044 --> 00:24:16,975  
What I want to know is,  
is he still doing this?

542  
00:24:16,995 --> 00:24:17,334  
Right.

543  
00:24:17,395 --> 00:24:18,274  
Does it continue?

544  
00:24:18,675 --> 00:24:22,135  
And you mentioned Catherine  
O'Hara, which just recently she

545  
00:24:22,135 --> 00:24:25,964  
presented Macaulay Culkin with his  
Hollywood star on the Walk of Fame.

546  
00:24:25,995 --> 00:24:28,814  
And that was such a great moment to see  
that side by side of the two of them.

547  
00:24:29,274 --> 00:24:32,414  
Um, you know, who doesn't love  
a little home alone throwback?

548  
00:24:32,814 --> 00:24:33,584  
Tis the season.

549  
00:24:33,815 --> 00:24:34,745  
Tis the season.

550  
00:24:34,754 --> 00:24:35,575  
Have you watched it yet?

551

00:24:36,055 --> 00:24:36,225  
We

552  
00:24:36,225 --> 00:24:37,885  
haven't watched it, but I'm saving it.

553  
00:24:37,885 --> 00:24:38,215  
Yeah.

554  
00:24:38,465 --> 00:24:39,855  
That, Elf, you know.

555  
00:24:39,885 --> 00:24:40,505  
Yeah, all the good ones.

556  
00:24:40,505 --> 00:24:40,545  
The

557  
00:24:40,545 --> 00:24:41,585  
new classics.

558  
00:24:41,635 --> 00:24:44,395  
And with that, we have wrapped  
up the Celebrity Jeopardy!

559  
00:24:44,404 --> 00:24:45,274  
quarterfinals.

560  
00:24:45,635 --> 00:24:46,514  
We're gonna be back.

561  
00:24:46,515 --> 00:24:49,635  
We're gonna have a few weeks off, but  
we're gonna be back with our new night.

562  
00:24:50,010 --> 00:24:53,570  
We're coming back on  
Tuesdays, so January 2nd.

563  
00:24:53,600 --> 00:24:55,620  
What better way to kick off the new year?

564  
00:24:55,660 --> 00:24:57,320  
We're going to kick off the semifinals.

565  
00:24:57,320 --> 00:25:03,330  
That first game, Utkarsh and Butkar,  
Miroslavino, and Lisa and Walter.

566  
00:25:03,879 --> 00:25:04,899  
This is quite a game.

567  
00:25:04,899 --> 00:25:05,850  
You're not going to want to miss it.

568  
00:25:05,969 --> 00:25:07,379  
Now it's time for our host chat, Buzzy.

569  
00:25:07,459 --> 00:25:07,809  
Yes.

570  
00:25:07,879 --> 00:25:12,139  
An audience member asked Ken, do you have  
an Alex memory from your original run?

571  
00:25:12,810 --> 00:25:16,770  
Uh, you know, the hardest part of being on  
Jeopardy for a long time is coming up with

572  
00:25:16,900 --> 00:25:20,390  
70 something of those little anecdotes,  
the interview after the first break.

573  
00:25:20,680 --> 00:25:23,620  
And I think Alex was quickly realizing  
how boring my stories were getting.

574  
00:25:24,280 --> 00:25:25,800  
And he just started winging it, you know.

575  
00:25:25,990 --> 00:25:28,530  
And I remember one time with  
no warning he said, Ken, I keep



576

00:25:28,530 --> 00:25:30,899  
asking you these questions, is  
there anything you want to ask me?

577

00:25:31,240 --> 00:25:34,540  
And I did not have anything  
in the chamber ready to go.

578

00:25:34,540 --> 00:25:38,450  
And so finally I was like, uh, what  
did you have for breakfast, Alex?

579

00:25:38,840 --> 00:25:41,260  
And I, I would never have asked  
that if I knew how horrifying

580

00:25:41,270 --> 00:25:42,310  
the answer was gonna be.

581

00:25:43,090 --> 00:25:45,979  
Because he said something like,  
A Milky Way and a Diet Pepsi.

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00:25:46,199 --> 00:25:50,160  
And I was like, Wow, that's, that's  
a real peek behind the curtain.

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00:25:50,289 --> 00:25:53,490  
Uh, that's the real  
working class Canadian kid.

584

00:25:53,490 --> 00:25:55,749  
A Milky Way and a Diet  
Pepsi for breakfast.

585

00:25:55,750 --> 00:25:56,449  
So there you go.

586

00:25:56,610 --> 00:25:58,140  
You learned something new about Alex.

587

00:25:59,330 --> 00:26:02,620

The funny story about that is  
that Alex actually changed up

588

00:26:02,620 --> 00:26:05,810  
his breakfast order because his  
doctor said it wasn't very healthy.

589

00:26:05,810 --> 00:26:10,000  
So it used to be Snickers and a Diet  
Coke, and then he would joke that it

590

00:26:10,000 --> 00:26:12,230  
changed to Milky Way and a Diet Pepsi.

591

00:26:12,320 --> 00:26:13,620  
Yeah, it doesn't need those peanuts.

592

00:26:14,249 --> 00:26:18,120  
All right, it is time to welcome  
our champions wildcard finalist,

593

00:26:18,129 --> 00:26:19,709  
Dennis Chase, to the pod.

594

00:26:19,719 --> 00:26:20,310  
Hi, Dennis.

595

00:26:20,320 --> 00:26:21,259  
Thanks for joining us.

596

00:26:21,379 --> 00:26:22,394  
It's a pleasure to be here.

597

00:26:22,695 --> 00:26:25,975  
Dennis, first off, you know, I, I  
mentioned this on the pod a couple weeks

598

00:26:25,975 --> 00:26:30,685  
ago, you know, my mom lives in Palm  
Springs and she says Dennis Chase is

599

00:26:30,695 --> 00:26:32,305

everywhere, everyone's cheering you on.

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00:26:32,305 --> 00:26:34,025

What's it like to be a hometown hero?

601

00:26:34,175 --> 00:26:34,425

It's,

602

00:26:34,454 --> 00:26:35,025

it's great.

603

00:26:35,025 --> 00:26:37,434

I mean, I never expected to be asked back to the Alex Trebek

604

00:26:37,444 --> 00:26:38,415

stage in the first place.

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00:26:38,444 --> 00:26:40,744

So everything is just a gift from, from this point.

606

00:26:40,745 --> 00:26:45,175

But yeah, the local TV station and a radio station and a newspaper got

607

00:26:45,175 --> 00:26:49,375

involved and it was a great chance for me to promote the holiday concerts for

608

00:26:49,375 --> 00:26:51,065

the, for the chorus that I sing in.

609

00:26:51,065 --> 00:26:51,269

So, yeah.

610

00:26:52,180 --> 00:26:56,200

Um, so, uh, that was a great, you know, sort of like sell Jeopardy and

611

00:26:56,200 --> 00:26:57,050

sell the concert at the same time.

612  
00:26:57,920 --> 00:26:59,930  
Both great and entertaining, I'm sure.

613  
00:27:00,029 --> 00:27:02,619  
What's your favorite tune that you  
sing at the concert, would you say?

614  
00:27:02,630 --> 00:27:03,310  
What's your favorite?

615  
00:27:03,460 --> 00:27:04,279  
Um, there was a

616  
00:27:04,279 --> 00:27:08,379  
song called Angels that was written by  
our composer laureate, Robert Seeley.

617  
00:27:08,700 --> 00:27:13,515  
And it's just a beautiful song  
about how, how angels Um, help

618  
00:27:13,525 --> 00:27:14,865  
people when no one is looking.

619  
00:27:14,895 --> 00:27:15,195  
Mm.

620  
00:27:15,355 --> 00:27:15,825  
Wonderful.

621  
00:27:15,835 --> 00:27:16,155  
I love that.

622  
00:27:16,295 --> 00:27:16,335  
That's

623  
00:27:16,345 --> 00:27:16,845  
so sweet.

624  
00:27:17,005 --> 00:27:18,725

Let's take it back to  
the beginning, Dennis.

625

00:27:19,155 --> 00:27:23,725

I want to know, you know, what's your  
journey been like to get on to Jeopardy?

626

00:27:23,735 --> 00:27:25,045

How long did it take?

627

00:27:25,095 --> 00:27:25,985

What was it like?

628

00:27:26,379 --> 00:27:27,600

Where did you finally get the call?

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00:27:27,890 --> 00:27:29,240

Well, it's been quite a long journey.

630

00:27:29,240 --> 00:27:32,570

I actually tried out for the  
show for the first time in 1990.

631

00:27:33,219 --> 00:27:35,379

And I took the test many times.

632

00:27:35,379 --> 00:27:37,879

I passed the test, I believe,  
just about every time.

633

00:27:38,330 --> 00:27:42,070

But either, you know, I didn't  
present myself well, or it wasn't

634

00:27:42,080 --> 00:27:45,039

my time to be, have my name picked  
out of the pool of contestants.

635

00:27:45,449 --> 00:27:48,620

So I probably took the  
test either 20 or 25 times.

636

00:27:48,640 --> 00:27:48,950  
Wow.

637  
00:27:50,110 --> 00:27:53,420  
And I finally got on the show  
in, in 20 of 21, which as you

638  
00:27:53,420 --> 00:27:55,230  
know, was in the middle of COVID.

639  
00:27:55,620 --> 00:28:00,649  
Um, so it was really kind of odd having  
snack time in between the shows on our

640  
00:28:00,649 --> 00:28:04,449  
little circles out in the parking lot,  
eating in the parking lot, six feet apart,

641  
00:28:04,769 --> 00:28:08,199  
not really meeting the other contestants  
because everybody had double masks on and

642  
00:28:08,199 --> 00:28:09,889  
we were six feet apart from each other.

643  
00:28:10,139 --> 00:28:14,279  
But it was still a great experience  
being on the show in April of 2021.

644  
00:28:14,550 --> 00:28:18,300  
It really was a dream come true, something  
that I'd worked out for a long time.

645  
00:28:19,195 --> 00:28:23,225  
But, um, coming back this year was even  
better because we really got the chance

646  
00:28:23,225 --> 00:28:27,614  
to meet each other as contestants and stay  
in the green room the whole day and, and,

647  
00:28:27,634 --> 00:28:30,294  
um, invite friends and have an audience.

648

00:28:30,365 --> 00:28:30,455

Yeah.

649

00:28:30,985 --> 00:28:32,495

These are all wins in my book.

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00:28:32,505 --> 00:28:33,384

Yeah, absolutely.

651

00:28:33,424 --> 00:28:34,174

It's interesting.

652

00:28:34,184 --> 00:28:34,985

I think most of our.

653

00:28:35,160 --> 00:28:39,120

you know, contestants talk about that journey and somehow they're almost

654

00:28:39,120 --> 00:28:43,760

grateful for not getting the call earlier and maybe getting the call at a different

655

00:28:43,760 --> 00:28:47,179

point in your life or your knowledge is just the sweet spot for Jeopardy.

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00:28:47,419 --> 00:28:50,419

It certainly proved to be true for you as you were, you know, a two game

657

00:28:50,419 --> 00:28:54,120

champion in your initial run and then timing be as it was that you had a chance

658

00:28:54,190 --> 00:28:55,690

to come back for Champions Wild Card.

659

00:28:55,760 --> 00:28:58,570

Well, I'm also proud to represent the over 50 club.

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00:28:58,580 --> 00:29:00,200

We called ourselves the great clubs.

661

00:29:00,200 --> 00:29:05,475

Um, On Jeopardy, many people tell me, Oh, I'm too old to try out for

662

00:29:05,475 --> 00:29:07,615

Jeopardy, or I don't think I'll do well.

663

00:29:07,935 --> 00:29:11,165

Well, the point you just brought up, I think my knowledge has broadened.

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00:29:11,315 --> 00:29:14,925

I certainly have seen more Broadway shows and movies and things like that.

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00:29:15,375 --> 00:29:18,735

I think many of the Jeopardy champions that I speak to are well read, and

666

00:29:18,735 --> 00:29:22,425

I've certainly continued that, as I've done throughout my life, so it's

667

00:29:22,445 --> 00:29:23,924

probably a trade off with the buzzer.

668

00:29:23,925 --> 00:29:25,945

I think I still did darn well with the buzzer.

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00:29:26,335 --> 00:29:29,795

And the breadth of knowledge people who are younger might might be a little bit

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00:29:29,795 --> 00:29:33,795

better on the buzzer, but they may not be able to match the areas that those

671



00:29:33,795 --> 00:29:36,205  
of us who are a bit more along in years

672  
00:29:36,205 --> 00:29:39,855  
may have now when you did play your  
initial games and you found out

673  
00:29:39,855 --> 00:29:41,605  
your host would be Aaron Rodgers.

674  
00:29:42,350 --> 00:29:43,660  
What was your reaction to

675  
00:29:43,660 --> 00:29:43,960  
that?

676  
00:29:44,050 --> 00:29:46,100  
I'm sorry, Erin, but I had to say, who?

677  
00:29:47,980 --> 00:29:50,100  
Sports is not one of my strong categories.

678  
00:29:50,100 --> 00:29:52,490  
That's definitely something that  
I had to study for Jeopardy.

679  
00:29:52,880 --> 00:29:55,310  
And people always ask, you know,  
what do you study for Jeopardy?

680  
00:29:55,530 --> 00:29:58,250  
The answer is, you study your  
weak categories, and you only

681  
00:29:58,250 --> 00:29:59,610  
learn that by watching the show.

682  
00:30:00,250 --> 00:30:01,330  
I work in biotech.

683  
00:30:01,360 --> 00:30:05,710  
I did not study math and science, but,

um, I immediately looked up Aaron Rodgers

684

00:30:05,750 --> 00:30:09,170

and the fact that he had won a Celebrity Jeopardy, so I said, okay, he's gonna

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00:30:09,190 --> 00:30:10,750

do a good job as host, and that proved

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00:30:10,760 --> 00:30:11,260

to be true.

687

00:30:11,330 --> 00:30:12,900

Have you and Aaron kept in touch?

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00:30:12,990 --> 00:30:16,090

You know, he had a pretty tough injury to start out his season with the Jets.

689

00:30:16,090 --> 00:30:19,580

I assume you visited him, sent him some cards or flowers.

690

00:30:19,755 --> 00:30:19,995

Uh,

691

00:30:19,995 --> 00:30:23,705

yeah, we, uh, when I was on the show, I kidded him about his shoes and he liked

692

00:30:23,705 --> 00:30:25,365

my outfits and, and that kept going up.

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00:30:25,995 --> 00:30:27,195

I have not been in touch with him.

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00:30:27,795 --> 00:30:32,145

I, I did look up how to contact him because I felt really bad that, um, he

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00:30:32,145 --> 00:30:35,595

had just made all these plans and then

they were, they were dashed by the injury.

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00:30:35,985 --> 00:30:39,395

Um, if I had been able to contact him,  
I would have sent him some kind of,

697

00:30:39,395 --> 00:30:42,275

you know, I hope you, I hope you get  
well and are able to continue your

698

00:30:42,275 --> 00:30:44,165

dreams just like I did when I got

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00:30:44,165 --> 00:30:44,955

to meet you the first time.

700

00:30:44,955 --> 00:30:46,195

Oh, I love that.

701

00:30:46,315 --> 00:30:49,685

Well, it's interesting that you looked up  
the fact that he was an actual Jeopardy!

702

00:30:49,685 --> 00:30:54,745

champion, so it offered some legitimacy  
aside from his sports career.

703

00:30:54,745 --> 00:30:59,265

But, you know, I can say Aaron did  
give a lot of preparation to come in.

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00:30:59,275 --> 00:31:01,575

He was one of the guest  
hosts who did his homework.

705

00:31:01,855 --> 00:31:05,245

He watched a lot of Alex Trebek  
shows, and he wanted to make it

706

00:31:05,755 --> 00:31:09,525

as close to, you know, the way  
that Alex had hosted as he could.

707  
00:31:09,525 --> 00:31:11,755  
I think you could attest to  
that, Dennis, that that certainly

708  
00:31:11,755 --> 00:31:12,795  
was true in his hosting.

709  
00:31:13,140 --> 00:31:17,450  
Yeah, um, uh, you know, we, we had  
great rapport, um, I, I don't know if

710  
00:31:17,540 --> 00:31:20,500  
you guys realized this, you might have  
seen it, but, um, when we took the

711  
00:31:20,500 --> 00:31:23,740  
pictures, you know, we had to stand  
next to the Final Jeopardy sign, and

712  
00:31:23,740 --> 00:31:27,630  
I had on new shoes and almost tripped  
and fell into the Final Jeopardy sign.

713  
00:31:28,040 --> 00:31:30,360  
But I recovered, and he said,  
oh, oh, you must be a natural

714  
00:31:30,390 --> 00:31:31,440  
athlete, and we both had a

715  
00:31:31,440 --> 00:31:32,170  
good laugh about that.

716  
00:31:33,290 --> 00:31:34,990  
So fast forward to your next host.

717  
00:31:35,180 --> 00:31:36,880  
None other than Ken Jennings.

718  
00:31:37,130 --> 00:31:37,400  
Yeah,

719

00:31:37,400 --> 00:31:40,370  
he, uh, he, I always tell people,  
you know, when he answers questions

720

00:31:40,370 --> 00:31:43,330  
in front of the audience, he's,  
he's just like a real guy.

721

00:31:44,650 --> 00:31:45,820  
He's much more bubbly.

722

00:31:45,880 --> 00:31:50,120  
And, you know, the host has to come across  
at a certain level of, of, you know.

723

00:31:50,360 --> 00:31:52,530  
Stolenness and credibility.

724

00:31:52,840 --> 00:31:54,910  
But it was great to see that  
other side of him as well.

725

00:31:54,910 --> 00:31:56,590  
And he is a terrific host, Ken.

726

00:31:56,930 --> 00:32:00,830  
I told people how hard the job is with  
multiple languages and scientific terms

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00:32:00,830 --> 00:32:02,300  
and countries and things like that.

728

00:32:02,300 --> 00:32:07,500  
And I think it gives them a more  
of an appreciation of how much

729

00:32:07,890 --> 00:32:09,290  
Uh, this job is a difficult one.

730

00:32:09,370 --> 00:32:13,310  
Well, I like that you bring up that,  
you know, you have to be kind of stoic

731  
00:32:13,320 --> 00:32:16,090  
in the role of host, but then you get  
to see that other side, because that

732  
00:32:16,090 --> 00:32:17,920  
was absolutely the case with Alex.

733  
00:32:17,920 --> 00:32:19,680  
You know, he would host  
the game in a certain way.

734  
00:32:19,750 --> 00:32:21,180  
He didn't want to take  
away from the gameplay.

735  
00:32:21,180 --> 00:32:25,620  
But in that audience Q& A, that's when  
you really got to hear his sense of humor.

736  
00:32:25,620 --> 00:32:28,550  
You know, when people would  
ask, boxers or briefs, Alex?

737  
00:32:28,550 --> 00:32:29,870  
And he would say, commando.

738  
00:32:30,080 --> 00:32:32,830  
You know, that's when you got  
to see that, that wit and humor.

739  
00:32:32,830 --> 00:32:36,740  
And I think Ken is trying to, to carry  
on that legacy and his style of hosting.

740  
00:32:37,145 --> 00:32:39,895  
Yeah, that question did not  
come up during either appearance

741  
00:32:39,895 --> 00:32:40,265  
of mine.

742

00:32:40,355 --> 00:32:41,275  
Ah, you missed out.

743  
00:32:41,785 --> 00:32:42,365  
Boxers or briefs.

744  
00:32:42,995 --> 00:32:45,375  
I don't think anyone has  
asked Ken that yet, actually.

745  
00:32:45,465 --> 00:32:48,185  
There's gotta be someone that's  
gonna come from the old days of

746  
00:32:48,745 --> 00:32:50,375  
being in the audience with Alex.

747  
00:32:50,585 --> 00:32:52,045  
Ken needs to be put on the spot.

748  
00:32:52,045 --> 00:32:53,275  
I would love to hear what he says.

749  
00:32:53,335 --> 00:32:53,655  
Well,

750  
00:32:53,965 --> 00:32:57,325  
I am planning to go back and see a taping  
in March, so maybe I'll be the one.

751  
00:32:57,325 --> 00:32:57,664  
Okay.

752  
00:32:57,665 --> 00:32:58,085  
Yeah, excellent.

753  
00:32:58,175 --> 00:32:58,225  
I like

754  
00:32:58,305 --> 00:32:58,675  
it, Dennis.

755  
00:32:59,025 --> 00:33:04,985  
So, uh, you know, obviously Dennis, when  
you finished playing back in 2021, there

756  
00:33:04,985 --> 00:33:08,325  
was not even an idea of a champions  
wildcard, let alone second chance

757  
00:33:08,325 --> 00:33:13,205  
and all this stuff when it first was  
announced and you found out eventually

758  
00:33:13,205 --> 00:33:14,955  
that you were going to be a part of this.

759  
00:33:15,290 --> 00:33:15,710  
What was going

760  
00:33:15,710 --> 00:33:16,410  
through your mind?

761  
00:33:16,470 --> 00:33:18,910  
Well, actually, what was going  
through my mind, and I think I said

762  
00:33:18,910 --> 00:33:22,710  
this on the, on the show, I was  
packing to attend a Wheel of Fortune

763  
00:33:22,710 --> 00:33:24,460  
contestants reunion in Las Vegas.

764  
00:33:25,460 --> 00:33:27,680  
So, you know, talk about  
an embarrassment of riches.

765  
00:33:28,050 --> 00:33:31,420  
So, uh, when they, when they  
called, I was, I was very excited.

766  
00:33:31,420 --> 00:33:34,380  
I actually didn't sleep much that night



between looking forward to meeting

767

00:33:34,420 --> 00:33:37,020  
like a hundred people from, from  
who had been contestants on Wheel of

768

00:33:37,020 --> 00:33:39,100  
Fortune, and then, and then this call.

769

00:33:39,665 --> 00:33:43,145  
But I'm absolutely glad that  
I had this opportunity and was

770

00:33:43,145 --> 00:33:44,945  
so excited to, to get the call.

771

00:33:45,225 --> 00:33:47,525  
And if you ever call again,  
I will answer it this time.

772

00:33:47,525 --> 00:33:47,745  
I promise.

773

00:33:48,295 --> 00:33:49,695  
Well, that's an interesting thing.

774

00:33:49,695 --> 00:33:51,685  
You know, you've got the Wheel  
of Fortune experience, you

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00:33:51,685 --> 00:33:53,365  
have the Jeopardy experience.

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00:33:53,635 --> 00:33:56,475  
It is our sister show, but  
what's your favorite, Dennis?

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00:33:56,475 --> 00:33:56,855  
We have to

778

00:33:56,855 --> 00:33:57,105  
know.

779

00:33:57,125 --> 00:33:57,445

Yeah.

780

00:33:57,885 --> 00:34:00,135

Here on Inside Jeopardy, we  
want to know which one you like

781

00:34:00,135 --> 00:34:00,535

more.

782

00:34:00,665 --> 00:34:04,155

Yeah, I must admit, I'm better at  
Jeopardy, so I think I like that one more.

783

00:34:04,575 --> 00:34:07,505

Um, there's more of what we call a  
chaos factor on Wheel of Fortune.

784

00:34:08,345 --> 00:34:10,105

You know, you could get  
a puzzle you don't know.

785

00:34:10,385 --> 00:34:13,005

Uh, you know, like with other  
game shows, there's a big chaos

786

00:34:13,005 --> 00:34:14,695

factor that is just a dumb luck.

787

00:34:15,065 --> 00:34:17,345

I don't sense a lot of  
dumb luck in Jeopardy.

788

00:34:17,345 --> 00:34:21,915

Well, there is some in Getting the Right  
Categories, but I don't think I've really

789

00:34:21,925 --> 00:34:25,935

had that bad of a Jeopardy game in all  
the thousands of shows that I've watched.

790

00:34:26,195 --> 00:34:26,585  
So,

791  
00:34:26,665 --> 00:34:31,575  
you know, it 30 years from your  
first time taking the test to finally

792  
00:34:31,575 --> 00:34:35,275  
appearing, now a few, just a few years  
later, you hear you're coming back.

793  
00:34:35,595 --> 00:34:39,235  
You already have 30 years of,  
more than 30 years of watching

794  
00:34:39,235 --> 00:34:40,405  
the show under your belt.

795  
00:34:40,415 --> 00:34:41,715  
Did you do anything special?

796  
00:34:41,715 --> 00:34:44,195  
Okay, now I've experienced a taping.

797  
00:34:44,625 --> 00:34:47,669  
How did you get ready to come  
back for this Champions Wild Card?

798  
00:34:48,780 --> 00:34:51,030  
One of the things I did  
was not freak out as much.

799  
00:34:52,400 --> 00:34:52,910  
Um,

800  
00:34:52,910 --> 00:34:54,959  
yeah,

801  
00:34:55,240 --> 00:34:56,040  
yeah, exactly.

802  
00:34:56,300 --> 00:34:58,760

Um, well, I've, I've also had  
a lot of stage experience, and

803

00:34:58,760 --> 00:35:00,100  
I think that helps Jeopardy!

804

00:35:00,100 --> 00:35:03,630  
champions as well, to not be thrown  
by the six cameras and the lights

805

00:35:03,630 --> 00:35:06,080  
and 10 different people telling you  
to do something at the same time.

806

00:35:06,110 --> 00:35:07,160  
This actually happened.

807

00:35:07,470 --> 00:35:11,550  
The first day back, um, we were  
getting ready to start and the makeup

808

00:35:11,580 --> 00:35:14,580  
lady comes running over to me with  
a pot of what looked like Vaseline

809

00:35:14,900 --> 00:35:16,780  
and she's painting it on my forehead.

810

00:35:16,800 --> 00:35:20,130  
For those of you who haven't seen me,  
I, I do not have hair on the top of

811

00:35:20,130 --> 00:35:23,540  
my head and she's painting it on there  
and partering and finally somebody

812

00:35:23,540 --> 00:35:25,580  
else says, okay, he stopped shining.

813

00:35:26,310 --> 00:35:29,730  
Um, you know, somebody who hadn't  
had a lot of things go wrong on

814  
00:35:29,730 --> 00:35:31,100  
stage might've been thrown by that.

815  
00:35:31,100 --> 00:35:34,580  
But I was like, eh, this is par for the  
course, but I think that's an example of.

816  
00:35:35,325 --> 00:35:37,075  
Yeah, of not freaking out.

817  
00:35:37,145 --> 00:35:40,185  
I still did the things that I did  
to prepare for the first time.

818  
00:35:40,195 --> 00:35:43,025  
Like, I never learned state  
and world capitals growing up.

819  
00:35:43,045 --> 00:35:45,665  
I had flashcards for those,  
flashcards for the U.

820  
00:35:45,665 --> 00:35:45,825  
S.

821  
00:35:45,825 --> 00:35:46,495  
presidents.

822  
00:35:46,995 --> 00:35:51,135  
But I tried to keep up with current  
events and pop culture, which

823  
00:35:51,135 --> 00:35:52,525  
is also another weak category.

824  
00:35:52,525 --> 00:35:56,225  
So I think that's mainly what I focused  
on coming back for the second time.

825  
00:35:56,625 --> 00:36:00,135  
And to make sure that I reveled  
in and enjoyed the experience

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00:36:00,385 --> 00:36:04,135  
when I was a jeopardy champion the  
first time and I realized it was

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00:36:04,135 --> 00:36:05,495  
a runaway and I was going to win.

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00:36:05,515 --> 00:36:09,495  
I just started deep breathing and  
said, Remember this experience because

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00:36:09,495 --> 00:36:10,925  
it's never going to come again.

830

00:36:11,685 --> 00:36:14,965  
And I must say, it really  
nearly brought me to tears when.

831

00:36:15,175 --> 00:36:18,445  
You win and everybody on the  
stage refers to you as champ.

832

00:36:18,785 --> 00:36:20,425  
You don't know what that means to us.

833

00:36:20,425 --> 00:36:22,995  
Well, you probably do, but I  
want to, I want to attest to

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00:36:22,995 --> 00:36:23,715  
it firsthand.

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00:36:23,885 --> 00:36:24,275  
Yeah.

836

00:36:24,325 --> 00:36:26,755  
And you get to carry that title  
for the rest of your life.

837

00:36:26,815 --> 00:36:28,315  
Jeopardy champion.

838

00:36:28,405 --> 00:36:28,925

It's already

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00:36:28,925 --> 00:36:30,165

on my work resume.

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00:36:30,245 --> 00:36:30,705

Nice.

841

00:36:31,865 --> 00:36:35,415

Well, in your quarterfinal game, not that the game wasn't great, because of

842

00:36:35,415 --> 00:36:38,985

course you had that come from behind win, uh, with a correct response in

843

00:36:38,985 --> 00:36:44,155

final, but I loved the interview where you talked about those Alex Trebek

844

00:36:44,185 --> 00:36:48,625

memorial cellar doors that you had, you know, a special plaque made, you

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00:36:48,625 --> 00:36:50,415

sent us the photo so we could see it.

846

00:36:50,715 --> 00:36:54,465

Um, I have to know how is your older brother responding to, you know, your

847

00:36:54,465 --> 00:36:58,075

success and also you telling the story of helping him through that transition

848

00:36:58,075 --> 00:37:02,045

and then therefore using your winnings to, to making those new cellar doors.

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00:37:02,340 --> 00:37:02,680

Yeah,

850

00:37:02,680 --> 00:37:07,750

I, I think like, like most veterans, he's very proud and, and, and a little bit shy.

851

00:37:07,760 --> 00:37:12,220

So when I talk about, you know, honoring his experience, he gets quite emotional.

852

00:37:12,280 --> 00:37:15,590

He was having some, some physical problems from his war injuries,

853

00:37:15,860 --> 00:37:18,970

which is why we decided he needed to move in with my sisters.

854

00:37:19,380 --> 00:37:22,850

And this and a few other things was able to allow him to do that.

855

00:37:22,880 --> 00:37:26,160

They had to buy a different house so that they could all live together.

856

00:37:26,440 --> 00:37:28,960

And it needed solar doors and it needed an electrical panel.

857

00:37:29,330 --> 00:37:32,060

And I was really glad to have that money on hand to be able

858

00:37:32,060 --> 00:37:33,760

to say, I can help in this way.

859

00:37:34,110 --> 00:37:35,660

So it made me feel really good.

860

00:37:35,670 --> 00:37:37,500

Hopefully it made you folks feel really good.



861

00:37:37,580 --> 00:37:39,810

I couldn't think of a  
better use of the money.

862

00:37:39,930 --> 00:37:44,440

He's, he's doing okay, you know, he still  
has his ups and downs, but I think it was

863

00:37:44,440 --> 00:37:48,840

a really smart move to have more people  
around to help him on a day to day basis.

864

00:37:48,840 --> 00:37:52,100

And he has a wicked sense of humor  
like the rest of us in the family.

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00:37:52,100 --> 00:37:55,390

And I really appreciate the fact that  
I was able to help him and that you

866

00:37:55,390 --> 00:37:56,660

all were able to help him as well.

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00:37:56,895 --> 00:38:00,065

I want to talk a little bit about the  
semi final game, which when you look

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00:38:00,065 --> 00:38:02,215

at these statistics, just unbelievable.

869

00:38:02,255 --> 00:38:08,694

28 correct responses, 97 percent correct  
rate, 58 percent buzzer percentage, 8, 000

870

00:38:08,695 --> 00:38:10,715

in daily doubles, you finish 48 attempts!

871

00:38:10,775 --> 00:38:11,685

Yeah, thank you.

872

00:38:12,065 --> 00:38:15,544

You finish the game with over 30, 000.

873

00:38:15,625 --> 00:38:18,405  
After that come from behind win  
where you like, Alright, I gotta

874

00:38:18,405 --> 00:38:21,710  
put a Exclamation point on my next  
one, because you certainly did that.

875

00:38:22,030 --> 00:38:22,380  
Yeah,

876

00:38:22,450 --> 00:38:26,200  
um, people who haven't been in this  
situation may, may not understand it,

877

00:38:26,200 --> 00:38:28,450  
but I, I call that being in the zone.

878

00:38:28,740 --> 00:38:30,260  
I was in the zone that game.

879

00:38:30,270 --> 00:38:32,850  
There were some answers I have  
no idea where they came from.

880

00:38:33,250 --> 00:38:35,170  
Like, I think that was  
the game with avuncular.

881

00:38:35,170 --> 00:38:37,250  
I'm like, Where did that come from?

882

00:38:37,350 --> 00:38:39,650  
I've probably heard that word  
once or twice in my life.

883

00:38:39,725 --> 00:38:44,315  
And as I told, um, Ken during the after  
discussion, um, I have a really good

884

00:38:44,315 --> 00:38:49,135  
color vocabulary because I used to record  
books for the blind and many people who

885  
00:38:49,215 --> 00:38:51,235  
are blind have gone blind later in life.

886  
00:38:51,235 --> 00:38:52,865  
So they still remember their colors.

887  
00:38:53,215 --> 00:38:55,915  
So when you're describing something in  
a textbook or on a page, you have to

888  
00:38:55,925 --> 00:39:00,045  
be very precise in your colors and that  
came up twice actually in the, in the,

889  
00:39:00,045 --> 00:39:02,775  
in the run with forest green and Azure.

890  
00:39:03,130 --> 00:39:06,860  
So, you know, sometimes doing something  
good for people ends up being great in

891  
00:39:06,860 --> 00:39:10,400  
the long run, but, you know, those are  
just answers that come from nowhere.

892  
00:39:10,450 --> 00:39:12,430  
But yeah, I said, okay,  
I made it to the finals.

893  
00:39:12,430 --> 00:39:16,800  
I never expected to make it to the finals  
because all 27 people were really good.

894  
00:39:17,330 --> 00:39:18,240  
But I said, okay.

895  
00:39:18,520 --> 00:39:20,010  
I'm going, I'm going for the win.

896  
00:39:20,100 --> 00:39:23,920  
Um, actually in the, in the final final  
the second day, I could have bet more

897  
00:39:23,920 --> 00:39:28,110  
conservatively and boxed out, um, Jen,  
the third place person and absolutely

898  
00:39:28,110 --> 00:39:30,280  
taken second, or I could bet for the win.

899  
00:39:30,290 --> 00:39:33,010  
You know, it's go big or go home,  
just like all the daily doubles

900  
00:39:33,030 --> 00:39:34,670  
in, in any kind of tournament.

901  
00:39:34,940 --> 00:39:35,170  
Yeah.

902  
00:39:35,170 --> 00:39:37,040  
So I don't regret that decision.

903  
00:39:37,100 --> 00:39:38,260  
My bank account probably

904  
00:39:38,430 --> 00:39:38,890  
will at some point.

905  
00:39:39,720 --> 00:39:41,360  
We head into those finals and.

906  
00:39:41,775 --> 00:39:46,555  
Kind of the opposite of what happened  
for Jen Jaswinski between game one and

907  
00:39:46,555 --> 00:39:50,465  
game two, where she had a really, she was  
in the zone in game one, not as much in

908

00:39:50,475 --> 00:39:52,945  
game two, kind of the opposite for you.

909  
00:39:52,955 --> 00:39:56,055  
You really came alive in  
that game two of the final.

910  
00:39:56,155 --> 00:39:56,835  
Well, I had to.

911  
00:39:57,995 --> 00:40:02,165  
I didn't want to go into the to the Final  
Jeopardy being in third place and as it

912  
00:40:02,175 --> 00:40:06,395  
worked out, I was in first place, but  
they were both really great competitors.

913  
00:40:06,705 --> 00:40:10,135  
Jen turned to us after the show and  
said, well, I had the buzzer on day one.

914  
00:40:10,135 --> 00:40:13,035  
You all had the buzzer on  
day two, you know, and people

915  
00:40:13,035 --> 00:40:14,425  
don't realize how important.

916  
00:40:14,825 --> 00:40:16,285  
the buzzer is to the game.

917  
00:40:16,735 --> 00:40:18,155  
Um, I don't know if I mentioned this.

918  
00:40:18,175 --> 00:40:21,265  
I actually bought a USB buzzer  
to practice with at home.

919  
00:40:21,625 --> 00:40:23,985  
You can buy one that's pretty  
close to the real buzzer.

920

00:40:24,315 --> 00:40:27,324

And as I was watching old episodes,  
I would, I would click it and they

921

00:40:27,325 --> 00:40:29,925

would stop the show and I could see  
whether I got the right answer or not.

922

00:40:30,545 --> 00:40:34,795

Best 70 I ever invested because I don't  
know if it really helped my buzzer

923

00:40:34,795 --> 00:40:36,735

skills, but it helped my confidence level.

924

00:40:36,735 --> 00:40:37,025

Yeah.

925

00:40:37,115 --> 00:40:38,965

And that's what I really  
needed going into the final.

926

00:40:38,965 --> 00:40:40,265

And it worked out.

927

00:40:40,555 --> 00:40:41,515

I wasn't afraid.

928

00:40:42,075 --> 00:40:44,844

Unfortunately, I didn't hit the  
daily doubles if I had hit it.

929

00:40:45,215 --> 00:40:47,125

them, and of course got  
in Final Jeopardy right.

930

00:40:47,375 --> 00:40:49,065

I could have won, but it's the

931

00:40:49,065 --> 00:40:49,705

luck of the draw.

932  
00:40:49,735 --> 00:40:50,165  
Totally.

933  
00:40:50,355 --> 00:40:52,885  
And as you said, everyone who  
goes on that stage wants to

934  
00:40:52,885 --> 00:40:54,245  
win, wants to take it all home.

935  
00:40:54,415 --> 00:40:56,985  
And I think if you've made  
it to the stage, you have

936  
00:40:57,145 --> 00:40:58,675  
what it takes to win it all.

937  
00:40:58,915 --> 00:41:02,525  
And it's better to leave having  
bet on yourself than leave

938  
00:41:02,545 --> 00:41:04,005  
because you bet too little.

939  
00:41:04,015 --> 00:41:07,445  
Like, imagine how much harder it would  
be if it's like, I got it right and

940  
00:41:07,445 --> 00:41:10,020  
I just Didn't, you know, bet enough.

941  
00:41:10,030 --> 00:41:12,130  
It's um, I think that's  
a harder pill to swallow.

942  
00:41:12,210 --> 00:41:12,650  
You're right.

943  
00:41:12,690 --> 00:41:15,860  
I would much rather go out thinking  
that I, I believed in myself and

944  
00:41:15,860 --> 00:41:18,970  
had the confidence to bet that  
much rather than say, Oh, if I had

945  
00:41:18,970 --> 00:41:20,400  
only, if I had only, if I had only.

946  
00:41:20,400 --> 00:41:20,650  
Yeah.

947  
00:41:21,050 --> 00:41:24,630  
Well, as you, as you may or may not  
know, I have my, uh, what I call my

948  
00:41:24,740 --> 00:41:27,090  
Proust questionnaire of Inside Jeopardy.

949  
00:41:27,090 --> 00:41:29,010  
I have a few questions  
I like to ask everybody.

950  
00:41:29,180 --> 00:41:34,020  
First up, Dennis, when you are  
here at the Sony lot, what is your

951  
00:41:34,190 --> 00:41:35,860  
Lunch order at the commissary.

952  
00:41:35,930 --> 00:41:36,250  
What I

953  
00:41:36,250 --> 00:41:39,220  
got the first taping day,  
I think is my favorite.

954  
00:41:39,270 --> 00:41:40,860  
It was a caprese sandwich.

955  
00:41:40,860 --> 00:41:44,840  
I love caprese with the basil and  
tomatoes and cheese and especially the



956

00:41:44,840 --> 00:41:45,420  
balsamic.

957

00:41:45,760 --> 00:41:46,710  
I feel like that's a pretty safe choice.

958

00:41:46,830 --> 00:41:47,330  
That's a safe

959

00:41:47,330 --> 00:41:47,670  
choice.

960

00:41:47,690 --> 00:41:48,200  
I like it.

961

00:41:48,300 --> 00:41:49,280  
My next question.

962

00:41:49,280 --> 00:41:51,160  
Is there a stat from your?

963

00:41:51,705 --> 00:41:54,565  
time at Jeopardy that  
you are most proud of?

964

00:41:54,665 --> 00:41:58,355  
I think my buzzer percentage, my buzzer  
getting in, especially since I bought

965

00:41:58,355 --> 00:42:02,255  
one just for that purpose, um, that  
was what I was most worried about.

966

00:42:02,335 --> 00:42:06,615  
You, you heard the story of, of my buzzer  
technique, which set the internet on fire.

967

00:42:06,635 --> 00:42:10,685  
You know, I wanted to show that it  
worked, and I have a lot of converts

968

00:42:10,685 --> 00:42:15,595  
to the two handed system now, but I  
think I'm really proud of the fact

969  
00:42:15,595 --> 00:42:19,275  
that I tried to get on so many answers,  
and I was able to get on so many.

970  
00:42:19,325 --> 00:42:19,685  
Yeah.

971  
00:42:19,755 --> 00:42:19,995  
What's

972  
00:42:19,995 --> 00:42:22,605  
been the best part of the experience  
for you, Dennis, whether it was

973  
00:42:22,605 --> 00:42:24,385  
your first appearance, your return?

974  
00:42:24,455 --> 00:42:24,605  
Well,

975  
00:42:24,605 --> 00:42:26,075  
first that I finally get on the show.

976  
00:42:26,075 --> 00:42:27,285  
It took a long time.

977  
00:42:27,335 --> 00:42:27,355  
Yeah.

978  
00:42:28,030 --> 00:42:33,000  
I already mentioned about being a  
spokesperson or a representative of people

979  
00:42:33,000 --> 00:42:34,870  
who think they're too old to do something.

980  
00:42:34,950 --> 00:42:38,350  
You're only as old as you feel or

as quick as your buzzer reflexes.

981

00:42:38,440 --> 00:42:38,560

I

982

00:42:38,560 --> 00:42:38,800

have to

983

00:42:38,800 --> 00:42:42,800

say, you know, the more we've gotten  
to know you on the show and here in

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00:42:42,800 --> 00:42:46,810

an interview, it's just, just another  
example of the great people that Jeopardy!

985

00:42:46,850 --> 00:42:47,550

attracts.

986

00:42:47,610 --> 00:42:51,120

And so we thank you for being a  
part of this and continuing to

987

00:42:51,130 --> 00:42:52,620

be such a great representative.

988

00:42:52,790 --> 00:42:53,150

Again,

989

00:42:53,160 --> 00:42:56,290

it was a gift to be on the show in  
the first place, to be asked back

990

00:42:56,290 --> 00:42:57,960

and to meet so many great people.

991

00:42:58,620 --> 00:43:02,620

What they said in the final was  
absolutely true, that it's nice to be

992

00:43:02,620 --> 00:43:06,650

treated so royally as a contestant and

to be called a champ and to really feel

993

00:43:06,650 --> 00:43:07,680  
like you've earned it.

994

00:43:07,720 --> 00:43:09,570  
Well, you're a part of that club's group.

995

00:43:09,570 --> 00:43:12,580  
There's a lot of pride among  
your fellow contestants.

996

00:43:13,070 --> 00:43:16,810  
Obviously, Nick Cascone is going  
to be representing in the TOC.

997

00:43:17,210 --> 00:43:18,750  
You mentioned maybe making a trip back.

998

00:43:18,760 --> 00:43:22,750  
Could we see you in the audience for TOC  
cheering on your fellow club's competitor?

999

00:43:22,830 --> 00:43:24,580  
I would absolutely love to cheer Nick on.

1000

00:43:24,680 --> 00:43:27,090  
Well, we loved cheering you on, Dennis.

1001

00:43:27,100 --> 00:43:29,680  
Thanks so much for being such a  
wonderful part of our community.

1002

00:43:30,050 --> 00:43:32,080  
Wishing you all the best in the new year.

1003

00:43:32,300 --> 00:43:32,550  
Thank you.

1004

00:43:32,550 --> 00:43:33,130  
Same to you.

1005  
00:43:33,190 --> 00:43:33,550  
All right.

1006  
00:43:33,560 --> 00:43:34,060  
Happy holidays.

1007  
00:43:34,925 --> 00:43:36,475  
And that is it for today's show.

1008  
00:43:36,485 --> 00:43:39,485  
Join us next week with more  
champions wildcard highlights.

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00:43:39,485 --> 00:43:41,915  
Plus, we're going to speak with  
champions wildcard finalists from

1010  
00:43:41,915 --> 00:43:46,335  
the club's group Gen Jazwinski about  
her return to the Alex Trebek stage.

1011  
00:43:46,475 --> 00:43:46,925  
Cannot

1012  
00:43:46,925 --> 00:43:47,495  
wait for that.

1013  
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We will see you all next

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week.