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00:00:00,270 --> 00:00:00,550
From

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00:00:00,550 --> 00:00:01,480
the Alex Trebek

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00:00:01,490 --> 00:00:04,680
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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00:00:08,559 --> 00:00:11,170
Hello and welcome back to Inside
Jeopardy!, your exclusive and official

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00:00:11,180 --> 00:00:14,290
podcast destination for all things
happening in the world of Jeopardy!.

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00:00:14,290 --> 00:00:17,750
I'm Sarah Foss and I'm
joined today by Buzzy Cohen!

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00:00:17,974 --> 00:00:19,285
Hello, Sarah.

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00:00:19,294 --> 00:00:20,285
Thanks for having me back.

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00:00:20,285 --> 00:00:21,044
I missed you last week.

11
00:00:21,075 --> 00:00:21,865
Oh, we missed you.

12
00:00:22,145 --> 00:00:23,415
But I love hearing from Michael.

13
00:00:23,485 --> 00:00:24,685
Love hearing what's in his mind.

14
00:00:24,685 --> 00:00:25,714
Did you take a listen to the pod?

15
00:00:25,715 --> 00:00:26,654
I always listen.

16
00:00:26,694 --> 00:00:27,864
Devoted listener over here.

17
00:00:27,865 --> 00:00:28,514
Devoted listener.

18
00:00:28,924 --> 00:00:29,495
I haven't missed

19
00:00:29,495 --> 00:00:29,885
one yet.

20
00:00:29,895 --> 00:00:30,665
You haven't missed one?

21
00:00:31,145 --> 00:00:32,385
Because I've been on every one of them.

22
00:00:32,565 --> 00:00:33,015
That's right.

23
00:00:33,015 --> 00:00:33,765
You're the anchor.

24
00:00:34,584 --> 00:00:35,035
I'm the anchor.

25
00:00:35,074 --> 00:00:35,915
Yes, that's me.

26
00:00:36,085 --> 00:00:37,825
Well, our deathly double winner.

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00:00:37,825 --> 00:00:37,945
Oh, yes.

28
00:00:37,945 --> 00:00:39,625
Mackenzie was very excited.

29
00:00:39,625 --> 00:00:40,705
Congratulations.

30
00:00:40,915 --> 00:00:42,295
Uh, she tweeted out.

31
00:00:42,565 --> 00:00:43,465
OMG.

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00:00:43,465 --> 00:00:45,895
Thank you Jeopardy! for making me
the winner of this year's contest.

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00:00:45,895 --> 00:00:46,795
I am so happy.

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00:00:46,795 --> 00:00:47,275
Thank you.

35
00:00:47,425 --> 00:00:47,965
Mackenzie.

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00:00:47,965 --> 00:00:51,235
I or someone else will be in
touch to get your home address,

37
00:00:51,240 --> 00:00:54,745
to send you that photograph of Ken
Jennings signed by Buzzy Cohen.

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00:00:54,895 --> 00:00:56,995
Very, very rare.

39
00:00:57,055 --> 00:00:57,445
Yes.

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00:00:57,450 --> 00:00:58,585
We brought you the photo today.

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00:00:58,660 --> 00:00:58,780
Excellent.

42
00:00:58,780 --> 00:00:59,620
So you can sign that.

43
00:00:59,740 --> 00:00:59,900
Excellent.

44
00:00:59,905 --> 00:01:01,287
So that we can get it
right off to Excellent.

45
00:01:01,292 --> 00:01:03,295
So we can actually go to mackenzie.

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00:01:04,030 --> 00:01:04,979
Hard to believe, Buzzy.

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00:01:05,039 --> 00:01:06,940
We're just a few days
away from Thanksgiving.

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00:01:06,940 --> 00:01:08,030
Yeah, what are you,
what are you doing this

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00:01:08,030 --> 00:01:08,780
year for Thanksgiving?

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00:01:08,810 --> 00:01:11,010
Well, you know, we're
staying home this year.

51
00:01:11,060 --> 00:01:13,229
Having a little mom and dad joining.

52
00:01:13,240 --> 00:01:13,679

Okay.

53

00:01:13,730 --> 00:01:14,759
Cooking a big feast.

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00:01:14,759 --> 00:01:16,259
Got the turkey ordered up yesterday.

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00:01:16,289 --> 00:01:17,230
We talked about this last year.

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00:01:17,259 --> 00:01:17,429
Yeah.

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00:01:17,429 --> 00:01:20,819
We've, we've been potting long enough
that we're on repeat of our holidays.

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00:01:20,820 --> 00:01:20,889
Yes.

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00:01:20,889 --> 00:01:21,099
Yes.

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00:01:21,100 --> 00:01:22,360
Because we had a brine...

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00:01:23,130 --> 00:01:24,600
We talked Brian last year.

62

00:01:24,610 --> 00:01:26,020
Your Brian versus my Brian.

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00:01:26,540 --> 00:01:28,060
So anyway, we're doing all that again.

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00:01:28,380 --> 00:01:29,180
Cooking up a feast.

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00:01:29,310 --> 00:01:31,140
Watching the parade, the

Macy's parade in the morning.

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00:01:31,140 --> 00:01:31,890
Got to

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00:01:31,890 --> 00:01:33,009
do it.

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00:01:33,010 --> 00:01:35,130
I am going to Florida this year.

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00:01:35,130 --> 00:01:37,400
Did I do that last year?

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00:01:38,359 --> 00:01:41,790
While I'm going to Florida this
year, all of my family and all of my

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00:01:41,800 --> 00:01:43,770
wife's family have moved to Florida.

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00:01:44,475 --> 00:01:47,595
originated in Florida, but not only
do they all live in Florida, they

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00:01:47,595 --> 00:01:50,375
all live in the same town in Florida.

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00:01:50,895 --> 00:01:55,665
So we will be bouncing
around Boca Raton for a week.

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00:01:55,705 --> 00:01:56,225
Buzzy in

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00:01:56,225 --> 00:01:56,814
Boca, I can see it now.

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00:01:56,815 --> 00:01:59,095
Buzzy in Boca, Del Boca Vista.

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00:01:59,435 --> 00:02:03,874
Um, so yeah, but I, my mom is
cooking Thanksgiving, although

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00:02:03,874 --> 00:02:09,205
she has adopted my Turkey brine
and the oil less turkey fryer.

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00:02:09,354 --> 00:02:09,585
Yes.

81

00:02:09,625 --> 00:02:12,954
The Big Easy from Charbroil,
which I'm a big fan of.

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00:02:13,195 --> 00:02:16,004
I also wanted to let you
know about something fun and

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00:02:16,004 --> 00:02:17,304
funny that has been going on

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00:02:17,575 --> 00:02:18,305
around here.

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00:02:18,385 --> 00:02:20,464
You were busy reading out
there before we started

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00:02:20,465 --> 00:02:21,054
potting.

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00:02:21,065 --> 00:02:26,285
So, the avid Coenheads out there, of which
there are probably six, Um, will know

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00:02:26,285 --> 00:02:31,935
from my Twitter that, uh, I have been
reading a lot of short fiction this year.

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00:02:32,459 --> 00:02:35,660
So, I was talking with co head
writer Michelle Loud, and she was

90
00:02:35,660 --> 00:02:39,650
talking about how she hates short
fiction, and I suggested one of

91
00:02:39,650 --> 00:02:40,750
the books that I really enjoyed.

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00:02:40,989 --> 00:02:43,659
And so she's reading it, and
she was talking to Ken about it.

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00:02:43,890 --> 00:02:47,199
Ken and I had dinner last week,
so he had heard about this from

94
00:02:47,199 --> 00:02:49,940
Michelle, and I said, oh, the
next book I'm reading is this.

95
00:02:50,810 --> 00:02:51,369
This book.

96
00:02:51,440 --> 00:02:53,010
And he's like, Oh, I have that book too.

97
00:02:53,010 --> 00:02:53,950
I'm getting ready to read it.

98
00:02:54,079 --> 00:02:58,310
So Ken and I are sort of
in a two person book club.

99
00:02:58,440 --> 00:02:58,710
Wow.

100
00:02:58,710 --> 00:03:03,269
And we are reading one short story a day
and then texting about it the next morning

101
00:03:03,269 --> 00:03:05,109
and what we thought and how we liked it.

102
00:03:05,339 --> 00:03:05,780
You know.

103
00:03:05,859 --> 00:03:06,209
So that's

104
00:03:06,209 --> 00:03:06,940
what's going on.

105
00:03:07,100 --> 00:03:07,650
Okay.

106
00:03:07,779 --> 00:03:08,439
I like it.

107
00:03:08,629 --> 00:03:11,510
Well, we have some good
highlights to get to as well.

108
00:03:11,940 --> 00:03:14,840
You know, it's not any short
fiction, but it's some great.

109
00:03:15,309 --> 00:03:16,349
Episodes of Jeopardy.

110
00:03:16,409 --> 00:03:18,420
Yes, we've got the champions wildcard.

111
00:03:18,420 --> 00:03:21,099
We've got the clubs They're continuing
in their quarterfinal games and

112
00:03:21,099 --> 00:03:25,179
celebrity jeopardy returns last week
with none other than Macaulay Culkin

113
00:03:25,189 --> 00:03:29,189
Oh my god, Rachel Dratch and Becky
Lynch and later in the show second

114
00:03:29,189 --> 00:03:33,890
chance winner and champions wildcard
diamond group finalist Jelana Cotter is

115
00:03:33,890 --> 00:03:36,119
gonna join us looking forward to that.

116
00:03:36,119 --> 00:03:40,950
But first Let's take a look back,
Buzzy, at this week in Jeopardy history.

117
00:03:41,440 --> 00:03:45,570
Today, we're heading all the
way back to Jeopardy season 29.

118
00:03:55,605 --> 00:03:57,635
Kate Wilson, you wrote
down your response quickly.

119
00:03:57,635 --> 00:03:58,515
What did you put down?

120
00:03:58,815 --> 00:04:00,185
You said, what is treason?

121
00:04:00,185 --> 00:04:01,085
You are correct.

122
00:04:01,285 --> 00:04:03,355
And your wager was 5, 000.

123
00:04:03,355 --> 00:04:05,295
You doubled to 10, 000 today.

124
00:04:05,475 --> 00:04:07,464
We add that to your total from yesterday.

125
00:04:07,464 --> 00:04:08,614
That was 3, 000.

126
00:04:08,615 --> 00:04:10,255

You now have 13, 000.

127

00:04:10,304 --> 00:04:12,065

Let's go down there to Michael Farabaugh.

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00:04:12,385 --> 00:04:13,545

He had 8, 600.

129

00:04:13,575 --> 00:04:14,755

We're looking for treason.

130

00:04:15,145 --> 00:04:16,745

Not literally, but we get it from you.

131

00:04:17,065 --> 00:04:18,065

And your wager.

132

00:04:19,820 --> 00:04:24,240

That bumps you up to 14, 100 today,
you had 10, 000 yesterday, that

133

00:04:24,240 --> 00:04:26,250

gives you a total of 24, 100.

134

00:04:26,290 --> 00:04:27,390

Colby, over to you now.

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00:04:27,640 --> 00:04:28,660

Did you get treason?

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00:04:28,660 --> 00:04:29,189

No.

137

00:04:29,570 --> 00:04:33,339

No, you didn't, you got perjury instead,
so it's going to cost you how much?

138

00:04:34,205 --> 00:04:35,635

1, 929.

139

00:04:35,645 --> 00:04:38,385

That drops you down to 18, 671.

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00:04:38,635 --> 00:04:42,475

But you'll recall, ladies and gentlemen,
that he had 10, 600 yesterday.

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00:04:42,645 --> 00:04:45,685

And that takes him up to champion status.

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00:04:45,685 --> 00:04:46,405

100, 000.

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00:04:46,405 --> 00:04:47,846

50, 000 for Michael.

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00:04:47,846 --> 00:04:48,207

25,

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00:04:48,207 --> 00:04:49,287

000 for Kate.

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00:04:49,287 --> 00:04:50,008

Congratulations, Colby.

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00:04:50,008 --> 00:04:51,089

We look forward

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00:04:51,089 --> 00:04:54,332

to having you back on
our program in February.

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00:04:54,332 --> 00:04:55,052

You're going

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00:04:55,052 --> 00:04:55,773

to be

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00:04:55,773 --> 00:04:57,934

competing in the Tournament of Champions.

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00:04:57,935 --> 00:05:00,545

And we look forward to you
people joining us again tomorrow.

153
00:05:00,635 --> 00:05:01,065
So long,

154
00:05:01,065 --> 00:05:01,285
everybody.

155
00:05:02,515 --> 00:05:03,095
That's right.

156
00:05:03,095 --> 00:05:09,135
It was on this day 11 years ago when
Colby Burnett won the 2012 Teachers

157
00:05:09,135 --> 00:05:13,665
Tournament, taking home the grand
prize of 100, 000 and earning a spot

158
00:05:13,675 --> 00:05:15,835
in that year's Tournament of Champions.

159
00:05:16,125 --> 00:05:19,915
Colby, of course, went on to win
that tournament, making history as

160
00:05:19,915 --> 00:05:23,475
the only Jeopardy champion to have
won both the Teachers Tournament

161
00:05:23,660 --> 00:05:24,940
and the Tournament of Champions.

162
00:05:25,210 --> 00:05:28,690
He later returned to compete
in the Battle of the Decades.

163
00:05:28,700 --> 00:05:30,320
He was also a team captain.

164
00:05:30,490 --> 00:05:30,700

Yeah.

165

00:05:30,740 --> 00:05:33,610
Along with team captain Buzzy
Cohen here in the All Star Games.

166

00:05:33,640 --> 00:05:36,690
His team composing of Pam
Mueller and Alan Lynn.

167

00:05:36,980 --> 00:05:38,650
They made it to the finals.

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00:05:39,010 --> 00:05:42,770
Oh, I know that's tough to hear with
team Brad and team Ken and they took

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00:05:42,770 --> 00:05:45,039
home the third place prize of 100, 000.

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00:05:45,040 --> 00:05:46,290
1, 000.

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00:05:46,700 --> 00:05:49,890
Colby later told us that, you know,
when he initially won, he used his

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00:05:49,890 --> 00:05:53,840
winnings to buy his mom a new house
and then he bought one of his own.

173

00:05:54,270 --> 00:05:59,040
And to this day, it still remains one of
the proudest achievements in his life.

174

00:05:59,060 --> 00:06:02,970
The ability to help the woman who
made him the person that he is You

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00:06:02,970 --> 00:06:08,440
know, Colby, once the five game limit
was lifted, you know, Jeopardy became

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00:06:08,440 --> 00:06:11,220
a game that even if you win, they
make you keep playing until you're

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00:06:11,220 --> 00:06:15,860
a loser, as I'm so fond of saying,
Colby was one of the few people until

178

00:06:15,860 --> 00:06:21,360
the battle of decades who could say
in the post five game limit world.

179

00:06:22,034 --> 00:06:24,205
He had never lost a game of Jeopardy.

180

00:06:24,215 --> 00:06:27,155
It was a good streak until
it ended, but it's cool to

181

00:06:27,155 --> 00:06:27,685
be able to say that.

182

00:06:27,685 --> 00:06:31,654
A lot of Teacher's Tournament people
really are looking to repeat that.

183

00:06:31,664 --> 00:06:36,495
You know, I played a very good Teacher's
Tournament player, Jason Strellocki,

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00:06:36,495 --> 00:06:39,564
in my Tournament of Champions, and
he was eyeing that championship.

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00:06:39,564 --> 00:06:46,115
So I think, you know, Colby has become an
inspiration for those teachers, Buttrey

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00:06:46,125 --> 00:06:48,034
now, an inspiration from the Professor's

187

00:06:48,065 --> 00:06:48,415

Tournament.

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00:06:48,615 --> 00:06:51,505

Yeah, often a good field
for great Jeopardy!

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00:06:51,785 --> 00:06:52,225

champions.

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00:06:52,784 --> 00:06:56,355

All right, Buzzy, it is time to
get into our game highlights.

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00:06:56,355 --> 00:06:59,755

We kicked off the week with Emily
Fiasco, Stuart Crane, and Fred

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00:06:59,755 --> 00:07:03,215

Nelson competing in our third
quarterfinal game of The Clubs Group.

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00:07:03,284 --> 00:07:06,054

All three of our players started
off strong, but Fred came out

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00:07:06,054 --> 00:07:07,394

swinging in double Jeopardy!

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00:07:07,394 --> 00:07:10,855

with a big 5, 000 daily double
and 12 correct responses.

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00:07:11,135 --> 00:07:13,755

Stuart followed suit with
an even more impressive...

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00:07:13,775 --> 00:07:20,304

10, 200 daily double to close the
game, but Fred was still able to keep

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00:07:20,304 --> 00:07:21,984

that narrow lead heading into final.

199

00:07:22,405 --> 00:07:23,754
All three players correct.

200

00:07:23,765 --> 00:07:26,585
So it's Fred who tops
off an impressive win.

201

00:07:26,744 --> 00:07:27,104
I don't know

202

00:07:27,104 --> 00:07:33,474
why this is coming up for me, but as you
know, I was a helper person on celebrity

203

00:07:33,474 --> 00:07:37,195
millionaire, which is actually like
the first time I met Michael Davies.

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00:07:37,195 --> 00:07:37,445
I

205

00:07:37,455 --> 00:07:39,125
don't think that's what
the job description

206

00:07:39,125 --> 00:07:39,435
was.

207

00:07:39,505 --> 00:07:40,294
It was like a buddy.

208

00:07:40,315 --> 00:07:40,615
It was like.

209

00:07:41,395 --> 00:07:44,564
Sort of like a phone a friend, but yes,
but you were in person, but we were in

210

00:07:44,564 --> 00:07:48,585
person and we could help them through
like a bunch of the questions and I was

211
00:07:48,585 --> 00:07:52,724
with Hannibal Buress and I believe he got
out on a question about the word fiasco.

212
00:07:53,090 --> 00:07:57,099
Which is the name of the rattan
holder of a bottle of Chianti.

213
00:07:57,520 --> 00:08:02,850
So Emily Fiasco, you're bringing
me back to March 13th, 2020.

214
00:08:02,970 --> 00:08:03,310
It was a

215
00:08:03,330 --> 00:08:06,189
memorable day, obviously, because
COVID was about to shut down

216
00:08:06,189 --> 00:08:07,470
the day everything shut down.

217
00:08:07,519 --> 00:08:09,669
And you played millionaire
right before that happened.

218
00:08:09,669 --> 00:08:10,680
That's right, with Hannibal Buress.

219
00:08:10,845 --> 00:08:14,735
Well, Emily Fiasco was able
to at least say, bring it on

220
00:08:14,745 --> 00:08:16,295
the last clues of both rounds.

221
00:08:16,305 --> 00:08:18,245
So she was bringing in
a little Sam Buttrey.

222
00:08:18,635 --> 00:08:22,385
In the post game chat, Ken asked

Stewart about that huge daily double.

223

00:08:22,385 --> 00:08:25,155

He said, you know, was it a tough choice going in on that daily double?

224

00:08:25,155 --> 00:08:27,554

And Stewart said, it's a second chance.

225

00:08:27,555 --> 00:08:28,855

You got to take advantage.

226

00:08:28,855 --> 00:08:29,954

So I love that

227

00:08:29,965 --> 00:08:30,425

mindset.

228

00:08:30,435 --> 00:08:31,035

I love it.

229

00:08:31,055 --> 00:08:31,735

Absolutely.

230

00:08:31,745 --> 00:08:33,985

And look, I mean, he really made it an incredible game.

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00:08:33,985 --> 00:08:38,455

Those final scores, both first and second place with over 40, 000.

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00:08:38,465 --> 00:08:39,485

That's real deal.

233

00:08:39,880 --> 00:08:45,770

That reminds me of the gentleman who lost to James Holzhauser with over 50, 000.

234

00:08:45,900 --> 00:08:46,480

Do you remember that?

235
00:08:46,490 --> 00:08:46,520
Yes,

236
00:08:46,590 --> 00:08:47,650
I do remember that.

237
00:08:47,670 --> 00:08:50,860
And often times his name is
thrown into the hat when we

238
00:08:50,860 --> 00:08:52,689
talk about these second chances.

239
00:08:52,689 --> 00:08:55,740
They're like, what about those
people that put up a fight against

240
00:08:55,749 --> 00:08:57,100
someone like James Holzhauer?

241
00:08:57,279 --> 00:08:57,619
Well, there's

242
00:08:57,890 --> 00:08:58,399
still time.

243
00:08:58,615 --> 00:08:59,295
There's still time.

244
00:08:59,365 --> 00:09:00,035
Life is long.

245
00:09:00,105 --> 00:09:00,595
We're moving

246
00:09:00,595 --> 00:09:01,435
on to Tuesday.

247
00:09:02,465 --> 00:09:05,825
Nick Cascone, Brandon
Deutsch, and Emily White.

248
00:09:06,125 --> 00:09:09,665
Brandon got off to a good start, taking
a strong lead halfway into Double

249
00:09:09,674 --> 00:09:13,935
Jeopardy, but Nick then went on a tear
at the end of the round, scoring 10

250
00:09:13,945 --> 00:09:18,265
correct responses, including a big
5, 000 daily double to take the lead

251
00:09:18,285 --> 00:09:20,285
back from Brandon heading into final.

252
00:09:20,585 --> 00:09:22,415
It all came down to that last clue.

253
00:09:22,415 --> 00:09:23,860
Brandon was Incorrect.

254
00:09:23,920 --> 00:09:25,130
Nick was correct.

255
00:09:25,140 --> 00:09:28,610
He secures the win and his
spot in the semifinals.

256
00:09:28,830 --> 00:09:29,200
Final

257
00:09:29,200 --> 00:09:30,960
Jeopardy clue was interesting to me.

258
00:09:30,960 --> 00:09:33,370
This was historic objects category.

259
00:09:33,559 --> 00:09:37,719
The inscription on this made
in 1753 concludes unto all

260
00:09:37,719 --> 00:09:39,190
the inhabitants thereof.

261
00:09:39,650 --> 00:09:41,160
Correct answer, Liberty Bell.

262
00:09:41,650 --> 00:09:46,490
Yes, and Nick said that he had recently
visited the Liberty Bell, and Ken was

263
00:09:46,500 --> 00:09:47,989
like, Did you actually read the plaque?

264
00:09:47,989 --> 00:09:48,860
He said, Yeah, I

265
00:09:48,860 --> 00:09:49,250
did.

266
00:09:49,350 --> 00:09:54,819
I feel like we've had a lot of in person,
sort of revolutionary era stuff lately.

267
00:09:54,850 --> 00:09:55,149
Yes, like

268
00:09:55,149 --> 00:09:56,830
slumdog millionaire moments.

269
00:09:56,839 --> 00:09:58,050
It's just another...

270
00:09:58,630 --> 00:10:00,010
Supportive getting out there

271
00:10:00,040 --> 00:10:03,370
getting out there and didn't can come
up with a final jeopardy last season.

272
00:10:03,370 --> 00:10:05,730
That was about Paul

Revere Maybe or something

273

00:10:05,740 --> 00:10:09,239
that he experienced When he was
doing the tour of the freedom.

274

00:10:09,240 --> 00:10:09,660
Yeah,

275

00:10:09,809 --> 00:10:14,260
you know, I also I really um connected
with emily here saying the wide world

276

00:10:14,260 --> 00:10:17,939
of Trivia opened up for me after I
was on I had a similar experience.

277

00:10:17,950 --> 00:10:21,460
I wasn't a big trivia person and then
once you're on jeopardy, you kind of

278

00:10:21,870 --> 00:10:26,314
unlock this secret community And, um,
I'm happy to hear that she's now got

279

00:10:26,314 --> 00:10:28,834
a regular all women, uh, pub trivia

280

00:10:28,834 --> 00:10:29,135
team.

281

00:10:29,204 --> 00:10:30,915
Yeah, if you come across her team.

282

00:10:32,840 --> 00:10:35,940
Well, that's one way to say it.

283

00:10:36,060 --> 00:10:37,620
Yeah, that's the family friendly version.

284

00:10:37,810 --> 00:10:39,599
Yes, Sean Connery would

pronounce it another way.

285

00:10:39,599 --> 00:10:43,719

Her name, you know, obviously the SNL sketch being, uh, played on there.

286

00:10:44,259 --> 00:10:47,609

Alright, well we headed into Wednesday with Lea Colio.

287

00:10:47,710 --> 00:10:50,689

Kit Sikelski and Henry Rozicki.

288

00:10:51,130 --> 00:10:53,860

This was another well played game by all three players.

289

00:10:53,860 --> 00:10:56,840

Leah controlled the board most of the game, but Henry came roaring back toward

290

00:10:56,840 --> 00:11:00,799

the end of Double Jeopardy with the help of two big daily doubles, the last of

291

00:11:00,799 --> 00:11:03,390

which was on the final clue of the round.

292

00:11:03,500 --> 00:11:07,799

He took a narrow lead heading into final, but all three players were in contention.

293

00:11:07,909 --> 00:11:10,990

Unfortunately, final was a triple stumper, and it's Kit!

294

00:11:11,470 --> 00:11:16,040

With that minimal wager who's able to secure the come from behind win

295

00:11:16,090 --> 00:11:18,710

going from third to first Well, this

296
00:11:18,710 --> 00:11:22,680
is a little bit of a buzzy This is your
life game here because I was recently

297
00:11:22,680 --> 00:11:28,400
on a podcast trivial warfare and played
against kit Kit was very, very good.

298
00:11:28,630 --> 00:11:30,100
And also, did you win, Buzzy?

299
00:11:30,150 --> 00:11:30,810
Of course I won.

300
00:11:30,820 --> 00:11:31,470
Did Kit win?

301
00:11:31,750 --> 00:11:32,080
No.

302
00:11:32,240 --> 00:11:33,140
I was playing against her.

303
00:11:33,140 --> 00:11:33,490
Oh, you were on different teams.

304
00:11:33,490 --> 00:11:33,840
Okay.

305
00:11:33,980 --> 00:11:34,740
I beat her.

306
00:11:35,530 --> 00:11:44,310
Um, but also, Leah has created a trivia
team with fellow season 32 champ, Sally

307
00:11:44,350 --> 00:11:47,860
Neumann, who I became friends with
because we were in the same season.

308
00:11:47,860 --> 00:11:49,010

We were champions in the same season.

309

00:11:49,010 --> 00:11:49,689

We became friends.

310

00:11:49,860 --> 00:11:52,800

So I actually got a chance to see
my friend Sally because she was

311

00:11:52,800 --> 00:11:56,415

in town cheering on her I partner.

312

00:11:56,474 --> 00:11:56,905

Leah.

313

00:11:57,004 --> 00:11:57,264

Yeah,

314

00:11:57,264 --> 00:11:57,984

I love this.

315

00:11:58,004 --> 00:11:58,984

You know, her day job?

316

00:11:59,004 --> 00:11:59,944

Librarian.

317

00:11:59,964 --> 00:12:04,995

But after the show, she decided that
she would co found a pub trivia company

318

00:12:05,005 --> 00:12:09,125

in Seattle, and she said, you know,
that writing the trivia questions

319

00:12:09,125 --> 00:12:10,415

has actually made her a better

320

00:12:10,415 --> 00:12:10,955

contestant.

321

00:12:11,155 --> 00:12:12,474
A lot of people say that.

322
00:12:12,485 --> 00:12:15,959
Once you've written a question about something, it really sticks in your head.

323
00:12:16,540 --> 00:12:21,870
But congratulations, tough loss, both for Leah and Henry, but as we've seen,

324
00:12:21,870 --> 00:12:25,929
some of these finals in Champions Wildcard have been very tough and a

325
00:12:25,930 --> 00:12:28,880
savvy wager from Kit, as Alex was so

326
00:12:28,880 --> 00:12:29,499
fond of saying.

327
00:12:29,510 --> 00:12:30,530
Yes, very savvy.

328
00:12:30,530 --> 00:12:35,380
All right, moving on to Thursday with Amy Beckerman, Tim Moon, and Scott Plummer.

329
00:12:35,859 --> 00:12:39,160
Amy found the first Daily Double and really never looked back,

330
00:12:39,160 --> 00:12:42,469
maintaining the lead for the entire game on her way to a runaway.

331
00:12:42,819 --> 00:12:46,249
Scott did have the chance to take the lead, but unfortunately missed two

332
00:12:46,249 --> 00:12:47,849
big Daily Doubles in double jeopardy.

333
00:12:47,849 --> 00:12:51,299
He was, though, the only one able to come
up with the correct response in final,

334
00:12:51,299 --> 00:12:54,989
but it was really just for bragging
rights at that point because Amy had

335
00:12:54,999 --> 00:12:59,170
locked up the runaway win, which was
the first runaway of the club's group.

336
00:12:59,510 --> 00:12:59,949
Wow.

337
00:13:00,220 --> 00:13:01,780
And we actually had...

338
00:13:02,050 --> 00:13:06,230
You remember we had Hans Zimmer in a
master's in primetime and when we wrote

339
00:13:06,240 --> 00:13:10,020
that category our writers were like can
we please ask him if he'll do an extra

340
00:13:10,020 --> 00:13:14,729
clue in the show because it's such a
fun fact about Hans Zimmer so it was in

341
00:13:14,729 --> 00:13:19,079
a pop music category and obviously Hans
presented it far better than I will but

342
00:13:19,079 --> 00:13:23,430
he said before scoring films I could be
seen tickling the ivories on this new

343
00:13:23,430 --> 00:13:29,405
wave classic by the Buggles the first
ever video on MTV Of course, the response,

344

00:13:29,445 --> 00:13:32,035
what is Video Killed the Radio Star?

345
00:13:32,145 --> 00:13:33,125
This is one of my favorite facts.

346
00:13:33,125 --> 00:13:33,394
I love this.

347
00:13:33,395 --> 00:13:37,015
I've been using this for years and now
Jeopardy has just thrown it out there.

348
00:13:37,035 --> 00:13:38,274
We're just trying to
catch up with you, Buzzy.

349
00:13:38,505 --> 00:13:42,594
But this, I just, there's a lot of weird
trivia about Video Killed the Radio Star.

350
00:13:42,635 --> 00:13:44,424
It was co written by two people.

351
00:13:44,524 --> 00:13:48,775
The Buggles was sort of a made up
band to release the song because

352
00:13:48,775 --> 00:13:51,035
there were songwriters trying to get
it picked up and no one would buy it.

353
00:13:51,295 --> 00:13:54,125
But then Bruce Woolley, who was
the other songwriter, released

354
00:13:54,125 --> 00:13:55,594
his own version that's out there.

355
00:13:56,064 --> 00:13:57,074
So much knowledge.

356

00:13:58,020 --> 00:13:59,070
That I can't do anything with.

357
00:13:59,450 --> 00:14:02,170
Buzzy, I know, and now we can't
keep playing Jeopardy, but at

358
00:14:02,170 --> 00:14:03,860
least we have him daily on the pod.

359
00:14:03,860 --> 00:14:04,890
Just adding a little color here.

360
00:14:05,749 --> 00:14:06,689
I feel colorful.

361
00:14:07,150 --> 00:14:12,729
As we head into Friday, Daniel Mauer,
David Ferrara, and Kerry Codwaller.

362
00:14:13,240 --> 00:14:15,969
This was another exciting
game to end the week.

363
00:14:15,990 --> 00:14:18,790
Kerry was dominant throughout the
Jeopardy round, ending with over 10,

364
00:14:18,790 --> 00:14:24,089
000, but Danielle slowly gaining ground
with the help of a true daily double.

365
00:14:24,439 --> 00:14:27,579
Danielle and Kerry continued to
battle it out, and by the end of the

366
00:14:27,579 --> 00:14:31,619
round, Danielle was within striking
distance, so it all came down to final.

367
00:14:32,090 --> 00:14:34,830
Danielle, the only one to come
up with the correct response.

368
00:14:34,920 --> 00:14:38,910
Who is Peter Pan in the
literary characters category?

369
00:14:39,300 --> 00:14:41,560
It was an exciting come
from behind win for her.

370
00:14:41,929 --> 00:14:42,139
Yeah,

371
00:14:42,139 --> 00:14:45,469
this is one of those scoring
situations where because of the

372
00:14:45,469 --> 00:14:48,990
spacing of the scores, David is
still very much in this game.

373
00:14:48,990 --> 00:14:56,259
As we see Carrie in the lead has to bet
10, 000 to secure the win that puts her

374
00:14:56,259 --> 00:14:58,889
in striking distance of David doubling up.

375
00:14:58,889 --> 00:15:00,189
Unfortunately, he was incorrect.

376
00:15:00,399 --> 00:15:03,949
But you can see how even though
David's only got 6, 000, that looks

377
00:15:03,949 --> 00:15:05,699
like nothing compared to the 21.

378
00:15:05,709 --> 00:15:10,079
But because of Danielle's great
play as well, David is in the game.

379
00:15:10,079 --> 00:15:13,360

And I love games like that where really anything can happen at any moment.

380

00:15:14,000 --> 00:15:18,240

Well, and for Danielle, you may remember she last played on the Jeopardy!

381

00:15:18,240 --> 00:15:23,490

stage against none other than Matea Roach, and it was a similar come from behind win.

382

00:15:23,840 --> 00:15:26,650

Kin caught up with the players after the game to discuss just that.

383

00:15:28,130 --> 00:15:28,989

Danielle, how are you feeling?

384

00:15:28,989 --> 00:15:29,209

That's

385

00:15:29,210 --> 00:15:31,310

your second great escape on this stage.

386

00:15:31,380 --> 00:15:31,479

Well,

387

00:15:31,479 --> 00:15:34,350

you know, when I was doing the, the math and I was sitting here looking at it, I

388

00:15:34,350 --> 00:15:35,690

was like, you know, this is a tournament.

389

00:15:35,709 --> 00:15:37,599

It really doesn't matter if I'm first or second place.

390

00:15:37,799 --> 00:15:38,149

Go big or go home!

391

00:15:39,710 --> 00:15:40,430

And, um...

392

00:15:40,495 --> 00:15:41,515
And I felt

393

00:15:41,595 --> 00:15:42,245
good about literary

394

00:15:42,245 --> 00:15:45,525
characters, so the last time
I was here, when I beat Matea,

395

00:15:45,595 --> 00:15:47,415
the category was USA, which

396

00:15:48,455 --> 00:15:49,265
could be anything.

397

00:15:50,054 --> 00:15:53,215
But Matea's Canadian, you
already had the edge there.

398

00:15:53,215 --> 00:15:53,564
But

399

00:15:53,565 --> 00:15:56,225
I saw literary characters, and I was
like, well, I read a lot, so maybe.

400

00:15:57,725 --> 00:16:01,145
Yeah, against Matea, I think
you lucked into a Final Jeopardy

401

00:16:01,145 --> 00:16:02,975
clue about your hometown airport.

402

00:16:03,825 --> 00:16:04,335
Were you hoping

403

00:16:04,335 --> 00:16:06,145
for another, more Atlanta material here?

404
00:16:06,160 --> 00:16:07,990
Did not expect to get that lucky twice.

405
00:16:07,990 --> 00:16:09,800
No, but no, we've shown that even

406
00:16:09,800 --> 00:16:11,450
on non Atlanta final Jeopardy's,

407
00:16:11,530 --> 00:16:12,010
I can do it.

408
00:16:12,010 --> 00:16:13,880
You know, and that was a
take out very strong play.

409
00:16:13,880 --> 00:16:14,680
I didn't do very

410
00:16:14,680 --> 00:16:15,470
good on finals

411
00:16:15,480 --> 00:16:17,299
when I was here from my original run.

412
00:16:17,299 --> 00:16:18,640
So I'm, you know, redemption arc.

413
00:16:18,930 --> 00:16:20,670
Here, I got the finals.

414
00:16:21,160 --> 00:16:27,210
Alright, well, that's it for regular
Virginia, or regular Jeopardy.

415
00:16:27,750 --> 00:16:30,490
Now we're going to head
into Celebrity Jeopardy.

416
00:16:30,750 --> 00:16:34,810
It was last Wednesday in primetime

where Macaulay Culkin, Rachel Dratch,

417

00:16:34,830 --> 00:16:38,750

and Becky Lynch took the stage for
our seventh quarterfinal out of nine

418

00:16:38,750 --> 00:16:40,240

quarterfinals that we're going to feature.

419

00:16:40,550 --> 00:16:44,820

Macaulay Culkin telling us he wanted
to play as Mac, so from now on.

420

00:16:45,275 --> 00:16:47,565

That's Mac Culkin, your pal
Mac, if you're listening.

421

00:16:47,855 --> 00:16:50,555

Mac and Rachel battled neck and
neck throughout the first two

422

00:16:50,555 --> 00:16:54,015

rounds, and Mac took a small lead
heading into Triple Jeopardy.

423

00:16:54,504 --> 00:16:56,535

But then Rachel just went on a tear.

424

00:16:56,535 --> 00:17:00,425

Fourteen correct responses
really got her buzzer mojo going.

425

00:17:00,665 --> 00:17:01,825

Two daily doubles.

426

00:17:02,185 --> 00:17:05,784

She took a strong but not
insurmountable lead heading into final.

427

00:17:06,274 --> 00:17:08,554

But all three players were correct.

428

00:17:08,554 --> 00:17:11,615
Rachel secures the win.

429
00:17:11,855 --> 00:17:13,325
By just one dollar.

430
00:17:13,575 --> 00:17:14,145
What a game.

431
00:17:14,145 --> 00:17:14,295
What

432
00:17:14,305 --> 00:17:15,265
icons we have here.

433
00:17:15,849 --> 00:17:20,470
Yes, and you know, Becky Lynch during
her first interview was in the red and

434
00:17:20,470 --> 00:17:24,099
she just said, you know, she's used
to these crazy arenas and everything

435
00:17:24,099 --> 00:17:27,799
like we had to get a little bit more
ruckus and rowdy, you know, can joke

436
00:17:27,799 --> 00:17:30,620
like maybe we should start throwing
some chairs and ladders around to make

437
00:17:30,620 --> 00:17:32,380
her, you know, she's used to the WWE.

438
00:17:32,790 --> 00:17:36,160
Yeah, well, and that happens sometimes
when you've got two players who are

439
00:17:36,160 --> 00:17:39,410
really in the zone, it's kind of hard
to find your mojo you don't have those

440

00:17:39,420 --> 00:17:43,720
opportunities to kind of figure it out and
it seemed like Rachel and Macaulay were.

441
00:17:43,875 --> 00:17:44,615
Really in the zone.

442
00:17:44,655 --> 00:17:45,405
Great, great

443
00:17:45,405 --> 00:17:45,805
numbers.

444
00:17:45,855 --> 00:17:47,625
It really could have
gone to either of them.

445
00:17:47,665 --> 00:17:52,735
A great game, and Rachel heads on to the
semi finals, which will begin once we

446
00:17:52,735 --> 00:17:55,105
conclude our nine quarter final games.

447
00:17:55,135 --> 00:17:57,534
We do have a repeat of Celebrity Jeopardy!

448
00:17:57,534 --> 00:18:00,405
this week with Thanksgiving, but
we'll be back with our eighth and

449
00:18:00,405 --> 00:18:02,544
ninth quarter final games after that.

450
00:18:02,585 --> 00:18:05,355
And then we're gonna bring you
three semi finals, then we'll play

451
00:18:05,355 --> 00:18:09,135
the final one hour episode, and one
of our celebrities is going to get

452

00:18:09,185 --> 00:18:12,025
one million dollars for charity.

453
00:18:12,045 --> 00:18:12,285
Now,

454
00:18:12,295 --> 00:18:13,555
you're not going to say who won.

455
00:18:13,565 --> 00:18:14,195
Obviously, you know.

456
00:18:14,195 --> 00:18:14,715
No.

457
00:18:14,805 --> 00:18:15,055
Yes.

458
00:18:15,075 --> 00:18:19,285
However, we have been teased that
Ike Barinholtz, who won the last

459
00:18:19,315 --> 00:18:22,835
tournament, will want to appear
in the Tournament of Champions.

460
00:18:22,975 --> 00:18:23,695
Oh, that's right.

461
00:18:23,765 --> 00:18:26,855
Is there a sense that this
champion is interested?

462
00:18:27,294 --> 00:18:31,044
Well, this champion will qualify for
the next Tournament of Champions.

463
00:18:31,054 --> 00:18:31,735
Okay.

464
00:18:31,745 --> 00:18:35,534
So, this coming up Tournament

of Champions in spring of 2024.

465

00:18:36,840 --> 00:18:41,460

It's just gonna be Ike, along with a pool of other exciting, awesome champions.

466

00:18:41,600 --> 00:18:44,070

We've teased it, it's gonna be the biggest pool ever.

467

00:18:44,480 --> 00:18:45,119

I can't wait.

468

00:18:45,680 --> 00:18:46,269

I can't either.

469

00:18:46,270 --> 00:18:47,680

I know nothing about it as usual.

470

00:18:47,680 --> 00:18:51,410

I'm in the dark, and I get to be excited along with all of our listeners.

471

00:18:51,410 --> 00:18:52,435

Yes, we like to keep you in the dark.

472

00:18:52,435 --> 00:18:53,530

Yeah, so you get those real, authentic

473

00:18:53,729 --> 00:18:54,239

reactions.

474

00:18:54,250 --> 00:18:55,570

Yes, that's what we are here, we're authentic.

475

00:18:55,579 --> 00:18:56,549

That's what they tell me, at least.

476

00:18:57,509 --> 00:18:57,979

Ah, yes.

477

00:18:58,840 --> 00:18:59,399

All right.

478

00:18:59,409 --> 00:19:01,479

It is now time for our host, Chad.

479

00:19:01,479 --> 00:19:07,179

An audience member asked Ken, are there any Seattle Thanksgiving traditions?

480

00:19:08,229 --> 00:19:08,839

Seattle

481

00:19:08,850 --> 00:19:10,429

Thanksgiving traditions?

482

00:19:10,460 --> 00:19:11,120

Wow.

483

00:19:11,749 --> 00:19:12,100

I don't know.

484

00:19:12,100 --> 00:19:13,149

I mean, Seattle's changed so much.

485

00:19:13,149 --> 00:19:16,050

It used to be like a Scandinavian, uh, fisherman's village.

486

00:19:16,359 --> 00:19:19,949

So I'm sure they were eating, you know, herring pie or something for,

487

00:19:19,949 --> 00:19:21,890

uh, something awful for Thanksgiving.

488

00:19:22,715 --> 00:19:24,685

No, and the Seahawks hardly ever play on Thanksgiving.

489

00:19:24,695 --> 00:19:27,625

I guess our tradition is watching the
Lions lose, just like the rest of America.

490

00:19:27,625 --> 00:19:31,125

And watching the parade
on tape delay, just like

491

00:19:31,125 --> 00:19:31,764

you do here.

492

00:19:32,565 --> 00:19:35,954

So it sounds like it's not specific to
Seattlekin's Thanksgiving traditions,

493

00:19:35,954 --> 00:19:37,305

but he's just doing what we all

494

00:19:37,305 --> 00:19:37,605

do.

495

00:19:37,615 --> 00:19:41,075

Yeah, I expected like a turkey stuffed
with Dungeness crab or something.

496

00:19:41,440 --> 00:19:41,970

Really?

497

00:19:42,010 --> 00:19:42,330

Yeah.

498

00:19:42,420 --> 00:19:44,190

I think they like their seafood up there.

499

00:19:44,200 --> 00:19:44,290

Yeah.

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00:19:44,530 --> 00:19:48,040

I, I was texting with Ken during COVID
and I know he ordered, there's like a big

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00:19:48,040 --> 00:19:52,540

seafood restaurant there and they were

doing kind of like oyster and, you know,

502

00:19:52,540 --> 00:19:55,370

kind of a raw bar delivery kind of thing.

503

00:19:55,410 --> 00:19:57,489

And uh, I know he did
that a few times, so.

504

00:19:57,640 --> 00:19:59,149

I've never been to Seattle.

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00:19:59,749 --> 00:19:59,969

Really?

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00:19:59,970 --> 00:20:00,649

Yeah, no one's ever

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00:20:00,649 --> 00:20:01,230

invited me.

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00:20:01,950 --> 00:20:03,490

Well, don't go for Thanksgiving.

509

00:20:03,710 --> 00:20:05,430

They're not doing anything
too special up there.

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00:20:06,380 --> 00:20:08,370

All right, Buzzy, I know you have to run.

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00:20:08,660 --> 00:20:08,770

Yes.

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00:20:08,790 --> 00:20:10,910

But I want to wish you a
wonderful Thanksgiving.

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00:20:10,920 --> 00:20:11,139

I've got a

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00:20:11,139 --> 00:20:12,029
lot of reading to do.

515
00:20:12,040 --> 00:20:12,660
Thank you.

516
00:20:12,700 --> 00:20:14,580
Uh, happy Thanksgiving to you and yours

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00:20:14,580 --> 00:20:15,040
as well.

518
00:20:15,179 --> 00:20:15,920
Thanks, Buzzy.

519
00:20:16,340 --> 00:20:18,730
All right, now I would like to
welcome second chance winner

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00:20:18,730 --> 00:20:22,730
and champions wildcard finalist
Jelana Cotter to the pod.

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00:20:23,120 --> 00:20:25,150
Jelana, thank you so much for joining us.

522
00:20:25,180 --> 00:20:27,970
How have you been since we saw
you last on the Alex Trebek

523
00:20:27,980 --> 00:20:28,440
stage?

524
00:20:28,600 --> 00:20:29,610
Thanks so much, Sarah.

525
00:20:29,650 --> 00:20:30,849
Uh, things have been great.

526
00:20:30,910 --> 00:20:31,350
I'm...

527

00:20:31,630 --> 00:20:33,990

Gonna have a baby in a few weeks, hopefully.

528

00:20:34,500 --> 00:20:38,790

We'll see when he arrives, but you know, the whole experience with my

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00:20:39,170 --> 00:20:43,950

Jeopardy episodes actually being on TV has been wild, but good.

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00:20:44,000 --> 00:20:45,570

Actually, better than I expected.

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00:20:45,590 --> 00:20:51,075

I was much more nervous, I think, about Uh, having the games I played be on TV

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00:20:51,075 --> 00:20:53,025

than I was about actually playing them.

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00:20:53,205 --> 00:20:56,185

You know, you're not the first person to say that, that even though you played

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00:20:56,185 --> 00:21:01,305

them and you know how they go, just watching them on TV brings about a whole

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00:21:01,315 --> 00:21:03,664

different level of anxiety and nerves.

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00:21:03,735 --> 00:21:04,315

Yes.

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00:21:04,354 --> 00:21:04,654

Yes.

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00:21:04,664 --> 00:21:08,124

Cause it's sort of like, well, okay, I know what I did, but although

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00:21:08,254 --> 00:21:11,364
usually after you play, you don't
remember anymore whatsoever.

540

00:21:11,734 --> 00:21:15,925
Um, but then having everybody in the
public see what you did and thinking,

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00:21:15,945 --> 00:21:17,284
well, you know, are people going to.

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00:21:17,905 --> 00:21:19,635
Scrutinize the mistakes I made.

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00:21:20,045 --> 00:21:23,615
At least for me, it's easy to,
like, see the downsides more.

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00:21:24,225 --> 00:21:29,225
Uh, but people have been extremely kind
and much more positive than I imagined.

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00:21:29,324 --> 00:21:31,775
I'm not really used to a
lot of public attention.

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00:21:32,235 --> 00:21:35,415
Well, I'm glad you're receiving it,
and I'm glad it's been positive,

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00:21:35,444 --> 00:21:39,435
because certainly you have done a
lot of great things on the stage

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00:21:39,455 --> 00:21:41,675
since your initial appearance.

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00:21:41,675 --> 00:21:44,205
I want to take us back to Season 37.

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00:21:44,570 --> 00:21:47,120

First of all, you were
here with a different name.

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00:21:47,129 --> 00:21:49,639
It was not Jelana Cotter back in 2020.

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00:21:49,639 --> 00:21:50,030
Yeah,

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00:21:50,030 --> 00:21:54,189
so my name before I got married was
Jelana Rose Silverberg, which, I mean,

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00:21:54,189 --> 00:21:55,949
I already have an unusual first name.

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00:21:55,990 --> 00:21:58,690
And then my last name
was even more unusual.

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00:21:59,309 --> 00:22:03,110
You know, my first experience, it
was, it was good, but it was hard

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00:22:03,139 --> 00:22:05,000
because you need to go into it.

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00:22:05,370 --> 00:22:05,879
And.

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00:22:06,685 --> 00:22:12,575
You don't go into it thinking, oh, well,
you know, I'm gonna lose, but you know

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00:22:12,575 --> 00:22:18,914
that happens for the majority of the
people who play Jeopardy is you you go and

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00:22:18,914 --> 00:22:23,695
you have your one game and You might get
beaten by somebody who's really good and

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00:22:23,695 --> 00:22:26,994
the people I played against in my first
game were really good They're returning

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00:22:26,994 --> 00:22:33,080
champion from that one Morgan Uh, she,
we saw her in the, uh, spades bracket of

564
00:22:33,080 --> 00:22:36,790
Champion Cloud Card and, uh, Nick Cascone.

565
00:22:36,800 --> 00:22:38,169
I hope I'm saying his last name right.

566
00:22:38,209 --> 00:22:41,839
You know, he's won his quarterfinal
in the, in the clubs bracket.

567
00:22:42,179 --> 00:22:44,339
And oh my gosh, he was
so hard to play against.

568
00:22:45,820 --> 00:22:50,340
Um, so we were all sitting in the
audience because it was all separated

569
00:22:50,350 --> 00:22:52,860
out because of all the COVID
regulations, there were no audience.

570
00:22:52,899 --> 00:22:53,740
The audience was just.

571
00:22:55,085 --> 00:22:57,495
And so Nick is sitting
there with a book, studying.

572
00:22:58,015 --> 00:23:01,755
And then we all get on stage and
then he's so fast on the buzzer,

573
00:23:01,755 --> 00:23:03,074
just, there's no way I can catch up.

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00:23:03,524 --> 00:23:07,424

And there were categories for things I was really not good at.

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00:23:08,064 --> 00:23:09,934

So it was, it was a struggle.

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00:23:10,284 --> 00:23:16,035

And it was a long day because, you know, the guest host era, the host is learning

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00:23:16,045 --> 00:23:17,375

the game at the same time you are.

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00:23:17,705 --> 00:23:19,755

And so taping goes very late at night.

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00:23:19,805 --> 00:23:23,885

And I, I played the Friday game, which is the last game taped to the day.

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00:23:24,305 --> 00:23:27,824

I mean, it was a wonderful experience, but it was really hard too.

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00:23:27,854 --> 00:23:31,875

Cause you're sort of, you have this extra long day sitting there getting nervous.

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00:23:32,284 --> 00:23:32,945

And.

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00:23:33,350 --> 00:23:39,070

Then, you know, I went up on stage, and it was fun, and my competitors

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00:23:39,070 --> 00:23:41,189

were amazing and super nice.

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00:23:41,550 --> 00:23:44,649

But, you know, it's kind of hard

on you when you, you have all this

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00:23:44,659 --> 00:23:48,729

anticipation, and it's like a big build up all day long, and then you just drop.

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00:23:49,469 --> 00:23:54,520

I will admit, I was, I was pretty sad about it for a while, and I kind of took

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00:23:54,520 --> 00:23:56,280

some time off from watching Jeopardy.

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00:23:56,570 --> 00:24:01,780

And, I did get back to watching, but it was a little while before I felt, uh,

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00:24:01,850 --> 00:24:03,210

I felt good watching the show again.

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00:24:03,515 --> 00:24:03,665

Well,

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00:24:03,665 --> 00:24:04,725

that's understandable.

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00:24:04,765 --> 00:24:07,235

I mean, that was a great game for all three of you.

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00:24:07,295 --> 00:24:11,445

Everyone ends with over 20,000, a score that on any other

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00:24:11,445 --> 00:24:13,955

day would be a champion score.

596

00:24:13,975 --> 00:24:16,885

And you leave thinking, wait, that was it?

597

00:24:17,155 --> 00:24:21,414

Yeah, I was, I remember thinking at

the end of the game, Oh, I wish I could

598

00:24:21,414 --> 00:24:24,805

play again because I feel like I just finally figured out how to do this.

599

00:24:25,845 --> 00:24:28,615

Family friends would say, Oh, so when are you going to be back on?

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00:24:28,895 --> 00:24:31,535

And I would be like, that is the one thing I'm never allowed to do.

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00:24:31,665 --> 00:24:35,354

Cause once you lose on Jeopardy, I mean, unless you're like going to the tournament

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00:24:35,354 --> 00:24:37,074

champions, once you lose, you're done.

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00:24:37,605 --> 00:24:39,424

Uh, and so that was really sad.

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00:24:39,444 --> 00:24:43,154

And, you know, as a, as a couple of years went by, it was, it was

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00:24:43,155 --> 00:24:47,604

definitely easier to deal with, but I was, I was still kind of sad about it.

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00:24:47,604 --> 00:24:50,935

And so getting another chance was like, I could not believe it.

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00:24:50,985 --> 00:24:52,884

I had no idea what they could do.

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00:24:53,205 --> 00:24:54,655

Possibly be calling me

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00:24:54,655 --> 00:24:59,485
a few things had changed obviously,
you know, so we give you a call

610
00:24:59,645 --> 00:25:03,324
You have a new name and you're
pregnant and oh, by the way, we want

611
00:25:03,324 --> 00:25:05,855
you to fly to LA to be on second

612
00:25:05,865 --> 00:25:11,215
chance Yes So fortunately I've you know
I got the call when I was in the doctor's

613
00:25:11,215 --> 00:25:14,335
office waiting room for a checkup and
you know I didn't know what jeopardy

614
00:25:14,335 --> 00:25:19,335
was calling me about but I had planned
to ask my doctor anyway, what, you

615
00:25:19,335 --> 00:25:21,645
know, what's the latest you're allowed
to fly when you're pregnant because

616
00:25:21,695 --> 00:25:25,594
I didn't know and I was thinking, Oh,
maybe I may go like visit family later

617
00:25:25,635 --> 00:25:26,545
in the year or something like that.

618
00:25:26,555 --> 00:25:28,155
And I want to make sure timing is okay.

619
00:25:28,675 --> 00:25:32,074
And so then I get out of the
appointment and I call, I call

620
00:25:32,074 --> 00:25:34,724
back and you know, I was just.

621
00:25:35,425 --> 00:25:35,975
Flabbergasted.

622
00:25:36,905 --> 00:25:39,105
So what do you do in that time?

623
00:25:39,135 --> 00:25:40,855
You know you're coming back.

624
00:25:41,445 --> 00:25:44,025
What do you do in those
weeks leading up to

625
00:25:44,025 --> 00:25:44,225
your return?

626
00:25:44,234 --> 00:25:46,125
I've studied a lot.

627
00:25:47,175 --> 00:25:47,854
A lot of flashcards.

628
00:25:48,594 --> 00:25:50,524
You know, I've watched Games of Jeopardy.

629
00:25:51,064 --> 00:25:54,175
Uh, and I practiced buzzing in
while I watched, and I watched it

630
00:25:54,185 --> 00:25:57,824
standing up with a chair in front of
me to sort of like mimic the podium.

631
00:25:58,135 --> 00:26:01,975
And so I practiced buzzing in with
the, with the toilet paper holder.

632
00:26:02,614 --> 00:26:07,334
Um, but I did a lot of flashcards
too, and I tried to focus on both.

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00:26:07,825 --> 00:26:11,875
You know, things that I didn't
feel as confident about.

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00:26:12,625 --> 00:26:17,115
And also, things that are just common
subjects to come up for Jeopardy.

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00:26:17,305 --> 00:26:21,455
And so I studied that a lot,
and I was able to answer several

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00:26:21,455 --> 00:26:23,664
questions in my games correctly.

637

00:26:24,105 --> 00:26:26,395
because of having studied
flashcards on them.

638

00:26:26,675 --> 00:26:28,915
And I practiced buzzing in
while I did the flashcards, too.

639

00:26:29,195 --> 00:26:35,184
So I would be, like, at my in law's house
for family dinner, and we're like, you

640

00:26:35,185 --> 00:26:37,934
know, we haven't started eating yet, and
so here I am on my phone, like, flipping

641

00:26:37,935 --> 00:26:39,914
through flashcards, practicing stuff.

642

00:26:40,055 --> 00:26:40,274
Well,

643

00:26:40,274 --> 00:26:43,885
Emily Sands told us that you were one
of the folks in the contestant green

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00:26:43,885 --> 00:26:45,665

room with their study materials out.

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00:26:45,705 --> 00:26:46,595

I learned that

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00:26:46,595 --> 00:26:49,835

from Nick, who I played in my first game, because he had a book

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00:26:49,835 --> 00:26:54,139

to study from, and he beat me, and I thought, This is a great idea.

648

00:26:54,330 --> 00:26:58,080

You know, it, it did help because if you're looking at something

649

00:26:58,090 --> 00:26:59,580

right before you go on stage.

650

00:26:59,885 --> 00:27:03,005

You know, you have a little bit better chance of it sticking in your head.

651

00:27:03,075 --> 00:27:06,025

I was thinking about, before we had this interview, you know, some

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00:27:06,025 --> 00:27:08,515

of the things that I've learned from my fellow contestants.

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00:27:09,045 --> 00:27:12,825

And Yoshi Hill from the Diamonds group, she has a strategy of she

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00:27:12,825 --> 00:27:15,024

does not do specific studying at all.

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00:27:15,024 --> 00:27:16,365

She learns everything in context.

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00:27:16,635 --> 00:27:19,474
So she just like reads stuff
and does crossword puzzles and

657
00:27:19,544 --> 00:27:23,074
goes about her normal life, like
absorbing information constantly.

658
00:27:23,124 --> 00:27:25,371
And that's how she learns
all sorts of stuff.

659
00:27:25,371 --> 00:27:29,519
And then she knows stuff that like
nobody else knows because of this.

660
00:27:30,110 --> 00:27:32,220
You know, however much
you study for Jeopardy!,

661
00:27:32,490 --> 00:27:35,690
the majority of the questions you
answer are not going to be things

662
00:27:35,730 --> 00:27:39,010
that you specifically studied for
right before you went on the show.

663
00:27:39,280 --> 00:27:43,250
They're going to be things that you
picked up randomly throughout the

664
00:27:43,250 --> 00:27:46,629
course of your life, and it's going to
be something you learned in school or

665
00:27:46,629 --> 00:27:48,210
something you read a book about once.

666
00:27:48,559 --> 00:27:53,989
This sort of lifelong knowledge base,
uh, is really important for Jeopardy!

667

00:27:54,009 --> 00:27:58,630
And that's why I think being
able to pick up one of those,

668
00:28:00,010 --> 00:28:01,740
you know, is very important.

669
00:28:02,125 --> 00:28:04,075
Yeah, we see that with
all of our Jeopardy!

670
00:28:04,075 --> 00:28:04,735
champions.

671
00:28:04,755 --> 00:28:08,385
You know, you are people who
just are curious about life.

672
00:28:08,645 --> 00:28:11,445
You're interested in so many things
that when you hear an interesting

673
00:28:11,445 --> 00:28:13,364
fact, you're able to retain it.

674
00:28:13,395 --> 00:28:17,400
And I think that Obviously it was
proven, whether it was your flashcards

675
00:28:17,680 --> 00:28:21,990
or your lifetime love of knowledge, you
come into Second Chance and you pull

676
00:28:21,990 --> 00:28:24,650
off a runaway win in your first game.

677
00:28:24,660 --> 00:28:26,120
You're now a Jeopardy!

678
00:28:26,120 --> 00:28:26,640
Champion.

679

00:28:26,640 --> 00:28:27,399
How did that moment

680
00:28:27,399 --> 00:28:27,739
feel?

681
00:28:27,790 --> 00:28:31,549
I got lucky, like, with the runaway
because it was only because my

682
00:28:31,549 --> 00:28:33,129
opponents missed daily doubles.

683
00:28:33,330 --> 00:28:36,929
I remember talking with my mom afterwards,
she was in the audience, like, Elaine

684
00:28:37,149 --> 00:28:40,810
could have easily beaten me in that
first game if it weren't for one daily

685
00:28:40,810 --> 00:28:42,779
double she had that just tripped her up.

686
00:28:43,370 --> 00:28:47,590
And that, that would have been the end
of my, of my second Jeopardy experience.

687
00:28:47,650 --> 00:28:53,460
I hope I don't take it for granted because
my first Jeopardy experience was losing.

688
00:28:53,860 --> 00:28:58,859
And it made me realize, like, the
phrase, talking about the NFL saying,

689
00:28:58,870 --> 00:29:02,499
you know, on any, on any given Sunday,
any team can beat any other one.

690
00:29:02,804 --> 00:29:03,205
Jeopardy!

691

00:29:03,205 --> 00:29:04,274
is a lot like that.

692

00:29:04,544 --> 00:29:07,384
You know, with the exception of a
few super champions, although even

693

00:29:07,384 --> 00:29:12,564
they lose eventually, for most of
us, you get just different luck on

694

00:29:12,564 --> 00:29:16,334
the categories, or slightly different
buzzer timing, one person finds Daily

695

00:29:16,334 --> 00:29:20,104
Double and one person doesn't, and the
entire outcome of the game changes.

696

00:29:20,470 --> 00:29:24,870
So, I was really excited to win the
first time, but it was just luck.

697

00:29:24,950 --> 00:29:25,120
Well,

698

00:29:25,120 --> 00:29:26,610
one thing I know about Jeopardy!

699

00:29:26,610 --> 00:29:28,949
contestants, you always
want to play again.

700

00:29:28,950 --> 00:29:32,140
So that win for you, whether you want
to call it luck or whatever you want

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00:29:32,140 --> 00:29:36,480
to call it, it guaranteed you two
more opportunities to play Jeopardy!

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00:29:36,490 --> 00:29:38,979

in our two day Total Point Affair Final.

703

00:29:39,469 --> 00:29:42,159

And day one, Obviously a good one for you.

704

00:29:42,159 --> 00:29:44,169

You head into day two with a strong lead.

705

00:29:44,489 --> 00:29:47,169

Just talk me through how
you're feeling in that finals.

706

00:29:47,379 --> 00:29:48,550

I was feeling nervous.

707

00:29:48,639 --> 00:29:50,790

I didn't know if I could win or not.

708

00:29:50,849 --> 00:29:56,739

Um, I remember being surprised
but happy that I was in the lead.

709

00:29:57,160 --> 00:29:59,270

Uh, going into Final Jeopardy!

710

00:29:59,290 --> 00:30:00,050

on the first day.

711

00:30:00,530 --> 00:30:03,210

The category was composers, and
I remember from conversations we

712

00:30:03,220 --> 00:30:07,779

had in the green room, I knew that
McCall knew a lot about opera.

713

00:30:08,280 --> 00:30:10,400

And I figured, well, she probably
knows a lot about classical

714

00:30:10,400 --> 00:30:11,940

music, like, in general.

715

00:30:12,369 --> 00:30:17,130
And so I thought, well, she's
probably gonna get it right,

716

00:30:17,170 --> 00:30:18,564
and I'm ahead, so I need to...

717

00:30:19,035 --> 00:30:22,325
And this is probably a decent category
for me, so I need to bet big, you

718

00:30:22,325 --> 00:30:24,585
know, because who knows what's going
to happen in the next game, so I

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00:30:24,585 --> 00:30:26,065
need to like leave myself a cushion.

720

00:30:26,325 --> 00:30:27,355
I think we all got it right.

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00:30:27,545 --> 00:30:29,315
Yeah, so I was, I was
really excited about that.

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00:30:29,344 --> 00:30:31,934
And the second game, you
know, it was hard to buzz in.

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00:30:32,125 --> 00:30:34,085
And then Final Jeopardy.

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00:30:34,625 --> 00:30:38,835
Apparently, between the two games, it
was a runaway, but I didn't realize that.

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00:30:38,845 --> 00:30:39,435
So you didn't

726

00:30:39,435 --> 00:30:43,334
know, heading into Final Jeopardy,

that you had won this thing.

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00:30:43,334 --> 00:30:44,175

You had lopped it up.

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00:30:44,185 --> 00:30:44,495

Yes.

729

00:30:44,525 --> 00:30:49,984

This was the beginning of my
continuing struggles with wagering

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00:30:50,015 --> 00:30:54,014

correctly in Final Jeopardy, which I
know the internet armchair Jeopardy

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00:30:54,015 --> 00:30:55,845

players just cannot believe it.

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00:30:56,135 --> 00:31:00,085

And, you know, it's funny because I
have a sort of math adjacent day job.

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00:31:00,465 --> 00:31:03,725

So normally I'm pretty good at math,
but apparently once I get up on the

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00:31:03,725 --> 00:31:05,575

podium, it's just like, all bets are off.

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00:31:05,575 --> 00:31:06,505

I can no longer do it.

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00:31:07,255 --> 00:31:09,805

And I just remember thinking like,
I was trying to calculate what

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00:31:09,805 --> 00:31:11,726

I should wager and I was like,
These numbers are not adding up.

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00:31:11,726 --> 00:31:13,865

I don't understand what is going on.

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00:31:13,875 --> 00:31:15,835

So I just like, wrote something
down and hoped for the best.

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00:31:16,325 --> 00:31:18,795

And fortunately, none
of us had seen Hamilton.

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00:31:19,105 --> 00:31:23,274

We all missed it, because if we hadn't
all missed it, then I wouldn't have won.

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00:31:23,685 --> 00:31:27,535

But, I was so excited to have won.

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00:31:27,554 --> 00:31:32,675

It was the most incredible feeling,
but also it's just hard to believe.

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00:31:33,115 --> 00:31:35,045

Thinking, wow, I'm, I'm coming back.

745

00:31:35,425 --> 00:31:39,715

Yes, and you're coming back and right
there with Ken, you know, you said,

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00:31:40,135 --> 00:31:43,535

I'm going to have to talk to my doctor
and see, you know, how late I can

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00:31:43,535 --> 00:31:48,335

fly because we actually were going
to have you in the November tapings.

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00:31:48,475 --> 00:31:48,744

I,

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00:31:48,744 --> 00:31:52,714

I knew that the, you know, the, the
winner of that second chance week was

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00:31:52,715 --> 00:31:57,515
supposed to be in one of the later,
the later taping groups and the

751

00:31:57,525 --> 00:32:01,044
Jeopardy contestant department, who I,
I think are just absolutely wonderful.

752

00:32:01,870 --> 00:32:02,730
I loved all of them.

753

00:32:02,730 --> 00:32:03,470
They were so good.

754

00:32:03,770 --> 00:32:08,350
Um, were extremely accommodating and
said, you know, we'll put you in either

755

00:32:08,360 --> 00:32:11,179
of the first two groups, you know, take
a day or two to decide and then let

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00:32:11,180 --> 00:32:12,629
me know which one you'd rather be in.

757

00:32:12,920 --> 00:32:14,250
So that was, that was really great.

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00:32:14,270 --> 00:32:17,420
Fortunately, I picked the second
one because the first one I would

759

00:32:17,420 --> 00:32:18,720
have had like a week turnaround.

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00:32:19,229 --> 00:32:23,520
So yeah, I went home
and I, I studied more.

761

00:32:23,870 --> 00:32:27,160
I probably should have studied
wagering more than I did.

762

00:32:28,955 --> 00:32:31,895
Because the whole tournament, like,
looking back on it, both of them,

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00:32:31,975 --> 00:32:35,755
I made up for my lack of wagering
skills with luck and knowledge.

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00:32:36,375 --> 00:32:38,355
So I guess that's my
advice to future Jeopardy!

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00:32:38,355 --> 00:32:39,015
contestants.

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00:32:39,065 --> 00:32:44,254
It's important to know things, but
it's also important to study up

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00:32:44,265 --> 00:32:48,515
on your wagering strategy, because
it can make or break a game, and

768

00:32:48,515 --> 00:32:52,155
it doesn't matter how much you
know, if you mess that up, then...

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00:32:52,375 --> 00:32:53,665
It's going to be hard
to come back from that.

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00:32:54,565 --> 00:32:56,535
Well, as if the show isn't hard enough.

771

00:32:56,555 --> 00:32:58,545
Then you have to think about math as well.

772

00:32:58,815 --> 00:33:00,895
So you come out for the
champion's wild card.

773

00:33:00,904 --> 00:33:02,944
You're in a tough quarterfinal game.

774
00:33:02,944 --> 00:33:04,965
You almost pull off a runaway though.

775
00:33:05,194 --> 00:33:07,284
Steve comes in with the last clue.

776
00:33:07,285 --> 00:33:11,015
So now it's all going to
come down to Final Jeopardy.

777
00:33:11,264 --> 00:33:12,575
Steve is incorrect.

778
00:33:12,945 --> 00:33:14,075
You secure the win.

779
00:33:14,265 --> 00:33:15,235
Again, I think.

780
00:33:15,590 --> 00:33:18,660
It was honestly just dumb
luck that I beat him.

781
00:33:19,040 --> 00:33:22,420
I remember seeing the clue and thinking,
Well, Bob Dylan is the only singer

782
00:33:22,420 --> 00:33:24,250
songwriter I can think of with a no vowel.

783
00:33:24,680 --> 00:33:25,650
Prize in Literature.

784
00:33:25,890 --> 00:33:28,330
I didn't know he had an Oscar, but
I figured this is as close as I'm

785
00:33:28,330 --> 00:33:29,430
gonna get, so I'm gonna put it down.

786

00:33:29,710 --> 00:33:33,919

And I think he knew that Dylan hadn't
attended the Nobel Prize ceremony,

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00:33:33,920 --> 00:33:35,250

and so he thought he'd refused it.

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00:33:35,480 --> 00:33:37,890

Anyway, so he knew way
more about this than I did.

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00:33:38,160 --> 00:33:40,669

That was the only reason I won,
is because I didn't know enough

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00:33:40,669 --> 00:33:41,940

about it to confuse myself.

791

00:33:41,999 --> 00:33:46,100

That looking back every game I've
played against such amazing people, they

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00:33:46,100 --> 00:33:47,740

could have so easily gone another way.

793

00:33:47,930 --> 00:33:51,490

So I don't want to be like, oh,
yeah I'm great, because Everybody

794

00:33:51,490 --> 00:33:52,610

I played against was great.

795

00:33:52,750 --> 00:33:56,390

Well, you were the only one to come up
with the correct response in that final.

796

00:33:56,420 --> 00:33:59,000

And now you're headed to the semi finals.

797

00:33:59,530 --> 00:34:01,450

This was another tough game.

798
00:34:01,450 --> 00:34:04,640
I mean, we've said the competition
in these champion wildcards.

799
00:34:05,515 --> 00:34:08,875
is incredible, and your Diamonds
group will say that, you know,

800
00:34:08,905 --> 00:34:12,335
your competition in particular
is better than any of the others.

801
00:34:12,745 --> 00:34:15,875
But in that game, you're in
the lead heading into final,

802
00:34:16,034 --> 00:34:18,484
you actually miswager again.

803
00:34:19,295 --> 00:34:25,115
So, if Dave had been correct, you would
have tied, but he was not, and you're

804
00:34:25,115 --> 00:34:27,205
once again the only one who is correct.

805
00:34:27,245 --> 00:34:27,665
And he

806
00:34:27,665 --> 00:34:30,665
did end up wagering
less in Final Jeopardy.

807
00:34:30,875 --> 00:34:35,365
So, I, I guess, given his wager, we
wouldn't have ended up tying, but,

808
00:34:35,415 --> 00:34:38,235
like I said, there are all these sort
of complicated wagering strategies.

809

00:34:38,625 --> 00:34:42,414
That one I was so surprised to win,
because playing against Dave Pye

810
00:34:42,425 --> 00:34:46,754
reminded me of playing against Nick
in my original game in that I just

811
00:34:46,965 --> 00:34:48,514
could not keep up on the buzzer.

812
00:34:48,575 --> 00:34:52,595
He's so fast, and I just, like, I
was astounded that I won, you know,

813
00:34:52,605 --> 00:34:55,465
it's just luck, you know, if your
opponents are faster than you, but

814
00:34:55,615 --> 00:34:57,365
then don't get the daily double, right.

815
00:34:57,405 --> 00:35:02,585
That's kind of the only thing you can
hope for if you're out buzzed, but I

816
00:35:02,585 --> 00:35:04,045
was not feeling very well that day.

817
00:35:04,085 --> 00:35:09,834
Uh, I was having a lot of pregnancy
related, uh, maladies that, and then

818
00:35:09,835 --> 00:35:12,775
the two games, the finals were all
taped on the same day, and that was.

819
00:35:12,795 --> 00:35:14,975
That was a long, hard day.

820
00:35:15,595 --> 00:35:15,955
Well, and

821
00:35:15,985 --> 00:35:19,225
Emily Sands, and we spoke with
her last week, she said, you know,

822
00:35:19,515 --> 00:35:22,645
I know when I was pregnant, I
was like down a few brain cells.

823
00:35:22,655 --> 00:35:27,145
So the fact that Jelana was able to
be at such a high level while pregnant

824
00:35:27,215 --> 00:35:28,975
made it all the more impressive to her.

825
00:35:29,025 --> 00:35:33,345
I'm going to say Emily and all of the
other contestants have just been so nice.

826
00:35:33,415 --> 00:35:37,305
Everybody was so kind and the
Jeopardy staff too, just been like.

827
00:35:37,590 --> 00:35:38,740
Incredibly kind.

828
00:35:38,840 --> 00:35:43,620
I guess I can't really tell if I've had
a lot of like mental lapses from being

829
00:35:43,620 --> 00:35:47,799
pregnant, but definitely like physically
I could feel like I was a lot more tired.

830
00:35:47,799 --> 00:35:48,449
I was nauseous.

831
00:35:48,450 --> 00:35:49,780
I had horrible heartburn.

832
00:35:50,250 --> 00:35:52,350
So that was kind of distracting, I guess.

833
00:35:53,200 --> 00:35:53,690
I don't know how I

834
00:35:54,250 --> 00:35:54,360
did it.

835
00:35:54,850 --> 00:35:57,640
Well, we head into the finals, you
know, you've mentioned you did not

836
00:35:57,640 --> 00:36:00,750
sleep well the night before, you have
all the things going on, and now you're

837
00:36:00,750 --> 00:36:05,199
in the finals with Erin Craig and
Emily Sands, both very strong players.

838
00:36:05,200 --> 00:36:05,580
Oh, yes.

839
00:36:05,639 --> 00:36:08,479
And you've got to play back
to back games against them.

840
00:36:08,509 --> 00:36:09,079
Talk me through

841
00:36:09,099 --> 00:36:09,830
those finals.

842
00:36:09,870 --> 00:36:11,469
I was so intimidated.

843
00:36:11,739 --> 00:36:15,380
You know, they both won in
runaways, and I, like, just,

844
00:36:15,810 --> 00:36:17,810
barely squeaked by with my win.

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00:36:18,470 --> 00:36:21,750

Um, but you know, so then my first game against them, like, I played

846

00:36:22,040 --> 00:36:24,890

really well, but also really terribly.

847

00:36:25,170 --> 00:36:29,030

Well, there was that daily double, that 9,

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00:36:29,030 --> 00:36:29,599

000 daily double.

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00:36:29,599 --> 00:36:30,710

Oh my gosh, yeah.

850

00:36:30,920 --> 00:36:33,630

As soon as I saw the question, I thought, why did I bet so much?

851

00:36:33,669 --> 00:36:37,320

Because we've already talked about all of Camus's books that I'm familiar with.

852

00:36:37,790 --> 00:36:39,750

It's not like I haven't heard of Star Trek, but I just couldn't,

853

00:36:40,030 --> 00:36:43,259

like, I drew a blank and I could not think of him as that was.

854

00:36:43,550 --> 00:36:44,220

Terrible.

855

00:36:44,270 --> 00:36:47,230

And then, I didn't even remember until I re watched the game, but then

856

00:36:47,230 --> 00:36:50,690

apparently I missed a 2, 000 clue because I was like a fraction of a

857
00:36:50,690 --> 00:36:53,779
second late answering right after that.

858
00:36:53,820 --> 00:36:59,710
So, you know, I, between the two
of those, my score drops by 11,

859
00:36:59,710 --> 00:37:02,419
000, and we get to Final Jeopardy.

860
00:37:02,810 --> 00:37:07,120
And I'm trying to do the same
strategy that I did in the finals

861
00:37:07,190 --> 00:37:10,840
of the Second Chance Tournament,
which is bet big so that you have a

862
00:37:10,840 --> 00:37:13,010
cushion going into Day 2 because you
never know what's going to happen.

863
00:37:13,410 --> 00:37:16,880
I see the question and I was
like, oh good, I know this.

864
00:37:17,140 --> 00:37:19,210
And I start writing down
my answer really fast.

865
00:37:20,219 --> 00:37:22,090
But I misread the question.

866
00:37:22,620 --> 00:37:23,750
Oh my gosh, it was

867
00:37:23,910 --> 00:37:24,360
terrible.

868
00:37:24,360 --> 00:37:27,180
Let's remind everyone at home,

world history is the category.

869

00:37:27,505 --> 00:37:32,535

This African capital renamed an area of Mexico Square to honor Mexico's World War

870

00:37:32,545 --> 00:37:38,845

II era support of its sovereignty during Italian occupation and you think Ethiopia.

871

00:37:38,884 --> 00:37:39,214

Okay,

872

00:37:39,235 --> 00:37:43,385

so I think great My dad had a co worker whose family was Ethiopian

873

00:37:43,395 --> 00:37:47,955

and I remember her talking one time about You know Italian occupation

874

00:37:47,955 --> 00:37:51,105

of Ethiopia during World War II and it gets so fixated on that.

875

00:37:51,135 --> 00:37:55,150

I I had completely forgotten the beginning of the sentence, which is the capital,

876

00:37:55,850 --> 00:37:59,640

and so I write down my answer really quickly and then I'm just like Standing

877

00:37:59,640 --> 00:38:01,079

there smiling at the camera like an

878

00:38:01,080 --> 00:38:01,440

idiot.

879

00:38:01,550 --> 00:38:05,339

Well, and we can see you writing So we see you write right away

880

00:38:05,350 --> 00:38:06,390
and we're thinking oh, no.

881

00:38:06,390 --> 00:38:09,339
No, she's gonna realize
she's gonna realize and she's

882

00:38:09,339 --> 00:38:11,170
gonna cross it out I know Ken

883

00:38:11,170 --> 00:38:15,690
said he was really hoping that I realized
my mistake and Because there was plenty

884

00:38:15,690 --> 00:38:17,210
of time to fix it, and I did not.

885

00:38:17,500 --> 00:38:19,070
You know, as soon as the answer
was revealed, I thought, Oh my

886

00:38:19,470 --> 00:38:21,270
gosh, I cannot believe I did this.

887

00:38:21,270 --> 00:38:23,880
This is like, the most embarrassing thing.

888

00:38:23,950 --> 00:38:26,890
But the only thing I could think to
make myself feel even slightly better

889

00:38:26,890 --> 00:38:31,535
is like, Maybe it's possible that even
if I had read the clue right, I would

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00:38:31,535 --> 00:38:35,415
have just like had a brain fart and
not remembered the capital of Ethiopia,

891

00:38:35,815 --> 00:38:39,275
which also would have been pretty bad,
but maybe slightly less embarrassing.

892

00:38:40,065 --> 00:38:40,515

Yes,

893

00:38:40,574 --> 00:38:43,814

Addis Ababa did not come
to mind in that moment.

894

00:38:43,835 --> 00:38:45,214

So you're down to 3, 000.

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00:38:45,215 --> 00:38:45,525

Yes.

896

00:38:45,740 --> 00:38:50,820

You had bet 8, 000 on that and so
you're heading into day two with 3, 000.

897

00:38:50,870 --> 00:38:55,269

I have to say though, here you are,
you know, you get two daily doubles

898

00:38:55,270 --> 00:38:59,715

and all of a sudden you have 24, 000
heading into final and you realize If

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00:38:59,715 --> 00:39:01,875

you bet big, you could win this thing.

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00:39:01,885 --> 00:39:03,225

Yes, so before

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00:39:03,355 --> 00:39:08,525

Emily's score changed with the
infamous Corpus Colossum, I would

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00:39:08,525 --> 00:39:11,405

have had to wager it all in order
to have a chance at winning.

903

00:39:11,705 --> 00:39:16,635

So then it was down to, you can either

bet everything and have a chance at

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00:39:16,635 --> 00:39:18,785
winning if I'm right and Emily's wrong.

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00:39:18,925 --> 00:39:23,935
But, if I'm wrong, whether
Emily's right or not, then I'm

906

00:39:23,935 --> 00:39:24,755
going to be in third place.

907

00:39:25,125 --> 00:39:28,215
Or I could just bet zero and
have a guaranteed second place.

908

00:39:28,665 --> 00:39:32,765
I thought, well, you know, I could
play for the guaranteed 50, 000.

909

00:39:33,225 --> 00:39:35,795
But I really love playing Jeopardy!

910

00:39:36,025 --> 00:39:38,205
And I really want to
keep playing Jeopardy!

911

00:39:38,385 --> 00:39:41,284
Because at this point, I
was having so much fun.

912

00:39:41,284 --> 00:39:41,424
And...

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00:39:42,105 --> 00:39:43,675
I thought, you know, this is a no brainer.

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00:39:43,755 --> 00:39:46,315
I'm gonna wager it all and
hope that I have a chance to

915

00:39:46,665 --> 00:39:47,755

keep playing more Jeopardy.

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00:39:48,075 --> 00:39:52,195

And then Emily's score changed and
apparently, I, again, didn't realize until

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00:39:52,335 --> 00:39:58,424

the game had aired, that there was a, um,
dollar range where I could have, I could

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00:39:58,424 --> 00:40:04,085

have wagered a little bit less and, you
know, kept myself guaranteed second place.

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00:40:04,560 --> 00:40:05,380

Or first place.

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00:40:05,380 --> 00:40:06,500

I didn't have to wager at all.

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00:40:06,800 --> 00:40:09,910

But, honestly, this thought didn't
even cross my mind because I was so

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00:40:09,910 --> 00:40:12,040

focused on my, like, all in wager.

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00:40:12,160 --> 00:40:14,200

You're either gonna win it,
or you're in third place.

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00:40:14,309 --> 00:40:15,719

And these are just the only

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00:40:15,719 --> 00:40:16,549

two options!

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00:40:16,639 --> 00:40:20,310

I was sad for you that you did
end with a third place prizing,

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00:40:20,320 --> 00:40:25,020

because you really were a second
place finisher in that final.

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00:40:25,355 --> 00:40:27,615
and not taking anything
away from Aaron Craig.

929

00:40:27,695 --> 00:40:29,085
But I thought, you know what?

930

00:40:29,675 --> 00:40:34,115
That's how she had to play the
game because she's playing to win.

931

00:40:34,725 --> 00:40:38,284
So one thing that's interesting, every
game you've ever played, and you've talked

932

00:40:38,285 --> 00:40:41,124
about this, is in position number two.

933

00:40:41,424 --> 00:40:41,624
Yes.

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00:40:41,624 --> 00:40:42,505
Podium number two.

935

00:40:42,505 --> 00:40:45,015
I mean, I don't know what
we'd do, Jalotta, if you came

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00:40:45,015 --> 00:40:46,455
back as a returning champion.

937

00:40:46,595 --> 00:40:46,815
By

938

00:40:46,815 --> 00:40:51,995
the time the finals rolled around,
I was really happy to be in the

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00:40:51,995 --> 00:40:54,975

middle because I was like, you know,
it's just going to throw me off if

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00:40:54,975 --> 00:40:57,935

I'm anywhere else because this is
the only spot I've played Jeopardy!

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00:40:57,935 --> 00:41:02,475

from and I don't really want to do
anything else that's going to distract me.

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00:41:02,785 --> 00:41:06,155

That was actually really helpful
to have the consistency that you

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00:41:07,115 --> 00:41:10,315

just minimize distractions and
I'm only thinking about the game.

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00:41:10,345 --> 00:41:13,545

You know, you got to take away any
variables that you can in Jeopardy!

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00:41:14,135 --> 00:41:16,085

We've talked about it a little bit, but...

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00:41:16,365 --> 00:41:21,335

We've had a few people from your Diamonds
group on the pod and the camaraderie

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00:41:21,375 --> 00:41:27,225

that everyone is talking about and the
text, the group text chain and all of it.

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00:41:27,424 --> 00:41:29,365

Is it as good as it sounds, Jelana?

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00:41:29,685 --> 00:41:30,025

Yes,

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00:41:30,075 --> 00:41:30,755

absolutely.

951
00:41:30,835 --> 00:41:34,589
It is really nice because
everybody understands the same.

952
00:41:35,140 --> 00:41:36,040
experience.

953
00:41:36,220 --> 00:41:40,620
It is really enjoyable because this is
a group of extremely smart people who,

954
00:41:40,910 --> 00:41:44,900
other than a love of Jeopardy, maybe
do not have very much at all in common.

955
00:41:45,040 --> 00:41:48,820
You know, but we all, we all have a
great amount of respect for each other

956
00:41:48,820 --> 00:41:54,120
and liking for each other, and, uh,
Jeopardy is kind of a great, Cultural

957
00:41:54,120 --> 00:41:58,220
uniter of people who, you know,
otherwise would never meet and maybe

958
00:41:58,220 --> 00:41:59,810
not have very much else in common.

959
00:42:00,130 --> 00:42:05,430
But this sort of love of knowledge
and wanting to be able to challenge

960
00:42:05,430 --> 00:42:08,440
yourself to see how much you can
know against other smart people.

961
00:42:08,550 --> 00:42:09,020
It sounds

962
00:42:09,020 --> 00:42:14,150

like your little baby boy is going to have 26 honorable aunts and uncles.

963

00:42:14,600 --> 00:42:15,329

Yes, yes.

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00:42:15,330 --> 00:42:17,550

So now it's time for the hard hitting question.

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00:42:17,550 --> 00:42:22,120

I'm sorry that Buzzy isn't here to ask it, but what is your Jeopardy?

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00:42:22,275 --> 00:42:23,995

Lunch order when you're on the Sony lot.

967

00:42:24,045 --> 00:42:24,415

Um,

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00:42:25,055 --> 00:42:28,215

I do not remember what I ate during the second chance tournament.

969

00:42:28,375 --> 00:42:31,544

During the Champions Wildcard, the first day, I think I got tacos.

970

00:42:32,305 --> 00:42:32,925

They were good.

971

00:42:33,245 --> 00:42:37,755

Uh, Thursday, so the day that the, the semifinals and finals were

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00:42:37,765 --> 00:42:39,435

taped, I had such terrible heartburn.

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00:42:39,435 --> 00:42:42,245

I thought I gotta find something like as plain as possible.

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00:42:42,275 --> 00:42:42,995
No more tacos.

975
00:42:43,005 --> 00:42:46,390
So I think I had like a
Chicken Caprese sandwich.

976
00:42:46,600 --> 00:42:48,960
You know, I think those are
both nice, safe choices.

977
00:42:49,020 --> 00:42:49,090
Yeah.

978
00:42:49,630 --> 00:42:50,220
Very good.

979
00:42:50,230 --> 00:42:52,470
Best responses I've heard
in weeks, I have to say.

980
00:42:52,980 --> 00:42:54,420
What is your Jeopardy!

981
00:42:54,429 --> 00:42:56,640
stat that you are the most proud of?

982
00:42:57,210 --> 00:42:57,380
I

983
00:42:57,400 --> 00:43:02,340
think one of my games, ironically,
like the the game where I made

984
00:43:02,340 --> 00:43:05,790
all the really bad mistakes in
the first game of the finals.

985
00:43:05,990 --> 00:43:07,640
My Korean score was really good.

986
00:43:07,660 --> 00:43:08,670

So I'm proud of that.

987

00:43:08,700 --> 00:43:11,470
I had really high buzzer
attempts on that one.

988

00:43:11,500 --> 00:43:12,530
Emily and I both did.

989

00:43:12,840 --> 00:43:13,700
55.

990

00:43:13,730 --> 00:43:14,020
Yeah.

991

00:43:14,020 --> 00:43:14,180
And

992

00:43:14,210 --> 00:43:18,449
although I will say I felt like,
I remember Ken told us after one

993

00:43:18,449 --> 00:43:20,590
of the games, he was like, this
is like for both of you, like

994

00:43:20,590 --> 00:43:21,910
tournament of champion level numbers.

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00:43:22,170 --> 00:43:25,750
And I remember thinking, Yeah, but
I'm pretty sure I buzzed in on things

996

00:43:25,750 --> 00:43:29,590
that I didn't turn out to know, and
I'm really glad I didn't get in first.

997

00:43:29,830 --> 00:43:31,900
I guess it's sort of the
imposter syndrome striking again.

998

00:43:31,900 --> 00:43:35,790

It's being like, uh, well, you know,
like the stat says it's really high,

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00:43:35,840 --> 00:43:37,120
but I don't know if it's like...

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00:43:37,170 --> 00:43:39,979
All of you, this imposter syndrome,
I just want to know, I know,

1001

00:43:39,979 --> 00:43:43,190
this is like the classic, the
classic smart person thing where

1002

00:43:43,190 --> 00:43:45,414
you're like, Yeah, I'm smart, but...

1003

00:43:45,795 --> 00:43:49,985
There are all these other people around
me and they are so smart, you know, you,

1004

00:43:50,085 --> 00:43:53,694
you go through your life and people are
like, oh, you're a smart person and then

1005

00:43:53,695 --> 00:43:57,575
you show up with Jeopardy and it's like,
everybody is a smart person at Jeopardy,

1006

00:43:58,015 --> 00:44:01,495
like, and some people are insanely smart.

1007

00:44:01,724 --> 00:44:05,715
It is a humbling experience, and then it
makes it even more surreal when you do

1008

00:44:05,795 --> 00:44:06,325
manage to win.

1009

00:44:06,535 --> 00:44:11,605
Well, last question, what has been
the best moment of your Jeopardy

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00:44:11,605 --> 00:44:12,975
journey over the last couple

1011

00:44:12,975 --> 00:44:13,555
of years?

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00:44:13,665 --> 00:44:16,660
The person I have to credit with
Basically, all of my Jeopardy!

1013

00:44:16,700 --> 00:44:17,640
success is my mother.

1014

00:44:17,730 --> 00:44:19,970
She has been watching Jeopardy!

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00:44:20,130 --> 00:44:25,410
every day for more than 30
years, and she is insanely smart.

1016

00:44:25,440 --> 00:44:29,020
Actually, interestingly enough,
my mother is in the Jeopardy!

1017

00:44:29,020 --> 00:44:29,879
contestant pool.

1018

00:44:29,990 --> 00:44:32,570
You know, and she said, you know,
there have been a lot of, like,

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00:44:32,579 --> 00:44:34,839
parent child pairs on Jeopardy!

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00:44:35,190 --> 00:44:38,450
But I'm pretty sure that if they called
me, I would be the first one where

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00:44:38,450 --> 00:44:39,980
the child was on before the parent.

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00:44:40,710 --> 00:44:43,550
But my mom is really the person
who has inspired Love, Jeopardy!

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00:44:44,089 --> 00:44:46,169
in me, because I watched
it every day with her.

1024
00:44:46,660 --> 00:44:50,190
And, you know, she knows so much.

1025
00:44:50,340 --> 00:44:52,739
It's thanks to her that
I know a lot of things.

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00:44:53,319 --> 00:44:55,694
Her excitement in me
getting on, and then...

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00:44:56,045 --> 00:45:00,765
She got to, um, travel to California
with me for the Second Chance

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00:45:00,765 --> 00:45:02,755
Tournament, and that was so wonderful.

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00:45:02,855 --> 00:45:07,505
Being able to share that with my
mom has been probably the best

1030
00:45:07,535 --> 00:45:09,505
part of my Jeopardy experience.

1031
00:45:10,014 --> 00:45:13,355
And, I guess, just getting
to play so many games.

1032
00:45:13,384 --> 00:45:17,174
Like, I, I've played in eight
Jeopardy games now, and almost

1033
00:45:17,194 --> 00:45:18,874
nobody gets that opportunity.

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00:45:18,875 --> 00:45:19,725

Being able to...

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00:45:20,320 --> 00:45:24,570

Not just play again once, but
play again repeatedly has been

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00:45:24,940 --> 00:45:27,860

so joyful and so much fun.

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00:45:28,200 --> 00:45:30,409

I feel so fortunate that I got to play so

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00:45:30,409 --> 00:45:30,980

many games.

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00:45:31,220 --> 00:45:33,350

Well, we're going to thank Jelana's mom.

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00:45:33,730 --> 00:45:35,760

It's thanks to her that we've had you.

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00:45:35,760 --> 00:45:40,349

It's been so much fun watching you in
both of these competitions do so well.

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00:45:40,629 --> 00:45:42,069

We want to wish you the best of luck.

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00:45:42,069 --> 00:45:45,120

We'll be expecting a baby
photo in the next few weeks.

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00:45:45,130 --> 00:45:45,530

Thank you.

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00:45:45,660 --> 00:45:47,870

The next Jeppa baby will be coming soon.

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00:45:48,610 --> 00:45:50,380

Thanks so much for joining us, Jelena.

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00:45:51,410 --> 00:45:53,290

That brings us to the end of today's show.

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00:45:53,300 --> 00:45:57,100

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Wildcard highlights for the clubs.

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00:45:57,180 --> 00:45:59,940

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Diamonds finalist, Aaron Craig.

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00:46:00,350 --> 00:46:04,250

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00:46:04,269 --> 00:46:07,080

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00:46:07,269 --> 00:46:08,510

And have a happy Thanksgiving.

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00:46:08,930 --> 00:46:09,530

See you next week.