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00:00:00,270 --> 00:00:07,770
From the Alex Trebek stage at Sony
Picture Studios, this is Inside Jeopardy.

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00:00:08,530 --> 00:00:11,619
Hello and welcome back to Inside
Jeopardy, your exclusive and official

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00:00:11,639 --> 00:00:14,900
podcast destination for all things
happening in the world of Jeopardy.

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00:00:15,169 --> 00:00:18,439
I'm Sarah Foss and I'm joined
today once again by Buzzy Cohen.

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00:00:18,620 --> 00:00:19,770
Happy Memorial Day, Sarah.

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00:00:19,780 --> 00:00:20,210
Happy

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00:00:20,210 --> 00:00:21,410
Memorial Day, Buzzy.

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00:00:21,410 --> 00:00:22,680
We meet in May.

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00:00:22,690 --> 00:00:24,180
It's almost over, I can't believe it.

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00:00:24,620 --> 00:00:25,310
Unbelievable.

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00:00:25,320 --> 00:00:26,560
What a season it's been, too.

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00:00:26,560 --> 00:00:26,870
I mean

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00:00:27,105 --> 00:00:30,855

What a season and what a month we had, of course, the conclusion of

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00:00:30,855 --> 00:00:35,325
Masters, which is exciting because everyone knows all hail the queen,

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00:00:35,375 --> 00:00:36,345
Queen Victoria,

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00:00:36,904 --> 00:00:39,954
she is our season two
Jeopardy Masters champion.

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00:00:40,305 --> 00:00:43,554
We're going to have highlights of how the semifinals wrapped up and also the finals

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00:00:43,554 --> 00:00:45,535
for Masters coming up later in the pod.

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00:00:45,945 --> 00:00:50,535
But first up, we also have to say May is a big month because our own Ken Jennings.

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00:00:52,089 --> 00:00:53,390
I cannot believe that

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00:00:53,400 --> 00:00:55,790
he does not look a day over 35.

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00:00:55,790 --> 00:00:59,440
Yeah, he was actually talking with Jimmy and Jimmy was like, Hey,

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00:00:59,440 --> 00:01:00,990
welcome to the fifth floor, Ken.

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00:01:01,500 --> 00:01:03,020
And Ken's like, you're 50?

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00:01:03,330 --> 00:01:05,269

And Jimmy's like, yeah, I'm 58.

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00:01:05,310 --> 00:01:06,020

Oh my God.

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00:01:06,050 --> 00:01:07,150

That just blew my mind.

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00:01:07,330 --> 00:01:10,140

The two of them must be taking
the stem cell baths together.

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00:01:10,170 --> 00:01:11,150

What are they doing?

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00:01:11,159 --> 00:01:12,270

We need to do more of it.

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00:01:12,290 --> 00:01:13,050

It is good.

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00:01:13,340 --> 00:01:15,429

You know, we actually
taped on his birthday.

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00:01:15,790 --> 00:01:19,510

We couldn't have him come all the way
from Seattle to Culver City on his

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00:01:19,510 --> 00:01:21,300

actual birthday and not celebrate.

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00:01:21,500 --> 00:01:25,300

In fact, a few months ago, his wife,
Mindy said to me, Sarah, I'm not going

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00:01:25,300 --> 00:01:26,289

to be able to be there for his birthday.

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00:01:26,290 --> 00:01:28,450

birthday, but I just want to make
sure you guys know that it'll

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00:01:28,450 --> 00:01:30,110
actually be when you're taping.

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00:01:30,110 --> 00:01:31,240
I said, we've got it, Mindy.

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00:01:31,240 --> 00:01:31,810
We've got it.

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00:01:31,820 --> 00:01:33,100
And boy, whew.

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00:01:33,790 --> 00:01:37,419
Podcast producers, Alexa and Carlos
and myself, we also double as the

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00:01:37,419 --> 00:01:39,139
party team, the party planning

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00:01:39,140 --> 00:01:39,580
committee.

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00:01:39,800 --> 00:01:40,530
We were busy.

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00:01:40,829 --> 00:01:44,749
We came up with this idea that when
Ken walked out, it would be so cool if

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00:01:44,750 --> 00:01:46,734
the whole audience had one of those.

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00:01:46,735 --> 00:01:48,415
faces that you hold up with a stick.

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00:01:48,665 --> 00:01:52,405
So we went and found all of these photos
from Ken throughout his life, whether

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00:01:52,405 --> 00:01:57,554

it was baby Ken, toddler Ken, child Ken,
teenage Ken, contestant Ken, host Ken.

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00:01:58,024 --> 00:02:01,304
And then we put different birthday
hats on them and had them printed.

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00:02:01,534 --> 00:02:04,544
So everyone in the audience was
handed when we had all the staff

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00:02:04,565 --> 00:02:06,024
come down to stage as well.

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00:02:06,400 --> 00:02:07,750
They were holding the heads.

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00:02:07,750 --> 00:02:09,739
We had people in the booth had the heads.

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00:02:10,250 --> 00:02:11,210
We turned off the feed.

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00:02:11,210 --> 00:02:13,080
So Ken wouldn't know
this was all happening.

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00:02:13,090 --> 00:02:15,360
And then we had Johnny Gilbert
record a special announce.

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00:02:15,369 --> 00:02:18,520
So Johnny said, and now on his
50th birthday, here's the host of

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00:02:18,520 --> 00:02:22,069
Jeopardy, Ken Jennings, Ken walks
out, everyone had their heads up.

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00:02:22,329 --> 00:02:26,310
Meanwhile, I'm running backstage
because I had to do the fake contestant

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00:02:26,310 --> 00:02:28,990
announce, running backstage to light his.

63
00:02:29,145 --> 00:02:31,665
birthday cookie platter,
because he's not a cake guy.

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00:02:31,675 --> 00:02:33,055
He loves chocolate chip cookies.

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00:02:33,175 --> 00:02:33,525
Okay.

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00:02:33,535 --> 00:02:36,105
So I'm lighting the 50 candles
that we can bring that out.

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00:02:36,105 --> 00:02:37,435
And then Johnny said, what do you say?

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00:02:37,435 --> 00:02:38,804
We sing happy birthday to Ken.

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00:02:39,135 --> 00:02:42,135
The whole audience sang
happy birthday to Ken.

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00:02:42,794 --> 00:02:47,205
And we also, the night before, decorated
his dressing room with lots of 50 stuff.

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00:02:47,334 --> 00:02:49,825
So, you know, we tried to
make it special for Ken.

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00:02:49,924 --> 00:02:52,625
He's not at home, but he's
with his second family.

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00:02:52,674 --> 00:02:53,545
Does he like being

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00:02:53,554 --> 00:02:54,684
celebrated in that way?

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00:02:55,315 --> 00:02:59,924
I feel like he doesn't, but I feel
like he was very appreciative of it.

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00:02:59,924 --> 00:03:03,754
I don't know that he's a guy that's like,
I need to feel celebrated on my birthday.

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00:03:03,754 --> 00:03:07,204
I don't think that's him at all, but
he was very gracious and you know, he

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00:03:07,204 --> 00:03:08,544
was so excited about the dressing room.

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00:03:08,544 --> 00:03:10,664
And I, in my head that morning,
I was like, ha ha, you don't

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00:03:10,664 --> 00:03:12,715
even know it's a store buddy.

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00:03:12,974 --> 00:03:15,644
But, uh, there were fun pictures
of it on social and he got so

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00:03:15,644 --> 00:03:17,215
many great happy birthday wishes.

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00:03:17,215 --> 00:03:19,864
We put together a little video you can
see on our social channels as well.

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00:03:19,875 --> 00:03:23,775
So, you know, if you didn't
check it out, it's up there.

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00:03:24,015 --> 00:03:27,225
Many people just can't believe they're

older than the host of Jeopardy.

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00:03:27,225 --> 00:03:29,225
That's a comment I saw a lot.

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00:03:29,225 --> 00:03:31,735
I think because Alex, you
know, we grew up with Alex.

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00:03:31,735 --> 00:03:34,635
He seemed almost like our, our
father figure more than our peer.

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00:03:34,635 --> 00:03:36,515
So I think people now with
Ken, they're like, wait, what?

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00:03:36,545 --> 00:03:38,175
The host of Jeopardy is younger than me?

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00:03:38,275 --> 00:03:38,615
Right.

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00:03:38,775 --> 00:03:39,545
How's that possible?

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00:03:39,600 --> 00:03:40,460
Doesn't make sense.

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00:03:41,170 --> 00:03:44,710
Well, before we get into the week that
was on Jeopardy, let's take a look

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00:03:44,710 --> 00:03:46,900
first at this week in Jeopardy history.

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00:03:52,170 --> 00:03:52,670
All right.

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00:03:52,740 --> 00:03:55,020
We come to Veronica Vichit Vatican.

98
00:03:55,139 --> 00:03:58,700
You had 9, 200 coming
into final your response.

99
00:03:58,749 --> 00:03:59,689
What is Albania?

100
00:04:00,105 --> 00:04:01,005
That is not correct.

101
00:04:01,025 --> 00:04:01,995
What's it going to cost you?

102
00:04:02,055 --> 00:04:02,585
Nothing.

103
00:04:02,585 --> 00:04:03,675
So you'll keep that.

104
00:04:03,675 --> 00:04:09,025
We'll add yesterday's score of 6,
400, bringing you to 15, 600, bringing

105
00:04:09,025 --> 00:04:13,135
us to Jennifer Quayle, who had 19,
000 coming into final your response.

106
00:04:13,395 --> 00:04:14,275
What is Poland?

107
00:04:14,544 --> 00:04:15,415
That is correct.

108
00:04:15,464 --> 00:04:16,944
How much are you going
to add to your score?

109
00:04:17,144 --> 00:04:20,584
8, 500 bringing up to 27, 500.

110
00:04:20,585 --> 00:04:22,745

Yesterday you had 14, 500.

111
00:04:22,745 --> 00:04:25,144
So you're going to end up with 42, 000.

112
00:04:25,414 --> 00:04:28,494
Sam Kavanaugh, did you
come up with Poland?

113
00:04:28,974 --> 00:04:29,815
No, you did not.

114
00:04:29,825 --> 00:04:31,164
How much did you wager?

115
00:04:32,275 --> 00:04:33,635
Just 12.

116
00:04:33,935 --> 00:04:37,184
So you'll drop down to 20, 388.

117
00:04:37,185 --> 00:04:41,955
Yesterday, you had 38, 000, which means
you come up to a total of 58, 388.

118
00:04:43,215 --> 00:04:44,585
Congratulations, Sam Kavanaugh!

119
00:04:45,545 --> 00:04:47,405
You have just won the
Tournament of Champions.

120
00:04:47,784 --> 00:04:48,875
Welcome to the club.

121
00:04:50,650 --> 00:04:54,944
It was on May 28th, 2021,
when Sam Kavanaugh won the

122
00:04:54,944 --> 00:04:56,380
2021 Tournament of Champions.

123
00:04:56,419 --> 00:05:01,289
And as you just heard, it was hosted
by none other than our own Bussy Cohen.

124
00:05:01,650 --> 00:05:06,449
Sam, Jennifer Quayle, Veronica Vici
Vatican, all competed in a two game total

125
00:05:06,449 --> 00:05:10,240
point of fair, and And in the end, it
was Sam who took home the championship

126
00:05:10,280 --> 00:05:14,310
title, the 250, 000 grand prize, the belt.

127
00:05:14,630 --> 00:05:18,290
Sam and Jennifer, of course, returned
earlier this year for our Jeopardy!

128
00:05:18,290 --> 00:05:19,310
Invitational Tournament.

129
00:05:19,569 --> 00:05:21,490
They both advanced to the semifinals.

130
00:05:21,819 --> 00:05:25,060
They were eventually defeated
by none other than Andrew He and

131
00:05:25,069 --> 00:05:29,340
Amy Schneider, respectively, but
wow, what a TOC that was, Buzzy.

132
00:05:29,390 --> 00:05:29,650
Yeah.

133
00:05:29,650 --> 00:05:31,460
I mean, highlight of my life.

134
00:05:31,660 --> 00:05:35,930
Really, so, so fun, and uh, it was
great to be able to give those great

135
00:05:35,930 --> 00:05:37,740
contestants the TOC they deserved.

136
00:05:37,830 --> 00:05:38,220
I feel

137
00:05:38,220 --> 00:05:41,120
like you knew in that moment that
this was the highlight of, like,

138
00:05:41,120 --> 00:05:42,540
you were so excited to be there.

139
00:05:42,540 --> 00:05:42,860
Yeah.

140
00:05:42,919 --> 00:05:47,230
So excited to get that opportunity, and
I feel like you just took it all in.

141
00:05:47,440 --> 00:05:51,990
I really did, like, I really knew that
it was a once in a lifetime situation.

142
00:05:52,000 --> 00:05:55,360
I remember on this day, this
tape day, going out during lunch

143
00:05:55,380 --> 00:05:58,840
and, you know, the stage is empty
and just kind of taking it in.

144
00:05:58,950 --> 00:05:59,110
Yeah.

145
00:05:59,140 --> 00:06:04,089
Um, so, I love that I got the opportunity
and, you know, forever this TOC group

146
00:06:04,140 --> 00:06:05,459
will have a special place in my heart.

147

00:06:05,560 --> 00:06:09,480

I wonder which of you thinks, you know, more favorably about that TOC.

148

00:06:09,570 --> 00:06:13,020

Is it the champion Sam Kavanaugh or is it you who got to host it?

149

00:06:13,040 --> 00:06:13,989

It could be a toss up.

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00:06:14,009 --> 00:06:14,770

It's a toss up.

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00:06:15,015 --> 00:06:20,175

Well, it is time now to take a look back at the last week of Masters.

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00:06:20,415 --> 00:06:24,615

We kicked it off last Monday with a tight game between Victoria and James.

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00:06:24,625 --> 00:06:28,874

They went into Double Jeopardy tied with 5, 200 points, but Victoria quickly lost

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00:06:28,874 --> 00:06:30,805

6, 000 points in the first Daily Double.

155

00:06:31,065 --> 00:06:34,334

Then James just continued to build his score, and thanks to

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00:06:34,335 --> 00:06:38,165

a 5, 000 point Daily Double, he takes the lead heading into Final.

157

00:06:38,530 --> 00:06:43,270

Where he was incorrect, but that minimal wager allowed him to secure

158

00:06:43,290 --> 00:06:45,160
his first win of the semi finals.

159
00:06:45,590 --> 00:06:47,900
Just have to take a look
at the stats for this game.

160
00:06:48,410 --> 00:06:50,780
To point out, when we say
evenly matched, we mean it.

161
00:06:51,130 --> 00:06:54,449
Both James and Victoria, 41 attempts.

162
00:06:54,650 --> 00:06:55,229
Both teams.

163
00:06:55,299 --> 00:07:00,599
21 correct responses, 56 percent
buzzer accuracy for Victoria, 51

164
00:07:00,599 --> 00:07:03,210
percent buzzer accuracy for James.

165
00:07:03,479 --> 00:07:07,530
Now a lot of people might be calling
out the fact of Victoria's zero wager,

166
00:07:07,530 --> 00:07:12,479
because if she had wagered everything,
she would have won this game with 21, 600.

167
00:07:13,060 --> 00:07:16,850
People are forgetting that it's
all about these match points.

168
00:07:16,850 --> 00:07:20,490
And so she was being extremely strategic
because if she bets everything and

169
00:07:20,490 --> 00:07:24,279
she's wrong, she gets zero and you
know, Amy gets the match point.

170
00:07:24,279 --> 00:07:25,794
And it's all about the match points.

171
00:07:25,795 --> 00:07:27,695
I actually, I love that play by Victoria.

172
00:07:27,695 --> 00:07:28,115
Bravo.

173
00:07:28,195 --> 00:07:28,455
Yeah.

174
00:07:28,455 --> 00:07:31,495
She's got her eye on the
prize and that is the finals.

175
00:07:31,535 --> 00:07:31,725
Yeah.

176
00:07:32,225 --> 00:07:36,135
Fans did point out that Amy was
sitting during the last two semifinal

177
00:07:36,145 --> 00:07:38,605
games and Amy went on X to explain.

178
00:07:38,785 --> 00:07:41,444
It's a fact that I wasn't
feeling well on the day.

179
00:07:41,445 --> 00:07:42,764
We taped the semifinals.

180
00:07:42,764 --> 00:07:46,005
They had a chair out for me because I
was experiencing some dizziness and I

181
00:07:46,005 --> 00:07:50,615
wasn't sure I could stand for a whole
episode, but I want to be crystal clear.

182
00:07:51,034 --> 00:07:52,064
That's not true.

183
00:07:52,065 --> 00:07:53,554
Yeah,

184
00:07:53,635 --> 00:07:57,745
Amy is not going to
blame any circumstance.

185
00:07:57,845 --> 00:07:59,165
She knows what she's doing up there.

186
00:07:59,295 --> 00:07:59,865
Absolutely.

187
00:07:59,865 --> 00:08:01,595
Well, Ken spoke with the
players after the game.

188
00:08:01,605 --> 00:08:04,035
Let's hear how James was
feeling after the big win.

189
00:08:04,784 --> 00:08:06,215
James, congratulations on the win.

190
00:08:06,325 --> 00:08:06,675
Thank you.

191
00:08:07,234 --> 00:08:09,974
You survived Victoria knowing antimony.

192
00:08:10,415 --> 00:08:12,725
Were you tempted to go big on the wager?

193
00:08:12,755 --> 00:08:13,555
Absolutely not.

194
00:08:14,625 --> 00:08:15,025
You're very

195

00:08:15,025 --> 00:08:15,935
happy with your one match point?

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00:08:15,945 --> 00:08:17,515
I'm very happy with my one match point.

197

00:08:17,585 --> 00:08:20,515
I was like, if I can win the game, great.

198

00:08:20,584 --> 00:08:23,514
But if I finish this game with one match
point, I feel good about my position.

199

00:08:23,575 --> 00:08:28,194
We saw the rare non all in from James
Holzhauer on that Movie Daily double.

200

00:08:29,395 --> 00:08:29,625
I don't

201

00:08:29,715 --> 00:08:31,735
watch movies, Ken, I don't know how
many times I have to tell you this.

202

00:08:33,515 --> 00:08:38,094
And yet, James, and yet, you knew
what an opera related variant of

203

00:08:38,114 --> 00:08:38,814
Beverly Hills Cop would be like.

204

00:08:38,814 --> 00:08:42,085
Well, you didn't tell me action
comedy was going to be a theme

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00:08:42,085 --> 00:08:42,335
there.

206

00:08:43,215 --> 00:08:43,975
That's the one genre I do.

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00:08:44,384 --> 00:08:47,585
I remember once asking you about
your movie watching and you said,

208

00:08:47,585 --> 00:08:50,595
if it's not a Fast and the Furious
movie, you probably haven't seen it.

209

00:08:50,665 --> 00:08:52,265
Have you branched out at all since then?

210

00:08:52,275 --> 00:08:53,295
Transformers movies?

211

00:08:53,305 --> 00:08:53,314
Uh,

212

00:08:53,314 --> 00:08:53,814
no.

213

00:08:54,185 --> 00:08:57,085
Transformers is not my speed, but
um, you know, Mission Impossible,

214

00:08:57,085 --> 00:08:58,565
I'll delve into it from time to time.

215

00:08:58,655 --> 00:08:59,965
Ah, that's good, a little change of pace.

216

00:09:00,680 --> 00:09:02,890
Clear the pallet for another
Fast and the Furious movie.

217

00:09:04,920 --> 00:09:05,630
But you got away with that

218

00:09:05,630 --> 00:09:06,060
win, James.

219

00:09:06,060 --> 00:09:06,460

That must feel

220

00:09:06,460 --> 00:09:06,720
good.

221

00:09:06,780 --> 00:09:08,300
Yeah, I like this Final
Jeopardy clue, actually.

222

00:09:08,310 --> 00:09:10,710
It's one of those, like, hits
you, oh, duh, as soon as you

223

00:09:10,710 --> 00:09:11,830
see the correct response.

224

00:09:12,149 --> 00:09:14,990
Amy, I liked the guess of
Astatine, because I liked it, too.

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00:09:14,990 --> 00:09:15,813
It did start with

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00:09:15,813 --> 00:09:16,019
A.

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00:09:16,019 --> 00:09:16,749
It was not.

228

00:09:17,029 --> 00:09:20,710
It came to me, and like, if I had
wagered anything, maybe I would

229

00:09:20,710 --> 00:09:23,720
have reconsidered it more, but I
was like, eh, it's good enough.

230

00:09:23,780 --> 00:09:25,210
There's nothing like that zero bet.

231

00:09:25,510 --> 00:09:25,870
Yeah.

232

00:09:25,900 --> 00:09:27,430
To put your mind at ease, right?

233

00:09:27,660 --> 00:09:30,350
The big question is, did you
already get to Queen B on Spelling

234

00:09:30,350 --> 00:09:31,720
Bee today before Jeopardy?

235

00:09:31,860 --> 00:09:36,070
I did not today, and quite frankly,
like, I'm worried about it.

236

00:09:36,110 --> 00:09:38,710
Like, the last two, I'm not sure
that I'm gonna get, get there.

237

00:09:38,780 --> 00:09:38,910
I

238

00:09:38,910 --> 00:09:39,710
was playing a luncheon.

239

00:09:39,710 --> 00:09:40,720
You have only two left?

240

00:09:40,830 --> 00:09:41,099
Yeah.

241

00:09:41,099 --> 00:09:42,089
I have like six words left.

242

00:09:42,089 --> 00:09:44,809
I think you're, you're still, you're
still kicking my butt at Spelling Bee.

243

00:09:44,809 --> 00:09:46,020
I'll take a win today.

244

00:09:47,880 --> 00:09:51,479
And we do have an update on
Ken's Spelling Bee status.

245
00:09:51,489 --> 00:09:54,810
So last week when we were taping
on Wednesday, Ken mentioned

246
00:09:54,810 --> 00:09:57,169
that he was currently in the
middle of another Queen Bee.

247
00:09:57,370 --> 00:10:01,250
Status streak, but was having a
bit of trouble with the puzzle.

248
00:10:01,810 --> 00:10:04,290
He joked, what am I doing
here with you people while I'm

249
00:10:04,290 --> 00:10:05,839
floundering and spelling bait?

250
00:10:05,840 --> 00:10:08,619
It's good to know he has
his priorities locked

251
00:10:08,619 --> 00:10:08,680
up.

252
00:10:08,780 --> 00:10:12,119
Well, in our second game on Monday,
James, Yogesh, and Amy taking the

253
00:10:12,119 --> 00:10:16,930
stage for the last of our games
in the semifinals of Season 2.

254
00:10:17,160 --> 00:10:20,360
James took a small lead over Yogesh,
heading into Double Jeopardy.

255
00:10:20,370 --> 00:10:22,410

There, they both found a Daily Double.

256

00:10:22,730 --> 00:10:26,329

They both go all in, but it was James who had the lead at the end of the round.

257

00:10:26,685 --> 00:10:30,375

All three players correct, James notching his second win of the night.

258

00:10:30,595 --> 00:10:33,455

Well played, um, both James and Yogesh.

259

00:10:33,475 --> 00:10:36,364

Amy just, you know, not catching her stride this tournament, but kept

260

00:10:36,365 --> 00:10:38,485

herself in it, holds her head up high.

261

00:10:38,755 --> 00:10:43,395

Um, really, I just want to say again, Yogesh with a smart wager

262

00:10:43,395 --> 00:10:47,304

where he's not really putting himself in too much danger, but.

263

00:10:47,425 --> 00:10:51,795

Potentially seeing that James might bet zero with the same philosophy

264

00:10:51,935 --> 00:10:54,445

really love how he's wagering there

265

00:10:54,595 --> 00:10:58,655

Yeah, Amy Schneider goes home with a fourth place finish and a hundred

266

00:10:58,655 --> 00:11:03,995

thousand dollars She did reflect on her master's experience on X saying James

267

00:11:03,995 --> 00:11:08,365
Victoria and Yogesh are incredible
Jeopardy players competing against

268

00:11:08,365 --> 00:11:13,175
them was A, an honor, and B, a real
wake up call about the work I need

269

00:11:13,175 --> 00:11:14,715
to do if I want to reach their level.

270

00:11:15,015 --> 00:11:17,664
I wanted to make the finals for
a lot of reasons, but one that

271

00:11:17,665 --> 00:11:19,395
might not be as obvious is this.

272

00:11:19,445 --> 00:11:23,165
I really wanted to represent my
Season 38 crew at the highest level.

273

00:11:23,474 --> 00:11:27,855
Matea delivered for us last year, and
this year, I feel like I let them down.

274

00:11:29,024 --> 00:11:29,474
That's tough.

275

00:11:29,474 --> 00:11:33,315
That's a lot to carry on your shoulders,
but I think if anyone can do it, it's Amy.

276

00:11:33,315 --> 00:11:37,664
You know, she really plays with such
grace and poise, and she's someone

277

00:11:37,665 --> 00:11:39,605
who every time She's on the stage.

278

00:11:39,685 --> 00:11:41,045
She could be the winner of that game.

279

00:11:41,204 --> 00:11:41,655

Yeah.

280

00:11:41,785 --> 00:11:43,935

I have to share one more
thing that she said on X.

281

00:11:44,375 --> 00:11:45,845

I'm so glad to have played Jeopardy!

282

00:11:45,845 --> 00:11:48,025

long enough to learn and grow in the game.

283

00:11:48,345 --> 00:11:52,725

From my first run to the TOC
to Masters JIT Masters, I have

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00:11:52,744 --> 00:11:56,054

continually learned new things
about the game and about myself.

285

00:11:56,345 --> 00:11:59,195

It's an amazing opportunity
that I never saw coming.

286

00:11:59,624 --> 00:12:02,384

I'm even more glad to have met
all the people with whom I've

287

00:12:02,384 --> 00:12:03,954

shared the Alextra backstage.

288

00:12:04,214 --> 00:12:07,814

Truly, truly, truly, I can't say
enough about how wonderful they all

289

00:12:07,814 --> 00:12:10,354

were, individually and collectively.

290

00:12:10,645 --> 00:12:13,525

Jeopardy people are my kind of people.

291

00:12:13,834 --> 00:12:14,624
I'm getting teary.

292

00:12:14,685 --> 00:12:15,414
I know.

293

00:12:15,414 --> 00:12:15,979
So sweet.

294

00:12:16,390 --> 00:12:17,920
They're my kind of people too, Amy.

295

00:12:18,000 --> 00:12:20,140
Loved having you in Masters.

296

00:12:20,150 --> 00:12:21,640
Such a great champion for us.

297

00:12:21,640 --> 00:12:24,410
And, you know, I can't
imagine how it feels for her.

298

00:12:24,420 --> 00:12:27,390
I know this isn't how
Amy wanted to go out.

299

00:12:27,420 --> 00:12:29,800
But, uh, we know we'll be seeing her back.

300

00:12:29,949 --> 00:12:30,660
In the Jet.

301

00:12:31,610 --> 00:12:34,329
And it sounds like, uh, she's
got her work cut out for her.

302

00:12:34,330 --> 00:12:34,879
And she's, you know.

303

00:12:35,030 --> 00:12:35,880

She's gonna put it in.

304

00:12:35,900 --> 00:12:36,689

Yeah, yeah.

305

00:12:36,720 --> 00:12:41,210

She, I think sometimes that wake up call and with this new pyramid,

306

00:12:41,550 --> 00:12:45,170

uh, you can get that wake up call and come back even stronger.

307

00:12:45,170 --> 00:12:49,000

So I'm excited to see what a fired up Amy looks like.

308

00:12:49,110 --> 00:12:55,350

This final score for James of 49, 601 points is the second highest in Masters

309

00:12:55,350 --> 00:13:00,915

history behind None other than Queen Victoria, who earlier scored 50, 000

310

00:13:00,925 --> 00:13:02,895

points in a single game of Masters.

311

00:13:03,395 --> 00:13:06,324

Another highlight of this game, of course, Henry Winkler,

312

00:13:06,354 --> 00:13:08,305

talking about acting teachers.

313

00:13:08,655 --> 00:13:13,115

Yogesh really did well in this category, obviously a big fan

314

00:13:13,145 --> 00:13:16,415

of the arts, of theater, movies, it's always strong for him.

315
00:13:16,844 --> 00:13:21,305
I spoke with Henry when we were
recording this category and just wanted

316
00:13:21,305 --> 00:13:25,874
to find out what it meant to him to
present his very own Jeopardy category.

317
00:13:25,944 --> 00:13:26,454
Take a listen.

318
00:13:26,454 --> 00:13:26,504
Jeopardy!

319
00:13:27,605 --> 00:13:29,945
Henry Winkler, you've
been a clue on Jeopardy!

320
00:13:29,955 --> 00:13:31,255
15 times.

321
00:13:31,285 --> 00:13:34,165
The first time way back in 1992.

322
00:13:34,465 --> 00:13:36,885
A clue about how you wrote a clue.

323
00:13:36,915 --> 00:13:37,905
How is that possible?

324
00:13:37,984 --> 00:13:41,515
A fraternity brother of mine,
Jeff Goldstein, directed this

325
00:13:41,515 --> 00:13:43,755
show right out of college.

326
00:13:43,764 --> 00:13:46,485
He said, we're having
trouble finding clues.

327

00:13:46,664 --> 00:13:51,015
And I gave him one because I
had just been in Switzerland.

328
00:13:51,405 --> 00:13:53,865
It became a clue about Zermatt.

329
00:13:54,170 --> 00:13:56,710
Wow, you know we don't let
people suggest ideas anymore.

330
00:13:56,790 --> 00:13:58,400
Well, I feel very, very lucky.

331
00:13:58,420 --> 00:13:58,570
You

332
00:13:58,570 --> 00:13:59,020
should.

333
00:13:59,030 --> 00:14:03,220
So now, you've been featured 15 times, but
you've never presented your own category.

334
00:14:03,300 --> 00:14:04,570
Tell me about that experience.

335
00:14:04,620 --> 00:14:12,050
Okay, so, let me just say that
Jeopardy's is a special way I, uh, just

336
00:14:12,069 --> 00:14:15,850
had to relearn, uh, my mouth working.

337
00:14:15,930 --> 00:14:23,350
It is so precise, uh, it is a question
with a lot of information, uh, and

338
00:14:23,350 --> 00:14:27,320
then you've got to put it together like
it's just flowing out of your mouth.

339

00:14:27,419 --> 00:14:31,624
So we saved your category for masters,
we're asking The best Jeopardy!

340
00:14:31,624 --> 00:14:34,425
champions about famous acting teachers.

341
00:14:35,055 --> 00:14:36,935
What's it like to be a part of Jeopardy!

342
00:14:36,944 --> 00:14:37,614
Masters?

343
00:14:37,805 --> 00:14:43,864
When my children were in high school,
uh, or in grade school, uh, they'd see

344
00:14:43,864 --> 00:14:47,725
my wife and my kids would watch Jeopardy!

345
00:14:48,405 --> 00:14:55,345
And yell out the answers, and it, uh,
every night, the same time, after dinner,

346
00:14:55,665 --> 00:14:59,145
uh, you would hear, uh, Wow, I got it!

347
00:14:59,504 --> 00:15:01,364
Just ring through the house.

348
00:15:01,835 --> 00:15:04,595
And, uh, I could never play
it because I'm so dyslexic.

349
00:15:04,615 --> 00:15:08,685
So being here to be part of it,
I now feel the circle is fine.

350
00:15:09,610 --> 00:15:13,650
And interestingly enough, you were
reading through the clues, and you

351

00:15:13,680 --> 00:15:17,180
have personal connections to some
of the people featured in them?

352

00:15:17,600 --> 00:15:23,380
Uh, Viola Spolin, her son was,
uh, one of the teachers at,

353

00:15:23,400 --> 00:15:25,949
uh, at Yale, at drama school.

354

00:15:26,370 --> 00:15:28,589
And we did, um, story theater.

355

00:15:28,780 --> 00:15:35,589
You had no costume really, no set, no
props, and you, you literally created it.

356

00:15:36,260 --> 00:15:40,810
If you needed a bow and arrow, you
just picked it right out of the air.

357

00:15:40,850 --> 00:15:44,910
And, uh, oh, there's a paddle
and now I'm in a canoe.

358

00:15:45,250 --> 00:15:45,969
It was amazing.

359

00:15:46,329 --> 00:15:48,430
Somewhat like Jeopardy,
you know, we've been on the

360

00:15:48,430 --> 00:15:50,620
syndicated version for 40 years.

361

00:15:50,949 --> 00:15:55,289
Your career spanning so many years,
just like Jeopardy, people still love

362

00:15:55,290 --> 00:15:57,459
Henry Winkler and, and want more of you.

363

00:15:57,469 --> 00:15:58,449

What does that feel like?

364

00:15:58,549 --> 00:16:01,790

I am, uh, I, I think it is an, an honor.

365

00:16:01,819 --> 00:16:08,389

I think it is a privilege that I dreamt about this, being in this industry

366

00:16:08,399 --> 00:16:11,140

since I was eight, and here I am.

367

00:16:12,680 --> 00:16:15,410

Well, thank you for being a part of Jeopardy Masters.

368

00:16:15,600 --> 00:16:17,040

Will you come back for another category?

369

00:16:17,160 --> 00:16:17,839

No!

370

00:16:17,990 --> 00:16:18,180

No?

371

00:16:18,660 --> 00:16:23,680

I want to say this was like one of the hardest things I've ever done in my life.

372

00:16:23,760 --> 00:16:25,989

And, um, I'm going to keep it at one.

373

00:16:25,999 --> 00:16:26,560

Thank you.

374

00:16:26,589 --> 00:16:27,350

One and done.

375

00:16:27,959 --> 00:16:29,439

Well, Buzzy, we kicked off the

376

00:16:29,490 --> 00:16:29,709

Two

377

00:16:29,709 --> 00:16:31,219

Game Total Point Affair.

378

00:16:31,300 --> 00:16:34,140

gameplay from all three finalists.

379

00:16:34,240 --> 00:16:37,939

in the first game of the night,
including a 10, 000 plus daily double

380

00:16:37,939 --> 00:16:42,980

from Victoria and James, and an all
in double up for Yogesh in final.

381

00:16:43,009 --> 00:16:47,939

This was anyone's game heading into the
second game of the night, but Victoria

382

00:16:47,939 --> 00:16:50,280

came out swinging in that second game.

383

00:16:50,569 --> 00:16:55,430

26 correct responses, a huge
13, 600 point daily double.

384

00:16:55,709 --> 00:17:02,989

Victoria went into final with 34, 000
points and an effective two day runaway.

385

00:17:03,214 --> 00:17:06,944

Locking up the win to become
our Season 2 Jeopardy!

386

00:17:06,944 --> 00:17:08,204

Masters Champion.

387

00:17:08,435 --> 00:17:12,435

Well, hat is off to all three of these

finalists, but especially Victoria.

388

00:17:12,615 --> 00:17:14,175

You know, we've talked about it before.

389

00:17:14,204 --> 00:17:16,925

It has been a while since
Victoria has been on the Jeopardy!

390

00:17:16,925 --> 00:17:17,354

stage.

391

00:17:17,544 --> 00:17:21,464

It's one thing to do kind of the
style of quizzing that she has become

392

00:17:21,464 --> 00:17:24,624

known for since her appearance, which
is very different than the types

393

00:17:24,624 --> 00:17:26,814

of clues that you hear on Jeopardy!

394

00:17:26,925 --> 00:17:31,664

And also away from the buzzer, and I
think to come in and play at this level,

395

00:17:31,975 --> 00:17:34,725

Um, we all knew that she could do it.

396

00:17:34,735 --> 00:17:36,754

The question is, would she do it?

397

00:17:36,774 --> 00:17:38,195

And she definitely did.

398

00:17:38,195 --> 00:17:41,554

So my biggest congratulations
to my pal, Victoria.

399

00:17:41,594 --> 00:17:41,975

Yeah.

400
00:17:41,975 --> 00:17:43,195
Your fellow chaser.

401
00:17:43,225 --> 00:17:43,495
Yeah.

402
00:17:43,544 --> 00:17:47,944
Now, you know, another 500,
000, the Trebek trophy.

403
00:17:48,014 --> 00:17:48,894
Oh my gosh.

404
00:17:48,904 --> 00:17:52,524
Yogesh finishing in second
with 250, 000, James in third.

405
00:17:52,665 --> 00:17:54,574
third with 150, 000.

406
00:17:54,715 --> 00:17:59,705
Of course, he came in, you know, as our
self declared final boss of Jeopardy.

407
00:17:59,925 --> 00:18:04,074
I think my favorite moment in Masters
for James was when at the end, when

408
00:18:04,074 --> 00:18:08,245
Ken went to James to get his response,
he had said, Who is Henrietta Lacks?

409
00:18:08,274 --> 00:18:10,925
And then he put, you know,
final boss death music.

410
00:18:10,925 --> 00:18:15,769
And when Ken asked what that was
like, he was like, So I love it.

411
00:18:15,769 --> 00:18:19,199

He was bringing the humor,
even in his moment of defeat.

412

00:18:19,720 --> 00:18:23,020
This was a fun game in terms
of celebrity categories.

413

00:18:23,020 --> 00:18:27,060
We had, of course, Jimmy Kimmel
and we also had Jason Kelsey.

414

00:18:27,619 --> 00:18:34,809
We know that our podcast producer, Alexa
is a big, big Jason Kelsey and Eagles fan.

415

00:18:35,040 --> 00:18:37,149
So I was excited for her
to have that experience.

416

00:18:37,149 --> 00:18:37,899
And I was excited.

417

00:18:37,920 --> 00:18:38,960
I thought he did a great job.

418

00:18:39,180 --> 00:18:39,540
Yes.

419

00:18:39,580 --> 00:18:40,310
There's nothing.

420

00:18:40,340 --> 00:18:42,750
I will enjoy more than hearing him.

421

00:18:43,255 --> 00:18:46,565
Speak about, ah, push it good.

422

00:18:47,075 --> 00:18:48,695
Push it real good.

423

00:18:48,705 --> 00:18:49,035
Yeah.

424

00:18:49,035 --> 00:18:52,455
Maybe instead of, um, Johnny
Gilbert with rap lyrics, we should

425

00:18:52,455 --> 00:18:54,265
have Jason Kelsey with rap lyrics.

426

00:18:54,265 --> 00:18:55,484
People are saying it online.

427

00:18:55,484 --> 00:18:58,484
They're saying, give us more
Jason Kelsey on Jeopardy.

428

00:18:58,484 --> 00:18:58,915
And you know what?

429

00:18:59,215 --> 00:19:00,185
We're here for it, Jason.

430

00:19:00,185 --> 00:19:02,775
If you want to do more, we
are totally here for it.

431

00:19:03,175 --> 00:19:08,095
Uh, Victoria wrote about her master's
victory on X first and foremost, the

432

00:19:08,095 --> 00:19:11,594
five champions I was privileged to have
the opportunity to play against and

433

00:19:11,595 --> 00:19:16,214
spend so much time with Yogesh, James,
Amy, Matea, and Matt are all among

434

00:19:16,214 --> 00:19:17,769
the most amazing players in the world.

435

00:19:17,840 --> 00:19:19,300
ever to touch a buzzer.

436
00:19:19,820 --> 00:19:23,540
I'm really, really grateful to Jeopardy
for taking a chance on inviting me back.

437
00:19:23,889 --> 00:19:27,359
I never expected to play again and would
never have felt like I deserved it or

438
00:19:27,360 --> 00:19:31,649
was entitled to another shot, but I am
immeasurably glad to have gotten it.

439
00:19:32,130 --> 00:19:36,309
Holy crap, it is amazing getting to
see Ken Jennings, happy birthday by the

440
00:19:36,310 --> 00:19:38,849
way, do what he does hosting up close.

441
00:19:38,989 --> 00:19:42,180
He's juggling so many things and
he is one of the quickest on his

442
00:19:42,180 --> 00:19:43,919
feet people I have ever seen.

443
00:19:44,020 --> 00:19:47,920
Brandon Blackwell, Troy Meyer, Steve
Perry, Roger Crank, and Sam Kavanaugh

444
00:19:48,260 --> 00:19:51,350
all helped me prepare for this, and
I played so much better because of

445
00:19:51,360 --> 00:19:53,300
everything I learned from all y'all.

446
00:19:53,779 --> 00:19:58,159
I am genuinely overwhelmed by the love and
the support I've gotten from everywhere.

447

00:19:58,429 --> 00:20:01,350
My friends, my family, the Jeopardy
community, and people I don't

448
00:20:01,360 --> 00:20:03,059
know but who really love the show.

449
00:20:03,420 --> 00:20:05,940
Thanks for taking time to watch.

450
00:20:06,000 --> 00:20:09,480
Victoria is also obviously getting a
lot of love from fellow competitors

451
00:20:09,520 --> 00:20:10,730
and the Jeopardy community.

452
00:20:10,900 --> 00:20:13,269
Just want to shout out that James
Holzhauer said huge congrats to

453
00:20:13,270 --> 00:20:18,320
Yogesh and especially Victoria for
a brilliantly played final match.

454
00:20:18,470 --> 00:20:21,710
The trivia community and fans of
the chase already knew Victoria is

455
00:20:21,710 --> 00:20:23,120
the best quizzier in the country.

456
00:20:23,360 --> 00:20:25,260
Now fans of Jeopardy masters know it too.

457
00:20:25,760 --> 00:20:26,240
Amen.

458
00:20:26,740 --> 00:20:26,980
Amen.

459
00:20:26,990 --> 00:20:29,750

Well, another favorite from
this season, Juveria Zaheer.

460
00:20:30,060 --> 00:20:31,040
All hail the Queen.

461
00:20:31,050 --> 00:20:33,480
Victoria Day in Canada was Monday.

462
00:20:33,710 --> 00:20:36,210
Victoria Day worldwide is today.

463
00:20:36,390 --> 00:20:42,820
Happy Coronation Day to the best and
her fellow chaser and fellow study mate.

464
00:20:42,889 --> 00:20:43,169
Yeah.

465
00:20:43,250 --> 00:20:44,340
Do you call him a study mate?

466
00:20:44,400 --> 00:20:44,720
Yeah.

467
00:20:44,969 --> 00:20:45,039
Yeah.

468
00:20:45,070 --> 00:20:45,649
Study buddy.

469
00:20:45,970 --> 00:20:49,060
Her fellow study buddy, Brandon
Blackwell, said, There's virtually

470
00:20:49,070 --> 00:20:50,940
zero overlap between Jeopardy!

471
00:20:50,950 --> 00:20:54,440
and the kind of quiz we do, but
I could not be happier that the

472
00:20:54,440 --> 00:20:59,250
current best quizzer in the world is
now also the current best Jeopardy!

473
00:20:59,260 --> 00:21:00,169
player in the world.

474
00:21:00,170 --> 00:21:01,530
So, so proud of my big sis.

475
00:21:01,740 --> 00:21:03,030
Master of masters.

476
00:21:03,250 --> 00:21:04,670
All hail the queen.

477
00:21:04,850 --> 00:21:07,660
And let's just take a look
back at Victoria's final stats.

478
00:21:07,690 --> 00:21:08,240
Are you ready for this?

479
00:21:08,240 --> 00:21:08,800
I'm ready.

480
00:21:08,800 --> 00:21:09,650
I've been dying for this.

481
00:21:09,660 --> 00:21:12,580
Highest score of season
one or two, 50, 000.

482
00:21:12,590 --> 00:21:14,630
That was in quarterfinal game number nine.

483
00:21:14,630 --> 00:21:14,650
Wow.

484
00:21:15,110 --> 00:21:18,889
Highest daily double of

season two 20,800 points.

485

00:21:19,129 --> 00:21:23,610

Also in quarterfinal nine

20 total match points.

486

00:21:23,760 --> 00:21:28,439

Five runaways, four in the quarterfinals,
one in the semifinal, six first

487

00:21:28,439 --> 00:21:35,330

place finishes, two second place
finishes, and 257 correct responses.

488

00:21:35,330 --> 00:21:39,770

I do wanna point out people were wondering
how the podium order was designed for the

489

00:21:39,770 --> 00:21:43,665

finals, and that's where your cumulative
match points from the quarter finals.

490

00:21:44,040 --> 00:21:45,600

And the semis come into play.

491

00:21:45,870 --> 00:21:48,870

That's why Victoria ended
up in the champion's podium.

492

00:21:48,870 --> 00:21:51,600

And she stayed that way
all through masters.

493

00:21:52,159 --> 00:21:55,560

Michael and I caught up with
Victoria right after the big win.

494

00:21:55,670 --> 00:21:57,050

Let's take a listen to her interview.

495

00:21:58,370 --> 00:22:01,100

Welcome to this special
edition of Inside Jeopardy.

496
00:22:01,140 --> 00:22:06,400
Michael and I are joined by our 2024
masters champion, Victoria Gross.

497
00:22:06,430 --> 00:22:06,910
How are you feeling?

498
00:22:07,440 --> 00:22:07,650
I

499
00:22:07,650 --> 00:22:09,780
am still absolutely buzzing.

500
00:22:09,810 --> 00:22:11,529
It's, it's a mile a minute in here.

501
00:22:11,529 --> 00:22:12,920
I cannot believe.

502
00:22:14,459 --> 00:22:19,709
So when you woke up this morning,
what was your, you've been

503
00:22:19,709 --> 00:22:21,449
a very in the moment player.

504
00:22:21,479 --> 00:22:21,749
Yeah.

505
00:22:21,759 --> 00:22:22,889
You've talked about it throughout.

506
00:22:22,899 --> 00:22:23,070
Yeah.

507
00:22:23,070 --> 00:22:24,419
You don't look too far ahead.

508
00:22:24,429 --> 00:22:24,719
No.

509

00:22:25,129 --> 00:22:27,534

But I do believe like when you wake
up in the morning on a bright morning.

510

00:22:27,965 --> 00:22:29,024

Before a big game.

511

00:22:29,024 --> 00:22:30,935

Yeah, you've got to
think about your routine.

512

00:22:30,935 --> 00:22:32,925

You've got to think about what's
going to happen What was it like

513

00:22:32,935 --> 00:22:37,564

truth be told I woke up this morning
feeling great I I messaged my training

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00:22:37,564 --> 00:22:42,714

partners like I feel really good this
morning And I think part of it was

515

00:22:42,714 --> 00:22:45,904

that I didn't feel like I didn't feel
a lot of pressure I figured the worst

516

00:22:45,905 --> 00:22:51,774

case scenario is I lose to two great
players and you know get to come back

517

00:22:51,774 --> 00:22:54,979

next year It's really not in the world.

518

00:22:55,639 --> 00:22:58,270

But I was like, you know,
I just feel like I'm ready.

519

00:22:58,479 --> 00:23:00,560

I felt, you know, energized.

520

00:23:00,560 --> 00:23:04,710
I didn't feel overconfident, but
I felt, I felt like I was going

521

00:23:04,710 --> 00:23:07,120
to play two good games today.

522

00:23:07,769 --> 00:23:11,870
Coming into this, what was your goal
or what was your expectation knowing

523

00:23:11,870 --> 00:23:12,789
who you were coming up against?

524

00:23:13,149 --> 00:23:15,079
Knowing some of them you
hadn't played before.

525

00:23:15,350 --> 00:23:19,389
Just what were your hopes and
dreams coming into Masters 2024?

526

00:23:20,065 --> 00:23:23,145
Well, expectation and,
and hopes were different.

527

00:23:23,595 --> 00:23:27,915
Um, hopes, I really
wanted to make the finals.

528

00:23:28,375 --> 00:23:33,375
Because I know that the, the JIT next
year is going to be absolutely loaded.

529

00:23:33,854 --> 00:23:36,354
Um, I'm sure that some of the
people who played there last

530

00:23:36,354 --> 00:23:37,665
year are going to come back.

531

00:23:37,965 --> 00:23:42,385
You know, you're going to have Amy and,

and Matt and Matea from, from this field.

532

00:23:42,385 --> 00:23:43,754

You're going to have some
of the people who were in

533

00:23:43,754 --> 00:23:45,345

tournament champions this year.

534

00:23:45,355 --> 00:23:45,774

Yes.

535

00:23:45,794 --> 00:23:48,254

It's going to be an utterly stacked field.

536

00:23:48,274 --> 00:23:52,554

I did not want to have to go back
and try to, you know, bush back

537

00:23:52,554 --> 00:23:53,955

my way through that field again.

538

00:23:54,324 --> 00:23:56,219

So my hope was to make the finals.

539

00:23:57,660 --> 00:24:02,610

Obviously, I really hoped to win, but,
um, you know, if you ask me, like, you

540

00:24:02,610 --> 00:24:07,110

know, what's the biggest gap between two
positions that is the most meaningful, I

541

00:24:07,110 --> 00:24:12,190

would say the gap between fourth and third
was the one that I really wanted to make.

542

00:24:13,149 --> 00:24:16,370

As far as expectations, they
were, they were pretty low.

543

00:24:16,970 --> 00:24:22,260

Um, I think of this almost more like golf than like chess.

544

00:24:23,090 --> 00:24:28,370
in the sense that you have pretty minimal control over what your opponent's to.

545

00:24:28,870 --> 00:24:32,610
Um, I could try to buzz well, I could try to be careful about not going

546

00:24:32,610 --> 00:24:35,570
in on stuff I didn't know, I could try to be strategically aggressive

547

00:24:35,570 --> 00:24:38,679
and make good wagers, but ultimately I can't control if I'm getting

548

00:24:38,679 --> 00:24:40,139
beaten in on the buzzer very much.

549

00:24:40,419 --> 00:24:43,990
I can't control if my opponents hit a daily double and make,

550

00:24:44,020 --> 00:24:45,659
you know, a smart wager on it.

551

00:24:46,020 --> 00:24:48,210
These are things that I have limited control over.

552

00:24:48,689 --> 00:24:52,584
So in terms of having expectations, they were I

553

00:24:52,764 --> 00:24:55,085
have to point out that it's May 2024.

554

00:24:55,625 --> 00:24:59,781
As of December 2023, you didn't even know that you would ever have a

555
00:24:59,781 --> 00:25:01,545
chance to be back on this stage, to be

556
00:25:02,115 --> 00:25:04,004
sitting here with a giant trophy.

557
00:25:04,705 --> 00:25:05,634
Most of January.

558
00:25:05,634 --> 00:25:08,974
I mean, my birthday is in like, you
know, mid January and, you know,

559
00:25:08,975 --> 00:25:12,505
I never would have expected to be
getting a call like the week after.

560
00:25:12,745 --> 00:25:16,375
And yet in such a short amount
of time, you were able to

561
00:25:16,395 --> 00:25:18,245
compose yourself, to prepare.

562
00:25:18,455 --> 00:25:23,379
You know, many people I think are just
really, you know, wondering how in such

563
00:25:23,390 --> 00:25:26,990
a short amount of time you were able
to come on the stage, whinge it, turn

564
00:25:26,990 --> 00:25:30,359
right around, come back and win Masters
after not having been here for nearly

565
00:25:30,359 --> 00:25:30,940
20 years.

566
00:25:30,990 --> 00:25:36,820
Well, I wasn't in Jeopardy's shape really,

but I was in competitive trivia shape.

567

00:25:36,840 --> 00:25:37,090

Yeah.

568

00:25:37,109 --> 00:25:42,259

I stay on top of current events and everything, you know, for the chase, for

569

00:25:43,089 --> 00:25:44,850

the other trivia things I compete in.

570

00:25:44,870 --> 00:25:46,699

I study regularly.

571

00:25:46,749 --> 00:25:53,090

I I had a lot of stuff to do to get ready that was Jeopardy specific, but

572

00:25:53,090 --> 00:25:57,540

in terms of just having a wide knowledge base for, for trivia competition,

573

00:25:57,540 --> 00:25:58,999

that's an everyday thing for me.

574

00:25:59,100 --> 00:26:03,540

So this is your first Two game, total point of fare,

575

00:26:04,500 --> 00:26:06,290

never played one of these before,

576

00:26:06,920 --> 00:26:09,110

and going into that, what were your thoughts about that?

577

00:26:09,140 --> 00:26:12,710

Yeah, it's so tricky because like I've looked at, you know, people have

578

00:26:12,720 --> 00:26:15,839

tried to run the numbers to figure
out Is there a safe amount you can

579

00:26:15,839 --> 00:26:20,040
get on day one or a safe lead or how
far do you want to not be behind?

580

00:26:20,049 --> 00:26:25,810
And the answer is nobody really knows
Obviously the further you are ahead

581

00:26:25,950 --> 00:26:32,245
the better but There is you can't
win a two day final on the first day.

582

00:26:32,644 --> 00:26:34,284
You can come close to losing it

583

00:26:34,285 --> 00:26:34,857
But even

584

00:26:34,857 --> 00:26:39,574
then there have been people who have
come from very far back to to win third.

585

00:26:39,574 --> 00:26:46,324
Yes, right So I mean it you maybe
can't lose it so basically my goal

586

00:26:46,334 --> 00:26:54,390
was I ideally I wanted to be no
more than 10, 000 off the lead, if

587

00:26:54,390 --> 00:26:55,840
I could, if I could finagle that.

588

00:26:55,860 --> 00:27:03,850
And I know that, like, my bet in the
first game was, um, like, left me

589

00:27:03,850 --> 00:27:05,380
open to Jamie's making a big bet.

590
00:27:05,570 --> 00:27:08,920
You can't really predict what he's gonna
do in that position, so I figured I would

591
00:27:08,920 --> 00:27:10,520
just make whatever bet felt right to me.

592
00:27:11,050 --> 00:27:15,130
Um, I figured it would at least, for
sure, keep me ahead of, of Yogesh.

593
00:27:15,835 --> 00:27:20,395
Um, even if I missed it, which I
did, Um, my goal was to keep a pretty

594
00:27:20,395 --> 00:27:23,835
good pile of money in for day two
so that I wouldn't be out of it.

595
00:27:23,884 --> 00:27:26,384
Yeah, and it was Yogesh who
made the more aggressive He

596
00:27:26,384 --> 00:27:26,604
did.

597
00:27:26,634 --> 00:27:28,284
Well, he had to in his position.

598
00:27:28,805 --> 00:27:34,695
Um, because, you know, in, in his
position, if, if James bets big and

599
00:27:34,695 --> 00:27:40,264
gets it or if I bet big and get it
and he does a really, um, conservative

600
00:27:40,305 --> 00:27:45,764
bet, he could find himself 30, in the
hole and that's a lot to make up, it's

601
00:27:45,764 --> 00:27:49,052

not mathematically impossible, but
you have to have by far Take care.

602

00:27:49,052 --> 00:27:49,059

Bye.

603

00:27:50,000 --> 00:27:53,130

A better day on the buzzer and with
the wagering than your opponents do.

604

00:27:53,170 --> 00:27:55,240

That's a, that's a tall
order in this field.

605

00:27:55,520 --> 00:27:59,420

Were you surprised that James went
for the smaller conservative wager?

606

00:27:59,480 --> 00:28:01,300

You know, he's, he's our all in guy.

607

00:28:01,310 --> 00:28:03,440

Were you anticipating
maybe he might go bigger?

608

00:28:04,399 --> 00:28:06,149

I really had no idea what he'd do.

609

00:28:06,770 --> 00:28:10,870

Um, I could see really good
arguments for a lot of different

610

00:28:10,870 --> 00:28:11,950

wagers from his position.

611

00:28:11,960 --> 00:28:15,560

I could see an argument to try
to, I, I suspected he would

612

00:28:15,580 --> 00:28:16,999

think I would go pretty small.

613

00:28:16,999 --> 00:28:17,779
I didn't know.

614
00:28:18,220 --> 00:28:20,049
I, you know, I have no
idea what he was thinking.

615
00:28:20,480 --> 00:28:25,440
Um, so, I mean, that's an argument
for going potentially big.

616
00:28:25,579 --> 00:28:29,230
The final jeopardies have been
generally very hard in this tournament.

617
00:28:29,240 --> 00:28:30,780
That's an argument for going small.

618
00:28:31,400 --> 00:28:34,590
Um, I, and he had a good
pile of money already.

619
00:28:34,590 --> 00:28:39,310
If he, you know, Basically
stood pat, which is what he did.

620
00:28:39,490 --> 00:28:42,270
He couldn't be that far
behind no matter what I did.

621
00:28:42,720 --> 00:28:51,910
So I figured worst case scenario He bets
big and gets it and I bet small and miss

622
00:28:51,910 --> 00:28:56,100
it and I'm way behind But you know in
that case, I deserve to get my butt kicked

623
00:28:56,100 --> 00:29:03,720
It was a very close game The first game
you had 21 correct responses James had

624
00:29:03,730 --> 00:29:10,160

20 yoga training a little bit behind
With 13 But you seem to get what

625
00:29:10,160 --> 00:29:11,570
you wanted coming out of that game.

626
00:29:11,580 --> 00:29:12,950
You sit in second place.

627
00:29:13,160 --> 00:29:15,990
You're in contact definitely
with James at that point.

628
00:29:16,250 --> 00:29:19,079
Yeah, it's almost like a,
a, a, a, a mile runner.

629
00:29:19,079 --> 00:29:21,869
You're, you're on the, you're on
the shoulder at the half point.

630
00:29:21,900 --> 00:29:23,499
I am de

631
00:29:23,499 --> 00:29:28,750
facto 3, 500 behind for game two
scores going, going in because you can

632
00:29:28,750 --> 00:29:30,240
basically double your game to score.

633
00:29:30,820 --> 00:29:33,530
So I, I felt good about.

634
00:29:34,039 --> 00:29:38,070
That that was not going to be an
impossible margin to make up in game two.

635
00:29:38,610 --> 00:29:41,230
And then in game two,
you really came alive.

636

00:29:41,240 --> 00:29:41,710
Thank you.

637
00:29:42,120 --> 00:29:43,030
How did that feel?

638
00:29:43,290 --> 00:29:44,229
Oh my god, it felt amazing.

639
00:29:44,840 --> 00:29:45,149
I mean

640
00:29:45,149 --> 00:29:47,030
to, to know as it's happening.

641
00:29:47,040 --> 00:29:48,339
Once I hit You're doing the math.

642
00:29:48,350 --> 00:29:48,909
Yeah, oh yeah.

643
00:29:48,909 --> 00:29:54,125
Once I hit that last chain link double
and I was like, You know, it's, it's too

644
00:29:54,125 --> 00:29:57,955
difficult with the amount that was on
the board to really fully do the math,

645
00:29:57,965 --> 00:30:03,735
but I was pretty sure that if I kept
it small, I was going to lock the game.

646
00:30:03,975 --> 00:30:08,435
And I I felt triumphant.

647
00:30:08,485 --> 00:30:09,325
Oh my God.

648
00:30:09,855 --> 00:30:14,915
Well, and locking in a game was something
very familiar to you in this Masters.

649
00:30:14,915 --> 00:30:17,475
Five runaways leading into the finals.

650
00:30:17,515 --> 00:30:21,745
And you found yourself in podium one
because of all of your match points.

651
00:30:21,745 --> 00:30:24,875
You know, cumulative top match
points in the winner's podium.

652
00:30:25,135 --> 00:30:27,195
Was there something to
coming into these finals?

653
00:30:27,380 --> 00:30:29,779
Oh,

654
00:30:30,060 --> 00:30:32,310
I mean, I kind of felt a little
bit more comfortable from there

655
00:30:32,310 --> 00:30:34,870
just because I played most of
my games from that position.

656
00:30:34,870 --> 00:30:39,150
So at least, you know, I'm, I'm used to
what's the angle of to look at the board.

657
00:30:39,530 --> 00:30:42,450
That said, I would have
been fine wherever I was.

658
00:30:42,510 --> 00:30:44,520
I'm not terribly superstitious.

659
00:30:45,200 --> 00:30:50,940
Um, but it did feel good to come in as,
you know, sort of the favorite, maybe.

660

00:30:52,200 --> 00:30:56,980
Without a doubt, you know, 47 correct
responses between both halves of that.

661
00:30:57,355 --> 00:30:58,375
Uh, game, amazing.

662
00:30:58,545 --> 00:31:02,725
Uh, the daily doubles were crucial, but
it was almost before that daily double, I

663
00:31:02,725 --> 00:31:06,995
think as Ken mentioned in the post game,
it was gaining control with parchment.

664
00:31:07,055 --> 00:31:07,465
Yes.

665
00:31:07,475 --> 00:31:08,555
Became a very, very big moment.

666
00:31:08,555 --> 00:31:09,035
And that was an

667
00:31:09,035 --> 00:31:10,435
aggressive, I didn't know it.

668
00:31:10,505 --> 00:31:14,885
I figured it could be vellum, I figured
it could be, you know, maybe, I didn't

669
00:31:14,885 --> 00:31:19,625
think it would be Papyrus, um, but I
knew I had to go for it because there

670
00:31:19,625 --> 00:31:23,475
were so few places that the Daily Double
could be, unless you guys did something

671
00:31:23,475 --> 00:31:26,495
crazy and put it in the top row, which
I didn't think you would, Masters.

672

00:31:27,045 --> 00:31:32,155

Um, You never know, it would feel a little, it would feel a little unfair.

673

00:31:32,495 --> 00:31:37,505

Um, it would feel like basically a gift for whoever got, got that, that spot.

674

00:31:37,505 --> 00:31:39,995

So I, I knew I had to take the shot.

675

00:31:40,515 --> 00:31:45,325

Um, because if one of my opponents got it and doubled up, that's,

676

00:31:45,325 --> 00:31:47,145

you know, Very dangerous for me.

677

00:31:47,145 --> 00:31:49,085

So I'm very glad that I took the shot there.

678

00:31:49,115 --> 00:31:50,295

I did not know that answer So

679

00:31:50,295 --> 00:31:51,415

parchment you got it.

680

00:31:51,415 --> 00:31:55,115

You see the daily double come you see that you've hit the daily double I

681

00:31:55,115 --> 00:31:56,205

start doing math immediately

682

00:31:56,215 --> 00:31:59,205

james turns around almost in defeat in that moment.

683

00:31:59,245 --> 00:32:01,865

And is that yeah james I think saw the end of the game.

684
00:32:01,875 --> 00:32:02,525
He knew that point.

685
00:32:02,525 --> 00:32:02,825
Yeah,

686
00:32:02,915 --> 00:32:03,155
he knew

687
00:32:03,215 --> 00:32:06,355
and so that was the moment So
really when you hit it you realize

688
00:32:06,395 --> 00:32:07,555
that that's when you realize

689
00:32:07,575 --> 00:32:12,255
that that me and nobody else had enough
real estate on the board To catch me so

690
00:32:12,285 --> 00:32:13,325
must have been quite a feeling.

691
00:32:13,325 --> 00:32:13,715
Oh my god

692
00:32:14,595 --> 00:32:14,945
Yes

693
00:32:15,715 --> 00:32:19,805
Even better to know that in
the audience is your family, is

694
00:32:19,805 --> 00:32:21,765
Nora, your daughter.

695
00:32:21,805 --> 00:32:22,645
Got to see mom.

696
00:32:22,755 --> 00:32:24,545

Hi Nora that I do the shout outs to.

697

00:32:24,545 --> 00:32:26,425

That's my, that is my 19 year old.

698

00:32:26,455 --> 00:32:29,185

Um, she is a delightful human being.

699

00:32:29,185 --> 00:32:30,555

One of my favorite people on the planet.

700

00:32:30,665 --> 00:32:31,705

I'm so proud of her.

701

00:32:32,345 --> 00:32:33,665

And she's so proud of mom.

702

00:32:33,675 --> 00:32:35,025

She is, yeah.

703

00:32:35,145 --> 00:32:39,765

I mean, to see her in the audience and watch mom get our highest score in all

704

00:32:39,765 --> 00:32:43,965

of Master Season 1 or 2, 50, 000 points you pulled off in one of your games.

705

00:32:44,045 --> 00:32:47,205

I mean, you were just dominating in so many different ways.

706

00:32:47,415 --> 00:32:47,595

Thank you.

707

00:32:47,665 --> 00:32:51,025

At any point, did you think, Huh, I don't

708

00:32:51,025 --> 00:32:52,125

even have to work that hard, I got this.

709

00:32:52,455 --> 00:32:53,865
No, oh my, are you kidding?

710
00:32:53,865 --> 00:32:54,015
No.

711
00:32:54,775 --> 00:32:56,495
Um, A, I don't operate like that.

712
00:32:57,805 --> 00:33:00,775
I have far too much respect for the
game and far too much respect for

713
00:33:00,805 --> 00:33:02,825
my opponents who are incredible.

714
00:33:02,825 --> 00:33:08,835
I mean, I don't think I need to tell
any viewers how good these players

715
00:33:08,845 --> 00:33:11,725
are, all five of them, just fantastic.

716
00:33:12,065 --> 00:33:18,815
Um, I, I never felt like I could
take anything for granted until

717
00:33:18,815 --> 00:33:23,145
I had locked up, you know, the
next stage of the competition.

718
00:33:23,395 --> 00:33:29,500
Victoria, I'm interested in the thoughts
of another young woman who was To

719
00:33:29,500 --> 00:33:34,960
some extent in the room that was the
young victoria that you referenced

720
00:33:35,740 --> 00:33:37,690
You thanked your elementary and

721

00:33:37,890 --> 00:33:39,040
high school and high

722
00:33:39,040 --> 00:33:40,160
school coaches.

723
00:33:40,250 --> 00:33:40,700
Yeah.

724
00:33:40,920 --> 00:33:42,970
I mean, what would she think?

725
00:33:43,050 --> 00:33:43,970
Oh my god of

726
00:33:44,120 --> 00:33:44,830
this

727
00:33:44,860 --> 00:33:46,110
she would have cried.

728
00:33:46,460 --> 00:33:51,390
I mean i'm kind of tearing up right now
I I skipped a couple grades in school.

729
00:33:51,400 --> 00:33:53,230
I grew up in a relatively small.

730
00:33:53,230 --> 00:33:56,630
I grew up in macon, georgia I was
a big old nerd and you know did

731
00:33:56,680 --> 00:33:58,935
really did not fit in very well.

732
00:33:59,385 --> 00:34:02,835
And my family watched Jeopardy
every night and, you know,

733
00:34:02,835 --> 00:34:04,505
I'd shout answers at the TV.

734

00:34:04,515 --> 00:34:08,035
All of us would, um, we'd play
things like Trivial Pursuit and

735

00:34:08,055 --> 00:34:09,765
other kind of nerd games together.

736

00:34:09,775 --> 00:34:11,255
My dad would play chess with us.

737

00:34:11,735 --> 00:34:16,144
Um, I, this is every day.

738

00:34:16,355 --> 00:34:19,165
Dream I would have had
for myself as a young kid

739

00:34:20,715 --> 00:34:22,165
Knowledge is power.

740

00:34:22,485 --> 00:34:23,735
Knowledge is so cool.

741

00:34:23,735 --> 00:34:25,625
And you're proving that
right here on the stage

742

00:34:26,785 --> 00:34:32,875
With power comes great responsibility
Now you are the masters champion,

743

00:34:32,885 --> 00:34:33,405
yes

744

00:34:33,985 --> 00:34:39,915
Only the second ever masters champion
the first woman to to wear that crown

745

00:34:41,465 --> 00:34:43,535
What is the next year going to look

746

00:34:43,845 --> 00:34:44,535
like my God.

747
00:34:44,605 --> 00:34:44,805
I can

748
00:34:44,805 --> 00:34:47,245
only imagine the interviews
that go beyond this.

749
00:34:47,305 --> 00:34:49,072
There are going to be more
important interviews than this.

750
00:34:49,072 --> 00:34:49,280
What?

751
00:34:49,280 --> 00:34:49,694
Michael, no.

752
00:34:49,695 --> 00:34:51,715
Beyond this, there are going
to be other interviews.

753
00:34:51,715 --> 00:34:53,825
There are going to be,
there's going to be press.

754
00:34:53,825 --> 00:34:56,555
And you're going to get a chance to
sort of like get a message out there.

755
00:34:56,575 --> 00:34:56,975
Yeah.

756
00:34:57,735 --> 00:35:00,380
Um, Just learn all you can.

757
00:35:00,500 --> 00:35:06,090
I will tell you that, um, 10 years
ago, I took a month off work that

758

00:35:06,090 --> 00:35:07,310
I couldn't really afford to take.

759
00:35:07,330 --> 00:35:10,150
Um, because I was having migraines
basically every single day.

760
00:35:10,150 --> 00:35:11,840
And I was like, I wanted to
see if something would help.

761
00:35:12,320 --> 00:35:14,110
I had to quit going back to school.

762
00:35:14,220 --> 00:35:17,870
I had to, uh, quit volunteering
where I was volunteering.

763
00:35:17,900 --> 00:35:20,380
Basically, if it, if it wasn't
going to work or taking care

764
00:35:20,380 --> 00:35:21,830
of my kid, I didn't do it.

765
00:35:22,590 --> 00:35:26,700
Um, I got back into trivia kind
of as a way to maintain my sanity.

766
00:35:27,430 --> 00:35:32,860
Um, um, You know, I couldn't really stand
up and work in the lab, but I could, you

767
00:35:32,860 --> 00:35:34,790
know, lay down on my bed and read a book.

768
00:35:35,450 --> 00:35:39,740
Um, and that's when I started
really getting back into trivia.

769
00:35:40,360 --> 00:35:44,850
And it has been a total lifeline
for me through all of that.

770
00:35:44,880 --> 00:35:48,570
Um, and it's given me a, a
wonderful community of people.

771
00:35:48,580 --> 00:35:53,055
So many of my friends came from, um,
You know, all the eastern half of

772
00:35:53,055 --> 00:35:56,855
the country, you know, people who
didn't have to be here, they chose to.

773
00:35:56,885 --> 00:36:02,595
And like, I'm so grateful to them for
being my, my friends, my teammates,

774
00:36:02,595 --> 00:36:07,625
my training partners, like, um, I feel
like the luckiest person that ever was.

775
00:36:08,100 --> 00:36:12,430
257 correct responses in Masters alone.

776
00:36:12,740 --> 00:36:16,520
When you look back over these nine
episodes, is there a highlight?

777
00:36:16,550 --> 00:36:17,610
Is there a favorite moment?

778
00:36:17,830 --> 00:36:20,623
Is there something you'll
be the most proud of

779
00:36:20,623 --> 00:36:21,663
in all of

780
00:36:21,663 --> 00:36:22,010
it?

781
00:36:22,010 --> 00:36:23,396

Um, Winning feels good.

782

00:36:23,396 --> 00:36:23,743

Winning

783

00:36:23,743 --> 00:36:24,783

feels really good.

784

00:36:24,783 --> 00:36:27,720

Um, James doing the

final boss death music.

785

00:36:27,720 --> 00:36:34,590

Um, I will, I will tell you, I don't
remember the games after I play them.

786

00:36:35,350 --> 00:36:39,060

Like, I won't remember specific
answers until I see them again on TV.

787

00:36:39,805 --> 00:36:43,665

I am, I'm very focused in the
moment and like, it just, it's

788

00:36:43,675 --> 00:36:45,095

erased from my head when I'm done.

789

00:36:45,355 --> 00:36:47,635

Well, you just expressed such gratitude.

790

00:36:48,815 --> 00:36:53,505

I want to express gratitude to you,
um, you know, Jeopardy, it's not

791

00:36:53,505 --> 00:36:57,155

only an elite competition for us,
but it's also an entertainment and

792

00:36:57,155 --> 00:36:58,665

you were phenomenally entertaining.

793

00:36:58,665 --> 00:37:04,195

You are going to be loved by the American public and by Jeopardy's viewers.

794

00:37:04,225 --> 00:37:04,505

I'm,

795

00:37:04,525 --> 00:37:05,235

I'm honored.

796

00:37:05,245 --> 00:37:08,995

I'm honored to be a part of, you know, the wonderful tradition of this show.

797

00:37:09,215 --> 00:37:10,615

You brought a couple of props, Victoria.

798

00:37:11,505 --> 00:37:13,485

I feel like there are some props we should ask about.

799

00:37:13,685 --> 00:37:13,985

Andrew,

800

00:37:14,055 --> 00:37:17,065

he gave me one of his participation ribbons after the show.

801

00:37:17,065 --> 00:37:17,755

I was so excited.

802

00:37:18,275 --> 00:37:19,365

I was so excited to get one.

803

00:37:19,365 --> 00:37:24,735

And then my friend Susanna, who is here, um, she made me a, a sash.

804

00:37:24,795 --> 00:37:25,085

Wow.

805

00:37:25,475 --> 00:37:26,435

It says, yeah.

806
00:37:26,515 --> 00:37:27,295
Oh wait, upside down.

807
00:37:27,295 --> 00:37:28,294
Is it upside down?

808
00:37:28,295 --> 00:37:29,065
No, no, upside down.

809
00:37:29,065 --> 00:37:29,655
It's gotta go

810
00:37:29,655 --> 00:37:30,255
this way.

811
00:37:30,775 --> 00:37:31,285
There you go.

812
00:37:31,315 --> 00:37:32,265
Over here, over here.

813
00:37:32,425 --> 00:37:33,435
There we go.

814
00:37:33,785 --> 00:37:34,961
Here she is, everybody!

815
00:37:34,961 --> 00:37:35,774
The Queen!

816
00:37:35,774 --> 00:37:36,180
Our

817
00:37:36,180 --> 00:37:36,993
Master's Champion!

818
00:37:36,993 --> 00:37:37,805
Congratulations, Victoria!

819

00:37:37,805 --> 00:37:45,544
This was a surprise from my friend who
brought it today and held it up as I won.

820
00:37:45,545 --> 00:37:46,215
I teared up.

821
00:37:46,985 --> 00:37:49,295
You are our Queen, you are our Champion.

822
00:37:49,600 --> 00:37:52,470
We can't wait to continue to have
you be a part of this Jeopardy

823
00:37:52,480 --> 00:37:53,910
community, this Jeopardy family.

824
00:37:54,100 --> 00:37:55,280
Victoria Gross, everyone.

825
00:37:56,270 --> 00:37:58,220
And now, a quick word from our sponsor.

826
00:37:58,760 --> 00:38:05,660
Selling a little, or a lot, Shopify helps
you do your thing, however you cha ching.

827
00:38:05,680 --> 00:38:09,050
Shopify is the global commerce
platform that helps you sell at

828
00:38:09,120 --> 00:38:10,550
every stage of your business.

829
00:38:10,550 --> 00:38:14,620
From the launcher online shop
stage, to the first real life store

830
00:38:14,620 --> 00:38:18,505
stage, All the way to the, did we
just hit a million orders stage?

831

00:38:18,935 --> 00:38:23,155
Shopify is there to help you grow from
their all in one e commerce platform

832

00:38:23,155 --> 00:38:27,135
to their in person point of sale
system, wherever and whatever you're

833

00:38:27,135 --> 00:38:29,095
selling, Shopify has got you covered.

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00:38:29,545 --> 00:38:34,045
Shopify powers 10 percent of all e
commerce in the U S plus they have the

835

00:38:34,045 --> 00:38:38,215
internet's best converting checkout
36 percent better on average compared

836

00:38:38,215 --> 00:38:40,165
to other leading commerce platforms.

837

00:38:40,325 --> 00:38:44,005
What I love about Shopify is how simple
they've made it to grow your business.

838

00:38:44,285 --> 00:38:47,565
You can manage inventory, track
payments, and view real time

839

00:38:47,575 --> 00:38:49,385
insights all in one place.

840

00:38:49,525 --> 00:38:53,075
Shopify is there to support your
success every step of the way, because

841

00:38:53,105 --> 00:38:55,455
businesses that grow, grow with Shopify.

842

00:38:55,455 --> 00:38:59,165
Sign up for a 1 per month
trial period at Shopify.

843
00:38:59,205 --> 00:39:01,385
com slash Jeopardy, all lowercase.

844
00:39:01,935 --> 00:39:02,885
Go to Shopify.

845
00:39:02,885 --> 00:39:07,095
com slash Jeopardy now to grow your
business no matter what stage you're in.

846
00:39:07,485 --> 00:39:08,295
Shopify.

847
00:39:08,295 --> 00:39:10,205
com slash Jeopardy.

848
00:39:10,630 --> 00:39:12,610
Now back to inside Jeopardy.

849
00:39:13,690 --> 00:39:15,390
Let's go back to regular
Virginia Jeopardy.

850
00:39:15,400 --> 00:39:15,720
Shall we

851
00:39:15,940 --> 00:39:16,100
go?

852
00:39:16,300 --> 00:39:18,040
Cause it's an exciting week there as well.

853
00:39:18,040 --> 00:39:22,800
Grant a young return on Monday going for
his fourth win, but challengers, Greg

854
00:39:22,800 --> 00:39:27,340
Meller and Yvonne Joe both gave him a run
for his money after the double Jeopardy

855

00:39:27,340 --> 00:39:31,890
round, all three players were within 1,
500 of each other, but with that small

856
00:39:31,890 --> 00:39:36,250
lead, Grant comes up with the correct
response in final and earns a fourth.

857
00:39:37,300 --> 00:39:40,790
Well, I was noticing that, uh, this was
a tight game for Grant, which he wasn't

858
00:39:40,790 --> 00:39:44,710
used to, and Ken also commented on
that in the post game chat, didn't he?

859
00:39:44,910 --> 00:39:45,250
Yeah.

860
00:39:45,250 --> 00:39:47,910
He was like, Grant, this
was your tightest game yet.

861
00:39:47,920 --> 00:39:49,430
And Grant saying, no kidding.

862
00:39:49,820 --> 00:39:52,330
You know, it might not have been his
best game, but he's still tracking

863
00:39:52,330 --> 00:39:54,170
four for four in final Jeopardy.

864
00:39:54,170 --> 00:39:57,460
That's pretty impressive to have a
hundred percent final Jeopardy rate.

865
00:39:57,460 --> 00:39:57,670
A lot

866
00:39:57,670 --> 00:39:59,310
easier to win when you
get final Jeopardy, right?

867

00:39:59,370 --> 00:40:00,130

It sure is.

868

00:40:00,200 --> 00:40:01,680

This game also featured.

869

00:40:01,875 --> 00:40:05,785

Garfield on Garfield with Chris Pratt.

870

00:40:06,145 --> 00:40:09,425

That movie, of course, the Garfield movie came out in theaters this

871

00:40:09,445 --> 00:40:10,955

past weekend, doing very well.

872

00:40:11,305 --> 00:40:13,725

And this was just our writers being creative.

873

00:40:13,765 --> 00:40:16,235

We wanted to talk about Garfield, the movie, but not in

874

00:40:16,235 --> 00:40:18,120

the way that You might expect.

875

00:40:18,120 --> 00:40:21,450

We wanted to do it a Jeopardy version, so it was Garfield

876

00:40:21,480 --> 00:40:23,280

talking about President Garfield.

877

00:40:23,280 --> 00:40:26,160

We even had a little animated thing where Garfield said, Hey, President

878

00:40:26,160 --> 00:40:27,430

Garfield, that has a nice ring to it.

879
00:40:27,820 --> 00:40:29,420
But in Chris Pratt's voice and not mine.

880
00:40:29,530 --> 00:40:31,270
Fun to have those clues with him.

881
00:40:31,490 --> 00:40:34,550
Kind of wild that the guy's the voice
of Mario is also the voice of Garfield.

882
00:40:34,710 --> 00:40:37,060
And Emmett from the Lego movie.

883
00:40:37,070 --> 00:40:37,250
And Emmett.

884
00:40:37,250 --> 00:40:37,640
It's a lot.

885
00:40:37,640 --> 00:40:38,530
I mean, he does it all.

886
00:40:38,590 --> 00:40:39,210
It's a lot.

887
00:40:39,240 --> 00:40:39,380
He's

888
00:40:39,380 --> 00:40:39,780
a busy guy.

889
00:40:39,930 --> 00:40:40,190
Busy

890
00:40:40,190 --> 00:40:40,490
guy.

891
00:40:41,295 --> 00:40:46,125
Well, Grant returned on Tuesday to go for
that all important TOC qualifying 5th win.

892

00:40:46,125 --> 00:40:49,855

He and Chris D'Amico were battling neck and neck throughout the game.

893

00:40:49,855 --> 00:40:52,935

Chris managed to take the lead on the very last clue of double Jeopardy,

894

00:40:52,935 --> 00:40:57,045

which proved vital because all three players were correct in final.

895

00:40:57,365 --> 00:41:00,949

Chris defeats Grant before he could secure the win.

896

00:41:01,130 --> 00:41:02,760

That spot in the TOC.

897

00:41:02,930 --> 00:41:06,780

I always wonder, you know, here, Grant played an amazing game.

898

00:41:06,790 --> 00:41:09,670

Just 200 off the lead going into final.

899

00:41:10,000 --> 00:41:11,350

Gets final correct.

900

00:41:11,880 --> 00:41:14,560

Is that a harder way to go home than just getting blown out?

901

00:41:14,590 --> 00:41:15,060

I don't know.

902

00:41:15,060 --> 00:41:17,010

You know, this is a thing where we Well, I would ask

903

00:41:17,010 --> 00:41:18,210

you more than you ask me.

904
00:41:18,220 --> 00:41:19,280
What, what, what do you think?

905
00:41:19,330 --> 00:41:19,910
I don't know.

906
00:41:19,910 --> 00:41:23,050
I mean, I, I think you can hold your head
up high knowing you played a great game.

907
00:41:23,050 --> 00:41:24,524
But I think it's also hard to be honest.

908
00:41:24,665 --> 00:41:29,165
that close to the win and just have it
be essentially a clue or two difference.

909
00:41:29,265 --> 00:41:32,875
Yeah, Grant goes out five for
five in Final Jeopardy though.

910
00:41:32,875 --> 00:41:33,735
So impressive.

911
00:41:34,145 --> 00:41:36,695
And then Chris, our new champion,
talked in the postgame, you know,

912
00:41:36,695 --> 00:41:40,065
when we were in rehearsals, I
couldn't get in against Grant.

913
00:41:40,345 --> 00:41:45,145
So he pointed out that after the
rehearsal, Grant went out of his

914
00:41:45,145 --> 00:41:48,835
way to come up to Chris and make
him feel better about the buzzer.

915
00:41:49,195 --> 00:41:52,935

Chris telling us, Grant said,
dude, just take it easy.

916
00:41:53,075 --> 00:41:54,125
So that's amazing.

917
00:41:54,125 --> 00:41:57,005
Chris pointing out to Grant,
you know, hats off, buddy.

918
00:41:57,055 --> 00:41:57,915
That was beautiful.

919
00:41:57,925 --> 00:41:58,885
Thank you very much.

920
00:41:59,250 --> 00:42:02,310
Grant was emotional and
thankful after his loss.

921
00:42:02,320 --> 00:42:03,550
He said, I love quizzing.

922
00:42:03,580 --> 00:42:04,400
I love trivia.

923
00:42:04,760 --> 00:42:09,490
And if I get back here, that will be real
cool, but I loved every moment up here.

924
00:42:09,490 --> 00:42:10,280
So thank you.

925
00:42:10,800 --> 00:42:13,900
I had a chance to talk with Grant
after his run came to an end.

926
00:42:13,980 --> 00:42:14,670
Let's take a listen.

927
00:42:15,250 --> 00:42:18,730
Grant DeYoung, four

game Jeopardy champion.

928

00:42:18,980 --> 00:42:19,920

How does that sound?

929

00:42:19,940 --> 00:42:21,720

It's got a, it's got a nice ring to it.

930

00:42:22,520 --> 00:42:23,064

I can live with that.

931

00:42:23,915 --> 00:42:24,390

What were

932

00:42:24,390 --> 00:42:27,035

your hopes coming into this experience?

933

00:42:27,095 --> 00:42:30,185

You know, it's, it's great to be here, but, uh, I thought it'd

934

00:42:30,195 --> 00:42:31,935

be real cool to, to take one.

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00:42:32,125 --> 00:42:36,935

But, um, you know, just being realistic, most, most people don't get one and,

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00:42:36,935 --> 00:42:42,225

and most people don't even, uh, get, get here, get to stand here or sit here.

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00:42:42,225 --> 00:42:45,745

So, um, you know, I was, I was grateful for that, but, you know, if you take

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00:42:45,745 --> 00:42:49,415

one, that's like, hey, you're a, you're a Jeopardy champion, you know, and, um.

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00:42:49,455 --> 00:42:49,935

Forever.

940
00:42:50,425 --> 00:42:50,775
Right.

941
00:42:50,785 --> 00:42:51,135
It's

942
00:42:51,395 --> 00:42:52,385
for the rest of your life

943
00:42:52,385 --> 00:42:54,225
can take that away and let alone four.

944
00:42:54,225 --> 00:42:55,005
Oh my gosh.

945
00:42:55,045 --> 00:42:55,355
You know,

946
00:42:56,245 --> 00:42:58,465
tell me about your journey
getting on the show.

947
00:42:58,905 --> 00:43:01,165
I mean, it won't surprise people.

948
00:43:01,165 --> 00:43:04,035
I think that I've watched my whole life.

949
00:43:04,065 --> 00:43:09,755
Um, uh, grandparents who, who aren't, uh,
you know, with us on this earth anymore.

950
00:43:09,755 --> 00:43:13,115
And then parents and family
and you know, it always is.

951
00:43:13,675 --> 00:43:15,535
Kind of felt like a foregone conclusion.

952
00:43:15,535 --> 00:43:18,475

It's, it's, you know, grant, remember
this thing for when you're on

953

00:43:18,475 --> 00:43:20,785
jeopardy and it's never, never if, um,

954

00:43:20,815 --> 00:43:21,055
yeah,

955

00:43:21,405 --> 00:43:24,315
maybe that'll go away now,
which is kind of, could be nice.

956

00:43:24,315 --> 00:43:24,825
We'll see.

957

00:43:25,425 --> 00:43:30,735
But, um, it, it just always felt, you
know, destined or, or it was inevitable.

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00:43:30,795 --> 00:43:33,885
And, uh, you know, it's, it's good to
be here now and that it's real and,

959

00:43:33,885 --> 00:43:35,895
and, uh, that it went as well as it did.

960

00:43:36,200 --> 00:43:37,540
You know, I'm, I'm happy with that.

961

00:43:38,040 --> 00:43:40,890
So your friends and family members,
you were always that person.

962

00:43:41,150 --> 00:43:42,630
I was that guy.

963

00:43:42,640 --> 00:43:43,520
Knew it and you were going

964

00:43:43,520 --> 00:43:44,220
to be on Jeopardy.

965
00:43:44,390 --> 00:43:44,980
Yelling,

966
00:43:45,010 --> 00:43:46,480
yelling it out at the TV.

967
00:43:46,530 --> 00:43:49,000
Uh, my wife and I have compromised.

968
00:43:49,070 --> 00:43:52,370
So where I now only yell out the
triple stumpers on the show, you

969
00:43:52,370 --> 00:43:53,480
know, the ones that no one else gets.

970
00:43:53,480 --> 00:43:53,660
It's only

971
00:43:53,660 --> 00:43:54,470
fair in marriage.

972
00:43:54,480 --> 00:43:55,450
I think so.

973
00:43:55,650 --> 00:43:57,640
You know, it's, it's
about, uh, finding balance.

974
00:43:57,860 --> 00:44:01,050
So, um, and it's probably better
for, you know, my voice too, to not

975
00:44:01,050 --> 00:44:02,430
be yelling things in the apartment.

976
00:44:02,450 --> 00:44:02,680
Right.

977
00:44:02,860 --> 00:44:03,120

Yeah.

978
00:44:03,170 --> 00:44:03,920
And your neighbors.

979
00:44:03,970 --> 00:44:04,210
Yeah.

980
00:44:04,230 --> 00:44:04,540
Right.

981
00:44:04,700 --> 00:44:04,990
Right.

982
00:44:05,320 --> 00:44:06,220
Final Jeopardy.

983
00:44:06,230 --> 00:44:07,960
You were really strong in Final Jeopardy.

984
00:44:08,080 --> 00:44:10,020
I was, I was kind of shocked by that.

985
00:44:10,060 --> 00:44:15,135
I, not like consistently, but, I would
go through phases where I'd, I'd try to

986
00:44:15,135 --> 00:44:17,025
note, you know, how well you do each game.

987
00:44:17,595 --> 00:44:21,605
And, uh, I remember, it had been a
while since I'd done it, and when I got

988
00:44:21,605 --> 00:44:25,305
the call that I would be on the show,
I, I went back and looked at, uh, this

989
00:44:25,305 --> 00:44:29,995
website that tracks some of that, and
my final Jeopardy rate was like 55%.

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00:44:29,995 --> 00:44:33,095

And I was like, oh, that, this
is not gonna go well at all.

991

00:44:33,255 --> 00:44:38,830

So I'm, I'm, I am pleasantly surprised
that I, I got all four, and, um, Feels

992

00:44:38,830 --> 00:44:40,090

like way more than I should have had.

993

00:44:40,970 --> 00:44:45,580

Well, when Chris defeated you, he
was the first one to say that you had

994

00:44:45,590 --> 00:44:49,420

given him some great advice during the
rehearsal, actually helped him out.

995

00:44:49,420 --> 00:44:52,150

And I have to say, I saw you
at the commissary helping out

996

00:44:52,150 --> 00:44:54,970

the other contestants on how to
order their lunch and what to do.

997

00:44:54,970 --> 00:44:56,320

I mean, are you kind of known?

998

00:44:56,670 --> 00:44:58,420

I know you help people
out the grocery stores.

999

00:44:58,420 --> 00:44:59,280

This kind of your thing.

1000

00:44:59,290 --> 00:45:00,420

You're like that nice guy.

1001

00:45:00,660 --> 00:45:05,650

Well, I don't know about nice, but you

know, I, I get it for, uh, Um, from his

1002

00:45:05,650 --> 00:45:09,470
perspective, because I had done the same
thing on the last tape day, where that

1003

00:45:09,470 --> 00:45:13,980
first rehearsal had come up and, you know,
it's, it's a chance to practice the buzzer

1004

00:45:14,000 --> 00:45:18,860
and my first group was, uh, the returning
champion and then another really strong,

1005

00:45:18,920 --> 00:45:25,595
uh, Player who almost beat them and I
just it was the same as him there I just

1006

00:45:25,595 --> 00:45:28,715
remember, you know clicking the thing
and it's like, oh I practiced this for

1007

00:45:28,715 --> 00:45:33,615
hours and hours Why is it not working now
and just feeling feeling kind of rough?

1008

00:45:33,625 --> 00:45:37,285
So I you know I I empathized with that and
I could kind of see in his body language

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00:45:37,285 --> 00:45:41,125
that You know, he was getting a little
frustrated maybe and of course i'd you

1010

00:45:41,125 --> 00:45:44,805
know had a lot of practice by that point
So I was I was doing a lot better and I

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00:45:44,805 --> 00:45:48,545
just felt like I needed to you know To say
it like, look it, you know, it can be you.

1012

00:45:48,605 --> 00:45:51,365

And I mean, that's kind of the whole, you know, point of the show

1013

00:45:51,365 --> 00:45:55,955
is, is that it can be you in, in this podium as a, as a champion.

1014

00:45:56,165 --> 00:45:58,025
That's our exact campaign right now.

1015

00:45:58,025 --> 00:45:59,435
Why not you?

1016

00:45:59,675 --> 00:46:00,485
I have to ask.

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00:46:00,490 --> 00:46:02,225
'cause a four game champ, obviously.

1018

00:46:02,230 --> 00:46:04,025
Oftentimes our four game winners.

1019

00:46:04,575 --> 00:46:06,985
End up in the tournament of champions.

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00:46:07,055 --> 00:46:11,685
What would it mean for you to be competing in our our ultimate competition?

1021

00:46:11,705 --> 00:46:11,755
I

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00:46:11,755 --> 00:46:15,685
mean, I I wouldn't say no, uh, just saying, you know I I know it is a

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00:46:15,685 --> 00:46:20,375
little gonna be a little luck based at at this point But um, you know

1024

00:46:20,375 --> 00:46:23,705
if if this is it, you know, i'm

i'm still gonna walk away happy.

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00:46:23,875 --> 00:46:27,670

I can be at peace with uh, With
four games and, and more even

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00:46:27,670 --> 00:46:29,200

just, just that I was here at all.

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00:46:29,300 --> 00:46:31,070

Well, we're not going to let
you go too easy because we

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00:46:31,070 --> 00:46:32,510

also have champions wild card.

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00:46:32,510 --> 00:46:36,080

So chances are, we're going to see you
in the post season, no matter what.

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00:46:36,090 --> 00:46:36,420

So,

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00:46:36,750 --> 00:46:38,930

uh, don't take too long of a
break is what you're saying.

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00:46:38,930 --> 00:46:39,160

Yeah.

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00:46:39,160 --> 00:46:40,070

It's not goodbye.

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00:46:40,080 --> 00:46:41,600

It's just so long for now.

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00:46:41,890 --> 00:46:43,660

Congratulations on a great run.

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00:46:43,980 --> 00:46:44,410

Thank you.

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00:46:45,390 --> 00:46:49,370
Well, on Wednesday, Chris D'Amico
coming out as our new champion

1038

00:46:49,370 --> 00:46:51,060
and getting out to an early lead.

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00:46:51,180 --> 00:46:54,640
But newcomer Amar Kakirdeh fought
his way back and managed to secure

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00:46:54,640 --> 00:46:57,470
a strong but not insurmountable
lead heading into final.

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00:46:58,020 --> 00:47:01,600
When we return from the break before
final, though, Chris's response

1042

00:47:01,600 --> 00:47:08,279
was actually ruled incorrect, which
000 and retroactively gave a win.

1043

00:47:10,170 --> 00:47:14,420
Yeah, that is always tough on those
re judged clues, but this was one

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00:47:14,420 --> 00:47:18,550
that hats off to the writers for
really pinning this specific enough

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00:47:18,570 --> 00:47:20,530
to, to stand by this judgment.

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00:47:20,660 --> 00:47:20,930
Yeah.

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00:47:20,930 --> 00:47:24,190
And you have to keep in mind that,
you know, as the game is going on,

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00:47:24,580 --> 00:47:29,630

everyone in the Jeopardy library is researching any time, you know, any

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00:47:29,630 --> 00:47:32,660
response is given that may have not been exactly what they're anticipating.

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00:47:33,050 --> 00:47:35,560
They're researching, they're putting in the work, they're calling up

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00:47:35,560 --> 00:47:37,310
to our head writers to say, Yeah.

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00:47:37,465 --> 00:47:40,985
You know, we got to stop down, obviously we do that before a daily double, but

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00:47:40,985 --> 00:47:45,075
in this case, we do it on a break and not great when it doesn't go the way

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00:47:45,105 --> 00:47:49,055
of one of our players, but we have to make sure that we make the right

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00:47:49,055 --> 00:47:50,835
calls, you know, as much as possible.

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00:47:50,845 --> 00:47:54,725
And, you know, hopefully, maybe it helps Chris, uh, feel a little bit

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00:47:54,725 --> 00:47:58,025
better about it that it really didn't affect the final results because Amar

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00:47:58,035 --> 00:47:59,905
was the only one correct in final.

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00:48:00,125 --> 00:48:03,785
And something that was just downright scary in this show.

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00:48:04,500 --> 00:48:07,880

Was Ellen Klages talking
about her scary ham?

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00:48:07,900 --> 00:48:10,370

If you didn't hear it already,
we're going to share it right now.

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00:48:11,000 --> 00:48:15,910

My dad was given a ham as a Christmas
gift in, sometime in the late

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00:48:15,940 --> 00:48:17,630

80s, and it was a Smithfield ham.

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00:48:17,630 --> 00:48:21,585

And you're supposed to hang them in a
dry smokehouse for like two six months.

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00:48:21,585 --> 00:48:21,955

Okay.

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00:48:22,005 --> 00:48:26,195

My dad hung his in a damp
Ohio basement for 20 years.

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00:48:27,705 --> 00:48:32,225

My sister and I inherited the ham and
I had to talk her out of lighting it

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00:48:32,225 --> 00:48:34,095

on fire and having a Viking funeral.

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00:48:34,805 --> 00:48:37,335

You can't stop thinking about
the ham, Ellen, I gotta tell you.

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00:48:37,375 --> 00:48:40,215

I asked you if anybody ever tried to
eat the ham and you said, not really.

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00:48:40,340 --> 00:48:43,580
Well, my father kept threatening
that he would take it out to his

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00:48:43,580 --> 00:48:46,940
golf club and the chef there would
prepare a feast for his friends.

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00:48:46,980 --> 00:48:50,410
And I kept pointing out his friends were
in their eighties and that they would die.

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00:48:51,110 --> 00:48:55,490
Um, and before we had the ham
funeral, I actually tried to cut

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00:48:55,490 --> 00:48:57,470
into it and I broke three knives.

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00:48:57,560 --> 00:48:57,730
Oh,

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00:48:57,730 --> 00:48:58,000
wow.

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00:48:58,000 --> 00:48:59,180
So maybe it wouldn't have mattered.

1079

00:48:59,280 --> 00:49:00,570
Yeah, it was a scary ham.

1080

00:49:00,600 --> 00:49:02,980
Was the ham funeral a
burial, a burial at sea?

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00:49:03,000 --> 00:49:03,390
No,

1082

00:49:03,430 --> 00:49:05,960
it was a, um, we threw it into a creek.

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00:49:05,970 --> 00:49:10,550

But beforehand, we We, for some
reason, my mother had saved a shoebox

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00:49:10,550 --> 00:49:12,180
full of used birthday candles.

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00:49:12,250 --> 00:49:16,730
So we doused those with lighter fluid and
set that on fire in front of the ham, and

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00:49:16,730 --> 00:49:19,830
we had some stuffed monkeys surrounding
it that we'd found in the attic.

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00:49:20,090 --> 00:49:20,540
Well, of course.

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00:49:20,540 --> 00:49:21,500
It was a good funeral.

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00:49:21,520 --> 00:49:22,420
That all makes perfect sense.

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00:49:23,100 --> 00:49:25,380
That's what I'd do if I had
a very large mildewy ham.

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00:49:25,400 --> 00:49:27,480
But I would not let my
sister light it on fire.

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00:49:27,560 --> 00:49:32,130
So, if America wants to know more about
the scary ham, Google the scary ham and

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00:49:32,130 --> 00:49:34,210
there's a long, long story about it.

1094

00:49:38,825 --> 00:49:41,645
It's like, uh, Deathly
Double came early this year.

1095

00:49:41,675 --> 00:49:42,485
Oh, I think so.

1096
00:49:43,465 --> 00:49:44,465
Spooky ham.

1097
00:49:44,465 --> 00:49:44,675
Yeah,

1098
00:49:44,675 --> 00:49:47,615
maybe that's a costume
inspiration for, yeah.

1099
00:49:47,615 --> 00:49:48,045
It could be.

1100
00:49:48,045 --> 00:49:49,475
I could see you as a scary ham, Buzzy.

1101
00:49:49,485 --> 00:49:49,765
Yep.

1102
00:49:50,035 --> 00:49:53,125
Moving on to Thursday, all three
players got off to a slow start,

1103
00:49:53,135 --> 00:49:56,555
but a late push by Ummer earned
him the lead entering final.

1104
00:49:56,755 --> 00:50:00,075
Challenger Liz Sapu was the only
player correct in final, but

1105
00:50:00,075 --> 00:50:02,605
a zero dollar wager from her.

1106
00:50:02,995 --> 00:50:05,435
Hans Ummer, his second win.

1107
00:50:05,575 --> 00:50:09,175
This is a tight game and there's a

lot of interesting things happening

1108

00:50:09,185 --> 00:50:12,175

in that final Jeopardy wager from Liz.

1109

00:50:12,375 --> 00:50:13,825

I'd love to talk about it with you guys.

1110

00:50:14,195 --> 00:50:17,655

She knows that Ummer
has to bet to cover her.

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00:50:18,055 --> 00:50:23,905

What I'm wondering about is why she
didn't at least bet to beat his loss.

1112

00:50:24,025 --> 00:50:24,355

Yeah.

1113

00:50:24,415 --> 00:50:25,225

The negative one.

1114

00:50:25,225 --> 00:50:27,655

You know, why didn't she bet 3,

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00:50:27,655 --> 00:50:27,724

000?

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00:50:27,725 --> 00:50:27,975

Yeah.

1117

00:50:27,995 --> 00:50:29,275

This is one of those things.

1118

00:50:29,315 --> 00:50:30,655

I will never.

1119

00:50:31,130 --> 00:50:36,270

Begin to judge because I'm sitting at
my nice comfortable position, you know

1120

00:50:36,270 --> 00:50:40,930
far away from this My my jeopardy status
is not hanging in the balance when I'm

1121
00:50:40,930 --> 00:50:45,070
making my wagering during final but so
many times You know I see the wagers

1122
00:50:45,110 --> 00:50:49,920
come in and I just think I wonder what
the thought process was there and I'm

1123
00:50:49,920 --> 00:50:51,540
sure I'm sure Liz is Thinking yeah,

1124
00:50:51,540 --> 00:50:53,670
Liz if you're on social
media hit hit us up.

1125
00:50:53,680 --> 00:50:57,390
I'd love to know one thing I
will say is that I I've gotten

1126
00:50:57,390 --> 00:51:00,940
smarter about the wagering
technique since I was on the show.

1127
00:51:00,940 --> 00:51:03,060
The first time I was on the
show, it was a lot of vibes.

1128
00:51:03,140 --> 00:51:04,660
It was like, how do I feel right now?

1129
00:51:04,670 --> 00:51:05,430
How do I feel about this guy?

1130
00:51:05,620 --> 00:51:06,430
Yeah, I'm a vibes guy.

1131
00:51:06,430 --> 00:51:08,490
Like, oh, it's like seven grand.

1132
00:51:08,500 --> 00:51:09,720
I was just betting on vibes.

1133
00:51:09,760 --> 00:51:10,670
Betting on vibes.

1134
00:51:10,850 --> 00:51:13,400
Well, we closed out the week
with another late push interview.

1135
00:51:13,525 --> 00:51:17,105
In the double Jeopardy round
from Amr earning his third

1136
00:51:17,105 --> 00:51:18,925
win this time in a runaway.

1137
00:51:19,465 --> 00:51:23,185
Yeah, very interesting that Amr has,
has either these very close games

1138
00:51:23,205 --> 00:51:27,305
or the runaway status with that
rejudging first game is a runaway.

1139
00:51:27,405 --> 00:51:28,015
This one's a runaway.

1140
00:51:28,015 --> 00:51:31,405
It's interesting that he's kind of
bounces between that as opposed to, you

1141
00:51:31,405 --> 00:51:32,785
know, kind of a little bit of a league.

1142
00:51:32,785 --> 00:51:36,105
I'm interested to see where,
if that kind of continues.

1143
00:51:36,555 --> 00:51:39,185
Yeah, and this is one of those games
that doesn't really tell the full

1144
00:51:39,185 --> 00:51:43,335
story because it was a runaway, but
you have to look at Haas Karbalaes.

1145
00:51:43,355 --> 00:51:43,875
Yes.

1146
00:51:43,905 --> 00:51:44,525
Stats.

1147
00:51:44,825 --> 00:51:46,145
19 correct.

1148
00:51:46,285 --> 00:51:47,344
Exactly the same as Umar.

1149
00:51:47,345 --> 00:51:51,475
38 buzzer attempts and
24 successful buzzes.

1150
00:51:51,485 --> 00:51:55,145
That's 63 percent buzzer
accuracy, even more than Umar.

1151
00:51:55,685 --> 00:51:59,725
He found two Daily Doubles but split
them and was correct in finals.

1152
00:51:59,735 --> 00:52:02,055
So, this is someone I'm, I'm guessing.

1153
00:52:02,105 --> 00:52:02,375
A second

1154
00:52:02,375 --> 00:52:03,635
chance candidate.

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00:52:03,635 --> 00:52:03,865
Will be in

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00:52:03,925 --> 00:52:05,375
the mix for second chance.

1157
00:52:05,375 --> 00:52:06,415
We've, we've talked about it.

1158
00:52:06,415 --> 00:52:08,405
It's going to be a
smaller field this season.

1159
00:52:08,405 --> 00:52:11,115
So we don't have as many spots
in play, but I have to think that

1160
00:52:11,125 --> 00:52:12,945
he will certainly be in the mix.

1161
00:52:13,665 --> 00:52:15,675
Well, now up it's time for host chat.

1162
00:52:15,675 --> 00:52:18,575
An audience member asked Ken,
what happens if you do not

1163
00:52:18,585 --> 00:52:20,245
respond in the form of a question?

1164
00:52:20,705 --> 00:52:21,395
Oh boy.

1165
00:52:21,465 --> 00:52:23,485
Do you know what hanging,
drawing, and quartering is?

1166
00:52:26,895 --> 00:52:27,045
No.

1167
00:52:27,485 --> 00:52:30,005
The rules are actually different
in the first and second rounds.

1168
00:52:30,045 --> 00:52:32,995

In the first round, I get
to remind them very sternly.

1169

00:52:33,025 --> 00:52:36,045

I say, now, yes, but please
remember your phrasing.

1170

00:52:36,385 --> 00:52:39,825

Um, in the second round, I might give
them a second to figure it out, and then

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00:52:39,825 --> 00:52:41,645

I have to rule against them and say, no.

1172

00:52:42,005 --> 00:52:44,995

It was Grover Cleveland, but you had
to say, what is Grover Cleveland?

1173

00:52:45,335 --> 00:52:48,605

So it gets meaner as the game
progresses, just like life you will find.

1174

00:52:51,015 --> 00:52:54,825

Of course, that went a reference to a
clue in the finals of masters for signing

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00:52:54,825 --> 00:53:01,115

a treaty with the rebellious Scots in
1323, the Earl of Carlisle met with this

1176

00:53:01,125 --> 00:53:04,935

grizzly three part or un part punishment.

1177

00:53:05,475 --> 00:53:06,089

What is?

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00:53:06,230 --> 00:53:07,820

Hanging, drawing, and quartering.

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00:53:07,850 --> 00:53:08,790

There you go, Buzzy.

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00:53:08,870 --> 00:53:10,000
Could it be hanging?

1181
00:53:10,080 --> 00:53:10,940
Could it be drawing?

1182
00:53:10,940 --> 00:53:11,850
Could it be quartering?

1183
00:53:11,910 --> 00:53:12,770
Would it be?

1184
00:53:12,970 --> 00:53:13,280
Is it?

1185
00:53:13,780 --> 00:53:15,100
Any kind of question will work.

1186
00:53:15,110 --> 00:53:15,400
Yeah.

1187
00:53:15,830 --> 00:53:19,390
Well, there is no question that we
have to wrap up today's episode.

1188
00:53:19,400 --> 00:53:24,850
Join us next week for game highlights
as Ummer goes for his fourth win today.

1189
00:53:24,860 --> 00:53:30,710
Plus we are going to celebrate 100
episodes of Inside Jeopardy and the

1190
00:53:30,710 --> 00:53:34,490
20th anniversary of Ken Jennings
first appearance on the Alex Trebek

1191
00:53:34,500 --> 00:53:40,035
stage With none other than the recent
birthday boy, Ken Jennings himself.

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00:53:40,415 --> 00:53:41,305

You won't want to miss it.

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00:53:41,345 --> 00:53:41,945

We'll see you then.

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00:53:43,505 --> 00:53:46,535

This is the last week of our
Explore Iceland sweepstakes.

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00:53:46,535 --> 00:53:49,665

You still have five days to enter
for a chance to win an unforgettable

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Icelandic adventure with our friends at
Lindblad Expeditions National Geographic.

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00:53:53,835 --> 00:53:57,635

Tune in to Jeopardy today because this
is something you don't want to miss.

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00:53:57,845 --> 00:53:58,945

No purchase necessary.

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00:53:58,965 --> 00:53:59,845

Void where prohibited.

1200

00:54:00,055 --> 00:54:00,975

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