

## 2.17.25 Inside J!

[00:00:00] From the Alex Trebek stage at Sony Picture Studios, this is Inside Jeopardy!

**Sarah:** Hello and welcome back to Inside Jeopardy, your exclusive and official podcast destination for all things happening in the world of Jeopardy. So much going on, but right now I'm Sarah Foss and I'm joined I don't even know where he is.

Where are you this week, Sam Buttry?

**Sam:** I'm coming to you from the Inside Jeopardy! Remote Studio in Casey, Illinois, where they have lots of weirdly large objects, including the world's biggest rocking chair.

**Sarah:** You know, I've heard about this place, and believe it or not, it's not somewhere we ever shot with the Clue Crew, but have you visited?

**Sam:** I have not visited, but there are a lot of great pictures online of these weirdly large objects that the project put together. They've got the world's biggest mailbox, and the world's biggest golf tee, and what they do with these things is not clear, but the rocking chair I happen to know is 55 feet tall, so that's That's a good sized chair.

**Sarah:** I have a visual of you just rocking away. Just a tiny little Sam just rocking away in a giant chair. Can you picture it? I will [00:01:00] do my

**Sam:** best. Yeah, I can picture it. I will get some footage of that.

**Sarah:** You know, now that you're retired, except for this full time job as our ambassador, I think you need to make your way there, get in the rocking chair, take a photo, give it to the people.

Bring it, Sam.

**Sam:** It's what the people want. It's what they want. That I

**Sarah:** shall do, Cher. Well, last week we announced the JIT. Line up right here on the pod. Reaction has been good. What did you think when you heard the big

reveal of the 27 greats from past seasons, six decades worth coming back to play Jeopardy?

**Sam:** So exciting. A lot of names I'd heard of, a couple I had to think about a little bit more, which is also exciting. I will say the one champion I was hoping would come back who didn't apparently get invited is that guy, and I forget his name, but the Bring It guy? That guy was hilarious.

**Sarah:** Hmm, does it ring a bell?

**Sam:** Oh, ouch. No, it was very exciting and I'm looking forward to seeing the games. That's a little bit of a misnomer, if you will, because I was actually there for the recording of the JIT and Jeopardy! production time. Yeah. A lot of great Jeopardy!

**Sarah:** This was a quick turnaround for us. Obviously, we [00:02:00] did delay those tapings because of the California wildfires, so.

We pretty much taped JIT and then turned it around for air almost immediately. You were there. Great games. And, you know, at least we didn't have a JIT without you. You were there.

**Sam:** I was there. In

**Sarah:** person. You just weren't at a podium.

**Sam:** Probably just as well. There was a lot of good Jeopardy there. I don't know.

We'll see.

**Sarah:** I don't know. But that does kick off today on Jeopardy airtime. We're very excited for that. But it was just last week that the T. O. C. wrapped up on Thursday. We saw Niles Venjimuri become our 32nd Tournament of Champions winner ever in the history of the show. And he did that in five games. A little bit shorter than we've seen in the past, at least shorter than your T.

O. C. Sam.

**Sam:** Yeah, I managed to stretch mine out to six, and Nilesch was amazing winning in a five game battle against two great champions in Adriana and Isaac. What a win it was.

**Sarah:** Well, let's take a look back at those games that wrapped up the T. O. C. Heading into Monday where we were game [00:03:00] to Adriana Isaac and Nilesch returning Adriana one win under her belt feeling good, but it was Nilesch who put on a dominant performance after taking the lead in double Jeopardy.

He found the last daily double in the game went all in for a record breaking 14, 600. Massive lead after that. Isaac did turn it on, he managed to stay in contention heading into final, but both he and Nilesch were correct, so that meant that Nilesch secured the win.

**Sam:** Wow, that bet was amazing, and as Isaac said on Reddit, this game felt like a moral victory, which is not like a regular victory, except it doesn't count for anything, it doesn't feel very satisfying.

Isaac always amusing. He says Nilesch really threw the gauntlet down with his stone cold double ups and earned this one and it's true 14, 400

**Sarah:** Wow. Well, let's hear how the players were feeling after a great game.

**Ken:** That was a very impressive game I don't want to barrage you guys with statistics, but I will Those are the [00:04:00] third and fourth highest finishing scores we have seen all season.

Nilesch made the biggest daily double wager of the season. Nobody's gone above 14, 600. That was gutsy. What were you, uh, were you tempted not to do it?

I knew all in. As soon as I saw that daily double pop up, I knew all in.

**Ken:** Tell me why. What's, uh, what's your thought process? Well, I

mean, South America is more of like a geographical category, so it felt more like, uh, you know, my wheelhouse.

So, it was an easy decision.

**Ken:** You were trying to build the biggest margin you can, hoping to end it right there. Exactly. It did not work out that way, because Isaac stormed back. Uh, you did not feel like you had been taken out of the game. Well done.

Yeah, I mean, I, I reversed last game where this game was actually pretty good on the buzzer and didn't get any of the daily doubles.

**Ken:** You and Adriana were trying your darndest. The record for this season is 48 attempts on the buzzer in a game. You should probably know that, Isaac, because you said it earlier in this tournament. Despite the record being 48, you had 47 tries today. You had 46, Adriana. Does that surprise either of you, that you were buzzing quite a bit more than Nilesch in that game?

I remember [00:05:00] trying to buzz in for sure. I knew I was definitely trying.

**Ken:** Yeah.

Is it

**Ken:** a frustrating feeling? Oh yeah. A little bit? I've been there.

I can't speak for her, but at least during our original runs, generally when we wanted to buzz in, we buzzed in, so this has been quite frustrating I would say.

**Ken:** I remember going from regular season to having to play against Brad Rutter or IBM Watson and suddenly being like, oh this is how everyone else feels.

I want to be able to do this. I do this. Playing against me. Yeah, this is a bummer. I totally get it now. So it's an empathy building exercise, I guess. Yeah

so much empathy. It's your

**Ken:** your hearts are full right now. Adriana you have the one when you're tied with new leash for the lead. Isaac You've got a little bit of work to do.

Yeah, if you guys would let me trade in like a couple second places for a first or something if there's some sort of exchange rate I could do with you, that'd be very helpful. But I'm gonna keep plugging away. I'm gonna try. Maybe I'll take bigger swings. I don't know. We'll see. All right, guys.

**Ken:** I have a feeling this final might go down to the wire.

Three great players, evenly matched. Uh, that was a pleasure to watch. We'll see you again tomorrow.[00:06:00]

**Sarah:** I love that he brings up that point, Isaac. That, you know, in a normal game, when you're on a run You're just buzzing in and you're getting it, but to think that they're attempting, you know, 47, 48, 46 in that range and not coming up with a win, that's, that's tough.

**Sam:** Yeah, Niles had fewer attempts, but he's so fast on the buzzer.

You can see on the box score that his percentage was quite a bit higher and that's what it took to get that critical daily double. That's

**Sarah:** it. That's it. All right.

**Sam:** Well, our finalists were back on Tuesday for game three, and Niles was on fire yet again. He managed to take the lead from Adrianna in double jeopardy and extended that lead with the help of a 14, 800 daily double, breaking his record from yesterday.

Adrianna was unable to get back in contention, allowing Niles to score a runaway win, a runaway in the TOC finals.

**Sarah:** Yeah, that has to feel really good for Niles, not as good for Adriana and Isaac. Isaac has taken to Reddit to give us kind of some [00:07:00] of his thoughts, and one of the things he said was, you know, a lot of people are noticing his frustration in the game, and he said, I hope that people don't mistake my disappointment for a lack of grace.

Niles and Adriana have both played fantastically, and I am genuinely happy for them. Coming into the TOC, I felt a greater sense of pressure than I did in my original run, where I didn't expect much of anything good to happen. I came into this tournament as a top seed, I felt a lot of pressure to perform up to that, and thus really couldn't shake that feeling.

Ultimately, I was disappointing my family, you know, that feeling that I was ultimately disappointing my family, friends, various well wishers. with how I had been playing. It's a lot to emotionally process in a short amount of time, and I'm sorry if it makes me come off badly on television. I also do want to gently,

gently, push back on the notion that I should have stepped aside to allow Adriana back into the game here, for one reason.

Or for one, he says the score at the time, 0 1 1, meaning the [00:08:00] only reason I would let up at this moment is if I somehow believed Adriana is a weaker player and I should help her win. Unfortunately, I do not believe that Adriana and Les are both really strong players and I'm going to have to climb out of a two one hole against either one of them, so I'm not gonna sit on my buzzer to advantage one or the other obviously.

That changes next game. If I'm standing in the way of Adriana preventing a runaway against Nilesh, I'll step aside. Keep in mind, that's no guarantee. Nilesh is really, really good at the buzzer. And then Drew Goins, he commented, because I don't know if you remember earlier about Isaac just saying, you know, compliments like, you're beautiful, and so he just said, Isaac, you are so beautiful.

**Sam:** That was a beautiful moment. Thank you, Drew. I did want to point out the funny moment in Final Jeopardy where the clue was about the contemporary author. Contemporary authors, and the answer was Diana Gabaldon, the woman who wrote the Outlander saga. And, uh, [00:09:00] Isaac's answer was Who is the outlander lady?

And Ken said, well, that's correct as far as it goes, just not quite specific enough. A bold effort by Isaac, but no go.

**Sarah:** Well, moving on to Wednesday's game, Nilesh was hoping to notch a third win, but this was finally Isaac's game. He took a good lead into double jeopardy and added to it with a 6, 000 daily double.

He continued to build his score after Nilesh dropped 4, 000 on the last Daily Double. This allowed Isaac to take the lead into final. Both he and Nilesh were correct. And it was Isaac who secures his first win.

**Sam:** Very exciting and it makes the competition even better. A fan on Reddit told Isaac that they were really interested in his reflections after the game.

And Isaac joked, My reflections are this, Oh, thank God, I finally won one.

**Sarah:** Well, let's hear how Isaac was feeling after finally notching a win.

**Ken:** Well, I was as surprised as anyone. I didn't think you had it,

Isaac. I, it was, it was a last second pull. I, I [00:10:00] was thinking of paintings the entire time, and then I was like, well, what if it's not, it doesn't say painting.

And I was like, oh, uh, burgers of, I've seen that. I've actually literally seen the sculpture. I've been there, so I should get it. And I did very hastily have to write it, which led to the chicken scratch you see before you. Yeah,

**Ken:** I was, as I saw you start the chicken scratch, I was like, whatever that is, it's not going to be Burgers of Calais.

This tournament's over. And I strolled over here only to find. It was not. Congratulations, Isaac, on the big win.

Thank you.

**Ken:** Uh, what's more exciting, getting your first win in the finals or getting another clue about your beloved ska genre of music?

At this point, it's winning a game. Uh, I, I was, I was pretty locked in.

I was like, it's time to not be friendly fun, Isaac. It's time to be competitive asshole, Isaac. And I think, uh, that came through a little bit.

**Ken:** Now, uh, in many of these games in these finals, you've actually had more attempts than either Adriana. never quite found your rhythm. What was different today?

I was locked in, baby, you know?

I just [00:11:00] really tried not to overthink the buzzer and also just be mean and not think about anything else and mentally reset after the horrible last game I had and hopefully I can continue this momentum.

**Ken:** Well that was a well played game and Isaac, congrats on the big win. It means we are coming back for game five.

**Sam:** Isaac is so fun and so flashily dressed that you forget how good he is at Jeopardy.

**Sarah:** Yeah, and we love to see it. I love when everyone has at least one checkmark in a TOC. We were rooting for the same thing for you a couple years back, Sam. You just want to see everyone with a checkmark for as long as it can go.

**Sam:** One checkmark is all I ask. Well, the TOC came to an exciting conclusion on Thursday after another great game among our three finalists. Nilesch was able to take a small lead into double jeopardy, but Adriana doubled up on the first daily double of the round for the lead. But despite dropping 5, 000 on the last Daily Double, Nilesch managed to enter final in first place.

All three players were correct, and Nilesch secured his third win to become our 32nd Tournament of [00:12:00] Champions winner.

**Sarah:** And in this game, if you watched it, you know there was a clue that Adriana will never forget, where the correct response was, who is Kristen Milioti? Adriana said Kristen Malotti and we had to then call back her correct response, rule her incorrect.

That shift played a huge factor in who won this game and Adriana went on to talk about it. And she said, you know what? It wasn't my day. It wasn't my tournament, but I feel so fortunate to have reached this point and shared the final stage with two brilliant competitors. Isaac is so good at this and pulled out some truly impressive daily doubles and finals.

Huge congratulations to Nilesch, who showed throughout this tournament why he is a deserving champion. Both are Jeopardy! greats for a reason. This whole tournament was an incredible experience full of wonderful people. Lastly, I actually do know her name. I will spend the rest of my life thinking about why it came [00:13:00] out that way.

Did you ever have anything like that happen for you, Sam, where you don't even know how something comes out incorrect? I

**Sam:** have garbled things in the past, but I've generally been able to correct them. So that hasn't been one problem that I've had. But we've seen it a couple of times, uh, this season, where somebody has just been so close and just, either in writing or in speaking, missed a syllable or a letter.

Uh, and it's it's difficult. It's hard to watch.



**Sarah:** Yeah. Isaac actually also took to Reddit to say, in case you can't tell, Nilesch is absolutely ridiculous on the buzzer. Nilesch has deep pockets of knowledge and is unafraid to make big wagers, but his greatest asset It's incredible buzzer speed. Adrienne and I are pretty good at the buzzer, I think, but by the end of this, he had me completely rethinking my strategy when it came to buzzing in.

If this is the end of my Jeopardy experience, I am satisfied. I've had a fun time, met a lot of great folks, both contestants and the people who actually make the show, and won more money than I'll ever make doing customer support. It [00:14:00] has been one of the greatest experiences of my life, and I feel blessed to have gotten to do it.

I'd be remiss if I didn't thank my family and my girlfriend, who have made sure I know that I am still a winner to them. So that's it! Now I go back to watching Jeopardy like a regular person. I'm sure that won't be weird.

**Sam:** Well, we live in a weird time, Sarah, where people do tend to come back for, uh, tournaments.

Now, I have no input into that. Nobody asked my opinion, but I would love to see Adriana again, and I would love to see Isaac again.

**Sarah:** Yeah, I have a feeling you will get your wish, Sam. Well, if you didn't see it, please head to YouTube. We had a fantastic interview with Nilesch right after he clinched the TOC win from the Alex Trebek stage.

Take a listen. Take a watch. Check it out on YouTube. But now The TOC has come to an end, and we decided that we didn't want to start the JIT on a Friday, we wanted to start it on a Monday if at all possible. Of course, the TOC could have gone into Monday, but we didn't know, so when it ended on a Thursday, we [00:15:00] said, hey, we have this really cool exhibition game that only was available on TuneIn for listening.

So why don't we put that on to the show? The tricky thing was, we couldn't really tease that it was happening, because if we did so, we would spoil how long the TOC went. So, if you listened last Thursday at the end of the show, Johnny did say, And stay tuned tomorrow for a special airing of the Exhibition Game.

So that gave a few people the chance to know about it. But it was a fun game. It saw Adriana, Isaac, and Drew Basile going up against each other. Of course,

our three top seeded players. They don't play in a quarterfinal because they're seeded into the semifinals. So this was a game that allowed them to, you know, get out any buzz or jitters and feel what it's like to be back on the stage and play an equal amount of clues to everyone else that they would end up playing.

In the semi finals.

**Sam:** And of course, Adriana and Drew had played once before. Drew was the one who knocked Adriana off after her impressive streak. So I don't know if she was hoping for revenge in this exhibition match. But, uh, it was an [00:16:00] exciting one.

**Sarah:** Yeah, and in this exhibition game, it was actually Drew Basile who came out on top.

Ironically, he didn't end up making it into the finals of the three. And a similar thing happened in the exhibition game. Back when we played your season, it was Matea who ended up winning that exhibition game, and they didn't make it into the finals, so, this jeopardy, Sam, I tell ya, you just never know.

**Sam:** Anything can happen. I will say, uh, I was delighted by Adriana pointing out What is it that you've learned after playing 15 games of Jeopardy? And she said, I need more comfortable shoes. Shoes that are good for walking aren't good for standing, and you stand all day in this game. So she actually bought a nice pair of shoes to stand in for the TOC.

**Sarah:** Yeah, and I'll tell you what they were. If anyone's curious, I'm not being sponsored by them, but they were Allbirds. She found a great pair of Allbirds. So if you want to know what 15 game champion Adriana Harmeyer says is the best shoe to wear when you're going to play Jeopardy, It's all birds. There [00:17:00] you go.

My wife

**Sam:** stands during her job and she's been looking for the right shoes So I'll pass that on. Tell her all birds. I did want to say one thing about this. Of course this This competition this exhibition game was originally scheduled as you said for audio only on tune in and so of course I went to listen to it now I had a little bit of an advantage compared to people who Just listen to it on audio because I was there in the studio when it was taped but it turns out there's lots of Jeopardy audio only on TuneIn and, um, in the audio only game, the only disadvantage

that I felt was that as a hardcore Jeopardy player, I want to know what the scores are all the time.

And you see that all the time on the video. And it's obviously not clear on audio, but if you're just there for clues and responses, the audio Jeopardy is, uh, surprisingly entertaining. And I think it would be a great traveling companion if you're driving or something like that. So I, myself, I'm going to start.

Picking up old Jeopardy games, uh, on TuneIn, and that's my recommendation.

**Sarah:** [00:18:00] So see, between this episode, I've now supported all birds, you're supporting TuneIn, and neither of us is getting paid by either of them to do this. We're just giving you our genuine good advice.

**Sam:** It's coming from the heart, Sarah.

**Sarah:** It absolutely is.

Well, it was Valentine's Day last week, so it's appropriate that we're having things from the heart, Sam.

**Sam:** Very good. I see what you did there.

**Sarah:** See what I did there? And now a quick word from our sponsor. When you think about businesses that are selling through the roof, like Heinz and Mattel, sure, you think about a great product and brilliant marketing, but an often overlooked secret is actually the businesses behind the business making selling and buying simple.

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com slash Jeopardy, all lowercase. Go to Shopify. com slash Jeopardy to upgrade your selling today. Shopify. com slash Jeopardy. And now, back to Inside Jeopardy. Well, we also had another episode of Celebrity Jeopardy last Wednesday in primetime on ABC. It was another quarterfinal matchup between Susie Essman, Blake Anderson, and Robin Thede.

After Blake and Robin split the daily doubles in Double Jeopardy, Robin took a strong lead heading into Triple Jeopardy. Blake unfortunately dropped 12,000 after going nearly all in on the last daily double of the game. I love him for trying it though. And from there, well, Robin, she cruised in to a runaway, some pretty impressive stats, 35 corrects and zero incorrect.

So really being intentional when she did ring in and making sure she knew that response. And on the buzzer, [00:20:00] 60 percent accuracy.

**Sam:** Yeah, she was a great player. We saw Margaret Cho earlier and it looked like she might be unstoppable in this competition. But Robin is going to be right there. I think you do have to congratulate Blake who had a couple daily doubles earlier in the game where he bet low and got them right and it was the right move to make to go all in. Robin was so far ahead and it looked like he was close to getting the answer when Ken revealed the response Blake.

Clearly reacted as if he was just there and twelve thousand dollars on a daily double. It's an impressive move. He did the right thing and I'm sorry, it didn't work out. But Robin really did deserve the win I think.

**Sarah:** yeah. And in the postgame Robin spoke about how comedians tend to do well on the show saying Comedians have to memorize a lot.

So I think we absorb faster. When we're watching TV, and a lot of us have no friends. So, we watch a lot of TV, and then Blake said, Yeah, yeah, a lot of that. Um, I also loved something that Blake shared. Uh, some additional post game [00:21:00] thoughts that he put on Instagram. What an amazing experience. So hyped I got to do that.

Susie is such a legend. Robin is so smart and great with the buzzer. Turns out, the buzzer is a huge part of the show. My only complaint is that I didn't, or I don't actually, get to go back and play again. I would love to give it another shot. It was so cool. And then he also talked about the Daily Doubles.

He said, The Daily Doubles, that was like a Greek tragedy with me. I make the big bet. I had been marching my tortoise team down the field, because of course he was playing for the Turtle Conservancy in Ojai, marching my tortoise team down the field, and I went for it. And it was like fourth quarter, throwing.

And after that it was over. I just blacked out.

**Sam:** He was briefly in the red towards the end of the game and at one point said, Oh no, now I have to pay the turtles.

**Sarah:** Yeah. Yeah, well, don't worry. The Turtles are getting 30, 000, Blake, as [00:22:00] well as City Harvest, which is the charity that Susie was playing for. And Celebrity Jeopardy!

will be back next Wednesday for another quarterfinal. This one will feature Anna Navarro, David Friedberg, and Yvette Nicole Brown. But now Who do you

**Sam:** like?

**Sarah:** I don't know. I gotta watch and see, Sam. I gotta watch and see. That's fair. What I know I like is a segment called But wait, there's more.

**Sam:** But wait, there's more.

Yeah, this, uh, this week's clue comes from Tuesday's game in the finals of the TOC. So, bring it!

**Sarah:** 20th Century Notables 400.

**Ken:** He said his greatest blunder was the insertion of the cosmological constant into his theory of general relativity. What is Einstein?

**Sam:** Yes. Ah, Einstein. That guy again. So, he was maybe one of the smartest guys ever, and one of his great works was this theory of general relativity, which, among other things, described his ideas of gravity and how massive objects can actually bend and stretch space and time.[00:23:00]

At the time he formulated it, everybody, including Einstein, thought that the universe was static, but his equations didn't predict that. So Einstein tossed in a kind of fudge factor into his equations to keep his model's universe from expanding or contracting. And this is this Cosmological constant, which Einstein denoted by a capital Greek letter lambda.

He had to use the big lambda because apparently Mary had the little lambda. Thank you. Thank you. So this constant represented a repulsive force working against gravity to keep the universe balanced and stable.

**Sarah:** So Einstein needed a fudge factor?

**Sam:** Right, but not the delicious kind, and only for a while.

Twelve years later, Hubble, the space telescope guy, concluded that the universe is actually expanding. So the cosmological constant wasn't, in fact, needed. Einstein abandoned it and called it, as Ken said, his greatest blunder. However

**Sarah:** Ah, I see what you're doing here. You want me to say But wait, [00:24:00] there's more Sam.

**Sam:** I kind of do. Thank you. Yeah, so we used to think that sure the universe was expanding But that that expansion was slowing down and that gravity would eventually pull everything back together into a big crunch But now we believe the expansion is in fact accelerating and there are a number of theories as to why this might be true One arises from something called vacuum energy Which was a real thing discovered by the Hoover Company.

Nope, that's a vacuum cleaner joke. No, vacuum energy is a real thing that we can sometimes measure. There is non zero energy, even in empty space, with nothing in it. So, uh, the vacuum energy is presumably tied to the cosmological constant. That's what people think. So Einstein was maybe originally closer to the truth with his original formulation with the constant.

without even knowing it. However, inconsistencies remain. And my favorite one is this quantum theory predicts vacuum energy and quantum theory is usually right. But in this case, it's very wrong. The vacuum energy we see is much smaller than the amount [00:25:00] predicted by the theory. By comparison, if you estimated something had the mass of a Milky Way candy bar, but it actually had the mass of the Milky Way galaxy, that would be a much, much better prediction than the one made by quantum theory.

So inconsistencies remain. This prediction from quantum theory has been called the worst theoretical prediction in the history of physics. And so I, Sarah, will get to work fixing that, and I'll get back to you once I've solved it.

**Sarah:** All right. Well, anytime there's a butt weights segment where we can have a joke about a vacuum and lambda, you know, you're doing something right, Sam.

That was something.

**Sam:** Cheap laughs are the finest laughs. That's my motto. Well,

**Sarah:** you got them from me, so you got them from me. Moving on to this week's host chat, an audience member asked Ken, you know, we know you're retired, but if you could compete just one last time. Who would you want to go up against?

**Ken:** I mean, one is tempted to just, you know, say, well, the worst players, obviously.

If I only get one more game, if I only get one more game, I want to win, right? I'm gonna go to the [00:26:00] tape and find some person, some guy from the 90s who finished at negative 4, 000 and be like, No, um, I don't know. Like, just for my own personal curiosity, I would like to see how I would stack up against the better players.

I mean, Victoria Gross is in the house. She's our, like, reigning Jeopardy! Master Champion. And we've never played, which is very lucky for me. Not so lucky for her. So, I don't know, Victoria and James would be a fun game. Uh, I haven't finished third for a while.

**Sarah:** Yeah, that was fun. Victoria was in the house.

Obviously, she had a lot of friends she was supporting in the JIT. And, I don't know, it would be a good game, but I don't think it's going to happen because, you know, Ken's the host and he can't play anymore.

**Sam:** I would pay to watch that. I also got a chance to play against Victoria Gross, and I would like the record to show that I was ahead after I responded in Final Jeopardy, but I was not ahead after she responded.

No.

**Sarah:** You know what? We could just stop right there. We could just stop at that part. I should have. Where you were ahead. And if not for [00:27:00] Victoria, you could have been a Masters last year.

**Sam:** If, if not for Victoria, my life would be different, but wow, what a good player. So I would love to see her and Ken go at it.

Maybe, uh, in Jeopardy bar trivia someday.

**Sarah:** Okay, maybe we can make that happen. Well, the JIT, as we've mentioned, kicks off today. You won't want to miss it. Such a fun week of shows ahead. We'll be back next week to review all of those quarterfinal games. Plus, in pop culture, Jeopardy, you've got three more quarterfinals.

You won't want to miss those. We're going to be heading into the semis before you know it. Three episodes drop this Wednesday on Prime Video and we will be back right here on the pod next week.

**Sam:** See