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The American Athlete

Episode #2122

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Participants: **Daryl Evans – Commentator Los Angeles Kings**

William Bryan – Nascar Driver #24

Tanner Byrne – Professional Bull Rider

Jesse Byrne – Professional Bull Fighter

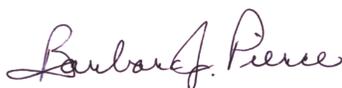
General Synopsis for Episode #2122

In this episode a retired hockey player, racecar driver and brothers who ride and fight bulls describe their varied paths towards success in each of the chosen fields of athletic endeavor. Each guest shares their personal side of their journey from their first thoughts of seeking a professional career to reaching their goals and beyond. **Daryl Evans** is a color analyst for the NHL and played professional hockey for 22 years. Growing up in Canada he was told he was small to play hockey. He shares “I had to prove everyone wrong. You have to challenge yourself, if you are standing still you are going backwards.” He points out that today’s hockey is driven by skill, the puck moves 110 mile per hour, speed of the player, connect on a 1/8 inch of steel, precision to place the puck and work in a team environment. Nascar driver **William Bryan** had to convince his parents that car racing was safe enough for him to participate. He says that your car environment is your home on the track, things happen in a race and you have to adjust to that in a quick period of time. William tells the viewers, “Pit Road is more extreme than you see on a regular road, and it’s twice the 5:00 traffic. It is like being parallel parked and having to do a burnout and not hit another car.” **Tanner Byrne** is a professional bull rider who competes against an animal for at least 8 second ride. He depends on his brother **Jesse Byrne** a professional bull fighter whose job is to protect the bull riders at all costs. Jesse states, “we as fighters feel a great deal of responsibility for the rider’s safety.”

Observation and Conclusion

In episode #2122 sports trivia questions are asked between segments to challenge viewers to research and learn sports facts. Athletes provide encouragement and advice to their fans to work hard, define goals, and have fun in your chosen field. **Tanner Byrne** says as brothers they try to push each other to better themselves everyday. This episode inspires, educates, informs and empowers children 13 years of age and up.

Sincerely,



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