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The American Athlete

Episode #2212

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Participants: **Chris Buescher – NASCAR Driver #37**

AJ McKee – Bellator MMA Fighter

Jordan Maxham – Skateboarder

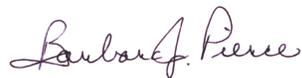
General Synopsis for Episode #2212

In this episode professional athletes share their family background and stories of how they began their path towards their chosen fields of athletic endeavor. **Chris Buescher** said his family was happy when he gave up motocross and began racing on 4 wheels. He spent time in the shop to learn about cars and what was underneath them. He tells the audience what it is like to race at Sonoma Raceway, “winning at Sonoma is great, you know that everyone came together as an entire team and did their job 100% that day.” **AJ ‘Mercenary’ McKee** was always in his dad’s gym jumping around and punching a bag. He shares that to prep for a fight is to stay ready so you don’t have to get ready, anything past that is nothing but growth and perfecting his craft. His goal is to fight for a title and get his first belt. He wants to do it for his family and friends to keep them motivated. **Jordan Maxham** started skating at 10 years old at a skate park near his school. He states that he is a street skater and doesn’t skate a lot of contests. He tells kids, “skateboarding is first and foremost about having fun, a day with your friends, which is the most organic and natural way to make anything happen. Skate and have fun, make videos and if it is meant to be it will happen.”

Observation and Conclusion

In episode #2212 sports trivia questions are asked between segments to challenge viewers to research and learn sports facts. The participants encourage young viewers to pursue their passion and focus by overcoming obstacles, displaying athlete virtues of diligence, perseverance, the value of training and sportsmanship. **AJ McKee** says as a fighter, pain you have to take it and use it as a motivation to keep you driving forward. This episode inspires, educates, informs and empowers children 13 years of age and up.

Sincerely,



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