



BP Educational Consultation

5133 E. Kathleen Road, Scottsdale, Arizona 85254 • phone 602-320-1622

The American Athlete

Episode #2216

Copyright: Entertainment Studios, Inc.

Participants: **John Force – Funny Car Driver**
Ryan Doherty – Pro Beach Volleyball
Theotis Beasley – Pro Street Skater

General Synopsis for Episode #2216

In this episode a Funny Car Driver, a beach volleyball player and a skateboarder 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. **John Force** is a sixteen times Funny Car Champion with twenty wins as an owner. With humor and seriousness, he tells the audience, “The car does the running for me, it protects me, makes me look good and some days I make it look bad.” When racing he has to find his mind set, turn off the switch when he gets into the car, he can’t take problems with him because the body has to react with 300 mph in less than 4 seconds. Beach volleyball player **Ryan Doherty** started his sports journey as a baseball player from college ball to the minor leagues. It took Ryan 4 years to become a pro beach volleyball player with consistency, lots of practice, and lots of preparation. He trains on the beach practicing 2 hours a day 3 times a week in season and with 3 - 4 days of conditioning. He talks about strategies he and his partner use during a game against their opponent to bait them into something they want them to do. **Theotis Beasley** learned about skateboarding at a family get together. He learned that it is all about timing when kicking the board out from under your feet and landing back on it. He feels blessed to travel the world and see things that started with a piece of wood with 4 wheels. He feels that it is important to take the time to talk with his fans to encourage them and help them with skateboarding.

Observation and Conclusion

In episode #2216 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. **Ryan Doherty’s** goal is to see how good he can be at whatever level and know he can tip his cap and walk away with his head held high. This episode inspires, educates, informs and empowers children 13 years of age and up.

Sincerely,



Barbara J. Pierce, MA Ed.

Educational Consultant