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The American Athlete

Episode #2214

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Participants: **Elgin Baylor – NBA Hall of Famer**

Nick Tucker – Pro Street Skater

Bradley Klahn – Pro Tennis Player, ATP

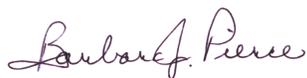
General Synopsis for Episode #2214

In this episode committed and talented ‘American Athletes’ share their stories of success and challenges. Each guest shares their personal side of their journey from their first thoughts of seeking a professional career to reaching their goals and beyond. **Elgin Baylor** was the first pick in the 1958 NBA draft to the Minneapolis Lakers. He was credited for turning around the franchise by winning games. He played in the NBA from 1958 – 1972. He then became NBA executive for 22 years. As an executive, he learned the importance of having a close relationship with players and the money to pay them. He wrote the book, Hang Time – My Life in Basketball from encouragement from his wife. **Nick Tucker** started skateboarding by watching kids on his block skate. He sees skateboarding as a family where there is no discrimination. He tells fans that he has to prep hard by watching what he eats, hours of practicing the same trick over and over. His goal is to create something that gives back to the supporters and he has something to show for it. **Bradley Klahn** started playing tennis at the age of 11. Back surgery 2015 kept him out of tennis for two years. He worked through his doubts with hard work and is playing the game again. He shares that tennis is a great sport for exercise and you can play it your entire life.

Observation and Conclusion

In episode #2214 questions are asked between segments to challenge viewers to research and learn facts related to sports. Athletes provide encouragement and advice to their fans to work hard, define goals, and have fun in your chosen field. **Bradley Klahn** states, “I am more appreciative of the opportunities and there is more I want to accomplish to see how far I can go and improve.” This episode inspires, educates, informs and empowers children 13 years of age and up.

Sincerely,



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