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The American Athlete

Episode #2318

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Participants: **Hunter Pence – Outfielder, MLB**
Kyra Condie – Competitive Climber, IFSC
Taylor Fritz – Pro Tennis Player, ATP Tour

General Synopsis for Episode #2318

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. As a junior in high school **Hunter Pence** became aware that if he wanted to play professional baseball he needed to put the work in by lifting, studying, practicing and running. Baseball is what he loves and is passionate about. He has been a 4X All Star and 2X World Series winner. His wife Lexi Pence is a YouTuber, *Let’s Get Lexi* and they own Coral Sword a coffee and gaming shop in Houston. The Pence’s focus in business is to encourage people to support each other and to love one another and just be there. **Kyra Condie** participated in her first national climbing championship at the age of 11. She shares, “a big part of climbing is you are always falling, you come to terms with that and learn from it.” Climbing is an Olympic sport. Kyra describes the 3 disciplines of climbing: bouldering, lead climbing and speed climbing. She shares bouldering is the most fun for her, it has the most interesting movements. When he was young, **Taylor Fritz** wanted to be a professional athlete. His parents played tennis and he found out he was good at it. His favorite shot is the big forehand, it feels the best to hit. Taylor’s advice to someone who wants to be a professional athlete, “There is no secrets, no short cuts. The secret is hard work, no tricks to getting there, you just have to work.” He wants to finish the year in the top twenty.

Observation and Conclusion

In episode #2318 questions are asked between segments to challenge viewers to research and learn facts related to sport. Athletes provide encouragement and advice to their fans to work hard, define goals, and have fun in your chosen field. **Kyra Condie** shares, “I trust in my training, I train really hard and I remember I am strong and I belong here.” This episode inspires, educates, informs and empowers children 13 years of age and up.

Sincerely,



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