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The American Athlete

Episode #2412

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Participants: **Dennis Rodman – NBA Legend**

Larry Holmes – Boxing Legend

Sarah Fisher – Racing Pioneer

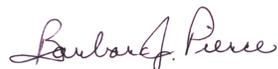
General Synopsis for Episode #2412

In this episode of ‘Legends’, sports icons share their family background and stories of how they began their path towards their chosen fields of athletic endeavor. Host Byron Allen’s insightful questions open up each athlete to respond with applicable advice for fans to follow. NBA legend **Dennis Rodman** started playing basketball in summer league games when he was living on the streets. He received a scholarship to go to college which led to an opportunity to play in the NBA. As a fierce defender he received the NBA’s Rebound Title 7 times. He shares that he keeps the game exciting, that is what he goes and that is his job. Boxing legend **Larry Holmes** started boxing at the age of 13 as something to do and to keep his mind occupied. Mohammad Ali gave him the opportunity to be his sparring partner and helped him become a professional boxer. In 1978 Larry beat Kenny Norton in 15 rounds to become the Heavyweight Champion. It was a dream come true. His advice to young viewers, “keep your nose clean, don’t say you won’t, say you will and always say you don’t know if you are not sure, you will go a long way with that.” At the age of 5 Racing Pioneer legend **Sarah Fisher** began her racing career driving go carts. She shares transitioning into driving Indy cars was intimidating and took a while to get used to. Being in good physical shape is important when racing for 2 ½ hours at 4 G’s which takes a huge toll on your body. She tells young people to be more focused on what you are doing and try to make your efforts the best possible to maximize your options to get the dream you want to accomplish.

Observation and Conclusion

The American Athlete episode #2412 trivia questions between each segment challenge young viewers to research and learn sports facts. Each participant encourages young viewers to pursue their passion and focus by overcoming obstacles, displaying athlete virtues of diligence, perseverance, the value of training and sportsmanship. **Larry Holmes** tells the viewers ‘you won’t make it if you don’t try’. This episode inspires, educates, informs and empowers children 13 years of age and up.

Sincerely,



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