

On the Rodeo Trail with Jaxson Tucker

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What's up everyone. It's Kaitlin Gustave on "The Score." And today our guest is the one and only Jaxson Tucker. He's 19 years old. He's originally from Statesville, North Carolina, hanging around Huckaby, Texas these days. Um, and you guys have probably seen him, you know, he was going for the rigorous last year.

He came up short. He was reopened with Cesar de la Cruz. A great run to have. And Jaxson does talk about that in this episode, um, he hung around Luke brown. He knew Luke brown through his dad, his dad and Luke brown are longtime friends. So Jackson, before getting to pro rodeo, got to hang around and traveled all the pro rodeos and see the sites and learn from Luke brown.

Uh, so Jackson talks about their relationship. Uh, he talks about it. What it's like traveling with Derek Begay because he recently drove across state lines with Derek in a car, um, to catch a rodeo in Paykis, which he also, we also kind of cover that in here. We talk about horsepower. We talk about the mental game and.

This was just a really fun conversation. Um, and if you can make it through at the end, we have a little fun this or that game that we play to. So I hope you guys enjoyed it. It was a really fun interview. Thank you, Jackson, for taking the time to chat with me. And, uh, if you listen to this podcast, be sure to leave us a rating and review, let us know which interviews you loved, which interview.

Um, which guys you want us to talk to? Let us know how this episode was. Um, we love reading those so enough of me talking, let's listen to the special interview with Jackson Tucker. This episode is brought to you by Farnam stick with us because we have a special commercial, the middle of the episode.

What's up, Jackson, Caitlin. How's it going? Oh, it's good. How, uh, where are you in the world today? I'm sitting in a holiday Inn lobby, and a peak is Texas right now played Trump the second one tonight. Fun and yeah, speaking of , um, unfortunately your partner wasn't there, but tell us who you picked up. Yes, I'm a party to make it this morning, but I, uh, I got the wheelchair.

Calf Roper hill for me, I imagined we just run our first one and I wrote Cody snow's bay, Bert. He was awesome. And so I dropped the second one now. Gotcha. And how, like for, have you ever written Burt before. I have. Yes, I, um, so Cody, he sent him with me to Arcadia and those radios that were before the BFI this year and the first BFI guess.

And, uh, when I was down there, I wrote him and I just practiced on him one day when I was down there. And that was the first time that I'd ever wrote him and then got to try them again today. That's awesome. That horse has been phenomenal ever since I had seen Cody in high school roping on that horse. Um, so that's super cool.

You got to jump on it. Oh, yeah, it was perfect. He, uh, he's an awesome horse and I love him and I got to be friends with Cody and let me get on him. Yeah. And, uh, like horsepower, how it does kind of feel like your horses or your horses, a little different. Can I tell you he's he's not, he's not very big when you look at him and like, not very tall, he's kind of like my, the front of that always round he's about the same height, but he's a lot, I don't know.

He's higher headed and he, I'm not sure he runs a lot harder. It seems like, but he, he was, he was perfect. Really. I, uh, he feels a lot like my mayor a little bit in some ways. I don't know what he's saying and drags his butt through the quarter, and it's really easy to handle his tears. So that's something really cool about him.

Gotcha. Gotcha. And what is that mayor? That mayor you rides? Pretty cool. Um, let's kind of talk about the horses you have in your school. Right. I just got that mayor, I would say probably a couple of weeks before the first BFI. They hadn't got three at night, uh, but good, solid, always ride. I call me the hammer and he was, uh, he was just coming off an injury and I felt like the VFL would just be a harder opener out of that.

So I, uh, I ended up riding that mirror there and she did perfect. I just got her she's nine years old. I got her from a boy that was actually working for Cody snow at the time. And, uh, it just kind of fit in. Perfect. And I do like having her in. Rather than a lot of these rodeos this summer. And when I do, when I don't have my phone there, whatever's set up normally is, but I, um, she has a nice horse and, um, I'm lucky to have her and, but this hurl he'll always be at the top again.

Gotcha. So what is like when you're looking at a horse, what are like the key things that you look for in a horse? Um, I've never really bought that many horses in my life. I've always just kind of rode what I had and kind of just tried to make it work. This is kind of one of the first horses that I've ever like really ventured out and bought.

And honestly, I wasn't, even at the time I was, I was needing the horse, but I didn't really need one that bad. And I seen the boiler up on him and she just scored amazing best horse I've ever scored in my life. She's I've never wrote on the score that good. And that was a big deal to me. I mean, obviously speed and everything, but I think the stars matters more than anything.

And, uh, so that was a big deal to me and the speed and she's, she pulls good and faces good as other horses that I have. And, uh, so I mean, it, it was a good fit really. And I was, I was glad I was there practicing that day and got to watch that boy rider and it worked out and that's really, the main thing to me is just score it.

And then you got to have ones fast, but. I think it starts to is the biggest key part yet. That's it? You know, I kind of want to jump back, um, like talk, let's kind of talk about, you know,

your rookie year, um, how looking back, how was that year for you? It was rough. You know, I, um, when I started out, I didn't do very good.

I'd always jacked hard with whole life. I've been, I've been to some rodeos and it was just hard to get in the groove of doing it. And I'm just really, I think that I'm just starting to do better, but I, um, you know, I kind of looked out the first year I, uh, Caesar, he had asked me to rope Brent for the summer and I'd wrote slightly different that one.

he was my first partner through the winter. And, uh, he was going to start heading at the time and Caesar called me and asked me to open weed. It was just like a blessing, you know, he's made the finals nine times and I'd always watched him as a kid and wanted to rope with him and it worked out perfect.

And he took me rodeo and my first year, and I got a buddy with my cousins, Corey Kidd, and quite a few trail. And Cory, he taught me a lot and, uh, it was, it was really cool to get drilled with him and. Um, I was lucky that he asked me to help really. I mean, you just don't get that opportunity very much. So. I mean, everybody, it was rough.

I didn't, I didn't have a very good for it. We want a little bit, and we're still in, he's one of my best friends and always will be because of what he did for me. And I ended up a lot at the jackpots. Whenever I'm in Arizona, we're closed up to California. Second partners. I don't know, it was, I was lucky to get to do that.

And this is my second year and I feel like I'm just starting to get better my rodeo. And so I'm hoping that it will come along here for too long. Yeah, no, that was super cool. Like when, when we found out that you were roping with seizure that's, that was cool that a rookie could rope with a guy like. Not saying you weren't capable to rope a Caesar, but yeah, it was cool.

I would have never dreamed it. You know what I mean? From, I mean, through my whole childhood, he always see Derek gay and Caesar at the net for, I mean, I was just a kid in North Carolina, Washington on TV with my dad and my parents, but I mean, it was kind of like a dream come true or come to reality, I guess, whenever he asked me to run.

Show up at the first rodeo rope with him. And it's, it's really unbelievable, honestly. Yeah. And I mean, speaking of Derek gay, uh, obviously you were just road tripping with him, uh, from Arizona, what's it like being on the road with Derek, right? Yeah. Quite the time, you know, I've known him. Luke brown introduced me to long time ago.

My dad used to send me out to Texas and maybe stay with Luke. And it was awesome about that was Luke brown was the hardest working guy that heads for sure. And, uh, but he introduced me to the gay a long time ago and got to be really good buddies. Now he's one of my very, very best friends. And, uh, I would anyways.

All day they're in the BFI other day, we didn't even know how we were going to get to pay a shit. We knew we were going to going drive or fly. He would walk up to me every 10 minutes. What are we gonna do about it? Man, I don't know what you want to do. And, uh, so we flew to Phoenix and got in his wife's car and we're, uh, we had a down here last night

or he picked me up about two o'clock yesterday and we drove, drove down here and got us a room.

So we're, uh, this way, nobody that's quite the time. We actually, the roads were closed down by Tucson and Wilcox where, so we went around to. We went up a different way and went through her, matched her with Liz and Pima. And we got a, uh, we, we stepped out of the car and got us a selfie with, uh, Matt Sherwood's entering the FEMA city.

Yeah,

my, we had a good time, but uh, no. Yeah. He's. He's quite the time, but it's pretty funny to watch the Phoenix basketball game all the way over here last night. I didn't even think Bigay liked basketball, but turns out he did. So we watched that. Yeah. That's interesting. I wouldn't picture Bigay as a basketball fan.

Yeah. You wouldn't even, you wouldn't see it at all, but he knows all the basketball players and he loved it. So we, we had a good time. It was fun, fun fact of the day. Oh my God. That is fine. That is one thing that's like, I was just talking to my friend. Um, the other day, how we would love to just be like flies on the wall in the back of big truck, just going with him down the road, just to see what it's like.

And wow. That sounds like fun. Yeah. No, he didn't. He says some other Adam's stuffs that they're random as towns and you wouldn't think it, but it's all true. And he's got a lot, he knows a lot. They got knows a lot. He's rodeoed a lot. You can tell. Oh my gosh. And so you guys just drove in Justin's car, like you guys were refi's.

Yes. Yeah, we were actually, you know what we did when the rooms were all booked and paid us when we got here. So what he did, he said, let's see if I can get us a bed in the back of this car. So he laid the seats down and we both just slept in the back seat of this car on some blankets.

That's after lunch today. World champion Kathryn for too. Obviously he had a room over here at the holiday Inn, two beds in it and a couch. So, uh, they're in there taking a nap right now and I'm out here in the lobby. So don't wake them up. Yeah. You guys were full on roughing it right now. That is amazing.

Exactly. That's what we're doing. It feels like, and to kick off the summer, run to what, uh, I guess what's your summer run. Gonna look like. We're going to drop back to Phoenix, psychiatry rope again, and then, uh, he's going to, I'm going to get on a plane. I think about eight in the morning. I fly back to Reno and I got the horses, their one horse, my sorrow, my there.

I sent her to Arizona for Prescott before down there. But, um, I'm going to, I start a proud bill on Friday night, so that's what I start. And then I'm headed to a Greeley, I guess, after that. Gotcha. You know, I, we got on the ramp, like, you know, the rant of the gay. Um, and you mentioned Luke brown, and I know like the first time I ever saw you, you were hauling with Luke.

Um, kinda tell me about yours and Luke's relationship. Um, and kind of what you've learned from being around them. Right. So wait, my dad's not in forever. He's also from North Carolina or South Carolina or out of line. We both got there, but he's not my dad forever. They're their best friends and my dad rodeo forever.

And there was, my dad had always sent me out here to Texas and would come with me and dropped me off and leave me with Luke. And Luke was kind of, uh, my guy, you know, he would teach, he taught me everything and, uh, him and my dad. But anyways, so whenever during the summers, most kids, they would go rope and jackpot, but I would, I would always go with Luke and help him in whichever way I could and just watch and try to learn, you know?

And so, I mean, really, I never wrote her in the summers. I was always at these sets, all these radios that I'm getting to go to now and enter and, uh, um, Around all the guys and learned a lot. And I really do think it helps out when I started last year already as that I went to had already been to, and kind of knew, knew this or that or whatever, but I, uh, it was a good deal for me.

And, um, I I'm sure, I'm glad I did it. And kind of funny. Uh, just the other day I was telling Tyler Wade, he told me. About three or four years ago at Reno, he told me that, uh, he told me, he said, you're going to be sick of rodeo. And by the time you're old enough to rodeo. And I told him that though, we had lunch at the, at the Alabama arena.

I said, you know, it was probably on four or five years ago. She told me that I'm not sick of the, I'm glad to be here. So, but anyways, He tells me everything and he think I worked harder than anybody at it. And, um, I'm sure it was lucky to have it. Yeah. Do you still, I mean, are you around him a lot still or kind of, what's your relationship with him?

I am I'm around him, lots of jail, but he told me, he told me a couple of years ago, he said, you're up getting up. Now you need to try to start figuring out on your own. And I respect that. And that's kinda what I did. And I got Cory kid, my cousin, he helps me a lot. And, uh, Cody snowy is changed by roping around and he's helped me a lot.

And I've got, I've got a lot of people that have helped me out and I got to be on the right, the right track now. And they Lucas, he's still there for me. He says, he's a great. Gotcha. Gotcha. And like, speaking of rodeoing, like having your cousins on the road, um, and I know clay, he won the resist, our rookie, uh, healing title last year.

Um, kinda explain what it's like to have family on the road and being able to have those outlets. Yeah, it's, it's so good. You know, they're in the loop and you can ask them about enter or what they're doing, or if you need to send a horse here, there a ride. I mean, it's, it's a lot easier than having Corrine clay out there.

And that's real cool to me. And I know a lot of people that are from back home, that rodeo too. And. It makes it easy on clay, his sister page, which is one of my, or my other cousin, I guess she made a NFR bull rider named Eli vast ponder. And he rodeos too. So, I mean, it's cool. We, we got a lot of family out of here and I mean, it really is nice to, yeah, that's awesome.

That that's something like, I wish I had family that rodeoed. Cause I feel like that would. A lot cooler than just going by myself everywhere. It's it is easier. Cause they're in the loop and they can help you with the internet or this or that. But, uh, they ain't call you. I was both our first years, last year is rodeo for a long time.

So, you know, it was dang. Sure. Good. Yeah. And growing up, I mean, all you guys are from, you know, North Carolina, how, what was it like growing up over there? So growing up in Arcata, it was, it was definitely different. The rodeos over there they're way different than anything out of here. The stairs are really slow and the Bayers are short.

So, I mean, it's more of like a, I mean, I went to a lot of rodeos where the steers walked and trotted and, uh, and we didn't get to do my, that much open over there really. I mean, really the only roping you did was when you went to a jackpot, it rains so much North Carolina, they really don't get dropped that much.

So that's why I was in Texas so much. I mean, always get a rope out there and my family, they were good about it. Get it back, keep me out there because that's what I wanted to do. And my cousins were all the same way. Corey has lived there ever since he started rodeo and in clay the same and, uh, any other cousins?

Uh, Cole, Clay's little brother he's he rubs a lot too. And he's out here in Steventville now. That's what he wants to do. And. I mean, it is a nice, it's nice being from back there though. I really do like it. I mean, it, it, it teaches you a lot about them rodeos and stuff too, and lots of jackpots and I mean, it's just a different way of life really, but it is, uh, it's definitely different.

It's different than anything you'd ever experienced or see for sure. Yeah. So I guess your dad sending you to Luke's was kind of your first step away from him. North Carolina or like what kind of my first step I, uh, Lucas were up with Martin Lu Sarah at the time. And Corey, when he first started, he actually lived at Bartlett Sarah.

So he, uh, we all just got over there and Luke and Martin were kind of our guys and we were just kinda like in their hands, but yeah, that was, that was my first step. And that was kinda what I did. I was when I started meeting, I mean, Um, I met so many people when I lived with him or when I was with him or when he was helping me, that would just come in there and practice, you know, Jade, Corkill Chad masters.

Jehan all these guys that I'm great friends with now. Um, it, it all was through him. I know it was really cool actually. The first time that I ever went out with him, one summer Corey was out there too, but, uh, I played golf with Corey, Corey Koontz and Clara, Brian Cooper. First summer I was with him. It was just a cool experience.

I mean, the first time where he takes me out there, I'm meeting those guys and hanging around those guys. And that's just being good friends with them now. So it all come full circle. No, that's super surreal. I, I looked back. You look at all these guys now, and they're, you're your buds. So like, you know, they're all friends, they're not strangers.

They're like, but growing up, you look at them. They're like, there's these, these pro guys, like, you want their autograph. You want to take pictures with them, you know, whatever.

But they're regular people and they're actually cool to be around. Yeah, for sure. It is. It's. That's exactly how it is. And I always thought that before and now being buddies with them, I mean, I would have never had that are still building of relationships with a lot of mature doing all that when I was younger.

So yeah, you're right. I mean, these guys, they seem, seems like they're not even real, but they are real people and they are really good at what they do and they're, they, they take care of their business and I've learned a lot from all of them. Yeah. What is, I guess what's the best advice you've received from one of the pros.

If you have like one thing that's hard. I mean, Luke and Paulie's, he, he told me, he told me a while back, probably three or four years ago. He said it doesn't matter. The financial situation or anything he said, you can't give up out here. You know, I mean, if you, if he told me one time, he said, if you got \$150 in your bank account, and then there's some jackpots in Texas on Tuesday, Austin Robertson has an open opens every Tuesday.

It's 150 bucks land to go over and hit her. And, uh, he told me one time, he said, if you got \$150 in your bank account and it's Tuesday, you need to show up over there. And, uh, I think that's, what's helped me a lot. I go to every open and I'm always in the loop. I think just stay on top of your game. That way it's more of a high-risk situation that way.

But at the same time, I think, I think it's better in yourself and that's probably the best things that I've ever heard is pretty much just never, never stopped going or never given up on herself. No, that's, that's true. That's once you give up on yourself, it's hard to get kind of back in the game and like make yourself go and yeah.

Correct for sure. I agree. I agree. I think that's, I think that's one of the best things that ever happened to me. Yeah. And I guess going down the road, like who, who were you holding with this summer? I go by myself a lot and I did some last summer season, went with me some, but, uh, I'm sure he, my partner will get in some together, but, uh, the gay he's entered.

We're pretty much entered the same everywhere. And, uh, he'll probably get with me some, so that'll probably be the rest of my summer. We'll probably be hanging out with that guy. So I'm sure I'll sure I'll learn some stuff again. Oh yeah. Nope. That's going to be a fun summer, I think. Oh my gosh. I can't imagine.

Yeah, it should be interesting for sure. Keep you posted, send updates, you know, it'll be great. Yep. Let's go with my summers. Admit it both suck. And you want hanging around your horse and stable. Our friends at Farnam can help rid your barn of these annoying filthy disease, carrying bad guys. If you're ready for the best way to protect your horse, you're stable and yourself.

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What what's like. Do you have any funny hauling stories?

Like road trip, like, did you ever listen to the podcast Chelsea did with like Caesar and Trevor and Patrick and all them on the line. I have less, I really don't have that video. I mean, I really, I don't honestly, just trying to think. Not really. It seems like every time there was somebody who'd been super serious last summer for gay yesterday.

Selfie in front of Matt Sherwood's city limit sign. That was, that was pretty good about, but that would mean somebody who's funny. And it's just something that we did scary. Like, no, you haven't had any scary moments on the road or any. No, not really. I'm young. I haven't had any, I'm kind of still a rookie.

I haven't had any, any scares yet. So I mean, I'm hoping to not ever, but oh, you never know. I mean, yeah, yeah. You never know. I mean, I keep it updated. It's not, it might be the first time, but no, I've never really, I really had anything like that. It's other been pretty lucky. Yeah. Well, I mean, let's, let's hope you don't I guess, um, But if you do it, make a great story, you know, everyone wants to hear those funny or scary stories.

Yeah. If something happens, I'll be, I'll be letting you know, like God. Um, and what, um, so are you living in Steenville now? You and like your cousins all moved over there? Yep. We all live there. It seems. I mean, everybody's there. My parents are still in North Carolina and some are theirs, but they have a place that they bought in Steenville.

Um, my aunt and my uncle, which is called Clay's down and, uh, uh, he lived there and, uh, it's, it's close to everybody. It's in Huckabee and it's really close to a lot of, a lot of guys that rope I got like. Probably five or six or eight is within a mile of me that I go practice. Uh, I can ride my horses to about two or three of them.

And, uh, it's a good spot. And Corey, he's got his own place now and, uh, wherever there some and, uh, it seems like it would know most of my practice in a Cody snows, that guy, he is a she's helped me. Unbelievable amount. I feel like I've changed as a header and a, uh, seems like rock and up to get most of my health now these days.

Yeah. What a Cody, I mean, Cody is great. I wish I reached out to him more to help me because I, I know he would. And he has before. Um, what has he kinda helped you change with your roping or, you know, just helped you with my writing? Probably the most too. I think he rides the horses to get as anybody and he's always got good horses and I mean, obviously he's right at the same two horses for his, um, he's made the pit that FRN the same two horses and you don't see that people do that.

Annie and Burke and, uh, He's just, he's helped me a lot with my writing and this figuring out how to more ways to win, you know, more ways to make money or more ways to win during the rope and or during the rodeo. And, uh, honestly I think that, uh, when I first started open, I just, uh, I, I figured out how to, how to head and, and that was it just how to rope

and I never really learned how to ride a horse, very good, or make a horse better or anything like that.

And, uh, he's got a lot of horses over there and he puts me on some different horses. She writes him a letter out most or some of his, and, you know, it's just kind of, uh, figuring out how, how to route a certain horse. And I think he's one of the best, if not the best at it. And, uh, I think that's, what's changed our open more than anything is he's figuring out how to score a horse, better ride a horse better, and obviously handles tear better.

Make it easier on your gossip. To me, that's been the biggest thing. And I appreciate that. Yeah, no, that's awesome. And that's it. I know you were talking about Cody and his, those two horses that he rides all the time. I mean, he's been riding those horses since high school. I feel like it's unheard of for people to them.

Yeah, it is. You know, you don't see when people are out horses for that long. I haven't got, I think it's really cool. And, uh, Honestly, I've had the same stall for this would be probably my, I would say 10th or 11th tier Rodney him. He's he's 16 now. And kind of the same deal for him on bird. I guess he's getting a little bit older too.

These are albums since she was in high school and I've done the same for mine. And it's crazy to see when you get a good horse, how they just keep telling me, I rode my horse in the. And then eight, 10 points whenever I was a kid and I'm rounding, but all read them at the BFI couple of days ago. So that was pretty cool for me, but was my best horse.

And it is, it is cool to see how much better they get whenever you just make yourself better and make it easier on them. Yeah. No, that's awesome. That is especially, they can, they can progress with you over the years. Yeah, for sure. He's obviously got it on those two for ever. It seems like, and I think, yeah.

I think my horse has gotten even better since, uh, since I've been taking more things out from him. Yeah. That's sweet. That is super cool. Yeah. That's awesome. Um, what, uh, do you like fight your head at all down the road? Or are you pretty level-headed like whether you're having a good or bad. It's been a, it's been hard this year.

I haven't done very good and I haven't done very good last year either. It seems like all my money that I win seems to be coming from the jackpots and already just haven't been that good. And honestly, I'm, I try to stay level headed. I mean, I'm pretty hard on myself, but at the same time, it seems like we go to a rodeo or jackpot every day, if not every other day, even when we're at home.

So, I mean really, and truly, it's hard to. It's hard to stay down on yourself and then people are going to forget about it, right. Or if you did it anyways, and I think that's the same thing that you need to do. And, uh, so anyways, I've tried to go back home and make it better work on it or forget that it ever even happened one of the two.

And I think so. Yeah, I guess you could say pretty level-headed, but I am hard on myself and I do like to win and try to do everything I can to win, so. Gotcha. Gotcha. Yeah. I mean, it. I

can't imagine you guys going down the road for as long as you guys do. Um, I feel like it's a daily battle that you guys have to go through.

Um, but I guess, oh, something cool that like Colton Schmidt, just after he won the BFI, he told me that he got a mental performance coach. Do you believe in any of that or? I don't know. I don't know. I think that, I mean, I think it's pretty cool to have you at the same time, but, uh, I don't know, I've talked to a lot of guys and a lot of guys just seem like they keep it pretty simple.

And, um, I try to, I try to do the same, so I don't know if it worked for me, but they worked for some people. I, uh, I try to just stay on sale my own game and keep it simple. But I, I do think it is good to talk to a lot of people that. That are good. About a lot of people. There's so many people that when Trevor and Patrick's done it forever and those guys they're, they're so sharp and they're, so they just keep their head up all the time.

Does it seem like they have left their cells, get down and pretty level headed and keep it simple. And that's just the way I try to look at it and have for the last since last year. I mean, it hasn't been very easy, so I'm just trying to stay, stay in a good spot. Get better. You know what I mean? It's it takes time.

Like I get it, it takes time, but it seems like I'm just ready to hurry up and get it done. But, um, I don't think he can, I don't think he can rush it or outrun it or any of that to try to get better. I think you got to work hard every day and just trust the process. Yeah, definitely. And I know. Obviously, I know that you watch like roping videos.

Is that what you just do on your downtime? That's all I do. It seems like, it seems like I'm thinking about Israel. I mean, I'm not over at the house practicing. I'm thinking about it. You're thinking about these other horses that I like or something, or I don't know. Yeah. That's about all I do. I watched a lot of, a lot of team rope and I've watched a lot of rods in my life.

Don't get bored of it. I don't get bored of it. No, I love it. I think if you have, I think if you're going to do it, you have to love it and yeah. If you, if you don't love it, then I don't, I don't think it should be out here. And I mean, I love to practice. I love to rope. I love watching it. I love everything about it.

So I think that's the only way that you can say can succeed at it. I guess that's fine. Well, I guess what is one thing or what are some things that for like newcomers or, you know, like there was just a rookies that are coming up this year is. One piece of advice you could give to guys wanting to come up into the pro ranks.

I don't know. I guess since I've been through last year, I did terrible. I would say that, I guess what I always thought about was that I needed. Stay on top of everything and keep everything in order and my horses working good. And my roping state shot, or try to keep her open sharp. I never, uh, never, I didn't not rope.

Good. Last year during the summer, I did not have very good for Caesar and. He was, he always had a lot of faith in me and a lot of confidence in me. And I think that if he had a lot

of confidence in yourself that that's probably the best thing. I think a lot of competency, I think the only way that you're going to win is have a competency yourself.

If you don't think that you can do it, then there's no point even interim, honestly. I mean, every, every time I messed up, I felt like that I felt like maybe I needed to get down on myself or whatever, but I just don't think to be like that. If you're not competent yourself and competent in what you're doing, your horses you're open.

Okay. Gotcha. Yeah, no, definitely. I think that's good. Good advice to give to people are wanting to come up in the ranks. Yep. Gotta be confident. Gotta love it. Gotta want to do it. You got to show up everywhere thinking you're going to win. I think, I think that's, I think that's been the biggest thing for me.

Definitely. Well, Jackson, are you ready for some of this or that? I guess so. I don't know. It's not bad. Okay. Ready? Okay. Yellow stoner friends. Oh, good. I mean, that was a hard one. I would, I like both of them, but friends. I think the only reason is because I haven't seen y'all stone and people give me a lot of crap about that, but I have not.

You're going to get a lot of crap after people listen to this podcast, you have not seen Yellowstone. I have not seen one episode my whole life, but I do always remember I would, I would go to my cousin's house and I was literally broke and then I'd stay there that night. And I just always remember laying on the couch, watching friends.

I love that show. Are you a diehard like me? Like I have the entire whole season DVD set. I don't know if I'm a die hard friends fan. No, I just, every time you turn on your TV, it seems like you can find it. If you need something to wash, you can just go find it. Somebody is always on somewhere. No, a hundred percent, but I might have to let you borrow.

I have both the Yellowstone DVDs and the friends DVDs. I'll just let you take them down the road so you can catch up on both. Seems like I need to wash it. Everybody's been telling me now you're telling me about Sheila. So yeah, a hundred percent you have to, oh my God. Okay. Cork dog or George Strait.

George Strait. The greatest roping of all times. So it's hard not to watch that, but the Hort dog musical there, they're pretty much cooler. A hundred percent. Okay. Does pineapple go on. Absolutely great pizza of all time. I love it. I was going to say we can't be friends. If you say pineapple does not go on pizza, I was going to hang up on you.

No, heck no, I grew up, I remember it. I thought when I eat pizza, there was pineapple. Oh my gosh. It must be as coasters must be, I guess. I don't know, one side or the other. Okay. I phone or Android. Oh, don't even ask me that. Everybody knows the answer that you got to have an awful heck. Am I going to get where I'm going?

If I don't got an iPhone, which began, you told me the other day, he said, I need to use my maps. He said, I'm going to just drive and try to hit a sign that I see. Oh, well, the gay can do that. You know, the other day he said, he said, you need to stop using your maps, or you're not ever going to know where you're going.

The next time you use it, he's not wrong. I feel like maybe we should all test her. He told me I just needed to get an old road Atlas and put it in between my feet. Oh, no,

that'd be good for you maybe. Okay. Uh, flying or driving.

I like to fly. I like to fall out. I don't like mountain out all the time. I've gotten a good horse today, but I don't like not, not all the time, but I do like to flop. Quick and easy, uh, passenger or driver?

Uh, I like to drive. I do like job. Yeah. I like to go by myself a lot. I like to drive a lot. Interesting. Uh, Ooh, this one's a good one. Tacos or steak.

Ninjas or pirates. What'd you say? Ninjas or pirates? What the heck is Mendez?

Ding, ding, ding. That's all I had for you. Oh my gosh. It was all pretty good until the last one I had to catch you off guard.

You're welcome.

Great answers though. Great answers on that note. We can stay safe, Jackson,

uh, well, Jackson, thanks for playing that game with me. And, um, I'm going to let you go, but good luck down the road. And thank you for chatting with me on the podcast. Yup for sure. I appreciate it, man. Thank you.

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