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The American Athlete

Episode #2421

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Participants: Magic Johnson – NBA Legend & Entrepreneur

Luc Robitaille - Hockey Legend

Stephon Marbury - Basketball Legend

General Synopsis for Episode #2421

In this episode of 'Legends', committed and talented sport icons share their personal side of their journey seeking a professional career to reaching their goals and giving back. Host Byron Allen's insightful questions open up each athlete to respond with applicable advice for fans to follow. NBA legend Magic Johnson came from a family of 10 in Michigan, there was always someone to play with. As a basketball player, he was happy what he was paid but was happier about how he performed, stating, "you get respect for what you do on the court, not how much money you make." It is important to Magic to help others by passing on lessons he has learned from his personal hardships. He hopes that other African Americans will go back and do something in their community to help young people with jobs and opportunities. Hockey legend Luc Robitaille was raised in Montreal Canada and started playing hockey at the age of 4. He had to work really hard to get where he wanted to get, it did not come naturally. He sets team goals since hockey is a team sport and you must become a better player for the team. Luc is comfortable being a role model remembering how he looked up to professional athletes as a young person. Basketball legend **Stephon Marbury** started playing basketball at the age of 3. He knew he wanted to go pro in college. He shares players today play with their minds and athleticism. Setting goals is important to Stephon where he wants to make it to the playoffs and then the championship.

## Observation and Conclusion

The American Athlete episode #2421 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. **Luc Robitaille** tells the viewers, "you got to love it, you need to do everything you can to play it, it takes a lot of work." This episode inspires, educates, informs and empowers children 13 years of age and up.

Sincerely,

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