

Bella Broadcasting



Interview with a Sockeye Champion

Bella – I'm fortunate to be able to chat with a Sockeye Champion today and hope you enjoy hearing what he has to say. Congratulations on your success, Harry. Thanks for agreeing to this interview. How does it feel to be the winner?

Harry – *Thanks, Bella. It feels great and I'm really happy to be able to talk about it.*

Bella – Before the tournament kicked off, did you really believe you could take out the title?

Harry – *I figured I had as good a chance as anyone. Probably more than most, really.*

Bella – Why's that?

Harry – *Well, on the count of the fact that I've played a lot of different sports and have always been good at whatever I've tried.*

Bella – What other sports have you played and why do you think they helped you play Sockeye?

Harry – *Gosh, what haven't I played? You name it, I've done it. Basketball, football, as in Aussie Rules and international, what we call 'soccer', athletics, swimming, skateboarding, tennis. I love being active and will give anything a try. As far as how that helps*



with Sockeye goes, I think all of these things keep me fit and fast. Most of them mean I have to be quick-thinking, good at adapting or changing direction. When it comes to working out what an opponent is likely to do and how to get around them, most team sports help teach you that.

Bella – But once you actually started playing, how likely did you think it was that you'd be Number One?



Harry – *As soon as I started, I felt good. Navigating play wasn't as hard as I thought it might have been. Once I had the first win out of the way, I felt pretty confident. Each time I won another game, my confidence grew.*

Bella – That makes sense. How well did you know the rules of Sockeye before you entered this tournament?

Harry – *I read up on it and talked to Mr Creswell, the first ever winner, as well as Ms Longbottom, who I knew would be refereeing, and Mrs McTavy, on the count of the fact that she's been at the school a long time and keeps the rules on her computer. She printed them out for me.*

Bella – I never realised that. What else did you do to prepare for the tournament? Did you train, for example, and, if so, how?

Harry – *I kept up my usual fitness activities and ate well, like always.*



Bella – What about the socks? How much attention did you pay to sock choice?

Harry – *Well, a reasonable amount. I mean, even though it might not really be all about the socks, there is no way I'd risk leaving that to chance. I made sure I had the perfect socks for my needs.*

Bella – I also noticed you wore an eye-catching shirt on game day. What inspired that?

Harry – *Well, that was my mum. She's a seamstress and she couldn't resist making me something special to wear.*

Bella – What did you find the hardest or most challenging about the game?

Harry – *The fact that you can't play it anywhere other than when the tournament is on and then you only get to be part of that once.*

Bella – Were there any particular strategies you employed to ensure you stood the best chance of winning?

Harry – *Probably the most important of all was to stay calm. Not letting yourself get phased by anything that*

happens is a must. You need to just focus and keep going, no matter what.

Bella – Calm sounds like the way people might describe you, Harry. I'm sure you'll be really pleased to see your name on the Honour Board as this year's winner.

Harry – *There was way more on the line than seeing my name up there, Bella. It's not anything I can talk about just yet. Might be something to reveal to you some other day.*

Bella – That sounds intriguing, Harry. I think I'll take you up on that. For now, we'll need to finish up. Any advice for future players?



Harry – *It's simple, really. You've just gotta stay on top of your fitness and love what you do. The rest will follow.*

Bella – Seems easy enough when you say it like that. Congratulations, again, on a wonderful win and thanks so much for your time today, Harry.

Harry – *It's been a real pleasure, Bella. Thank you.*

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