





the end of 2009, Kyle Seipel's and Peter Biondo's passion for drag racing took on a new meaning. While on a family vacation, the cross country long time close friends began talking about putting on a big buck bracket race of their own. By the second night, they had 10 pages full of notes and ideas. Kyle explains, "It was pretty simple. It was ten pages full of what we would want in a bracket event if we were racing in it."

Just a few short months later, these 10 pages turned into a reality in the form of the Spring Fling in Tennessee in April 2010. In a day and age where racers putting on races were few and far between, the duo took a chance that most of their peers thought was crazy. They rented a high-end facility, guaranteed \$20,000 to win each day, and worked feverishly to put together a race model that engaged the racers with excitement and all kinds of prizes and fun. Their motto was 'Race It. Experience It.' Fast forward a few years and Biondo and Seipel decided to take another leap of faith and bring big buck bracket racing to the west coast. Again, peers told them they were crazy to guarantee big money out west. It fell on deaf ears; the duo listened to their gut and opened up the gates for the Spring Fling in Vegas in April 2013. After 7 years of partnership and over 20 years of friendship, they continued to expand – going to a third event, called the Fall Fling, in 2017.

Despite living on opposite ends of the map, Biondo and Seipel continually work with each other each day, tirelessly thinking of ideas to keep the Fling brand going strong. Most importantly, they, along with their wives and children, share the same passion for the sport of drag racing that their fathers Sam and Ted had 40 years ago.





2020 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS



12-time Division Champion Kyle Seipel guides Fling Racer Dan Fletcherlinto the beams during the Fling R/T Challenge.



Steve Witherow lays down a perfect run during the Brodix Run For The 50K.



Seipel remains undefeated against Biondo in Fling Match Races, bumping the score 5-0.



The Fall Fling at GALOT was the first event of the year to assign and provide custom Fling numbers to each racer.



Peter Biondo and Ben Faucette check the rollout before racing begins at the Fall Fling at GALOT.



Caraline McCarty becomes the youngest Fling event winner at just 17, scoring \$30,000.





SUMMER FLING

The Spring Fling Million in Bristol was the first event of the year to bring a Jumbotron into the staging lanes for

racers to watch the live feed.



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Peter Biondo was born in 1971 in Queens, New York. While growing up, playing hockey in local leagues around the neighborhood was how Peter spent a lot of his afternoons. On the weekends, Peter would go to the drag races with his family. It didn't take him long to figure out that drag racing was his passion.

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It was 1987 when Peter started racing in nothing other than the family station wagon. Peter and his family spent many weekends traveling together to racetracks in NJ and PA. Peter explains, "We got our moneys worth out of that old wagon. It was the only car we had and served both as the family grocery getter and my father's work vehicle in NYC during the week. Once Saturday came, it was the tow vehicle for my father's 69 Firebird. It didn't end there. When we got to the track we would unhook it and drive it straight to the lanes. I would drive it Saturday nights at Atco, and my brother would drive it Sunday at Englishtown. It kept us together on the weekends and was a lot of fun. I just knew this sport was something I wanted to be involved with for a long time."

While attending college at St. Johns University in Queens, Peter stepped up his racing program and regularly competed in the super pro category and enjoyed some success, winning 3 consecutive super pro track championships during his 4 college years. It was then that he realized that he didn't just want to drag race as a hobby – he wanted to make it a way of life.

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In the early 90's, Peter would come home from college and along with his brother Sal, they would meet their father Sam in their one-car garage that was under their Queens NY house. Each day, the three would pack and ship orders and put together product catalogs for practice trees, delay boxes, and other racing products. Twenty-five years later, the business now known as Biondo Racing Products has flourished into one of the most well-known family-run companies in the industry.

On the track, Peter also began to pursue his passion and love for the sport. Despite running a limited schedule, Peter has become one of the most accomplished competitors in sportsman racing and went on to win 7 NHRA World Championships, 13 NHRA Division Championships, and has accumulated 52 NHRA National Event wins. While getting more involved with the family business during the week, Peter would attend a handful of bracket races each year and went on to win two 50k wins, over fifteen 20k wins, and over thirty 5k and 10k wins. When Peter's not working or racing, he enjoys spending time with his wife Emily, son Saverio, and daughter Olivia.

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Kyle Seipel was born in 1971 in Hayward, California and grew up in nearby San Leandro. He spent a majority of his childhood at every drag strip in Northern California. Another early passion of his was bowling and at the age of 12, he became a nationally-ranked top 10 bowler.

Kyle's mom, Georgia, began her drag strip manager career in 1982 at Fremont Drag Strip. At the age of 13, Kyle worked various jobs at Fremont: time slip booth, staging lanes, and helping legendary Chet Carter as a starter. Eventually, Kyle shifted his focus to working in the tower.

Once he started working at the drag strip, the racing bug took over his life. At 14 years old, he started racing a 22 second motorcycle every Wednesday night at Fremont while getting tutored by his father Ted. Ted, a well-known racer in his own right, has raced the same 1956 Austin Healey since 1958 and is a multi-time division, national event, and ET finals champion. At 16 years old Kyle, sat behind the wheel of an 18-second Nova high school daily driver. He soon started driving a 12-second Nova and at age 17 started driving the family Austin Healey. At 17 years old he won his first LODRS race at Sonoma while

racing in Super Street. From 1989 through 2001, Kyle won 10 Lucas Oil Drag Racing Division 7 Championships in Super Comp, Super Gas and Super Street. The highlight during that time was Seipel's "Triple Double" from 1994-96, as he earned a pair of Division 7 Championships for three consecutive years. Kyle continued his winning ways, earning top spots in Super Comp and Super Street in 1994, Super Gas and Super Street in 1995, and Super Comp and Super Gas in 1996. During this storied era, Kyle won 12 ET Finals titles up and down the West Coast.

Kyle took a break from racing after the birth of his daughter and once again with the birth of his son. He eventually made a successful return to racing after a multi-year break, teaming up with good friend Justin Lamb. Kyle has been fortunate enough to collect 11 national event wins in 5 different NHRA categories along with helping Justin win 4 NHRA National Championships. Away from the Flings, Kyle was recently appointed as the drag strip manager at Sonoma Raceway. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his high school sweetheart wife, Dana, and kids Sydney and Hudson.



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The Million returns to Las Vegas this year following the announcement of the Spring Fling Million rotating between venues every year. Silver State Million Friday lies between triple \$30Ks sponsored by Silver State, Moser Engineering, and FTI Performance!

As always, listen in for over \$60,000 worth of racer appreciation giveaways happening this week including reaction time prizes and our "Need it the Most" and "Hard Luck" awards. Continue on in this guide to see the hardcore products (and cash) YOU can earn daily.

Kicking off the event is the FST Carburetors Tuesday Test & Tune with a 32-car American/Todd's Extreme Dragster Shootout.

Silver State Refrigeration Wednesday's race will begin with 1 time run. The first round .000 awards are better than ever with door car drivers having the opportunity to win a Computech weather station. The first .000 in dragster will receive a set of Lindsay Racing Products front wheels, and the second will get a Riggeal's scoop! Each dead-on zero (win or lose) during eliminations both Wednesday and Thursday will go into a drawing for an FST carburetor.

On Moser Engineering Thursday, the driver that knocks out Wednesday's 30K winner will receive a free Million entry courtesy of Kidd Performance. "Need it the Most" awards from K&N and Impact will be decided by Fling staff during first round. Like every day at the Fling, drivers with the best losing package will win BIG prizes like converters, tires, race gear, and more! Silverstate Refrigeration Friday is the day you won't want to miss even if you aren't entered in the Million. Friday morning starts off with the Run for the \$50K and is open to ALL drivers after paying a \$50 entry fee in the staging lanes – both Million and non-Million. A perfect run will earn you \$50K paid on the spot; best package will win Brodix SR20 heads, second best \$2,000, and third best a 2022 Spring Fling Million entry. If a perfect run is not made during the Brodix Run for the \$50K time trial session, \$20,000 will be paid to the first perfect run during Friday's Million main event. And don't forget to buy in to Figspeed's Last Man Standing, the \$10,000 calcutta for the Million, to see if your driver can turn your \$75 into a \$10,000 big check!

FTI Performance Saturday keeps the prizes coming, like the Todd Barton Design best appearing award in which the winner will receive four custom crew shirts and a plaque. Sometime that morning, 25 drivers will have been randomly selected to participate in the Spring Fling Reaction Time Challenge and get the opportunity to win anywhere from \$100 to \$10,000! And don't forget to get your kids involved in the Easter Egg Hunt happening at 10am behind the tower that morning!

So let this be your guide to the 2021 Spring Fling Million so you don't miss any of the action... and be sure to check out full event flyer for the Spring Fling at GALOT in the back of this program in addition to our daily flyers detailing prizes and activities for each day.

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Words & Photos by John DiBartolomeo

There have been so many things which have turned our world upside down this year, that it's hard to pick just one. But in the little world we call high dollar bracket racing; much like other events; it's taken what were once schedules and turned them inside out.

The 2020 schedule of Spring Fling events was set in stone late in 2019. It called for the Spring Fling Million to be held for the fifth year back at The Strip At Las Vegas Motor Speedway in April. Shortly after that, the Fling brand was to come back east at the beginning of May for the Sparco Spring Fling at GALOT Motorsports Park. Looking further in the year, September was to be the Fall Fling at Bristol Dragway. And as we all know, then came the mighty COVID-19 pandemic which did more than just postpone any scheduled affairs.

Like a lot of promoters, the Fling's Pete Biondo and Kyle Seipel worked feverishly to reschedule all three Flings after they were postponed. "We had been working closely with our partner tracks to come up with a game plan for our events," explained Biondo. "After discussing our options and realizing the commitment we have to our racers and sponsors, it was sometime in May when we were able to at least reschedule the GALOT Fling which was held in early June."

That event went off without a hitch, leaving the Fling Million and the Fall Fling still left in the balance. The Fall Fling schedule in September was solid, but the Vegas event still had some concerns.

"We tried hard to work with Jeff Foster at The Strip At Las Vegas Motor Speedway," says Biondo, "but his hands were pretty much tied up by governmental regulations. When they were unable to give us a clearer date in the Fall, we decided it was in everyone's benefit to announce a change."

That change involved first moving the Fall Fling from Bristol to GALOT Motorsports Park the week prior to the original Bristol date. The Million was then moved east to Bristol on which was originally the Fall Fling date. Sound confusing? Not really, but what it set up for was two solid weeks of high dollar bracket racing in the east at tracks a little under 300 miles apart from one another, which could have had a limiting effect on entries based on the entry fees involved. But it didn't, which speaks to the power of the Fling brand.

The Fall Fling (GALOT) had a limited field of 400 entries which were set by pre-entries back in





"The most we can hope for is to create the best possible conditions for success, then let go of the outcome. The ride is a lot more fun that way." — Phil Jackson

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EVENT RESULTS



Winner: Rob DiMino R/U: Courtland Carter



Winner: Caraline McCarty R/U: Tom Dauber



Winner:-Scotty-Richardson-R/U: Nick Folk



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Winners: Young Guns (Gage Burch) R/U: Has Beens (Peter Biondo)



Winner: Spencer Massey R/U: JR Barclay



Winner: Josh McDaniel R/U: Billy Leber

August. Because of the date change, it would have been expected some of those dropped out. Even so, 376 still showed up for round one on Friday's Strange Engineering \$100,000-to win race.

As for the Spring Fling Million, because the event was originally scheduled for Vegas, which accepted gate entries, 498 entries lined up to run the ancillary \$30,000-to-win side races while the actual main event Million Dollar race at 359 racers ponied up the \$2,000 entry fee.

In that main event, it was two former NHRA national champions lining up against one another. Big final rounds were nothing new for Nick Folk and Scotty Richardson, but this one may have been different, with both racing for more money than ever. In the end, as could be expected from two great racers, only .003 separated them at the finish line with Richardson checking off another thing from his bucket list.

Speaking of close racing, here's a stunning stat from the Bristol event. Counting only the first three days of racing, there were 158 rounds won by less than five-thousandths of a second.

One of the highlights of the Million since it's inception five years ago in Las Vegas, was the one shot time run everyone was give to attempt a perfect package run, that being a .000 reaction time and a dead-on the dial with a "0". That perfect run would earn someone a cool \$50,000! Should no one hit it, the folks from Brodix would award a set of their SR20 cylinder heads to the best package of the round, followed by a second and third place earning cash and Fling entry prizes.

For a \$50 "bet," even considering the caliber of the racers and the quality of their equipment, the odds are pretty astronomical a perfect run could be attained with a one-run shot. Over the past four years, there have been some close numbers earning the honors more times than none, but a perfect package is sort of like a hole-in-one in golf. Even the best haven't got one of those on their resume.

During the one-run shot at Bristol on Friday, it was looking like .002 package was going to be the closest. That is until late in the time run session, when Steve Witherow lined up and hit the shot everyone had been chasing, a perfect .000 reaction time and a 4.670 on his 4.67 prediction. With that, a check for \$50,000 went home to Virginia with him.

Weather challenges at both GALOT and Bristol forced Fling officials to make some schedule adjustments, but all of the intended races were run along with the entire guaranteed purse paid out.

Overall, the Fling brand of events have done very well over the past 11 years, with racers saving up and always looking forward to each of them. Both of the east coast races are pre-entry only with a limited field as a way to ensure each racer's experience. At both of those events, it has usually taken only minutes to fill the field, more proof of the power of the brand.

For 2021, the Fling will add a fourth event to be held at National Trail Raceway in Ohio in late August. If past performances of Fling races are any indication, that one will also be a packed affair.



"If what you did yesterday seems big, you haven't done anything today." — Lou Holtz



The outcomes of some of the highest dollar bracket races in 2019 signaled a turn in the tides and begged the question many hadn't yet considered: were the "greats" of bracket racing all washed up?

With appearances of drivers under the age of 30 in huge finals like Peeps Pennington, Gage Burch, Hunter Patton, Matt Dadas, and Johnny Ezell, Peter Biondo and Kyle Seipel began to wonder if all of the middle-aged racers' time had passed.

The idea of the "Young Guns" versus "Has Beens" shootout was formed. Eight drivers under the age of 30 and eight over the age of 45 would face off in a shootout taking place during the Spring Fling Million at Bristol. The most requested pair? Peter Biondo versus Hunter Patton, a matchup that would also serve to be a tie-breaker.

All were encouraged to text in their picks between each pairing (with the tie-breaker being winning reaction time in the round between Biondo and Patton) to win a 2021 Spring Fling Million entry.

As it turns out the "Young Guns" and "Has Beens" were fairly even matches for each other after Biondo tied up the score 4-4. The two sides then each nominated one driver to represent

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1000	Edmond Richardson	Greenbrier TN	'18 Caseylane	3	.010		4.725	148.48
E.T WIN>>	Cory Gulitti	Tomball TX	'15 American	3M	foul009	4.64	4.629	148.30
	Peeps Pennington	Three Rivers TX	'19 Miller	3	.008	4.56	4.566	147.09
H Biondo	Dan Fletcher	Churchville NY	'69 Wagon	3M	.018	6.64	6.657	93.81
versus		Lakeland VA		3M	foul001	4.78	4.774	144.43
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their team in a single race shootout for the \$8,000 prize. Burch was selected after laying down .009 total, and Biondo chosen after his successful round with Patton.

By 1 thousandth of a second the young guns hoisted the big check Thursday morning. Biondo backed up his .006 first round with a .004, while Burch was slightly behind with a .016. With both drivers down miles-per-hour, Biondo came up short and Burch ran it down to a dead-on 4.

Jessica Pruitt and George LeBlanc both correctly chose all eight winners of the "Young Guns" versus "Has Beens" Pick'em contest. For the tie-breaker (winning R/T) LeBlanc picked .002 while Pruitt guessed .008, being closer to Biondo's .006 to win the 2021 Spring Fling Million entry.

































COVERAGE BY DRAG CHAMP

Words by Gary Don Free | Photos by Robert Grice

The Fall Fling West presented by RAD Torque Systems kicked off with A-1 Performance Thursday which included a \$100,000 to win 64-Car Shootout. The day began with clear skies, a stiff head wind, and fighter jets buzzing overhead.

After several rounds of time trials were completed, the attention turned to the A-1 Performance \$100,000 64-Car Shootout which consisted of 32 door cars and 32 dragsters. Both semifinal pairings were decided at the starting line when Daniel McClelland turned it red to Jim Glenn by .006 and Larry Richardson was -.001 red against Gabriel Torres.

Of note, McClelland won two rounds earlier in the day by virtue of the TruStart system as his opponents fouled by a greater margin than he did.

In the door car versus dragster \$100,000 final, Glenn let go .005 beside Torres' .030. At the stripe Glenn dropped to go dead-on seven (6.647) to take the win after Torres trailed with a 4.696 on his 4.68 dial. The emotions flowed over in the winner's circle as Glenn and his family celebrated their \$100,000 victory.

In addition to the 64-Car Shootout, promoters Peter Biondo and Kyle Seipel added a GearWrench Pro Class Run for the Shootout. Racers were given one shot to lay down the best package and earn their way into the four-car Shootout where the winner would receive \$1,000 of the \$2,000 guaranteed purse.

The four best packages came from Brandon Umberger, Jeff

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In addition to the cash prizes in the GearWrench Run for the Shootout, Peter and Kyle donated \$400 to the Racers for Christ from the extra entries in the Shootout.

On Friday, racing continued with the Kidd Performance Friday \$10K and a 32-car \$5,000 Shootout. As the rounds progressed, both of the Thursday \$100K finalists drove deep into Friday's eliminations. Thursday winner Jim Glenn ultimately fell in round 7 to Joe Leavitt, who collected the ATI Bounty in the process. Gabriel Torres came one round short of making his second consecutive final but fell in the semifinals to Funny Car Chris Northup's .007-pack. After collecting the bounty, Leavitt stopped Gearwrench Pro Class winner Curtis Zinzilieta in the semifinals to earn a spot in Friday's \$10K final alongside Northup.

The final round saw Funny Car Chris Northup turn on the final win-light when his .033 initiated 5.261 (5.25 dial-in) more than covered Leavitt's .031 light and .05 above 6.140 effort. The winner's circle was lively as Northup and his friends celebrated his victory.

The 32-Car \$5K Shootout was also full of excitement as racers battled to make up for their early exit from the main event. The semifinals included the four dragsters of Taylor Strange, Mark Kidd, Trey Vetter, and Johnny Carter. In that round, Strange defeated Kidd and Vetter moved past Carter to set up the final round.

The real excitement began just as Strange and Vetter were about to pull under the famous LVMS arch. A bolt fell out of Strange's gas pedal just as he pulled up to the arch. Once his crew found the culprit, Vetter kindly backed up and allowed Strange to fix the issue. After a short delay, they pulled to the line where Vetter pulled off the win after taking a .016 to .036 starting line advantage.

Day #3 of the Fall Fling West presented by RAD Torque Systems raced into action Saturday morning with the Panella Race Engines \$50,000 main event. In addition to the main event, race promoters Peter Biondo and Kyle Seipel added a 64-Car \$10K Shootout to the program.

The final six racers in the Panella Race Engines \$50,000 main event included Thursday champ Chris Northup, Shane Carr, Gearwrench Pro Class winner Tim O'Moore, Todd Coltrin, and Sean Shaffer who had two entries still in contention.

In the quarterfinals, Carr took too much stripe to go -.005 under his dial to advance Northup. Shaffer, in his roadster, stopped a red-lighting Coltrin to advance one of his entries to the semifinals. Sean rolled back around in his dragster to face O'Moore. In that matchup Shaffer grabbed the advantage off the line, .005 to .025, and cruised to a two over 4.853 to move two entries into the semifinals.

With Northup on the bye and Shaffer owning the other two entries, the semifinal round was



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skipped, and we moved directly into the final round. After a short negotiation on the split, the two childhood neighbors and Idaho residents faced off in the Panella Race Engines \$50K final.

Shaffer grabbed a .019 to .034 lead off the line and held on for the win posting a 5.105 on his 5.10 dial to keep Northup from doubling up.

The 64-Car \$10K Shootout saw four racers advance to round five. In that round, Aaron Marcum drove his S-10 past Cliff Hall while Gary Wamboldt defeated Hannah Cook by .002-second.

The Shootout final saw Wamboldt take full control off the line grabbing a .005 to .026 reaction time advantage. That advantage allowed Wamboldt's 4.736 on his 4.72 dial to stop Marcum's one over 6.777 lap.

The final day of the Fall Fling West presented by RAD Torque Systems featured the Silver State Refrigeration Sunday \$10K. Prior to eliminations, Peter and Kyle paired off in borrowed race cars for race #5 in their grudge race series. Kyle entered the race holding a 4-0 lead over Biondo. He would remain unbeaten after Biondo left second and took .025 at the stripe to breakout!

The Silver State Refrigeration \$10K quarterfinals saw Sugar Shane Carr get packaged up by Todd Piper who threw down seven total to advance. GearWrench Pro winner Larry McLanahan turned it -.007 red to advance Gary Wargnier and his Chevelle while Jake Jones earned a bye to the semifinals.

Piper's .002 light in the quarterfinals earned him a bye sending him to the Silver State \$10K final round. Jake Jones and Gary Wargnier squared off in the other semifinal pairing where Wargnier used a huge holeshot to advance.

This set up the classic door car versus dragster final with Piper in the dragster and Wargnier in his '67 Chevelle. After a near even start, Piper rolled up on the door car and took the win by just .001 of a second! The win earned Piper the \$10,000 check to wrap up his weekend in style.

Once again Peter and Kyle added a 32-Car \$5,000 Shootout to the program for racers that were eliminated in the early rounds of the Silver State \$10K.

In the semifinal round, Shelby Williams and Marko Perivolaris paired up in a great matchup. After one "thou" separated them at the tree, Williams posted a dead on one 6.791 in her Nova to stop Marko's dead on six 4.946 pass. The other semifinal matchup was even closer as David Pracht and Jiovanni Collechi left within two "thou" at the start. Pracht's Vega was dead on seven (5.727) to turn back Collechi's dead on six (5.406) effort by just one thousandth.

The all door car final saw Williams grab a huge .004 to .044 lead off the line. At the finish line Williams, daughter of Steve Williams from K&N Filters, posted a one over 6.789 to seal the \$5K Shootout victory.

That concludes the 2020 Fall Fling West presented by RAD Torque Systems at the Strip at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. Special thanks go out to all of the sponsors, racers, and crew that helped make the event such a success. **DRE**

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EVENT RESULTS



Winner:-Jim-Glenn **R/U: Gabriel Torres**

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Winner: Christopher Northup R/U: Joe Leavitt Pro 38: Curtis Zinzilieta









Winner:-Todd-Piper R/U: Gary Wargnier Pro 38: Larry McLanahan

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Winner: Trey Vetter



Winner: Gary Wamboldt



Winner: Shelby Williams









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EVENT RESULTS



Winner: Hunter Patton R/U: Mike Nahill



Winner: Bobby Insley



Winner: Troy-Williams Jr. R/U: Dan Fletcher



MVP: Hunter Patton



Winner: Jamie Holston R/U: Tommy Cable



Winner: Josh Luedke R/U: Jeff Taylor



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EVENT RESULTS



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WARREN: As a kid, did you ever have any desire for the stick and ball sports or anything like that?

KYLE: I really didn't, as an only child I was a little defiant. I wanted to do something different than what I was doing my whole life. I didn't want to race, so I was a very avid bowler growing up... went to Hawaii, did a lot of different tournaments... I was nationally ranked in the top 10 when I was 12 years old. I had a 195 book average when I was 12, and I thought I was going to be a professional bowler. But with my mom running Fremont [Dragstrip], she always asked me to do some different tasks... at 12, 13 years old I started working the time slip booth... I got the bug bottom line when I was a teenager to where I [said], 'You know what, I think I want to follow in my dad's footsteps.'

WARREN: How did you meet your wife?

KYLE: We went to high school together, we were high school sweethearts. Where we grew up we started high school in eighth grade. In Spanish class I decided I'd sit next to her during one of the big midterms and copied off her. Got in trouble for it... that was 1985, and here we are 35 years later married.

WARREN: Tell us about how your relationship with Peter came about. You're in California and he's in New York.

KYLE: So I had known about Peter and Sal, they were the east coast terrorizers, they dominated bracket racing on the east coast. On the west coast I was pretty much their equivalent, we have very similar backgrounds. Our

fathers raced, both very prominent bracket racers on each coast.

In 1992 Sal came out chasing the world championship in Super Stock... to Firebird [International Raceway, AZ]. I went up and talked to Sal, said 'Hey I've heard a lot about you, I'm Kyle Seipel' type of thing, and one thing led to another, had a couple dinners out there and became very good friends. And he said, 'You know what, my brother's your same age and I bet you guys are going to hit it off.'

I think I met Peter at the US Nationals in '94. He'd be the first to admit that I was probably very cocky, he was very cocky himself also... we didn't really hit it off to begin with. But one thing led to another, we became very good friends and it's been a great relationship.

When you have best friends, you try and make each other better people and he's done that for me for sure and I hope I've done the same for him. You try and make each other a better person... best thing that's ever happened to me.

WARREN: This closeness has been put to the test over the last couple of years. How do you maintain a friendship like that via different coasts?

KYLE: Definitely a lot of texts and emails... when we

first started the Flings together, I had a full time job at Helmet City and he had a full time job at Biondo Racing Products. It was stressful, both working 10-12 hours a day at our normal jobs, trying to do the Spring Flings on the side at that point... there were times that he wanted to kick my ass and times I wanted to kick his ass. There wasn't very good communication. Obviously at this point we both know what he excels at and what I excel at so we've made a great partnership. Couldn't ask for a better partner.

WARREN: Let's talk about racing a little bit from back in the day. You were a pretty good racer.

KYLE: I was pretty good late '80s, the '90s... you know, raced with my father, wanted to make him proud. That was most important to me, was to show my dad that I've watched him race my whole life and wanted to show him that I could be as good or possibly better, that was my goal. We made a great team, I won 10 ET finals competing with my father and 12 division championships. So we had a real good run together for sure, it was a lot of fun.

WARREN: The Flings... today they stand as the standard for how to do a bracket race right. Tell me a little bit about how that all



"When you have best friends, you try and make each other better people."









started and the process, and what made you want to do such a crazy thing?

KYLE: I appreciate that. I grew up at the racetrack and bracket racing was always my forte. When we were at the dinner table my mom and my father and I would always talk about different strategies and bracket racing in general. In 1977, the ET Finals started in Famoso [Bakersfield, CA] and that was, to us, the ET finals was the US Nationals. So bracket racing was always my thing.

Growing up at the racetrack watching different kinds of bracket racing, there never was much "big" bracket racing on the west coast, so I always told myself someday I'd love to have a big bracket race on the west coast. Met Peter in '94, things progressed... we were in Tahoe together with our families, and we said bracket racing east coast/ west coast... people aren't having as much fun as we remembered growing up. We wanted to put on a race that people would have a good time at, put on a fair race, and most importantly have fun because we felt that aspect was really falling by the wayside.

We spent 3 days together, probably 2 of the 3 days in a cabin, made a bunch of notes on what we would do and to run a race, and 11 years ago we did a race at Bristol.

Thought we did everything right, spent about 9 months preparing for it, got a really bad forecast, 5 days with a minimum of 70% of rain each day... low and behold the forecast scared a lot of people away for obvious reasons but the race didn't get any rain oddly enough. We had about 160, 170 racers and we lost a considerable amount of money and never thought we'd have another race again when we left. After the event we had a lot of positive feedback, racers saying they had a great time and they'd love to come to another one of our races.

We decided to do another one in Bristol and that 160, 170 car count went to 300. Had a very profitable and fun event and things have progressed... and that's pretty much how it started.

WARREN: The Fling is sort of about the race but more about the experience.

KYLE: It truly is. That's our motto, 'Race it. Experience It.' Part of the business model was that most bracket racers race at a very small track, not used to coming to a big facility that has a 'Wow' factor. Like, 'Wow, I never thought I'd be able to race at a venue like this.' So the facilities that we've chosen over the years - Bristol, Vegas, and GALOT - have that 'Wow' factor. We wanted to treat the racers like professionals.



We had the live feed which back in the day which wasn't so prominent, we interviewed them as they won the event, just tried to 'Put them on the big stage' so to speak. We've been very fortunate to have a lot of manufacturer support from the get-go that helped us progress very quickly and we'd never take that granted for sure.

WARREN: The Spring Fling is a very innovative event as well. It's different than bracket races were at the time and now it's become the standard.

KYLE: We decided early on that we'd like to separate door cars from dragsters. When we first started it was probably 20-25% door cars and 75% dragsters lets say, and we thought that if we could even the playing field and have a reason for door cars to come out and think they had a fighting chance - which at the time, door cars didn't really think they had a chance against dragsters at the time - we separated them until 16 cars or less. We were fortunate enough to do TruStart with Bob Brockmeyer [of Compulink]. Peter and I were very passionate about the worst redlight rule, and there's been guite a bit of things that our competitors have followed. We're very fortunate for sure.

WARREN: This sport has been a part of your whole life. What do you find is the best part of the sport?

KYLE: I'd say the friendships. The camaraderie and the friendships. It's pretty much all I know, but that being said it's all about memories for me. I would say that 90% of my friends I hang out with because of drag racing quite honestly.

WARREN: Growing up, and even today, your dad is your hero. Who else do you think is a mentor in your life to really help influence you and guide you? second father to me. But I find myself, when I was growing up in the tower at Fremont, I remember whenever the WCS (Winston Championship Series, Lucas Oil now) would come I would watch particular drivers. Bill Maropulos in Comp Eliminator, he was an innovator and always a very good driver. Brad Anderson, alcohol funny car racer, he was a big influence on me... I'd be in the tower working the computer, and I was always trying to watch the racers that were winning a lot and take a little bit from each driver to try to emulate in my own driving myself.

WARREN: The people that are closest to you... if they were going to describe Kyle Seipel, what do you think they would say about you?

KYLE: He's a crazy bastard, you never know what's going to come out of his mouth. No... who knows. I try to treat people the way that I like to be treated and I would hope that most would say that 'Kyle would have your back all the time.' That would be important to me.

WARREN: If you're looking out at your future, how far out do you look and what do you see?

KYLE: With everything that I've been through, you pretty much live... I wouldn't say day to day but you don't take a day for granted. So that being said, I don't have a 5, 10 year plan. I want to be the best husband, the best father, the best partner, the best best friend to Peter, I have short term goals and the short term goals are to be the best I can be. Racing has gotten me where I am but I would say those are the most important things. These Spring Flings have been the best thing to happen to myself and we continue to grow those and if we can still have success and have a good time and continue to grow those events that would be important also.

KYLE: Dan DiVita most certainly, he's a

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If you haven't been hearing Hunter Patton's name within the past few years, you've been following a different kind of racing. Dominating some of the largest bracket races in the country (and Top 10 lists), Patton's performances have solidified him as one of the greatest threats you'll find in the other lane.

Besides drag racing, what were some of your interests and hobbies growing up?

I played baseball until I was about 10 years old. Other than that it was just racing.

When did you first get involved in drag racing and how did that come about?

My dad started drag racing in 1992, I started racing in 2003 in a JR dragster.

What are your favorite sports to watch? Favorite teams?

I'm not much of a sports guy. I'd rather be in the shop working on cars than watching sports.

What about your driving style sets you apart from everyone else at the track?

I think my driving style isn't very different, l just try to make the least mistakes as possible. If you lay down good laps it makes it hard to beat you.

How does your mindset differ going into a 5K versus going into a race like the Spring Fling Million?

You can't think any different. You treat every race as it's the same. Don't let the money get to your mind and screw with your racing.

With consecutive weekends traveling state to state, how do you keep up with your maintenance program between races?

Usually I either work on the cars at someone's house during the week. Or when I get to the track unload them and get to work on them.

It's likely a general misconception that drivers like yourself race for a living. What's your day job besides racing?

I used to have a job being a mechanic. In April of 2020 I left to go racing and was only supposed to be gone for 3 weeks. Well I won 4 races in those three weeks so I just kept racing.

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If you had to choose one meal, what is your dinner of choice?

I'm a big seafood fan. I grew up by the water so I'm into crab legs and shrimp.

What is your most memorable race win and why? Toughest round loss that stands out?

The 500k was my most memorable win. You always dream of winning races like that, but never thought it would happen. Toughest lost was probably 2020 SFG Million being 12 total at 4 cars and losing hurt.

If you had just one piece of advice to give someone trying to better their racing program, what would it be?

Don't worry about who's in the other lane, race your own race and make them beat you.

Out of 10 races, would you rather make it to the semis in 9 out of 10 and not win a race, or would you rather win 1 out of those 10 races and not make it past third round in the other 9?

Semi 9 for sure. Going rounds = more seat time which makes you a better driver, and I would also like to be late in the race 9 times rather than just once.

What is your all-time favorite movie? What TV shows is Hunter Patton watching these days?

The Blind Side. I watch The Rookie.

Where would you be if you weren't drag racing?

Honestly I don't know. Maybe have a everyday job and live a boring life lol

What's one thing most people don't know about you?

My first name is Christian and my middle name is Hunter. And Hunny Wayne is a nickname that came from my grandmother when I was a kid.







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Belonging to just a handful of two-time million dollar race winners, Gary Williams stands as one of the most successful big bucks racers of all time. G-Dub almost has more Fling big checks alone than what can fit across these few pages and has his sights set on becoming a three-time Million event winner.

Besides drag racing, what were some of vour interests and hobbies growing up?

RC Cars and boating and fishing.

When did you first get involved in drag racing and how did that come about?

I was basically born into drag racing. My dad was racing before I was born and my mom worked at DeSoto Dragstrip so every weekend we was at the dragstrip. Then my parents took over Sunshine and Desoto Dragstrips, I actually started racing myself in Jr dragster and moved up from there.

What are your favorite sports to watch? Favorite teams?

UFC Fighting. I don't really have a favorite sports team.

What car (door car or dragster) with what combination is the best for big bucks racing?

4-second dragster or high 5-second door car ...ish.

You have seen and raced against the best drivers in the country. As hard as it is to do, pick just one or two racers who you consider to be the best overall driver and why?

I would have to say my brother Troy Williams Jr. because he has shown he can win all different ways (National Events, class and bracket, heads up, foot brake, pro and full tree), and Nasty Nick Hastings because well.....he is just NASTY !, but this list could go on and on there are a lot of very good tough racers out there.

After all of the success you've seen in your racing career, is there anything left on the bucket list?

TONS...... I want to win ALL the different MILLION DOLLAR races that are going on these days and

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to win the the "Original Million" a third time!

How does your mindset differ going into a 5K versus going into a race like the Spring Fling Million?

It really doesn't as far as mindset goes, I do everything basically the same except to double check everything on the cars to make sure everything is right in the big buck race since it is life changing money.

What are the winters like for Gary Williams?

I live in Florida, so it is just a little cooler, maybe some more boating and fishing but there is always racing going on.

If you had to choose one meal, what is your dinner of choice?

Goulash.

What is your most memorable race win and why? Toughest round loss that stands out and why?

The "Original Million" both times JUST BECAUSE !

I don't know, I try to forget all those. lol

If you had just one piece of advice to give someone trying to better their racing program, what would it be?

Test, practice and maintain. Believe in yourself!

Out of 10 races, would you rather make it to the semis in 9 out of 10 and not win a race, or would you rather win 1 out of those 10 races and not make it past third round in the other 9?

Financially stupid I guess but I am hard headed! I would rather win the one.

What is your all-time favorite movie? What TV shows is Gary Williams watching these days?

Days of Thunder is my favorite movie, and I guess Two and a Half Men on TV, I don't watch much TV.

Where would you be if you weren't drag racing?

Boating and Fishing

What's one thing most people don't know about you?

I started my big car racing career in reverse.



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WARREN: You and your partner Kyle have been together for awhile and Kyle's been going through quite a lot. Tell me about your relationship with Kyle.

PETER: It started in '93... my brother met him, and he came to Indy and I won Indy that year - that was my first national event win. My father was there, he was there, it was great. That's where we met. We had so much in common, we both loved sports, we both had the same kind of mentality drag racing. Here it was, an east coaster and a west coaster who always talked kind of smack about each other, like 'Oh, he thinks he's good. He should come to the east' and he was probably saying the same

thing about me. I'd read National Dragster, see Kyle'd won - 'Oh look, he won with a couple of 30 lights.' You know... that's really what was going on as a young, cocky- I wouldn't say it out loud - but in my head, that's what I'm thinking. And he was the same way.

But we met, we raced together for a little while, became good friends, and in 2010 we were on a family vacation with my wife and his wife and it just happened just like this: it was January first, we were drinking some wine, and we said 'Why don't we do a bracket race.' We first started talking about what races we were going to go to in 2010. We really couldn't pin down a lot of races that were fun. The Moroso deal 5-day deal kind of faded back, wasn't really popular. So we just said, 'You know what, if there's nothing out there that's-' it's kind of out of necessity, right? There was nothing out there that we saw we really wanted to go to, so why don't we put something together?

We were crazy, we started at guaranteeing \$20,000 each day. We started in April of that year so we didn't have much promotional time, really didn't know what we were doing except for common sense and writing down ideas on a sheet of paper but that's how it all started.

WARREN: So did you ever imagine, 10 years later, that

the Fling series (the Fall Fling and the Spring Fling) would really be the standard for how to do a bracket race right?

PETER: I couldn't have imagined a lot of things that have happened in the last 10 years with these Flings. I'm the type of guy, and Kyle is too, where we keep our head down and we work hard, and we really don't dwell in the moment. But now that we look back on it - and it was the same way with myself and racing - if I won a race, I was always - 'Alright, what do I got to focus on next.' Just my personality. And we were the same way with the Flings. As it was growing, we were just always looking forward and never really dwelling on what was really happening. It did become the standard, and I'm proud to say we thought outside the box. We were the first ones to do door cars versus door cars and dragsters versus dragsters and now that's universal and I think that's great, stuff like that. Stuff like cutting the track short to 1000 foot, now it's cut to eighth mile.

But we thought outside the box, we worked hard, and no I would've never expected it, especially after the first year. The first year... it was a bomb. I'll never forget being in the Best Western hotel with my wife the night before we opened up the gates. The forecast was 80-90% chance of rain, every day. We didn't even think about canceling, purse guaranteed, didn't think about canceling. But I was to the point where I just wanted to have the opportunity to try this. And I said to myself, 'Nobody's going to show up. Who's going to come?' And my mind really started playing on me. I walked out at 5 o'clock in

the morning towards the highway - the hotel was by the highway - just watched. And I said, 'Can I please see a rig? Please, I just want to see one rig.' That's how bad it was. I was like - 'I feel like we might only have a handful of cars here. This is going to be crazy.' So that sticks out in my mind.

I came back into the hotel, my wife - she's just praying and saying it's going to be alright, we'll do what we have to do. Of course, the weather people were wrong. Didn't have a drop of rain. It was the worst forecast you could call for - you'd never want this forecast putting on a race. Didn't rain a drop, lost \$17,000 that event, and worked our tails off.

We were taking the banners down and I looked at him, said 'Kyle, you think we're ever gonna see these banners again?' He goes, 'Probably not.' And I said, 'Yeah, I can't see it.' But here we are 10 years later.

WARREN: Tell me about your dad and how he made his living and how he raised the three of you.

PETER: At first, he was a salesman for Japanese Kirin Beer. He would actually go to bars and restaurants in the New York City area, in Manhattan, and he would have to pitch them why they should carry Kirin beer. He was doing that for awhile, then he got into a little bit of real estate, got his real estate license, started investing and stuff like that. He was very resourceful and street smart. He dropped out of high school, never made it past the second year of high school, but very street smart and a very hard worker.



"Have your actions be as good or better than your word. I'm not big on words, I'm big on actions. Show me."



So after Kirin beer, 10 years with Kirin beer, and real estate, brings us towards more 1989ish, I was in high school graduating and he just made it happen no matter what. Whether we were growing up, younger... he would bring us to the race track, he would race, he would have to have a "babysitter" for us basically, and we would just be in the station wagon waiting for him and he was always there for us when he needed to be and always made it happen.

There's a lot of stories, in New York, and it was a different time... there was a time when... he was very protective of us, extra protective of us I think because he was a single parent, and I guess he figured he had to fill a lot of shoes as a parent. And one time we were at Englishtown and he was winning every single weekend pretty much. Not only would he dominate, he would let us sleep in, get to Englishtown without any time runs just so we could sleep in because we were kids. He would win three out of four weeks usually.

The announcer... he called over the PA, accused my father of cheating over the PA. And my father saw us there when we heard it, I could see his face and I just knew he was just a time bomb ticking. The announcer then said 'Alright, Super Pro to the lanes, Sam Biondo that means you too' and something like 'bring your cheater box with you.' He was way out of line. If anyone really knew what my father had to deal with racing, he was way under budget compared to everyone else. He was always the slower car looking over his shoulder. Pure Pontiac motor... he was the type of

guy where we would stop at the gas station and he'd fill half his fuel jug up with 93 octane and the other half with racing fuel because he didn't want to spend it all on racing fuel. Ice, he wouldn't buy ice, we'd take the milk cartons, fill it with water the night before and put it in the freezer, and that would be our block of ice. He was very frugal. So... there was definitely nothing fancy or over the top about his racecar.

So he hears the announcer say that and that was it. He just... started making a mad dash to the tower, at this point I think I was somewhere between 10 and 12 years old, but I followed him up there, didn't know what was going on. Walks into the tower, and the announcer's talking and my father just gives him a left hook, knocks him right off the chair, and that was that.

And there was no lawsuits then, it was just a different type of time. He was the type of guy, this was all growing up whether a guy bumped him on the Long Island Expressway to be funny, he was always the type of guy who wasn't a big guy but had the respect of a big guy. You could just tell he believed in what he stood for, a lot of those types of incidents happened growing up.

WARREN: Tell me a little bit about those championship years and how that all materialized. What life was like back then when you were chasing championships.

PETER: From the first championship to the last, things have changed quite a bit. I'm not sure people that don't chase the points or haven't chased the points realize how much effort you really put into that. When I chased it, the first couple of championships, the first six - I was all in, nonstop racing. I'd hit the practice tree... whatever it took. I took it - it's all I had. Not all I had but that's how deep my passion was. It felt like it was all I had.

Fast forward to my last championship, I knew I was about to have Saverio. I knew racing was going to take a backseat and it has since 2014. So I gave it everything I had that year, knowing it would probably be the last one I'd chase for awhile and fortunately I won it. They all feel great, but that one felt better than any one because I knew that that was going to be it for awhile. I'm not going to have time between the Flings that were growing or the family that was starting. I wasn't going to have the time to do this for awhile and I wanted- I didn't want my last shot as I got closer and closer and as I was going head to head for the championship, I didn't want to have to think about how I dropped the ball. I wanted to be proud of how I finished, and I was. And I'll be back at it... this is in our blood, this is my passion. I really love everything about racing.

Again, I went to St. John's University. I thought I would go down the New York City corporate road. Ended up selling racing products. Ended up meeting a bunch of nice people, ended up starting a race promotion business. I wouldn't change a thing and I'll be back.

WARREN: So how is your relationship now with your father and your siblings?

PETER: We have a relationship that's truly unique. There is so much trust... we have a lot of things together. We have a business together, we have a building together... and there is never a question about money, or some of the stuff siblings fight over when they get older. There is never even a thought if one of the other siblings are not being fair. No one ever asks a question... but on the flip side, my mother passed when I was really young and my father never talked about it. And I think growing up that - now that I have kids and feel why he did that - he was trying to protect us, didn't want to made us sad as kids and probably in his mind it was sad so he kind of guarded us from all that. When you become the parent, it's just amazing how much stuff flashes back into your childhood. Life is really funny how it all works out.

WARREN: Emily's a pretty good racer too. I understand that the first time she was in the seat

of a super gas car at a national event, she won.

PETER: She's a darn good racer. We were on our way - that's one of the most memorable weekends I'll ever recall. We were on our way to Bristol, and she wanted to try super gas. And actually I was racing so much and really she wasn't racing much. She moved up to New York, she changed her whole life, left Florida for New York right in the dead of winter by the way. We went to Bristol, on our way down, the hardest part she was worried about, was doing the burnout with the lineloc. She didn't have much experience, she always ran dragsters - no lineloc in dragsters - so didn't start out too good.

She thought it was going to be a footbrake deal like a streetcar burnout. So the whole way down we're in my friend's minivan and Youtubing while I'm driving, I'm handing her the phone, 'This is how you do a burnout' and I'm playing along with what you do in the video, visual and me doing the action, press the lineloc button, pump the brakes. When we got to Bristol, I thought we had it figured out. First run, she had the misconception that she was very nervous, a lot of people were watching at the fence, all our friends like 'Yeah, first national event in super gas.' Never even driven this car before by the way before that. It was Anthony Bertozzi's 170mph roadster.

She does her first burnout... instead of the tire getting up and starting to spin, she would just - it would walk out. Two times of walking it out because she was under the misconception that she was giving it too much gas, but the reality was you had to kick it good to get it spinning. So after two of those - the other guy's pre-staged, just about, and I just went there and said, 'Forget about feathering it. Just put it to the wood and go. Let it eat.'

Well, she did just that. She did a pro-stock burnout to 60 foot in a super gas car, I'm not kidding. I walked up to the starter, I walk up to him and said 'I'm sorry, won't happen again. I know we're making this guy wait and everything.' Anyway, she pulls it together, has a decent run, first round beats David Tatum. Two days later, I'm under the tower in the Super Stock final, she won - she was .003, took .009 stripe. And won the final over Marvin Benoit.

To add to it, I won right behind her. At that point I knew - I knew there was something special

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there, a couple of my friends said, 'Why don't you propose to her right then and there?' That's not really my style, I wanted to do it - I separate kind of racing and personal- I wanted to do it my own way, our own way. I did it in Florida, West Palm Beach. But that was the first national event she entered in Super Gas, and that's the only national event she entered in Super Gas by the way.

WARREN: They call you the Terminator. What do you think about that?

PETER: Well I don't really have much of a choice what they call me when they have the microphone in their hand. But it started with Lewis Bloom... according to him, I was 19, 20 years old walking in front of the tower to watch my father race. I didn't talk much, I was very shy. At the time I was lifting weights and probably had a cutoff shirt and probably looked like a true New Yorker, you know. He just said, 'Here comes Sam Biondo. And here comes his son Peter.' And he just started saying 'I come to terminate you' and started mimicking me like I'm some sort of robot. Like I was winning a lot racing and I don't talk much, and that's how it started. I don't mind it, I think it's a really good compliment. Could be called a lot worse.

WARREN: If you look back, and you could talk to your 21 year old self, what would you say?

PETER: I would say a lot of things. First thing I would say is 'Don't be so damn shy.' Because I was very very shy... that's the first thing I would change. Just have fun with life, be more like Kyle. I mean if I could grab something from Kyle and his persona - we both kind of feed off each other - he's one extreme and I'm the other, and we kind of bring each other that way. Be more like Kyle, have fun.

WARREN: So you said early in this that your dad was a hero... what kinds of traits or qualities did you get from him that are a part of you?

PETER: As I was growing up, they always say you're gonna be like whoever you're around the most, whichever parent, you're probably going to absorb a lot of that. I went through four years of college, St. John's University, and I learned more from sitting at a desk across from my father - in one year - that I could apply to life. Now this is just me, I'm not saying there's

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anything wrong with college... it was great for many different reasons. But I learned more from my father and just listening to him on the phone, and I picked up a lot of - I'm a lot like him. And my brother and sister will tell you that... I'm probably more like him than my brother is, I picked up his - all the good and the bad, I picked up on all of it. He has a lot of integrity and I feel like I've picked up a decent amount of that... on the flip side, if you pushed him too far and you got on the wrong side of him especially two or three times, and he lost his trust in you... you're done for life. And unfortunately I kind of picked that up too.

WARREN: Of the things that are a part of you, what do you want to pass on to your son?

PETER: Everything that my father's passed on to me, that I'm proud of. The integrity part... I feel like my word is good, I want to pass that on to him. If I promise you I'm going to meet you... I'm gonna be there. Have your actions be as good or better than your word. I'm not big on words, I'm big on actions. Show me. My wife every time she hangs up the phone she tells her mother 'I love you.' I say, 'What, she forgot from yesterday?' And we would joke about it. She says, 'Well maybe you can grab some of that.' And I was brought up where you just show them. I'm not saying that either one's right or wrong, that's me and that's what I want. I think it's so much more important for my son, that I could pass on to him, is to be a man of your word and your actions are more powerful than your words and they should always outperform your words.

WARREN: Tell me a little about Kyle and how he inspires you.

PETER: He's always inspired me for a lot of different reasons. For those that don't know, Kyle has had a battle with cancer to say the least. And he's been winning that battle, and as far as I can see he's gonna keep winning that battle because of his attitude and the way he approaches it. His inspiration... watching him go through what he goes through, and the way he handles himself, and his attitude... really puts everything into perspective. He has always been there for everyone else, to a fault.

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