All-Time Great ‘Jeopardy!’ Champion Hits Hard at Guest Host in Cheeky Tweet

Emmy Award-winning sportscaster Joe Buck took the stage Monday night for the start of his five-day run as host, but was a casualty of James Holzhauer’s roast.

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Since the heartbreaking death of longstanding and beloved *Jeopardy!* host Alex Trebek, the game show has been trying out a slew of guest hosts until a permanent replacement is selected.

Everyone from professional athletes like NFL Super Bowl MVP Aaron Rodgers to esteemed journalists like Katie Couric and Robin Roberts to TV personality and physician Dr. Mehmet Oz have taken their turn in the coveted position, but the latest stand-in garnered a cheeky review from one of the all-time *Jeopardy!* greats.

Emmy Award-winning sportscaster Joe Buck took the stage Monday night for the start of his five-day run as host, drawing a realtively positive reaction from fans and viewers.

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> *Joe Buck was unsurprisingly excellent as Jeopardy host tonight. Give him the gig.*
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> *— Doug Giombarrese (@5thAveSnoozer) August 10, 2021*

> *Okay, I do know Joe Buck from sports and was excited he was going to guest host Jeopardy, and I just have to say that he might be one of my favorites. The humor and the way being a sportscaster broadcaster means excelling in improvisation proves to make a good game show host.*
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> *— Antoinette Serrato (@spaceandweather)* ***August 10, 2021***

> *As expected, Joe Buck was excellent in his first game hosting @Jeopardy. His feigned interest in the interview portion was Trebek-esque.*
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> *— Dan Stanczyk (@DanStanczyk)* ***August 10, 2021***

> *Joe Buck was actually pretty good on Jeopardy today!*
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> *— Dana Wessel (@DanaWessel)* ***August 9, 2021***

> *I'm liking Joe Buck as the host of jeopardy*
>
> *— Doug Taylor (@dmitchelltaylor)* ***August 9, 2021***

> *Joe Buck is kinda fun as a Jeopardy host. No idea how he'll past the first fifteen minutes because he talks, and contestants want to get on to the next clue, but he's fun.*
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> *— DeVincisPizza (@DeVincisPizza)* ***August 9, 2021***

> *I really like Joe Buck on Jeopardy. He had a good pace and banter with the contestants*
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> *— MASN Oriolez (@MASNOriolez)* ***August 10, 2021***

However, there was one viewer who chose to use Buck's hosting stint as a way to poke fun at his in-game commentating skills. James Holzhauer, the *Jeopardy!* 2019 Tournament of Champions winner and champion of 32 episodes in a row, tweeted following

Buck’s intiial appearance, causing a stir on the internet.

> *Jeopardy says whoever hosts full time will have to quit their other job, so I’m crossing my fingers it’s Joe Buck*
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> *— James Holzhauer (@James_Holzhauer) August 9, 2021*

“Jeopardy says whoever hosts full-time will have to quit their other job, so I’m crossing my fingers it’s Joe Buck,” Holzhauer jokingly typed in a Tweet that has since garnered more than 22,000 likes.

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“A rare miss for you,” one Twitter user responded, with another saying that they’ll “never understand the hatred of Joe Buck.”

Buck has not responded directly to Holzhauer’s quip, though he did favorite several Tweets that praised his performance.

Holzhauer’s winnings in regular season *Jeopardy!* episodes reached a total of $2,462,216 on top of another $500,000 from winning the ’19 Tournament of Champions and for clinching the runner-up spot in the *Jeopardy!* Greatest of All-Time tournament in 2020.

Variety reported last week that the curent frontrunner for the permanent *Jeopardy!* hosting gig is Mike Richards, who currently serves as the executive producer for the game show.

Buck’s guest-host run is set to end on August 13.

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