

Hey what's up everybody? It's LaVar Arrington here. Super excited about this episode I get an opportunity to sit down and talk with the head man of the Texas Longhorns. He goes by the name of Mr. Steve Sarkisian. But you know if you as homie you call him Coach Sark.

You know what I mean. And I'll tell you what it's tough all the time. We're going to talk about what that means. Coach key Pete Carroll coach Nick Saban the coaching tree that Coach Sarkisian came from and touched on coach Dan Quinn as well. Great conversation. Some really really cool nuggets and really cool things we got a chance to talk about.

And you're going to get to hear it right now. Buckle up. Here we go. National Football Foundation good in the game. And . Let's do it.

We got Coach Sarkisian with us. Torrance is, the finest of.

Of Torrance. You know, I live in L.A., so I live in Redondo Beach. So. Yeah. Yeah, so coached and coached at Long Beach, probably when Antonio Pierce was there. So I've heard stories about you for quite some time. It's a pleasure to finally get to meet you. You had an amazing season, coach, so let's let's just let's just start right there.

I mean, this is this is national Football Foundation show called good in the game. And this show is really all about what this game means and in so many ways than just on the field. But I want to start on the field. And I want to ask you about this year's, this year's season and and your take on it.

I mean, you guys made history. Everybody who made it into the playoff made history, and you guys made it real, real entertaining. That game that you guys had didn't work out the way that you would like for it to worked out, but some amazing football you guys played this year. Just talk to me a little bit about the season.

That came without process. Perseverance. Overcoming. You've got quite the road to getting to where you're at at Texas. A couple times with USC. Went to the league, coached in the league, went to Alabama. I mean, you you have had quite the the movement and and everything that has taken place. How did how did that play a part in how you are handling things where you are now at Texas?

And I ask you about that. Yeah. That's right.

Let's expand on that. This this again. This is good in the game. That's the name of the podcast. Where did it. Where did it start. Where like how did it come together for you. That football would be your journey and that you would grow to find who you are and what your identity is and how it applies to the world around you and and how that plays a part in how you coach, you know, with the with your players and with your with your staff.

El Camino.

A lot come out of there. Yeah.

And.

Right.

What's what's signature to. To Sarkisian. What. What is Coach Starks that this is this is me. Like this is what, I took from all those things you said. But this is my staple. This is this is this is me. This is who people are. They're going to take this from me, and they're going to say, you know what?

That's Coach Sarkisian.

Okay. Okay.

I like that. I like that.

I just met him. I just met him not too long ago. Yeah. He's tall. Right.

Yeah.

That's the perspective of it all. You know it's the perspective because tough all day. You gotta, you gotta take it as it comes. Like you said you got to make it do what it's going to do. Because ultimately you learn all those lessons real time. You get to measure it and quantify it, playing the game of football.

And that's what I love so much. And speaking of that, you guys have a guy that's on your coaching staff that's going into the College Football Hall of Fame to to be immortalized. And I'm I'm excited to be there to to welcome him in. Mike Huff safety big dog. Well, I mean, coming out of college, I mean, he was one of them them guys like you that that's that's my style of football, the way he played.

And it's great that he's getting that the honor and getting the the ability to be able to go in there. Talk to me a little bit about Mike. And then again talk to me a little bit about what the National Football Foundation, the education, the the things that go along with what's so important to to the foundational components of what the National Football Foundation represents.

All right, let's get it.

We all know this one, right? Yeah. Yeah.

Yeah.

Okay. All right.

All right. Okay.

Nice. Nice. All right.

Yeah. We do.

I know we're up against it. I gotta ask you about arch. And you mentioned all with the one, two, three, or things that are. And we just saw what happened at Tennessee. With their quarterback, you have one of the arguably maybe the best quarterback coming into this year's, group of tubes. And he happens to be, the grandchild of The Godfather, named after the Godfather.

Arch Manning. Talk to me a little bit about him before I let you get out of here.

I got too much money. Sark. And the, their their their own deal for us. So. Yeah. Manning. Allen. You know.

Good people.

That came out, went in and came back out.

He's a bad mama jamma, bruh. This. I tell you what. And so are you. My guy. I'm. I was a fan. I was a fan from afar. Just living out here and hearing how high people spoke of you. But now I'm a fan from from close up, getting an opportunity to chop it up with you, man, I wish you all the best.

Wish you, wish you great luck in success. So, coach, I appreciate you taking some time out to give us some some nuggets and some some conversation about what's good in the game. So we got Coach Sarkisian here. Texas the Longhorns I throw up the sticks. You know that's that. That's them . But I I'll move y'all out.

Throw up the horns. You know you see that jacked up pinky. You know. Yeah right. There you go. You got that? Now let's see, I got that one on this finger. We got some battle them battle wounds. But, coach, I appreciate you. Wish you all the best. And we got to do this again, man. We got circle up.

I feel like there's more for us to talk about. We'll. We'll do that one day. Appreciate you. Appreciate you coach. All right.

That's Coach Sarkisian that's right. We talk about everything that's good in the game here. Listen from from talking about old school safeties winning it the national championship. That is for Texas over the team he's coaching now over the team that he coached then.

Yeah. And there's also the idea of well you got to go on a journey if you're going to have some success. Isn't that right. We're going to talk about all those things with the coach. And it's been a pleasure I'm LaVar Arrington, this is good in the game National Football Foundation we'll catch up with you next time.