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Hi guys, here... Hey guys, we're here at the Bomb Factory in Dallas, Texas with Kasai Grappling We're gonna check out some amazing fights tonight KASAI GRAPPLING KASAI GRAPPLING KASAI GRAPPLING KASAI GRAPPLING KASAI GRAPPLING KASAI GRAPPLING KASAI GRAPPLING KASAI GRAPPLING Hi guys, here with the one and only John Donahuer after Kasai Grappling in Dallas, Texas at the Bomb Factory Professor, can you tell us your thoughts a little bit on the match with Gordon? Fascinating match The rule set is one where you get the athletes get a good chance to work for submission holds in the first 10 minutes then they have to start bringing in the Kasai version of points which does incorporate submission holds I thought Gordon did very very well in the first 10 minutes He had two beautiful reversals from bottom position two beautiful sweeps from guard Mr. Roche got a nice Uchimata which took the two athletes off the stage but the bad news was that Gordon badly hurt his LCL about two thirds of the way through shortly after his second sweep and when he came back at the end of the 10 minutes he was like, I tore my knee, it's bad and that was obviously a point of concern so during the points section Gordon went back to one of the distinctive features of our game a heel hook attack made a good score got probably the best, most decisive finishing move of the match that heel hook attempt and from then on it was a question of could he hold on to guard with a busted knee and thankfully he was able to do that Awesome For me, in my own experience LCL is a pretty common injury for Jiu Jitsu Has he injured that before? Is it something you're serious? You think he's going to bounce back quickly? We never know the extent of an injury until time passes Right now it looks bad but an LCL, as far as knee injury goes is one of the less serious knee injuries it's not like an ACL or MCL or PCL injury but still it's a worry because Gordon does have a match coming up in combat Jiu Jitsu in a short period of time so we'll have to see how that plays out Right As far as the Kasai event itself were you impressed with the overall approach? We love competing with Kasai These guys are doing a fantastic job bringing Jiu Jitsu out Now they're on the road It used to be a New York show Now they're traveling around America They're bringing the best athletes onto the stage This was a fantastic matchup tonight Mr. Rocha is probably one of the most underestimated Jiu Jitsu athletes in the world This is a guy who has wins over Felipe Pena Wins over people like Rodolfo Vieira Over Santos I mean this is a guy at the top of the food chain You add in a size advantage of 40 pounds and things get interesting So it was a fascinating match tonight He's a monster I speak from my own experience rolling with JG As far as your experience training Gordon How old was he when you started training him? I still remember him coming in as a 16 year old with Gary Tonin I remember Gary introducing him as a guy who believed that heel hooks didn't work That was his opening line This guy, please, heel hooks don't work Of course everyone went after him as hard as they could with heel hooks He soon became a believer and then brought them into his own game Wow, that's amazing What's it been like to see his transformation? Did you expect him to turn into this king of the island? You never know what someone will achieve I've seen many people over the years come in They start incredibly and there's a ton of potential but life is complicated People go in different directions Ultimately what determines how far you go is not just your learning progress but your staying power Gordon has proven over time to be incredibly powerful in both aspects He's an incredible learner and he's got tremendous staying power in the sport When you combine those two things someone's going to go a long way Was there ever a point where he lost focus? Where he's like, I want to go learn guitar for example, or whatever? I can't think of any time He loves Jiu Jitsu 100% That's awesome You guys are going to be in town another day doing a seminar Can you tell us about that? We teach tomorrow at 11am down at Gracie 1 That's the first time for me teaching in Texas I'm looking forward to that I was going to do it with Gordon but I'm not sure if his knee is going to be ok now So it might be me teaching solo We'll see how he feels tomorrow Awesome, awesome We appreciate it My pleasure Thank you so much for spending time with us Nice to meet

you You guys have a good trip Thank you You