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# Kappy's Corner: Teen podcaster gains credibility despite initial skepticism

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Lane Frank

Photo provided by Lane Frank

He's a cocky, fast-talking teenager who loves sports.

El Pasoan Lane Frank has been hosting his own weekly sports podcast, Schoolyard Sports, since he was 12 years old. His topics mostly are about national sports.

The show now has over 175 episodes, and it is distributed by a national podcast company.

He went viral last week when he recorded a video on X announcing it was “a done deal” that Paul George would be traded from the Los Angeles Clippers to the Golden State Warriors.

That video received more than 237,000 views.

His video also received 83 comments, with plenty of people wondering: Who is this teenage prognosticator?

Although the trade never came to fruition, he quickly pivoted to predict that George would sign with the Philadelphia 76ers before any other national basketball writers went public with the news.

That video received 71,000 views and two days later, it came true.

“There were two massive swings and one of them was a homer,” Lane told me afterwards. He also loves the fact that people have questioned his credibility and have made fun of his predictions.

He will argue his sports takes with you all day and he refuses to back down, no matter what the argument might be.

For example, a few weeks back, he told me that Kevin Durant would block Kareem Abdul Jabbar’s patented sky hook.

Despite my pleading with Lane that nobody blocked Kareem’s signature shot, he refused to back down and instead guaranteed that Durant would swat it away.

That is Lane Frank in a nutshell.

He also happens to be the grandson of local businessman Jerry Rubin, who was just inducted into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame.

Rubin, who founded Helen of Troy and later River Oaks Properties, has been promoting his grandson ever since he recorded his first podcast when he was 12 years old.

In fact, he mentioned Lane during his induction speech and he even passed out Schoolyard Sports ballcaps to every person who attended the Hall of Fame induction banquet.

Rubin first alerted me of his grandson when he started his podcast four years ago.

He thought that Lane would be a great guest on 600 ESPN El Paso’s SportsTalk.

At that time, I explained to him that although I was impressed with the podcast, I was not ready to put a 12-year-old on the radio.

Rubin was persistent and two years later, he sent me another video of Lane.

This time, I said that we could put him on the radio for a few minutes and see how he would do.

He did so well that he became a regular weekly guest on SportsTalk to offer up his takes.

When he is not recording his weekly podcast, Frank is probably spending most of his time on the tennis courts at Coronado High School.

He made the T-Birds varsity tennis team as a freshman, and he plays on the school’s No. 1 doubles team.

He also excels in the classroom and plans on attending the University of Michigan.

He does not hide his love for the Wolverines and their president is aware of Frank's podcast and his desire to attend college in Ann Arbor, Mich.

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