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Social Distance: Bobby Bones talks Arkansas, new game show

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The quarantine hasn't meant a slowdown for Bobby Bones. In fact, the Nashville-based radio and TV personality has been busier than ever before.

In addition to hosting his nationally syndicated The Bobby Bones Show, serving as the in-house mentor for ABC's American Idol (broadcasting remotely these days) and being the host and executive producer of Opry, a weekly TV program airing on Circle Network, Bones unveiled a new game show, "Super Easy Trivia," pitting celebrities, athletes and his listeners against each other.

Questions on a recent show, with former Oklahoma star [Samaje Perine](#) as a contestant, were along the lines of 'How many weeks are in a year?' and 'Which animal has a hump on its back?'

[Appearing on 247Sports' Social Distance series](#), Bones detailed how he came up with the idea for 'Super Easy Trivia' and what could come next.

"I thought, 'How can I do something other than just go live and talk or play music?'" Bones said. "I've been working on developing a game show for a network and that got shelved because of coronavirus. I just thought, I'm gonna create a game show and we'll see what happens. I give my own money out, I have artists on, I'm a humongous sports guy so I have athletes on. The whole thing is, it's ask really easy questions that people watching will be surprised when they don't get it right. It's easier to watch and answer them than actually have the pressure.

"It's been crazy to watch that show grow. It's getting about a million views an episode with everything combined. It's to the point now where that was just a fun project but we just stepped into a

development deal with a production company for that show, which is pretty wild because it was just me going, 'How can I give people something fun to do while they're trapped at home.'

Other professional athletes to appear on Super Easy Trivia are DeMarcus Ware and Andy Roddick.

Bones grew up in Mountain Pine, Arkansas, and is a huge Razorbacks fan. One weekend last fall, he repped Arkansas on the SEC Network's Paul Finebaum Show and joined then-coach [Chad Morris](#) for the 'Hog Walk.' He's hopeful new coach [Sam Pittman](#) can reverse a 4-20 two-year trend.

"It's been tough the last two years, I'm not gonna lie," Bones said. "When we had [Bobby Petrino](#), we were on top of the world. We were crushing it. And then he gets in the motorcycle accident, you've seen the picture, you know the story, and we've had some really lean years.

"I hope Coach Pittman comes in, he's the kind of guy who's going to build from the interior out, he put two linemen in the first round of the NFL Draft from Georgia. We're hopeful he will do that at Arkansas. It will be a slow process."



As for the Arkansas men's basketball program, it's already begun its turnaround. First-year coach [Eric Musselman](#) took over a program that was 18-16 two seasons ago and improved the Razorbacks to 20-12 in a shortened Year 1.

"Coach Musselman, I love the guy," Bones said. "He's got such a passion, he's such a smart guy. We've got a top-5 recruiting class coming in to Arkansas next year. Isn't hope all we have? I say that because we've kind of sucked for a while. Isn't hope all we really need and all we have?"

As Bones mentions, Arkansas' 2020 class includes four four-star recruits, good for a No. 6 ranking nationally and fourth in the SEC — a far cry from 157th nationally and dead-last in the SEC in 2019.

Other topics in Bones' wide-ranging conversation with host Josh Pate were takeaways from the ESPN documentary "The Last Dance," the need for innovation in any career and how Bones came from poverty to carve out a unique career in the country music and entertainment industry.

“I’m lucky, but I also worked hard, which I think is a really good combination,” Bones said.

Episodes of 'Super Easy Trivia' air every Friday at 10:00 am CT on Bones' [IGTV](#), [YouTube Channel](#) and [Facebook](#).