

SHOWNOTES - Dusty Wright & Coach Farmer (38/50)

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S Scott Hilton (Host) 00:15
All right welcome to another episode of this my dad I am so excited about this. I don't know that I've ever been as excited about an interview as I am got dusty, right? And Coach farmer, legendary coach, former high school coach, and the legendary what we call you legendary real estate tycoon.

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The beginning the beginning

S Scott Hilton (Host) 00:38
All right, so we've got a great story today we got some man we got some inspiring stuff we're gonna go over. For those of you you're listening from out of out of town, Coach farmers well known in these parks as as a high school football coach. And Dusty was the manager of his high school football team won a state championship

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S Scott Hilton (Host) 01:02
ash right and dusty. He's got quite a story we want to get into telling your story, Dustin, because I think you're an inspiration, man. I think you're just gonna inspire the pants off of some people. You were let me just let you tell it that start when you were born.



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I was injured at birth due to a medical mistake. And my mother didn't find out I had cerebral palsy two years zone. She knew son the words arrive. And our warning and my sister told me to the dog she was a teenager at that time. And the dog told her Hey, you're gonna had faith fat is your brother have cerebral palsy. And so we, by the year later we live Alabama moved to Tampa and stalled is scary skating. at Grady Elementary School in Tampa, Florida. They put me into physically change classroom, had a great teacher. And that was 37 years ago and I still keep in contact with her. She will great she helped me to turn stand. And she she she really gave me my own foundation. And then wave was in Tampa to by 1990. I was in her class for two years, another lady class named Dean Dunbar for about three years. And my grandmother got cancer. And so we decided to move home and be closer to her. But at that time, when you turn 12 years old, they pulled out the physically and mentally came and kids in one school. And my mother did not want that. So other than my grandmother being sick, died for some reason we moved back home. And then I started that current distance. And deal Walden kindergarten class name. They read they gave her aid that would help me go help me when I need to because I had time I couldn't feed myself I could write. I couldn't hardly corner I couldn't use the bathroom without assistance. And so it was hard for her to teach the class without some assistance. So they gave they gave her aid. And I was in her class and throughout the year and then they gave me an aide a mother draining clinging back as mother. I have a woman and I have a male way to warn you on and she's Mother said he needs a mind and our mind ended up being Mr. briefs you know, and he was great. He he He was made half of second grade when we moved by can January till the nets May and he were just embarrassed we had a barn we we really did and he he helped me a lot one on one with getting called out with my reading with my math and stuff like that. Then I remember it was the last week of school my second round of second grade and I told a mystery gang gang gang ready to try it by myself and I went on to style resale



Scott Hilton (Host) 05:50

and that's another elementary school



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let me go and cried about myself and I did way oh, I that time I was only in spiritual health for breathe in the mire. But all the classes were regular and



Scott Hilton (Host) 06:12

you chose to do that you ask them if you



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told him I told him in gene Inkling bank as I'm ready to try it on my own. And it was it was a need need decision when

good good decision when



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did you and Barbie Joe get hooked up?



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I didn't cover Barbie go to seventh grade. So probably from third grade labor did not from third grade about middle school. Our very shy it just killed myself and good. Dad timeout firewall a lot. And I were just shocked. But once I got into middle school blossom, yeah. And



Scott Hilton (Host) 07:05

coach ed sent sent word for you one day Greg he did



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he'd sent word and he that hey, I only need to talk to you. And it will my seventh grade year and he said him and Gerald card and they pulled me off to the side and I will oh no I'm not in trouble. Under stay on warranty to come and keep my stance on the football team. And I fell in love with I mean I will go out there Sunday for practice in your Squatch and just say hi how are words and then I did that my eighth my seventh to eighth grade year and it was the summer of my before I went into high school. I went over my buddy's house Bobby Heenan reason he went out football and he got the towel keenness. He leverages something old in the days so I got a phone call. You didn't know Coach farmer at the time. I did not know Him himself. The time that he was talking to his wife classroom at stalwarts healing and I was one of them for students. And when he walked in, we all got quiet. And so we I called him he was a home. Almost farming when you tell him to call me Bobby Jo's. By the hour later he called by a coach, the coach would love to be your manager, he would come on out. We'll give it a try. Remember that coach?



Coach Farmer (Guest) 09:04

I didn't I had forgotten how we got to I was trying to think of coming over here. And we got hooked up but I remember it now.



Scott Hilton (Host) 09:11

That was the beginning of a lifelong Yeah, well, it was.



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You don't realize that it's time it's happening. I never treated him with a disability. No, he never had I treated him just like one of the football players

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thereby got in trouble in school. And he found out he will be out by the gym just wait until we load them in



Scott Hilton (Host) 09:36

Trump said it so he told you you can be the manager. And you didn't know he was gonna be on a great football. pro athletes.



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I really wasn't into football I was into Nithin keep my mind occupied but I got I love learning. I loved it. I mean, though, my current team treated me like a brother. They gave me a hard time. They pulled me upside down and garbage cans and stuff like that. You know, you know, I guess I told her of being a ninth grader. And followers he was. I know I drove this man crazy because, um, what he wanted me to do. I made every excuse to not do it. Really? I'll be I was I was lazy, but it finally clicked and then I think it would be end and to save the my ninth grade year. He will not stay I need you to teach me how to use a computer. A lot. Well, alrighty. And he come over out volleyball practice to my house. Three nights a week, really? And I would teach him how to use a computer. Go to a usually would you learn how to use a computer? Or were you just hanging out when I was



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learning how to use it? I did not know anything about it. I still don't know a whole lot. But all I know. He taught me



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and you know, I would there were some nights it got to be by 1010 30 on my coat. I gotta go by




Scott Hilton (Host) 11:46

had to run coats.




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You know? Hate to be like this, but if


 Scott Hilton (Host) 11:57
so, did you ever teach him how to use a computer?

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I did. I was out way too time but I was proud. I


 Scott Hilton (Host) 12:07
was a little slow learner one

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time sometimes.

 Scott Hilton (Host) 12:15
So Coach was tough on you wouldn't you want? Why would you? Why would you tough on him coach Plus,

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your boil is is tough enough having a disability. And he's gonna have to live with that the rest of his life. So He better get tough or it's gonna be it's gonna be tough on him. If he's not tough. And he responded. That's one thing. He's hard headed. He's a whole lot more intelligent than he was acting back then. He's proven that since he's got out of school, he can do a lot of things. And a lot more than he let on if he could do when he was in school.

 Scott Hilton (Host) 12:55
You think he would ever reach that point? Had you not pushed him?

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I don't know.

 Scott Hilton (Host) 13:01
What do you think that's



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I don't give a words and from football in coach former. I will not be where I am today. I think I would just be a guy growing in this village.



Scott Hilton (Host) 13:19

You're far from that? Oh, mean



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ages. I needed that father figure. And he gave it to me in so many ways. I mean, I will call him even our diagram, why they will laugh with was good. And he would just lift me up like nobody else could.



Scott Hilton (Host) 13:44

And you weren't a star athlete.



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I never I never could make a tire come from this mine. I never occurred. Mike cage. I never could run the ball. But he loved me just like his daughters.



Scott Hilton (Host) 14:07

And there was some good ones to learn. Wow. What a story. You had a you had a family Ryan's family treated you like family as well.



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Yes. I grew up with Ron over this fraud or Jason Carter color. And his wayward friends started second grade. And, you know, I remember when Jason come up to me, he would like do what's wrong with you guys. I have several poems this he will out well. Hey, we're live with tell me what did the parent and Enza where you're looking at? So you're not retarded rock no and every sin that conversations he has been a true brother he I mean he has even as we grabbed void by Everlane shields stuff going on with his life when I would not think clearly he really pulled me on the right track and when we we talk maybe about twice weight and that's me 32 years ago



Scott Hilton (Host) 15:46

Wow So you've you've made friends with a lot of people you're very well known but it's it's

because you have such a great attitude and a great sense of humor by the way



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well one thing this man taught me was you want some guy to laugh? You got to work for this disabled and minesing year Yeah, ya hire will part from rep for the city Gaston and report that I could not find a job. They will call me and be like, hey, we need somebody to come in. I went for a interview without our ways. We will let you know. And then one day I walked into she were known as the parts rep plan on bad thing and I walked into the outputs obtained by the way. And she hired me on the spot. I told her I need a job. I don't care whether you pull me waiting in grass. I need a job. She hired me. She dumped me go take a drug test. Yes, ma'am. I went Dec Android tablets and that was September 2001. And and I was in therapeutic recreation which provide free creation for mentally and physically channeling to kill work or you're working for the city. I was worried converting the city. And I did that for 18 and a half years. Pandemic here. got laid off. They call me back and I've been at Raymond Hill Community Center ever seen. You get up and go to work every morning as well. Sometimes not more demands cagey mostly afternoons like LeBron and five or two days. So I get to sleep in in the morning or go have lunch with him,



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which has been going on since we got out of school.



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Yeah, we have grown to learn bilevel wheat since I've graduated.



Scott Hilton (Host) 18:16

Yeah, we're going to talk about that in a minute. And that really struck me as being interesting and that's part of the reason I want to have coach farmer on where you you understand you had some pretty inspiring speeches that you gave to the Ottawa football team.



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Well, I fell in love. When I first discovered what it was home I felt like that was my chance to inspire them to just Hey Ivanka play I will get 100 Tim sin you're able to play and you're but dragon you know, so I'll leave that one time. I was on the sidelines. Cornell was having a good game and I grabbed him by the face mats and I chewed him out



Scott Hilton (Host) 19:20

Cornell Cornell the famous Auburn University running back went on to the temporary Tampa Bay Buccaneers you grew up Cornell been



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awarded you thank you, you need to get it together say because back then we called and see and and he he came back out poorly



Scott Hilton (Host) 19:43

fresh. He's the best best athlete I've ever seen it



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I love to watch his highlight paintings and I mean he would just he was man and he motivated Cornell Williams I tried I were like, you know I can never They will cheat day but I will I look, we're in this together and I wanted state championship just like you do.



Scott Hilton (Host) 20:09

And so what where does that stand now? Tell us about that season coaching champion and that was quite a year I had kids on the team too.



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Well, we were just Rick Rhodes. He coached at Pelham, and coach to national championship I think it Troy in one one somewhere else he told me after that year, he said, y'all were the best team in the state of Alabama that your any class? Yeah, but it was we were just we were real talented. But our kids really, really cared. And I tell you that we played in the playoffs. We played the best folks in the state, everybody. Everybody had a great record. And then the longer we played, the better we got, and just it was it was a magical year. They don't have like that you got to have the right kind of players. And Karnail was a once in a lifetime. Ever. Very few coaches get to coach one as good as him. And it wasn't his ability that made him good. He was just wired different from birth. Yeah. Seventh grade. He played on an eighth grade team and gained some like 1400 yards. Yeah, that was great. And then, when he came over in the ninth grade in the spring, spring of his eighth grade year, he won't run football overtime against the 12th grader. He was just a want one of these once in a lifetime players that everybody don't get coach,



Scott Hilton (Host) 21:41

dusty coach farmer what what role does he play in that magical season that you had, he was not just



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well, he was. I think he was part of the glue that sort of held everything good because they knew how much he loved them. And they knew that if he could have played he would have played and yet he's there. He loved that team so much. He was always willing to critique them. And they loved him for I mean, they just they knew that he how much he loved him and they knew how much he would if he could have played that he would have played and I think he he sort of held everything together and they knew things weren't going right that's his bold enough. He's gonna speak up



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you know, we have no pill.



Scott Hilton (Host) 22:34

Yeah, I got a story. I want to get to about that. But y'all won the state championship win 15 to know I believe Yeah, you've got your name on a plaque tell us about that.



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Ah ha my name. Oh, no. Two Three monument so Damon the stadium when a break on the new Philhealth and it's amazing to me that long alcohol gown you're still be there.



Scott Hilton (Host) 23:04

Tell us about the last game. Your last game coach farmer gave a speech after the game.



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Oh, would you tore up you know, I couldn't play but I would get so emotional and I realize hey this is this is a it there's no more you know, you know and we all got into the Philhealth entire team and he was killed current former Gallup and Tao and he were talking a few seniors he saw me he said dusty you've been enjoying being around and and you know when we knew first came to winging force cane jurors we didn't see it down sometimes either. But I want you to know I'm proud of how much you've grown and I wish you the very best I don't make you feel just a mindful go kart I cry like a baby. I have to he said that. So but I did those. Those awards. I'll never




Scott Hilton (Host) 24:31


forget how many years I've been





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 Scott Hilton (Host) 24:37
goes did you think 22 years ago when you made that statement that he would remember?

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I really didn't know. I thought he would because we had gotten pretty close. And I had treated him just like he is normal physically. So you know, you don't know how kids are going to take what you give him. And he took it the right way. He took it ran with it, and has been successful and ever since.

 Scott Hilton (Host) 25:07
That's the head. You want to talk about how you got into the real estate business.

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Oh, I've received a settlement in 95 Because I was injured at birth and it was a dark fall. We went to trial in in Gaston, probably about two years earlier. Back then they did not have proof you know, a dog took Cole's share of cerebral palsy. And so he was a famous known doctoring Gaston and so we ended up going to trial. Edward the first. We we lost the case. It were the first trial. My Laugier loves He was out of Birmingham at the time. And then what we thought it was over we really did and somebody came to our door and there's Supreme Court about Alabama reversed the decision. And due to warning to jury warning to Drude being in patience, so I got the late to mail. I got 150,000 and we was living in public housing, towers healing and tower for dying, I told my dad where you can buy a house and

 Scott Hilton (Host) 27:06
you'd always lived in public housing with your mom.

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No, we we lived in Tampa. We lived in apartments. We lived in a house in Tampa. But but but we were poor in the last five years we was living in public housing just to any mom. Yes ma'am. Mom, and we found this house in the mail religion over the 85 year old lady who listed it. She was she lived there. When he was chief was the only owner of that house

 Scott Hilton (Host) 27:51

I met that house was built



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when you're not already eight. It was she worked she wanted the car to me or her and her husband he passed away years ago. But a solid two bedroom one bath Kornilov male village for 35 hour live. Let's go look at it. When Lloyd died we fell in love with so we are hereby ordered. And you know and that money lasted from that night he says to probably 2010 I mean we we did not blow it and I remember having \$4,600 left and I'd tow collared a buddy of mine a friend out grill with Brian Bowman and I'd said What should I do he's a rental house he's always took care of my clearly he's a just by urine last he did trust me. You might have perished but you're eventually you know made money off of it. So I bought my first one I have for 23,000 my payment will 130 20 And now we're talking to him for 50 ring. He's got a business man. But first you know I've learned to dance clean. I've never been worn to blow money. And then and I mean entire household that says yours and coal fired Are and wanting to tenants love something on the stove and just fall down the door. But I Ryan moment put me in contact year a few years earlier before the fire with the guy named David nations he got by DJ and he he can can redo a house can do whatever needs to be done. And he was our column, you know, son the master he helped me redo the house and we redid it and I only owed some change on it because I will make a double payment since about six months I have to we really did bow number two. And he helped me really do that once and got it ran in and he you know, he he has really helped me a lot with stuff that I did not know in the minutes he told me plus I know he's only a phone call away.



Scott Hilton (Host) 31:23

Yeah, you know, you've you've made those contacts with people where it is because you reach out to people right that's a message that a lot of young guys need to hear is you know reach out there's people that that love to help other people. But the thing but you dusty is you didn't sit around waiting that's to the world or our culture coach may agree with me we got some lazy people. Well, you got some people that are all they want to do is be a victim of this a victim of that blame somebody, I can't do this, I can't do that. Check from draw check from somewhere can't wait for the next law. So they I mean that that drive the car out in front of you thinking they're gonna win a lawsuit. And here you are, well, you're Excuse me, but cripple legs, hey, it is what it is. You drove for a crew can leave. You roll out of bed every day and go to work every day and you invest your money when combined. And you never complain. You're just like my daughter, my daughter's body was crushed in a car wreck. She's in constant pain. She never says anything. And I see these people complaining about everything they can possibly think of. And I see people like you and I, you know, it just makes me want to grab them by the shirt and just ramp them up against the wall and shake them a little bit. Because if anybody can mean Look what you're doing, you're successful businessman, you're a real estate investor, you got a state championship ring, you own a house, you take care of your mom, you treat people, right. And people you got a great personality.



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They believe he can pick up a phone call the mayor of Ganson this, in fact, let's



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do this. I mean, you do you have to have a drive. And you know, growing up without a dad and dad to support you in ways and you need warmth and whether financially emotionally you're all just somebody to talk to. To just I knew when I lived in public housing. I was in and out. I wanted something more even from an early age. And even though the little bit of settlement got me out. I knew back then that money was gonna last and I had made some wise decisions.

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Scott Hilton (Host) 33:56

You had a guy called your name one time one of your tenants. You want to tell them oh, yeah, I did. You can you can go ahead and tell what he called you. I guess it'd be all right.



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But he he was late. He was in my house long where he was late on rent. And I went out sarb Piper's Oh ALLAH Hey, you know you got 14 days and he said oh your center your search retard and adds a well by the amount be retarded, but at least I'm not home

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Scott Hilton (Host) 34:40

to dusty, you got him. He kicked him out of the house.



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Do you know the parts now look at how I got that personality. If it goes right, my poem. Bigger died is something that he would say. And it just came out Oh,

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Scott Hilton (Host) 35:00

wow, that's that's incredible. And you were right. You know that guy needed to be be lowered a nice place. I mean, I'll raise



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the wheat later and then I went up there. I haven't seen a car a few days and I went up there when inside and you come, never seen them.

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Scott Hilton (Host) 35:22

Hey, Scott Hilton here. Hope you enjoy the interview with deal with Dusty right and coach farmer. There's just too much good information to squeeze it all into one episode. So for the

runner. There's just too much good information to squeeze it all into one episode. So for the first time of the podcast, we're doing a two part interview. You're gonna have to come back next week to hear to the rest of the story. But that's an incredible story of a coach who took in a fatherless child. And dusty ride is truly an inspirational person. In fact, there's some talk out there some future projects that I'll tease you about. That could occur related to dusty, so you had to come back next week hear more about their relationship. And the end of the episode next week is very moving. So I invite you to come back next week for part two. Thanks for joining