INTRODUCTION (opening with short 8-10 second audio from ESPN)

R: Welcome to my Nature Podcast, my name is Ryan Sanders and I am a football player here at our lovely campus of Lafayette

B: Hi everybody, my name is Brian Stefanowicz and I am a tennis player from Lafayette College. Our focus today will be on Sports and Nature.

R: Our topic is how we see nature through outdoor sports. From hunting and fishing to soccer and baseball there’s a lot to learn about the natural world through these outdoor activities.

Video of sports noises (22 seconds) faded down at 15 seconds to Brian speaking

BODY

B: Nature-based sports provide athletes and spectators with potential aesthetic experiences. Athletes all over the world have easy access to natural environments throughout their travels. These sports attract fans to the same nature experiences. Rock climbing, hunting, fishing, and parkour are just some of the sports that especially bring out the beauty of the outdoors. According to an article from Brymer and Gray, participants in these sports reported that they developed a deep relationship with the natural world. Boom. These sports bring up the question of whether or not pretty settings make athletes perform better?

B: Okay so now we are going to switch to talk to our guest speaker Billy Bob Thornton. Billy Bob is a hunter and fisher down in West Virginia, and he is here to tell about his experiences in nature through these activities. How you doing Billy Bob?

(Song, Big Green Tractor by Jason Aldean, playing in background of interview)

R: I’m happy to be here Brian, thank ya for havin’ me. Ya got yourself a nice place here.

B: Thanks Billy Bob, now I wanted to know if you could give us some of your experiences through hunting and fishing, and how they connected you with nature.

R: Well I’ve been able to see all types of things in nature. When I’m huntin’ for deer I can’t help but notice how perty everything is. There’s nothin’ better than sittin’ in a tree stand with a lip of tobacci in and watchin’ all the critters run around without you noticin’.

B: That sounds great. Do you believe that these beautiful outdoor places affect you to be better in your activities, like hunting and fishing?
R: Hmm, Well I don’t know if makes me shoot more deer or catch more fish, but on a nice day it sure does make it feel that much more enjoyable.

B: All right, thanks for the input Billy.

R: (Song cuts out) Whoa, all right I’m back, what did I miss?

B: Oh nothing much just Billy Bob our neighborhood hunter.

R: Sounds great it’ll move us onto our next topic of how children learn environmental ethics through outdoor sports.

B: Hey kids! Sports like football, baseball, soccer and golf help kids gain an understanding of the outdoors. There’s potential that all of these sports are a great method for environmental education at a young age.

R: That’s true I remember when I was a kid I learned to appreciate all of the different settings that I played sports at. Through the enjoyment, I became more aware of the natural world around me. For example, I had no control over whether or not it rained or snowed and it taught me about nature’s power and that I needed to deal with the unpredictable actions from the skies. Even as a young adult, I have learned environmental ethics through the hunting that I have done.

B: That brings up a thought in my head about the idea that there’s kind of a gray area between nature conservation and sport, such as the harm brought to fish and animals by hunters and fishers vs. the respect and care that they have for them at the same time. So do these benefits really outweigh the negatives happening?

R: Well on one side the environment informs me about populations of animals and allows me to teach others about the natural world and how to treat it. Then there’s the negative side in which hunting and fishing become something more than just pleasure, but pure profit for example. It really depends on whom you ask.

B: All right fair enough that really is a hard argument to answer on, thanks for the input. But now I’d like to talk about grasping nature through one’s own body. While playing sports our body is what we use to grasp the nature and world around us. We really are just beings in the world working with nature.

R: Athletes are interacting with nature’s elements all the time. The equipment used comes from materials in nature, from the graphite in a tennis racquet to the leather of a football. On top of that there are the natural laws that humans are confronting during physical activity everyday. Just look at the sports like rock-climbing, snowboarding and surfing for instance.

B: Wooh! Well that’s for sure; working out would be pretty easy without gravity.
R: Yeah Brian you're looking a little fat while we're talking about it. Lay off the quarter pounders with cheese.

B: All right take it easy. Back on track here, I can say from personal experience that I hate playing tennis when it's raining, snowing, windy, too sunny, or even cold. My emotions can radically change depending on nature’s attitude around me.

R: Yeah, football is no fun when it is raining, snowing or really cold. This is just another way nature interacts with athletes, the ongoing battle between climate and sport.

R: For a final treat here, we have hunter, Ted Nugent, talking about his experiences in the woods.

(50 second clip of Ted Nugent in the woods speaking about wildlife)

R: Whoa, Whoa, Whoa. Well as you can see Ted’s a little passionate about the outdoors. This agrees with Humberstones ideas that the body and senses feed into the emotions in natural environments. Ted really describes how his emotions feed into the woods.

B: Well that’s all we have for you guys today. From Ryan and Brian I’d like to thank everyone for listening, and I’d like to thank Billy Bob for coming in to visit. I hope you enjoyed our nature and sports podcast, I know we did. Thank you.

(Good Bye!) ESPN Announcer

Eye of the Tiger by Survivor (plays for rest of podcast)