What is competition all about?

JS: Competition is a good thing; every time I've lost, I've learned something

BL: Competition is a good thing; it's a challenge; brings out the best in people & organizations...it’s the Key to growth for people

JS: competition is a tool to provide something... Accomplish a task, achieve a goal

Why don't we just teach everyone how winners win? Don't play for the ‘tie’

RA: What about the economic concept of ‘Perfect competition’: e.g., farmers market; no monopolies; no losers; everyone would tie

BL: everyone should have a chance to compete, starting on a level playing field

We weren't built for 'perfect competition' with no winners or losers.

JS: we're a game playing nation; let's just tell everyone what the rules are

We need to be driven to learn more, to improve

Competition builds teams, makes things better for everyone

RA: what are some of the unintended consequences of competition?

BL: make sure it’s not unhealthy competition: we don't pit one another against each other; we don't win at someone else's expense

BL: if competition is unhealthy, you're only playing for yourself, not your team

JS: it's all about balance; you need everyone, if you are to win

In today’s world, we turn losing into anger and hate... toward banks, politicians even the government. Why not turn losing into learning?

Good competitors are never really satisfied with winning; they're satisfied that they are continuously improving

If you lose the desire to compete, that's a sad day

RA: what can we learn from the agony of defeat

BL: you win or you learn; when you lose, you see clearly what you need to improve. Sometimes when we win, we may sweep some of those things under the rug. Losing is valuable.

JS: where do you get perseverance, tenacity? E.g., fishing for 30 years I've been competing with an animal with a brain the size of a pea.

Work hard at getting better, not necessarily at the expense of the fish.

RA: Is being competitive born or bred?

BL: everyone is born competitive; it can be taught & nurtured. Some may be born more competitive, but we all want to win, like to win; some people just really hate to lose.

JS: people are born with talent; it's how that talent is developed that matters. He was taught and trained in a very competitive household. His father taught him how the game worked, e.g., 'why not hit the ball where the other player isn't'.

In work, if you can figure out how the game is played, you'll go so much further.

JS: Few people understand what they need to do to win in business; if you're going to win you have to have a team; attainment/achievement is really what competition is all about.

Everybody learns, everybody works, everybody wins. That's a better world.