

## Interview with Mark Blake Radio Transcript

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Host: Good afternoon everyone, I'm Lucy and I will be your wonderful host. Today we have a special guest with us. Welcome the one, the only, famous marathon runner Mark Blake!

*\*Audience Claps\**

He's going to tell us about all the challenges and joys he experienced while tracking the unforgivable Sahara desert. To you Mark.

Mark: Thanks Lucy. And yes, as Lucy mentioned I am a marathon runner, and I have ran the recent Sahara desert track competition.

Host: So Mark, can you tell us a bit about yourself?

Mark: Sure thing! Well I am twenty three years old and I have two older sisters and one older brother, so I am the youngest in my family. I started my career as a marathon runner when I was about seven-teen. And I actually used to work at a diner before this wonderful idea came to me.

Host: Excellent. What really convinced you to run the Sahara?

Mark: Well I knew that Kelvin Keptum, my favourite marathon runner, ran the Sahara desert and I want to be just like him. I knew it would be a challenge, but a challenge is part of life isn't it? Honestly, I just did it for fun and some extra challenge.

Host: Great! Now, could you tell us what the hardest part of running the Sahara desert was?

Mark: Well Lucy, I think it was actually just the atmosphere that really got to me. I haven't actually run in a natural landscape before, so I am not really used to running in extreme heat and like dusty, sandy ground.

Host: well that makes sense. what did you feel like when you realised that you were the first man to reach the finish line of the Sahara desert marathon?

Mark: I actually didn't know that no-one had ever crossed the finish line before, so when I crossed the finish line I was still really happy and amazed, but not as much as I was when I found out I was the first man on earth to do this.

Host: Oh, so you felt the real joy when you realised that you were the only man to do this!

Mark: Exactly!

Host: well thank you for your time Mark! we really enjoyed talking to you today.

Mark: No problem Lucy!

Host: Alright before you leave, let's give Mark a round of applause!

*\*Audience claps\**

Mark (As he leaves the stage): Thank you everybody thank you!

Host: well that's it for today folks! Lucy, out.