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The following is an interview conducted by RSR Sports of client Brett Maher, Kicker for the Dallas Cowboys of the National Football League.

Q: When did you start playing football?

A: "I started playing in 6th grade, where I kicked and played a few other positions until junior high. I didn't stick to just kicker until Nebraska"

Q: What has been your greatest obstacle in your path to the NFL?

A: "Understanding how hard it is to be a professional. There are so many personal and professional sacrifices you have to make to be successful. The process and grind are difficult, but worth it."

Q: What other sports did you play when you were younger?

A: "I played basketball and track in addition to football in High School. As a kid I played soccer, baseball, and wrestled until High School"

Q: What is your favorite food?

A: "Anything Italian, specifically chicken parmesan. You also can never go wrong with pizza"

Q: If you weren't in the NFL you'd be...

A: "A high school math teacher, I was a math guy in high school"

Q: What advice would you give to your younger self?

A: "Being ok with the process, and that not knowing the plan is fine. You've always got to be ready to adapt to overcome different challenges, plans fail and wrinkles in them throw you off. You've got to be willing to explore different avenues"

Q: What time is your alarm set for every morning?

A: "6:00 am everyday"

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Q: Why do you wear #2?

A: "I was named after George Brett, the Hall of Fame Baseball player for the Royals. That's what inspired me to wear the number #5 growing up. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to consistently pick my number after that, but I don't mind #2"

Q: Do you have any pregame/during game/post game superstitions?

A: "I have a routine of sorts, but it changes and adapts. I wouldn't say I have any pregame superstitions, but I like to spend time with family the day before a game. I also start the same pre-game routine 24 hours before kickoff, that way I can adjust what I need to do based off kickoff time"

Q: What is your favorite movie?

A: "My favorite of all time is The Sandlot, but I have been watching all the old Disney movies recently cause of my kids. Can't go wrong with those. I've also invested myself into Game of Thrones a little bit, I can't help but root for Jon Snow"

Q: What is your favorite genre of music?

A: "Country, Eric Church or Chris Stapleton are my go-tos"

Q: Do you have an inspirations/role model?

A: "My parents are my biggest role models, they have been a huge part of my life. They've traveled to watch me play and have supported me in my pursuit of football since I was a kid. As for an athlete, I have been a fan of Chris Brown since I was little, he was a kicker who also went to Nebraska and played in the NFL for the Steelers and Texans. I just always found myself rooting for him"

Q: What's your favorite memory as an athlete?

A: "Being a part of the transition with Nebraska from the Big 12 to the Big Ten conference. The opportunity to play such a wide variety of teams in so many different historic stadiums was a once in a lifetime experience. My experience the playoffs in the NFL is also something I will always remember. Playing the Rams in the old coliseum in LA was amazing"

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