

Risers

Logline:	It's "Cheers" in a gym.
Setting:	Nashville
Premise:	The interacting lives of morning member regulars & work staff at a local Nashville gym/fitness center.
Style:	Each show every main character gets an opportunity to talk to the camera/recant what's about to take place, a la the Bernie Mac Show. (The interior monologue of the actor's inner thoughts)

Main Characters

Personal Trainer - (M) - "Martel Jenkins"

Any Ethnicity, Age: 31

Martel sat on the bench for 2 years of a South American Soccer Team, but when the team's plane crashed in the Swiss Alps on their way to the World Cup, Martel suddenly became a starter and took his team to a World Cup Victory. Martel would have signed a multi-million dollar contract, but while making a celebrity appearance, shortly after the World Cup Victory, in an El Pollo Loco in Mexico City, Martel slipped in the bathroom on cup of pico de gallo and blew out his knee. His stardom which so quickly began, ended even quicker. El Pollo Loco gave Martel a handsome settlement which included a personal chiropractor for life, free El Pollo Loco for life, and a \$3 billion peso settlement, which came out to about \$300,000 U.S.

Martel swears that if he had had proper representation (a good sports agent), his agent would have known of the tumultuous dangers involved in making a celebrity appearance at a Mexican El Pollo Loco, and never would have allowed him to take that gig. Now independently wealthy, but certainly not rich, Martel wants to start his own sports management company to prevent others from making the mistakes he made. To scope out talent, and bring in a few dollars so he doesn't have to spend his whole settlement, Martel passes his time as a personal trainer at an out of the way gym stocked with assorted allotment of characters until his sports management company takes off running.

Since international futbol is not necessarily an all-american sport, to the average joe, Martel is just a regular guy, but to foreigners, especially those in South America, Martel is infamously known as "the bench warmer wonder". Whenever people of Latin decent see Martel in the gym, its not unlikely to have a scene similar to the Michael Jackson of yesteryear or the latest hot boy band.

Dwayne openly thinks of Martell as the infamous Bull Shitter.

Martell and Herman are workout partners.

Hunk - (M) - “Jason”

Any Ethnicity, Age: 28 - 32

Wants to be a kindergarten teacher. Women always want to sleep with him, but he won't because he wants to be treated like a person and not just a sex object. He's embarrassed about his aspirations because he's so big. He's afraid people will think he's gay or weak, but he's not. He's in school working on his Masters in Education, and substitute teaches to make a living. But, he thinks he's not full-time because the school is discriminating against him, because he's too big and scary looking. His big secret is that we don't know that he teaches kindergarten.

Jason is an enigma. Whenever he speaks, ambiguity prevails. He said what he meant, did he mean what he said?

Group is concerned Jason is a child predator. Jason's principal was his mother's friend from high school that gave him a chance to pursue his dream as a kindergarten teacher, but he always is in the office because he inadvertently is scaring the children. I.e. for halloween he wore a hockey mask a la Jason horror film, but just as a real hockey player

Slob - (M) - “Herman”

WASP, Age: 35 - 40

He's the “Norm” character of the group. He's married to a woman he never wants to be around and he prefers to hideout in the gym. He's a financial planner. His big secret is that his wife is a total hottie, but she smothers him with so much attention that he gets bored and wants his space, so he's always in the gym.

Martell and Herman are workout partners. Or at least partners. While some people may get their calorie burn on by running on the treadmill, Martell and Herman get their burn on by running their mouths.

Dwayne thinks Herman is a fat slob.

Team mascot, always in the gym, never loses weight, goes along with whatever the team wants to do.

Aerobics Instructor - (F) - “Kelly”

White or Asian, Age: 24

She's training for “Miss Fitness USA”. Every year she's had an injury just before the competition. She's originally from Florida. Her big secret is that she's poor white trash from the trailer park and doesn't want anyone to know.

Dwayne thinks Kelly is a “wash-out” because every time there’s a big competition she chokes.

Kelly always leads a lynch mob on Dwayne, because she swears he’s copping feels on her.

Kelly is the naï ve cheerleader of the group

Pharmaceutical Sales Rep: (F) Jessie

Caucasian, Age: an eternal 29.

Jessie never seems to reach her 30th Birthday. She’s a divorced sales rep for a Pharmaceutical Company. She sleeps with men because she can, and then she throws them away. She loves being in control, and she’s definitely in the driver’s seat in all her forays. Her big secret it that she doesn’t believe men would like her if she did not sleep with them.

Jessie is always trying to sleep with Jason, but Jason would never go out with her in a million years.

Dwayne thinks Jessie is a whore, and likes that as an attribute.

Jessie and Dwayne are like “Drew & Mimi” or Fred and Esther from Sanford n Son
Dwayne dogs her for being a jezebel, but would sleep with her quicker than “New York” minute. Jessie would never sleep with Dwayne, although she is curious about a sexual encounter with the “physically challenged”.

Core Cast

Leader/name dropper- Martel,
Follows the leader- Herman
Bring people up/”eager beaver”-Kelly
Risk-taker/Adventurer/controlling personality-Jessie
Enigma- Jason

Secondary Characters

Gym Owner (M) - “Uncle Junior”

Any Ethnicity, Age: 50

No one actually knows Uncle Junior’s name. The audience never sees Uncle Junior. They hear him, but somehow the camera angle always cuts off his face ie: he’s picking up something from under his desk, watering plant. The cast never sees him either. Every time they go in his office, his face is obstructed from view somehow, and they are excused before they can see his face.

Front Counter Person - (F) - “X”

Any Ethnicity, Age: 19

She’s a dancer and been a background dancer in all kinds a videos. Her dream is to be on Broadway, but she doesn’t believe she’s good enough to be on Broadway, yet. Her big secret is...

Handicapped Gym Manager (M) – “Dwayne”

Any Ethnicity, Age: 26-28

Dwayne is an overly proud, overly obnoxious physically challenged person in a wheelchair. He’s “Dwight” from SCARY MOVIE. We understand that he’s in a wheelchair, but Dwayne constantly uses this as an excuse to be bitter, obnoxious, and take advantage of women ie: falling onto women’s breasts... “I’m sorry, I fell out my wheelchair”. And he’s much too proud to EVER WANT ANY HELP!!! Everyone claims to love the handicapped, but no one wants to be one, so “fuck you”!!!

Dwayne’s big secret....

Dwayne’s dream....

Dwayne is the villain of the group. Everyone hates him. They all want to do something about it, but Jason keeps stopping them because Dwayne is handicapped and it wouldn’t be right to pick on the handicapped.

Dwayne is always hitting on Kelly and trying to cop a feel, but Jason always tells her she must be mistaken, because he’s just poor handicapped guy.

Dwayne and Jessie are like “Fred G. Sanford & Aunt Ester” or “Drew & Mimi”. Dwayne constantly make whore jokes about Jessie and Jessie constantly makes handicapped jokes about Dwayne. A la Jacky Gleason in the honeymooners, “one of these days Alice, bang, zoom, to the moon”, Jessie swears she’s going to kick Dwayne in his wheelchair down the stairs or in the pull.

Recurring Characters

Slob - (F) - “Patty”

Any Ethnicity, Age: Mid to Late 30’s

She comes every once and again. Her weight fluctuates up and down dramatically. When she’s in a relationship, she’s in the gym. When’s she’s not in a relationship, she bloats up. Her big secret is...

Chiropractor – (M) – ““

He’s Herb Tarlick from WKRP. He’s always harassing the female members at the gym. “You’re not a doctor, you’re a chiropractor”. He’s balding and drives a Porsche Boxster.

Herman's Wife- (F)

Former Supermodel, kills Herman with overdose of love and affection, which is why he lives in the bar.

Who likes who?

Martel & Miss Fitness

1st yr there is chemistry

2nd yr he wants to date but she's in a relationship

3rd yr she's out of relationship and wants Martel, but he's in a relationship

4th yr they hook up

5th yr break up

The Whore

1st yr she wants Jason the hunk

2nd yr

"Herman & Martel"

3rd yr become business partners

Possible Storylines

- 1- Man won't shower after workout to go to work*** Weakest Link
- 2- "Miss Fitness chokes" every year for finals competition
- 3- "Miss Fitness has a rival"- high school nemesis wreaks havoc
- 4- "Miss Fitness Flatulence"- takes medication with a side affect of flatulence creating comedy in her aerobics class
- 5- "Whore does civic duty" Dwayne won't sleep for mercy?"
- 6- "Whore to PEACECORP"- how the whore got her reputation
- 7- "Jason in the principals office" he keeps scaring the children
- 8- "Dwayne peeping in women locker"
- 9- "Dwayne cops' a feel"
- 10- "Dwayne and Whore get drunk"- sookie-sookie now
- 11- "Predator"-Gang thinks Jason is child predator based upon news reports
- 12- "Bigger" Jason gets called the "b" word and feels discriminated because he's muscular
- 13- "Bullshitter"- know one believes Martel knows the stars, but this time he comes through
- 14- Herman's wife IS A SUPERMODEL?!!
- 15- Reality Show"- rumor leaked the gym may be chosen for a RealityTV series
- 16- "Martel gets dumped"- trains a rehabilitating pro athlete and when the athlete gets his break big, he goes with a major sports agency
- 17- "Martel's Portfolio"- riding lawn mower racer, female pro mud wrestler & badminton champion- oddballs of sport depending on Martel for stardom & fame

18-“Gym bag”- Middle Eastern looking guy forgets gym bag in locker room, and the gang doesn’t know what to do...

19-“The Sauna” - Dwayne & Kelly get locked in the Sauna. Kelly won’t take off her clothes, and Dwayne is secretly coveting a jar of ice-water.

20-“The Hookup” - the group needs to go someplace and Herman has a mysterious hookup through his wife, that the group can never figure out.

21-“The Escort” - Herman’s wife has a friend in town who needs an escort and Herman tries to get one of the guys from the gym to do it, but everyone assumes that Herman’s wife and her friend is a dog, so the only who volunteers is Dwayne.