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INTRO UP AND UNDER

Hi, everybody. Almost all of us like to think we can be good at some sports endeavor. We can hit a golf ball consistently, or even jog a mile or two without collapsing. Some of us are excellent at sporting events. We call them athletes. There is a very special category reserved for those who are exceptionally good. They are called elite athletes. Today we'll be talking with a coach of athletes who are consistently among the world's best. And we'll talk also with an orthopedic surgeon whose special interest is in the elite athlete.

With me in the studio is Dr. Stuart Cherney, who is an orthopedic surgeon on the faculty at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Dr. Cherney directs the Sports Medicine Section at Stony Brook. That's a relative newcomer to the Health Sciences Center at Stony Brook, isn't it, Dr. Cherney.

BRIEF INTERVIEW OF DR. CHERNEY

Joining us by telephone is Gary Westerfield, himself an international competitor when younger and today regarded as one of the world's best coaches in the sport of racewalking. Coach, as we speak today you've just returned from an international meet with some pleasant surprises for American racewalk fans.

INTERVIEW COACH WESTERFIELD

- A brief review of the Stony Brook June "camp"
- What can be learned about elite athletes at SUSB?
- Is racewalking for everyone?

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