

'Bachelor Pad 2' Contestant Kasey Kahl's Surprising Engagement!



By Emily Meyer

For the ladies out there looking for a man who will guard and protect their heart, Kasey Kahl is officially off the market. The popular season six star of *The Bachelorette* proposed to his longtime girlfriend Amanda Waters this past weekend. As you would expect from the *Bachelor Pad 2* alum, the engagement was over the top and cheesy. According to Wetpaint.com, the proposal took place in Las Vegas where Kahl got down on one knee after an elaborate show in front of friends and family. The reality star took to Twitter to announce the engagement and posted a photo of Water's pretty new ring with the

caption, “She said yes... #happiestdayofmylife #lovemyfamilyandfriends #nutriefam #holycrapimafiancee.”

What are three fun and unique ways to propose?

Cupid’s Advice:

The story of you and your partner’s engagement will be a tale you will never forget. You’ll share the story with your friends, family, and kids (someday), so it’s no surprise that planning this important moment can be stressful. But don’t worry! Cupid has some easy and exciting ways to pop the question:

1. Use a “Marry Me” mug: If your partner loves their morning coffee or hot cocoa, this is a cute way to pop the question. Fill up a mug that has “Will you marry me?” printed on the bottom. When your sweetheart is done with their drink, drop to one knee, tell them to flip over the cup, and propose!

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2. Write your proposal in a journal: For those who appreciate a romantic love letter, you will love this idea! Write your significant other a journal with a creative title like “The Reasons I Want to Spend the Rest of My Life With You.” Then, you both will have a beautiful book that you can keep and share forever.

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3. Set up a treasure hunt: Start with a clue at home for your unsuspecting soon-to-be-fiancé. Lead them to your favorite spots all over the town. End the fun adventure with a proposal at a place with special meaning to the two of you, maybe the restaurant where you had your first date or the park where you shared your first kiss.

Have any other unique ways to propose? Share below!

'Bachelor Pad' Stars Tenley Molzahn and Kiptyn Locke Are Back Together



By Louisa Gonzales

Looks like former *Bachelor Pad* stars, Tenley Molzahn and Kiptyn Locke have reunited and couldn't be happier. The couple first met and got together on the show after being runner-ups on *The Bachelor* and *The Bachelorette*, respectively, but broke

up last year. Now fast-forward to now the reality stars have rekindled their flames, and according to [People](#), have been back on “for several months now”. What helped the two stars reconnect? Reportedly being out of the public eye has benefited their relationship and allowed the lovers to focus on the future. The pair’s latest romantic outing was on Valentine’s Day, out of the spotlight at Hotel Del Coronado in San Diego, where Locke surprised Molzahn with a gondola ride and together they oversaw the sunrise and rising of the moon. The T.V. sweethearts are excited for their second chance and Molzahn confesses marriage could be on the horizon for the two lovebirds.

What are some things to consider before getting back together with an ex?

Cupid’s Advice:

Relationship don’t always work out, sometimes it’s for the best and other times things get in the way. Being alone can be hard and make you wish you were in a relationship, but it’s not always easy finding someone right for you. What if you think you already met the person you want to be with, but it didn’t work out the first time? Cupid has advice on things to consider before reuniting with your ex:

1. It’s more than just loneliness: Do you really miss your ex, or are you just scared of being alone? If the only reason you want to reunite is because your lonely, that is not a good enough reason to get back together and build a chance at a long-lasting relationship. Don’t make the mistake of getting back together with someone for the wrong reasons, it will only hurt your relationship with that person, especially if the two of you are still friends or close.

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2. There's a bright future: You need to ask yourself if you see a future with your old flame. Falling in love all over again is nice, deciding you just one last hook up is not, unless it is what you both want. Remember, no matter what you decide there's a chance one or both of you will get hurt. If there is potential for you and your ex to build a long and happy future together, by all means dive in, but make sure it's clear on both sides and that you're on the same page.

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3. It's not just a rebound: If you just got out of a relationship and are feeling sad about it, you might need more time to heal before jumping back into a relationship with someone, especially if it's with your ex. Diving right into another relationship after a break up is not always healthy, however if the reason you broke up is because you still have a strong connection with your ex lover, it could be good to give it another shot. Ask yourself is it more than just your ex being a good friend to you, by giving you a shoulder to cry on. Don't rekindle something that's not all the way there.

What do you think are good things to consider before getting back together with an ex? Share in the comments below.

'Bachelor Pad' Star Chris Bukowski Says He Still Has Feelings for Emily Maynard



By Jennifer Ross

Even though time has passed since Emily Maynard, 28, dumped Chris Bukowski earlier this year on *The Bachelorette*, Bukowski says he's still not over her. Bukowski, 25, has since moved on to ABC's *the Bachelor Pad*, and has found a new love interest, Sarah Newlon. On a date together, he admitted to Newlon, 28, that being dumped by Maynard was probably one of "the worst things I've ever experienced...it's heartbreaking." A good thing he has going for him is how Newlon is willing to lend a shoulder to his pain.

What do you do if you're having a hard time getting over an ex?

Cupid's Advice:

One of the hardest things to go through in life is a break-up,

especially when you were the one that was dumped. Many questions arise and the pain can seem unbearable. However, there is light at the end of the tunnel. Here are a few tips to getting over that heartbreak:

1. Get your ex off that pedestal: You may want to remember all the funny or loving moments your ex created, but keep in mind, your ex also created many, many horrible ones too. There's a good reason why this break-up happened, even if you cannot see this right away.

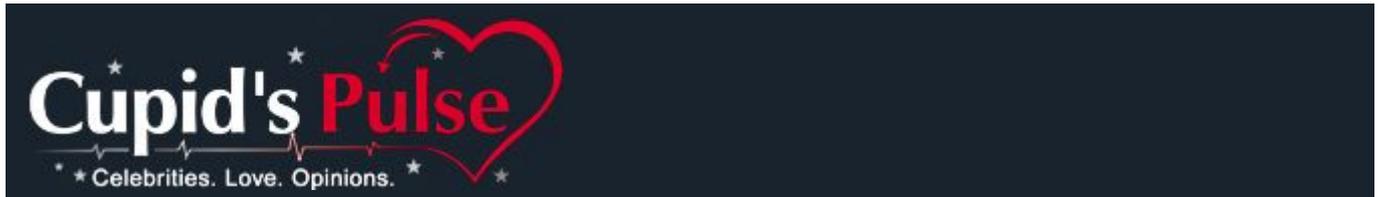
2. Get rid of the reminders: The way to ensure you do not relapse into despair is to remove anything that reminds you of the relationship. Trash those cute pictures of you two or that stuffed puppy dog holding a heart that you received at last Valentine's Day dinner. While you are at it, clean your space of your ex's personal belongings fast!

3. Dust off those hobbies: Chances are you have let many of your hobbies go while you were in a relationship. What better way to get over your ex than by getting back your swag? Exercising, whether indoors or out, is a great way to relieve emotional pain, along with extra pounds. An added bonus is you'll start to feel better about yourself. If physical activity is not your style, then find something else.

How do you spend your time forgetting your ex? What hobbies have you rekindled? Tell us below!

EXCLUSIVE: 'Bachelor Pad 2'

Winner and Newlywed Holly Durst Tells Us About Her “Perfect” Wedding and Honeymoon



By Whitney Baker

Fans know Holly Durst as the bubbly winner of ‘Bachelor Pad 2,’ but now, she’s content just being a newlywed. Durst and Blake Julian, who met while competing on the reality show, tied the knot in South Carolina on June 2, 2012. The big day was perfect and more than she ever imagined. “I’m so happy! I love married life. It’s just the best,” she gushes.

Durst says her best piece of advice for brides-to-be is to

hire a wedding planner. She adds, “I planned my whole wedding on Pinterest. I wanted to make sure that I remembered all of the little things.”

For Durst, it was those small details that made the day so special. Even her wedding dress had a personal touch. She always thought she’d wear a Cinderella gown, but she tried “so many of them on and always felt overwhelmed.” Her final pick, however, was the perfect fit. “It elongated my already long body. I made it my own by removing the rhinestones and adding a sash.”

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Surprisingly, Durst’s favorite moment of her wedding happened *before* the ceremony. “Blake and I both were in the same room, but we couldn’t see each other – there was a wall in between us. We got to reach around and pray together right before the wedding,” she reveals.

Even though Durst was the star of the show, she wanted to make sure that her guests felt loved too – especially the single ladies. She added a personal touch to the bouquet toss, making the lucky girl who caught it feel even luckier. “I wrote a little note and stuck it in the flowers,” she shares. “I told her to be patient, and when she finds love, it’s going to be perfect. I hope that, someday, she experiences the same love that I have with Blake.”

As for their honeymoon in St. Lucia, Durst says, “It was so good! I didn’t want to come back.”

The couple took a very practical approach to planning their trip. First, they wanted to stay in the same time zone. She tells us, “We thought about Fiji or Bora Bora, but we would’ve wasted so much time traveling. The Caribbean was a perfect choice.”

Plus, Durst let Julian make most of the decisions. “He actually did all of the searching, and I just okayed things,” she says. “I planned a wedding, so I let him plan the honeymoon!”

During their time in St. Lucia, the couple enjoyed the amenities at an all-inclusive resort. They signed up for “everything” – pool and beach volleyball, paddleboard racing, ping-pong. They even rallied the other honeymooners into playing too. Durst explains, “One day, we left the resort and did an excursion around the island. We came back, and everyone was like, ‘No one did anything today because you guys weren’t around!’ We were the ones grabbing other people to join.”

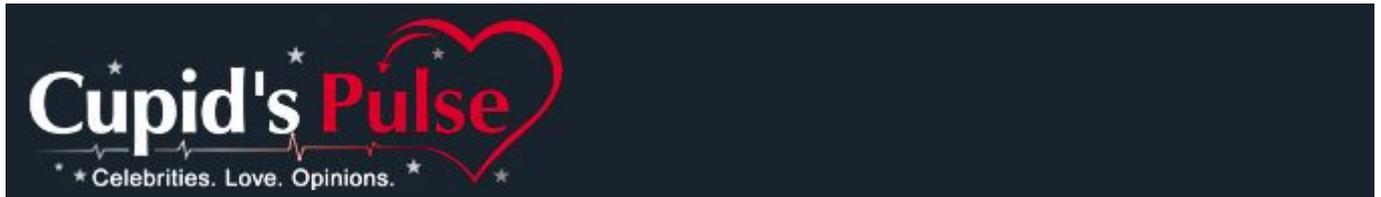
Now that they’ve returned from paradise, it’s back to reality. As they settle into life as man and wife, they are keeping busy. According to an interview with Wetpaint, Durst, who has no desire to film her love life for reality television anymore, revealed that she would love to be a judge on ‘Bachelor Pad 3.’ However, when we asked her about any upcoming plans to do so, she simply replied, “No.” Perhaps she changed her mind when ABC announced that ex-fiancé Michael Stagliano would be one of the cast members.

As for tuning in to watch the show? Durst hesitantly replied, “We’ll see. I have so much to do!”

You can keep up with Durst on Twitter and her personal website, HollyDurst.com. Be sure to check out her new children’s book [‘Chocolate Socks’](#) as well. Congratulations to the happy couple!

Cupid wants to know: Will you be watching ‘Bachelor Pad 3’ this summer?

Exclusive: Bachelor Pad 2 Winner Holly Durst Plans Honeymoon in St. Lucia with Fiancé Blake Julian



By [Lori Bizzoco](#)

This summer, former *Bachelor Pad* reality stars Holly Durst and Blake Julian will have an intimate wedding in South Carolina and set off to the beautiful Caribbean island of St. Lucia for a romantic, one-week honeymoon.

“Blake is everything I’ve been looking for,” Holly gushed. “I liked him from the moment that I met him and I couldn’t deny that. We have the best chemistry together.”

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As many fans know, Holly and Blake's path to wedded bliss was all but easy for fans who watched it unfold on national television. Holly and her ex-fiance, Season 5 *Bachelorette* contestant, Michael Stagliano both appeared on the spinoff series, *Bachelor Pad 2* last summer. Although the two weren't together romantically, they partnered as a team, and split the grand prize of \$250,000 dollars. But, for Holly money wasn't all that she won. It was on that show that she met her future husband, Greenville, South Carolina Dentist, Blake Julian.

When asked if she watches the current episode of *The Bachelor*, Holly says she "keeps up" with her reality TV Alma Mater, but says that Blake likes it more than she does. "He likes Ben a lot, they were buddies on their season together."

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Ben and most of their fellow contestants from *Bachelor Pad 2* will be invited to their June 2 wedding in South Carolina. "Invitations are almost ready to go out," she laughs. "We had a little envelope emergency and the stamps wouldn't stick on the finish of the envelopes so we spread them all over the apartment to get the stamps to stick and dry." Holly says that's the only snafu they've faced, everything else has been easy sailing.

The wedding will take place June 2nd (one day before Blake's 29th birthday) and they are estimating about 150 guests to attend the southern affair that will be decorated in a neutral tone of white. "I wanted a color that wouldn't date the photos. But, there will be a hint of pink throughout, because I love pink so much." Holly chose Alfred Angelo for her dress and pink for her six bridesmaids, all of whom are close friends and family.

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I am the opposite of Bridezilla, she said. “I’m just going to show up the day of the wedding and say alright that’s good, thanks.”

In addition to planning the wedding, this month Holly is launching her first children’s book. “I have been writing for about six years and I have several children’s books and a novel in the works.” Holly says that she always wanted to write a book that inspired kids that they could be and do anything that they wanted to in life. “I wanted to encourage other kids growing up not to be afraid of anything and to follow their dreams.” The result of this passion is “Chocolate Socks,” a book about taking what you [love](#) and doing whatever you want with it. Holly has always had a love for children, and even went to school to be a teacher before deciding that writing children’s books was her calling.

When asked about having kids of her own, she said we aren’t planning for it but if it happens it happens. “Blake wants two kids, and I want two or three, preferably twins!” Dating Michael who was a twin wasn’t what convinced her, she has eight sets of twins in her own family lineage.

Holly certainly keeps herself busy, dental assistant, children’s author and soon-to-be wife. But, regardless of her hectic life, she is still booming with happiness about finally becoming Blake’s wife.

The wedding festivities are set to begin this month with Blake’s ski-themed bachelor party taking place this month in Colorado and Holly’s bachelorette party in LA in May.

Visit [Amazon](#) to get your own copy of Holly Durst’s new inspiring children’s book, *Chocolate Socks*.

Michael Stagliano Taps into 'Bachelor Pad' Winnings



It looks like *Bachelor Pad* alum Michael Stagliano has finally tapped into his winnings from the show, as he recently indulged in a getaway. The reality star vacationed in Mexico where he spent a week at Villa del Palmar at the Islands of Loreto. During his time there he enjoyed kayaking, paddle boarding and playing golf. He even displayed some holiday spirit by helping to decorate the resort's Christmas tree and gingerbread house. There's nothing like some R&R in the sun coupled with seasonal merriment!

'Bachelor Pad 2' Winner: Michael Stagliano says "I've Never Been Happier"



By [Lori Bizzoco](#) and Melissa Caballero

It was exactly one month ago today that Michael Stagliano and his ex-fiance, Holly Durst had their victory win on the season finale of ABC's 'Bachelor Pad 2.' Despite the uncomfortable (and surprising) public announcement on the show that Holly was engaged to contestant Blake Julian, Michael took the high road and chose to share the winnings with her. But now,

that's all behind him and it's his turn to smile. "Right now my job, my music and my life outside the *Bachelor Pad* are good. I've never been happier," he says.

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Grabbing life by the reigns, this *Bachelor Pad 2* winner is keeping his chin up and learning from his past experiences.

When it comes to finding love, Michael is definitely an optimist. "I am so ridiculously in love with love. I'm such a lover. Don't get me wrong, I was down and out for a bit. But, I'm back!" he says.

Yes, single ladies you heard that correctly: Michael Stagliano is on the prowl. "I like the hunt. I love the idea of finding love naturally; in the grocery store or just walking down the street." And, it's safe to say that if you do see this talented musician strolling around town or parading in the produce aisle, his mind is grooving to the beat of a song, preferably one of his own.

This former break-dance instructor is taking his energy and passion and putting it straight into singing and song writing.

"I can talk about my music for days and days. I think there's nothing in the world like music," he says.

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Michael has always been in love with music and emphasizes the importance of his lyrics. When asked where he finds his inspiration, he says, "I think what I appreciate the most about my songwriting is that it comes from everywhere. I literally try to use everything. It sounds broad, but I mean it specifically. It's events, it's things in life, it's things I see and things I hear. I feel that songs write me rather than me writing songs."

For example, he tells us the story of how he recently bumped into his ex-girlfriend from college and there was a rush of nostalgia so big that he wrote his newest single, 'College Love,' on the car ride home. Michael's other two songs, 'Everything You Do' and 'Take Me To Her' were inspired by his relationship with Holly and a quote that his grandmother once said to him: "I lived my life. Now go live yours." As if there wasn't reason enough to fall in love with this former *Bachelorette* contestant, add "soulfully romantic musician" to the list.

Speaking of falling in love, when we asked Michael to name his celebrity crush, he didn't hesitate. "**Rachel McAdams. So hot. Call me!**" he chuckled.

If you're not Rachel McAdams, there's still hope. We asked Michael what he looks for in a woman, and he kindly shared his top three (more like 15) list of qualities and features:

1. Physical characteristics: He says this one is the most fun to talk about, but not the most important. "I'm a sucker for blondes. Always have been, always will be. Not *Playboy* bunny blonde; naturally blonde. I like shorter girls, 5'2 to 5'7. And, blue or green eyes, that would be great," he adds.

2. Showing love: "I really have that down. I know how to treat a woman, but still be the man. I know how to make them feel special and let them know that I'm not looking at anybody else. I just want someone who reciprocates that. I haven't had that yet."

3. Fruits of the Spirit: Michael says there's nine qualities he looks for that come from the biblical term called, 'Fruits of the Spirit.' "I'm totally going to misquote this, but basically I mean patience, kind, caring, forgiving, someone who is slow to anger and quick to forgive," he says. For those of you who are unfamiliar we thought we'd help out. The nine fruits are love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness,

goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

Open and honest, you have to admire this reality star's take on life and love. After such a painful public experience, it's nice to see a renewed man coming out on top. We have a feeling that this hopeless romantic will meet someone very special and that his music will be around for a long time.

To purchase Michael's singles, head to iTunes. Or, for more information on his show dates and appearances you can follow him on Facebook or Twitter.

Jesse Csincsak Brings in Bachelor Pad 2 Contestants to Dish Behind-The-Scenes Scoop!





Bachelor Pad 2 is not over yet, fans! Now, you can get an up close and personal look at what really happened on the hit ABC reality show. Jesse Csincsak, host of Bachelor Pad 2 Beatdown brings us an hour and a half exclusive called, 'After the Finale Beatdown' with former contestants **Michelle Money, Kasey Kahl, Vienna Girardi, Erica Rose, William Holman, and Jackie Gordon.**

Part I of 'After the Final Beatdown' will be posted on RTVZone and on BachelorPadBeatdown.com on Thursday, September 22 and Part II will be posted on Tuesday, September 27th. You will see footage of Rated R's fight with Graham Bunn, hear more about Blake Julian and Holly Durst's proposal, and find out what really happened between Ames Brown and Jackie Gordon.

Fans, it's everything you wanted to know from many of the contestants themselves.

In the meantime, check out what Season 4 Bachelorette contestant, Richard Mathy says you can expect in January when Ben Flajnik is the new Bachelor!

He Said/She Said: Natalie Getz and David Good Discuss Bachelor Pad 2's Season Finale



This dramatic season of Bachelor Pad 2 has finally come to an end. In this week's episode, the contenders performed with Cirque de Soleil's Ka, Blake proposed to Holly, the winners were declared and the next Bachelor was announced. We had a chance to chat with our Bachelor Pad 2 experts, David Good and Natalie Getz, to see what their thoughts were about the season finale.

Kasey and Vienna did quite well in the final challenge, but ultimately didn't get a chance to compete for the final prize. What are your closing thoughts on how they chose to play the game? Do you think they will remain together long-term?

He said: I think they played the game great! People can dislike them as a couple but they still controlled the whole show till the end. As far as a couple, I wish them the best but I don't see it working out from what we got to see of them on TV.

She said: They did a great job and really played off of each other's chemistry very well. I was super impressed! It was very close, so I think the judges could have gone either way. I was with them in San Diego for Jesse Kovac's wine bar/clothing boutique opening over the weekend, and they still seem very much in love. They certainly have their fair share of fights just like a lot of other couples, but they love each other. Now that they live together, I really can't see these two separating.

If you had been Michael and Holly, would you have made the same choice they did when they decided to let Graham and Michelle head to the finals with them?

He said: Yes, I would have. It's about friendship and integrity that goes beyond the show.

She said: No, I would have actually chosen Kasey and Vienna. Graham and Michelle had less drama with the cast, so they would have been a tougher competition. Strategically, they would have received more votes. Turns out, they got all the votes anyway. Then again, had I been a part of season two and saw Michael hurting over the recent news of Holly's engagement to Blake, I would have voted Michael to win as well. At least he didn't walk away empty handed.

Michael didn't know about Holly and Blake's engagement before

the finale. How do you think he handled the news on-camera? And were you surprised when he ultimately decided to “share” the money with Holly?

He said: I think he handled it with class. That goes to show what a good person he is and I would expect nothing less from him. I knew he would share the money with her. That’s the kind of person he is. He deserves better than her anyway.

She said: I think he was in a state of shock that it actually happened and Holly didn’t call to warn him. I was surprised she allowed them to film it to be honest with you. She could have said no and spared Michael’s feelings. I wasn’t surprised at all by Michael sharing the money. I know him well and he has the biggest heart and is sincerely kind and generous in everything he does. He is humble and logical. He once loved Holly and out of maturity, he still wouldn’t want to screw her over. He is almost too good of a person to his own fault.

Are you surprised Blake and Holly are engaged and moving in together so quickly? And what did you think about their on-camera engagement; do you think we will see a Bachelor Pad wedding in the near future? Any other couples from this season that you think may have a wedding in their future?

He said: I am surprised because I know Holly and expected more out of her. She is in love with the thought of falling in love and that is her weakness. I promise you she is very unsure about all this and it’s moving way too fast. I don’t see a wedding in their future but even after everything they did, I still think they deserve to be happy if that’s what they want.

She said: I don’t think we will see any other couple engaged anytime soon unless producers push for it. I was so shocked about the engagement. I didn’t really know what to think when Holly showed me her ring at the wrap party. Of course I was happy for her; she is my friend. That being said, I voiced my concern to her that I was worried about her moving across the

country for a 2 month long distant relationship. But like they say...when you know, you know. I'm happy she is happy.

Michael and Holly are the winners of Bachelor Pad 2 – do you agree Michael was the strongest competitor this season? And what exactly do you think Holly brought to the partnership?

He said: Holly was a good support system for Mike believe it or not. He got sympathy points from everyone because of her. I think he played as good or the best of anyone there.

She said: Michael hands down won that game and deserved it. He was by far the strongest competitor with his genuine personality and athletic/coordination skills.

If you'll miss all the rose action, be sure to catch the **premiere of The Bachelor in January**, Ben Flajnik has been officially announced as the next Bachelor. Until next time!

He Said/She Said: Natalie Getz and David Good Answer Questions about Bachelor Pad 2 Episode 5





By Jennifer Harrington

As Labor Day weekend wrapped up, we were all treated to a suspense-filled episode of *Bachelor Pad 2*! During the [episode](#), viewers witnessed a strategic challenge, romantic fireworks between Michelle and Graham, Erica's over-the-top overtures towards Blake, and a final showdown between Blake/Erica and Kirk/Ella. To make sense of this crazy installment of summer's guiltiest pleasure, we spoke to David Good and Natalie Getz, winners of *Bachelor Pad 1*.

Michelle and Graham's relationship took a big step forward this week – were you surprised they won the competition, given they have not been together for that long? What did you think about their strategy during the game?

He Said: I think it has been growing; we have just not seen much of them because of the Jake/Vienna/Kasey BS. Best strategy in a game I have seen yet on the *Pad*!

She Said: Their strategy was genius. David and I had a similar strategy last year. We picked answers that were easy for us to remember, versus the truth. They are going to win,

I just know it. Keeping quiet and out of the drama is the best thing you can do in the game. I enjoyed seeing them fall in love this week! If they got married and had children, the kids might actually be too beautiful.

What were you thinking during Erica and Blake's date? Did Erica's aggressive behavior surprise you, and did you agree with how Blake handled the situation?

He Said: It did not, because I know her. She is hilarious, and that is Erica. A different bird for sure, but love her and she is her own person. I respect that. I thought Blake did very well handling the situation.

She Said: Blake handled the situation incredibly well, but Erica is my hero! She is so entertaining to watch and is not afraid to say or do anything on camera. Her behavior didn't surprise me one bit and had Blake not already started a relationship with Holly, Erica would have gotten her way. Trust me!

Why do you think Erica and Blake gave Vienna and Kasey the roses? Why are Vienna and Kasey still around, if everyone supposedly dislikes them so much?

He Said: They are still around because people are scared to go against them. Erica and Blake thought if they teamed up with them, they would be safe. Fail!

She Said: Kasey is great at manipulating people to do what he wants them to do. I am shocked Erica and Blake did that! They could have given the roses to Ella and Kirk and gathered the gang to all vote off Kasey and Vienna! I think people like Vienna and Kasey, but they are just exhausted by their fights. They are both very nice people, but being cooped up in a house definitely tested their relationship! Rest assured, they are still in love.

Ella has been very vocal about her desire to win the money –

what's your take on her approach? Is it winning her sympathy votes?

He Said: Of course it is winning votes. Lots of people can relate to that. She has not had an easy life, but in my opinion, the best diamonds form under the most pressure. I don't like the fact that she is saying she needs the money so bad though. There are a lot of single moms making it with way less than what she has. But it would be nice to see someone with a good heart win.

She Said: It's definitely winning her sympathy votes. It's officially saved her twice at this point. I, for one, would never vote her off if I was in the house. As much of it is a game, I have a super soft spot for children and wouldn't be able to vote her off, even if she was my biggest threat! I want her son to have a backyard and a home so bad.

After Holly voted Blake off, do you think there is any chance of them re-kindling their romance post *Pad*? And, with Blake gone now, how do you think Holly and Michael's relationship will change?

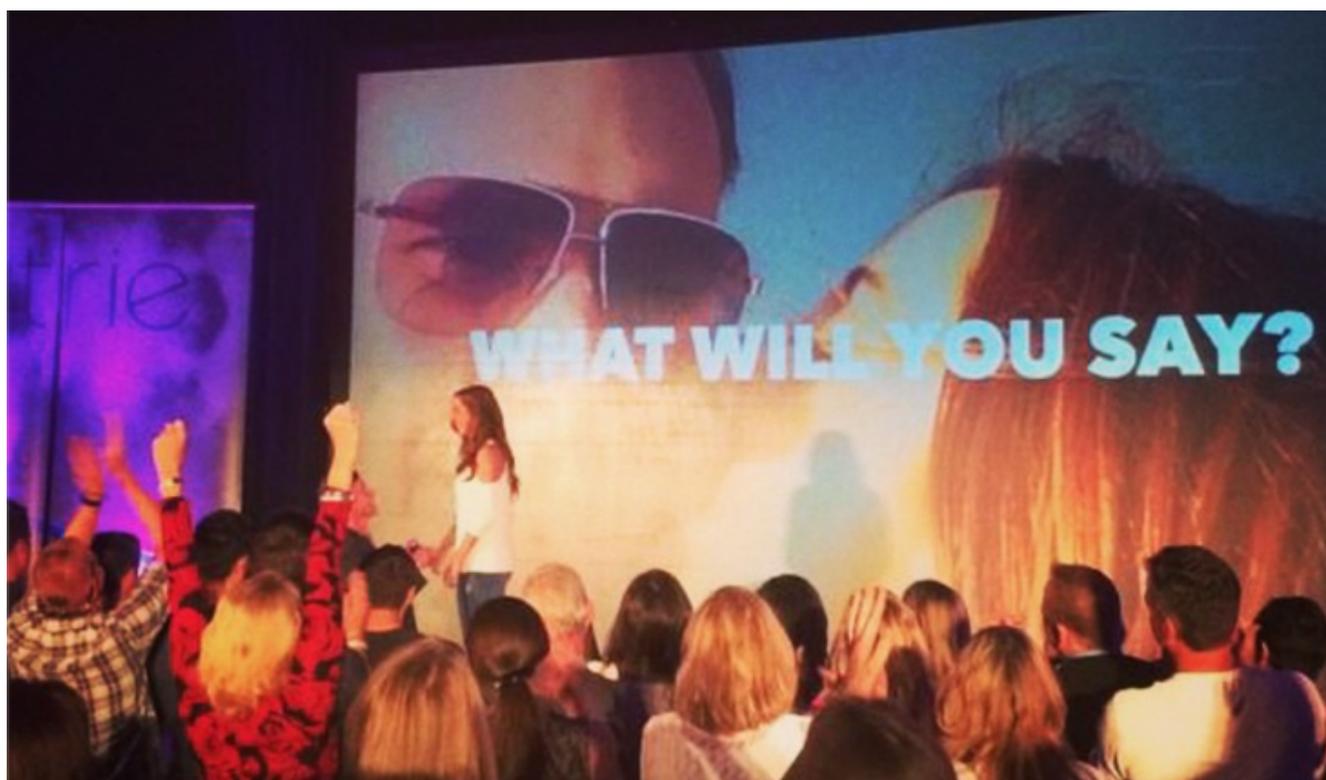
He Said: I think they for sure could see each other after, but don't think it will last long. Just my opinion, which in Bachelor history has been 100 percent accurate so far. I gave Ames and Jackie two weeks; they lasted 5 days I heard. So I was off a little! When Mike watches this show, I hope he realizes he is better without her.

She Said: I think we haven't seen a lot of what's going on in the house. I think Holly and Blake have spent a ton of time together that we aren't seeing and I also think she has spent some quality time with Michael. It hurts to watch because they are both my friends. When Holly called off the engagement, Michael was beyond devastated. When she decided she made a mistake and wanted him back, he couldn't do it and then she was devastated. I'm just glad they can both still love each

other as friends! I don't think these two will be getting back together.

Be sure to tune in **next Monday night** for the next chapter in **Bachelor Pad** history! And send us your questions for David and Natalie while you're watching!

'Bachelor Pad 2' Recap Episode 5: Vienna and Kasey Start to Crack, Graham and Michelle Hit it Off.



By Steven Zangrillo

The Nearlywed Challenge:

This episode kicked off with Blake and Erica teaming up for the Nearlywed Challenge, an offshoot of the Newlywed Game, despite his real desire to be with Holly. However, Holly had promised Michael that she would stick with him to the end, although her behavior throughout the episode indicated that she might be having second thoughts about that decision.

For the Nearlywed Challenge, couples were paired up and asked questions about their partner. One person would write down the answer and the other person would try to guess what the other person said. If the answers matched up, they would get a point.

Kasey and Vienna, the de facto couple of the house, weren't exactly on point when answering questions (much to the delight of the other housemates). Michelle and Graham, however, used a brilliant strategy of pre-determined answers to steal the game and snag an incredible date. Surprisingly, Blake and Erica took second place and although they didn't get immunity roses, they did earn a date of their own.

Challenge Winners: Michelle and Graham

Immunity and Dates:

Michelle and Graham were the winners and ABC flew them via helicopter to downtown LA where they were dropped off on a rooftop, complete with a pool and private screening of "What's Your Number?", a new comedy starring Anna Faris.

The two newly coupled pair hung out in the pool while the film played, seemingly hitting it off. They even shared a passionate kiss.

Blake and Erica were the runners-up. However, they were granted a one-on-one date at a beautiful Spanish Mission. To say this date was out of the ordinary would be sugar-coating it. First, the couple didn't even want to be paired together.

Then, they win the challenge and get a date. They don't have immunity, but there are two long stemmed red roses staring at them over dinner. As it turns out, these flowers were given to them in order to save another couple (who inevitably would save them). Or, if you're Blake you may only care about the rose for the sake of spending more time with Holly because we all know that's really all he cares about at this point anyway. So, the second place non-lovers give the roses to Kasey and Vienna – much to the disgust of the other housemates and unintentionally sealing their bad fate.

What's even funnier is that Erica decides to seduce Blake on the date. It was almost comical, as Blake deftly shot down her advances one after another. At this point, Erica threw a wacked-out and bizarre temper tantrum, accusing Blake of disrespecting her. The best part of all of this, of course, is that Erica was as sober as a bird.

Back at The Pad:

Michael, Holly and Blake:

The drama only continues to heat up between these three. Michael, presumably in the spirit of jealousy, decides to profess his undying love to Holly. Further, he tells her that he will be there waiting for her whenever she wants to come back to him. This prompts Holly to call Michael out on his lack of communication over the previous three months. Mostly, she was upset that he never expressed these feelings when the cameras were off. Needless to say, this soap-opera moment was all for Blake... that is, until he and Erica were sent home.

Ella and Kirk :

Ella, meanwhile, was having serious doubts about her and

Kirk's future on the show after they didn't receive Immunity Roses.

Elimination:

Blake and Erica came into this episode like a roller coaster, they poorly managed their opportunities to get ahead. They had no option but to partner up at the end but played the Nearlywed game well enough to gain some leverage. Their lack of love connection probably set them back from staying in the house.

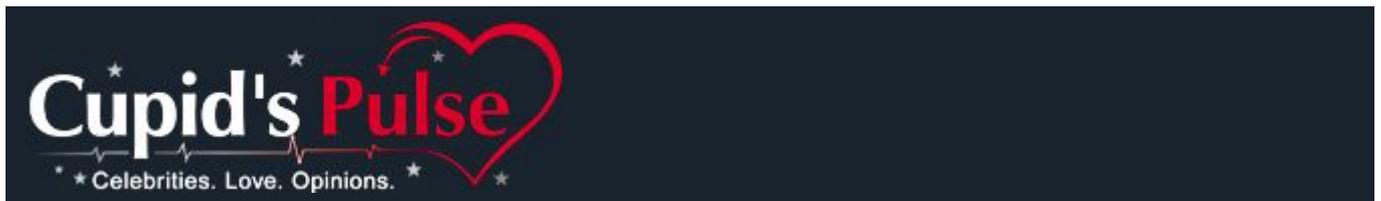
Predictions:

Cupid's Pulse is still spot on with our predictions of Michelle, Michael, and Ella. However, that basically leaves one member of every power couple – except for Vienna and Kasey. Wow, good job we did choosing all of them. But, if we had to pick the last standing couple, we would go with Michelle and Graham. They would win love and money. That would be historical. We can find out next week during the Season Finale, so stay tuned!

In the meantime, if you have questions about the Bachelor Pad 2, send them in. We will have former winners, [Natalie Getz and David Good](#) with us all season to answer them.

He Said/She Said: David Good and Natalie Getz Discuss

Episode 4 of Bachelor Pad 2



By Jennifer Harrington

The drama is never-ending on Bachelor Pad 2! This week's episode started with Jake's dramatic farewell, a kissing competition and more emotional breakdowns from Melissa. Two more contenders – William and Melissa – were eliminated in their quest for love and money. After this crazy episode, we chatted with our Bachelor Pad 2 experts, David Good and Natalie Getz, to see what they thought about the action.

We learned tonight that Blake and Ella are the best kissers in the house – were you surprised they were crowned the King and Queen of Kissing in the Pad? When you first learned of the competition tonight, who did you predict would be the winners?

He Said: I was not surprised actually. Ella is pretty quiet

and they say "it's always the quiet ones" and she has nice lips. I thought Michelle might win when I first heard of it, but she vowed out so it was wide open.

She Said: I thought either Blake or Kirk would win the competition, because neither of them are in a relationship and they just look like they would be good kissers! As for the girls, I predicted Ella to win because she is bound and determined to win the money for her son. She was on the chopping block last week, so I knew she would do anything this week to stay safe! The guys were being all dramatic and weird about kissing Vienna and Holly, which was annoying because it's a game! Tenley and Elizabeth kissed all the guys on our season even though Kovacs and Kiptyn were their boyfriends. I even kissed Kiptyn and Kovacs right in front of the girls and we all laughed so hard about it.

Do you agree or disagree with Michelle's decision to sit out of the kissing competition? Did you think she was putting herself in a risky position by sitting out of this week's challenge?

He Said: I don't disagree or agree with it. She has a daughter that she does not want to see her doing that. On the other hand, you know you are signing up for that kind of thing on the show. It's not right or wrong because she is the one putting her neck on the line by not giving herself a chance to get a rose.

She Said: Not at all, she definitely did the right thing. She knew there was no possibility of her going home, so she didn't need this challenge. She respectfully bowed out and didn't make a big deal about it like some on our season. Plus, her daughter is only 6, but extremely mature so Michelle wants to be a good role model for her. Ella was on the chopping block the week before so her situation was very different. She felt as though she needed to win to be safe and closer to the money.

Blake is definitely playing the field – we’ve seen him charm Melissa, Holly and Erica. This just doesn’t seem smart, but is it possible this strategy may work out for him, or do you think it’s just a matter of time before the group turns against him and votes him off?

He Said: It is just a matter of time before they turn. They are women and whether women want to admit it or not, very few can handle that sort of thing and roll with it without letting their emotions get involved and turning on him as a group.

She Said: This is a terrible strategy, but he shot himself in the foot when he partnered up with Melissa right off the bat. He jumped the gun before assessing the situation and he will ultimately go home. I predict next week since he now has all the guys pissed at him out of his lack of respect for Michael. I like Blake, but I don’t think he necessarily needs the money as much as others in the house.

William didn’t get too much camera time and it was hard to tell what others in the house thought of him. If you had to guess, why did he go home? Did it ultimately hurt him that he didn’t have a romantic alliance or partner?

He Said: I think the household liked him as a person. He is a funny guy. He was kind of a floater, though, and that can make you an easy target for everyone to send home. That’s exactly what happened.

She Said: With the mentality of this cast, being in a partnership certainly didn’t help his cause. The cast loved him and it was difficult for them to see him leave, but no one was in an alliance with him. If I were part of the powerful 6, I would have gathered everyone when Kasey and Vienna were off making out somewhere and collaborated to kick them off.

The field of competition is getting smaller and smaller every week – at this point, which pair do you think is the strongest contender for the \$250,000? And which couple do you think is

most likely to walk away from the house in love?

He Said: I think the couples will be split up, so no couple is safe. I think Vienna and Kasey (as weird as it sounds) will still be a couple and go out together on this show. Crazy, but hey ... love is crazy.

She Said: I think the strongest partnership by far is Graham and Michelle. They are just coasting along right under the radar. These two are also most likely to walk away with love. They are both incredibly mature individuals who know what they want in life and I wouldn't be surprised if they won the money and the love.

Be sure to tune in **next Monday night for the next episode of Bachelor Pad 2!** While you're watching, send us your questions for David and Natalie!

'Bachelor Pad 2' Recap Episode 4: Blake Julian Gives Holly Durst a Rose





With Jake Pavelka eliminated, a new love triangle – involving Blake, Holly and Michael – has emerged on this week's episode of *Bachelor Pad 2*. This week's challenge might have ended some relationships and put a spark on others.

Kissing Contest:

Chris Harrison claims this contest was the most popular competition last season, but it didn't seem like the contestants wanted to take part in this year. To set a good example for her 6-year-old daughter, Michelle Money backed out of the challenge. The ladies are first, and once they're blindfolded, they are kissed by every guy. When the winners were announced, Chris states that they won with an overwhelming majority of the votes.

Challenge Winners: Blake Julian and Ella Nolan

Immunity and Dates:

Ella chooses Kirk for her date, which involves driving a red Ferrari to the Casa Bachelor Annex, where they have dinner. Kirk tells Ella about his life-threatening battle with mold,

and Ella talks about witnessing her mother's murder. She gives him a rose, and then they ride on a hot air balloon.

Blake invites Holly on a date, which naturally causes Melissa to throw a tantrum. They head to a ski slope on a private jet, and later spend time in front of a fire, where Blake asks Holly about her feelings toward Michael Stagliano. Holly decides to spend the night with Blake at the log cabin, while viewers get to see Michael alone in the pad, pining for his ex-fiancée.

Back at 'The Pad':

Michael and Holly:

Holly confesses to Michael that she kissed Blake and he breaks down, admitting that he's falling in love with her again. She's torn between him and Blake.

Kasey and William:

As usual, the girls vote off a guy and vice versa. As the girls wonder whether to eliminate Kasey or William, Kasey comes up with a strategy that's he's sure will save him. He tells Ella and Kirk, "I'm not trying to sell a story, but just know that the money is necessary for my grandma to live."

Melissa:

Meanwhile, the guys join forces to vote Melissa off instead of Vienna because of all the drama she causes. "I can't imagine the amount of hell Melissa causes Blake, because I don't even speak to her and I feel like she drains the life out of me," says Graham. When William tells Melissa he voted for her, she freaks out and asks every guy to save her from elimination.

Elimination:

When all of the roses are handed out, William and Melissa are left empty-handed. While in the limo, they both shed tears –

Melissa more so – and in voice-over, Michelle says “Melissa deserves all the happiness in the world” and William didn’t deserve to be eliminated.

Predictions:

Our bet is still on Michelle Money, Michael Stagliano and Ella Nolan.

Stay tune for next week’s recap. In the meantime, if you have questions about the *Bachelor Pad 2*, send them in. We will have former winners, Natalie Getz and David Good with us all season to answer them.

He Said/She Said: Natalie Getz and David Good Answer Questions about Bachelor Pad 2 Episode 3





By Jennifer Harrington

Things got pretty crazy in the latest episode of *Bachelor Pad 2*. We saw Melissa flip out, Erica make the moves on Jake and a showdown between Kasey and Jake for the final rose. After the episode, we were left shaking our heads that Mr. Pavelka was actually eliminated, and were anxious to get thoughts about the dramatic episode from David Good and Natalie Getz, winners of *Bachelor Pad 1*.

Were you surprised the men did better at the synchronized swimming challenge? What factors were most important to you as you were judging the performances?

He Said: I was a little surprised until after and sat down and thought about it. Guys in the house on all the shows get along better than the girls do. The producers always talked to me about the *Bachelor* and *Bachelorette* – the guys are typically easy going, whereas the girls tend to be catty and backstabbing to each other. It's the same reason most of my guy friends have like 15 good friends and the girls I know have like three or four, at most. This makes it easier for the guys to work together as a team, and it showed.

She Said: I wasn't surprised, because most of the boys were once athletes. They say athletes have a lot of rhythm and grace! Also, Jake was on *DWTS*, so I figured he would be pretty good. Michael Stagliano is a dancer and choreographer, so he was a shoe-in to win. I looked for personality, technique and humor. I must say, looking out at all my friends with money hungry eyes, it was really difficult to disappoint everyone by not choosing them. But, Michael and Michelle deserved the roses in the end.

The promise ring Kasey gave Vienna – romantic or cheesy? Did you expect for it to be an engagement ring? And ... your thoughts on the song he sang to Vienna?

He Said: Everything they seem to do is kind of cheesy. He has good intentions, but the fact we see how they act towards each other and how bad it is, makes everyone cringe. I did not think it was an engagement ring. Her response "please don't let that be an engagement ring" was one of the biggest mood killers I have ever seen and is the exact reason everyone does not like them together. Who says that at that moment? They just don't get it. I want them to be happy, no reason to wish them harm but come on – disaster waiting to happen. As for the song, do I really have to say anything here? I wanted him to laugh like it was a joke at some point but he didn't!

She Said: I think very highly of Kasey, but we are different people in the "love" department. Personally, I think promise rings were romantic in high school, but since I've grown up, I find them very cheesy. Some women eat that up, but I'm definitely not in that category. I didn't think it would be an engagement ring, only because Vienna told Kasey prior to the show that she did not want a public proposal. The singing.....oh the singing! I get embarrassed for people so easily when I watch them on TV and it makes it so much worse when you know them! Kasey said he was joking around with the singing ... maybe that explains why Vienna was laughing at him?

Melissa seems to be the craziest person in the house. At this point in the competition, do you see her as a strong contender for the money, or not really, given she doesn't have a reliable partner?

He Said: First off, can you imagine being called "the craziest" out of this house? That is saying something! I do not see her as a strong competitor. She plays with emotion (and not with her head), and can clearly be swung by anyone who gives her attention in the house. I actually feel bad for her, but this is not a game full of rainbows and unicorns. When you're talking \$250,000, easy come, easy go!

She Said: She will probably go home next episode. I think people in the house are getting really fed up with her crying and frustrations. She is obsessed with Blake, and that's making it highly uncomfortable for everyone in the house. I think Melissa is a very sweet, kind hearted girl who wears her emotions on her sleeve. Unfortunately, this is a mind game and she wasn't prepared.

Were you surprised when Jake was ultimately voted off? And were you looking forward to seeing Jake and Vienna in the same house, without her "protector"?

He Said: I was not surprised he got sent home. He did his best, but I think they had been trying since the beginning to get him out. He did do very well at the swimming though! I am so tired of seeing Vienna cry and complain. I wonder what goes through her head watching this show. Does she think she is normal or a good person? I know when I watched my *Bachelorette* show, I was mortified and knew there were some character flaws that needed to be addressed. However, she makes me look like a choir boy! Kasey is right – without him there, she would have been gone a long time ago.

She Said: I wasn't entirely surprised after Erica's hard work. She was the only smart one outside of the powerful six that

actually attempted to play the game. She, Blake and Jake tried to convince Kirk that he should vote Kasey off, but Kirk said he couldn't leave his alliance. Wake up, Kirk! You aren't in the powerful six, meaning the six of them would vote you off before each other! Had Kirk voted for Kasey, he and Ella would have been the new power couple alongside Jake and Erica. The whole show could have changed, and it would have made some great TV!

Bachelor Pad always needs a villain. Now that Jake is gone, who do you think the group will turn against next?

He Said: The group is going to turn against Melissa, I think. They would turn on Kasey and Vienna, but they might be a little scared to at this point. Too soon to make a stand!

She Said: So true! When the person causing problems leave, it generally gets boring. When Bentley left, I hate to admit this, but I was bummed. Happy for Ashley, but bummed that the show wouldn't be as dramatic! I think the group will turn on Blake and Melissa. Possibly Erica for going against Kasey and Vienna, but Erica is super smart and I'm sure she will get back in the tight alliance she had with Kasey. Erica's greatest strength is not acting smart. She is by far the most entertaining on the show!

Thanks for your insights, David and Natalie! Tune in **next Monday night for the latest installment of Bachelor Pad 2** madness, and while you are watching, send us your questions about the episode for David and Natalie.

'Bachelor Pad 2' Recap Episode 3: Jake Pavelka Vs. Kasey Kahl



By Tanni Deb

This week's episode of *Bachelor Pad 2* featured two of our very own, Natalie Getz and David Good. And boy did they make a splash judging the synchronized swimming challenge.

Synchronized Swimming Challenge:

Synchronized swimming is no easy task. You need rhythm and coordination in order to achieve a great performance. With former cheerleaders and dancers on the girl's team, your first impression is that the girls would have it in the bag. Guess

again! It was a mere foreshadowing when the first two girls in the line-up could not even dive into the pool. Lucky for them, their bright, flowery head caps and matching bathing suits kept us distracted from their lack of grace. It was a total shocker when Michelle Money planted a big fat kiss on Holly Durst but it helped win her a vote.

To our surprise, the guy's performance looked great, and that's without taking into account their chiseled, sun-glimmering bodies in Speedos. However, it was their athletic builds and coordination that pushed the guy's performance over the top. We weren't too surprised when Jake Pavelka turned out to be the star ballerina, giving his experience on *Dancing with the Stars*. But, it was Mike Stagliano's big dive at the end with one hand holding his package that won the judges over. Needless to say, the guy's conquered the girl's in their performance, but as for bathing suit choices, that's a pretty tough call!

Challenge Winners: Michael Stagliano and Michelle Money

Immunity and Dates:

The following day, Michelle took Graham, Kasey and Blake on a date to a vineyard to discuss strategy and tactics. Taking Blake aside, she explains that if he doesn't work things out with Melissa, he might risk being eliminated from the show. After settling the business side of things, Michelle takes Graham aside and confesses that she has a crush on him. Aww. "You barely know me," Graham retorts before locking lips with her. The rose is granted to Graham.

Now off to the stables! Michael chose his ex-fiancée Holly (of course), Ella and Vienna to go horseback riding with him.

That Michael is such a sweetie giving Vienna a date out of the house because he feels bad that she's been cooped up inside. However, while everyone was enjoying their time away, the non-stop complaining Vienna wouldn't stop talking about

the heat, the stink of the horses and even the pollution in the sky. It didn't last long. Holly received the immunity rose from Michael and when everyone left, they were greeted with a little irony from none other than Bret Michaels (we love Bret). Bret serenaded them with "Every Rose Has It's Thorn." Now isn't that the truth! Good job from the producers to get that gig and have it with Holly and Michael. It's like watching a soap opera in action.

Back at 'The Pad':

Jake and Erica:

Back at the Pad, Jake tries to turn everyone against the power couple. He pulls out all the moves when talking with Erica, caressing her arm and even leaning in for a kiss. "I was willing to do whatever I needed to do," he told the cameras. Now with Erica thinking she may have a chance of hooking up, we were left with the image of the most disgusting kiss in Bachelor Pad history. Erica admits, "I definitely have good lips that I maintain by getting injections every six months." Yikes! Well, we all know that at this point most people in the house will do whatever it takes to get Kasey and Vienna out of the house (or so we think)!

Kasey and Vienna:

As the couple celebrates their six-month anniversary lounging by the pool, Kasey pulls out what looks like a ring box and presents it to Vienna. In response, Vienna freaks out and says, "I don't want it to be an engagement ring." Lucky for her, it turned out to be a promise ring, which he then slipped on her finger and broke into a song.

Maniac Melissa:

While everyone is making last minute decisions on who to eliminate, Melissa is still running around like a chicken with her head cut off. Crying, smiling, leaving, staying, and

confused. We are pretty much over the drama of Melissa. However, most of the girls seem to like her and Blake decides to suck it up and be her partner again. After all, it is for \$250,000.

In this week's rose ceremony, Chris Harrison informs the house that this week all the girls are safe and only one guy will be voted off. With four roses to be given, the last two guys left standing are Kasey and Jake. At the rose ceremony, the scene ends with one last rose, and Chris Harrison saying, KASEY. Then, out of nowhere the screen the television screen goes blank. It's like ABC wants you to think there's more but after watching every single episode of this franchise, doesn't the name being called mean that's the person who gets the rose?

In that case, Jake would go home. They're trying to be dramatic but I don't know if it will be a winning move unless Kasey is the one to really walk to the limo. In that case, let the show really begin because Vienna in a house unprotected from Jake will be a lot of fun to watch!

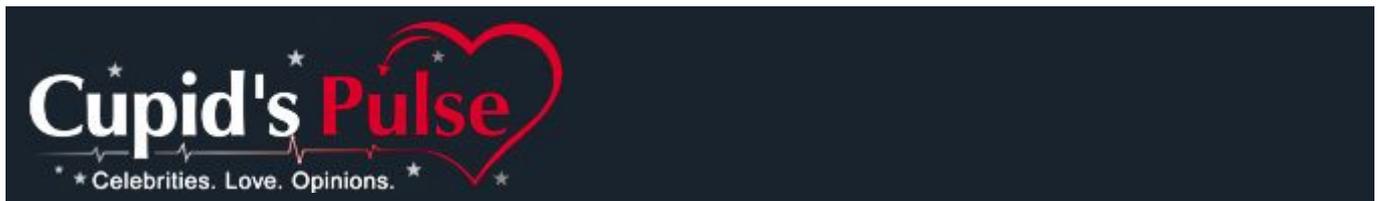
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Bachelor Pad 2: Gia Allemand

Finds Love In the NBA



Love appears to have finally pulled through for an upbeat *Bachelor Pad 2* alum Gia Allemand. The 27 year-old model said that her relationship with boyfriend Ryan Anderson, power forward for the Orlando Magic, fell into place back in February when the two began dating, according to UsMagazine.com. Allemand and Anderson met while *Bachelor Pad 2* star was doing a photo shoot in The Bahamas in February and from there, the two were inseparable. Fate was on the couple's side as Allemand was offered a job that enabled her to live in Florida and be flown into The Bahamas on the weekend for modeling engagements. "Not only was it love at first sight, but it seemed like a touch of destiny. We now both live in Orlando and couldn't be happier," she said. "I think I finally found the one!"

What are some ways to stay positive about finding love?

Cupid's Advice:

Although sometimes it gets difficult, optimism for love is the always the best attitude. Cupid has some suggestions for when times get tough:

1. Looks can be uplifting: You don't have to play dress up, but if you feel good, your confidence will increase and help you out when you're looking for a new partner. Get a quickie makeover.

2. Catharsis: Although not always recommended, sometimes it's just easier to let out all your emotions and work from the ground-up. Cry if you want to cry. Scream if you want to scream (but maybe into a pillow!).

3. Attitude is everything: Although easier said than done, it's important to stay positive and keep your doubts and negativity in check. Even if you don't *feel* positive, fake it a for a while and maybe it'll end up taking hold.

How do you keep a positive outlook on love? Share your thoughts below.

He Said/She Said: David Good and Natalie Getz Share Perspectives on Episode 2 of Bachelor Pad 2



By Jennifer Harrington

Earlier this week on *Bachelor Pad 2*, we saw the rules of the game change (the theme of the rose ceremony was “ladies night”), Gia voluntarily say goodbye to her chance to find love and money and Ames and Jackie take off together in the happiest limo ride in Bachelor franchise history. In case you missed the episode, check out our exclusive recap. As always, following the episode we checked in with Season 1 winners David Good and Natalie Getz to get their take on the drama!

We saw a new side to Blake in this episode (kissing Melissa even though he claimed not to have feelings with her, cozying up to Holly, etc.). What’s your take on Blake – is what he’s doing a good or bad tactic for winning?

He Said: His thought process is good. Kissing a girl to get a rose is not a big deal. The problem is the girl he is kissing

is not the girl you want to be partnering up with. She is a little crazy, and I would think he would be smarter than that.

The next move he made however is just stupid strategy-wise.

He is cuddling up to Holly. He may be interested in her, but this is a bad move for two reasons. One: her ex-fiancé is in the house and that will clearly upset Mike. Two: he is now involved with two girls in the house and girls talk a lot. He'll get caught.

She Said: This is a game show, not a dating show. Melissa should've known that people are there for the money first and foremost, so you have to be on guard. Blake probably liked Melissa a little bit, but then started getting scared of her while gaining feelings for Holly. Blake was playing the game, hitting on her to get the date rose to keep him safe. Is it morally correct? Maybe not, but it's not against the rules and it got him the safety rose. I do feel bad for Melissa because she really liked him and now she has to watch herself get played on national television!

Jake was saved this week. Do you think he can redeem himself? Who should he align himself with now that his best ally Gia is gone?

He Said: Jake did get saved by ABC this week. Unbelievable to me! Chris Harrison said in one of his interviews that they can do that and it's not cheating. Just like in any game the players should decide the outcome, not the refs.

She Said: If Jake was smart, he would form a powerful team of six to go head-to-head with Kasey's team of six. If Graham and Michelle, Kasey and Vienna, and Michael and Holly are an alliance, he should grab William and Melissa, Kirk and Ella, and Blake and Erika and form a team. He's a good looking dude; he should utilize that and flirt it up with Ella and Erika.

What strategy would you use to break up Kasey and Vienna?

He Said: I wouldn't. They will implode. They have put a target on themselves. The real players are the people laying low, just kind of gliding through. When you try and dominate a show like this, other people notice and will ultimately gang up on you. Kasey and Vienna are very volatile. When it gets down to crunch time, I think they will turn on each other and then be done.

She Said: If I were in the house, here is what I would do: (this is me pretending I'm not friends with any of them ... just what I would do to win.) I would get Graham, Kirk, Michelle, Michael and Holly to reconvene for a new plan after Kasey betrayed Graham's trust to the group. Since Kasey leaked info from his team to Gia, it would be easy to get his alliance to turn against him. I'd tell them that we need to form this new team of us six power players and get Kasey and Vienna out of the house. Kasey and Vienna seem to be calling the shots, so I'd get them out as soon as possible if I was truly there to play the game.

Gia's departure came out of nowhere. She was on the show last year, so she obviously knew the rules of the game before she returned to the house. What's your take on Gia leaving?

He Said: I was more fired up about this more than anything. I guess it's because I know her and this is something she did on our show. It's not just the leaving that upsets me. Gia clearly thinks she is better than everyone else and has such "morals and integrity" when in all reality she has less than anyone in there. She plots schemes and lies more than anyone on the show; then, when she gets caught, she can't handle the pressure and is too proud to get voted off. Instead, she said, "I'm going home Chris, this isn't for me," then puts everyone in the house down by saying they are lying, cheating and backstabbers. It's funny to me that she really can't see that she is doing the same thing and honestly thinks she's better than us. She put all of us down on our season as well. Not cool. There are good people in there that realize why

they're there. Her actions seemed like quitting in the fourth quarter of a football game because you know you're going to lose. That's a large character flaw in my book.

She Said: I think she finally just threw her hands up and accepted the loss. She probably realized she had zero chance after learning that she was never going to be a part of the alliance Kasey formed. She should have paired up with Graham since they know each other before filming started. I'm honestly bummed she is gone, because she always had on the coolest clothes and she gives me style inspiration!

Why do you think the group voted Jackie off? Were you surprised to see Ames leave with her?

He Said: I think Jackie was an easy target because she hadn't picked a side yet and was stuck in the middle. I was surprised to see Ames leave with her. I thought he was a smarter guy than that! That might have seemed all romantic and made every woman's night across America, but in all reality that was so stupid. I know, I know – people are getting mad at me right now but that's only because I think logically and most people think with their emotions. If anyone thinks that was a good move, I'll explain why exactly you're wrong. One: they barely knew each other. Two: how many people do you date before you actually get married? Three: you live in the same city and the show is a week, which means at most you'll see her again in two weeks. What he should've done is run over, say "I love you and am going to bring home the money for us", and then kissed her goodbye. Romantic and still has a chance at \$250,000.

She Said: I said in my blog today that this cast is really stupid for wanting to vote off 2 non-threatening people (Ella and Jackie). I literally was ashamed and embarrassed to know these people and see them act so unintelligent in this game! I understand why Kasey/Vienna/Graham/Michelle/Michael/Holly didn't vote for Vienna (obviously, they are in an alliance),

but the fact that the rest of the women and men in the house didn't vote out Vienna is beyond ridiculous to me. Nothing against Vienna, but it's a game and she's a powerful player, who would have been my competition! It's almost flattering to get kicked out – it means you are a threat. Plus, I REALLY wanted to see more of Ames and Jackie! On the bright side, Ames leaving the chance to win \$250,000 to be with Jackie is hands down the cutest thing I've ever seen!

Be sure to tune into *Bachelor Pad 2* next week. As you're watching, send us your questions via Facebook or Twitter for Natalie and David. In the meantime, let us know – do you think Jake will be able to survive another week in the house?

'Bachelor Pad 2' Recap Episode 2: Ames Brown Trumps them All





By [Lori Bizzoco](#)

Usually when a former *Bachelor* or *Bachelorette* leaves the show voluntarily, like two-time 'Bachelor Pad' contestant and swimsuit model, Gia Allemand did last night, it becomes the episode news headliner the next day. But last night's storybook ending even knocked out coverage of the attention-seeking love triangle usually reserved for Jake Pavelka, Vienna Girardi and Kasey Kahl. It was a scene that leaves us understanding why even bad reality shows are beating out long-standing soap operas. You can't make this stuff up!

Last night there were two scenes that made single women everywhere believe in love again. First was the closing scene with Ivy-League, world-traveling, portfolio manager, Ames Brown. After he said a heartfelt good-bye to his newfound love and eliminated housemate, Jackie Gordon he turned around to head back towards the house. What happened next made hearts stop everywhere. Instead of continuing his walk toward the contestants, Ames slowly stopped, raised his hand and waved good-bye to them. Giving up the \$250,000 prize, he sprinted back towards the limousine with Jackie inside. That

fairy-tale exit trumped everything else on the show and gives romance fanatics a reason to believe that Mr. Right is a possibility, especially if you go after the awkwardly smart, rich guy wearing the hot pink pants. In Ames' own words, "This is the happiest limo ride in Bachelor history."

The second love scene comes with ex's, Michael Stagliano and children's book author, Holly Durst. They just ended their engagement two months before the show taped and haven't had the chance to talk it out. During last night's episode, they finally get some one-on-one time and share their thoughts with one another, but their emotional exchange and gripping embrace is almost impossible to watch without your heart feeling heavy or rooting for them to get back together. Watching them express their feelings and Michael telling Holly he still loves her with tears in his eyes is enough to make you want to jump through the television and slap them silly for being so blind. Get back together, already!

Mysterious Monday

There was an odd, eerie undertone on last night's Bachelor Pad 2, with egg fights, haunted hospital tours and a masked man creeping around the kitchen at the end. Yes, mysterious Monday came with love, drama and a fairy tale ending but it makes you wonder for a minute if the show is preparing for Halloween a little too soon.

Egg Toss Challenge:

Let's begin with the Bachelor Pad 2 challenge. The women were asked a handful of questions relating to the men on the show (Who are you least attracted to? Who do you want to see go home?) and with colored paint-filled eggs in hand the women threw their responses directly at the backs (or shoulder, legs and head) of their intended target.

Thanks to Vienna's campaigning, Jake displayed a colorful

array of red, yellow and blue on his body when the ladies were asked who they wanted to see go home next. Then the reverse scenario happened and the men targeted the women with eggs. However, the pain ran deeper than the physical impact as Erica was selected as the least attractive in the house. That definitely stung in more ways than one, especially when Michael Stigliano forgot that he wasn't on the field and pitched a fast ball at Erica. The objective of the challenge was to be the person who hit the most targets.

Challenge Winners: Melissa Schreiber and Michael Stigliano ended up winning the challenge.

Immunity and Dates:

Instead of taking one person on a date, Melissa and Michael were granted the chance to each take three members of the opposite sex, with one of them being given the rose at the end. Without surprise, Michael chose Holly (his ex-fiancé), Michelle Money (who is our fan favorite) and Erica (sympathy choice). As if it wasn't awkward enough having two former lovers on a date together, the group was taken by limousine to Linda Vista, a haunted hospital. Didn't Michael win (not lose) the challenge? It seemed like a strange reward. I guess it's all about staying on the show and with that, Michael gave Holly the immunity rose.

When it came to Melissa's date, she got the luxury of going on a yacht date with her chosen three: Kirk Dewindt, Blake Julien and Kasey Kahl. Kasey was a bit of a shocker pick at first but Melissa did have a strategy in place. Her plan, she explained to Kasey, was to align with him promising to give him the rose and save him if he saved her next time. Unfortunately, that was before two-timing dentist, Blake (who has a thing for Holly), played into Melissa's weakness by flirting, touching, sweet-talking and going in for a kiss during their one-on-one time. Melissa reneged on her promise to Kasey and gave Blake the rose instead.

Back at 'The Pad':

Jake, Vienna and Kasey:

Tension was high as Jake did what he could to stay in the house, offering not once, but twice to speak to Vienna. Whether he's really sincere or just trying to redeem himself for the cameras is yet to be seen, but Vienna wasn't having any of it. She continued to escalate the drama and complain about Jake being in the house. That is until Chris Harrison put her in her place, showing her the exit doors and letting her know that she wasn't being forced to be there. Could it possibly be that he's had enough of her drama, too? He even called out how nicely previously engaged Michael and Holly got along. Oh, Vienna!

Melissa, Blake and Holly:

Talk about another messed up love triangle. Blake likes Holly (or so it seems) and he's been ignoring Melissa. This is all after Melissa spent a romantic evening with Blake on the yacht and gave him a rose instead of Kasey who she promised. We're not sure how long Blake will be around, or can keep it up but someone's about to have a meltdown.

Gia and Graham:

First she got duped by Jake when he didn't save her last week and gave a rose to Vienna instead. Now, her friend Graham stabs her in the back by disclosing her plan to break-up the power couples. He went to Kasey and told him. Although Gia has been on the 'Bachelor Pad' before and she knows how the game is played, she decides to leave the mansion voluntarily. Why risk her dignity of being kicked off by the contestants or her integrity of being deceitful to friends for the mere chance at \$250,000? Or, at least that was her reason for leaving. Will she be back next summer? We doubt it. Maybe the next Bachelorette, now that would be fun.

Predictions:

I guess we can cancel Ames out for our early prediction, although he's a winner in our eyes.

We're still going strong with Michelle Money, Michael Stagliano and Ella Nolan.

If you're looking for more insight on the Bachelor Pad 2, check out our weekly He Said/She Said with former winners, Natalie Getz and David Good.

So, there you have it. All in a week's work!

He Said/She Said: David Good and Natalie Getz Chat about the Season Premiere of Bachelor Pad 2





By Jennifer Harrington

On Monday night, we were treated to a three-hour season premiere of *Bachelor Pad 2*. As promised, we were reunited with some of the most controversial characters in franchise history, including Jake, Vienna, Rated R and Michelle Money. In case you missed the episode, read our recap to get caught up, and check out our inside scoop from the winners of the last season of *Bachelor Pad*, David Good and Natalie Getz. These two definitely know the game, so we were interested on their take on the first night of action in "the pad"!

Did it surprise you to see Jake confront Kasey so honestly and directly on the first night? And along those same lines, were you shocked to hear that Jake had so many unresolved feelings regarding Vienna?

David: That was all BS. Jake doesn't have feelings for her. If he really wanted to say those things, there are plenty of ways to get in touch with her besides doing it on national television. He only did that for more publicity. The same reason he said God sent him back to save Jillian from Wes.

It's so insincere it makes me sick watching it. The guy should have a shiny red nose on at all times because he is a clown. I do have to give him credit though because he knows how gullible America is and he's actually really good at what he does.

Natalie: I was completely shocked when Jake told Gia and Jackie that he still loves Vienna. What a joke! I don't buy it for one second. The only reason he pulled Kasey aside was so that he didn't get his ass kicked! Also, Jake wants to look like the good guy at any cost. Of course, he is playing the fans and trying to get back in their good graces by "being the bigger person." If we only knew what was going on in that guy's head ... I can bet all my money his actions are all a front. He won't last long in this house at all.

Was it a brilliant or stupid move for Jake to give Vienna a rose to keep her safe?

David: As far as the game goes it was really stupid. As far as a publicity stunt, genius! I don't care for the guy, but you have to give credit where credit is due. He works this show to his advantage for publicity better than anyone I have ever seen. It's really something to watch.

Natalie: Jake's only concern is getting back in the good graces of Bachelor fans. He has had so many opportunities to apologize to Vienna. He is always in L.A.! I would like to see a real side of Jake, but that isn't going to happen. He is so concerned with his image that he doesn't care about the game. I guarantee he went on just to clean up the mess he caused last year when their breakup aired. Saying he still loves Vienna? Really, Jake? As far as Vienna is concerned, she is playing the game very well. She isn't falling for his BS and she still wants him out of the house. She isn't being mean; she just knows Jake more than any of us and doesn't trust him at all.

The chemistry between Ames and Jackie was apparent from the first night – but they chose not to partner up for the first challenge (“Hook Up”). Your thoughts about this strategy?

David: That was funny. The first morning of the show, they are by the pool making out? I like them for each other though. I think they are both awesome. I thought it was a good move not partnering up this early on though. If you think about it, now you not only have each other’s backs, but you brought two more people into the equation that have your back as well.

Natalie: Ames and Jackie were brilliant for not partnering up for two reasons. 1.) They are trying to stay under the radar. They don’t want anyone thinking that they are a power couple right off the bat. 2.) If they separate themselves for competitions, that means they double their chances of winning. If Ames wins and Jackie doesn’t, he can give her the rose and vice versa. If they were a team, they only have 1 shot at keeping each other safe. Dave and I worked this strategy in our “Kissing” challenge last season.

Last season and this season, it seems that Gia is always feeling vulnerable going into the rose ceremonies. Why do you think she is always on the verge of being eliminated, and do you think there is a chance she will advance far this season?

David: Gia’s problem is she lies to herself and everyone around her. She plays the sweet card but is very vindictive. She did that on our season, too. She asks, “why can’t everyone be honest and just get along.” Then, she lies to everyone and makes up stories that aren’t even true. Wherever she is, drama is not far away, hence the reason she is back for this season. It’s kind of funny to watch because I really don’t know if she knows she is doing it and actually believes she is not. Jesse Kovacs and I used to laugh so hard listening to her on *Bachelor Pad 1*. It’s a terrible strategy and is the reason she is always on the verge of elimination. I like Gia as a person, but some of her bad

qualities come out in these situations.

Natalie: I don't think Gia will go very far this season, because she has a huge red flag on her back for already being a competitor last season. Also, Gia always forms a group with the outsiders, and this just doesn't work. The insider group is always the strongest group. They have strong bonds and connections and wouldn't play both sides like an outsider would, for example: Ali and Rated R. Gia should have partnered up with Graham. They were friends before the show and he would be a good partner. Instead she chose Jake who no one really cares for. I don't understand what she was thinking! I wanted her to go far. I love Gia!

Thoughts on this week's eliminated contestants – Rated R and Ali. Why do you think the group chose to get rid of them so quickly? And, with them gone, who do you think is most vulnerable next week?

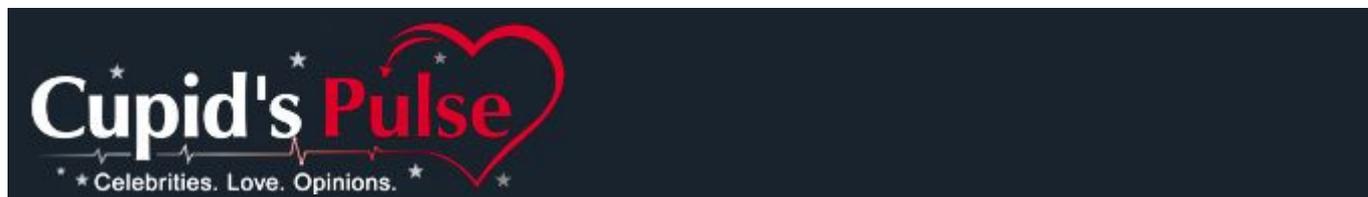
David: Rated R and Ali got sent home because they were trying to play both sides of the fence and got caught. As in real life, if you do this you will eventually get caught and when you do, not only one side comes down on you but both will and boom – you're sent packing! It's a terrible strategy because people will talk to each other and find out. I think Jackie and Ames have to be careful here. I have not seen them take a side yet and are freelancing around, which can make them an easy target.

Natalie: On my season, Juan left the first night because we caught him making alliances with everyone. Literally everyone! He was trying to play both sides like Rated R. When you play both sides, you are absolutely going to get caught! Rated R should have done his homework. BTW most humiliating limo exit of all time! Made some great TV! Ali seems to be a little ditzy to me. How could she not realize she was on the chopping block when she too was playing both sides? She didn't even try very hard to clean up her mess

once she found out she was up for elimination. She isn't cut out for this game at all.

Be sure to tune in to ABC next **Monday night for the next installment of *Bachelor Pad 2***. While you're watching, send us your questions (via Facebook or Twitter) to ask David and Natalie – it's a great way to get an experts take on the romance, drama and strategy in the most popular house in America this summer!

'Bachelor Pad 2' Recap Episode 1: Jake Pavelka Gives Vienna Girardi a Rose





By [Lori Bizzoco](#)

Broken engagements, boyfriend stealing and love triangles galore. Welcome to this summer's most anticipated show, *Bachelor Pad 2*. ABC pulled out all the stops when collecting the current list of castoffs from seasons past. We watched like animals in heat tonight, glued to the television witnessing one of the most talked about and controversial casts this summer. Is it a coincidence that all the references noted above point back to one person: Vienna Girardi? Hmm, it leaves us wondering if the show would even be worth the three hours it premiered if it wasn't for her and Jake Pavelka's drama-induced past.

For those of you who aren't familiar with Vienna and Jake, it's safe to say that they'll probably go down in *The Bachelor* history as the most remembered (not in a good way) contestants. She won the love and proposal of Bachelor, Jake Pavelka, Season 14 and broke his heart when she sold their break-up story for \$90,000, according to reports. Then, they trashed one another on Primetime television when the relationship ended, and it was so brutal that Vienna stormed

out of the interview. They haven't talked since that fight took place a year ago. Now, they're both back in the house, under the same roof, competing for the \$250,000 grand prize.

Last night we witnessed the first challenge of the season which included each of the 18 contestants partnering up with someone in the house. The men were ousted into the air by harness with the women hanging on to them wherever and however they could. The prize for the couple who lasted longest was full immunity and a rose. With those stakes on the line, it's no surprise that the challenge came down to Jake and Vienna being the remaining two. Partnering up with Vienna was her new beau and "guard and protect" tattoo-man from Ali Fedotowsky's season, Kasey Kahl. While Jake partnered with understated Jackie Gordon from Brad Womack's season.

It came down to the final four and after thirty minutes, Kasey couldn't hold on to Vienna any longer. She begged him to hold on so that Jake wouldn't get immunity, but he couldn't. Jake and Jackie not only win a rose, but they also have a one-on-one date and get an additional rose to save one other person in the house. Guess who gets the rose and a free ride? Surprise, surprise! Jake convinces Jackie (although it looks like her idea) that he must give the rose to Vienna as a truce; to put closure on his wound that obviously hasn't healed. Strategic or stupid? It's most likely stupid, as Vienna laughs about it behind-the-scenes.

One person who clearly states the stupidity of Jake's rose decision is Vienna's ex-best friend, and the only two-time *Bachelor Pad* contestant, Gia Allemand. Gia can't stand Vienna after finding out that she hooked up with her ex-boyfriend, Wes Hayden. Gia (also on Jake's season) is good friends with Jake and feels betrayed by his decision to give the rose to Vienna instead of protecting her. Worried that she may now be eliminated, she confronts Kasey in a one-on-one scheme and talks him into an alliance with her. As she's doing that,

Blake is trying to get Jackie to vote off Kasey.

All of this makes for good television, but we can't forget the other contestants in the house who also have interesting stories:

First, there's Michael Stagliano and ex-fiance, Holly Durst. We didn't see too much of their relationship drama tonight, which leads us to believe that producers are saving the best for last. We can't wait to watch how that plays out. We would love to see them back together, but Holly has admitted to being a commitment-phobe and from the first evening in the house she's had her eyes on last season's resident dentist, Blake Julian. It's a shame for Holly, because the promos clearly highlight that Blake is also caught hooking up in the house with former Brad Womack contestant, Melissa Schreibner. There will be tears.

It also looks like last season's boxing champ (joke) and nice boy, Ames Brown, has already formed an alliance (and possibly a relationship) with lonely heart, spider-hater (she called Michelle Money a spider), Jackie Gordon. Both Jackie and Ames are New Yorkers, and you can hear them mumbling on last night's episode about spending time together when they get back to the city. "We should go to Central Park," Jackie says to Ames. Being the Ivy League-educated gent that Ames is, he's probably wondering why she couldn't have thought of anything more unique and original to do.

Then, there's one of our fan favorites, Utah hairstylist and accredited crazy lady, Michelle Money. For the record, we don't think Michelle is crazy. We think she's a witty, smartass, and we love it (yes, we're a bit biased). We also hear that southern philanthropist, Graham Belle hooks up with Money (that's Michelle Money, not the greenback kind, if you know what we mean).

Other contestants that haven't raised the drama meter too high

yet are Erica Rose from Lorenzo Borghese's season who creates her own fanfare by wearing a tiara and claiming she's a princess. Kirk DeWindt from Ali Fedotowsky's season and the too-truthful comedian, William, from Ashley Hebert's season are both under the radar right now, as well.

Then there's Ella Nolan, the Tennessee mom who was dumped by Jake Pavelka. Talk about a back story- her own mother was murdered by her stepfather right in front of her when she was three-years old. She's doing this all for her son so that she can give him the life she never had when she was young. I feel like I am watching *Lifetime Television*.

Lastly, we have Justin "Rated R" Rego (should be 'ego'). He's the professional wrestler who appeared on Ali Fedotowsky's season and bragged to the men about having a girlfriend back home. Interestingly, he's like a G-rated version of what Bentley did to Ashley Hebert this past season. And last, but not least, we have apparel buyer, Alli Travis from Brad Womack's season.

In a nutshell, the rest of the night was based on forming alliances, with both Gia and Kasey coming to a close call on being eliminated. They'd probably be gone if Justin didn't betray his alliance by telling Alli that Graham is going to "work on her," meaning he is going to get her to come to their side. Alli confronted Graham, which made Justin look two-faced. No time to waste. He's Gone.

Alli also seems to be playing two sides and not making a decision where her alliance is resting. The other contestants are in it to win it. Alli's eliminated, too.

There you have it. Two down and 16 people to go. This should be an interesting summer.

Our early predictions: Michelle Money, Michael Stagliano, with close calls to Ella Nolan and Ames Brown.

Stay tune for next week's recap. In the meantime, if you have questions about the *Bachelor Pad 2*, send them in. We will have former winners, Natalie Getz and David Good with us all season to answer them.

'Bachelor Pad 2': David Good and Natalie Getz Share their Views and Predictions for the New Season



By Jennifer Harrington and [Lori Bizzoco](#)

Last summer, *Bachelor/Bachelorette* alums Natalie Getz and David Good teamed up, strategized and became the co-winners of \$250,000 on the first season of ABC's spinoff series, *Bachelor Pad*. Now, with the drama meter boiling over from this summer's most intense cast of characters, ABC just might have a winner on its hands with *Bachelor Pad 2*. I mean, who isn't anxiously waiting for Vienna and Jake to go at it again or to see how Michelle Money is planning to play the game?

No matter what your motivation is for watching *Bachelor Pad 2*, if you want some insight and perspective on the cast, you've definitely come to the right place. We spoke to the former *Bachelor Pad* winners, Natalie Getz and David Good, to find out their thoughts on the new season and what it takes to win.

We love their candidness and you will too. In fact, you'll be hearing a lot more from them this season as they join us every Monday evening to answer your burning *Bachelor Pad 2* questions. So, if you're curious about the season, or maybe what goes on behind-the-scenes, send us your questions or Tweet them to @cupidspulse. We will choose a few to feature the very next day on our site.

Now, here's Natalie and David's take on what's in store:

Who are you most excited to see in the mansion this season?

Natalie: When David and I were on the show, we had strong, unintentional friendships with several of the cast mates. *Bachelor Pad* wasn't even in existence when we all became friends with each other; our friendships were pure and innocent. Now that the show is in a second season, all of these "friendships" were made out of pure strategy for *Bachelor Pad 2*. I was shocked when I found out Jake agreed to do the show. I'm most excited to see the drama unfold between the Kasey/Vienna/Jake triangle. *Days Of Our Lives* couldn't come up with a storyline this dramatic and intense. This season is going to be hilariously dramatic.

David: I like all of the couples and former couples. There are a few in there with screws loose, which is going to make for great TV. I can't wait to see how Michelle Money does. She is so sweet in real life and I want to see it come through on this show.

Any early predictions for couples hooking up or – in the case of Vienna and Kasey- breaking up?

Natalie: I don't think Vienna and Kasey will break up. They are so in love it's exhausting. They'll stick by each other's sides no matter what. I'm sure they will be fighting due to the nature of the game, but no break up. I bet there will be a ton of hook-ups based on knowing the cast's history. We already read that Ames and Jackie are a couple. I can also see Graham Bunn and Michelle Money hitting it off.

David: Oh yeah! I would say a lot of hooking up, and with all the pressure it's sure to put a strain on Vienna and Kasey's relationship.

Everyone's wondering what it will be like having Jake and Vienna in the same house. Do you think there's any chance that they'll be able to co-exist?

Natalie: It will be very interesting to watch this play out. My guess is that Jake will take the fake road, I mean high road, and instantly apologize to Kasey and Vienna. I'm sure he will play the victim and I can guarantee you that Vienna will not fall for it. Be prepared to see Jake pull out all of the stops to regain the love of the fans and cast.

David: I really don't see that going well. Neither of them will be able to hold back their emotions and they'll probably end up crying and yelling at each other.

Some people are saying Ames may have a good chance at advancing far because he is so extremely polite. In your experience, does being polite get you anywhere in this game?

Natalie: Being polite gets you further than most people think. People would feel bad voting off someone who is not on one side or the other. In the beginning of the game, staying neutral is the safest place to be. The third episode is a good time to choose a side. He is in the perfect position, taking the stealth approach and choosing a side towards the middle. That's what Peyton did, and it got her far without knowing anyone prior to moving into the *Pad*.

David: Being polite will get you only so far. You still have to play the game and step on some toes every now and then.

We know Michelle Money was a member of the *Bachelorette Beatdown* with the both of you, how do you think she'll do on Bachelor Pad 2? She was very sneaky and strategic on *The Bachelor*, will she change up her game or play the same way?

Natalie: In real life, Michelle is very kind-hearted and a great friend. She is a go-getter and will definitely play this game as hard as she can. She won't be sneaky, but she will be very strategic by sticking to her word and alliances. I predict her going very far.

David: I think she'll do great! She is smart, witty and can play the game very well. She can be a top contender.

What advice would you give those entering the Mansion? Any tips for finding love and money?

Natalie: My advice is to do exactly what I did during my time in the house. I love meeting new people, so I befriended all of the new comers right away. I found "temporary" love with Jesse Beck and nearly forgot about the game aspect, because I was having so much fun and being myself. I quickly realized by keeping this approach, I would keep myself safe to the end. No one ever had a reason to kick me out. Don't make enemies, don't lie, don't back stab or talk behind anyone's back, because it will all come out. This game is not about winning competitions and being strategic, it's about forming

friendships. The winner is the one who has the most sincere friendships in the house.

David: Don't look for love here. It's a shady place, but do play the game with honesty and integrity – even if others aren't. Because if people know they can trust you, you will get far!

Do you think the rules will be the same this season or do you think the producers will change it up since everyone knows how the game works after watching Season 1?

Natalie: I think we'll see better competitions and maybe a couple tiny changes to dates and rose ceremonies, but I don't think they'll make drastic changes. But, I hope they change the ending. I want one person to walk away with the money. It would make for such better TV to watch the final couple battle it out. They can't repeat the "share or keep" game that David and I played in the end, because it wouldn't be a surprise.

David: I would have to say they are going to change some things up. They are really smart when it comes to that stuff.

What's your early prediction for a winner this season?

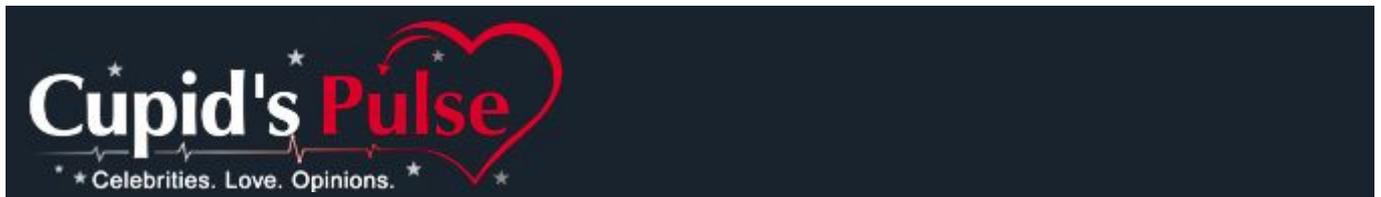
Natalie: Michael Stagliano. He is something else! His heart is made of gold. He is not only genuine, lovable, endearing and cute; he is also hands down one of the funniest people I know. No one will ever want to kick him out. When I saw his name on the cast list I thought to myself, "there is no competition." They may as well hand Stagliano the money! Now it will be interesting to see who rides his coattails to the finish line.

David: Michelle Money or my boy Mike Stagliano.

Be sure to tune into the **premiere of *Bachelor Pad 2* tonight on ABC**, and each week, we'll be checking in with David and

Natalie to get their thoughts on the episode. As you're watching, send us your questions for them. You never know...it could be answered on our site the following day.

Jesse Csincsak Hosts 'Bachelor Pad Beatdown' on RTVZone.com



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You've come to this post because you are obviously a fan of ABC's *Bachelor* and *Bachelorette*. Or, maybe you're just curious what a Beatdown is all about. If you're like many of us fans, you're probably wondering what it's like behind-the-scenes on ABC's hit matchmaking show and why your favorite contestant just denied a rose to a man who seemed so dreamy on camera. Now, you no longer need to sit alone pondering all those questions.

Season 4 *Bachelorette* winner, Jesse Csincsak has launched a weekly hour-long Webisode series called The Bachelor Pad Beatdown, which features a panel of 8-10 former Bachelor and Bachelorette contestants dishing about the current season of ABC's *The Bachelor Pad*.

You'll hear directly from folks who've not only been on the

show but those who have won as well, including Trista Sutter (Bachelorette Season 1), David Good and Natalie Getz (winners of the first Bachelor Pad), Tenley and Kiptyn Locke (contestants who found love after their seasons were over), to name a few. And the best part is: it's completely uncensored!

Viewers can watch the show by visiting RTVZone.com and clicking WATCH LIVE on the main page. On demand viewing will be available within a few hours of airing. The program will also feature live video and interaction amongst the panel, who will occasionally take viewer questions from Twitter, chat and video mail.

Be sure to check it out on **Tuesday, Aug. 9 at 9 p.m. EST**, submit your questions via Twitter (@RTVZone) and share your thoughts about Jesse's Bachelor Pad Beatdown series with us below.

Happy watching!

Bachelor Pad 2: Breakups, Makeups and Crazy People





By Kari Arneson

Hang on to your roses! The new season of *Bachelor Pad* is starting up this summer and we have all the juicy details and predictions for a season that's sure to be full of feuds, flirtations and lots of fun. Here's what you need to know before *Bachelor Pad 2* premieres on August 8:

Jake and Vienna together again! Jake Pavelka and Vienna Girardi, who got engaged at the end of *The Bachelor* season 14, broke up shortly afterwards – and it wasn't pretty. These two had a very public falling out, including a hard-to-watch interview on *The Bachelorette* season 6 that included plenty of crying, yelling and finger-pointing. Expect a lot more bickering and bawling as both bitter exes are confirmed to appear on *Bachelor Pad 2*. Add Kasey Kahl, Vienna's new boyfriend and the famous "tattoo guy" from Ali Fedotowsky's *Bachelorette* season, to make things even more awkward (if possible).

Couple alert? Holly Durst and Michael Stagliano are also confirmed to be on the show, although it remains to be seen

whether or not they will appear as a couple. Durst, from Matt Grant's season of *The Bachelor*, and Stagliano, from Jillian Harris' season of *The Bachelorette*, were once engaged and planning a double wedding with DeAnna Pappas and Stephen Stagliano. However, the couple broke up, then got back together, then broke up, then...who knows. The twosome's uncertain relationship status is yet another reason to tune in.

Dun dun dun... Some famous villains/crazy people from past seasons are back to cause more trouble. Justin "Rated R" Rego and Michelle Money can be counted on among the eccentrics. Justin tried to woo Ali Fedotowsky while promoting his professional wrestling career while Michelle earned the ire of the ladies on Brad's season just by being her odd self. Jackie Gordon, one of Michelle's biggest critics, will also compete on *Bachelor Pad 2*, so watch out for some more catfights!

Other contestants include Graham Bunn, Kirk DeWindt and Tanner Pope on the men's side and Gia Allemand, Ashleigh Hunt, Ella Nolan, Erica Rose, Melissa Schreiber and Alli Travis on the women's side. However, EW.com reports there will be not one, not two, but **three** mystery men from Ashley Hebert's season of *The Bachelorette*, so don't be surprised if super villain Bentley or Jeff "The Mask" show up to stir the pot.

Tune in to *Bachelor Pad 2* when it premieres on August 8 on ABC. And stay right here for all the latest on *The Bachelorette* and *Bachelor Pad 2*!

'Bachelor Pad 2' Cast Is Full of Feuding Exes



In order to create reality show drama of epic proportions, the cast of the *Bachelor Pad 2* includes exes who are anything, but on good terms, such as Jake Pavelka and Vienna Girardi. So much for a relaxing summer! Pavelka will be spending it watching his ex get chummy with her current boyfriend, Kasey Kahl. According to Associated Content, reality villains Justin Rego and Michelle Money have also joined this very turbulent cast.

How can you handle seeing your ex with someone new?

Cupid's Advice:

Seeing your ex with someone new is never easy, but it's a

reality you'll probably have to face in life. Your best course of action is to accept it and move on:

1. Look the other way: Believe it or not, there are more important things going on around you than who your ex is dating. Find something else to focus your energy on.

2. Try online dating: If your ex has moved on, chances are that you should, too. If you can't find any suitable dating choices in your current social circles, look online.

3. Be happy for them: Even though it didn't work out between you and your ex, it's no reason to hate him or her. Be the bigger person and be happy for him or her instead.

On a scale of 1 to 10, how painful is it to see your ex with someone else? Share your thoughts below.