

# Roberto Martinez Says Ali Fedotowsky Is Not a Bridezilla



*Bachelorette* couple Ali Fedotowsky and Roberto Martinez can't wait to tie the knot. However, according to [People](#), they have yet to announce their wedding date to the public. Lucky for the groom-to-be, the former reality star is no wedding diva. "She's not a bridezilla, thank god," Martinez said. "I'd be scared to death if she was, but no, she's awesome." It looks like the world of reality TV can count on one less bridezilla.

**How do you know if your partner is a bridezilla?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Even the nicest of your friends can turn into a bridezilla when it comes to his or her big day. Here are the signs to look for to see if you have a bridezilla on your hands:

**1. Most of the people attending the wedding are bridesmaids:** A true bridezilla will start bulking up the troops ASAP. If you're in a wedding where there are 25+ bridesmaids, chances are you're dealing with a bridezilla.

**2. The bride begins to speak like a drill sergeant:** If the bride is starting to sound more like a general than a blushing bride, she is probably a little too wedding-obsessed.

**3. The tears at the wedding aren't tears of joy:** Many friendships have died as a result of wedding drama. Don't let your partner's need for a perfect wedding day go too far.

Have you ever had to confront a bridezilla? Tell us your story by commenting on this post or tweeting [@CupidsPulse](#).

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## Cupid's Bow Aimed on Love for Season 7 of 'The Bachelorette' With Ashley Hebert!





By Jennifer Harrington

It's been a few months since Brad Womack bid Ashley Hebert farewell, as she left South Africa brokenhearted and in tears, but starting May 23, the season 15 contestant will be back on ABC – and this time, *she'll* be handing out the roses! The spunky 26-year-old dental student from Maine will be the seventh lucky lady featured on *The Bachelorette*, with 25 eligible bachelors vying to be her husband. We had such a great time watching Brad and Emily Maynard's love story on *The Bachelor*, and we can hardly wait to see what's in store for the newly brunette Ashley!

In a recent article from [People](#), Ashley proclaimed her excitement for the upcoming season and said, "I'm open hearted and interested in meeting the guys," and added that hopefully, she'll "fall in love." Cupid's Pulse shares her enthusiasm for her upcoming journey to find love, and we'll be right there with Ashley every step of the way through each rose ceremony!

Before the season starts, check back for more information

about Ashley and the 25 bachelors. We'll also explore why, after several beautiful, accomplished past bachelorettes (Trista Rehn, Meredith Phillips, Jen Schefft, DeAnna Pappas, Jillian Harris and Ali Fedotowsky) *Bachelor* creator Mike Fleiss believes Ashley "will be a different kind of bachelorette."

On May 23, make sure your DVR is set and mark *The Bachelorette* on your calendar for Monday evenings! And of course, check in with Cupid every Tuesday morning to read our recap of the episode, some insights into her decisions, and our predictions on who we think will get the final rose. Along the way, we want to hear from you about Ashley's dates, men and choices, so please comment and tweet us ([@CupidsPulse](https://twitter.com/CupidsPulse))!

In the meantime, stay tuned for an exclusive interview with a past *Bachelorette* winner! Until then, guess who it is in a comment below!

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## '16 and Pregnant' Star Delivers Amber Portwood-Style Beating







Looks like we have another teen star domestic violence dispute on our hands. [E! Online](#) reported Tuesday that another young mom from the newest season of MTV's reality TV show gave her baby daddy an Amber-Portwood-esque bashing ... but it's her dad who was taken away in handcuffs. Jennifer del Rio, who delivered twin boys last October, is seen screaming, "Say goodbye to your kids, Josh, because you will never see them again!" in the trailer for season 3 of *16 and Pregnant*. It's so much drama, and show doesn't premiere until April 19!

### **How do you handle an angry partner?**

#### **Cupid's Advice:**

Everyone knows violence is never the answer – even more so when it involves teen parents. Here are some tips to help diffuse tension between you and your partner:

- 1. Step back:** If you see the situation escalating to dangerous levels, take a breather so each of you has room to settle down. Nothing good can come from a blow-out fight.
- 2. Seek a mediator:** If things are too heavy for the both of

you to handle on your own, consider bringing in an outside party to help you each look at the situation objectively. Just be sure this person is someone who won't take sides, since that won't solve your problems, either.

**3. Bring in the authorities:** MTV got reprimanded for not reporting the Portwood attack on boyfriend Gary Shirley, which was caught on camera. If you're ever in a situation where fists are thrown, call the police. There's no excuse for any type of physical attack.

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## **'The Bachelor' Season 15 Finale: Brad Womack's Lucky Lady and After the Final Rose**





By Krissy Dolor

After two long seasons and more than fifty women, Austin native Brad Womack has finally chosen his bride-to-be: blonde bombshell Emily Maynard! But before we get to the details of their final week in South Africa (and the shocking announcement during the *After the Final Rose* special), let's take a look back at *The Bachelor* season 15 finale:

Before the final dates, Chantal O. and Emily must meet the family: mom Pam, brothers Wes and Chad (Brad's twin), and their wives, Prima and Dylan (who resembles Emily in the looks department – maybe it's a twin thing?). After a tearful reunion and Brad revealing a definite proposal, the interrogation began.

Chantal met the Womacks first, and said she fell in love in Costa Rica. Her upbeat personality easily won her points. "She immediately clicked with the family," said Wes. Pam, however, was skeptical of Chantal's devotion and asked how she fell in love so quickly. "It made it easy to fall in love because Brad was that person," Chantal said. Pam couldn't

argue with that, and said she saw her fitting in with Brad's world. "You're precious," said Pam.

Though Brad thought Chantal won his family over, he was clearly more excited to see Emily and was nervous about their day. "I just hope she's herself with my family," he said. The meeting started off stiff, as Brad acted as a shield between Emily and his clan. It wasn't until Wes asked about Ricki's father that the tension broke, as Emily graciously told them the story and brought everyone to tears.

"Hearing Emily...it completely blew me out of the water," said Wes. "For her to be able to triumph over that and be the strong woman that she seems is amazing." Since both of Brad's brothers are fathers, they wanted to make sure Brad knew what he would be getting into if he chose Emily. "I would welcome the opportunity to be a father, I would," Brad said. Pam thanked Emily for trusting her son enough to let him meet Ricki, and Emily one-upped her, saying, "I am so grateful to have met your son...he's been such an angel in my life." As tears of joy streamed down Pam's face while she talked to the camera, it was easy to see who her pick would be.

Though everyone liked Chantal, they unanimously agreed that Emily was the one. "I feel like Emily really knew our worlds," said Prima, since Emily is a mother. "I certainly see chemistry here. I think Emily is the whole package," Pam told Brad. And mother knows best!

But first, the final dates. Brad took Chantal swimming with the sharks. "The fact that I'm doing this for Brad speaks volumes," she said. As a testament to "traveling the world for him" (as opposed to being on a reality show), she made Brad a map of everywhere they've been and wrote him a sentimental letter that declared her love even more. "I know it takes a lot to write that, thanks so much," said Brad. But there just wasn't enough emotion in Brad's eyes and you could tell he wasn't in love with her.



Emily's date started smoothly enough, with a helicopter ride (yawn) and picnic (double-yawn). But her insecurity brought the mood down, despite Brad telling Emily how much he family loved her. Later that night, he said he wanted to be a "real" father to Ricki, and not just a step-father. Emily (rightfully so) questioned Brad and wanted to know what he thought that meant. He was obviously hurt and left in a sour mood. "This particular date is making me question everything," said Brad, and at that moment it was obvious who he choice would be.

The next day, Chantal was brought out first, wearing black, which set the tone of her impending breakup. After the obligatory niceties, Brad dropped the bomb: "I don't know how else to say it but I have stronger feelings for someone else." Chantal was floored, and it was clear she didn't suspect anything. While she was speechless for most of his monologue, she finally mustered, "You're an amazing person and Emily's very lucky."

Soon after, Emily arrived, and looked bride-like in a pale pink gown. After a long introduction, the moment we've been waiting for: "I'm asking you to give me your forever. I love you." Brad then got down on one knee and took out the Neil Lane ring he picked earlier that day. Emily said yes and Train's "Marry Me" played over a montage of their most romantic moments – the perfect fairytale ending!

But was it?

Turns out the couple had broken up for a bit after the show's ending. In fact, the After the Final Rose special was supposed to be Brad and Emily's wedding night – in Anguilla! But the two reassured the stunned in-studio audience (and everyone at home) that they are still together and just need to figure out how to communicate better – seems like Brad isn't the only one with a temper! In addition, Emily had to watch Brad with the other women on the show and has struggled

to figure out what reality is, even though it's been clear to everyone else that Brad only had eyes for her.

To help them out, Chris brought out Trista and Ryan, Jason and Molly, and Ali and Roberto, as these three couples have proved the tabloids and the *Bachelor*-franchise statistics wrong by finding true love. Trista, who has been married to Ryan for seven years, said it best: "We met on the show, but it's what we did after that show in real life that matters."

And after Brad and Emily watched their engagement for the first time, it was clear that they really *do* care for each other. But where was Emily's blinged-out ring? Don't worry about that, either: Brad pulled it out at the end of the night, and this time, it was sized. "You are my forever, babe. Here's your ring." Phew! Cupid wishes the engaged couple all the best!

But what about Chantal? Don't worry, romance rumors of her and a new beau are true. "He's definitely everything I've been looking for," she said. "He let me know I could love again." We wish Chantal and her new man the best of luck!

Well that's it folks! It's been a pleasure watching season 15 of ABC's *The Bachelor* with you, and I hope you've enjoyed reading the recaps as much as I've loved writing them! Until our next recaps of whichever show we choose (*The Bachelorette*, perhaps?), here are my favorites – including an introduction to the next Bachelorette (who we totally called): Ashley H.!

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## Cupid Exclusive: 'Bachelor

# Pad' Winners Natalie Getz and David Good Dish on Love, Dating and Reality TV



By Krissy Dolor

If you want to know the key ingredient to winning (no Sheen pun intended), look no further than last summer's *Bachelor Pad* winners: Natalie Getz and David Good.

Even though these two former contestants didn't strike a love match on their respective *Bachelor*-franchise seasons, this dynamic duo made their mark as the first couple to win the ABC spin-off reality show, *Bachelor Pad*, where 19 past contestants competed for a grand prize of \$250,000.

Throughout the show's run, this couple focused on making their way to the finish line. If there's anything we can learn from watching Getz and Good, it's that three important traits are needed to keep any relationship moving forward: loyalty, trust and friendship, which they exemplified. While most romantic couples aren't competing for anything but each other's hearts, these elements can have you and your partner come out winning too – whether it's for love, marriage or happiness.

Cupid had the opportunity to speak with Natalie and David about love, dating and how their lives have changed since *Bachelor Pad* ended. Read on to see what they had to say:

### **1. Did being on a reality dating show change your perceptions/expectations about dating?**

**Natalie:** Yes. It has helped me further the exploration of my youth and single life, making me ready to move on and actually commit to someone. Instead of pushing away the nice guy, now I'm ready so I will embrace him (wherever he is) with open arms and an accepting outlook towards a future.

**David:** Being on the show did not necessarily change my perception/expectations about dating. However, dating and meeting girls since the show has a little. You really have to have your guard up so to speak, because you never know if someone is just trying to be with you because you were on TV or if they are legitimately interested in you. It's weird that someone would be like that to me, but a lot of girls really get into these shows.

### **2. What has your dating experience been like since *The Bachelor/The Bachelor* and *The Bachelor Pad* ended?**

**Natalie:** I've definitely dated my fair share of men, but now realize to be upfront right away if I don't see a future. I also am able to better identify who is right for me versus liking a guy for the wrong reasons.

**David:** It's been great! I travel all over the country on my



book tour and get to meet a lot of people and a lot of beautiful girls. The negative about that is that I am not in a good place to start a new relationship being gone all the time, so it's like a double-edged sword. Waiting for "that one" to really catch my eye you know.

### **3. Based on your personal experience as a Bachelor/Bachelorette contestant, do you believe that love can be found on reality TV?**

**Natalie:** I absolutely do. Before the show, I was a non-believer, but the casting department goes to extreme lengths to ensure the most compatible contestants to the bachelor/ette's personality. If they chose someone there for the right reasons, the end result will be a success. Jillian and I have a similar personality, which explains why I've had a bit of a dating history with her season, hahaha!

**David:** I do believe that love can be found on reality TV, 100 percent. It's funny, too, because before the show I did not think so and now I really do. They pick some great people to be on these shows, and I think if you hit it off on there, that down the line you can make it work.

### **4. What piece of dating advice can you give to our single visitors?**

**Natalie:** Don't look for it, let it come to you. If you have any hesitations, leave the situation. And if the right person enters your life when you aren't ready? Don't push them away, but take it slow. Start out with a friendship so that you don't ruin a great thing!

**David:** Start out all your relationships with brutal honesty. If you start out with that, then down the line you don't have to lie about things or dig yourself out of holes, and you are free to be yourself and love openly.

Cupid thanks Natalie and David for their time! For more on ABC's *Bachelor Pad*, visit [ABC.com](http://ABC.com).

Don't forget to watch the season finale of season 15 of *The Bachelor* with Brad Womack tonight, **Monday, March 14 at 8 PM/7 PM Central!** And visit us tomorrow for our very last *Bachelor* recap! See you then!


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## 'The Bachelor' Season 15 Finale Preview: A Look Back at South Africa



By Krissy Dolor

There's only a few days left until the season finale of ABC's

*The Bachelor!* In honor of next week's episode, take a look at Brad Womack's travel guide for South Africa. Reminisce about his safari ride with Chantal O., elephant adventure with Emily and helicopter view with Ashley H. – even take a sneak peak at what's still to come! Don't forget to watch the final rose ceremony with us on **Monday, March 14 at 8 PM/7 PM Central Time**  to see whether Brad chooses Ms. O'Brien or Ms. Maynard in Cape Town.

We also hope you've been enjoying our exclusive interviews with former *Bachelor Pad* stars! Check back on Monday for our final interview: with Natalie Getz and David Good!

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## Cupid Exclusive: 'Bachelor Pad' Couple Tenley Molzahn and Kiptyn Locke Talk Love and Dating





By Erika Hymowitz Vujnovich

America fell in love with Tenley Molzahn and Kiptyn Locke when they each competed on *The Bachelor* (season 14) and *The Bachelorette* (Season 5). Their mission? To find a love of their own. However, it wasn't meant to be at the time, and both ended up runner-ups on their respective seasons, forced to jump back into the dating pool.

Fast forward to last August as they took another chance at love on *The Bachelor* spin-off, *Bachelor Pad*, where 19 unforgettable contestants from past seasons lived together under one roof to compete for a grand prize of \$250,000.

Despite losing the competition, Tenley and Kiptyn embraced their stint on the show and literally danced their way to the final four, finding themselves moving in a "Locke" step towards a true relationship – with each other.

Even before their appearance on *Bachelor Pad*, the two developed a solid friendship based on their tremendous respect for one another. They were there for each other during their days of public heartbreak, and that support set the stage for



what ultimately came to be.

Cupid's Pulse had the wonderful opportunity of exclusively interviewing Tenley and Kiptyn, and asked them a handful of questions based on their dating experience on and off the show. The key lessons they learned in their quest to find love are here for Cupid's Pulse readers to embrace and take to heart:

### **1. Did being on a reality dating show change your perceptions/expectations about dating?**

**Tenley:** Being on *The Bachelor* really helped me regain confidence and trust in dating. I put myself in a very unique position dating a man that was dating several other women; I really had to let go and not think so much and just enjoy my time with him. Because of that, I really do believe that I'm different now in my relationship.

**Kiptyn:** Big picture – it really didn't change much. The one thing the ol' super speed-dating factor of *The Bachelor* did do was teach me to reflect, process and communicate things sooner.

### **2. What has your dating experience been like since *The Bachelor/ette* and *Bachelor Pad* ended?**

**Tenley:** Well, I came out of *Bachelor Pad* with my special someone, so it's changed in the best way! I have someone in my life that I may have not met had I not been through the experience of the show. I also love that we have both been through very similar experiences. I think that is something that the two of us share that would be hard for anyone else dating either of us to understand.

**Kiptyn:** Since *Bachelor Pad* I've only dated one woman, Tenley. We went from being friends to romantic, to now a strong combination of the two, and it's all good. It's been an adventure and we've grown together a lot.

**3. Based on your personal experience as a Bachelor/Bachelorette contestant, do you believe that love can be found on reality TV?**

**Tenley:** I believe it's possible. But my own relationship with Kiptyn was built on a friendship at first. Our relationship began because we were put in a setting where our chemistry couldn't be denied anymore, but I know that our friendship away from cameras gave us a great foundation.

**Kiptyn:** Answering honestly, I do think you can find love on TV, but it helps a ton to have a real world foundation in place first.

**4. What piece of dating advice can you give to our single visitors?**

**Tenley:** Be yourself when dating. Never try to mold yourself into someone else just for the person you're dating. I always think of *Runaway Bride* – know who you are; you want to be with someone who has fallen for you, because you are who you are!

**Kiptyn:** There's nothing wrong with being single and there's no rush to get into a relationship. When you look for someone, don't look for who is good "on paper"; look for who makes you feel the best – it's about compatibility.

There certainly is no rush. Take the time to understand yourself and what you're ultimately looking for in a relationship. There's nothing better to base a relationship on than friendship, and that friend of yours, who you never thought of in that special way, might be the one. Just like Tenley and Kiptyn, you may find love when you least expect it!

*Visit us tomorrow for a preview of the season finale of ABC's The Bachelor!*

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# Cupid Exclusive: Former 'Bachelor Pad' Exes Elizabeth Kitt and Jesse Kovacs Offer Advice on Dating and Love



By Kari Arneson

Elizabeth Kitt and Jesse Kovacs are no strangers to finding love on reality television, as they both competed on *The Bachelor* and *The Bachelorette* series respectively – Elizabeth on season 14 with Jake Pavelka and Jesse on season 5 with Jillian Harris. The two seemed to find love as they cozied up with one another during last summer's reality hit spin-off series *Bachelor Pad*, but like the majority of *The Bachelor* franchise unions, their relationship didn't last after the

cameras stopped rolling.

Oftentimes, lack of communication in a relationship can lead partners down two totally different paths: Kovacs wanted something more casual while Kitt wanted to fall in love. Nevertheless, the couple's strong bond and competitive spirit led them into the final six, just a few steps away from winning the big pot of cash.

With another season of *Bachelor Pad* coming this summer, we asked Elizabeth and Jesse for their insight on dating, relationships and finding love on reality TV:

**1. Did being on a reality dating show change your perceptions/expectations about dating?**

**Elizabeth:** I think watching myself on the *The Bachelor* and *The Bachelor Pad* really helped point out some areas I can improve upon in terms of my approach to dating. With Jake I could tell I was very guarded, and unable to open myself up to finding love with him. On the *Bachelor Pad*, I was too open with falling for Jesse Kovacs. I knew he didn't have the same feelings for me, but I chose to ignore that and I hoped it would change. I think the more I pushed for it, it pushed him away. (Had the roles been reversed, it would have pushed me away as well!)

**Jesse:** Yes, being on a reality dating show did change my perceptions and expectations about dating. You have to make the most of your time. If you're not feeling it, then call it like it is and shut it down. But if you like the person and see some potential, you have to let them know so it's not a waste of time for both parties.

**2. What has your dating experience been like since *The Bachelor/ette* and *Bachelor Pad* ended?**

**Elizabeth:** I think my dating experiences are a little



different since the shows. I am definitely stronger in who I am, and what I'm looking for in a relationship. I keep my heart open, but I'm a little more cautious about who I give it away to. There is a balance. It's a bit more challenging as well, since I don't typically like to date guys who recognize me from the show. I can see why real celebrities have trouble dating. The fame aspect can be tricky.

**Jesse:** It's been strange. I found someone now that had no clue I was ever on these shows, but before that I was going out with girls who already knew me and had their opinions.

**3. Based on your personal experience as a Bachelor/Bachelorette contestant, do you believe that love can be found on reality TV?**

**Elizabeth:** I think love can find us anywhere. A lot of people are skeptical about the *Bachelor* process, but I'm a believer. Does being on the show ultimately mean you're going to fall for the Bachelor? No. I didn't fall for Jake. But I think it CAN happen if it's meant to be. There are some relationships that have formed after the fact at our *Bachelor* reunion parties too, so you just never know. You have to have an open mind, and you can't be afraid to take a chance.

**Jesse:** Absolutely. There is no difference from meeting someone randomly at a Christmas party that you're not invited to, or on a TV show. Both are weird situations, but it could happen.

**4. What piece of dating advice can you give to our single visitors?**

**Elizabeth:** Keep an open mind when it comes to finding love. I think we decide at a young age what our life is going to look like, and sometimes it doesn't always turn out the way we thought. But if we keep an open mind and an open heart, it can turn out to be even better than we ever dreamed! Be optimistic. Learn from past relationships. Don't be in a

rush. And most importantly, loves finds us, we don't find it. In the meantime, enjoy your single life!! Every day should be a new adventure, whether you're alone or with someone. Life is precious, and life is short...so live it up!!

**Jesse:** Stop having dating rules. "I only do this," or "I only date this kind of guy," is a bad way to start. Having an open mind and taking the pressure off finding the perfect guy on paper will allow some you to meet some really great people.

*Stay tuned tomorrow as we hear from Bachelor Pad power couple, Tenley Molzahn and Kiptyn Locke.*

For more information on *The Bachelor*, *The Bachelorette* and *Bachelor Pad*, visit [ABC.com](http://ABC.com).

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## **'The Bachelor: Women Tell All' Recap: Old Catfights Resume and Michelle's Redemption**





By Krissy Dolor

Before we get the pleasure of seeing next week's final rose ceremony, we must first cross one last bridge: the infamous "Women Tell All" episode, where both the *Bachelor* in question and his dearly departed bachelorettes reflect (and awkwardly watch back) the ridiculous moments that made them famous.

While it's no surprise that old beef between Raichel and Melissa continued to stew, the night's big shocker was Michelle's – dare we say it? redemption – which, of course, made for excellent television. So without further adieu, let's dig right in to last night's episode:

It started off with a classic Brad Womack and Chris Harrison heart-to-heart, where Brad took another look back at some of the more colorful women on this season (including Madison, who was fangless last night). While he mentioned the usual (Chantal O.'s first impression slap, his first date with Ashley H., how funeral talk with Shawntel N. made him uncomfortable), Chris wanted to know what Brad *really* thought of Michelle. "She has a lot of game," he said. "And that's

coming from a guy that has zero game.” True statement, Brad – but we still adore you!

Next, Chris Harrison announced that yes, ABC will bring us *Bachelor Pad 2* this summer. With the “Bachelor Nation” count toppling 500, it’s no surprise that this *Bachelor* spin-off will continue. Who *doesn’t* want to see former contestants duke it out – again? There’s nothing wrong with some good old fashioned recycling.

But the real drama began when Chris turned the show over to the ladies. The Michelle-bash started instantaneously, and she was called “two-faced” and “shady” by Stacey and Sarah P. (I’m sorry, who are you again?). She was even compared to a “creepy spider” by Jackie, who was one of my early favorites this season. Ashley H. and Madison quickly rushed to a crying Michelle’s defense, who believed she went on the show for the right reasons. Michelle said she was aggressive and grabbed every chance she could with Brad was because she missed her daughter: “If it wasn’t right, I wanted to go home.” Touché.

Taking a break from the Michelle drama, Chris brought Melissa into the hot seat, whose tension with Raichel caused them both to make an early exit during week two. “I genuinely don’t think I initiated any conflict in the house,” said Melissa, as Raichel nearly passed out in her seat, since she believes that Melissa is partly to blame for her demise. After a long and over dramatic rehashing of their dispute, Melissa apologized. Raichel’s classy response? “Of course I’m sorry. I’m not sorry to her, though.” Keeping it real.

But the Michelle drama was far from over. Chris viewed Michelle’s actions as a defense mechanism, and said, “I found you unbelievably entertaining.” She said her comments weren’t meant to be malicious, and that she was trying to be sarcastic and funny: “You have to make light of a situation in an intense situation.” While I have been guilty of a Michelle-bash or two, I wouldn’t have gone so far as to criticize her

parenting skills, which is what Stacey did, making her look like a crazy madwoman. But Meghan said it best: "Monday nights would not have been the same without you." We definitely have to agree there!

Both Ashley S. and Ashley H. (who looks great as a brunette!) tearfully watched their respective parting moments with Brad and reflected on what happened. While Ashley S. wanted closure, Ashley H. said she still had questions about her and Brad's relationship, even at the end of their run, which she regrets. But no worries! Ashley, staying true to her bubbly self, said, "Brad primed me for what is yet to come." Is this a hint of a possible role as the next *Bachelorette*?

And finally, the moment we were all waiting for – Brad's turn on stage. While Shawntel N. looked beyond miserable, Brad was positively glowing. This is the happiest I've seen him all season, and it was simultaneously unnerving and endearing to watch. He said seeing Ashley S.'s tearful goodbye broke his heart. He called Michelle "his girl forever," and said, "I'll defend you 'til I'm blue in the face." And he still feels that his carnival date with Ashley H. was the best first date he's been on in his whole life.

But I *do* believe Brad gave us a tiny hint as to who he proposed to in South Africa. When Chris brought up the final two women's names, Brad smiled that boyish/giddy smile of his when Emily's name was said. While five out of six of the former *Bachelor Pad* contestants said Brad should pick Chantal O., Michelle said last night that Brad needs someone like Emily. But regardless of who Brad ultimately chose, it seems this woman has given him the fairytale ending he's been searching for after two seasons. "I'm telling you, I'm truly happier than I've ever been," he said. "It has nothing to do with me; it has everything to do with her." Cue collective *Awww*.

And there you have it! What did you guys think of last



night's episode? Let's chat in the comments below. If you haven't already, check out our exclusive article, where we interviewed the former *Bachelor* and *Bachelorette* contestants. Also, visit us daily for more in-depth interviews with them – we'll have something *Bachelor*-related every day until the final rose ceremony!

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## Former 'Bachelor' and 'Bachelorettes' Pick Chantal O'Brien Over Emily Maynard For Brad Womack





### Cupid Exclusive!

With *The Bachelor* final rose ceremony less than a week away, single women are placing their bets on who they think ABC's two-time *Bachelor*, Brad Womack, will give that final rose to on March 14.

It's down to this season's two fan favorites: soft-spoken southern mother Emily Maynard and sassy, slaphappy divorcee Chantal O'Brien. Based on Womack's infamous dumping of both DeAnna Papas and Jenni Croft in season 11, many fans wonder if he'll leave his final two picks heartbroken as well.

While everyone has an opinion, nobody can be sure what will happen. Even *Bachelor* reality TV spoiler sites like Reality Steve have reported different endings before next week's season finale. That's why Cupid's Pulse took this question to the experts: six rose-loving revelers from past seasons – David Good, Natalie Getz, Tenley Molzahn, Kiptyn Locke, Jesse Kovacs and Elizabeth Kitt.

After all, who better to ask than former *Bachelor* and *Bachelorette* contestants who appeared not once, but twice

(just like Womack) on the *Bachelor* franchise? Each of them competed last summer for a chance to win \$250,000 on ABC's *Bachelor* spin-off show, *Bachelor Pad* – which Chris Harrison officially announced will return this year for a second season during last night's The Women Tell All episode.

**The verdict:** None of the former reality stars chose fan favorite Emily Maynard, who **83 percent\*** of Cupid's Pulse readers picked as their favorite for Brad in this week's poll.

Here's who the former contestants chose and what they had to say about it:

**1. Elizabeth Kitt** (*The Bachelor*, season 14): Brad should choose Chantal O'Brien. They really seem to have a connection. Chantal seems really down to earth and open to falling in love. It looks like he feels natural and comfortable with her.

**2. David Good** (*The Bachelorette*, season 5): Chantal O'Brien has a great family and a beautiful mother. Her father seemed legit like someone I could hang out with and that's huge, so I go with her.

As we saw in the hometown episode, Brad met Chantal's dad, Mike, and the two bonded over past issues with their own father's and the fact that they're both self-made men. Compatibility with your partner's family is a strong sign that your relationship has staying power. Given that Emily's daughter took a while to warm up to Brad, Chantal scores higher in this category.

However, Cupid believes the most important aspect in a relationship is the compatibility that you have with one another, which is what Kiptyn Locke and Tenley Molzahn found at the end of *Bachelor Pad*. In fact, they both agreed with Elizabeth and David and said Chantal would be a good pick for Brad.

**3. Kiptyn Locke** (*The Bachelorette*, season 5): Who Brad will choose is on him; it's all about compatibility. Judging by what I've seen on TV, I'm liking Chantal O'Brien for him.

**4. Tenley Molzahn** (*The Bachelor*, season 14): I adore Emily, like everyone. But I don't see Brad and Emily together. I see him with a more bold personality like Chantal O'Brien.

Tenley also mentioned that Shawntel N. could have been a possible choice.

**5.** The next person to pick Chantal was **Jesse Kovacs** (*The Bachelorette*, season 5), but Chantal wasn't Jesse's only pick; he also favored Michelle Money. "I seem to like the ones who are a little tilted. I just think that would be some entertaining TV," he said. This was definitely true while Michelle's reign on the show lasted, but Brad sent Ms. Money packing before hometown dates.

**6.** Only one person didn't mention Chantal at all: **Natalie Getz** (*The Bachelor*, season 13). She thought Shawntel N. would have been the right choice because she is so "sweet and simple." Unfortunately, Shawntel's hometown tour of her family's funeral parlor wasn't the type of romantic introduction Brad had in mind when he committed to meeting her family.

What's more interesting than who they chose is who they *didn't* – early front runner Emily! Elizabeth summed this up by saying, "Emily is beautiful and sweet, but she seems very guarded, and I think that scares Brad."

While Cupid has made it no secret that we are also "Team Emily," we tend to agree with the others – Chantal is Brad's best pick. From what we've seen on the show, it seems like Brad is never going to be himself with Emily – how can you be comfortable with someone who constantly makes you sweat and stutter?

However, during last night's Women Tell All episode, Michelle

said that after watching this season, she thinks that Brad needs someone like Emily. "She's soft," she said. "She's not me."

So – is Michelle on the "Money" with this one? Did Brad propose to southern belle Emily in South Africa or did he choose sassy and confident Chantal? Be sure to watch ABC on **Monday, March 14 at 8PM/7PM Central Time** for season 15's finale of *The Bachelor* to find out!

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## **'The Bachelor' Season 15 Preview: Diary of the Departed**





By Krissy Dolor

The final rose ceremony is almost upon us, but we need a little dirt on what Brad is *really* like, straight from the horses' mouths. Which is why next week will be the infamous Tell All episode, where Brad will have to face the women he rejected this season. So in honor of the two-hour reveal, let's see what Ashley H. had to say in her 'Diary of the Departed' video below. Don't forget to watch ABC's *The Bachelor* with us on **Monday, March 7 at 8 PM/7 PM Central Time** to find out who comes back – and what they have to say about Mr. Womack himself. And be sure to visit us next week! We will be posting **exclusive *Bachelor* coverage** leading up to season 15's finale!

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# 'The Bachelor' Season 15, Episode 9: A South Africa Safari Ride



By Krissy Dolor

After last week's intense hometown dates, Brad Womack and the final three bachelorettes (Chantal O., Emily and Ashley H.) find themselves in South Africa, a first in the show's history. The producers of ABC's *The Bachelor* chose Sabi Sands, a gorgeous reserve, to set the perfect backdrop for this week's episode. Let's take a look back at what happened last night:

Brad's first date was a safari ride with Chantal, complete

with a safari hat (see above). The day's highlight (besides seeing the lions, wildebeests and hippos, oh my!), was watching Brad and Chantal analyze each species they passed, including the giraffe, which, according to Chantal, is "gorgeous, in a weird way." At their picnic, Brad asked, "Who does this?" What, go on safari rides through the African bush? Well, Brad, you do – and we are all immensely jealous of your life.

While everyone knows that Brad and Chantal are the most open with each other, Chantal said she wanted to prove how much she's in love with him, even though she makes her feelings clear every week. Perhaps a trip to the fantasy suite will do the trick! The two pushed aside their dinner and hurried to their room – which was actually an open air tree house. Chantal compared the fantasy suite to being in Vegas: "What happens in the fantasy suite, stays in the fantasy suite." Well, then. We'll just have to use our imaginations.

Date number two was with Emily, who rushed over to Brad (and he to her) like they haven't seen each other in years. "I've been counting the seconds," Brad said dramatically. But oops – he forgot something. What could it be? If you guessed an elephant, you'd be correct, as Brad returned to Emily on top of one. For the next five minutes, we got to hear Emily's two catch phrases: "Oh my goodness gracious," and "Oh, dear Lord." I mean, *really* – is she not the cutest thing? "This is like *The Lion King*, but better," she said. We agree. At lunch, Emily asked Brad if he was ready for a five-year-old. He said he is, and added that he loves that she is a packaged deal. This leads to a classic Brad-Emily kiss, fully backed by the ridiculous, sweeping love music ABC chooses to play each time they make out.

At dinner, Brad was a nervous wreck, as Emily always turns him into a stuttering ball of mush. What was interesting about this date was that Emily told the cameras beforehand that she is in love with Brad, but was scared to tell him. "I have

only said I love you to one person in my life," she said. Though Emily accepted the fantasy suite card with a bit of hesitation, she opened up inside their suite and told him her feelings, which stunned Brad – in a good way, of course.

But someone's date had to go badly, and this week, it was Ashley's. The Madawaska, Maine native, after seeing the helicopter for her date, ran away screaming. She came back, of course, but it set the tone for the rest of their day. During their picnic, Brad asked Ashley where she wanted to live after she was done with school, and she said she'd want to move to southern Maine to be closer with her sister. While it seemed like an innocent enough question, we all know Brad is looking for someone who wants to share a future with him. Later at dinner, he told Ashley that in their conversations they have never meshed their futures together – which concerned Brad. "Not once did you mention Austin," he said.

Ashley immediately put up her defenses, and said, "I feel like you're just looking for a wife." Insert collective gasp here. "I'm not looking for a perfect person," he said. "I'm just looking for a situation perfect for two people." Silence followed, as Brad did his awkward eye dart thing, while Ashley's eyes teared and she picked at her food. Hoping to salvage what was left of the night, Brad offered her the fantasy suite card, which she accepted. "I just want my Ashley back," he told the camera. "The one I fell for."

Regardless, whatever happened that night wasn't enough, as Brad went into his heart-to-heart with Chris Harrison knowing he was going to say goodbye to Ashley. In fact, Brad decided to pull her away before the rose ceremony began so he could tell her how he felt. "I don't know how we have such bad miscommunication," he said. But Ashley, who sensed what was coming, had already given up. "I feel like we could have had something so good," she told him. "There's really nothing I can do now." And with that, Brad said goodbye.

While Brad expected more of a reaction, Ashley (again) put up her defenses: "I'm not going to beg you to change your mind." In the car, she told the camera, "I wish I could have smiled and been myself...but when you have a heavy heart it's hard to find the strength." Though Brad knew he made the right decision, he said, "I always thought Ashley would meet my family; I always thought she would be one of the last two standing." Personally, I don't think Ashley stood a chance. Her guard was up too high throughout the season and they always seemed to be "taking steps back," and "trying to reconnect," with each other. Spark simply wasn't enough to keep these two together.

And then there were two. Brad told Emily and Chantal that he said goodbye to Ashley, but insisted that the rose ceremony take place, as he is first and foremost a gentleman and wanted their permission to continue on to the last week. Afterward, the women find out that yes, they will meet Brad's family – but they are staying in South Africa and going to Cape Town! Looking forward to another week where America's audiences at home can continue to be jealous.

Do you guys think Brad made the right decision? Let's chat in the comments below.

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## **'The Bachelor' Season 15 Sneak Peak: Who Gets the Fantasy Suite Card in South**

# Africa?



By Krissy Dolor

It's week nine. Brad Womack and the remaining three bachelorettes (Chantal, Ashley H. and Emily) are in South Africa. But who gets the fantasy suite card? If it takes you more than one guess you clearly haven't been watching this season very well, but take a look at the sneak peak clip below to find out (hint: Brad enjoys taking this woman on picnics!). Don't forget to watch [ABC's The Bachelor](#) with us on **Monday, Feb. 28 at 8 PM/7 PM Central Time** to find out what happens. See you at next week's recap!



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# 'The Bachelor' Season 15, Episode 8: Brad Womack Gets Cozy on Hometown Dates



By Krissy Dolor

It's the best week during any season of [ABC's The Bachelor](#) – hometown dates! This is when America (and Brad Womack, of course) finally see where the crazy (or normal) in the final four bachelorettes come from, helping Brad figure out who he wants to spend the rest of his life with: Chantal O., Ashley H. Shawntel N. or Emily. Let's get started:

Brad's journey began in Chantal's hometown, Seattle, Wash. While we know Chantal is in love with Brad, her parents' opinions can make or break this relationship. After meeting her three pets (including her minuscule Pomeranian, Boca), the two went to the O'Brien house – er, mansion. Brad turned on the southern boy charm and won them over easily. He bonded with Chantal's dad, Mike, over being "self-made men," and discovered that their families share a background in masonry. Brad even opened up about his father issues – turns out that Mike has problems in that department, too. "I respected and admired how Chantal's dad opened up," said Brad, and added that Mike "gets" him.

But this wasn't the only heart to heart in Washington. Chantal told her mom that she put herself out there with Brad and is scared to get hurt. "You should trust your heart, and that's what you're doing," said Billie Jo, who either ages extremely well or enjoys a little fine tuning now and then. At the end of the night, Mike gave Brad his total blessing if he were to propose to his daughter. Score one for Brad.

The next date took place across the country in Madawaska, Maine, where Ashley H. calls home. Turns out this dentist speaks a little French, which she demonstrated at lunch when they ordered one of Ashley's favorite dishes: *poutine* (french fries, cheese and gravy). When Brad picked up his fork, she screamed, "You can't eat with a fork!" Sounds like my kind of dish!

At dinner we see where Ashley gets her bubbly attitude from. The Herbert family was all hugs and screams as soon as the two walked through the door. "Such a happy family, my God!" exclaimed Brad. This might be your future, so you better get used to it! Brad and Ashley's dad hung out in their matching lumberjack shirts, and Ashley's mother and sister, Chrystie, seemed quite taken by his presence – Ashley's mom even invited Brad to sleep over. However, Ashley confided to her family that she's still unsure of her feelings for Brad, and Brad,

hearing about how driven Ashley is, doesn't want to hold her back from her dreams. Will Ashley make the cut?

Brad's third date is in Shawntel's hometown, Chico, Texas, where she partakes in the family business and embalms people. As she is the least dramatic of the final bachelorettes, ABC managed to make her look like a psycho with creepy organ music playing in the background. Brad is clearly uncomfortable and doesn't know if he would be able to handle conversations around death. After lying down on an embalming table, Shawntel took Brad to where she speaks with the families and explained why she loves her job. "I have a lot of passion for people," she said. "If you think about it, there's so much love in here."

Later, Shawntel and Brad head to her parents' home. After hearing that Brad was put on the table, Shawntel's dad said, "No rose for you." We like this guy already! However, Mr. Newton *didn't* like that his daughter was willing to give up the family business to move to Austin, where Brad is from. After a very awkward conversation, he gave the couple the family's blessings – "if it's meant to be." Score half a point for Brad; despite the approval, there was obvious hesitation and tension.

And last but not least, there was Brad's much-anticipated date with Emily in Charlotte, N.C. As Brad is the first man Emily is introducing to Ricky, the stakes are high, and Rickie is not easily impressed. Brad even brought a peace offering – a butterfly kite, which Rickie flew after some prodding by her mother and Brad, who did a good job of not being overbearing. "I would welcome and cherish the opportunity to be a father figure to little Rickie," he said. Notice that he said father *figure*, and not just 'father' – smart man!

The night ended in Emily's home, which was filled with toys, games and a lot of pink. After they played Candy Land (how precious!), Brad and Emily tucked Rickie into bed. Brad told

Emily that their day was “perfect,” and Emily told Brad that she could see herself falling in love with him. Cue kiss...or not. Brad said that he respects Emily and her daughter enough to *not* kiss her with her daughter upstairs – which upset Emily. But after she walked him to the door (and told the camera she simply won’t let Brad leave her home without a kiss) she went in for the kill, which was completed by a crescendo of sweeping romantic music. Swoon.

In the end, Brad said goodbye to Shawntel, whose hometown date simply didn’t compare to the other three women’s. However, it wasn’t the family tension or her job that set him off – it was that Brad didn’t feel the way he thought he should have felt when she told him she was falling in love. And the brutal honesty continues. While Shawntel’s a great girl (and has become one of my favorites this season), this didn’t come as a surprise. Wishing you all the best of luck!

And luck goes out to the remaining three women who continue their journey with Brad next week in South Africa. Thanks for reading!

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## Former ‘Jersey Shore’ Star Angelina Pivarnick Is Engaged





Let's do a fist pump for a *Jersey Shore* engagement! Angela Pivarnick is officially engaged, following her boyfriend David Kovac's very public proposal on the red carpet outside of STYLE360 Sachika's fashion show Wednesday. "She was completely surprised [and said], 'Are you serious?'" She looked really happy and shocked," an onlooker told [People](#).

## Should you propose at a public event?

### Cupid's Advice:

Proposing in a public setting generally has two outcomes – successfully romantic or embarrassing rejection. The best proposal settings tend to have a tie to your relationship. Here are some things to consider when planning your proposal:

**1. Avoid clichés:** Instead of sticking with the old 'romantic candlelit dinner, flowers and hiding the ring in champagne' routine, make it unique and personal. Take your mate to the restaurant where you had your first date or your first kiss. Something that holds significance to your partner shows thought.



**2. A romantic strikeout:** Unless you plan on running across Wrigley Field or standing on the 50-yard line of Ohio Stadium, don't take a cue from the Jared commercial by proposing during a sporting event. It's unoriginal and the last thing you need are crazy fans surrounding your special moment.

**3. Make sure it's right:** Don't make the move if you have doubts. Proposing is a big step in a relationship, and it's important that you have no doubts.

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## 'The Bachelor' and His Hometown Honeys



By Krissy Dolor

During week eight, Brad Womack must go on the most important dates of this season – in each of the remaining bachelorettes' hometowns! Emily, Chantal, Ashley and Shawntel are the four women left standing, and Brad must see how his potential other halves live. While Brad's meeting with Ricky, Emily's daughter, is sure to be one of the night's highlights, Shawntel asking Brad to lie down on the embalming table (which normally holds dead people) should be a fun watch. Will Brad be able to handle it? Don't forget to watch [ABC's The Bachelor](#) with us on **Monday, Feb. 21 at 8 PM/7 PM Central Time** to find out what happens. See you at next week's recap!

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## **Beverly Hills Real Housewife Camille Grammer Reveals She Tried to Quit the Show During Filming**





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By Seth Abramovitch

**TV.com:** Hi, Camille. How are you?

**Camille Grammer:** Oh, fine, thanks. It's a really crazy time in my life.

**Why? What's going on? Describe your week.**

Well, you know, my divorce is finalized. There's a lot going on.

**How does that feel?**

How does that feel? Bittersweet. I'm sad for what we had—we were together for 14 years—but you know, I don't regret his happiness. He's moved on, and I'm moving on also.

**Now that the first season of Real Housewives of Beverly Hills has aired, and you're interacting with a public who knows you, or has a strong impression of what they think is you, do you regret having done it?**

Well, after the first few episodes, yeah, of course I did. I didn't think that it was an accurate portrayal of myself.

**Because they cut out stuff that made you look more sympathetic?**

Absolutely. They didn't show a rounded-out sense of who I am as a person.

**And then once you realized what was happening in your marriage, what stopped you from just turning to the cameras and saying, "Get the f\*\*k out of my house. I need to deal with this right now?"**

I wish I could have, but I had an obligation to finish the show. I don't know if I can say this, but I quit at one point. I did. Because it was too much. I didn't know how much I could expose at the time. I was holding a lot back because I had known for a while that things were not right between my husband and I. So it's very difficult filming a reality show while you're going through this process, and hurt, and devastation.

**So what did they say when you said you wanted to quit?**

I quit for, you know, a couple of weeks. And actually Kelsey called me and said, "You have an obligation to do the show. You have to finish the show." So I said, okay. He also asked me to come to the Tonys. Basically I found out [about Kelsey's affair] through a mutual friend, and then I tried to get in touch with him. By the time we spoke, he said, "I've been thinking about it, and I just don't want to be married any longer." I asked if there was anybody else, and he said no at the time, but there obviously was. So he said to me, "You have to come to the Tonys," and I said that I felt too uncomfortable and upset, and I don't understand why I would have to come. And he said, "Listen, you have an obligation to finish out the show. You have to come." He also mentioned that maybe we could talk things through and work it out. That gave me a glimmer of hope that maybe we could spark some romance that weekend. But at that point, he was already gone.

**How intense was that Real Housewives reunion special? Because**

**it was really hard to watch at points.**

I was very nervous going into it. I think most of the girls felt that way. [Laughs] They filmed for eight hours. It was a grueling day. Andy [Cohen] had a lot of questions for me from the viewers.

**Did you feel like he was being unfairly hard on you?**

I don't feel like that, because he gave me a warning. He called me before the reunion show, because I was very nervous about doing it. I told him I didn't feel comfortable, and he said, "Oh, it won't be that bad. There's a lot of questions. People want to know about you." So they prepared me—or not prepared, but he gave me a warning.

**He didn't have to read out a list of the nastiest things people had written about you.**

I thought that was harsh. I thought when he went through the list, that was very harsh.

**Or when he said something to the effect of, "They say insecure people are always the ones who react most strongly to the word 'insecure.'" You agreed with him, but I never heard anyone say that before.**

Neither did I. Look, we taped for eight hours, and they cut it down to 43 minutes in two parts. There were a lot of things said that didn't make it into the show, and for the other girls as well. It wasn't easy. I thought, well, at least the public is getting to see me, and who I am—the strength of who I am as a person.

**What's your real life relationship with these women now? Would you not pick up a phone to talk to them?**

I spoke to Lisa yesterday. She's been very supportive during this whole divorce process with Kelsey. Adrienne and I were friends from before, but I haven't talked to her in a while. Taylor and I text one another. I haven't spoken to Kim. And I called Kyle a week ago.

**What did you guys talk about?**

I just left a message, because I heard she was sick. She has the flu, so I wanted to make sure she was okay.

**So you care enough about her to check in on her?**

Absolutely. I think that's the side of me you really don't see in the first several episodes of *Housewives*. I mean it came across as boasting, but I really do care and empathize. I have a lot of empathy for people.

**Had you never fought with her before the show started?**

I met Kyle only once before I started the show. I only knew her husband.

**So you're appearing on the season finale of \$#! My Dad Says. Are you pursuing acting now?**

Everyone keeps asking me that. I studied acting years ago, and I gave up that dream after I got married to Kelsey 13 years ago. Am I pursuing anything? No. Not actively pursuing. This came about through my publicist, who asked me if I'd like to appear on the show, and I said, "Absolutely. I'd be thrilled to."

**Was it in front of a live audience?**

Yes, of course. It's a sitcom.

**How did they react to you?**

I think I got a pretty good reaction. I have to say, it felt really, really good. After everything I've been through, I felt really welcomed and embraced by the cast and the crew and the writers, and of course by the audience. It was nice. It was kind of like a mini-mini homecoming for me, because I know a lot of people who work in sitcoms through through, of course, my ex Kelsey. So it was nice to see some people who I hadn't seen in a while.

**Did William Shatner say anything to you worth repeating?**

He was fantastic. He was friendly, he welcomed me to the show, he said, "Hello, Camille," he asked about *Housewives*. For the



most part, we were just busy working. I love sitcom format. I have such respect for it, and performing in front of a live audience, you get such a rush with that.

**Are you going to do another season of Real Housewives?**

I don't know. The producers and I have been talking about that in the last week or so.

**There's rumors that you might go to the New York version.**

No! [Laughs] I can definitely say that's not happening.

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## **'The Bachelor' Season 15, Episode 7: Sand, Skin and Broken Rules**





By Krissy Dolor

On this week's "most dramatic episode of ABC's *The Bachelor* yet", Brad Womack and the remaining six bachelorettes head to the beaches of Anguilla. As this is the week before hometown dates, when Brad gets to explore/invade four women's home lives, he must make the ultimate decision – who does he see himself being with at the end of the day?

One obvious answer: Emily, who snagged the first one-on-one. We know there will be at least one helicopter in each episode, and Brad used it to take the demure blonde to her own private Caribbean island. Brad really wants to tell Emily how he feels (since surprising her with picnics during cocktail parties just isn't enough), but can't seem to get over how nervous she makes him feel. "I care more for you than I should probably say right now," he told Emily on their picnic lunch. But is he setting himself up for heartbreak?

"I definitely want to bring Brad home, but I'm still on the fence about him meeting my daughter," said Emily. When Brad asked if he could meet Ricky, she sighed (which he noticed)

and said she's never introduced Ricky to someone she's dated. "I never want to confuse her in any way – you know?" Brad knows, but doesn't care – he wants wants to meet the kid. Desperate to make this work, he tells Emily he will definitely give her a rose at the next ceremony, breaking *Bachelor* protocol. "I don't care about the rules," he said. "I care about Emily." Granted, ABC broke protocol by bringing Brad back, so I guess one slip up is OK.

Date number two went to Shawntel, who Brad wanted to see in an "everyday environment" (since hanging out in picturesque Anguilla is totally normal). The two rode bikes and ended up at a farmer's market. "This is like, my perfect date, and he had no idea," gushed Shawntel. Other activities included drinking coconut milk straight from the coconut (how exotic!) and jump rope (yes...jump rope). Shawntel's drama-free attitude makes it easy to see why Brad enjoys being with her. At dinner, the two talked about what next week would bring. "Chico – you'll fall in love," Shawntel said of her hometown. His cheeky response? "Maybe I already am." Cue the rain and passionate kiss.

But the next one-on-one was anything but passionate, as Britt *finally* gets some alone time with Brad. He surprised her with a yacht, which made everyone jealous. Insert nasty Michelle comment here: "Seems like a waste of a one-on-one if you ask me." I'm sure Britt is a nice girl, but in reality, it really *was* a waste. Brad chose (of all things to do with Britt) to go rock jumping. "I'm terrified – as usual," Britt said. "It's my normal, go-to feeling." She eventually took the plunge and impressed Brad – but it wasn't enough. "There's no romance," he said. "I can't force it. It's just not there."

At dinner, Brad (just like he did with Alli) broke the bad news. "I don't see a future with you and I." But the wheels aren't churning fast enough and Britt just thinks they need more time. But that's not the case. "I know – I *know* – we're not meant to be together." One down, one more to go. Will

one of the girls from the group date leave next?

Yes (but you'll have to wait to find out who). This group date started out with Brad waking up Chantal O., Ashley H. and Michelle at 2 a.m. For what, you ask? A *Sport Illustrated* photo shoot, that's what. Ashley is first to be shot – and the first to go topless, with shells covering up her bits. Up next is Chantal, who, despite feeling like a “fat lard,” sexes it up with wet sand and provocative poses – oh, and topless shots as well. Michelle, who can't be outdone, laid on top of Brad and made out with him – all for the camera, of course. At the end of the shoot, Brad realized that yet again, he has gotten caught up in Michelle's tactics/sexual prowess. “I put myself in hot water here,” he said, seeing everyone's glum faces. No kidding!

Needless to say, the rest of the date bombs. But one woman had to get a rose at the end of this date, and he chose Ashley – which royally pissed off Chantal and Michelle, who both looked murderous. “If you can't choose me over one of three girls, then just send me home,” Chantal whimpered. And it's back to a whiny and insecure Chantal. Can someone tell her to relax already?

Later that night, Brad decided to break another rule (what a rebel!) and not hold the obligatory cocktail party before the rose ceremony. Chris Harrison, the voice of reason, asked Brad if he was sure. “I'm very clear in this decision,” he replied. So let's get to it!

The order of the women who received roses (after Ashley) are: Emily (a given), Shawntel, and...Chantal! Michelle finally got the ax. I thought I'd be more happy about this, but I've enjoyed watching Michelle piss everyone off for the past seven weeks and now need a new woman to hate. Brad's walk with her to the goodbye limo is awkward as Michelle was completely mute. Brad called his decision bittersweet: “There is intense physical attraction, but that would eventually wear off,” and

added that they would have probably had a volatile relationship. Finally! See you later, crazy!

But Michelle, though defeated, looked calm as she laid across the back seat. No words were said to the camera – no outpouring of emotion, no tears or hiccups. Ms. Money went out just as she came in – strong. At the end of the day, this whole experience was something to add to her resume (and something to pass the time until her movie comes out). It's a win-win!

Are you guys as thrilled as I am? Let's talk about it in the comments below. And check back next week for our recap of episode 8 of *The Bachelor* when the final four bring Brad to meet the family.

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## Brad Womack's Ex Says He Proposed to Her Numerous Times





Brad Womack is no rookie when it comes to proposing. This season's eligible bachelor has, according to ex-girlfriend Laurel Kagay in an [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com) article, proposed to her countless times. Kagay said the most recent proposal was just weeks before he left to film this season's show. "Even when we weren't together, he would say how much he loved me and was going to marry me," she said. While filming, Kagay said Womack would send her emails. "I'm sure the girl he picked would want to know that he was proposing to another woman right before he started taping the show," she said. "I would want to know."

**How do you know when your partner's heart is in the right place?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Probably one of the most frustrating parts of a relationship is when you and your partner have different ideas about where you're heading as a couple. Cupid has some ways to tell if you and your partner are on the same page:



**1. There's intimacy:** It's not all about sex. Ask yourself if you do things such as cuddle up to each other after a long day of work or hold hands in public. If not, you may want to look into why.

**2. You say 'I love you' often:** This is important to keep in mind, because if those words are rarely exchanged, there may be some distance between you and your partner.

**3. They don't act distant:** Pay attention to how your partner acts around you. If he or she tends to be caught up in problems or less attentive to what you say, you may want to do something about it before it takes a toll on your relationship and love.

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## **Sexy 'Bachelor' Photo Shoot for 'Sports Illustrated'**





By Krissy Dolor

White sand beaches, crystal blue water and skimpy bathing suits? This isn't your ordinary vacation, as Brad Womack and a few bachelorettes do a photo shoot for *Sports Illustrated* in Anguilla. While Ashley H. has the 'girl next door' look going, Chantal can't help but want to up the sexy ante, and even takes her top off. Don't believe us? Look at Brad's face at the end of the clip below. Don't forget to watch ABC's [The Bachelor](#) with us **next Monday, Feb. 14 at 8 PM/7 PM Central Time** to find out what happens – especially if you have Valentine's Day date night plans! See you next week!

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# 'The Bachelor' Season 15, Episode 6: Hot and Heavy in The Springs



By Krissy Dolor

The vacation destination theme continued on week six of ABC's *The Bachelor* as Brad Womack and the remaining eight bachelorettes took another trip – this time, to Costa Rica. With the lush green landscape, a waterfall and a volcano view from The Springs Resort and Spa, what's *not* to like about week six?

Simple: Michelle, who, despite all her complaining and minor physical assault on Brad, is *still* in the running to be his wife. But we'll get to her later.

Chantal O. got the first one-on-one date with Brad, and after last week's Las Vegas meltdown, this date is crucial to her future. Michelle is less than thrilled, telling the camera, "All I can do is be myself, be patient and hope that Chantal gets attacked by monkeys. Or apes." That's funny, Michelle – we say the same exact thing about you!

Anyway, Brad is all about his "electric connection" with the Seattle native, and wanted to see the strong, confident woman he first met – you know, the one that gave him a slap across the face in the season premiere. What's a better adrenaline rush than zip-lining through the Costa Rica trees? Despite the rain, Chantal didn't hesitate to get herself ready for the half-mile zip-line track, which she completed with ease. "This is a girl that I could definitely hang out with every single day for the rest of my life," said Brad.

The rain made another appearance at dinner, forcing the two indoors. Brad was happy that the weather didn't faze Chantal – but since she's from Seattle, I'm pretty sure rain is the least of her problems. In fact, Chantal took the opportunity to change into one of Brad's button downs, since you obviously can't hang out in wet clothes all night. Smart move. As the two shared dessert, Chantal said, "I would take being rained in with you any day." Romance ensues, Chantal gets a rose, and she boldly asserts to the camera, "I did fall in love with Brad tonight." Bold!

But nothing's as bold as Michelle, who is still behooved over Brad's attraction to Chantal. Some of the words Michelle used to describe her were aggressive, overly confident and egotistical. Is she talking about herself? After the group date, which included Jackie, Emily, Shawntel, Britt and Ashley H., those are the words anyone would use to describe her, as she threw a fit over the fact that Brad was taking everyone rappelling down a waterfall. If you recall, Michelle and Brad did this in episode four, where they promised that they wouldn't go rappelling without each other.

Technically, Brad kept up his end of the deal. After all the women went down (even Jackie, who is deathly afraid of heights), Brad told Michelle, after much pouting and a few punches from her, that he was saving her for last so they could rappel together. Duh! When the two made their trek (wearing matching jackets, no less), the other women wondered if they called each other beforehand to plan their outfits.

However, the rest of the group date didn't go as smoothly. Some women (like Jackie) were clearly jealous that Brad had given Michelle extra attention, and Brad felt guilty. Emily told Brad that she has a tendency to sabotage her relationships, and that's no good, as Brad really likes Emily. And Michelle flat out tells Brad that she doesn't see him with any of the women (besides herself). Brad, overwhelmed and flabbergasted by everything, tells the women he can't give anyone a rose tonight. Smart decision.

But of course, there is one last one-on-one date with Brad, and Alli is the lucky lady left. This is her first one-on-one, and with a card that reads, "Meet me at the altar," she is more than confused. The date starts off with horseback riding and ends in a bat cave – yes, a bat cave. How unromantic. Brad leads her through the 40 million year old cave to an "altar," a set of natural stairs made of stone that lead up to a flat surface, where Brad has set a candlelit picnic. OK, that's much better.

But at dinner, Brad comes to the realization that he can't see himself with Alli in the long run, as they are straining to make small talk despite the intimate setting. Where are the tears? The depressing stories? The conversation is going nowhere. To make it even *more* awkward is that Alli brought up her last serious relationship, where she couldn't see herself marrying the guy. "I couldn't see him at the end of the aisle," she said. The light bulb goes off in Brad's head and he broke the news to her: "I can't give you this rose. I think you're an amazing woman but we both know we have a

strong friendship, and I think that's where it ends."

Ouch. But not all is lost. In the depressing ride away from the resort, Alli said that Brad has given her a much higher standard for the next time she starts dating. Good for you!

Back at the house, the women see Alli's luggage taken being away and rush outside to gape and gawk. Michelle simply sat there, plotting her next move. Guess where she ends up? Brad's bedroom – would you expect anything less? So instead of a weekly therapy session we see more of Michelle (who will be in a movie later this year), who pounces on Brad and gives him more grief about Chantal and the rest of the bachelorettes.

But it doesn't make a difference. Brad keeps the crazy. He even keeps Britt, who still hasn't had a one-on-one date. In fact, Brad says goodbye to Jackie (who got that awesome serenade from Train in episode two). Will Brad ever say goodbye to Michelle? Check back next week for our recap of episode 7 of *The Bachelor*, where the vacation continues – in Anguilla!

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## A Costa Rica Paradise for 'The Bachelor'







By Krissy Dolor

What involves horseback riding, rock climbing and zip-lining through lush green trees? Another *Bachelor* trip, of course – this time, to Costa Rica! With the beautiful scenery at his disposal, Brad can't help that he's falling for each of the eight women that are left to compete. But who can he see being his wife? Well, Michelle tells Brad (again) that she doesn't see him with any of the other contestants: "Jackie needs to go home, Alli needs to go home – they all need to go home, I don't know what to say." Why don't you tell us how you *really* feel? But it looks like Michelle digs herself into a hole when she confronts Brad about his feelings for Chantal, her in-house rival. Will Brad continue to keep the crazy or will he send her packing for good? Don't forget to watch ABC's [The Bachelor](#) with us **next Monday, Feb. 7 at 8 PM/7 PM Central Time** to find out what happens!

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# 'The Bachelor' Season 15, Episode 5: Tears and Loathing in Las Vegas



By Krissy Dolor

As we mentioned earlier today, we got a chance to watch last night's episode of ABC's *The Bachelor* with *Bachelor Pad* winner and author of *The Man Code*, David L. Good. The event was at the Village Pourhouse in downtown New York City, and many ladies (and a few gents) came out to talk to David, take pictures, check out his book and watch the fifth episode with him. I have to admit, it was both cool and weird to watch the

show with a former contestant – as you guys remember, David was on season 5 of *The Bachelorette* with Jillian Harris. Hearing David's take definitely added a unique perspective. Read on for our recap of last night's episode and his advice for season 15 contestant Brad Womack:

ABC took Brad and the gang to Sin City, where they stayed at the Aria hotel. The first date was a one-on-one with Shawntel (one of David's favorites). Her card read, "Let's end tonight with a bang," – how scandalous! The day started off with a shopping spree in "one of the nicest malls in the world," where this lucky bachelorette was able to buy anything – and I mean *anything* – she wanted. The two ran from store to store, picking out what seemed like everything in sight. Luckily, Shawntel was wearing casual clothes that made it easy for her to try stuff on. "It was so much fun shopping with Shawntel!" exclaimed Brad. Since it was on ABC's budget, I'm sure it was.

Their night ended with a rooftop dinner, where they were finally able to get alone time. But was it romantic? "I have waited so long to talk to Shawntel," Brad said. "And she's telling me that she embalms deceased bodies." Awkward. At least tears weren't shed, like Brad's past one-on-one dates. He gave her a rose and their night ended up with fireworks (get it?).

The group date was next. Brad took Jackie, Emily, Lisa, Marissa, Alli, Chantal O., Britt and Michelle to the Las Vegas Motor Speedway. But wait – isn't there a conflict somewhere? It's reality TV, of course there is! Not only was Emily's fiancé Ricky a NASCAR driver, he even crashed at this very racetrack. Brad, who didn't know about Ricky's racing past, tried to to makes amends and asked Emily if she wanted to leave. "I feel like a jerk," he said. No kidding.

But since Emily is the most gracious of this season's

bachelorettes, she opted to stay and face her past. “Ricky will always be a huge part of my life,” she said. “I will always love him.” And with that, the southern belle hopped into the car and drove her three laps. “While I’m driving, I’m not thinking about going the fastest – I’m just driving around thinking the first few laps are for Ricky, and the last lap is for me.” Cue the tears!

Later, everyone heads to – you guessed it – another rooftop. Alli was upset that Emily dominated Brad’s time. Chantal slipped up and mentioned the L-word, which Brad tried not to notice. And Michelle? She’s over the tears that the other women are throwing at Brad, and said, “Brad is a man babysitting little girls.” Michelle uses her dominatrix power and shows Brad exactly how she feels with a little tongue action behind closed doors. At this part, David laughed and said, “You have to give her credit!” I (grudgingly) agree – she knows what she wants and she’s not scared to fight for it.

But despite Michelle’s manhandling, Emily received the second rose of the episode, which was no surprise to anyone on the show (or at the bar).

And then it was time for the dreaded two-on-one date, where Brad would have to send one of the two girls home immediately afterward. Crazy eyes Ashley H. and New York nanny Ashley S. battled it out at a rehearsal for Cirque du Soleil’s “Viva Elvis” show. Luck would have it that the Ashleys are best friends in the house – they even got matching tattoos in Vegas! After the rehearsal was over, Brad broke the news: “I think you’ll make an extraordinary wife,” he said to Ashley S. “I don’t think you’ll make an extraordinary wife for me.” Ouch. Despite Michelle’s hope that Brad would send *both* Ashleys home, he decided to hang onto dentist-Ashley for a little while longer. Turns out that first one-on-one date trumps first impression rose.

We also said goodbye to Lisa and Marissa – just when I was

hoping to get to know them better. Next week, it looks like Brad and the eight remaining women take another trip – this time, to the Costa Rica rain forest. While I tried to pry David for some *Bachelor* secrets (and got no luck – sorry guys!), he *did* offer up some great advice for Brad: “Don’t give into what everybody else wants you to do,” he said. “Stick with your heart like you did the first time. Obviously it worked out – both those other girls are engaged ... I think he’s a little older, a little wiser – I think he’s there for love.” David continued, “At the end of the day, as soon as you’re off that show, in two weeks you’re back to real life, and everybody’s got to deal with that. Everybody was upset; ‘he owes us – he owes us to get married, he was on the show.’ ... He doesn’t owe anybody anything just because he’s on TV.”

Hear, hear! You can see more clips from our interview with David on Vimeo and YouTube. Don’t forget to visit us next week our recap of next week’s episode!

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## **Video: David Good Says Brad is a ‘Man Code’ Man and Talks About His Favorite Bachelorettes**







By Krissy Dolor

*Bachelor Pad* winner David L. Good has been in New York City since Thursday promoting his book, *The Man Code: A Woman's Guide to Cracking the Tough Guy*. Monday night's event took place at the Village Pourhouse, which included a book signing and a viewing of ABC's *The Bachelor* with David himself! Cupid's Pulse spoke with the former *Bachelor* contestant about his book tour, this season of *The Bachelor*, and of course, Brad Womack. In fact, David says that Brad is a 'man code' man, just like himself:

David also talked about his favorite bachelorettes of season 15:

Cupid thanks David for his time! Check back later for a full recap of last night's episode and more from our interview with David Good.