

'Bachelor in Paradise' Newcomer & Reality TV Star Chris Bukowski: "Paradise Wasn't Paradise For Me"



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We followed-up with *Bachelor in Paradise* contestant Chris Bukowski about his arrival to Tulum, Mexico and the stir he caused on his first night there. For those of you who haven't been watching, the four-time *Bachelor* franchise veteran went on what appeared to be a great date with Clare Crawley and ended the evening with a controversial ocean frolic and a lot of kissing with Elise Mosca. "After the whole makeout session, I don't think Clare and I spoke another word to each other,"

the reality TV star says in our [celebrity interview](#).

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Bukowski, a master at making a memorable first impression, arrived with a date card and asked Crawley to spend a day of pampering with him. The heartbreaker left her looking all giddy and happy, despite the warning about him that she got from the others. He confirms, “Clare and I had a great date, and I do regret not pursuing our relationship and love further, but at the time, it seemed like there was no romantic connection there.”

The real chemistry he felt on *Bachelor in Paradise* was with Mosca, who had already formed a connection with Dylan Petit. But when asked if it was love at first sight, he says, “I didn’t have an instant attraction to Elise. I barely knew who she was. The two girls I was initially considering taking on the date were Clare and Lacy Faddoul.”

We all know that there’s more to these love triangles than what reality TV reveals. And although the show paints Bukowski as the bad boy, he maintains that he’s better than that. “I don’t think anyone will ever be happy with editing, but at this point, it’s all pretty funny to me. Can’t take this stuff too seriously!”

At the end of the episode, he receives a default rose from Mosca (after she was rejected by Petit and gave an awkward speech about what women “deserve” in a partner), but he assures us that what we saw go down on *Bachelor of Paradise* wasn’t *that* dramatic. “Dylan and I squashed the whole thing at the rose ceremony, but that wasn’t shown,” the restaurant

owner shares in our celebrity interview.

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You may have noticed on episode 2 that Bukowski wasn't hanging out with the rest of the cast while Petit took Sarah Herron on a one-on-one date. It turns out that he was further courting his new crush: "I definitely hung out with Elise more than what viewers saw. I actually setup a makeshift date on the beach that wasn't aired."

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As much as we love Bukowski for adding some spice to the season, it doesn't look like a good start to "happily ever after" for the *Bachelor in Paradise* newcomer. Although he won't reveal any teasers about next week's episode, he does leave us with this closing thought: "I didn't feel the need to be there any more. Paradise wasn't paradise for me..." According to sources, he'll excuse himself next week and leave paradise.

Back home, Bukowski watched the show with former *Bachelor/Bachelorette* contestants Jaclyn Swartz, Christy Hansen (who will be arriving in paradise soon), and some other friends.

We can't wait to see what happens next Monday night!

Keep up with Chris on Twitter @ChrisJBukowski. Be sure to tune in to Bachelor in Paradise on Monday nights at 8/7c on ABC!