5 Bachelor and Bachelorette Couples We Can Learn From





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It has been announced that the most recent couple from *The Bachelor* series has split. Shocking. You mean to tell us that finding love in three weeks in front of cameras, a herd of people and being thrown into extravagant romantic dates didn't really build the solid foundation that a couple needs to work out? You could have fooled me. Now that Emily Maynard and Jef 'with one F' Helms are over, we can take a minute to look and learn from other *Bachelor* couples:

Trista and Ryan Sutter: That's right they have the same name ... because they actually got married! And two kids later, they

boast of a happy and healthy relationship together. This is rare in Bachelor history. They proved that you can find love, but only if you work hard on it and get past all the fame that comes with reality TV. Congrats to them and we look forward to them being the only successful couple for many more years! Lesson learned: Barrel through the muck.

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Jake Pavelka and Vienna Girardi: Who doesn't love a good train wreck? This couple was doomed from the start. Way-too-sweet-for-his-own-good Jake chose bad girl Vienna to be his <u>bride</u>. It didn't take long before there were rumors that Vienna cheated on him, and the next thing you know, both were destined to hang on to their 15 minutes of fame by going to the media. It was very messy, much like Byron Velvick and Mary Delgado's breakup. Police were involved, so enough said. Lesson: Don't go for the bad guy/gal and be mature in a break up or you will end up looking like a train wreck.

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Jason Mesnick and Melissa…errr…Molly Malaney: Another successful Bachelor couple, but this marriage happened in the round about away. Jason was originally smitten with the bubbly and beautiful Melissa Rycroft only to dump her on national television for doe-eyed runner up Molly. Despite the outrage from fans and the media, this couple managed to make it through and get married. They just recently announced they are expecting their first child together! Lesson: Go with your gut and make the right decision first.

Ali Fedotowsky and Roberto Martinez: Ugh. This one was a tough one to get over. Not only were Ali and Roberto cute together, but they actually seemed to be happy in front of cameras. After 18 months they decided to call off the engagement and

end their relationship. Lesson: Pretty people break up, too. Also as much as you want it to work out, sometimes it just doesn't.

Charlie O'Connell and Sarah Brice: This is an oldie, but a goodie. And yes, Charlie is bro's with actor Jerry. Charlie chose blonde bombshell Sarah way back in 2006 and they broke up in 2007. They got back together in 2008 and then after 5 years, called it off again. It was a mutual break up, as they were both citing they fought over the same things the first and second time around. Who knows, maybe the third time's the charm? Lesson: You break up the first time for a reason, don't forget why.

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