

# Chris Harrison Says Ladies Are Excited for 'Bachelor' Ben Flajnik



During the casting of the upcoming season of *The Bachelor*, the ladies in question found out for whom they would be vying, according to [People](#).

Chris Harrison, the host of the show, had nothing but positive things to say about the women's reaction to the news that Ben Flajnik would be the new *Bachelor*. "We were able to tell the girls, you know, who our bachelor was. So, they're fired up. And if they're excited, then it's going to be a good season," he said.

**How do you keep yourself from getting too excited around your crush?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Sometimes when you really like someone, it's easy to get

overly excited around them. This can often drive them away.

Cupid has some advice:

**1. Rationalize:** This is easy said than done, but try to temper your emotions by thinking logically. More than likely, your feelings are ones of lust at the beginning, and coming on too strong may be a false reaction.

**2. Focus on other things:** Instead of spending your time thinking about your potential partner all day everyday, keep your mind occupied with other hobbies and interests.

**3. Comfort food:** Sometimes all you need to stay calm is a good solid meal filled with protein and carbohydrates, otherwise known as comfort food.

How do you keep your cool around your crush? Share your experiences below.

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## **RHOBH EXCLUSIVE: Taylor Armstrong's Life Coach, Melanie Mar Answers Our Questions**





By Ashley DelBello

Last Monday night, the world was introduced to Melanie Mar on *The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills* (RHOBH). As we all saw, she was giving life coaching advice to Taylor Armstrong and helping her through her marriage woes to her now late husband, Russell. We published an interview with Melanie the day after the episode aired, where she offered advice for both couples looking to strengthen their relationship and singles searching for Mr. Right. This week, Melanie shares insight with us that answers our burning questions about the Armstrong's, what it was like to work with Taylor, and what type of counsel she gave to her over the past six months.

**We loved watching you on the show. Can you tell us a little about your history with the Armstrong's and how you came to be Taylor's life coach?**

I've known the Armstrong's for about a year now. We met through mutual friends. Initially I was brought into the RHOBH to help resolve the marital problems of both Russell and Taylor. However prior to filming, Taylor privately disclosed personal details (since made public) within the marriage which made it unprofessional for me to counsel them as a couple on the show. It was my opinion and suggestion that I would be most beneficial as Taylor's life coach.

## **How long have you been a coach to Taylor?**

Our first session began in March. I found her to be very forthcoming and open. This is an incredibly important characteristic as it enables me to assist the person with understanding what they want and don't want in their lives and relationships. Once I have established that, we can begin the process of putting in place the actions needed for change. Pain indicates change is needed or change is in progress.

## **What were you doing to help Taylor and her marriage? What were your sessions like?**

As with all my clients, I begin with educating a different way to communicate within relationships. I teach the biological differences of men's and women's brains and why they think and feel things differently. Ultimately, if a relationship is beyond repair I then have to progress onto alternative options available for that individual or couple and help them to make the best rational, logical decision depending on their circumstances.

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## **On the episode it appeared that you were trying to help Taylor with her marriage, not sway her to leave like the rest of the women were convincing her to do. Can you tell us more about that?**

I work with what I have. If someone tells me they will do anything to make their marriage work, then I will do my utmost to give them all the tools, information and support necessary to make it possible. If someone tells me they want to leave their marriage, I will give them all the tools, information and support to make it possible. I cannot tell anyone what to do – they have to tell me what they want to do and my job then is to assist them in getting there.

**According to reports, Taylor and Russell were also being**

**counseled by psychiatrist Dr. Charles Sophy. Did you work with him?**

I have not worked with Dr Charles Sophy. Unlike psychiatrists, I am not licensed to prescribe medication. What I teach is a form of cognitive behavior therapy. I am working with the left lobe of the brain responsible for making logical decisions. Most people regret something they have said or done when it has come from a state of being irrational, emotional or illogical. I help people deal with conflict in their life, whether it's with loved ones, friends, co-workers or family, in a rational way.

**What counsel do you provide someone who is not only having relationship and communication problems, but domestic violence issues as well?**

My advice to anyone suffering from domestic violence is to contact the experts who specialize in domestic abuse cases.

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**How is Taylor now? Are you still her life coach?**

I have not seen Taylor since the funeral, but she knows I am here for her when she is ready to talk privately.

**What are some reasons a person would hire a life coach?**

Everybody needs to talk to someone during trials – it is unhealthy to suffer in silence. However, most people, particularly women, who share their intimate problems do so with several people. This causes more confusion because everyone is giving different and uneducated advice. I am unbiased and am certified in what I do. My coaching is based on scientific studies. I teach specific tools to enable my clients to take control of their life, to get what they want by knowing what they don't want.

**If someone wanted to hire you to coach them in the same way**

**you did Taylor, what would that look like? What's the process?**

My first session with a client starts with me explaining my qualifications, who I am and what I do. I give a brief background into the brain and why men and women do, say and behave in certain ways. I ask what their particular problem is and then begin teaching the behavior modification techniques. In each session after that, we continue working together on their issues, implementing the tools and following up on their progress. I end every session with a "contract" for that individual or [couple](#), something that they are verbally agreeing to do or stick with.

**What other services do you offer?**

Other than coaching, I offer complete makeovers. As a former runway and photographic model, fashion and style are paramount to me. I am a big believer in the thought that when you look good, you feel good. I think first impressions do count and, whether you are on the market for a new relationship or a new job, making the best of yourself never is a bad thing. I garner great joy from helping others transform themselves and seeing their confidence soar.

Visit Melanie's Mar's Facebook page or contact her at [info@melaniemar.com](mailto:info@melaniemar.com) if you're interested in learning more about she helps others in their lives and relationships. A complete overview of her services can be found at [www.melaniemar.com](http://www.melaniemar.com).

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**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!

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## Millionaire Matchmaker: Patti Stanger Brings Out the Big Guns to Help Emma and Frank



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**Millionaire Matchmaker, Thursday 9/22 @ 9/8c:** Patti has her hands full this week when one client, Emma, refuses to get over her masculine tendencies, while the other client, Frank, suffers from some pretty serious control issues. Emma and Frank are both desperate to find love, but if they don't learn how to let someone in—not just into their bedrooms, but into their hearts—they will never fall in love. Patti must bring out the big guns this week to help Emma set her sights a



little higher than just any guy that is available, and to help Frank take his guard down and let a girl stay past 5 o'clock in the morning. Will Patti succeed?

**Breaking Control Habits: Patti Stanger brings in a life coach to help her millionaire break his bad habits.**

Breaking Control Habits

**Going Against Her Human Nature: This millionairess must listen to Patti Stanger and Patti warns her that this process will be hard.**

Going Against Her Human Nature

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# **Taylor Armstrong's Life Coach from The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills Offers Tips for Today's Relationship and Finding Mr. Right**





**By Ashley DelBello**

"I teach women to be ladies and men to be gentlemen," says model turned relationship coach, Melanie Mar who has worked with Hollywood's most elite celebrities and couples to help them find love in their life and more importantly, within themselves.

Melanie Mar is the founder of Melanie Mar International and a partner of Patti Stanger's Millionaire's Club Matchmaking Agency. You may also recognize her from last night's episode of *The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills*, where she is seen coaching Taylor Armstrong about her marriage to Russell Armstrong. We had the chance to catch up with Mar and get her advice for couples in a relationship, as well as for those who are navigating the single scene. She offered some amazing insight. Ladies take note.

One of the most common dating challenges for single women who live in big cities like LA or NY is that they find it too hard to meet a man. "Women have become much more independent and now they're competing with men," says Mar. "There's a lot of masculinity out there these days and it takes so much courage for today's man to approach today's woman. He has no idea what reaction he'll get," she explains.

Mar continues by noting that anytime women are working, it

means they're using their left brain, which is their logical and doing mode, it's the one that's needed to do a job successfully. The opposite lobe is where our emotions lie. Interestingly, the left brain is also the lobe that men use, hence where the competitiveness comes into play.

"There are four people in every relationship because we're all masculine and we're all feminine. You know when you're being one or the other. In fact, one of the things that I tell my women [clients] when they're struggling with this is when you've finished work, come home and take one hour and do something feminine. I don't care if it's taking a bath, walking the dog, or playing music. I don't care what it is, but get into that feminine side."

A Harvard study on why we marry found that approximately two-thirds of women marry for status and stability and the other 33 percent marry for sensual and sexual pleasure. However, the study found the exact opposite for men – where two-thirds of men marry for the sensual and sexual. When these men come home after work, they want to come home to a sensual home – meaning they don't want to work or compete once they've walked in the door.

"If you're a woman who wants a "real" man, turn it off when you get home," Mar advises. "It's so crucial to take that one hour – and you should tell your partner that you need to do this to become a better girlfriend, wife, or significant other. It's so important for women not to compete, control or conquer their men because you won't respect them and the men if they're real men, won't tolerate it. You'll be banging heads every time you open your mouth."

Mar's generously offered some tips for those looking to find that special someone:

– **Stop going out in groups:** It takes a lot of guts for a guy to approach a woman, much less a group of women. Mar advises

if you're specifically going out to meet a guy, then don't go out with more than one girlfriend. If a man does approach you, remember to be nice to him even if you're not interested (unless he is a drunk or a creep of course!), since he mustered up a lot of courage to come talk to you.

– **Make your body language very clear:** Look around. Find a guy you're interested in. Make eye contact, hold it and SMILE. Melanie calls that "dropping the hanky" and men need a hanky dropped! It's very difficult for men to understand what women are doing so Mar always says to "drop the hanky," hold the look, smile, and be open and inviting because he's taking cues from your body signals.

– **Do not sit there, huddled in a deep conversation with your girlfriends:** Enough said.

– **Do not go up to him:** Let him come to you. And if he still doesn't approach you, then you know that you did your part. He's either in a relationship, not interested or gay.

– **Keep the ball in his court:** If he gives you his business card, turn it over, write your number on the back, and hand it back to him.

– **Let him chase you:** "That's another mistake today's woman is making," says Mar. "Women are calling, texting, inviting – making it far too easy for men. He doesn't want it to be that easy. He might think he does, but he doesn't. He wants to work for it."

– **Flirt five times a day for five minutes:** Practice on guys that you're not interested in. Smile at a guy at Starbucks. Catch the eye of a guy in the grocery store. Wherever you go – practice. You may not be into them, but you're practicing flirting. Some of them will come up and want to talk to you, but that's more practice (just don't forget to be polite when exiting the conversation). Eventually, you'll see a guy who you like and it won't be difficult because you've done it so

many times.

**– Ask yourself what type of guy you like and go where they would go:** If you want a business guy who is worldly then go to an elegant hotel bar like the side bar at Beverly Wilshire. If you want a younger person who is more hip, then go to a trendy restaurant like Boa. If you want a church guy, then go to church. Make sure you've answered these questions before you step out the door.

Not wanting to leave anyone out, Mar's also offered advice for those who are already in a relationship:

**– Get a verbal contract:** "I'm not a moralist, but when you decide to sleep with a guy, it does make a difference." Mar says that having a verbal contract is important so that you both are clear about what you're doing. "I don't care what that contract is. I don't care if you have one that says this is a one night stand but you need one. "There's nothing worse than a woman having sex with a man and presuming that they're in a monogamous relationship. Just because a woman spends a month or two getting to know a guy doesn't mean he isn't dating other people. A verbal contract will let you know where you stand so that you're both clear on your expectations.

**– Negotiate time, sex, money and space:** Take "time" for example. You say it's important to have a certain amount of time to yourself – negotiate with your partner how much time that is. For each of these categories, you should also negotiate "I," "We," and "Us." The "I" is time by yourself, the "We" is what you guys do together, and the "Us" is what you're doing together with other people. "It's really important to negotiate these things in order to keep the lines of communication open. If you do this, then the arguments are less and the peaceful atmosphere is more." Melanie advises couples to negotiate often: every two months during the first year, every three months during the second year and every six

months after that.

– **It always comes back to communication:** “If you can’t communicate, you’re in trouble. If you can logically communicate with each other, then you’re already ahead of the game.”

– **Sex is important:** You need to negotiate what’s right for each of you and find that middle ground that you’re both happy with. “If it happens more than what you negotiated, and you both were in mutual agreement, then that’s great. If it’s less, then you need to work on it,” says Mar.

– **Reconnect with your feminine side:** Take a bubble bath, drink a glass of wine, do your nails – just do something feminine.

– **Communicate clearly and often:** “What I teach is so important because verbal communication only takes up 15 percent of our communication ... so you better make sure what comes out of your mouth makes sense.”

To learn more about Melanie Mar and where she’s taking her advice next, visit her Facebook page or [www.melaniemar.com](http://www.melaniemar.com).

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## **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!

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## **‘Bachelorette’ Winner J.P. Rosenbaum Loves Ashley Hebert’s Dog Boo**



At the end of the seventh season of the reality TV show *The Bachelorette*, [Ashley Hebert](#) chose [J.P. Rosenbaum](#) and accepted his heartfelt marriage proposal. Now that the [celebrity couple](#) is preparing to walk down the aisle, Rosenbaum has one last family member to win over: Hebert’s pet yorkie, Boo. After they met for the first time earlier this month, the pint-sized puppy got better acquainted with Rosenbaum and the two seemed to be well on their way to a great relationship. “They’re good. They will be

best friends,” the former *Bachelorette* told [People](#). With plans to relocate Boo to the Big Apple as soon as possible, Hebert is excitedly basking in what seems to be the start of her celebrity love story.

## ***Bachelorette* winner Rosenbaum gets along fine with Hebert’s pet, Boo. What do you do if you *don’t* get along with your partner’s pet?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Introducing your new partner to your pet can be a big step in your relationship and love. Pets can sense emotions like fear and anger, so you need to be sure to relax and enjoy yourself. Here are some tips to consider when your love meets your pet:

**1. Go on a date that includes the pet:** It doesn’t have to be anywhere fancy. A nice picnic at the park along with a few games of fetch is a perfect example. Pack some sandwiches for you and some treats for your furry friend!

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**2. Spend a little one-on-one time with them:** Just like people, pets need uninterrupted attention as well. Offer to take them on a walk for 15 to 20 minutes so they can get used to you without your partner present.

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**3. Bring them treats:** No pet can resist the temptation of a new play toy or a delectable treat. A few of these will have them happy to see you in no time.

How did you get your partner's pet to like you? Share your experiences below.

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## Bravo Crossover: Million Dollar Listing's Madison Hildebrand on Millionaire Matchmaker



**BRAVO's The Millionaire Matchmaker 5, Airing Thursday 9/15 @ 9/8c:** Patti takes on another Bravo star this week, trying to find love for the lonely. Million Dollar Listing's Madison is one of Patti's clients and while he wants to find love, he just doesn't have the time. Meanwhile, Patti's other client may need more help than your basic mixer. Eric meets with a

psychotherapist in the hopes that it will lead him to love. Will these single men walk away with the love they've been looking for or will Patti need to put in extra work for these bachelors?

**Madison Hildebrand's Past Relationships:** Patti Stanger meets Madison Hildebrand and gets right down to the nitty gritty.

**Getting the Intel:** Patti Stanger sends this millionaire to see a psychotherapist so she can clean him up and help him meet the right guy.

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## **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!

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## **'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.

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## **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!

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## '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.

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# 'Big Brother' Star Will Kirby Is Engaged



Another reality star has decided to tie the knot. [People](#) reports that *Big Brother* season 2 winner, Will Kirby proposed on Tuesday to his longtime girlfriend, *For Love or Money* champ Erin Brodie. Kirby popped the question at Brodie's favorite restaurant, a romantic venue by the sea. "I'm so fortunate to be in a relationship with Erin," Kirby said. "I'm thrilled to now open the next chapter of our lives together." **What are some romantic proposal ideas? Cupid's Advice:**

Brainstorming ideas for a truly unique and romantic proposal can be difficult. Here are a few suggestions:

**1. A place with a view:** Try taking your proposal to new heights. Propose during a hot-air balloon ride or on a mountainous scenic route. The view will be breathtaking and unforgettable.

**2. The place of your first date:** Try taking you partner back to the place where the two of you had your first date. The venue will amuse your partner and will serve as a welcome reminder of how far the two of you have come as a couple.

**3. Candle-lit dinner:** There's a reason why the stereotypical, candle-lit dinner has become cliché. It works. While the classic idea is perfect on its own, try adding your own twist by ordering your favorite foods or dining in your favorite town.

Have you heard any romantic proposal ideas or have you accepted any romantic proposals? Feel free to share a comment below!

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## 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.

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## **'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!

### **Predictions:**

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

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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](http://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.**

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## **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?

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## '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!

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## **The Reason 'Bachelorette' Ali Fedotowsky Delayed Her**

# Nuptials to Roberto Martinez



Ali Fedotowsky is happy with her recent decision to delay her wedding to Roberto Martinez. According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), the couple was engaged in May of 2010 and one of the main reasons for putting off the nuptials was that her knee surgery in July, which made Fedotowsky unable to hit the gym. She wants to get in some good gym time before the big day ... and she'd also like to walk (instead of hobble) down the aisle. Though the couple aren't in a rush to get married, there could perhaps be a wedding next summer.

**What are some good reasons to put off your wedding for the time being?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

In our society, people often feel pressured to get married quickly, but that isn't always the best course of action. Here are some good reasons to postpone your wedding:

**1. You're not ready:** If you're really having doubts that go beyond cold feet, it's okay to wait to get married. Being absolutely sure is the most important thing.

**2. The kids:** If you have young children that don't fully understand what is going on and what the changes in your life mean for them, you might want to wait a little longer.

**3. Money issues:** If you find that you can't afford your original plans, which is very common in this economy, take a step back and regroup.

What are some other reasons to put off a wedding? Share your thoughts below.

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## Millionaire Matchmaker: Patti Stanger on Being Single, Celebrity Relationships and Love in NYC





By [Lori Bizzoco](#)

Can't get enough of Patti Stanger and her millionaires? Here at Cupid's Pulse, we can't either. That's why we were excited to talk to her about the upcoming premiere of The Millionaire Matchmaker.

This season, Patti and her team (Chief Operating Officer, Destin Pfaff, and his fiancée, Vice President of Matchmaking, Rachel Federoff), are back in her hometown of Los Angeles, ready to put their matchmaking skills to work to find love for those millionaires and one millionairess. Newly-single and ready to step out into the dating world again, Patti not only is looking for love for her clients this season, but she is also on the prowl herself, looking for her very own "Mr. Right."

That's right! Patti is back and she's skinnier, nicer and single as ever! Cupid's Pulse participated in a recent media conference call where Patti offered some words of wisdom and insight on what we can expect to see this season:

**This season, you're going to be featured on dates. Can you tell us about your experience?**

Yes. In the 13<sup>th</sup> episode, I actually date and do the mixer process. It was the scariest time of my life. When I'm

dating, I am a totally different Patti. I'm soft, subdued, and submissive – completely different than business Patti. My ex used to ask, "Can we switch the business mode off and go back to sweet Patti?" My show-runner turned to me one day and said, "No one is going to believe you. They are going to think you are acting." I'm very quiet when I date – that's just how I am.

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**Is there something now you realize about dating on-camera that you didn't before?**

Yes. I've realized that I usually tend to date down. I've never dated a rich guy. This guy I met on the show is probably one of the richest guys that I've dated, and he isn't even that rich. I think I would like to date a millionaire, but I think it would be nice if I did it off-camera. I'd like to date someone who makes equal or more money than me and romances me that way, but I haven't met anyone like that. I would still have to be sexually attracted to them. One question on my application is: "Would you rather have looks or money?" I'm a looks-person, whereas a money-person is someone who doesn't care about that. The reason that I say that is, getting looks *and* money together is *really* hard to find. It is never easy, especially at my age.

**What are your thoughts about having a baby?**

I would not have a baby without a man. It's not that I couldn't, but I wouldn't feel comfortable. I am adopted, and my mom was married three times. I had a lot of issues with that. I've wanted a kid forever, and I've wanted to adopt, but I want to have a partner when I do it.

**How did guest stars Jenny McCarthy, Tori Spelling, and Perez Hilton impact your show this season?**

Jenny is one of my closest friends. Actually, she was one of

my first famous friends. She comes on the show to help a guy who is kind of a nerd in Silicon Valley find his sex appeal and figure out what to say on a date.

Tori is on the second episode. We have a multi-millionaire who believes that when you're pregnant, you have to stop working and never work again. He doesn't think that you can do both at the same time. So I wanted to show him that Tori didn't live off her family's money. She built her own career, and she didn't marry rich. Tori proves that you can work and also have babies – and chickens too (she has an animal farm in her house)!

I really wanted Perez to date, but he didn't want to do it on camera, so we met at his house. He is adorable and lost all that weight, so he looks hot and happening. He actually interviewed me for his online show and asked a lot of personal questions. He really has an ear for music and has been my source of music inspiration. It is going to be really fun – he is a really good interviewer, and a different person these days. Since he lost the weight, he is nicer. I think that's what happened to both of us – we both lost weight, and now we are nicer. At least, that's what people tell me. You tell me when you watch – do I still have the bitch in me?

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**Last season, we interviewed Millionairess Beth Shak. She ended up surprising us all by bringing her “gay husband” on the date with her. What shockers can we expect to see this season?**

We only have one millionairess this season. I wanted more, but Bravo didn't want it. They had a nightmare with the women last season. But, we do have one woman who is British and owns a stripping facility. She probably makes Shawna look sane. When you see this girl, you'll have to tell me what you think. I give her the most amazing guy, and she doesn't see it.



**Are there any celebrities out there who you'd like to help find love?**

Well, I probably would put George Clooney in boot camp with Tiger Woods, Jesse James, and Arnold Schwarzenegger. Although, I think George is a serial monogamous. He dates someone for two years, and then gives his woman a parting gift. He is like Simon Cowell – you get cash and a car. He is not as bad as Tiger, Jesse, and Arnold though. They are in a world of their own.

Other than that, I would probably want to help Sandra Bullock, because I feel so bad for her. I would set her up with someone outside of Hollywood.

In fact, there are a lot of girls in Hollywood that need to look for love off of the red carpet. J. Lo is going to be one of them. It's like I've said: no Hollywood husband is safe. She needs an entrepreneur, who lets her shine on the carpet; who has way more money than she does, like billionaire status; who gives her the world, but lets her walk the carpet alone. Because her life with Marc Anthony was like they were competing in the boardroom and in the bedroom. It's never going to work. I knew it wouldn't work. I mean, she was literally unengaged to Ben Affleck for five minutes, and then went straight to Marc Anthony and married him a week later. It was ridiculous.

**What are your thoughts on Jennifer Aniston?**

We don't know what goes on behind closed doors. But, the guy she is with now is pretty good for her. He produces and writes major movies, and he acts. He is a triple-play for her, which is a good fit for her right now. I'm hoping that they work out. And I hope his [Ex](#) finds someone, but if not, she can give me a call.

**What advice would you give to singles in New York City based on your experience last season?**

The problem is that there are five women to one guy and the men in NYC know that they have the power, whereas in LA, it is much closer to 50/50. For women, it is a terrible thing to be in a city where you feel like you don't have power. Eventually, they get bitter. So one of the rules I would say to single girls in NYC is keep your appearances up – look good, hit the gym, put some lipstick on – and then be nice to the men. They might notice you more if you are sweet and not bitter towards them.

**If you could share five tough dating rules that everyone should live by, what would they be?**

- 1) TMI – too much information.
- 2) Two-drink maximum. Women tend to share too much information when they drink too much, and then the guy gets scared...and they are no longer dating.
- 3) Let the man lead, and if you are the man, lead!
- 4) No sex before monogamy is my fourth rule. Obviously, this one is a major rule. If you sleep with him too soon, you may feel like you are in love, even if he is a loser.
- 5) My last rule would probably be that if you're dating, but nothing is working for you, don't fret. The right man or woman is probably just around the corner. It's usually those down times that you have to give in to. Once you give in to it, the phone will start ringing. I learned that lesson the hard way.

Or, if you're still in doubt, refer to what the matchmaker often says, "It's all in the kiss!"

Keep your eye out for the Season Premiere of BRAVO's **The Millionaire Matchmaker 5**, Monday 8/15 @ 9/8c

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# Most Eligible Dallas: Hot, Young, Socialite Reality Show Premieres on Bravo TV



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**Eligible Dallas \*PREMIERE\* Monday 8/15 @ 10/9c:**

Tune in for Bravo's newest series: they're young, they're hot, they're single – they're Dallas' "most eligible!" From beauty queens to pro-football players, this group of Texas socialites proves that everything's bigger in Texas – including the drama. Some are looking for true love while others have perfected the art of the one-night stand, but somehow their love lives have all crossed paths at one time or another. And don't expect this group of friends to hold back when it comes to critiquing each other's lives especially when new gal in town / young and single mom Neill starts seeing the handsome Matt. How does Matt's best gal friend Courtney feel about this budding relationship? And does she hold a secret candle for Matt?

Just Friends? When Matt Nordgren introduces Neill Skylar to the group, she gets a chilly reception from Courtney Kerr.

Not That There is a Checklist: Courtney Kerr is not going to settle and her list for a man proves it.

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## Millionaire Matchmaker: Patti Stanger is Back, Single and Ready to Mingle



**\*SEASON PREMIERE\*** of BRAVO's The Millionaire Matchmaker 5,

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Patti is back! And back where she belongs, among the beautiful blondes that need her dating guidance on the West Coast. After a stint in NYC, Patti is happy to be back in LA to tackle the troublesome single scene. Patti's first client Michael seems to be the complete package. But is it possible that he is as good as he seems? Patti digs deep to figure out what his issues are and why he is still single. Will Patti make her mark on California and keep her clients happy, or are there some drama-filled dates in this matchmaker's future?

**Single and Ready to Mingle:** Patti Stanger is back in LA and back on the dating scene.

**Too Good to be True:** Patti Stanger tries to figure out why a good-looking guy like Michael would be single.

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## **‘Bachelorette’ Ashley Hebert and J.P. Rosenbaum Celebrate Celebrity Engagement in NYC**





A congratulations is in order for *Bachelorette* star [Ashley Hebert](#) and her fiancé [J.P. Rosenbaum](#), as they celebrated their [celebrity engagement](#) over the past weekend. [UsMagazine.com](#) reports the couple enjoyed a lovely dinner at hotspot Beauty and Essex. Saturday included breakfast at Coffee Shop in Union Square and some time with friends, including Chrystie Hebert-Corns, Hebert's sister who initially rejected Rosenbaum. Now, the two are on "good terms," according to one source. That night, Rosenbaum threw a party for his friends to meet his celebrity love. Treats at the party included massive cupcakes from *Cake Boss* star Buddy Valastro. Throughout the weekend, the pair were said to be "good sports" and just enjoyed being an open celebrity couple. "They're so happy to be able to just be a couple and show everyone how in love they are with one another," an insider said.

***The Bachelorette* couple celebrated their celebrity engagement in style. What are some creative ideas for engagement parties?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

The best engagement parties don't only have to be for celebrity engagements! Anyone can throw a fun and unforgettable night. Here are some of Cupid's tips when attending or planning a party to celebrate love:

**1. Give a special gift:** The best gifts don't have to be expensive. Try to think of something useful or unique to the relationship. Anything personalized or monogrammed is great too!

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**2. Be inspired by their relationship:** It's always fun when the party can somehow tie into the couple's relationship and love. For example, plan dinner at the restaurant of their first date or head to a bowling alley that they frequent. The more original, the better!

**Related Link:** ['Bachelorette' Famous Couple Ashley Hebert and J.P. Rosenbaum Talk About Life With Newborn Son Fordham](#)

**3. Keep it simple:** An engagement party doesn't have to be over the top. Sometimes, just inviting the right people and kicking back with them is all you need to have a great time.

**What was your engagement party like? Share your experience below.**

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## He Said/She Said: David Good and Natalie Getz Chat about

# the Season Premiere of Bachelor Pad 2



By Jennifer

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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!