

Who Will Walk Out on 'The Bachelor'?



By

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After last week's crazy-fest, who knows what tonight's episode will bring – perhaps a possible walk-off? Someone's life story is just as intense as the *Bachelor* movie that Brad Womack and crew are filming. In fact, it's dramatic enough to "break everyone's heart." Tears are flowing (including streams from vamp girl) and someone will walk out. But will this bachelorette leave the mansion for good? We can't wait for tonight's answer! Here's to hoping it's not one of our favorites. Don't forget to watch *The Bachelor* tonight, **Monday, 1/17 at 8 PM/7 PM Central Time**, and stop by tomorrow for our recap of the episode! Happy watching!

'The Bachelor' Season 15, Episode 2: The Claws Are Out!



By

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We knew the niceties would only last so long.

Last night's second episode of ABC's *The Bachelor* brought all the makings of good reality TV: drama, tears and of course, a few make-out sessions. But what *really* stole the show was the on-going fight between Melissa and Raichel. But let's get to that later.

Bubbly Ashley H. was the lucky girl who snagged Brad Womack's first solo date – and the first rose. He took her to a

brightly-lit carnival filled with fun rides, games and mmm, cotton candy. "I feel like I'm a kid again," she exclaimed.

Despite the playful and casual setting, something about Ashley H. got Brad to open up. Her difficult past is strikingly similar to Brad's (absent father, raised by their mothers, trust issues), which made it easy for him to confide in her. "Three years ago, I would not have answered these questions," he said. "I feel like I can breathe."

The date included the obligatory Ferris wheel ride, where the two showed each other just how connected they felt with a few steamy kisses. Brad made a smart choice in picking Ashley H. as his first date. Their connection was obvious, and his ability to share something personal straight off the bat was a good sign.

However, Ashley H. wasn't the only one who got some alone time with the bachelor. Jackie, the artist from Rhode Island, received the best date ever known to mankind (guys, are you listening?): an entire day with Brad, which started off with a trip to the spa (complete with white, plushy robes); a full makeover, including a brand new sparkly dress, shoes – oh, and hair and makeup, too; and dinner at a completely empty Hollywood Bowl, with a sign at the entrance that said, "For Jackie, Love Brad."

I know what you're all thinking – isn't it a bit early to be throwing that word around? I thought that too, but let's not forget that this is reality TV and Brad pretty much *needs* to fall in love with someone this season (and says he already has – SPOILER ALERT!). But what really got to me (and made me jealous as hell) was when Train came out and serenaded them with a private concert. Swoon much? The couple slow danced to "Marry Me" under the dim, cool-blue lights of the stage. Could the song choice be a sign? Or is Train coming out with a new single?

But the scene-stealers of last night's episode were drama-mamas Raichel, Melissa and Michelle. Melissa's scene-stealing kiss during the group date while filming the public service announcement for the American Red Cross, and her constant back-and-forth with Melissa, not only affected them, but the entire house as well. In addition, Melissa's declaration that she bought new clothes and quit her job to be on the show, while probably isn't uncommon in the grand scheme of *Bachelor* history, was a little unnerving to hear. And because the two women were being immature (which Brad, the whole house, and even Ali Fedotowsky and Roberto Martinez, who came back to help Brad, saw), they both failed to receive a rose.

However, the most annoying woman (even though she acted more like a whiny teen) of the night was Michelle. She turned 30 on the day of the group date with 14 other women, and she was *not* happy about it – and definitely wasn't afraid to let everyone know. Not only did she stalk off set during filming, causing Brad to chase after her, she *also* grabbed him for some one-on-one time before the rose ceremony – even though already got a rose. While you have to admire any woman who knows exactly what she wants, there's something about Michelle (who I admit, had liked initially) that's off-putting. The sad part is that Brad can't seem to see that (at least, not yet), and so she remains in the competition. Let's see how long it takes for Michelle's nastiness to make an appearance in front of Brad, who is still enamored by her silky hair and toned arms.

Last night we also said good-bye to an early favorite, Keltie, but Emily is still in the game, as is Madison (still waiting to see what the hype is about this one). Next week's episode looks even more dramatic than last night's, if possible – including a possible bachelorette walk-off. Needless to say, we can't wait! Remember to visit us each week for *Bachelor* coverage. Until next time, keep those claws in!

'The Bachelor' Star Brad Womack: "This is Not a Game to Me"



By

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This may be a reality TV show, but Brad Womack says that his quest to find love a second time around isn't a game. The second week of ABC's *The Bachelor* is filled with drama, tears – and a stolen kiss or two – as the remaining 20 bachelorette contestants duke it out in the race for Brad's heart. Check out this preview below to see some crazy scenes, including a black spandex-wearing Madison (and those infamous fangs). Don't forget to watch *The Bachelor* tonight, **Monday, 1/10 at 8**

PM/7 PM Central Time, and stop by tomorrow for our recap of the episode! Happy watching!

'The Bachelor' Season Premiere Recap: Brad Womack is Back!



By

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This season of ABC's *The Bachelor* has officially begun, and after last night's episode we can already tell it's going to be a doozy. Brad Womack has spent the past three years soul searching, trying to get his life back on track after his

infamous decision to say goodbye to both Jenni Croft and DeAnna Pappas.

"I hit rock bottom," said Brad last night. "I was a broken man."

Brad opened up about his experience in therapy, and found the root of his phobias of commitment – his father's abandonment. And because of this, he said, "I don't know if I've let someone know the real me." Realizing that he's been a closed off-person, Brad has learned that in order for him to truly fall in love is to be vulnerable. And he to wants to prove to America – and most importantly, himself – that he can be a better person.

Regardless of what America thought about Brad before tonight's episode, it's apparent that he's back on *The Bachelor* for the right reasons. He sounded earnest whenever he spoke about trying to prove himself and teared up each time he mentioned his father. When he talked to *Bachelor* host Chris Harrison, Brad often tripped over his words, and seemed genuinely nervous to be back at the mansion again. Fidgety, playing with the back of his head, Brad looked visibly uncomfortable – and even more so when Jenni and DeAnna were brought out to meet him.

This was the moment everyone was waiting for. To see Brad sweating, adjusting the collar of his suit as he stood up to greet those women must have been gratifying for them – and everyone at home. "Now I feel even more like an idiot," Brad muttered as they walked out. In a word, the entire situation was awkward.

"It means the world that you made – that you *both* made the attempt to come back here," Brad told them. "I failed miserably, and I'm so profoundly sorry."

But he got through it. And so did Jenni and DeAnna (who both

look fantastic!). While Jenni was hopeful for Brad, DeAnna was skeptical of the whole thing, and these two women encompassed the thoughts that everyone must be thinking: *Is Brad really ready for this?*

And that was exactly what the 30 bachelorettes were thinking as soon as they walked out of the limo to meet him. In fact, Chantal, who was the first woman out, said, "I have something for you," and proceeded to slap Brad across the face. "This is for every woman in America!" Brad took it well, and Chantal's bold move actually landed her the last rose of the night (kudos!).

While a few girls admitted to Brad that they really didn't know anything about them (and Brad exhaled a sigh of relief each time he heard that), many of the women instantly had their guard up. Lacey looked stricken to see Brad (so no surprise that she didn't receive a rose), but many, including Ashley S., simply wanted Brad to move forward with his life. In fact, Ashley S. received the first impression rose of the night, because she told Brad that she would be his friend no matter what, and friendship is the what he's looking for in a wife. Will this be the love story that she's hoping for? I'm not sure yet ... something about Ashley S. seems contrived.

There was a little cattiness between Renee (no rose) and Alli (rose), after Renee got a little crazy-eyed and repeatedly took Brad away from the other contestants, just to have him stolen back from her (the irony!). And Madison – this one was just plain weird with her fangs and seductive eyes, and I still can't get over the fact that Brad gave her the fourth rose of the night. But for the most part, the girls were gracious – at least, for now.

Southern belle Emily and Rockette Keltie are two of my favorites. And Michelle, as a mother and one of the older women on the show, is a definite contender. Based on the 20 women he picked, Brad is going for a mix of country charm with

comforting accents, mature and assertive women who know what they want, and bright-eyed and giddy girls who ooze cute. But I have a feeling Brad will pick a southern gal who is closest to his upbringing as his wife. Not sure which category Madison and those fangs fall into, but I'm hoping she gets off the *Bachelor* train soon.

And there you have it! The scenes from the rest of the season look intense, and we can't wait to see next week's episode. Remember to visit us next week for more *Bachelor* coverage. Want more? Visit PopEater, but we're warning you – possible spoiler alert!

'The Bachelor' Season Premiere Tonight with Brad Womack!





By

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Your feet may be dragging at work today since it's the Monday after your New Years celebrations, but who cares? ABC's *The Bachelor* returns tonight with the man who has broken hearts before – Brad Womack. In tonight's season 15 premiere, Brad will select a group of 20 women from a pool of 30 bachelorette contestants. He'll even face DeAnna Pappas and Jenni Croft, the two women he rejected at the end of his first stint on the show. Whether you love Brad or hate his guts, you know you'll have to watch! It airs **Monday, 1/3 at 8 PM/7 PM Central Time**. And remember to stop by tomorrow for our recap of the episode! Happy watching!

Meet the 30 Contestants for

'The Bachelor' Season 15



By

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Now that you've read all about Brad Womack, we know you're dying to meet the ladies that will compete for his heart in this season of ABC's *The Bachelor*. Despite the intense backlash, Womack is back. And while there are no cheerleaders, like Jenni Croft, or real estate agents, like DeAnna Pappas, there is a Radio City Rockette and a real estate broker. Here's a brief rundown of the women in store for the season 11 heartbreaker:

Median age: 27

- 7 blondes
- 16 brunettes
- 6 brunettes posing as blondes
- 1 strawberry blonde bordering redhead

- 2 nannys
- 2 teachers
- 25 tattoos
- 3 tramp stamps
- 2 Ashleys
- 2 Lisas
- 2 Sarahs
- 1 “J” (does she think this is the *Jersey Shore*?)
- 1 manscaper (what a profession!)

Lots of the girls love the Fourth of July (fireworks, anyone?) and Halloween. A bunch like to drink Diet Coke (watching their figures?). More than half have pets. Four women are from California, three are from Washington and Florida, and two are from Colorado and Texas. These are your contestants from New York and New Jersey. And everyone swears they’re a romantic.

But does this mean the public dumper will find love the second time around?

Many of them look like the beauty pageant variety, but who knows if their in-house demeanor will match their picture-perfect head shots – or be a fit for Womack’s finicky heart. It’s too early to call the shots on these ladies, but only a few more days until we get to see who makes the first cut!

Want more on these gals (or just want to nitpick)? Follow Cupid and check out ABC’s in-depth look [here](#). Think 30 bachelorettes are too much to remember? Download ABC’s Cheat Sheet (Cupid will, too!) and stay on top of your game. And be sure to come back next week for our first recap of this season’s premiere on Monday, Jan. 3rd at 8 PM/7 PM Central Time.

5 Things You Need to Know About the New 'Bachelor' Brad Womack



By

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The most controversial Bachelor ever is back Jan. 3! Whether you're new to the series or are already a devoted fan, here are some things you need to know about Brad Womack before tuning in:

1. He's a self-made man: Born in Atlanta, Brad was raised alongside his two brothers in a single-parent home. At the age of 28, he bought his first drinking establishment. He currently owns and operates several bars and restaurants in Austin, Texas.

2. He's not new: As the season 11 Bachelor in 2007, Brad Womack had a choice between Jenni Croft and DeAnna Pappas in the season finale. For the first time in *Bachelor* history, he chose neither woman and ended up where he started: single. In season 15, Brad is now back for a second chance at love.

3. He has to prove himself: Brad earned the ire of millions of women when he rejected DeAnna and Jenni during the finale. By choosing to return, he'll need to prove that he's ready to commit and win the trust of the bachelorettes on the show.

4. He's looking for a friend: When asked what kind of woman he's looking for, he said he's "been there and done that." He just wants a friend and someone he can be himself around.

5. He's wiser: Since he's already been the Bachelor, Brad has learned what to do – and what *not* to do – so he won't make the same mistakes again. He's also spent the last three years in intensive therapy that led him to personal revelations about his commitment issues.

Cupid Gears Up for the Next Season of ABC's 'The Bachelor' with Brad Womack!





By

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This week may be the end of 2010, but come next Monday, ABC will kick off 2011 with a brand new season of its hit reality series, *The Bachelor* – and Cupid will be right there watching with you!

For the entire season, Cupid's Pulse will recap each episode of *The Bachelor* the morning after the show airs, offering a brief summary for those who missed it, as well as some critique of Brad Womack, this season's contestant, and the women vying for his heart. Cupid normally remains unbiased in his advice, but since this is the first time a former star is returning for a second chance, we figure it's time for Cupid to spread his wings and take aim. And we want you all to be there for the ride.

So clear your Monday night schedules, set your DVR, or make sure you have a few hours of uninterrupted time to watch *The Bachelor* live when it airs. And be sure to check back the next morning for our take on each episode to see if your predictions match ours. Disagree? Feel free to comment or

tweet us – we'd love to hear your reactions!

In the meantime, get your *Bachelor* fix by checking out Cupid's past posts on *The Bachelor* and *The Bachelorette*, and also take a look at our interview with David Good, winner of *Bachelor Pad*, the spin-off to ABC's romance-filled reality series. And check back later this week for a brief bio on Brad and this year's 30 – count 'em, THIRTY! – Bachelorette contestants!

Is Brad Womack Back for More 'Bachelor'?



After famously dumping both DiAnna Pappas and Jenni Croft on the 11th season of *The Bachelor*, Brad Womack may be given a

second shot at love. According to [Us Magazine](#), Womack is being considered for the 15th season of the popular dating show. “Brad is very sincere and believes in the show,” a source close to the series says. “That’s why he didn’t pick someone last time. He was never in it for the publicity. He wants to find a wife.” Along with Womack, producers are rumored to also be considering bachelors Ty Brown and Chris Lambton for the show. The official word will be delivered today on *Dancing With the Stars*. The question is, who would you rather?

Does your guy have a fear of commitment?

Cupid’s Advice:

Sometimes singles can find themselves still hurting from a past breakup or afraid to get out of their comfort zone and try something new. Cupid has a few tips on how to tell if your beau is afraid to find love:

- 1. He’s hesitant to put himself out there:** Although he’s outgoing and has no problem having a good time, he seems unavailable for anything more than fun and parties.
- 2. He won’t take the plunge:** Is your guy refusing to meet your family? If so, he might be hesitating because he’s leery of taking the next step in your relationship.
- 3. Worst-case scenario:** If you’ve decided your beau truly has a fear of commitment, try to stay reasonable. Talk some sense into him by laying down the facts. Let him know that the worst that can happen is that you break up sometime in the future, but that the best that can happen is that you’re incredibly happy together. It’s a small risk to take when the result could be a lifetime of true love.