

Meet the 30 Contestants for 'The Bachelor' Season 15



By Krissy Dolor

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.

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



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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!

Ali Fedotowsky and Roberto

Martinez Slow It Down



After finding love on the reality TV hit, *The Bachelorette*, Ali Fedotowsky and Roberto Martinez announced that they planned to elope. Though still head over heels for one another, the happy couple has decided not to tie the knot immediately. As Fedotowsky recently told [People](#), "Nothing has changed – we're still just as happy as we were when we were finished [with the show]; we were so excited. We were like, 'Oh, we're going to get married right away.' But if you're rushing because you're in love, why rush? [Just] wait. You're going to get married anyway. We're both sort of enjoying life." The soon-to-be newlyweds have moved to San Diego together and are considering wedding venues on the west coast. **Why is it important to take**

things slow?

Cupid's Advice:

Taking things slow or slowing things down doesn't mean you are any less in love. Couples who mutually decide to jog to the altar instead of running there are simply doing what they feel is best for them:

1. Only fools rush in: Just because you're in love doesn't mean you have to walk down the aisle tomorrow. Take the time to enjoy each other's company and plan your dream wedding. This moment should only happen once.

2. You know best when the time is right: Your gut feeling is almost always correct. If the only rationale you have for taking it slow is that making the next move doesn't feel right, trust yourself. There's probably a reason you're internally hesitating.

3. Love knows no schedule: Don't let anyone tell you or your partner that it's time to get married or move in together. There are no deadlines when it comes to love.