Bachelor Pad 2: Jackie and Ames Have Already Split







Shock! Bachelor

Bad 2 contestants Jackie Gordon and Ames Brown have already parted ways, according to <u>People</u>. On Monday's episode, Brown romantically chose love over money (a chance at winning \$250,000) and left the competition to be with Jackie when she was eliminated. However, when reporters caught up with the duo, it has come to light that they onlylasted a few weeks after the elimination. Brown told reporters, "Um, well, we had a great time on the show and chose love over money in the competition. We are not still dating, but we enjoyed every moment we had together. After a little while, we split up. Nothing too exotic about it. We just maybe weren't the ideal match."

What are some ways to tell early on that a relationship will last?

Cupid's Advice:

There are always flags that will tell you whether your relationship will last or not. Here are just a few ways to spot out a lasting relationship:

- 1. He brings you home to Mom: When a man brings you home to meet his mother, it's clear that he is serious about having a long-term relationship with you.
- 2. He brings you to a work function: Bringing you to a work engagement means that he thinks highly of you. He respects you and knows you will impress his co-workers. He wants to show you off.
- 3. He makes plans in advance: If it's only Labor Day and you've already booked a trip in January together, he has the intentions of being with your for more than just the timebeing.

How did you know whether or not you were in a storybook romance or if your relationship was doomed from the start? Share your thoughts in a comment below.

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. quess it's because I know her and this is something she did on It's not just the leaving that upsets me. our show. 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. 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. 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. 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?

'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 routing 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!

He Said/She Said: David Good and Natalie Getz Chat about the Season Premiere of Bachelor Pad 2







By Jennifer

Harrington

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. f 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. he 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 Jesse Kovacs and I used to laugh so hard believes she is not. listening to her on Bachelor Pad 1. It's a terrible strategy reason she is always on the verge of the I like Gia as a person, but some of her bad elimination. 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?

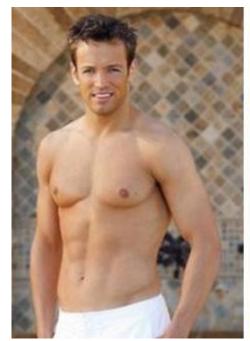
David: Rated R and Ali got sent home because they were trying to play both sides of the fence and got caught. As in real life, if you do this you will eventually get caught and when you do, not only one side comes down on you but both will and boom — you're sent packing! It's a terrible strategy because 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!

'Bachelor Pad 2' Recap Episode 1: Jake Pavelka Gives Vienna Girardi a Rose







By Lori Bizzoco

Broken engagements, boyfriend stealing and love triangles galore. Welcome to this summer's most anticipated show, Bachelor Pad 2. ABC pulled out all the stops when collecting the current list of castoffs from seasons past. We watched like animals in heat tonight, glued to the television witnessing one of the most talked about and controversial casts this summer. Is it a coincidence that all the references noted above point back to one person: Vienna Girardi? Hmmm, it leaves us wondering if the show would even be worth the three hours it premiered if it wasn't for her and Jake Pavelka's drama-induced past.

For those of you who aren't familiar with Vienna and Jake,

it's safe to say that they'll probably go down in *The Bachelor* history as the most remembered (not in a good way) contestants. She won the love and proposal of Bachelor, Jake Pavelka, Season 14 and broke his heart when she sold their break-up story for \$90,000, according to reports. Then, they trashed one another on Primetime television when the relationship ended, and it was so brutal that Vienna stormed out of the interview. They haven't talked since that fight took place a year ago. Now, they're both back in the house, under the same roof, competing for the \$250,000 grand prize.

Last night we witnessed the first challenge of the season which included each of the 18 contestants partnering up with someone in the house. The men were ousted into the air by harness with the women hanging on to them wherever and however they could. The prize for the couple who lasted longest was full immunity and a rose. With those stakes on the line, it's no surprise that the challenge came down to Jake and Vienna being the remaining two. Partnering up with Vienna was her new beau and "guard and protect" tattoo-man from Ali Fedotowsky's season, Kasey Kahl. While Jake partnered with understated Jackie Gordon from Brad Womack's season.

It came down to the final four and after thirty minutes, Kasey couldn't hold on to Vienna any longer. She begged him to hold on so that Jake wouldn't get immunity, but he couldn't. Jake and Jackie not only win a rose, but they also have a one-on-one date and get an additional rose to save one other person in the house. Guess who gets the rose and a free ride? Surprise, surprise! Jake convinces Jackie (although it looks like her idea) that he must give the rose to Vienna as a truce; to put closure on his wound that obviously hasn't healed. Strategic or stupid? It's most likely stupid, as Vienna laughs about it behind-the-scenes.

One person who clearly states the stupidity of Jake's rose decision is Vienna's ex-best friend, and the only two-time

Bachelor Pad contestant, Gia Allemand. Gia can't stand Vienna after finding out that she hooked up with her ex-boyfriend, Wes Hayden. Gia (also on Jake's season) is good friends with Jake and feels betrayed by his decision to give the rose to Vienna instead of protecting her. Worried that she may now be eliminated, she confronts Kasey in a one-on-one scheme and talks him into an alliance with her. As she's doing that, Blake is trying to get Jackie to vote off Kasey.

All of this makes for good television, but we can't forget the other contestants in the house who also have interesting stories:

First, there's Michael Stagliano and ex-fiance, Holly Durst. We didn't see too much of their relationship drama tonight, which leads us to believe that producers are saving the best for last. We can't wait to watch how that plays out. We would love to see them back together, but Holly has admitted to being a commitment-phobe and from the first evening in the house she's had her eyes on last season's resident dentist, Blake Julian. It's a shame for Holly, because the promos clearly highlight that Blake is also caught hooking up in the house with former Brad Womack contestant, Melissa Schreibner. There will be tears.

It also looks like last season's boxing champ (joke) and nice boy, Ames Brown, has already formed an alliance (and possibly a relationship) with lonely heart, spider-hater (she called Michelle Money a spider), Jackie Gordon. Both Jackie and Ames are New Yorkers, and you can hear them mumbling on last night's episode about spending time together when they get back to the city. "We should go to Central Park," Jackie says to Ames. Being the Ivy League-educated gent that Ames is, he's probably wondering why she couldn't have thought of anything more unique and original to do.

Then, there's one of our fan favorites, Utah hairstylist and accredited crazy lady, Michelle Money. For the record, we

don't think Michelle is crazy. We think she's a witty, smartass, and we love it (yes, we're a bit biased). We also hear that southern philanthropist, Graham Belle hooks up with Money (that's Michelle Money, not the greenback kind, if you know what we mean).

Other contestants that haven't raised the drama meter too high yet are Erica Rose from Lorenzo Borghese's season who creates her own fanfare by wearing a tiara and claiming she's a princess. Kirk DeWindt from Ali Fedotowsky's season and the too-truthful comedian, William, from Ashley Hebert's season are both under the radar right now, as well.

Then there's Ella Nolan, the Tennessee mom who was dumped by Jake Pavelka. Talk about a back story- her own mother was murdered by her stepfather right in front of her when she was three-years old. She's doing this all for her son so that she can give him the life she never had when she was young. I feel like I am watching *Lifetime Television*.

Lastly, we have Justin "Rated R" Rego (should be 'ego'). He's the professional wrestler who appeared on Ali Fedotowsky's season and bragged to the men about having a girlfriend back home. Interestingly, he's like a G-rated version of what Bentley did to Ashley Hebert this past season. And last, but not least, we have apparel buyer, Alli Travis from Brad Womack's season.

In a nutshell, the rest of the night was based on forming alliances, with both Gia and Kasey coming to a close call on being eliminated. They'd probably be gone if Justin didn't betray his alliance by telling Alli that Graham is going to "work on her," meaning he is going to get her to come to their side. Alli confronted Graham, which made Justin look two-faced. No time to waste. He's Gone.

Alli also seems to be playing two sides and not making a decision where her alliance is resting. The other contestants

are in it to win it. Alli's eliminated, too.

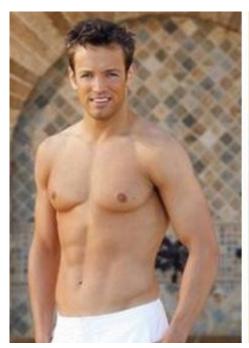
There you have it. Two down and 16 people to go. This should be an interesting summer.

Our early predictions: Michelle Money, Michael Stagliano, with close calls to Ella Nolan and Ames Brown.

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.

'The Bachelorette' Season 7, Episode 9 Preview: One Last Surprise for Ashley Hebert







By Jennifer Harrington

Next Episode of The Bachelorette

After saying goodbye to Ames last week during the hometown dates, it's time for Ashley Hebert to head to Fiji this week with the remaining three men for the overnight "fantasy" dates. While the bachelorette remarks that this has been a "crazy journey" for her, she is very enthusiastic to spend some "private" time with her remaining guys: Constantine Tzortzis, Ben Flajnik, and J.P. Rosenbaum. All veteran viewers of this reality TV show know that this is a pivotal moment each season. The dates are full of exotic outings, deep conversations, tough questions, and the keys to the fantasy suite! As you'll see in the preview, just when you think that maybe Hebert has in fact found her celebrity love story during this very rocky season of The Bachelorette, it is revealed that someone unexpected pays her a visit in Fiji!

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Until Monday, let us know: Who is the uninvited guest crashing

the romantic party in South Pacific? Do you think this will be a happy surprise for our leading lady — could it possibly be Bentley again?

Tune into ABC at 8/7c on Monday to check out the latest installment of the drama on The Bachelorette, and see who will be the two suitors advancing to the final rose ceremony!

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Last night on *The*

Bachelorette, Ashley Hebert met the in-laws of the remaining four men: Constantine Tzortzis, Ames Brown, Ben Flajnik, and J.P. Rosenbaum. As she traveled to the contestant's hometown and met their families, her spark grew for some of the guys, while she questioned her relationship and love with others. In the end, she sent Brown home. Here's what Bachelorette expert Jesse Csincsak had to say about the episode in our exclusive interview:

Exclusive Celebrity Interview with Jesse Csincsak

Constantine's hometown date seemed so perfect. Do you think he'll be one of the last men standing, or do you think it was edited to look that way for a reason? Maybe there's something more coming that will shock us!

I think Constantine will be the next to go home. He has a strong connection with Ashley, but it's moving way slower than the rest of the guys, and I think that will be what gets him sent home. I don't think there are any tricks about his edit, but who knows — I have seen crazier stuff!

Do you think it's a red flag that Ben's relationships and love

haven't lasted that long and that he's only brought home one other person?

I'm not going to lie — Ben is cool, but I just don't see Ashley moving to central California to be a mellow wine maker's wife. I personally think Ashley would be better suited with J.P. or Constantine, but I am not her.

Do you think J.P. has a jealous streak that could get in the way of his relationship with Ashley? Or will his lack of commitment lead to their demise?

Every guy has a point of jealousy. It's all about how much it takes to trigger that jealous bug. I think they are going to get into some deep conversations next week. Perhaps that's what the walking out of the room scene will be.

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Planning Hometown Date Ideas

Who plans the hometown date ideas? For example, J.P.'s roller skating date — was that his own idea, or did the producers plan that?

The producers do all the planning, but you can tell them what you would like to do — such as snowboarding or go on a horse and carriage. They want it to be activities you would actually enjoy doing!

How nerve-wracking are hometown dates? Is it true that this is the first time you are physically seeing your family since the show started?

When you go on the hometown dates, you don't even get to stay at your house or see your family except what everyone sees on camera! They make you stay in a hotel two miles from your house, so you can't talk to or see anyone you know. That's why

everyone looks genuinely happy to see one another on camera.

Do all the families need to sign a waiver stating that they can't disclose the hometown dates before the season airs? What's the process?

All family members do have to sign a non-disclosure agreement before the contestants even get to their hometown. Once the fifth and sixth guys go home, the producers approach the contestants after the rose ceremony and ask them for the contact information of the person the *Bachelorette* will be meeting on the hometown date. Since the producers do it all, the guys don't get a chance to tell their parents what's going on.

Which of the remaining men do you think is best for Ashley?

Although I think Constantine or J.P. will fit her lifestyle the best, Ben is a great guy too!

Were you surprised to see Ames go? If so, who did you think would leave this week?

I wasn't surprised to see Ames leave. Somehow, I just can't see Ashley sitting by a massive indoor pool and Jacuzzi talking about how amazing Ames is for the rest of her life or being driven around in a horse and carriage by the butlers until she's 80. But then again, that's just me.

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Post-Celebrity Baby Body

In next week's highlights, there's a knock on the door from someone who surprised Ashley by flying to Fiji. Who do you think that might be?

I think the surprise is either Ames or Ryan P.

There is also a scene where her family doesn't feel that one of the guys is right for her, and it looks like she chooses

him anyway. Any guesses who that may be?

I think that has to be J.P. or Ben because it's down to the final two when you meet the parents.

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'The Bachelorette' Episode 8 Recap: Love Takes Time







By **Jennife**r

Harrington

This week on <u>The Bachelorette</u>, Ashley has narrowed the pool to four men for the hometown dates. Coming up are visits with the families of Constantine, Ames, Ben and J.P. Let's see what it was like to meet the in-laws:

First up was food-lover, Constantine and a visit to his family in Cumming, GA. After a cozy chat by a lake, Ashley and her man ventured off to his Italian restaurant. Yes, Greek heritage with an Italian restaurant-interesting combo. Anyway, the heat was certainly on in the kitchen as the lovebirds cooked up some treats. Following their delicious quality time the pair went to meet Constantine's extremely close-knit family. All season, we've known Constantine was a family man, and after his hometown date we can now see why. Ashley not only met his immediate family but the couple was surprised when the doorbell rang and in walked about 20 more extended family members to greet Constantine for a Welcome Back Greek-style dance party. Despite the good times and cool dance moves, Constantine's parents emphasized over and over that love takes time. This seemed to be the theme of the night from most of the families.

Next Ashley flew up to Chadds Ford, PA to spend some time with Ames' family. Our bachelorette has been intrigued by Ames' "uniqueness" all season, and her day with his loved ones did not disappoint. In fact, Ames' older sister compared her brother to an onion with various layers. Speaking of layers, we learned that Ames attended boarding school and was an unpopular student. All afternoon, we heard Ashley (and Ames' family) questioning the spark and passion in their relationship, and despite sharing his motto that "life isn't all fireworks," Ames promised to "step up the romance" with Ashley after the couple shared a picnic, conversation, and carriage ride together.

After two dates on the East Coast, our bachelorette flew west for her hometown date with Ben in Sonoma, CA where they sipped on wine from his vineyard. After an "effortless" afternoon with her "sexy" long-haired man, Ashley settled in for a relaxed evening with Ben's mother and sister. Ben's father passed away several years ago and Ben expressed to Ashley that this process of being on the show has really helped him open up emotionally. He admitted that he had only brought home one girl to meet his family before, which could be a red flag for her. The hometown date was much more intimate than the others and a little more emotional. Ben's over-protective sister definitely was watching out for her brother's best interest but overall they seemed to accept Ashley into the family.

Last was J.P.'s hometown date in Roslyn, NY. J.P. treated Ashley to an afternoon of roller-skating, which she loved, remarking that she felt like she was in "seventh grade again. With the disco ball flashing, the chemistry between these two looked pretty heated on the rink. However, they did share some serious talk about why J.P. has been single for so long (Ashley has obviously never lived in NYC where the singles almost outweigh the married couples).

They finally joined J.P.'s family, where the defenses came up initially to protect him. Apparently, his last girlfriend broke his heart. When confiding in his family, J.P. shared that he was afraid to fully admit how he feels for Ashley.

The episode ended with roses going to Ben, Constantine, and J.P. Ames was sent home, eliminated and devastated — while it seemed obvious that Ashley was not able to find any spark with him, he had developed genuine feelings for her.

Join us next week for the exotic overnight dates in Fiji as we journey with Ashley towards the final rose! In the meantime, share your predictions with us — who do you think will be the final two men standing this season? And, if you can't get enough *Bachelorette*, be sure to check back later today to read *Bachelorette* expert Jesse Csincsak's take on the episode.

'The Bachelorette' Season 7, Episode 8 Preview: It's a Dance Party!







By Jennifer

Harrington

Preview of Episode 8 of *The Bachelorette* Season 7

Next week on reality TV's <u>The Bachelorette</u>, <u>Ashley Hebert</u> and her four guys will be returning to the states after a whirlwind tour of Asia. That means it's time for the all-important hometown dates! This week, the bachelorette will be meeting the families of the following men: Constantine

Tzortzis, Ben Flajnik, J.P. Rosenbaum, and Ames Brown. Creating a solid relationship with the family is a critical step in *The Bachelorette* process, and the sneak peek promises that Hebert will immediately feel at home with Tzortzis's family. After remarking "I love your family, and I'm moving in," the bubbly brunette is treated to a "Welcome Home, Constantine!" dance party with the Atlanta native's extended family. If Hebert is looking for a relationship and love with a family man, maybe this is it — after all, Tzortzis says that family is an "integral part" of his life. Could he be the winner of *The Bachelorette* season 7?

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Tune in next Monday night at 8/7c to see how the guys do during the hometown dates and to find out who will be moving on to the fantasy suite and overnight dates. As always, when you're watching, feel free to send us your questions about the episode for our resident *The Bachelorette* expert, Jesse Csincsak!

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Interview: Former
'Bachelorette' Winner Jesse

Csincsak Gives His Take on Ashley Hebert's Taiwan Dates







Last night on *The*

Bachelorette, Ashley Hebert said goodbye to Lucas Daniels and Ryan Park, and their journeys ended in Taiwan. In addition to finding out who the final four are — J.P. Rosenbaum, Ben Flajnik, Constantine Tzortzis, and Ames Brown — Emily Maynard returned to the Bachelor mansion to speak about her celebrity break-up with Brad Womack. In our exclusive celebrity interview, find out what Bachelorette expert Jesse Csincsak had to say about the episode!

Exclusive Celebrity Interview with Former Bachelorette Winner Jesse

Csincsak

The mood this week was certainly different: Ashley seemed much more serious and focused as she evaluated her relationship and love with the guys. Based on your experience, is it the upcoming hometown dates that cause people to get more serious? For you, was it difficult to introduce a woman to your family that you had only known for a couple of weeks?

At this point in the show, you have been there for over a month so your feelings are definitely growing fast. When hometowns start production, it seems like they let you two be alone a lot without butting in. There are still tons of cameras there, but no producers ever pull you away to talk to you or her — they just let things be as organic as possible. Intros to the family are huge — it's a make or break time for both parties at that point.

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They didn't show any hint of what happened when Ben didn't come home until the next morning. Do you have any thoughts on why?

I think Ben will be one of the final two. I am assuming they probably fell asleep snuggling, but they can't show that to the audience because it would seem like not all the guys are getting the same amount of time with her.

Please discuss Ames' fashion choices. It seems like the producers are going out of their way to embarrass him this season — from the pink boxing shorts to his wedding attire this week. Why would they intentionally do this?

First off, Ames is a ROCKET SCIENTIST, not a fashion guru. Secondly, the show has a stylist, Karry Fetman, who outfits all the guys. So he is doing it on purpose for good TV.

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Did either of the departures this week — Ryan or Lucas — surprise you? Why or why not?

I have a friend who is a body language expert, Stacy Kaiser. Check out her weekly column in USA TODAY! She has been explaining things to me, and I saw the Lucas and Ryan exit coming. Ryan was kept around for good TV.

Any theories on whose hometown date idea will be the wackiest?

In the previews, it looks like Constantine's family is throwing money in the air — sounds like a party to me!

What's your best guess at this point of the two men that will be standing at the final rose ceremony?

J.P. and BEN.

Do you think there was re-edit mid-season because they made Ashley look emotionally weak over the Bentley saga?

Nope. I think Ashley is trying to please producers. When she realizes how it will look on TV, she kind of backs off. So it appears that way when we watch the show, but in reality, she is just trying to please production.

Why do you think Emily came on the show to speak? Ratings? Producers' influence? Is she the next *Bachelorette*?

Emily came on for 15 minutes, crying the whole time and saying absolutely nothing. This tells me production did all of this, and they are trying to make her the next *Bachelorette*. I am sure she will be paid well!

Given the romance with Emily is over, do you think *The Bachelor* fans have seen the last of Brad Womack? Do you think there is any chance we'll see him sit down with Chris Harrison

to tell his side of the story any time soon?

I think Brad is sick of the press, but I am sure he would return if he was paid the right amount of money.

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'The Bachelorette' Season 7, Episode 7 Recap: Looking for the Total Package in Taiwan







By Jennifer

Harrington

Last night's episode of *The Bachelorette* left us with the final six men! Ashley Hebert's game face was on as she committed to finding the total package in a guy — an emotional and physical connection — before she would grant a rose for hometown dates. The episode featured J.P. Rosenbaum whining about the fact that Ben Flajnik had an overnight date and Ryan Park looking like he was on the brink of a nervous breakdown if he didn't get a solo date with the bachelorette. However, the highlight of the evening was when Emily Maynard came back on the show to chat with Chris Harrison about her relationship and love with Brad Womack — or lack thereof. If you missed last night's episode of the reality TV show, here's how it all went down:

Recap of *The Bachelorette* Season 7, Episode 7

There were four dates this week: three one-on-one dates and one group date. The first solo date went to Georgia-based restaurateur, Constantine Tzortzis. He and Herbert's relationship and love had been moving slower than the others, so this was her opportunity to see if there was a connection. The date began with a train ride to a nearby village and concluded with both of them releasing a big balloon-like, paper lantern into the sky, which had included their "love" wishes on it. Hebert said it was "the most romantic date ever." Cliché as it is, love was in the air!

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The next alone date was given to Sonoma winemaker, Ben Flajnik. It's tough to ignore the obvious chemistry between this duo, as they explored Taiwan on mopeds. Flajnik revealed to the cameras that he was falling in love with the bachelorette but wasn't ready to tell her yet. Hebert revealed to the cameras (not to him) that it felt like he was her

boyfriend. The next development was truly shocking: We learned that Flajnik didn't come home from this date until the next morning! Is that a *Bachelor/Bachelorette* first? It really pissed off some of the other guys in the house.

While the activities of the overnight date remained mysterious, there was no secret about the fact that Rosenbaum was annoyed by the sleepover. His crankiness carried over into the group date, where he was accompanied by Ames Brown and Lucas Daniels to try on traditional Taiwanese wedding attire and take wedding photographs. Rosenbaum now sulked about the fact that the other guys were taking kissing photos with his lady. It all paid off for him though: When he shared his feelings with Hebert, she rewarded the construction manager from Long Island with the only guaranteed hometown rose.

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Last but not least, we have Park: the last man standing for a one-on-one date. After a day of checking out local Taiwanese culture, the conversation turned to water heaters, energy preservation, and the environment — certainly not a way to get "in the mood" or build romantic chemistry. At this point, Hebert knew that her first-impression-guy was not going to be her husband, and she tearfully told him goodbye. Park, the eternal optimist (and the "top contender," according to Brown), left in tears too.

Aside from Rosenbaum, the final three roses went to Tzortzis, Flajnik, and Brown. Daniels was out and graciously said goodbye. With the hometown dates decided, it was time to shift focus to Chris Harrison's interview with Emily Maynard.

Past Winner of *The Bachelor* Speaks Out About Relationship and Love

Maynard returned to The Bachelor mansion to speak about her

celebrity break-up with Brad Womack, who declined to appear on the segment. The devastated blonde confessed that she had been hunted by the paparazzi, that she didn't know who to trust, and that she ultimately didn't have the reassurance that her fiancé would stand by her side forever. She came on the show to try and end the rumors. Always the devoted mother to little Ricki, Maynard declared she would always love Womack but revealed that the engagement is over. Her focus is now to be the best mom she can be. Are we being set-up for her return?

Check back later today to read *Bachelorette* expert Jesse Csincsak's thoughts on the episode (and Emily's interview). Until then, let us know: after seeing Emily detail her break-up with Brad, do you think there is any truth to the rumors that she will be the next *Bachelorette*?

'The Bachelorette' Season 7, Episode 6: Closure in Hong Kong







By Jennifer

Harrington

After Ashley Hebert's confession to host Chris Harrison last week in Thailand and sneak peeks from ABC, it was no surprise that this week's drama would center around Bentley Williams. Before the dates could start in Hong Kong, our bachelorette was treated to a private meeting with the bad boy. In the privacy of Williams's hotel room, the pair had an honest conversation about Hebert's feelings about their "dot dot dot" romance. After the villain said, "I feel like where you're at in this process and journey, we should call it a period," the bachelorette finally seemed to see his true colors. As she walked away from his room, she called him a "player" and shared that she felt "liberated" to move forward in her relationships and love with the remaining bachelors. With that chaos in the past, this week's reality TV episode would feature two one-on-one dates as well as a group date.

Recap of Episode 6 of *The Bachelorette* Season 7

First up was a one-on-one date with Lucas Daniels. Daniels, who had three hopes for the date (a kiss, a dance, and a rose)

was treated to a day of exploring Hong Kong and a romantic sail around the harbor. All of his hopes for the evening were fulfilled, as he went home that evening with a rose after enjoying a slow dance and his first kiss with Miss Hebert. She expressed her delight in the evening by sharing that he makes her "feel protected."

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Next up was the group date, which included Ryan Park, Constantine Tzortzis, Ben Flajnik, Mickey McLean, Ames Brown, and Blake Julian. This date card sparked controversy because it meant that both Park and Julian still had not gone on one-on-one dates with the bachelorette, while J.P. Rosenbaum would be going on his second one-on-one date. The group date activity centered around the local pastime of dragonboat racing, where the guys were paired off and given the task of finding locals to fill their boats for the race. After Team McLean and Brown won the race, the gang hung out at an afterparty. During the party, Hebert was treated to lots of kisses from her handsome men — including a smooch from Brown in the elevator and a steamy kiss from Flajnik on the rooftop! To the shock of all the guys, the group date rose went to Park.

The final date was for Rosenbaum, and the date card suggested the lovebirds would take "a peek into the future." Last night's episode certainly made it look like the two would be paired in the future! The bachelorette confided in him about her conversation with Williams, and the hunky construction manager was supportive of his lady, noting "tonight has been so perfect." Of course, he was given a rose.

Fresh off of her confession with Rosebaum, Hebert decided to update the rest of the guys about Williams at the rose ceremony. Given Rosenbaum had taken it so well, I guess she thought the others would too. She was surprised, as most of the remaining bachelors were quite upset by her announcement.

The worst reactions came from Daniels, McLean, and Julian. McLean, who felt the bachelorette was dishonest, asked her to send him home and ended up leaving on his own before the rose ceremony. With only one person remaining now to send home, the unlucky fellow was Julian.

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Be sure to check back later today for our *Bachelorette* expert Jesse Csincsak's take on the Hong Kong dates! In the meantime, let us know: are you convinced that Ashley has the closure she needs from Bentley to move on and fall in love?

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Csincsak's Thoughts on Chiang
Mai







Last night on The

Bachelorette, we said goodbye to Ben Castoriano, William Holman, and Nick Peterson. Their journey for a <u>relationship</u> and love with <u>Ashely Hebert</u> ended in the ancient city of Chiang Mai, Thailand. We also learned that our bachelorette needs closure with Bentley Williams in order to move on with her other guys — and it looks like he'll be coming back next week! Here's what *Bachelorette* expert Jesse Csincsak had to say about the episode in our exclusive celebrity interview:

Exclusive Celebrity Interview with *The Bachelorette's* Jesse Csincsak

The date ideas seem to be more extreme this season. Why do you think we're seeing so many dates designed with disaster potential?

To be honest, this show isn't about Ashley. It's about money and ratings. They will chew up and spit out anyone to get both of these things.

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Hebert's Hometown Dates

Ames Brown had a really tough time on the group date, but he did his best to show he was a good sport by coming to the after-party despite his concussion. Did you think Hebert was going to give him the group rose date for his efforts?

I think Ames is still there simply because he's a nice guy and makes her laugh. Other than that, I don't see a huge connection between them. So Blake getting the group date rose was no surprise to me.

Hebert listened to William's analysis of Ben C. and said "adios" to the Louisiana lawyer without a second thought. Should she have give him a chance to explain?

The fact that Ashley listened to pinhead William without question and didn't listen to Michelle Money about Bentley absolutely blows my mind. These are 15-year-old girl actions in my book!

What was your take on her decision to send William home?

I think Ashley was totally right to send him home. There was no spark between them, and I was glad she sent him home. His exit speech was pitiful!

Chris Harrison promised to "make something happen" for Ashley with Bentley. Knowing what she knows now, do you think Ashley has good reason to be upset with Chris and/or the producers for encouraging the drama?

I'm sure Ashley is cursing herself for taking the money and signing that stupid contract. She now sees how crooked the whole thing really is!

What about Bentley do you think intrigues Ashley the most?

Everyone wants what they can't have; she can't have Bentley, so she naturally wants him!

We all know Bentley's not interested in her. What's his motivation for flying to the other side of the world to visit Ashley next week?

Everyone comes to Hollywood for one of two reasons: money or fame. I'm assuming Bentley originally came on for fame, and now he's probably getting paid to come back.

There are a few guys we haven't seen much of yet this season, specifically Mickey and Lucas. Is there a possible love connection with either of these guys?

I've always said the winner doesn't get much camera time until the end, so who knows — they might both go very far. Right now, I see a huge connection between J.P. and Ashley, but because he has gotten so much camera time so far, I don't think he will be the final man...unless we're being tricked.

Want more *Bachelorette* insider insights? Check out the <u>Bachelorette Beatdown</u> this evening. Tonight at **9PM EST/6PM PST**, notable show alums, including Trista Sutter, Natalie Getz, Ashley Nicole Spivey, Jesse Kovacs, Wes Hayden, and David Good will join Jesse during his chat!

'The Bachelorette' Season 7, Episode 5: Love is Worth Fighting For







By Jennifer

Harrington

Last night on ABC's *The Bachelorette*, the gang traveled to the ancient city of Chiang Mai, Thailand. Ashley Hebert was optimistic that it was "the perfect city to fall in love" and she hoped the change of scenery would mark her new beginning with the bachelors. Here's what happened during this chapter of her love story:

This week, there was a one-on-one, a group date and the dreaded two-on-one, which Ashley herself was on last season. Ben F. snagged the one-on-one, which was apropos, since feelings between our bachelorette and the winemaker started developing last week. The pair enjoyed a low-key day of exploring the city and a candlelight dinner amidst an intricate floral arrangement. Their attraction to each other was apparent, and Ashley even said that she could "see a life with Ben F." The Sonoma-native also said he felt "giddy, puppy-dog love" and gladly accepted the rose!

The group date card read, "Love is worth fighting for." While most cards are figures of speech, the guys literally spent the day training in Muay Thai, a native boxing style. Although she initially said the date was a "hot way to see the men,"

Ashley quickly changed her opinion during the sparring matches where the men were pitted against each other and said the date was getting too dangerous. The boxing ring victim was Ames, who admitted he'd never been in a fight before. Though he gave it his best effort, his day ended with a concussion and an ambulance ride to the hospital. Luckily, he got himself to the after-party that evening looking good as new, even though he was still recuperating from the match! While it seemed that Ames would surely take home the group date rose, Blake made his move, acknowledging that although his relationship with Ashley was slow to develop, he believed "love is like a marathon, not a sprint." The couple took their first steps towards romance with a sizzling kiss, and the fellow dentist took home the rose!

If you guys calculated correctly, the two-on-one date was between Ben C. and William. Ever since the roast we've been skeptical of William, and this date certainly didn't help repair his image. Boasting that it was time for Ben C. to go home and it was "not going to be a pretty sight," William told Ashley that his competition was "ready" to leave, hoping to test his luck in the online dating world ASAP. Ashley didn't even give Ben C. a chance to explain before she said goodbye. But rather than sharing a cozy evening with William, the bachelorette realized that the special spark she felt during their memorable Vegas date was gone. And with that, she sent him home as well.

At the rose ceremony, Ashley confessed to Chris Harrison that Bentley was still on her mind. Realizing she needs closure in order to truly move on, the host offered to "make something happen for her." In the meantime, she had to hand out the roses and send one unlucky man home. The Adonis of the house, Nick, was sent home in a state of shock and eight men were left standing.

Thailand's journey is over as we're headed to Hong Kong next week. Not surprisingly, Bentley will make his dramatic return

in this glamorous city, and it looks like his presence is going to stir up serious trouble between Ashley and the other guys! Check back later to see what our *Bachelorette* expert, Jesse Csincsak, has to say about Bentley's ongoing drama, as well as his take on Chiang Mai! But first, let us know — what did you guys think of Ashley's snap decision to send Ben C. home? Should she have given him more time to explain himself?

Celebrity Interview: Past 'Bachelorette' Winner Jesse Csincsak Shares His Opinions on Thailand Dates







Last night on The

Bachelorette, Ashley Hebert put her best foot forward to move past the heartbreak of losing Bentley Williams and traveled to Thailand with the guys. Her relationships and love with Constantine Tzortzis, J.P. Rosenbaum, and Ben Flajnik seemed to be on the fast-track. And while the men questioned Ryan Park's genuineness, Hebert and the boys said goodbye to West. Here's what resident Bachelorette expert Jesse Csincsak's had to say in our celebrity interview:

Celebrity Interview with *The Bachelorette's* Jesse Csincsak

It's apparent the guys are aware of Bentley's departure and its effect on Ashley. From your experience, is it really that obvious to the other contestants when the bachelor or bachelorette has a special spark with someone in the house?

It's super obvious, and that's what makes certain dudes mad. You have to go in there and tell yourself that you're the only one, or it will drive you insane.

The gang moved from Los Angeles to Thailand in the hopes of giving Hebert a fresh start. Did you find changing locations to be helpful in terms keeping relationships fresh?

Traveling with the show is fun, but it's very draining at the same time. You feel like you're doing a lot for this one girl, so if you don't get a lot of time with her, it makes it hard to want to continue on the journey.

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Tzortzis impressed us with his easygoing nature, but it seemed like Hebert is concerned that there are only "friendly vibes" between them. Do you see a future love connection for this duo?

I think that Constantine is a cool guy, but I'm not sure they'll last. The guys that will end up friends will come out hard in the weeks to come. Only time will tell! The guys that don't answer Ashley's questions will get sent home.

This week, Brown shined and captured our bachelorette's attention, and she said he's "different" from the others. Is it a good thing that Hebert has separated him from the rest of the pack?

I think Ames will go very far (like final four), and I think he's an awesome guy, but in the end, he will get his heart broken. They're too different. She's a small-town girl, and he's a rich kid who is well-educated and has traveled the world many times.

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What was your reaction when Julian confronted Park? Is the criticism of Park by the other men fair?

I liked that Blake called out Ryan. It shows that he's real and not afraid to say what's on his mind. I like guys like that. I think that when the guys call someone out on something, that's usually the truth. There isn't a lot of man drama that's not for real. Ryan's drama will get him sent home eventually.

We saw Chris Harrison "bend the rules" during this week's rose ceremony. What do you think about these occasional changes to the process along the way?

Everything done on the show is all about ratings. Ratings equal money, so anything they can do to make it different or interesting (like Bentley or adding a rose) will definitely be done.

With Williams gone, Hebert has had to give another look and

consideration to the remaining bachelors. If you had to guess, who has the number one spot in Ashley's heart right now?

I think J.P. and Ames are going to go far!

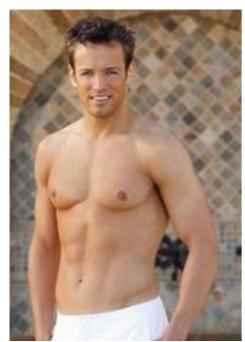
It looks like Williams may be back on the scene soon. Do you think Hebert will finally see his true colors?

This actually goes all the way back to casting. When the show is cast, they pick people that will clash in a group situation. It has nothing to do with Ashley — it's all about good TV (come on, it's fun to watch!). The producers know this, and that's why they cast these characters. With that being said, Bentley is fun to watch, and I promise we haven't seen the last of this villain just yet.

Hungry for more insider scoop from Jesse? Tune into this week's installment of <u>The Bachelorette Beatdown</u>, hosted by Jesse himself. Each week, Jesse is joined by ex-show alums, including Natalie Getz, Jesse Kovacs, Wes Hayden and David Good. Special guest appearances (like Trista Sutter and Kiptyn Locke) are always a part of the show. You don't want to miss it!

'The Bachelorette' Season 7, Episode 4 Recap: A Fresh Start in Thailand







By Jennifer

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Ashley Hebert was devastated last week, after Bentley's departure and William's cutting remarks during the "roast" group date. After having a few days off to mend her broken heart, our bachelorette was back in action and ready for a "fresh start" — in Phuket, Thailand! Here's how the guys fared this week on ABC's *The Bachelorette*:

As usual, there were two one-on-one dates and a group date. The first one-on-one went to Constantine, and the duo's plan to enjoy a romantic boat ride was cast aside because of rain. Undeterred by the sudden change of plans, the Atlanta native was easygoing as they spent the day chatting and exploring the city together. At dinner, Ashley said she has "definite chemistry" with the restaurant owner and was blown away by his "realness." After declaring that she "loved today," this contestant received a rose.

The next day, our bubbly leading lady and 10 of the guys fixed up an orphanage that was home to children affected by recent tsunamis in the area. The men got into the project, especially Ben F., who stood out from the pack by painting a mural for the kids (despite his admission that he is not

artistic!). After a full day of giving back it was off to a celebration party, where the winemaker continued to impress Ashley with a "really, really good kiss" — and it was no surprise when he was rewarded with the group date rose! However, the heat really intensified when she chatted under an umbrella in the rain with J.P. Talking turned into smooching and Ashley said, "Kissing J.P. is magical...J.P. is one sexy man!"

The final date went to Ames, who the bachelorette noticed has a hard time letting loose during group settings. On their kayaking excursion through sea caves, Ashley was delighted to learn that this New York-suitor is spontaneous and witty. After noting that he's traveled to 70 countries and has lots of "depth," Ashley said he's "different" from the other guys in the house. Although this date went sans-kiss, Ames returned to the villa with a rose.

At the cocktail party, the bachelorette asked "serious questions" — if West thought she could fill the "big shoes" left by his deceased wife, why Lucas fell out of love with his ex-wife, and even about Ryan's growing rift with the other contestants in the house. After Ashley was confident with their answers, she spoke with Chris Harrison about her lingering Bentley thoughts and asked if she could add an extra rose — meaning only one guy would go home instead of two. Her wish was granted, and everyone received a rose but West. Though he was one of our early favorites, it didn't seem like he much spark with the bachelorette, and Ashley wasn't sure if he was truly ready to move on.

Be sure to return later today to read Bachelorette expert Jesse Csincsak's take on the action in Thailand! We'll be back Friday to preview next week's episode, where it appears Bentley's back to stir up trouble. Until then, let us know: What do you think about Blake's decision to confront Ryan during the cocktail party? Do you think Ryan is genuine or another potential heartbreaker?

'The Bachelorette' Season 7, Episode 3: Bentley Goes In For the Kill







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It's week 3 of ABC's *The Bachelorette* and leading up to the episode, we were promised that self-proclaimed front-runner Bentley would become the biggest villain in *Bachelorette* history and bring heartbreak to Ashley. In case you missed out on the action, here's what left our dentist in distress questioning if the she'd ever find her Prince Charming:

The first date of the week was a one-on-one with Ben C., where the duo learned a hip-hop dance and performed with a flash mob in a park later that day! Ashley seemed happy to "flash" with this Louisiana lawyer and loved his dancing skills. Though he thought it was the "most ridiculous first date," he was an amazingly good sport about it. Their afternoon ended with a special performance by Far East Movement and the pair shared their first kiss. At dinner, Ben revealed his true romantic colors, stating that he's "always fantasized about a dream love," and Ashley couldn't help but give him a rose!

Next, was the group date. In the moments leading up to it, was the moment we've all been (im)patiently waiting to see…the unmasking of the long-lost brother of Zorro! Unfortunately for Ashley (and us), Jeff's reveal fell flat. He didn't have that unforgettable face that made you melt (like we all had desperately hoped for). With Jeff's face finally revealed to an unimpressed Ashley and his fellow contestants, the worst idea in *Bachelorette* history for a group date began: a bachelor "roast" a la Comedy Central of the woman whose heart they were trying to win.

Most men (wisely) played it safe, choosing to roast the other guys in the house. But William, the funniest contestant who had a magical time with Ashley last week in Vegas, gave her the most brutal roast of all. William said he signed up for the show when he thought the bachelorette would be Emily or Chantal, and even made inappropriate remarks about Ashley's Imagine her surprise! His comments pierced the insecure bachelorette who was always concerned that the guys were disappointed she was chosen for season 7. Later, at a subdued after-party, William apologized to Ashley and then decided to leave — the damage was already done. A vulnerable Ashley turned to Bentley for comfort and their alone time turned into a discussion about the warnings she's heard. Though Bentley had the opportunity to tell Ashley the truth, he denied the rumors and proclaimed he was on the "same page" as her.

After her cozy time with this season's bad boy, the group date

rose went to Ryan. An outraged Bentley declared not getting the rose justified his decision to "check out" of the journey with Ashley. While he packed his bags he said, "Ashley is digging what I'm putting out, so I'm going in for the kill now." Blaming his decision to go home on his young daughter (though we all know he hoped the *Bachelorette* was Emily instead of "ugly duckling" Ashley), Bentley said his goodbyes. Spending her final moments with Bentley crying, it's obvious how quickly and deeply her feelings had developed.

Though William's roast and Bentley's departure were understandably difficult, Ashley still had to navigate her one-on-one date with JP. They shared a quiet night at home and JP did his best to reassure Ashley that she was amazing. JP was given a rose, and the couple shared a romantic kiss by the fire, which Ashley declared was better than her kisses with Bentley!

An emotionally drained Ashley decided to forego the cocktail party. Since Ben C., JP, and Ryan were all safe, the remaining roses went to: Constantine, Mickey, Ben F., Blake, Nick, Ames, Lucas, and (shockingly!) William. Chris D. and Jeff were sent home. The closing minutes of the episode included Jeff burning his mask, and a preview of next week's show in Thailand, where it looks like the guys have turned against Ryan.

Before we give you next week's preview clip, let us know what you think: Do you think Ashley can recover losing Bentley? Is Bentley the biggest villain *The Bachelorette* has ever seen?