

# EXCLUSIVE: 'Bachelor Pad 2' Winner and Newlywed Holly Durst Tells Us About Her "Perfect" Wedding and Honeymoon



By Whitney Baker

Fans know Holly Durst as the bubbly winner of 'Bachelor Pad 2,' but now, she's content just being a newlywed. Durst and Blake Julian, who met while competing on the reality show, tied the knot in South Carolina on June 2, 2012. The big day was perfect and more than she ever imagined. "I'm so happy! I love married life. It's just the best," she gushes.

Durst says her best piece of advice for brides-to-be is to hire a wedding planner. She adds, "I planned my whole wedding

on Pinterest. I wanted to make sure that I remembered all of the little things.”

For Durst, it was those small details that made the day so special. Even her wedding dress had a personal touch. She always thought she’d wear a Cinderella gown, but she tried “so many of them on and always felt overwhelmed.” Her final pick, however, was the perfect fit. “It elongated my already long body. I made it my own by removing the rhinestones and adding a sash.”

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Surprisingly, Durst’s favorite moment of her wedding happened *before* the ceremony. “Blake and I both were in the same room, but we couldn’t see each other – there was a wall in between us. We got to reach around and pray together right before the wedding,” she reveals.

Even though Durst was the star of the show, she wanted to make sure that her guests felt loved too – especially the single ladies. She added a personal touch to the bouquet toss, making the lucky girl who caught it feel even luckier. “I wrote a little note and stuck it in the flowers,” she shares. “I told her to be patient, and when she finds love, it’s going to be perfect. I hope that, someday, she experiences the same love that I have with Blake.”

As for their honeymoon in St. Lucia, Durst says, “It was so good! I didn’t want to come back.”

The couple took a very practical approach to planning their trip. First, they wanted to stay in the same time zone. She tells us, “We thought about Fiji or Bora Bora, but we would’ve wasted so much time traveling. The Caribbean was a perfect choice.”

Plus, Durst let Julian make most of the decisions. “He

actually did all of the searching, and I just okayed things,” she says. “I planned a wedding, so I let him plan the honeymoon!”

During their time in St. Lucia, the couple enjoyed the amenities at an all-inclusive resort. They signed up for “everything” – pool and beach volleyball, paddleboard racing, ping-pong. They even rallied the other honeymooners into playing too. Durst explains, “One day, we left the resort and did an excursion around the island. We came back, and everyone was like, ‘No one did anything today because you guys weren’t around!’ We were the ones grabbing other people to join.”

Now that they’ve returned from paradise, it’s back to reality. As they settle into life as man and wife, they are keeping busy. According to an interview with Wetpaint, Durst, who has no desire to film her love life for reality television anymore, revealed that she would love to be a judge on ‘Bachelor Pad 3.’ However, when we asked her about any upcoming plans to do so, she simply replied, “No.” Perhaps she changed her mind when ABC announced that ex-fiancé Michael Stagliano would be one of the cast members.

As for tuning in to watch the show? Durst hesitantly replied, “We’ll see. I have so much to do!”

*You can keep up with Durst on Twitter and her personal website, [HollyDurst.com](http://HollyDurst.com). Be sure to check out her new children’s book [‘Chocolate Socks’](#) as well. Congratulations to the happy couple!*

**Cupid wants to know: Will you be watching ‘Bachelor Pad 3’ this summer?**

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# Exclusive: Bachelor Pad 2 Winner Holly Durst Plans Honeymoon in St. Lucia with Fiancé Blake Julian



By [Lori Bizzoco](#)

This summer, former *Bachelor Pad* reality stars Holly Durst and Blake Julian will have an intimate wedding in South Carolina and set off to the beautiful Caribbean island of St. Lucia for a romantic, one-week honeymoon.

“Blake is everything I’ve been looking for,” Holly gushed. “I liked him from the moment that I met him and I couldn’t deny that. We have the best chemistry together.”

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As many fans know, Holly and Blake's path to wedded bliss was all but easy for fans who watched it unfold on national television. Holly and her ex-fiance, Season 5 *Bachelorette* contestant, Michael Stagliano both appeared on the spinoff series, *Bachelor Pad 2* last summer. Although the two weren't together romantically, they partnered as a team, and split the grand prize of \$250,000 dollars. But, for Holly money wasn't all that she won. It was on that show that she met her future husband, Greenville, South Carolina Dentist, Blake Julian.

When asked if she watches the current episode of *The Bachelor*, Holly says she "keeps up" with her reality TV Alma Mater, but says that Blake likes it more than she does. "He likes Ben a lot, they were buddies on their season together."

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Ben and most of their fellow contestants from *Bachelor Pad 2* will be invited to their June 2 wedding in South Carolina.

"Invitations are almost ready to go out," she laughs. "We had a little envelope emergency and the stamps wouldn't stick on the finish of the envelopes so we spread them all over the apartment to get the stamps to stick and dry." Holly says that's the only snafu they've faced, everything else has been easy sailing.

The wedding will take place June 2nd (one day before Blake's 29th birthday) and they are estimating about 150 guests to attend the southern affair that will be decorated in a neutral tone of white. "I wanted a color that wouldn't date the photos. But, there will be a hint of pink throughout, because I love pink so much." Holly chose Alfred Angelo for her dress and pink for her six bridesmaids, all of whom are close friends and family.

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I am the opposite of Bridezilla, she said. "I'm just going to

show up the day of the wedding and say alright that's good, thanks."

In addition to planning the wedding, this month Holly is launching her first children's book. "I have been writing for about six years and I have several children's books and a novel in the works." Holly says that she always wanted to write a book that inspired kids that they could be and do anything that they wanted to in life. "I wanted to encourage other kids growing up not to be afraid of anything and to follow their dreams." The result of this passion is "Chocolate Socks," a book about taking what you [love](#) and doing whatever you want with it. Holly has always had a love for children, and even went to school to be a teacher before deciding that writing children's books was her calling.

When asked about having kids of her own, she said we aren't planning for it but if it happens it happens. "Blake wants two kids, and I want two or three, preferably twins!" Dating Michael who was a twin wasn't what convinced her, she has eight sets of twins in her own family lineage.

Holly certainly keeps herself busy, dental assistant, children's author and soon-to-be wife. But, regardless of her hectic life, she is still booming with happiness about finally becoming Blake's wife.

The wedding festivities are set to begin this month with Blake's ski-themed bachelor party taking place this month in Colorado and Holly's bachelorette party in LA in May.

Visit [Amazon](#) to get your own copy of Holly Durst's new inspiring children's book, *Chocolate Socks*.

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# He Said/She Said: Natalie Getz and David Good Discuss Bachelor Pad 2's Season Finale



This dramatic season of Bachelor Pad 2 has finally come to an end. In this week's episode, the contenders performed with Cirque de Soleil's Ka, Blake proposed to Holly, the winners were declared and the next Bachelor was announced. We had a chance to chat with our Bachelor Pad 2 experts, David Good and Natalie Getz, to see what their thoughts were about the season finale.

Kasey and Vienna did quite well in the final challenge, but ultimately didn't get a chance to compete for the final prize. What are your closing thoughts on how they chose to play the

**game? Do you think they will remain together long-term?**

**He said:** I think they played the game great! People can dislike them as a couple but they still controlled the whole show till the end. As far as a couple, I wish them the best but I don't see it working out from what we got to see of them on TV.

**She said:** They did a great job and really played off of each other's chemistry very well. I was super impressed! It was very close, so I think the judges could have gone either way. I was with them in San Diego for Jesse Kovac's wine bar/clothing boutique opening over the weekend, and they still seem very much in love. They certainly have their fair share of fights just like a lot of other couples, but they love each other. Now that they live together, I really can't see these two separating.

**If you had been Michael and Holly, would you have made the same choice they did when they decided to let Graham and Michelle head to the finals with them?**

**He said:** Yes, I would have. It's about friendship and integrity that goes beyond the show.

**She said:** No, I would have actually chosen Kasey and Vienna. Graham and Michelle had less drama with the cast, so they would have been a tougher competition. Strategically, they would have received more votes. Turns out, they got all the votes anyway. Then again, had I been a part of season two and saw Michael hurting over the recent news of Holly's engagement to Blake, I would have voted Michael to win as well. At least he didn't walk away empty handed.

**Michael didn't know about Holly and Blake's engagement before the finale. How do you think he handled the news on-camera? And were you surprised when he ultimately decided to "share" the money with Holly?**



**He said:** I think he handled it with class. That goes to show what a good person he is and I would expect nothing less from him. I knew he would share the money with her. That's the kind of person he is. He deserves better than her anyway.

**She said:** I think he was in a state of shock that it actually happened and Holly didn't call to warn him. I was surprised she allowed them to film it to be honest with you. She could have said no and spared Michael's feelings. I wasn't surprised at all by Michael sharing the money. I know him well and he has the biggest heart and is sincerely kind and generous in everything he does. He is humble and logical. He once loved Holly and out of maturity, he still wouldn't want to screw her over. He is almost too good of a person to his own fault.

**Are you surprised Blake and Holly are engaged and moving in together so quickly? And what did you think about their on-camera engagement; do you think we will see a Bachelor Pad wedding in the near future? Any other couples from this season that you think may have a wedding in their future?**

**He said:** I am surprised because I know Holly and expected more out of her. She is in love with the thought of falling in love and that is her weakness. I promise you she is very unsure about all this and it's moving way too fast. I don't see a wedding in their future but even after everything they did, I still think they deserve to be happy if that's what they want.

**She said:** I don't think we will see any other couple engaged anytime soon unless producers push for it. I was so shocked about the engagement. I didn't really know what to think when Holly showed me her ring at the wrap party. Of course I was happy for her; she is my friend. That being said, I voiced my concern to her that I was worried about her moving across the country for a 2 month long distant relationship. But like they say...when you know, you know. I'm happy she is happy.

**Michael and Holly are the winners of Bachelor Pad 2 – do you**

agree Michael was the strongest competitor this season? And what exactly do you think Holly brought to the partnership?

**He said:** Holly was a good support system for Mike believe it or not. He got sympathy points from everyone because of her. I think he played as good or the best of anyone there.

**She said:** Michael hands down won that game and deserved it. He was by far the strongest competitor with his genuine personality and athletic/coordination skills.

If you'll miss all the rose action, be sure to catch the **premiere of The Bachelor in January**, Ben Flajnik has been officially announced as the next Bachelor. Until next time!

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## **Bachelor Pad's Michael Stagliano Reacts to Ex-Fiance Holly's Engagement to Blake**





Michael

Stagliano, 27, may have won *The Bachelor Pad*, but he ultimately lost ex-fiance Holly Durst, 28, to fellow contestant Blake Julian. Durst's engagement to Julian was revealed to Stagliano on the show's finale. Putting that shocking news aside, our jaws also dropped when we read the jilted bachelor's statement to [People](#), which read, "We were engaged and therefore I will always care about and love her so it makes me happy when she is happy." Way to take it like a man, Michael.

**How do you deal when your ex decides to marry someone else?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Seeing your ex with another girl is a hard pill to swallow.

Hearing your ex is engaged to someone else can be pure torture. Thankfully, we've got a few tips so that you can move on with your life without taking someone else's happiness away:

**1. Happiness:** Were you happy with your ex? If so, try being happy for him or her to return the favor.

**2. Think about yourself:** Being happy for someone else first means being satisfied with your own accomplishments.

**3. No need to go congratulating your ex:** As long as you know that you've moved on, that may be all that matters. At the bare minimum, don't ruin your ex's special time by being negative toward him. As the old adage goes, "If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all."

**How did you react when your ex got engaged? Share your experience below.**

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## **He Said/She Said: Natalie Getz and David Good Answer Questions about Bachelor Pad 2 Episode 5**





By Jennifer

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As Labor Day weekend wrapped up, we were all treated to a suspense-filled episode of *Bachelor Pad 2*! During the [episode](#), viewers witnessed a strategic challenge, romantic fireworks between Michelle and Graham, Erica's over-the-top overtures towards Blake, and a final showdown between Blake/Erica and Kirk/Ella. To make sense of this crazy installment of summer's guiltiest pleasure, we spoke to David Good and Natalie Getz, winners of *Bachelor Pad 1*.

**Michelle and Graham's relationship took a big step forward this week – were you surprised they won the competition, given they have not been together for that long? What did you think about their strategy during the game?**

**He Said:** I think it has been growing; we have just not seen much of them because of the Jake/Vienna/Kasey BS. Best strategy in a game I have seen yet on the *Pad*!

**She Said:** Their strategy was genius. David and I had a similar strategy last year. We picked answers that were easy for us to remember, versus the truth. They are going to win, I just know it. Keeping quiet and out of the drama is the

best thing you can do in the game. I enjoyed seeing them fall in love this week! If they got married and had children, the kids might actually be too beautiful.

**What were you thinking during Erica and Blake's date? Did Erica's aggressive behavior surprise you, and did you agree with how Blake handled the situation?**

**He Said:** It did not, because I know her. She is hilarious, and that is Erica. A different bird for sure, but love her and she is her own person. I respect that. I thought Blake did very well handling the situation.

**She Said:** Blake handled the situation incredibly well, but Erica is my hero! She is so entertaining to watch and is not afraid to say or do anything on camera. Her behavior didn't surprise me one bit and had Blake not already started a relationship with Holly, Erica would have gotten her way. Trust me!

**Why do you think Erica and Blake gave Vienna and Kasey the roses? Why are Vienna and Kasey still around, if everyone supposedly dislikes them so much?**

**He Said:** They are still around because people are scared to go against them. Erica and Blake thought if they teamed up with them, they would be safe. Fail!

**She Said:** Kasey is great at manipulating people to do what he wants them to do. I am shocked Erica and Blake did that! They could have given the roses to Ella and Kirk and gathered the gang to all vote off Kasey and Vienna! I think people like Vienna and Kasey, but they are just exhausted by their fights. They are both very nice people, but being cooped up in a house definitely tested their relationship! Rest assured, they are still in love.

**Ella has been very vocal about her desire to win the money – what's your take on her approach? Is it winning her sympathy**

**votes?**

**He Said:** Of course it is winning votes. Lots of people can relate to that. She has not had an easy life, but in my opinion, the best diamonds form under the most pressure. I don't like the fact that she is saying she needs the money so bad though. There are a lot of single moms making it with way less than what she has. But it would be nice to see someone with a good heart win.

**She Said:** It's definitely winning her sympathy votes. It's officially saved her twice at this point. I, for one, would never vote her off if I was in the house. As much of it is a game, I have a super soft spot for children and wouldn't be able to vote her off, even if she was my biggest threat! I want her son to have a backyard and a home so bad.

**After Holly voted Blake off, do you think there is any chance of them re-kindling their romance post *Pad*? And, with Blake gone now, how do you think Holly and Michael's relationship will change?**

**He Said:** I think they for sure could see each other after, but don't think it will last long. Just my opinion, which in Bachelor history has been 100 percent accurate so far. I gave Ames and Jackie two weeks; they lasted 5 days I heard. So I was off a little! When Mike watches this show, I hope he realizes he is better without her.

**She Said:** I think we haven't seen a lot of what's going on in the house. I think Holly and Blake have spent a ton of time together that we aren't seeing and I also think she has spent some quality time with Michael. It hurts to watch because they are both my friends. When Holly called off the engagement, Michael was beyond devastated. When she decided she made a mistake and wanted him back, he couldn't do it and then she was devastated. I'm just glad they can both still love each other as friends! I don't think these two will be getting

back together.

Be sure to tune in **next Monday night** for the next chapter in **Bachelor Pad** history! And send us your questions for David and Natalie while you're watching!

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## 'Bachelor Pad 2' Recap Episode 5: Vienna and Kasey Start to Crack, Graham and Michelle Hit it Off.



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## **The Nearlywed Challenge:**

This episode kicked off with Blake and Erica teaming up for the Nearlywed Challenge, an offshoot of the Newlywed Game, despite his real desire to be with Holly. However, Holly had promised Michael that she would stick with him to the end, although her behavior throughout the episode indicated that she might be having second thoughts about that decision.

For the Nearlywed Challenge, couples were paired up and asked questions about their partner. One person would write down the answer and the other person would try to guess what the other person said. If the answers matched up, they would get a point.

Kasey and Vienna, the de facto couple of the house, weren't exactly on point when answering questions (much to the delight of the other housemates). Michelle and Graham, however, used a brilliant strategy of pre-determined answers to steal the game and snag an incredible date. Surprisingly, Blake and Erica took second place and although they didn't get immunity roses, they did earn a date of their own.

## **Challenge Winners: Michelle and Graham**

### **Immunity and Dates:**

Michelle and Graham were the winners and ABC flew them via helicopter to downtown LA where they were dropped off on a rooftop, complete with a pool and private screening of "What's Your Number?", a new comedy starring Anna Faris.

The two newly coupled pair hung out in the pool while the film played, seemingly hitting it off. They even shared a passionate kiss.

Blake and Erica were the runners-up. However, they were granted a one-on-one date at a beautiful Spanish Mission. To

say this date was out of the ordinary would be sugar-coating it. First, the couple didn't even want to be paired together.

Then, they win the challenge and get a date. They don't have immunity, but there are two long stemmed red roses staring at them over dinner. As it turns out, these flowers were given to them in order to save another couple (who inevitably would save them). Or, if you're Blake you may only care about the rose for the sake of spending more time with Holly because we all know that's really all he cares about at this point anyway. So, the second place non-lovers give the roses to Kasey and Vienna – much to the disgust of the other housemates and unintentionally sealing their bad fate.

What's even funnier is that Erica decides to seduce Blake on the date. It was almost comical, as Blake deftly shot down her advances one after another. At this point, Erica threw a wacked-out and bizarre temper tantrum, accusing Blake of disrespecting her. The best part of all of this, of course, is that Erica was as sober as a bird.

### **Back at The Pad:**

Michael, Holly and Blake:

The drama only continues to heat up between these three. Michael, presumably in the spirit of jealousy, decides to profess his undying love to Holly. Further, he tells her that he will be there waiting for her whenever she wants to come back to him. This prompts Holly to call Michael out on his lack of communication over the previous three months. Mostly, she was upset that he never expressed these feelings when the cameras were off. Needless to say, this soap-opera moment was all for Blake... that is, until he and Erica were sent home.

Ella and Kirk :

Ella, meanwhile, was having serious doubts about her and Kirk's future on the show after they didn't receive Immunity Roses.

## **Elimination:**

Blake and Erica came into this episode like a roller coaster, they poorly managed their opportunities to get ahead. They had no option but to partner up at the end but played the Nearlywed game well enough to gain some leverage. Their lack of love connection probably set them back from staying in the house.

## **Predictions:**

Cupid's Pulse is still spot on with our predictions of Michelle, Michael, and Ella. However, that basically leaves one member of every power couple – except for Vienna and Kasey. Wow, good job we did choosing all of them. But, if we had to pick the last standing couple, we would go with Michelle and Graham. They would win love and money. That would be historical. We can find out next week during the Season Finale, so stay tuned!

In the meantime, if you have questions about the Bachelor Pad 2, send them in. We will have former winners, [Natalie Getz and David Good](#) with us all season to answer them.

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# **Melissa From 'Bachelor Pad 2' Says She's Not Emotional Off-Camera**



*Bachelor Pad 2*

drama queen Melissa Schreiber insists she's not nearly as emotional off-camera as she was on the show, according to [People](#). The reality star, who ended up getting played by Blake on season 2 of the show after falling for him very quickly, says she no longer has feelings for him. "My friends and family have been so supportive. They know that I'm not that emotional outside of the *Bachelor* world," said Schreiber.

"It's so funny. Every episode, I get like 50 text messages saying, 'Who are you? We don't recognize you on TV.' For some reason, when in the *Bachelor* house, I'm overly emotional."

**How do you avoid falling for someone too quickly?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Sometimes you can mistake lust for love and fall for someone you're interested in too quickly. This can often lead to heartache. Cupid has some advice on how to avoid falling

fast:

**1. Make personal rules:** One of the best ways to keep yourself in check is to make a personal set of rules to follow in the dating world. For instance, make a rule that you won't kiss someone until the second date or you won't go on more than two dates in a week. Sometimes the beginning of a relationship is the most exciting part, so taking things slow will prolong it!

**2. Stay logical:** This is easier said than done. Sometimes our emotions get the best of it and we follow them with a blind eye ... or head, as the case may be. Make sure to think things through logically before making any drastic decisions or statements.

**3. Cover multiple topics:** Falling for someone before you actually know him or her well is often a mistake. Prolong the "getting to you know you" process by asking multiple questions and covering many topics.

**How do you avoid falling for someone too fast? Share your experiences below.**

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## **'Bachelor Pad 2' Recap Episode 4: Blake Julian Gives Holly Durst a Rose**





With Jake Pavelka

eliminated, a new love triangle – involving Blake, Holly and Michael – has emerged on this week's episode of *Bachelor Pad 2*. This week's challenge might have ended some relationships and put a spark on others.

### **Kissing Contest:**

Chris Harrison claims this contest was the most popular competition last season, but it didn't seem like the contestants wanted to take part in this year. To set a good example for her 6-year-old daughter, Michelle Money backed out of the challenge. The ladies are first, and once they're blindfolded, they are kissed by every guy. When the winners were announced, Chris states that they won with an overwhelming majority of the votes.

**Challenge Winners:** Blake Julian and Ella Nolan

### **Immunity and Dates:**

Ella chooses Kirk for her date, which involves driving a red Ferrari to the Casa Bachelor Annex, where they have dinner. Kirk tells Ella about his life-threatening battle with mold, and Ella talks about witnessing her mother's murder. She

gives him a rose, and then they ride on a hot air balloon.

Blake invites Holly on a date, which naturally causes Melissa to throw a tantrum. They head to a ski slope on a private jet, and later spend time in front of a fire, where Blake asks Holly about her feelings toward Michael Stagliano. Holly decides to spend the night with Blake at the log cabin, while viewers get to see Michael alone in the pad, pining for his ex-fiancée.

### **Back at 'The Pad':**

Michael and Holly:

Holly confesses to Michael that she kissed Blake and he breaks down, admitting that he's falling in love with her again. She's torn between him and Blake.

Kasey and William:

As usual, the girls vote off a guy and vice versa. As the girls wonder whether to eliminate Kasey or William, Kasey comes up with a strategy that's he's sure will save him. He tells Ella and Kirk, "I'm not trying to sell a story, but just know that the money is necessary for my grandma to live."

Melissa:

Meanwhile, the guys join forces to vote Melissa off instead of Vienna because of all the drama she causes. "I can't imagine the amount of hell Melissa causes Blake, because I don't even speak to her and I feel like she drains the life out of me," says Graham. When William tells Melissa he voted for her, she freaks out and asks every guy to save her from elimination.

Elimination:

When all of the roses are handed out, William and Melissa are left empty-handed. While in the limo, they both shed tears – Melissa more so – and in voice-over, Michelle says "Melissa

deserves all the happiness in the world” and William didn’t deserve to be eliminated.

### **Predictions:**

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

Stay tune for next week’s recap. In the meantime, if you have questions about the *Bachelor Pad 2*, send them in. We will have former winners, Natalie Getz and David Good with us all season to answer them.

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## **He Said/She Said: Natalie Getz and David Good Answer Questions about Bachelor Pad 2 Episode 3**







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Things got pretty crazy in the latest episode of *Bachelor Pad 2*. We saw Melissa flip out, Erica make the moves on Jake and a showdown between Kasey and Jake for the final rose. After the episode, we were left shaking our heads that Mr. Pavelka was actually eliminated, and were anxious to get thoughts about the dramatic episode from David Good and Natalie Getz, winners of *Bachelor Pad 1*.

**Were you surprised the men did better at the synchronized swimming challenge? What factors were most important to you as you were judging the performances?**

**He Said:** I was a little surprised until after and sat down and thought about it. Guys in the house on all the shows get along better than the girls do. The producers always talked to me about the *Bachelor* and *Bachelorette* – the guys are typically easy going, whereas the girls tend to be catty and backstabbing to each other. It's the same reason most of my guy friends have like 15 good friends and the girls I know have like three or four, at most. This makes it easier for the guys to work together as a team, and it showed.

**She Said:** I wasn't surprised, because most of the boys were once athletes. They say athletes have a lot of rhythm and grace! Also, Jake was on *DWTS*, so I figured he would be pretty good. Michael Stagliano is a dancer and choreographer, so he was a shoe-in to win. I looked for personality, technique and humor. I must say, looking out at all my friends with money hungry eyes, it was really difficult to disappoint everyone by not choosing them. But, Michael and Michelle deserved the roses in the end.

**The promise ring Kasey gave Vienna – romantic or cheesy? Did you expect for it to be an engagement ring? And ... your thoughts on the song he sang to Vienna?**

**He Said:** Everything they seem to do is kind of cheesy. He has good intentions, but the fact we see how they act towards each other and how bad it is, makes everyone cringe. I did not think it was an engagement ring. Her response "please don't let that be an engagement ring" was one of the biggest mood killers I have ever seen and is the exact reason everyone does not like them together. Who says that at that moment? They just don't get it. I want them to be happy, no reason to wish them harm but come on – disaster waiting to happen. As for the song, do I really have to say anything here? I wanted him to laugh like it was a joke at some point but he didn't!

**She Said:** I think very highly of Kasey, but we are different people in the "love" department. Personally, I think promise rings were romantic in high school, but since I've grown up, I find them very cheesy. Some women eat that up, but I'm definitely not in that category. I didn't think it would be an engagement ring, only because Vienna told Kasey prior to the show that she did not want a public proposal. The singing.....oh the singing! I get embarrassed for people so easily when I watch them on TV and it makes it so much worse when you know them! Kasey said he was joking around with the singing ... maybe that explains why Vienna was laughing at him?

**Melissa seems to be the craziest person in the house. At this point in the competition, do you see her as a strong contender for the money, or not really, given she doesn't have a reliable partner?**

**He Said:** First off, can you imagine being called "the craziest" out of this house? That is saying something! I do not see her as a strong competitor. She plays with emotion (and not with her head), and can clearly be swung by anyone who gives her attention in the house. I actually feel bad for her, but this is not a game full of rainbows and unicorns. When you're talking \$250,000, easy come, easy go!

**She Said:** She will probably go home next episode. I think people in the house are getting really fed up with her crying and frustrations. She is obsessed with Blake, and that's making it highly uncomfortable for everyone in the house. I think Melissa is a very sweet, kind hearted girl who wears her emotions on her sleeve. Unfortunately, this is a mind game and she wasn't prepared.

**Were you surprised when Jake was ultimately voted off? And were you looking forward to seeing Jake and Vienna in the same house, without her "protector"?**

**He Said:** I was not surprised he got sent home. He did his best, but I think they had been trying since the beginning to get him out. He did do very well at the swimming though! I am so tired of seeing Vienna cry and complain. I wonder what goes through her head watching this show. Does she think she is normal or a good person? I know when I watched my *Bachelorette* show, I was mortified and knew there were some character flaws that needed to be addressed. However, she makes me look like a choir boy! Kasey is right – without him there, she would have been gone a long time ago.

**She Said:** I wasn't entirely surprised after Erica's hard work. She was the only smart one outside of the powerful six that

actually attempted to play the game. She, Blake and Jake tried to convince Kirk that he should vote Kasey off, but Kirk said he couldn't leave his alliance. Wake up, Kirk! You aren't in the powerful six, meaning the six of them would vote you off before each other! Had Kirk voted for Kasey, he and Ella would have been the new power couple alongside Jake and Erica. The whole show could have changed, and it would have made some great TV!

**Bachelor Pad always needs a villain. Now that Jake is gone, who do you think the group will turn against next?**

**He Said:** The group is going to turn against Melissa, I think. They would turn on Kasey and Vienna, but they might be a little scared to at this point. Too soon to make a stand!

**She Said:** So true! When the person causing problems leave, it generally gets boring. When Bentley left, I hate to admit this, but I was bummed. Happy for Ashley, but bummed that the show wouldn't be as dramatic! I think the group will turn on Blake and Melissa. Possibly Erica for going against Kasey and Vienna, but Erica is super smart and I'm sure she will get back in the tight alliance she had with Kasey. Erica's greatest strength is not acting smart. She is by far the most entertaining on the show!

Thanks for your insights, David and Natalie! Tune in **next Monday night for the latest installment of Bachelor Pad 2** madness, and while you are watching, send us your questions about the episode for David and Natalie.

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# 'Bachelor Pad 2' Recap Episode 2: Ames Brown Trumps them All



By [Lori Bizzoco](#)

Usually when a former *Bachelor* or *Bachelorette* leaves the show voluntarily, like two-time 'Bachelor Pad' contestant and swimsuit model, Gia Allemand did last night, it becomes the episode news headliner the next day. But last night's storybook ending even knocked out coverage of the attention-seeking love triangle usually reserved for Jake Pavelka, Vienna Girardi and Kasey Kahl. It was a scene that leaves us understanding why even bad reality shows are beating out long-standing soap operas. You can't make this stuff up!

Last night there were two scenes that made single women everywhere believe in love again. First was the closing scene

with Ivy-League, world-traveling, portfolio manager, Ames Brown. After he said a heartfelt good-bye to his newfound love and eliminated housemate, Jackie Gordon he turned around to head back towards the house. What happened next made hearts stop everywhere. Instead of continuing his walk toward the contestants, Ames slowly stopped, raised his hand and waved good-bye to them. Giving up the \$250,000 prize, he sprinted back towards the limousine with Jackie inside. That fairy-tale exit trumped everything else on the show and gives romance fanatics a reason to believe that Mr. Right is a possibility, especially if you go after the awkwardly smart, rich guy wearing the hot pink pants. In Ames' own words, "This is the happiest limo ride in Bachelor history."

The second love scene comes with ex's, Michael Stagliano and children's book author, Holly Durst. They just ended their engagement two months before the show taped and haven't had the chance to talk it out. During last night's episode, they finally get some one-on-one time and share their thoughts with one another, but their emotional exchange and gripping embrace is almost impossible to watch without your heart feeling heavy or rooting for them to get back together. Watching them express their feelings and Michael telling Holly he still loves her with tears in his eyes is enough to make you want to jump through the television and slap them silly for being so blind. Get back together, already!

### **Mysterious Monday**

There was an odd, eerie undertone on last night's Bachelor Pad 2, with egg fights, haunted hospital tours and a masked man creeping around the kitchen at the end. Yes, mysterious Monday came with love, drama and a fairy tale ending but it makes you wonder for a minute if the show is preparing for Halloween a little too soon.

### **Egg Toss Challenge:**

Let's begin with the Bachelor Pad 2 challenge. The women were asked a handful of questions relating to the men on the show (Who are you least attracted to? Who do you want to see go home?) and with colored paint-filled eggs in hand the women threw their responses directly at the backs (or shoulder, legs and head) of their intended target.

Thanks to Vienna's campaigning, Jake displayed a colorful array of red, yellow and blue on his body when the ladies were asked who they wanted to see go home next. Then the reverse scenario happened and the men targeted the women with eggs. However, the pain ran deeper than the physical impact as Erica was selected as the least attractive in the house. That definitely stung in more ways than one, especially when Michael Stigliano forgot that he wasn't on the field and pitched a fast ball at Erica. The objective of the challenge was to be the person who hit the most targets.

**Challenge Winners:** Melissa Schreiber and Michael Stigliano ended up winning the challenge.

### **Immunity and Dates:**

Instead of taking one person on a date, Melissa and Michael were granted the chance to each take three members of the opposite sex, with one of them being given the rose at the end. Without surprise, Michael chose Holly (his ex-fiancé), Michelle Money (who is our fan favorite) and Erica (sympathy choice). As if it wasn't awkward enough having two former lovers on a date together, the group was taken by limousine to Linda Vista, a haunted hospital. Didn't Michael win (not lose) the challenge? It seemed like a strange reward. I guess it's all about staying on the show and with that, Michael gave Holly the immunity rose.

When it came to Melissa's date, she got the luxury of going on a yacht date with her chosen three: Kirk Dewindt, Blake Julien and Kasey Kahl. Kasey was a bit of a shocker pick at first

but Melissa did have a strategy in place. Her plan, she explained to Kasey, was to align with him promising to give him the rose and save him if he saved her next time. Unfortunately, that was before two-timing dentist, Blake (who has a thing for Holly), played into Melissa's weakness by flirting, touching, sweet-talking and going in for a kiss during their one-on-one time. Melissa reneged on her promise to Kasey and gave Blake the rose instead.

### **Back at 'The Pad':**

Jake, Vienna and Kasey:

Tension was high as Jake did what he could to stay in the house, offering not once, but twice to speak to Vienna. Whether he's really sincere or just trying to redeem himself for the cameras is yet to be seen, but Vienna wasn't having any of it. She continued to escalate the drama and complain about Jake being in the house. That is until Chris Harrison put her in her place, showing her the exit doors and letting her know that she wasn't being forced to be there. Could it possibly be that he's had enough of her drama, too? He even called out how nicely previously engaged Michael and Holly got along. Oh, Vienna!

Melissa, Blake and Holly:

Talk about another messed up love triangle. Blake likes Holly (or so it seems) and he's been ignoring Melissa. This is all after Melissa spent a romantic evening with Blake on the yacht and gave him a rose instead of Kasey who she promised. We're not sure how long Blake will be around, or can keep it up but someone's about to have a meltdown.

Gia and Graham:

First she got duped by Jake when he didn't save her last week and gave a rose to Vienna instead. Now, her friend Graham stabs her in the back by disclosing her plan to break-up the



power couples. He went to Kasey and told him. Although Gia has been on the 'Bachelor Pad' before and she knows how the game is played, she decides to leave the mansion voluntarily. Why risk her dignity of being kicked off by the contestants or her integrity of being deceitful to friends for the mere chance at \$250,000? Or, at least that was her reason for leaving. Will she be back next summer? We doubt it. Maybe the next Bachelorette, now that would be fun.

### **Predictions:**

I guess we can cancel Ames out for our early prediction, although he's a winner in our eyes.

We're still going strong with Michelle Money, Michael Stagliano and Ella Nolan.

If you're looking for more insight on the Bachelor Pad 2, check out our weekly He Said/She Said with former winners, Natalie Getz and David Good.

So, there you have it. All in a week's work!

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## **'The 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.”

**Related Link:** [Eric Hill's Death Casts a Shadow on 'Bachelorette' Hometown Dates](#)

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 after-party. 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.

**Related Link:** [Reality TV Star Ashley Hebert Instagrams Amazing Post-Celebrity Baby Body](#)

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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## **Exclusive Interview: Former 'The Bachelorette' Winner Jesse Csincsak's Thoughts on Chiang Mai Celebrity**





Last night on *The Bachelorette*, we said goodbye to Ben Castoriano, William Holman, and Nick Peterson. Their journey for a [relationship and love](#) with [Ashely Hebert](#) 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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['Bachelorette' Winner Jesse Csincsak Shares Opinions on Ashley 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 [Bachelorette Beatdown](#) 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!

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**'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?

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## **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.

**Related Link:** ['Bachelorette' Star Emily Maynard Enjoys Her Celebrity Pregnancy While Taking a Boat Ride with Family](#)

**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 [The Bachelorette Beatdown](#), 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!

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



By Jennifer

Harrington

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?

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







By Jennifer

Harrington

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 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 body. 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?

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## **'The Bachelorette' Season 7 Premiere Preview: Only Three Days Left!**





By Jennifer

Harrington

We're only a few days away from the season premiere of *The Bachelorette* with Ashley Hebert and according to ABC, there are three words to describe the 25 bachelors competing for Ashley's heart: *Ooh La La!* Check out this teaser clip below.

In addition to a montage of the guys who will be in the hunt for roses, you can hear Ashley proclaim, "I can say my husband is here!" We can't wait to see if Ashley's predictions are correct and she ends up with her Mr. Right. Recently, Ashley told [People](#) that she's happy with way things turned out for her.

So while the handsome men in the teaser certainly deliver on the *Ohhh La La*, we know Ashley wants more than just good looks: she is looking for a guy who makes her feel comfortable and somebody with a positive outlook who will be be supportive and loyal. Mark your calendars and set your DVRs for **Monday, May 23 at 8 PM/7PM Central** to see if Ashley finds what she's looking for. We can't wait to see what happens to early favorites Blake, West and William!

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# 'Bachelorette' Preview: Meet Ashley's 25 Bachelors!



By Jennifer

Harrington

We watched Brad Womack say goodbye to Ashley Hebert in South Africa and cheered when she was named the next *Bachelorette*. We've all speculated about what kind of guy will get Ashley's final rose, and we're excited to review the 25 bachelors on her season and make some early picks!

But before we speculate about Ashley's Mr. Right, here's a refresher on what this fourth year dental student is looking for in a man. She told *People* magazine that she was hoping to find a guy that "makes me feel comfortable, somebody with a

positive outlook on life, who's going to be supportive and loyal."

With that said, here's who we think may have what it takes to be rewarded with Ashley's final rose:

Blake, a 27-year-old dentist from Colorado seems like a natural pick for Ashley. They're both passionate about dental health and close in age. Given that Blake's most romantic date was at a natural hot springs, we feel confident he'll know how to bring romance into his relationship with Ashley!

However, West, a 30-year-old lawyer, also seems compatible with Ashley. West says he's equally comfortable in the country and in the city, and we saw Ashley question where she wanted to eventually settle down last season, as she grew up in rural Maine but now calls Philadelphia home. West was also asked what he would bring to a deserted island and he provided an extremely practical and wise answer: a boat!

We also think William, a 29-year-old sales consultant, is a strong contender. Not only is he handsome, but humor is obviously important to him, as he sees himself doing stand-up comedy in five years! And since Ashley is a bubbly and fun woman (as well as a hardworking one), a man who can make her laugh could bring much to her life.

Here's the full list of all season 7's bachelors:

Ames, 31, a portfolio manager from New York, NY

Anthony, 28, a butcher from Wyckoff, NJ

Ben C., 28, a lawyer from New Orleans, LA

Ben F., 28, a winemaker from Sonoma, CA

Bentley, 28, a businessman from Salt Lake City, UT

Blake, 27, a dentist from Greenville, SC

Chris D., 25, a sports marketing coordinator from Chicago, IL

Chris M. 27, a construction company CEO from Edmonton, Canada

Constantine, 30, a restaurant owner from Atlanta, GA

Frank, 29, a college admissions director from Murfreesboro, TN  
Jeff, 35, an entrepreneur from St. Louis, MO  
Jon, 26, an e-commerce executive from Vancouver, WA  
J.P., 34, a construction manager from New York, NY  
Lucas, 30, an oilfield equipment distributor from Odessa, TX  
Matt, 28, an office supply salesman from Bridgewater, MA  
Michael, 29, a technology salesman from San Diego, CA  
Mickey, 31, a chef from Cleveland, OH  
Nick, 26, a personal trainer from Tampa, FL  
Rob, 27, a technology executive from Monroe, MI  
Ryan M., 27, a construction estimator from Royal Oak, MI  
Ryan P, 31, a solar energy executive from Corona Del Mar, CA  
Stephen, 27, a hairstylist from Manhattan Beach, CA  
Tim, 35, a liquor distributor from Long Beach, NY  
West, 30, a lawyer from Chapin, SC  
William, 30, a cellular phone salesman from Galloway, OH

Based on their bios, who do you think will win the final rose and who will break Ashley's heart? Let us know your early predictions in a comment below and be sure to watch **ABC at 8PM EST/7 PM Central on May 23** as Ashley's journey to find love begins!