

# Cupid Exclusive: 'Bachelor Pad' Winners Natalie Getz and David Good Dish on Love, Dating and Reality TV



By Krissy Dolor

If you want to know the key ingredient to winning (no Sheen pun intended), look no further than last summer's *Bachelor Pad* winners: Natalie Getz and David Good.

Even though these two former contestants didn't strike a love match on their respective *Bachelor*-franchise seasons, this dynamic duo made their mark as the first couple to win the ABC spin-off reality show, *Bachelor Pad*, where 19 past contestants competed for a grand prize of \$250,000.

Throughout the show's run, this couple focused on making their way to the finish line. If there's anything we can learn from

watching Getz and Good, it's that three important traits are needed to keep any relationship moving forward: loyalty, trust and friendship, which they exemplified. While most romantic couples aren't competing for anything but each other's hearts, these elements can have you and your partner come out winning too – whether it's for love, marriage or happiness.

Cupid had the opportunity to speak with Natalie and David about love, dating and how their lives have changed since *Bachelor Pad* ended. Read on to see what they had to say:

### **1. Did being on a reality dating show change your perceptions/expectations about dating?**

**Natalie:** Yes. It has helped me further the exploration of my youth and single life, making me ready to move on and actually commit to someone. Instead of pushing away the nice guy, now I'm ready so I will embrace him (wherever he is) with open arms and an accepting outlook towards a future.

**David:** Being on the show did not necessarily change my perception/expectations about dating. However, dating and meeting girls since the show has a little. You really have to have your guard up so to speak, because you never know if someone is just trying to be with you because you were on TV or if they are legitimately interested in you. It's weird that someone would be like that to me, but a lot of girls really get into these shows.

### **2. What has your dating experience been like since *The Bachelor/The Bachelor* and *The Bachelor Pad* ended?**

**Natalie:** I've definitely dated my fair share of men, but now realize to be upfront right away if I don't see a future. I also am able to better identify who is right for me versus liking a guy for the wrong reasons.

**David:** It's been great! I travel all over the country on my book tour and get to meet a lot of people and a lot of beautiful girls. The negative about that is that I am not in

a good place to start a new relationship being gone all the time, so it's like a double-edged sword. Waiting for "that one" to really catch my eye you know.

### **3. Based on your personal experience as a Bachelor/Bachelorette contestant, do you believe that love can be found on reality TV?**

**Natalie:** I absolutely do. Before the show, I was a non-believer, but the casting department goes to extreme lengths to ensure the most compatible contestants to the bachelor/ette's personality. If they chose someone there for the right reasons, the end result will be a success. Jillian and I have a similar personality, which explains why I've had a bit of a dating history with her season, hahaha!

**David:** I do believe that love can be found on reality TV, 100 percent. It's funny, too, because before the show I did not think so and now I really do. They pick some great people to be on these shows, and I think if you hit it off on there, that down the line you can make it work.

### **4. What piece of dating advice can you give to our single visitors?**

**Natalie:** Don't look for it, let it come to you. If you have any hesitations, leave the situation. And if the right person enters your life when you aren't ready? Don't push them away, but take it slow. Start out with a friendship so that you don't ruin a great thing!

**David:** Start out all your relationships with brutal honesty. If you start out with that, then down the line you don't have to lie about things or dig yourself out of holes, and you are free to be yourself and love openly.

Cupid thanks Natalie and David for their time! For more on ABC's *Bachelor Pad*, visit [ABC.com](http://ABC.com).

Don't forget to watch the season finale of season 15 of *The Bachelor* with Brad Womack tonight, **Monday, March 14 at 8 PM/7**

PM Central! And visit us tomorrow for our very last *Bachelor* recap! See you then!

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# Cupid Exclusive: 'Bachelor Pad' Couple Tenley Molzahn and Kiptyn Locke Talk Love and Dating



By Erika Hymowitz

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America fell in love with Tenley Molzahn and Kiptyn Locke when they each competed on *The Bachelor* (season 14) and *The Bachelorette* (Season 5). Their mission? To find a love of their own. However, it wasn't meant to be at the time, and

both ended up runner-ups on their respective seasons, forced to jump back into the dating pool.

Fast forward to last August as they took another chance at love on *The Bachelor* spin-off, *Bachelor Pad*, where 19 unforgettable contestants from past seasons lived together under one roof to compete for a grand prize of \$250,000.

Despite losing the competition, Tenley and Kiptyn embraced their stint on the show and literally danced their way to the final four, finding themselves moving in a “Locke” step towards a true relationship – with each other.

Even before their appearance on *Bachelor Pad*, the two developed a solid friendship based on their tremendous respect for one another. They were there for each other during their days of public heartbreak, and that support set the stage for what ultimately came to be.

Cupid’s Pulse had the wonderful opportunity of exclusively interviewing Tenley and Kiptyn, and asked them a handful of questions based on their dating experience on and off the show. The key lessons they learned in their quest to find love are here for Cupid’s Pulse readers to embrace and take to heart:

**1. Did being on a reality dating show change your perceptions/expectations about dating?**

**Tenley:** Being on *The Bachelor* really helped me regain confidence and trust in dating. I put myself in a very unique position dating a man that was dating several other women; I really had to let go and not think so much and just enjoy my time with him. Because of that, I really do believe that I’m different now in my relationship.

**Kiptyn:** Big picture – it really didn’t change much. The one thing the ol’ super speed-dating factor of *The Bachelor* did do was teach me to reflect, process and communicate things

sooner.

## **2. What has your dating experience been like since *The Bachelor/ette* and *Bachelor Pad* ended?**

**Tenley:** Well, I came out of *Bachelor Pad* with my special someone, so it's changed in the best way! I have someone in my life that I may have not met had I not been through the experience of the show. I also love that we have both been through very similar experiences. I think that is something that the two of us share that would be hard for anyone else dating either of us to understand.

**Kiptyn:** Since *Bachelor Pad* I've only dated one woman, Tenley. We went from being friends to romantic, to now a strong combination of the two, and it's all good. It's been an adventure and we've grown together a lot.

## **3. Based on your personal experience as a Bachelor/Bachelorette contestant, do you believe that love can be found on reality TV?**

**Tenley:** I believe it's possible. But my own relationship with Kiptyn was built on a friendship at first. Our relationship began because we were put in a setting where our chemistry couldn't be denied anymore, but I know that our friendship away from cameras gave us a great foundation.

**Kiptyn:** Answering honestly, I do think you can find love on TV, but it helps a ton to have a real world foundation in place first.

## **4. What piece of dating advice can you give to our single visitors?**

**Tenley:** Be yourself when dating. Never try to mold yourself into someone else just for the person you're dating. I always think of *Runaway Bride* – know who you are; you want to be with someone who has fallen for you, because you are who you are!

**Kiptyn:** There's nothing wrong with being single and there's no rush to get into a relationship. When you look for someone,

don't look for who is good "on paper"; look for who makes you feel the best – it's about compatibility.

There certainly is no rush. Take the time to understand yourself and what you're ultimately looking for in a relationship. There's nothing better to base a relationship on than friendship, and that friend of yours, who you never thought of in that special way, might be the one. Just like Tenley and Kiptyn, you may find love when you least expect it!

*Visit us tomorrow for a preview of the season finale of ABC's The Bachelor!*

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## **Cupid Exclusive: Former 'Bachelor Pad' Exes Elizabeth Kitt and Jesse Kovacs Offer Advice on Dating and Love**





By Kari Arneson

Elizabeth Kitt and Jesse Kovacs are no strangers to finding love on reality television, as they both competed on *The Bachelor* and *The Bachelorette* series respectively – Elizabeth on season 14 with Jake Pavelka and Jesse on season 5 with Jillian Harris. The two seemed to find love as they cozied up with one another during last summer’s reality hit spin-off series *Bachelor Pad*, but like the majority of *The Bachelor* franchise unions, their relationship didn’t last after the cameras stopped rolling.

Oftentimes, lack of communication in a relationship can lead partners down two totally different paths: Kovacs wanted something more casual while Kitt wanted to fall in love. Nevertheless, the couple’s strong bond and competitive spirit led them into the final six, just a few steps away from winning the big pot of cash.

With another season of *Bachelor Pad* coming this summer, we asked Elizabeth and Jesse for their insight on dating, relationships and finding love on reality TV:

**1. Did being on a reality dating show change your perceptions/expectations about dating?**



**Elizabeth:** I think watching myself on the *The Bachelor* and *The Bachelor Pad* really helped point out some areas I can improve upon in terms of my approach to dating. With Jake I could tell I was very guarded, and unable to open myself up to finding love with him. On the *Bachelor Pad*, I was too open with falling for Jesse Kovacs. I knew he didn't have the same feelings for me, but I chose to ignore that and I hoped it would change. I think the more I pushed for it, it pushed him away. (Had the roles been reversed, it would have pushed me away as well!)

**Jesse:** Yes, being on a reality dating show did change my perceptions and expectations about dating. You have to make the most of your time. If you're not feeling it, then call it like it is and shut it down. But if you like the person and see some potential, you have to let them know so it's not a waste of time for both parties.

**2. What has your dating experience been like since *The Bachelor/ette* and *Bachelor Pad* ended?**

**Elizabeth:** I think my dating experiences are a little different since the shows. I am definitely stronger in who I am, and what I'm looking for in a relationship. I keep my heart open, but I'm a little more cautious about who I give it away to. There is a balance. It's a bit more challenging as well, since I don't typically like to date guys who recognize me from the show. I can see why real celebrities have trouble dating. The fame aspect can be tricky.

**Jesse:** It's been strange. I found someone now that had no clue I was ever on these shows, but before that I was going out with girls who already knew me and had their opinions.

**3. Based on your personal experience as a Bachelor/Bachelorette contestant, do you believe that love can be found on reality TV?**

**Elizabeth:** I think love can find us anywhere. A lot of people

are skeptical about the *Bachelor* process, but I'm a believer. Does being on the show ultimately mean you're going to fall for the Bachelor? No. I didn't fall for Jake. But I think it CAN happen if it's meant to be. There are some relationships that have formed after the fact at our *Bachelor* reunion parties too, so you just never know. You have to have an open mind, and you can't be afraid to take a chance.

**Jesse:** Absolutely. There is no difference from meeting someone randomly at a Christmas party that you're not invited to, or on a TV show. Both are weird situations, but it could happen.

#### **4. What piece of dating advice can you give to our single visitors?**

**Elizabeth:** Keep an open mind when it comes to finding love. I think we decide at a young age what our life is going to look like, and sometimes it doesn't always turn out the way we thought. But if we keep an open mind and an open heart, it can turn out to be even better than we ever dreamed! Be optimistic. Learn from past relationships. Don't be in a rush. And most importantly, loves finds us, we don't find it. In the meantime, enjoy your single life!! Every day should be a new adventure, whether you're alone or with someone. Life is precious, and life is short...so live it up!!

**Jesse:** Stop having dating rules. "I only do this," or "I only date this kind of guy," is a bad way to start. Having an open mind and taking the pressure off finding the perfect guy on paper will allow some you to meet some really great people.

*Stay tuned tomorrow as we hear from Bachelor Pad power couple, Tenley Molzahn and Kiptyn Locke.*

For more information on *The Bachelor*, *The Bachelorette* and *Bachelor Pad*, visit [ABC.com](http://ABC.com).

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# Former 'Bachelor' and 'Bachelorettes' Pick Chantal O'Brien Over Emily Maynard For Brad Womack



**Cupid Exclusive!**

With *The Bachelor* final rose ceremony less than a week away, single women are placing their bets on who they think ABC's two-time *Bachelor*, Brad Womack, will give that final rose to on March 14.

It's down to this season's two fan favorites: soft-spoken southern mother Emily Maynard and sassy, slaphappy divorcee Chantal O'Brien. Based on Womack's infamous dumping of both DeAnna Papas and Jenni Croft in season 11, many fans wonder if

he'll leave his final two picks heartbroken as well.

While everyone has an opinion, nobody can be sure what will happen. Even *Bachelor* reality TV spoiler sites like Reality Steve have reported different endings before next week's season finale. That's why Cupid's Pulse took this question to the experts: six rose-loving revelers from past seasons – David Good, Natalie Getz, Tenley Molzahn, Kiptyn Locke, Jesse Kovacs and Elizabeth Kitt.

After all, who better to ask than former *Bachelor* and *Bachelorette* contestants who appeared not once, but twice (just like Womack) on the *Bachelor* franchise? Each of them competed last summer for a chance to win \$250,000 on ABC's *Bachelor* spin-off show, *Bachelor Pad* – which Chris Harrison officially announced will return this year for a second season during last night's The Women Tell All episode.

**The verdict:** None of the former reality stars chose fan favorite Emily Maynard, who **83 percent\*** of Cupid's Pulse readers picked as their favorite for Brad in this week's poll.

Here's who the former contestants chose and what they had to say about it:

**1. Elizabeth Kitt** (*The Bachelor*, season 14): Brad should choose Chantal O'Brien. They really seem to have a connection. Chantal seems really down to earth and open to falling in love. It looks like he feels natural and comfortable with her.

**2. David Good** (*The Bachelorette*, season 5): Chantal O'Brien has a great family and a beautiful mother. Her father seemed legit like someone I could hang out with and that's huge, so I go with her.

As we saw in the hometown episode, Brad met Chantal's dad, Mike, and the two bonded over past issues with their own father's and the fact that they're both self-made men.

Compatibility with your partner's family is a strong sign that your relationship has staying power. Given that Emily's daughter took a while to warm up to Brad, Chantal scores higher in this category.

However, Cupid believes the most important aspect in a relationship is the compatibility that you have with one another, which is what Kiptyn Locke and Tenley Molzahn found at the end of *Bachelor Pad*. In fact, they both agreed with Elizabeth and David and said Chantal would be a good pick for Brad.

**3. Kiptyn Locke** (*The Bachelorette*, season 5): Who Brad will choose is on him; it's all about compatibility. Judging by what I've seen on TV, I'm liking Chantal O'Brien for him.

**4. Tenley Molzahn** (*The Bachelor*, season 14): I adore Emily, like everyone. But I don't see Brad and Emily together. I see him with a more bold personality like Chantal O'Brien.

Tenley also mentioned that Shawntel N. could have been a possible choice.

**5.** The next person to pick Chantal was **Jesse Kovacs** (*The Bachelorette*, season 5), but Chantal wasn't Jesse's only pick; he also favored Michelle Money. "I seem to like the ones who are a little tilted. I just think that would be some entertaining TV," he said. This was definitely true while Michelle's reign on the show lasted, but Brad sent Ms. Money packing before hometown dates.

**6.** Only one person didn't mention Chantal at all: **Natalie Getz** (*The Bachelor*, season 13). She thought Shawntel N. would have been the right choice because she is so "sweet and simple." Unfortunately, Shawntel's hometown tour of her family's funeral parlor wasn't the type of romantic introduction Brad had in mind when he committed to meeting her family.

What's more interesting than who they chose is who they *didn't*

– early front runner Emily! Elizabeth summed this up by saying, “Emily is beautiful and sweet, but she seems very guarded, and I think that scares Brad.”

While Cupid has made it no secret that we are also “Team Emily,” we tend to agree with the others – Chantal is Brad’s best pick. From what we’ve seen on the show, it seems like Brad is never going to be himself with Emily – how can you be comfortable with someone who constantly makes you sweat and stutter?

However, during last night’s Women Tell All episode, Michelle said that after watching this season, she thinks that Brad needs someone like Emily. “She’s soft,” she said. “She’s not me.”

So – is Michelle on the “Money” with this one? Did Brad propose to southern belle Emily in South Africa or did he choose sassy and confident Chantal? Be sure to watch ABC on **Monday, March 14 at 8PM/7PM Central Time** for season 15’s finale of *The Bachelor* to find out!

*Visit us daily for more in-depth interviews with these six former contestants as they dish about dating, relationships and love after reality TV! We’ll have something Bachelor-related every day until the final rose ceremony!*

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# **Poker Pro Beth Shak on Millionaire Matchmaker**



By Victoria Sullivan

Though the poker table may be an excellent place to meet men, it's no longer just a man's game. Cupid was there in Midtown Manhattan at the Spot at the Table Charity Poker Tournament where Asylum.com teamed up with Poker Pro, Beth Shak, who will soon make an appearance on Bravo's Millionaire Matchmaker.

After discovering poker in 2002, Shak has conquered more than just tournaments. As the card shark, style mogul, and philanthropist told Cupid, "Poker has helped me learn so much about men." She goes on to explain that she's "treated like a woman" when she first sits down at the table "but after playing for hours, men tend to forget and start to let their guards down and be themselves." When we asked Shak about men being intimidated by her she didn't think it was intimidation, she said "men just don't want to lose to a woman."

A key ingredient to playing poker is having the ability to read people. Shak uses her intuition to play the table. As a woman playing in a male-dominant sport, the advantage is

that as a woman she thinks differently than they do. This helps her game. When it comes to her love life, it isn't all that different. Shak notes that if any guy claims to be too busy to see her, she's bound to call their bluff. She offers some good advice (women listen up). She notes that men can multi-task. For example, they can use the mens' room, grab a bite to eat and get back to the poker table all within a 15 minute time period. She's got a great point!

After seeing Shak in her element, Cupid is counting down the minutes for her *Millionaire Matchmaker* episode to air. Though Shak didn't give much away, she did issue the following statement exclusively to Cupid: "Millionaire Matchmaker was an amazing experience. I loved Patty. The past two years have been a life transition for me (going through divorce, etc). She helped me see clearly about a few important things in relationships."

Stay tuned for the Season Premiere of Bravo's *Millionaire Matchmaker* tonight @ 9/8c!