

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*.

Michael Stagliano Taps into 'Bachelor Pad' Winnings



It looks like *Bachelor Pad* alum Michael Stagliano has finally tapped into his winnings from the show, as he recently indulged in a getaway. The reality star vacationed in Mexico where he spent a week at Villa del Palmar at the Islands of Loreto. During his time there he enjoyed kayaking, paddle boarding and playing golf. He even displayed some holiday spirit by helping to decorate the resort's Christmas tree and gingerbread house. There's nothing like some R&R in the sun coupled with seasonal merriment!

'Bachelor Pad 2' Winner: Michael Stagliano says "I've Never Been Happier"



By [Lori Bizzoco](#) and Melissa Caballero

It was exactly one month ago today that Michael Stagliano and his ex-fiance, Holly Durst had their victory win on the season finale of ABC's 'Bachelor Pad 2.' Despite the uncomfortable (and surprising) public announcement on the show that Holly was engaged to contestant Blake Julian, Michael took the high road and chose to share the winnings with her. But now, that's all behind him and it's his turn to smile. "Right now my job, my music and my life outside the *Bachelor Pad* are good. I've never been happier," he says.

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Engagement

Grabbing life by the reigns, this *Bachelor Pad 2* winner is keeping his chin up and learning from his past experiences.

When it comes to finding love, Michael is definitely an optimist. "I am so ridiculously in love with love. I'm such a lover. Don't get me wrong, I was down and out for a bit. But, I'm back!" he says.

Yes, single ladies you heard that correctly: Michael Stagliano is on the prowl. "I like the hunt. I love the idea of finding love naturally; in the grocery store or just walking down the street." And, it's safe to say that if you do see this talented musician strolling around town or parading in the produce aisle, his mind is grooving to the beat of a song, preferably one of his own.

This former break-dance instructor is taking his energy and passion and putting it straight into singing and song writing.

"I can talk about my music for days and days. I think there's nothing in the world like music," he says.

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Michael has always been in love with music and emphasizes the importance of his lyrics. When asked where he finds his inspiration, he says, "I think what I appreciate the most about my songwriting is that it comes from everywhere. I literally try to use everything. It sounds broad, but I mean it specifically. It's events, it's things in life, it's things I see and things I hear. I feel that songs write me rather than me writing songs."

For example, he tells us the story of how he recently bumped into his ex-girlfriend from college and there was a rush of nostalgia so big that he wrote his newest single, 'College Love,' on the car ride home. Michael's other two songs, 'Everything You Do' and 'Take Me To Her' were inspired by his

relationship with Holly and a quote that his grandmother once said to him: "I lived my life. Now go live yours." As if there wasn't reason enough to fall in love with this former *Bachelorette* contestant, add "soulfully romantic musician" to the list.

Speaking of falling in love, when we asked Michael to name his celebrity crush, he didn't hesitate. "**Rachel McAdams. So hot. Call me!**" he chuckled.

If you're not Rachel McAdams, there's still hope. We asked Michael what he looks for in a woman, and he kindly shared his top three (more like 15) list of qualities and features:

1. Physical characteristics: He says this one is the most fun to talk about, but not the most important. "I'm a sucker for blondes. Always have been, always will be. Not *Playboy* bunny blonde; naturally blonde. I like shorter girls, 5'2 to 5'7. And, blue or green eyes, that would be great," he adds.

2. Showing love: "I really have that down. I know how to treat a woman, but still be the man. I know how to make them feel special and let them know that I'm not looking at anybody else. I just want someone who reciprocates that. I haven't had that yet."

3. Fruits of the Spirit: Michael says there's nine qualities he looks for that come from the biblical term called, 'Fruits of the Spirit.' "I'm totally going to misquote this, but basically I mean patience, kind, caring, forgiving, someone who is slow to anger and quick to forgive," he says. For those of you who are unfamiliar we thought we'd help out. The nine fruits are love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

Open and honest, you have to admire this reality star's take on life and love. After such a painful public experience, it's nice to see a renewed man coming out on top. We have a feeling that this hopeless romantic will meet someone very

special and that his music will be around for a long time.

To purchase Michael's singles, head to iTunes. Or, for more information on his show dates and appearances you can follow him on Facebook or Twitter.

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!

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-fiancee 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.

'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.

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



By Jennifer

Harrington

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.

‘Bachelor Pad 2’ Recap Episode 3: Jake Pavelka Vs. Kasey Kahl



By Tanni Deb

This week's episode of *Bachelor Pad 2* featured two of our very own, Natalie Getz and David Good. And boy did they make a splash judging the synchronized swimming challenge.

Synchronized Swimming Challenge:

Synchronized swimming is no easy task. You need rhythm and coordination in order to achieve a great performance. With former cheerleaders and dancers on the girl's team, your first impression is that the girls would have it in the bag. Guess again! It was a mere foreshadowing when the first two girls in the line-up could not even dive into the pool. Lucky for them, their bright, flowery head caps and matching bathing suits kept us distracted from their lack of grace. It was a total shocker when Michelle Money planted a big fat kiss on Holly Durst but it helped win her a vote.

To our surprise, the guy's performance looked great, and that's without taking into account their chiseled, sun-glimmering bodies in Speedos. However, it was their athletic builds and coordination that pushed the guy's performance over the top. We weren't too surprised when Jake Pavelka turned out to be the star ballerina, giving his experience on *Dancing with the Stars*. But, it was Mike Stagliano's big dive at the end with one hand holding his package that won the judges over. Needless to say, the guy's conquered the girl's in their performance, but as for bathing suit choices, that's a pretty tough call!

Challenge Winners: Michael Stagliano and Michelle Money

Immunity and Dates:

The following day, Michelle took Graham, Kasey and Blake on a date to a vineyard to discuss strategy and tactics. Taking Blake aside, she explains that if he doesn't work things out with Melissa, he might risk being eliminated from the show. After settling the business side of things, Michelle takes Graham aside and confesses that she has a crush on him. Aww. "You barely know me," Graham retorts before locking lips with her. The rose is granted to Graham.

Now off to the stables! Michael chose his ex-fiancée Holly (of

course), Ella and Vienna to go horseback riding with him. That Michael is such a sweetie giving Vienna a date out of the house because he feels bad that she's been cooped up inside. However, while everyone was enjoying their time away, the non-stop complaining Vienna wouldn't stop talking about the heat, the stink of the horses and even the pollution in the sky. It didn't last long. Holly received the immunity rose from Michael and when everyone left, they were greeted with a little irony from none other than Bret Michaels (we love Bret). Bret serenaded them with "Every Rose Has It's Thorn." Now isn't that the truth! Good job from the producers to get that gig and have it with Holly and Michael. It's like watching a soap opera in action.

Back at 'The Pad':

Jake and Erica:

Back at the Pad, Jake tries to turn everyone against the power couple. He pulls out all the moves when talking with Erica, caressing her arm and even leaning in for a kiss. "I was willing to do whatever I needed to do," he told the cameras. Now with Erica thinking she may have a chance of hooking up, we were left with the image of the most disgusting kiss in Bachelor Pad history. Erica admits, "I definitely have good lips that I maintain by getting injections every six months." Yikes! Well, we all know that at this point most people in the house will do whatever it takes to get Kasey and Vienna out of the house (or so we think)!

Kasey and Vienna:

As the couple celebrates their six-month anniversary lounging by the pool, Kasey pulls out what looks like a ring box and presents it to Vienna. In response, Vienna freaks out and says, "I don't want it to be an engagement ring." Lucky for her, it turned out to be a promise ring, which he then slipped on her finger and broke into a song.

Maniac Melissa:

While everyone is making last minute decisions on who to eliminate, Melissa is still running around like a chicken with her head cut off. Crying, smiling, leaving, staying, and confused. We are pretty much over the drama of Melissa. However, most of the girls seem to like her and Blake decides to suck it up and be her partner again. After all, it is for \$250,000.

In this week's rose ceremony, Chris Harrison informs the house that this week all the girls are safe and only one guy will be voted off. With four roses to be given, the last two guys left standing are Kasey and Jake. At the rose ceremony, the scene ends with one last rose, and Chris Harrison saying, KASEY. Then, out of nowhere the screen the television screen goes blank. It's like ABC wants you to think there's more but after watching every single episode of this franchise, doesn't the name being called mean that's the person who gets the rose?

In that case, Jake would go home. They're trying to be dramatic but I don't know if it will be a winning move unless Kasey is the one to really walk to the limo. In that case, let the show really begin because Vienna in a house unprotected from Jake will be a lot of fun to watch!

Predictions:

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

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He Said/She Said: David Good and Natalie Getz Share Perspectives on Episode 2 of Bachelor Pad 2



By Jennifer

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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. I guess it's because I know her and this is something she did on our show. It's not just the leaving that upsets me. Gia 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. I was 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. If 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. What 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 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!

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



By

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