

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



By Jennifer

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

went down:

Recap of *The Bachelorette* Season 7, Episode 7

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

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The next alone date was given to Sonoma winemaker, Ben Flajnik. It's tough to ignore the obvious chemistry between this duo, as they explored Taiwan on mopeds. Flajnik revealed to the cameras that he was falling in love with the bachelorette but wasn't ready to tell her yet. Hebert revealed to the cameras (not to him) that it felt like he was her boyfriend. The next development was truly shocking: We learned that Flajnik didn't come home from this date until the next morning! Is that a *Bachelor/Bachelorette* first? It really pissed off some of the other guys in the house.

While the activities of the overnight date remained mysterious, there was no secret about the fact that Rosenbaum was annoyed by the sleepover. His crankiness carried over into the group date, where he was accompanied by Ames Brown and Lucas Daniels to try on traditional Taiwanese wedding attire and take wedding photographs. Rosenbaum now sulked about the fact that the other guys were taking kissing photos with his

lady. It all paid off for him though: When he shared his feelings with Hebert, she rewarded the construction manager from Long Island with the only guaranteed hometown rose.

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

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

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

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

Check back later today to read *Bachelorette* expert Jesse Csincsak’s thoughts on the episode (and Emily’s interview).

Until then, let us know: after seeing Emily detail her break-up with Brad, do you think there is any truth to the rumors that she will be the next *Bachelorette*?

‘The Bachelorette’ Season 7, Episode 7 Preview: More Wedding Themed Dates in Taiwan and Emily Maynard is Back!



By Jennifer Harrington

It's been two weeks since we caught up with Ashley Hebert in

her search for love on *The Bachelorette*. During the last episode, it seemed like our leading lady finally found closure to her obsession with Bentley, and her feelings for the remaining six bachelors were starting to blossom. This week's episode takes us to Taiwan for more over-the-top wedding-themed dates (you may recall her Vegas escapade with William earlier this season). Certainly, the Taiwan Tourism Bureau had a lot to do with this episode as they're now offering special packages to fans who want to recreate Ashley's dates. During a group date, the bachelorette and three of her men model traditional Taiwanese wedding apparel. When will this wedding theme end?

Now here's the good part: Monday's episode will include an appearance from Emily Maynard! She'll be stopping by to talk with Chris Harrison about her recent break-up with Brad Womack. Will she be the next *Bachelorette*? We sure hope so! Tune in on **Monday, July 11 at 8PM Eastern/7PM Central** and be sure to send us your questions for our resident *Bachelorette* expert Jesse Csincsak!

**Reality Stars Head to
Catalina Island for 2nd
Annual Reality Reunion
Weekend**



By Melissa

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It's almost time again for the 2nd annual "Reality Reunion" on Catalina Island. If you haven't had your fill of drama and cat fighting during this year's reality television season, there's sure to be some juicy gossip at this summer's oversized party where contestants from the *Bachelor*, *Bachelorette*, *Survivor* and *The Amazing Race* are all set to travel to Catalina Island. There will be raffles, contests, partying and tons of fun.

A portion of the ticket proceeds will go to the "name a tent" fundraiser for the Catalina Experience- a non-profit organization whose mission is to create awareness of the local marine environment and of the critical habitat found on Catalina Island. All remaining funds from the weekend will go to Stand Up 2 Cancer.

Unfortunately for all you reality TV fans, the event is for reality stars only. However, four lucky fans can snag tickets to this year's Reality Reunion by heading to

www.realityreunion.com and purchasing them for \$1,500 each. Who knows, you may come back with a rose or at the very least a tee-shirt that says you survived the 2nd annual Reality Reunion weekend!

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Jesse Csincsak Hosts 'Bachelorette Beatdown' on RTVZone.com



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For all you *Bachelor* and *Bachelorette* fans that need more than just watching Ashley Hebert every Monday night, check out season 4 *Bachelorette* winner Jesse Csincsak on RTVZone.com as he hosts a new weekly webisode series called The Bachelorette Beatdown. Csincsak will be joined weekly by a panel of five to 10 former cast members from different *Bachelor* and *Bachelorette* seasons that will dish on the love and drama surrounding the current season of ABC's *The Bachelorette* and the franchise in general.

Viewers may watch the show by visiting RTVZone.com and

clicking WATCH LIVE on the main page. On demand viewing will be available within a few hours of airing. The program will also feature live video and interaction amongst the panel, who will occasionally take viewer questions from Twitter, chat and video mail.

Be sure to check it out the first episode **tonight, May 31 at 7 p.m. EST**, submit your questions via Twitter (@RTVZone) and share your thoughts about Jesse's Bachelorette Beatdown series with us below. Happy watching!

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‘Bachelor’ Alum Emily Maynard Is Spotted Without Engagement Ring





The rocky relationship between *The Bachelor*'s Brad Womack and Emily Maynard may have finally reached an impasse. [People](#) reports that last weekend, Maynard, 25, was spotted without the engagement ring Womack, 38, presented to her in the show's finale. The two released a statement in March, saying: "It has been a bumpy couple of months for us, and our priority right now is to focus on our relationship."

How do you know what engagement ring to choose for your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

If you want her to say "yes," start out by getting her the right ring! Cupid has some tips on how to know what engagement ring is right for your partner:

- 1. Ask for help:** Poll her friends and family (swearing them to secrecy, of course) about what kind of ring she'd want. They can at least steer you in the right direction.
- 2. Think about her taste:** What kind of jewelry does she like to wear? Pay attention to whether she likes gold or silver and over-the-top or understated pieces.
- 3. Go with your gut:** Buy the ring that feels right, the one

you can see yourself proposing with and see her wearing for the rest of her life.

What's your idea of the perfect engagement ring? Share your comments below.

'The Bachelorette' Season 7 Premiere: Ashley Meets Her 25 Guys



By Jennifer Harrington

As we all know, Ashley Hebert was one of the final three women in the running for Brad Womack's heart last season on ABC's *The Bachelor*. While the spark between them eventually fizzled

as Ashley repeatedly experienced doubt about their relationship, this dainty dentist is back for round two of the love game as season 7's Bachelorette!

We've followed all of the buzz leading up to this season, as people have wondered what type of bachelorette Ashley would be, and even made a few early predictions about her first picks. Without further adieu, here's last night's season premiere recap:

Ashley, who looked lovely in a gold evening gown, was treated to a parade of 25 bachelors who delivered on the Ooh La La ABC promised! This group of handsome men included all types – notably, a construction manager, a winemaker, a butcher and a widower. While Ashley expressed some self-doubt throughout the evening (she worried about “being a disappointment to the guys”), the men were excited and eager to make a first impression upon our Bachelorette. The cutest introduction of the night went to Constantine, who tied a string of pink dental floss around Ashley's finger as a reminder for the duo to chat later.

It was certainly a cocktail party to remember – but maybe not for all of the bachelors! Liquor distributor Tim was so inebriated he was unable to speak. He even fell asleep on the couch outside, and neither Ashley's voice or shakes could stop his snoring. Way to make a first impression, Tim!

Jeff (our masked bachelor) told Ashley that his mask wasn't just a “cheesy gimmick” – he wanted to take his face “out of the game” so she could learn about what was inside of him. Let's see how long this charade lasts – do you think he'll take it off (his *mask*, of course!) before Ashley sends him home?

Rumored heartbreaker Bentley promised he'll always tell Ashley the truth. This businessman is divorced and has a daughter named Cozy – but is he on the show for the right reasons?

Someone from a former *Bachelor* season (rumor has it that it's Ms. Money, herself!) told Ashley that he was only there to promote his business, but she's attracted to him and seems genuine, so she doesn't know what to think. Looks like Bentley will be this season's heartbreaker.

However, the highly-desired first impression rose went to Ryan P., the solar energy executive. Ashley told *People* that she gave him the first impression rose because, "Coming into this experience, I had a list of a few things I was looking for in a husband, and the first night, I saw ALL of those things in Ryan. He deserved the first impression rose more than anyone." Congrats!

Here's who ended up with roses at the end of the evening: Jeff (in the mask!), Constantine, Ben F., Lucas, Stephen, Matt, Nick, Chris D., Ryan M., Blake, Mickey, Ben C., West, William, JP, Ames and Bentley. We were happy to see that our early favorites (West, William and Blake) all received roses! Anthony, Jon, Frank, Rob, Mike and Chris M. were all sent home – and some of them looked awfully upset about it. We wish them the best of luck in their quest to find love.

Now that we know the guys a bit better, it's even easier to get excited for Monday nights. This season's preview included amazing boat rides dates, a boxing match, a trip to the hospital for one unfortunate contestant and Ashley sobbing in bed – any early predictions on which guy made her cry? Regardless, this season will be full of amazing scenes from Thailand, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Fiji, along with what else – drama!

Before I sign off, I wanted to announce the lucky winner of the *Bachelor* reunion swag bag: Mandy Robinson! Congratulations on your win, which includes products from Lubriderm, Powerbar, Gilchrist and Soams, Beauty Society, "Skinny on Willpower" by Jim Randel, Popchips, Panda Licorice, Alterna Haircare, Cheek'd, Buddah Balm, Eight O'Clock

Coffee, Eat Whatever Breath Mints and Pajama City!

We can't wait for next week's episode and we hope you guys are just as excited as we are! We want to know: who are your early favorites? Do you agree with Ashley's decision to give Bentley a rose, although she has been warned he's not on the show for the right seasons? Let us know in a comment below and don't forget to tune into ABC's *The Bachelorette* on **Monday, May 30 at 8PM/7PM Central**. Check us out on Tuesday for our recap. See you then!

'Bachelor' Brad Womack Drunk Dials Emily Maynard After Breakup



There appears to

be some debate as to what the deal is between Brad Womack and fiancée Emily Maynard. Three sources confirmed in the most recent UsMagazine.com that the couple broke up two weeks ago and that the star of *The Bachelor* has been drunk dialing Maynard. “Brad and Emily are over, and Brad keeps drunk-dialing her,” one insider said. “Brad is such a loser.” A friend close to the couple, on the other hand, says that the couple is still together and engaged. “They are on and off, but there is a lot of love there. This is just a rough patch,” the friend said. A third source said that the 25-year old single mother couldn’t handle the long distance relationship and ended things after heading to Texas to smooth things over.

What are some ways to handle an obsessed ex-partner?

Cupid’s Advice:

For some people, it’s really hard to let go of past relationships, especially if they feel responsible for the breakup. Here are some pointers to dealing with your ex:

- 1. Keep it to yourself:** You’re going to have to do your best to avoid your ex’s calls and attempts to talk to you. Even if you plan on staying friends, it might be a good idea to defriend him or her on Facebook ... at least for now.
- 2. ‘To the Left’:** One way to make things easier for both you and your former lover is to give your personal property back to one another. That way you won’t have to be reminded of each other.
- 3. Restrain yourself:** In the most extreme cases, you might need to get outside help to keep your former lover away from you. You don’t always have to get a legal restraining order, but perhaps just a close friend calmly talking to your ex may do the trick.

Have any stories of exes who wouldn't leave you alone? Leave a comment below.

Exclusive Giveaway: Jesse Csincsak Chats About 'The Bachelorette's Ashley Hebert, 'Bachelor' Reunions and Life as a New Dad



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By Jennifer Harrington

As we anxiously wait for the new season of ABC's *The Bachelorette* to begin, several of the former contestants are spending the hiatus having fun mingling and mating up. One of the most talked about events was in Breckenridge, Colorado last month at the semi-annual *Bachelor* and *Bachelorette* reunion. Hosting the shenanigans as always was former contestant, Jesse Csincsak, who received the final rose in Season 4 from DeAnna Pappas. Although Jesse and DeAnna's relationship didn't result in a lifelong romance, Jesse *did* find love through *The Bachelor* and married Season 13 contestant, Ann Lueders.

**A cold sore ruins
romance.**

**One dab, eruption
prevented!**



We had the chance to speak with Jesse and he shared his thoughts on life as a new husband and dad, *The Bachelor* reunion parties and of course, this season's *Bachelorette*, Ashley Hebert! Check out what he had to say:

First of all, congratulations on being a new dad! How has your life changed since being on *The Bachelorette*?

After coming off *The Bachelorette*, life took a huge turn. I wanted to fall in love. I knew it was possible after I came off the show, so I started hosting reunions with *Bachelor* alums. I wanted to bring people together, and in turn, I met my wife. I met her at a reunion. Next thing I knew we were getting married and having a little bambino. My son Noah is the light of my life and I couldn't ask for more. The show brought me to everything I wanted in life – it's amazing!

You coordinate such great reunion weekends for the former contestants. The buzz during last month's party centered

around Vienna Girardi and Kasey Kahl. What can you tell us about them as a couple?

They have been dating for a little while. I think the reason their relationship works is they are both happy-go-lucky, carefree people who want to have fun. I think they'd both also be a great fit for the *Bachelor Pad*, I'd love to see them on that show.

We're getting excited for next week's premiere of *The Bachelorette*. Recently, show creator Mike Fleiss was quoted saying Ashley will be a "different kind of bachelorette" because of her career ambitions. What do you think?

Ashley is very young-hearted. She's still in school. She will need a guy who is comfortable enough in his own skin to know she is her own person and she'll be going to class with lots of young, hot guys, but she will come home to him. If they can find a guy who is confident in his own skin and knows she has a lot going on, she will have herself one heck of a relationship. She is one of the youngest bachelorettes they've ever had, and I think that will make for an interesting season.

Do you think the new contestants will be scared off by Ashley's independence?

The announcement that Ashley would be the bachelorette came very early, so the guys know who she is. It's not tough these days to Google someone to figure out about their past. What is tough is that a lot of people come on the show with ulterior motives. You have to be careful of the knuckleheads to find the diamonds in the rough.

What tips would you give the men this season?

You don't realize the demographic the show reaches – it's syndicated in Europe, and even when you go overseas, people recognize you from the show. I didn't realize that it would

affect everyone in my family with my surname. Don't go on the show because you want people to know who you are; go on the show for the right reasons. Be yourself. Don't let anyone convince you to do something you wouldn't otherwise do. That way, when you're off the show and your life has moved on, people say "you're just like you were on the show." I was lucky – I was me no matter what, and it worked out for the best.

The time period between when the show wraps and when it airs for the public, seems to be the most trying time for the *Bachelor/Bachelorette* couple. Given your experience, what advice can you give Ashley and her new guy to keep their relationship alive during these months?

Go into hiding and get to know each other. Do as many get-togethers as the production company will let you and really take the time to get to know the other person. Do things out of the ordinary that will test your patience with one another. In my relationship experience, that's how you really start to understand how someone is going to be down the road. Another thing to observe is how the other person talks to their parents. If they are respectful when they speak to their parents, that's likely how they will talk to you.

Are you planning for the next *Bachelor* reunion yet? When and where will it take place?

There will be a reunion this summer. I can't tell you the location yet, but it will be in the warm weather and plans are underway. And we're in talks to do an online competition so one lucky fan would be able to join the reunion with the *Bachelor* alums for a weekend. I can promise you, this will be the biggest reunion of all-time!

Thanks Jesse, we can't wait! And, thanks for taking the time to speak with us. To read more about Jesse's take on the upcoming season of *The Bachelorette*, check out his website at

www.jessecsincsak.com or visit him on Facebook.

GIVEAWAY ALERT: CupidsPulse.com has teamed up with Jesse to give away **One Swag Bag from the last 'Bachelor' Reunion Weekend**. To enter for your chance to win, tell us where *you* think the next *Bachelor* reunion should take place and why in a comment below. One winner will be randomly selected. Please be sure to use your real email address so we have a way of contacting you if you've won. This giveaway will run until **11:59 PM EST on Monday, May 23**. Good luck!

Have Brad Womack and Emily Maynard Broken Up For Good?



Rumors are swirling that *Bachelor* stars Brad Womack and Emily Maynard have called it quits for good this time. A source close to

Maynard says, "It happened about a week and a half ago," according to HollywoodLife.com. The apparent reason for the breakup centers around Maynard having remaining feelings for her ex-boyfriend, automotive executive David Smith. "She's got something with David," says the same source. "And David totally digs Emily." The duo dated before *The Bachelor* and were said to be a good couple, although Maynard seemed "reserved" around Smith. Either way, it looks as if a match made in reality heaven is sputtering to an end.

How do you determine if your relationship is toxic?

Cupid's Advice:

It was long speculated that Brad Womack would not be able to fully open up his heart to a woman after his first stint on *The Bachelor* ended in heartbreak. Is Womack simply toxic in a relationship? Cupid has a few tell-tale signs for a toxic relationship:

- 1. You can't be yourself:** If you find yourself skirting around your partner at times and find it difficult to be yourself, the relationship is probably toxic. Your mate should understand you better than anyone, so what's the point of being a part of the couple when you can't be fully happy?
- 2. You do things you normally wouldn't:** Chances are that your relationship is toxic if you find yourself partaking in activities you used to be against just because your partner suggested it. It's important to retain your morals and values when you enter into a new relationship.
- 3. You fight all the time:** Arguing periodically is normal in a relationship, but if you find that all you do is right and you can't point to anything positive in your relationship, it may be time to get out.

How did you know your past relationship was toxic? Share a

comment below.

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



By Jennifer

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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!

New 'Bachelorette' Ashley Hebert Meets 25 Suitors





Ashley will show Brad that two can play at his game. After previously being rejected *The Bachelor* by Brad Womack, Ashley Hebert will return to ABC as *The Bachelorette* on May 23. We hear from UsMagazine.com that this soulmate searcher already knows one of her 25 bachelors, Bentley. Unfortunately, a former cast mate revealed he may have hidden reasons for appearing on the show. “Do you promise, on national television, to date 25 men simultaneously without complaining?” Jimmy Kimmel asked Hebert humorously on his show. “Do you promise to make sure the hot tubs are clean and have enough chlorine and their bacteria levels are low?” *The Bachelorette* responded with, “I’ll do my best with that!” Could the second time be the charm?

What are the perks of dating around?

Cupid’s Advice:

Even Cupid needs to let loose now and again. Serious relationships get boring, so why not change it up? Here are some reasons that dating around can be great:

1. No strings attached: You never need to check in, and you can do whatever you want. Sometimes that just the kind of relationship you need!

2. Full benefits included: If you're single, you can have it all. Bored with one? Onto the next. There's no massive heartbreak involved. As one wise single said, "It's like a buffet table."

3. Self-esteem makeover: So, you have options. How does that make you feel? Probably pretty good. Casually dating can enhance your self-esteem, and we all need that little boost once and awhile. Embrace it, feel pretty and keep doing your thing.

Are there more perks to dating around that you can think of? Share your thoughts below.

Former 'Bachelor' Travis Stork Is Engaged





Dr. Travis Stork, the former *Bachelor*, and his girlfriend of two years, Dr. Charlotte Brown, are getting married, [People](#) confirms. Stork proposed to Brown while they were vacationing on the island of Lanai in Hawaii, and she of course accepted. Although the wedding date is yet to be scheduled, the couple's friends say the two are very happy.

Where should you propose?

Cupid's Advice:

Are you ready to propose to that special someone, but aren't sure exactly where? Cupid has some suggestions for you that might come handy:

- 1. First date:** Almost everyone remembers their first date with their significant other. Add on more memories to the place you first met or had your first date by proposing there.
- 2. Favorite place:** Does your sweetheart have a favorite place? Then make that place more special by proposing to her/him there.
- 3. Vacation:** Does your partner want to travel abroad? Buy two plane tickets and during your vacation, pop the question.

What creative place were you proposed to? Share your story below.

'Bachelor' Star Emily Maynard's Mom Speaks Out On Brad Womack



For those of you who thought Brad Womack had finally found true love his second time around, think again. According to [HollywoodLife](#), Emily Maynard's mom, Susan Maynard, commented that their relationship is a bit rocky. Maynard told *People*, "They have not officially broken up. It's still kind of on and off, I hear nothing but good things about Brad. They are still just trying to get to know each other." Although it doesn't seem as though Susan Maynard has much confidence in the couple

making it in the long run, we will just have to wait and see.

Do your parents know best when it comes to your relationships?

Cupid's Advice:

As frustrating as our parents can be sometimes, they are the people that have known us the longest. Cupid has some advice on why our parents may know what's best when it comes to our relationships:

1. Your best interests in mind: As much as we all love our friends, the only people who we can be positive only want what's best for us are our parents.

2. They've been there: It may be strange to think of your parents as young and dating, but they were in your shoes once before. So, don't be quick to rule out their advice. It comes from a place of experience.

3. They know you the best: The only people who know us better than we know ourselves are the people who have known us the longest – our parents. This means that they probably also know what you need in a relationship.

Do you think your parents know you better than you know yourself when it comes to relationships? Share your experiences below.

'Bachelor' Couple Vienna Girardi and Kasey Kahl Are

Dating



It looks like *Bachelor* winner Vienna Girardi has found new love with *Bachelorette* contestant Kasey Kahl, reports [Hollywood Life](#).

"Kasey is genuinely a nice, caring, loving person, even when the cameras are off," said Girardi. That's what makes the difference. When we're at home eating dinner or watching a movie, he's still that sweet charming guy that he is when we're out in public. I want someone who is going to love me unconditionally, all day every day -- not just when other people are seeing it." Girardi's dramatic split from ex-fiancé Jake Pavelka on national television taught her to be careful while dating in the public eye. Kahl is also wary of public television-based romance. "I told myself I'd never date someone from the *Bachelor* franchise, but I met her, and everything went out the window," said Kahl. "She's amazing.

No matter what we've gone through, and no matter what she's gone through, I'm here now, and I will make sure she's the happiest girl ever."

How do you trust in love again after a bad breakup?

Cupid's Advice:

After a breakup, it's all too easy to become cynical. Here are a few tips to remaining optimistic:

1. Special circumstances: After a particularly nasty breakup, try to keep in mind that mistakes made during your past relationship will probably not be repeated in your future relationships. Allow each new partner a clean slate in order to get a true fresh start.

2. Other fish in the sea: Even if you believed your ex-partner was 'the one,' it's important to remember that there are plenty of other potential loves out there. Believe it or not, it *is* possible to fall in love more than once.

3. You will need time: It would be foolish to expect happiness immediately after a relationship ends. Recovery takes time, but eventually you'll be ready to get out there again.

Do you have a breakup story you'd like to share? Leave a comment below!

**Cupid's Bow Aimed on Love for
Season 7 of 'The
Bachelorette' With Ashley**

Hebert!



By Jennifer

Harrington

It's been a few months since Brad Womack bid Ashley Hebert farewell, as she left South Africa brokenhearted and in tears, but starting May 23, the season 15 contestant will be back on ABC – and this time, *she'll* be handing out the roses! The spunky 26-year-old dental student from Maine will be the seventh lucky lady featured on *The Bachelorette*, with 25 eligible bachelors vying to be her husband. We had such a great time watching Brad and Emily Maynard's love story on *The Bachelor*, and we can hardly wait to see what's in store for the newly brunette Ashley!

In a recent article from [People](#), Ashley proclaimed her excitement for the upcoming season and said, "I'm open hearted and interested in meeting the guys," and added that hopefully, she'll "fall in love." Cupid's Pulse shares her enthusiasm for her upcoming journey to find love, and we'll be right

there with Ashley every step of the way through each rose ceremony!

Before the season starts, check back for more information about Ashley and the 25 bachelors. We'll also explore why, after several beautiful, accomplished past bachelorettes (Trista Rehn, Meredith Phillips, Jen Schefft, DeAnna Pappas, Jillian Harris and Ali Fedotowsky) *Bachelor* creator Mike Fleiss believes Ashley "will be a different kind of bachelorette."

On May 23, make sure your DVR is set and mark *The Bachelorette* on your calendar for Monday evenings! And of course, check in with Cupid every Tuesday morning to read our recap of the episode, some insights into her decisions, and our predictions on who we think will get the final rose. Along the way, we want to hear from you about Ashley's dates, men and choices, so please comment and tweet us ([@CupidsPulse](https://twitter.com/CupidsPulse))!

In the meantime, stay tuned for an exclusive interview with a past *Bachelorette* winner! Until then, guess who it is in a comment below!

'The Bachelor' Season 15 Finale: Brad Womack's Lucky Lady and After the Final Rose





By Krissy Dolor

After two long seasons and more than fifty women, Austin native Brad Womack has finally chosen his bride-to-be: blonde bombshell Emily Maynard! But before we get to the details of their final week in South Africa (and the shocking announcement during the After the Final Rose special), let's take a look back at *The Bachelor* season 15 finale:

Before the final dates, Chantal O. and Emily must meet the family: mom Pam, brothers Wes and Chad (Brad's twin), and their wives, Prima and Dylan (who resembles Emily in the looks department – maybe it's a twin thing?). After a tearful reunion and Brad revealing a definite proposal, the interrogation began.

Chantal met the Womacks first, and said she fell in love in Costa Rica. Her upbeat personality easily won her points. "She immediately clicked with the family," said Wes. Pam, however, was skeptical of Chantal's devotion and asked how she fell in love so quickly. "It made it easy to fall in love because Brad was that person," Chantal said. Pam couldn't argue with that, and said she saw her fitting in with Brad's world. "You're precious," said Pam.

Though Brad thought Chantal won his family over, he was

clearly more excited to see Emily and was nervous about their day. "I just hope she's herself with my family," he said. The meeting started off stiff, as Brad acted as a shield between Emily and his clan. It wasn't until Wes asked about Ricki's father that the tension broke, as Emily graciously told them the story and brought everyone to tears.

"Hearing Emily...it completely blew me out of the water," said Wes. "For her to be able to triumph over that and be the strong woman that she seems is amazing." Since both of Brad's brothers are fathers, they wanted to make sure Brad knew what he would be getting into if he chose Emily. "I would welcome the opportunity to be a father, I would," Brad said. Pam thanked Emily for trusting her son enough to let him meet Ricki, and Emily one-upped her, saying, "I am so grateful to have met your son...he's been such an angel in my life." As tears of joy streamed down Pam's face while she talked to the camera, it was easy to see who her pick would be.

Though everyone liked Chantal, they unanimously agreed that Emily was the one. "I feel like Emily really knew our worlds," said Prima, since Emily is a mother. "I certainly see chemistry here. I think Emily is the whole package," Pam told Brad. And mother knows best!

But first, the final dates. Brad took Chantal swimming with the sharks. "The fact that I'm doing this for Brad speaks volumes," she said. As a testament to "traveling the world for him" (as opposed to being on a reality show), she made Brad a map of everywhere they've been and wrote him a sentimental letter that declared her love even more. "I know it takes a lot to write that, thanks so much," said Brad. But there just wasn't enough emotion in Brad's eyes and you could tell he wasn't in love with her.

Emily's date started smoothly enough, with a helicopter ride (yawn) and picnic (double-yawn). But her insecurity brought the mood down, despite Brad telling Emily how much he family

loved her. Later that night, he said he wanted to be a “real” father to Ricki, and not just a step-father. Emily (rightfully so) questioned Brad and wanted to know what he thought that meant. He was obviously hurt and left in a sour mood. “This particular date is making me question everything,” said Brad, and at that moment it was obvious who he choice would be.

The next day, Chantal was brought out first, wearing black, which set the tone of her impending breakup. After the obligatory niceties, Brad dropped the bomb: “I don’t know how else to say it but I have stronger feelings for someone else.” Chantal was floored, and it was clear she didn’t suspect anything. While she was speechless for most of his monologue, she finally mustered, “You’re an amazing person and Emily’s very lucky.”

Soon after, Emily arrived, and looked bride-like in a pale pink gown. After a long introduction, the moment we’ve been waiting for: “I’m asking you to give me your forever. I love you.” Brad then got down on one knee and took out the Neil Lane ring he picked earlier that day. Emily said yes and Train’s “Marry Me” played over a montage of their most romantic moments – the perfect fairytale ending!

But was it?

Turns out the couple had broken up for a bit after the show’s ending. In fact, the After the Final Rose special was supposed to be Brad and Emily’s wedding night – in Anguilla! But the two reassured the stunned in-studio audience (and everyone at home) that they are still together and just need to figure out how to communicate better – seems like Brad isn’t the only one with a temper! In addition, Emily had to watch Brad with the other women on the show and has struggled to figure out what reality is, even though it’s been clear to everyone else that Brad only had eyes for her.

To help them out, Chris brought out Trista and Ryan, Jason and Molly, and Ali and Roberto, as these three couples have proved the tabloids and the *Bachelor*-franchise statistics wrong by finding true love. Trista, who has been married to Ryan for seven years, said it best: “We met on the show, but it’s what we did after that show in real life that matters.”

And after Brad and Emily watched their engagement for the first time, it was clear that they really *do* care for each other. But where was Emily’s blinged-out ring? Don’t worry about that, either: Brad pulled it out at the end of the night, and this time, it was sized. “You are my forever, babe. Here’s your ring.” Phew! Cupid wishes the engaged couple all the best!

But what about Chantal? Don’t worry, romance rumors of her and a new beau are true. “He’s definitely everything I’ve been looking for,” she said. “He let me know I could love again.” We wish Chantal and her new man the best of luck!

Well that’s it folks! It’s been a pleasure watching season 15 of ABC’s *The Bachelor* with you, and I hope you’ve enjoyed reading the recaps as much as I’ve loved writing them! Until our next recaps of whichever show we choose (*The Bachelorette*, perhaps?), here are my favorites – including an introduction to the next Bachelorette (who we totally called): Ashley H.!

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.

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!

'The Bachelor' Season 15 Finale Preview: A Look Back at South Africa



By Krissy Dolor

There's only a few days left until the season finale of ABC's *The Bachelor*! In honor of next week's episode, take a look at Brad Womack's travel guide for South Africa. Reminisce about his safari ride with Chantal O., elephant adventure with Emily and helicopter view with Ashley H. – even take a sneak peak at what's still to come! Don't forget to watch the final rose ceremony with us on **Monday, March 14 at 8 PM/7 PM Central Time**

📺 to see whether Brad chooses Ms. O'Brien or Ms. Maynard in Cape Town.

We also hope you've been enjoying our exclusive interviews with former *Bachelor Pad* stars! Check back on Monday for our final interview: with Natalie Getz and David Good!

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!

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.

'The Bachelor: Women Tell All' Recap: Old Catfights Resume and Michelle's Redemption



By Krissy Dolor

Before we get the pleasure of seeing next week's final rose ceremony, we must first cross one last bridge: the infamous "Women Tell All" episode, where both the *Bachelor* in question and his dearly departed bachelorettes reflect (and awkwardly watch back) the ridiculous moments that made them famous.

While it's no surprise that old beef between Raichel and Melissa continued to stew, the night's big shocker was Michelle's – dare we say it? redemption – which, of course,

made for excellent television. So without further adieu, let's dig right in to last night's episode:

It started off with a classic Brad Womack and Chris Harrison heart-to-heart, where Brad took another look back at some of the more colorful women on this season (including Madison, who was fangless last night). While he mentioned the usual (Chantal O.'s first impression slap, his first date with Ashley H., how funeral talk with Shawntel N. made him uncomfortable), Chris wanted to know what Brad *really* thought of Michelle. "She has a lot of game," he said. "And that's coming from a guy that has zero game." True statement, Brad – but we still adore you!

Next, Chris Harrison announced that yes, ABC will bring us *Bachelor Pad 2* this summer. With the "Bachelor Nation" count toppling 500, it's no surprise that this *Bachelor* spin-off will continue. Who *doesn't* want to see former contestants duke it out – again? There's nothing wrong with some good old fashioned recycling.

But the real drama began when Chris turned the show over to the ladies. The Michelle-bash started instantaneously, and she was called "two-faced" and "shady" by Stacey and Sarah P. (I'm sorry, who are you again?). She was even compared to a "creepy spider" by Jackie, who was one of my early favorites this season. Ashley H. and Madison quickly rushed to a crying Michelle's defense, who believed she went on the show for the right reasons. Michelle said she was aggressive and grabbed every chance she could with Brad was because she missed her daughter: "If it wasn't right, I wanted to go home." Touché.

Taking a break from the Michelle drama, Chris brought Melissa into the hot seat, whose tension with Raichel caused them both to make an early exit during week two. "I genuinely don't think I initiated any conflict in the house," said Melissa, as Raichel nearly passed out in her seat, since she believes that

Melissa is partly to blame for her demise. After a long and over dramatic rehashing of their dispute, Melissa apologized. Raichel's classy response? "Of course I'm sorry. I'm not sorry to her, though." Keeping it real.

But the Michelle drama was far from over. Chris viewed Michelle's actions as a defense mechanism, and said, "I found you unbelievably entertaining." She said her comments weren't meant to be malicious, and that she was trying to be sarcastic and funny: "You have to make light of a situation in an intense situation." While I have been guilty of a Michelle-bash or two, I wouldn't have gone so far as to criticize her parenting skills, which is what Stacey did, making her look like a crazy madwoman. But Meghan said it best: "Monday nights would not have been the same without you." We definitely have to agree there!

Both Ashley S. and Ashley H. (who looks great as a brunette!) tearfully watched their respective parting moments with Brad and reflected on what happened. While Ashley S. wanted closure, Ashley H. said she still had questions about her and Brad's relationship, even at the end of their run, which she regrets. But no worries! Ashley, staying true to her bubbly self, said, "Brad primed me for what is yet to come." Is this a hint of a possible role as the next *Bachelorette*?

And finally, the moment we were all waiting for – Brad's turn on stage. While Shawntel N. looked beyond miserable, Brad was positively glowing. This is the happiest I've seen him all season, and it was simultaneously unnerving and endearing to watch. He said seeing Ashley S.'s tearful goodbye broke his heart. He called Michelle "his girl forever," and said, "I'll defend you 'til I'm blue in the face." And he still feels that his carnival date with Ashley H. was the best first date he's been on in his whole life.

But I *do* believe Brad gave us a tiny hint as to who he proposed to in South Africa. When Chris brought up the final

two women's names, Brad smiled that boyish/giddy smile of his when Emily's name was said. While five out of six of the former *Bachelor Pad* contestants said Brad should pick Chantal O., Michelle said last night that Brad needs someone like Emily. But regardless of who Brad ultimately chose, it seems this woman has given him the fairytale ending he's been searching for after two seasons. "I'm telling you, I'm truly happier than I've ever been," he said. "It has nothing to do with me; it has everything to do with her." Cue collective *Awww*.

And there you have it! What did you guys think of last night's episode? Let's chat in the comments below. If you haven't already, check out our exclusive article, where we interviewed the former *Bachelor* and *Bachelorette* contestants. Also, visit us daily for more in-depth interviews with them – we'll have something *Bachelor*-related every day until the final rose ceremony!

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!

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‘The Bachelor’ Season 15 Preview: Diary of the Departed





By Krissy Dolor

The final rose ceremony is almost upon us, but we need a little dirt on what Brad is *really* like, straight from the horses' mouths. Which is why next week will be the infamous Tell All episode, where Brad will have to face the women he rejected this season. So in honor of the two-hour reveal, let's see what Ashley H. had to say in her 'Diary of the Departed' video below. Don't forget to watch ABC's *The Bachelor* with us on **Monday, March 7 at 8 PM/7 PM Central Time** to find out who comes back – and what they have to say about Mr. Womack himself. And be sure to visit us next week! We will be posting **exclusive *Bachelor* coverage** leading up to season 15's finale!

'The Bachelor' Season 15, Episode 9: A South Africa Safari Ride



By Krissy Dolor

After last week's intense hometown dates, Brad Womack and the final three bachelorettes (Chantal O., Emily and Ashley H.) find themselves in South Africa, a first in the show's history. The producers of ABC's *The Bachelor* chose Sabi Sands, a gorgeous reserve, to set the perfect backdrop for this week's episode. Let's take a look back at what happened last night:

Brad's first date was a safari ride with Chantal, complete with a safari hat (see above). The day's highlight (besides seeing the lions, wildebeests and hippos, oh my!), was watching Brad and Chantal analyze each species they passed, including the giraffe, which, according to Chantal, is

“gorgeous, in a weird way.” At their picnic, Brad asked, “Who does this?” What, go on safari rides through the African bush? Well, Brad, you do – and we are all immensely jealous of your life.

While everyone knows that Brad and Chantal are the most open with each other, Chantal said she wanted to prove how much she’s in love with him, even though she makes her feelings clear every week. Perhaps a trip to the fantasy suite will do the trick! The two pushed aside their dinner and hurried to their room – which was actually an open air tree house. Chantal compared the fantasy suite to being in Vegas: “What happens in the fantasy suite, stays in the fantasy suite.” Well, then. We’ll just have to use our imaginations.

Date number two was with Emily, who rushed over to Brad (and he to her) like they haven’t seen each other in years. “I’ve been counting the seconds,” Brad said dramatically. But oops – he forgot something. What could it be? If you guessed an elephant, you’d be correct, as Brad returned to Emily on top of one. For the next five minutes, we got to hear Emily’s two catch phrases: “Oh my goodness gracious,” and “Oh, dear Lord.” I mean, *really* – is she not the cutest thing? “This is like *The Lion King*, but better,” she said. We agree. At lunch, Emily asked Brad if he was ready for a five-year-old. He said he is, and added that he loves that she is a packaged deal. This leads to a classic Brad-Emily kiss, fully backed by the ridiculous, sweeping love music ABC chooses to play each time they make out.

At dinner, Brad was a nervous wreck, as Emily always turns him into a stuttering ball of mush. What was interesting about this date was that Emily told the cameras beforehand that she is in love with Brad, but was scared to tell him. “I have only said I love you to one person in my life,” she said. Though Emily accepted the fantasy suite card with a bit of hesitation, she opened up inside their suite and told him her feelings, which stunned Brad – in a good way, of course.

But someone's date had to go badly, and this week, it was Ashley's. The Madawaska, Maine native, after seeing the helicopter for her date, ran away screaming. She came back, of course, but it set the tone for the rest of their day. During their picnic, Brad asked Ashley where she wanted to live after she was done with school, and she said she'd want to move to southern Maine to be closer with her sister. While it seemed like an innocent enough question, we all know Brad is looking for someone who wants to share a future with him. Later at dinner, he told Ashley that in their conversations they have never meshed their futures together – which concerned Brad. “Not once did you mention Austin,” he said.

Ashley immediately put up her defenses, and said, “I feel like you're just looking for a wife.” Insert collective gasp here. “I'm not looking for a perfect person,” he said. “I'm just looking for a situation perfect for two people.” Silence followed, as Brad did his awkward eye dart thing, while Ashley's eyes teared and she picked at her food. Hoping to salvage what was left of the night, Brad offered her the fantasy suite card, which she accepted. “I just want my Ashley back,” he told the camera. “The one I fell for.”

Regardless, whatever happened that night wasn't enough, as Brad went into his heart-to-heart with Chris Harrison knowing he was going to say goodbye to Ashley. In fact, Brad decided to pull her away before the rose ceremony began so he could tell her how he felt. “I don't know how we have such bad miscommunication,” he said. But Ashley, who sensed what was coming, had already given up. “I feel like we could have had something so good,” she told him. “There's really nothing I can do now.” And with that, Brad said goodbye.

While Brad expected more of a reaction, Ashley (again) put up her defenses: “I'm not going to beg you to change your mind.” In the car, she told the camera, “I wish I could have smiled and been myself...but when you have a heavy heart it's hard to find the strength.” Though Brad knew he made the right

decision, he said, "I always thought Ashley would meet my family; I always thought she would be one of the last two standing." Personally, I don't think Ashley stood a chance. Her guard was up too high throughout the season and they always seemed to be "taking steps back," and "trying to reconnect," with each other. Spark simply wasn't enough to keep these two together.

And then there were two. Brad told Emily and Chantal that he said goodbye to Ashley, but insisted that the rose ceremony take place, as he is first and foremost a gentleman and wanted their permission to continue on to the last week. Afterward, the women find out that yes, they will meet Brad's family – but they are staying in South Africa and going to Cape Town! Looking forward to another week where America's audiences at home can continue to be jealous.

Do you guys think Brad made the right decision? Let's chat in the comments below.