

**Survivor Smacked Me in the Chops**

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| **Episode 01 Confessionals** | | |
| **Castaway** | **Old Count** | **New Count** |
| Denise | 3 | - |
| Lisa | 5 | 4 (-1) |
| Michael | 8 | - |
| Malcolm | 5 | - |
| Abi-Maria | 1 | - |
| Carter | 0 | - |
| Jonathan | 3 | - |
| Pete | 2 | - |
| Artis | 0 | - |
| Jeff | 4 | - |
| RC | 6 | - |
| Katie | 1 | - |
| Dawson | 3 | 2 (-1) |
| Dana | 2 | - |
| Russell | 7 | - |
| Angie | 3 | - |
| Roxy | 1 | - |
| Zane | 9 | - |

Day 1

1. **Jeff (1/4):** I'm Jeff Kent. I played seventeen years of, uh, Major League Baseball. And I played in the world series where we had screaming fans on their feet with bases loaded. I've seen pressure. This is going to be a challenge for me, no doubt. But I'm hoping people won't recognize me.
2. **Zane (1/9):** You know, I have people come up to me all the time and ask me about *Frankenstein*. He picked a little girl a flower. I mean, he strangled her after he gave it to her but, still, you know, he picked her a flower. And I-I think that-that's the way-- the way I feel about myself-- is I could strangle you or pick you a flower, it depends on what you pull out of me, you know what I mean?
3. **Lisa (1/4):** My name is Lisa Whelchel and I played the character of *Blair Warner* on a show called *The Facts of Life*. *Blair Warner* would never, in a million years, be on *Survivor* but I'm very, very different from *Blair*. I'm a huge fan of *Survivor*. I've never missed a show, and at this point, I'm not going to say that I was on *The Facts of Life* as a kid. I'm getting to be just Lisa.
4. **Russell (1/7):** The last time I played, *Survivor* smacked me in the chops. And this time I'm smacking back. And either these people will run with me or I'm gonna have to run them over. That's it.
5. **Jonathan (1/3):** I got injured in a challenge. It was awful. Do you know how on fire I am to win this thing? You know how much I can taste this? And you know how I can-- I can actually see it? 39 days from now I'll make a million dollars.
6. **Michael (1/8):** The whole 18 days that I was on *Survivor: The Australian Outback* was such an amazing adventure. The Kucha tribe was winning and the killing of the wild boar was a pretty big accomplishment. But I think the world saw that me falling in the fire was my greatest failure. I didn't see it that way. I think to dwell on "what if" would cheat what the adventure was for me. But I'm in love with the fact that I'm able to come out here and do it again.
7. **Lisa (2/4)**: I do get recognized a lot. And even if only one person recognizes me that will travel through my tribe so I really want to keep this, you know, secret.
8. **Dawson (1/2):** Right behind Probst, pulls up another boat with previous contestants and I'm such a huge fan of the show. I'm thinking to myself, *“Okay, are you dreaming?”*
9. **Michael (2/8):** The yellow tribe caught my eye instantly. And I recognized Lisa from the show that I watched when I was growing up. And her show name, *Blair*, almost came off my lips.
10. **Jeff (2/4):** We start with returning players from injury and within the first three minutes, my knee is pinned and I could’ve possibly torn my, uh, MCL and this is too bad to believe. If my teammates smell blood, they're going to kick me off this island real fast.
11. **Russell (2/7):** There's no doubt about the fact that I am just absolutely thrilled to be here again. I feel blessed. So the last time I played this game, I was in this leadership role but this time, the whole leadership ain't gonna happen. (12:52 → 13:02 = 10s)
12. **Russell (3/7):** I don't care what they do. They can vote for chief, they can vote for two chiefs, they can vote for a higher supreme. Whatever it is, I'm not going to be it. (13:11 → 13:22 = 11s)
13. **Russell (4/7):** My plan is to feel them out and if this leadership thing comes up, throw it at the guy who doesn't realize that leadership is a good thing. ‘Cause there's always some guy who's an idiot. *"I think I should be the leader." "Okay, you're right! You're the man! Oh, thank you, my hero!"* And just watch them crash and burn. Dummy. *(laughs)*
14. **Angie (1/3):** So Russell keeps telling us that he's not the leader but he's the one who’s sitting there saying, *"Okay, guys, now go take a five-minute break, drink some water."* It’s like, okay, we have to listen to him. We do need a leader but I just feel like, we should all kind of just work together, not, like, for him.
15. **Malcolm (1/5):** I lived in Micronesia teaching ESL to elementary school kids. I wasn't roughing it anything like this but I can do the fire, so I can do palm fronds, coconuts, things like that.
16. **Zane (2/9):** We made fire in the first, like, forty-five minutes we were here. I would give my buff to know if anybody else has got fire. You just can't beat it.
17. **Malcolm (2/5):** Day 1, we got the fire going. Russell is the one who actually did it which actually works out in a way because he wants to be the leader so bad, and everything has to be the way he wants it done. So when he was the one who actually got the fire going, in a way a little bit of a target came off my back ‘cause I'm not a threat to him. (16:22 → 16:31 = 9s) So it's kind of a blessing that he's the one who pulled it off and he's, you know, on cloud nine, whatever planet he's living on.
18. **Jeff (3/4):** I think I left my knee at the-- at the boat getting off. Uh, we launched that boat, I was trying to hold all our gear on the boat itself and my leg got stuck and I got flipped over and-- you know, I've played hurt my whole career. You know, I've had surgeries on my knees, but getting on this sand and walking around right now, my knee wants to buckle on the inside. So, uh, I ain't… *(grimaces)* it just did it again. I ain't feeling too good, um, that medial, uh, ligament I think it is-is hurt. I don't want anybody to know I'm hurt but I'm trying to play it off as best I can for now.
19. **Jonathan (2/3):** I'm looking at this as my job. This is the early game, it's a marathon. Because this is such a crazy twist of the game starting with three tribes, throws the whole thing up in the air. To get to do this again, to-to even-- I mean, this is so much fun for me and so, uh, rewarding that the opportunity to come out here and do this, even with these new folks, they all seem nice and very cool. And I'm looking forward to really kicking some ass with them. It's very moving. It's moving to be here. It's moving to-to be doing this again. It's a beautiful thing.
20. **Dana (1/2):** Not that Jonathan's not a good guy but just for the mere fact that he's a returning third-time player, I think he's had his time and I think that, um, I'd like to see one of us win it if it's possible. So, uh, he's out as soon as we can get him out.
21. **Michael (3/8):** When I looked at the three different tribes, my tribe is the one I would have picked. I think we have a really good mix of brains and brawn. And there's a lot of people that said maybe you should never play again because now you're opening yourself up to that the legend of what I was, to what I am today. So it's a huge risk. But it's what drives me.
22. **RC (1/6):** I'm definitely an all or nothing type girl and I'm here to play the game no matter what. I definitely clicked with certain people. Like, Abi is fantastic and I actually-- I trust her. I know you're not supposed to trust anybody in this game but you have to trust someone at a certain time. (20:20 → 20:32 = 12s)
23. **RC (2/6):** I'm telling people I'm an executive assistant because I don't want people to know I'm a banker. I think there's such a negative connotation about bankers and Wall Street, but to be a great investment banker you have to have the killer instinct because you always have to be on your toes in New York, you know, hailing a cab in the rain in six-inch heels. So if I can handle Wall Street, I can certainly handle *Survivor*.
24. **RC (3/6):** Abi and I just really connect on a good level and so hopefully, that continues throughout the entire game. But who knows how long it’s gonna last.
25. **Abi-Maria (1/1):** I came to the United States about twelve years ago. I have a very strong Brazilian accent. Hopefully, I can use it as a flirtatious tool.
26. **Pete (1/2):** Abi keeps staring at me and I think that's going to be a big advantage. She definitely looks like she's ready to play some evil games. She’s pretty hot and she could definitely do some damage.
27. **RC (4/6):** It's Day 1, me and Abi and Pete, we already have an alliance and I think it's a pretty solid alliance. But what I'm really looking for is a strong four so we've got the majority.
28. **Michael (4/8):** My strategy coming into this was make sure that you go with the game. If your tribe is moving slow, go slow with them. Don't be the person that just jumps out in the lead. This is a little bit foreign to me, the three-man alliance but the three younger people move fast. I feel like I have to move fast with them or I’m in big trouble.
29. **Dana (2/2):** Coming into the group and looking around at the rest of them, I don't really see any other tatted up people with punked out, spiky hair. I like Jeff, you know, he's from the south, like, I'm from the south. Obviously, he has a ranch and, uh, I grew up riding four wheelers, fishing. I'd fight any boy that in the trailer park that would ever challenge me. So maybe, uh, me and Jeff can pull some southern roots together and bond on that.
30. **Jeff (4/4):** Being a baseball player could be a disadvantage to me. There's a lot of baggage that goes along with it. As in, you know, he made money so you don't need the money. But this game is not about who deserves a million bucks because you're in debt or you don't have a lot of money. I've been a fan of the show for a long time and I want to play the game. I've been out of baseball for four years now and I love to compete. No, I don't need the million bucks, but, uh, I'd sure like to be the *Sole Survivor*.
31. **Dawson (2/2):** I used to spend time with a guy who was really into baseball and I know who Jeff Kent is. But there's been no mention of him being a former professional athlete who's made probably thirty million dollars in his career. (25:22 → 25:31 = 9s) I don't think the other tribe members know and I think Jeff likes it that way. But I will tell him that I know as soon as it becomes valuable to me.
32. **Lisa (3/4):** I've always thought, *“Oh, I would so love to be on Survivor.”* Not only have I not ever missed a season, I've never missed a show. I don't plan to volunteer that I was on a television series because nobody will give me a million dollars because they feel like I've already had my fifteen minutes of fame. And I don't know if I have what it takes to play the game in a cutthroat way so I have to play to my strengths. I'm trying to connect with each person on a one-on-one basis. (26:34 → 26:46 =12s)
33. **Lisa (4/4):** We filmed the last episode of *The Facts of Life* in March of '88, I got married in July of '88 and then after that I left show business behind. But I lost all the money that I made on *The Facts of Life*. I had a bunch of money invested, a lot of it just kind of went the way of the-the '80s crash and that has just haunted me for twenty years. (27:06 → 27:15 = 9s) Being on *Survivor* at this season of my life is just a Godsend because I've been running and running from-from the time I was a little kid, to slow down and go inside and to find out, *“Okay, is-is-- what-- who am I? Am-am I more than a mom? Am I more than a child star?”* And so I'm excited about the game because I love the game. But on a whole another level, I'm really excited about what's gonna change inside me.
34. **RC (5/6):** Lisa is, like, this very beautiful, older woman and it's like she doesn't hang out with us and then she'll go off on her own. So I think it's hard to trust Lisa and I think it's easy to sort of make her a scapegoat.
35. **Michael (5/8):** Lisa's way famous. Like, worldwide famous. Like, her show was on everyday for years, and years, and years, and years, and years, and she should be playing that trump card because young impressionable people might be, *“Wow!”* I'm kind of wow. But maybe her show was so old that they wouldn't even know who she is anyways even if she told them. I don't know her strategy fully for not revealing who she is but I want to!
36. **Michael (6/8):** I'd love Lisa to stay because I, more from an age standpoint, fit with her and I'm sort of waiting for her to start playing, to start bonding. Her name comes up in a discussion of who do you want to be voted out first and I don't want it to be her. But if I'm going to get with the team that's playing the game, I've got to go with the game, as opposed to your heart.

Day 2

1. **Denise (1/3):** I'm a licensed sex therapist. So being a therapist, I'm really curious about Zane because at first you go, *“God, this guy is trouble,”* but then you look closer and you go, *“Okay, wait a minute,”* look closer at those tattoos. He's lost somebody, there's a-a death date of somebody on his arm, and he's got the serenity prayer on his hands, so part of me is kind of hoping, *“This guy's got some story.”* And if nothing else, I'm curious about his story.
2. **Zane (3/9):** I've worked in a lot of different places. I’ve worked in retail a lot, I’ve worked in a junkyard, and then now I'm retreading tires. But all the jobs I've had, it gives you a chance to be able to interact with everybody, from a crackhead selling three dollars worth of cans to a million dollar businessman. All the jobs, they all form together to make me the perfect *Survivor* player.
3. **Roxy (1/1):** Zane's interesting. Zane's the guy that I didn't think that would be my favorite. But I feel like Zane's pretty honest when he's with me, but Zane could just be a really good people person!
4. **Zane (4/9):** I'm already a superstar. Been made alliances with everybody on the tribe and everybody seems to think that I'm their only alliance. It's really just up to me now to pick ‘em apart. Whoever I'm ready to send home after this first challenge, that's the end of it, you know? I mean, it's just pecking order.
5. **Malcolm (3/5):** Zane walked up and says, *"Listen, I already made an alliance with everybody on the this beach."* *“Well, now I feel special. Thanks for coming to me last.”* But Denise is a therapist in real life. She's practiced at keeping her emotions out of situations and really drawing them out of others, and if she's a good person to have around for me to kind of scheme with. So it could end up being an alliance that I end up staying with for a very long time.
6. **Denise (2/3):** I just had this gut instinct about Malcolm. He's young but his wise, and instantly, we just clicked. And it was like, *“What are you feeling? Here's what I'm feeling.”* So as long as my alliance with Malcolm holds true, I’m good.
7. **Michael (7/8):** I'm not comfortable with the level of progress so far because we don't have a fire, which means we don't have water, and it's been raining since the crack of dawn. So I knew I needed to take a real strong leadership role here right now and say, *“Let's get on this.”*
8. **RC (6/6):** I think Skupin gives a 110% constantly but by doing that, he misses the little stuff like a twig or a bamboo shoot that's going to hit you in the head. I think it's more understanding what happened on The Outback and him falling into the fire now ‘cause, like, he doesn't care about injuries. I think he thinks he's *Superman*. You know, *Superman* needs to take a little bit of a break… *(laughs)* and maybe, you know, take the machete away from him. Maybe that's his kryptonite.
9. **Michael (8/8):** I'm cut, I got ripped skin, I-I chopped my head off. But I'm not accident prone. You know, it's just the way that I go through life: act first, think second. Nothing is anywhere near an issue. I'm still good.
10. **Pete (2/2):** Mike's a completes mess. It's not funny that he gets hurt but it's funny that it happens over and over again. I mean, we really haven't gotten in any situations where he can seriously get injured but, I mean, we'll see when we have fire what happens.
11. **Katie (1/1):** Well, I already don't like the shady stuff that's going around with Jonathan. I mean, we all stick together. We're, like, a family and he's just off doing his own thing and I feel like that's not unity. So he's dangerous.
12. **Jonathan (3/3):** I have been looking for the Hidden Immunity Idol all day. I've been looking at all the obvious places that I think it could be. There's the tree with the arch. There's the tree in the water. Nowhere. Nowheresville. Then I say, *“Of course, it's in the camp right now buried in the dirt or attached underneath or something like that.”* Then I remember the one thing that was waiting for us when we first hit the beach was a machete and a pot which you always have, but there was also this beautiful box with a big bag of rice. It's in the rice. It has to be! Ha, ha! Finally, found the clue! The idol is either in the rice bucket itself, somehow, or it’s underneath our camp. It's there, it’s waiting for me. But I need to find the thing!
13. **Russell (5/7):** I go to, you know, cook the rice. There's a piece of paper in there. I'm like, *“That's the clue! I'm good!”* Just happenstance! Is just sheer luck.
14. **Zane (5/9):** So I'm swimming and I see Russell as he's shuffling with the firewood, he's reaching in his pocket. I don't trust Russell no farther than I can sling him ‘cause this is his second time in this game. Everybody else, you know, it's their first rodeo. He's the only one I'm worried about.
15. **Zane (6/9):** I point blank asked Russell, *"Have you been looking for the idol?" "No, no, no, no. I'm not looking for the idol because we're teammates. If I see anybody looking for the idol, I'm voting them out."* He's so calm and so charismatic, just makes me kind of believe that he's already got it. And so, if we go lose the first challenge, we’re gonna get rid of Russell.

Day 3

1. **Malcolm (4/5):** Russell Swan just kind of took over and didn't listen to a single word anybody said. So I get to go see Tribal on night 3.
2. **Russell (6/7):** As I'm kind of finishing, you know, kind of the pep talk, Zane basically cuts me off and the guy throws himself under the bus. What it did was it made the decision pretty damn easy in terms of who's going home tonight.
3. **Zane (7/9):** My whole reason why I'm throwing my neck on the chopping block is to establish what I'm running against. This whole ruse that I just threw on was just to fill out my tribe and exactly how I need to work things. So hopefully, everybody loves me to the point to where they would rather have me as a hindrance than to keep Russell. I took my shot. I'm playing chess the best way I know how and hopefully, I'ma king me.
4. **Angie (2/3):** I'm former Miss Utah Teen. I'm a very, very competitive person. I never like to lose. It’s just like, I'm so annoyed because Russell wants everyone to think that he's not the leader. He's like, *"I'm not the leader, guys."* But he makes those calls like in the challenges. A leader would listen to his tribe and really take into consideration what their strengths and what their weaknesses are.
5. **Angie (3/3):** If we have to vote Zane out, I would if it would get me further in the game, but I would like to see Russell gone because I like Zane. He is so funny. He's just like-- he's a good genuine person and I would like to see him around. I mean, I know he's not that strong in challenges but I just didn't want to see him give up like that.
6. **Zane (8/9):** Angie was like, *"Look, please don't go home. Let's blindside Russ." (chuckles)* You ain't never seen a move like this in *Survivor* history.
7. **Zane (9/9):** Malcolm came to me and begged me to stay. Now the only thing I have to worry about now, is if Russ actually has the idol.
8. **Malcolm (5/5):** Zane, he was already going home by his own free will, but the thing is… we think Russell has an idol. The sketchiest part is that the information comes from Zane, of all people, that Russell has an idol. But if we vote out Russell, we're obviously down muscle-wise, three days in. And I think Zane, at one point, asked Russell to drag him through the course. So quite literally, he's the one who’s weighing the tribe down.
9. **Denise (3/3):** Right now, there's this feeling that Russell has maybe found an Immunity Idol and so Zane might have a shot to stay. But, you know, nothing against Zane, but this is not the point in the game where you can have weak players. You know, God, it just sucks having to make this decision.
10. **Russell (7/7):** I think I'm okay tonight. But I actually made my first mistake today. I just clicked into this kind of chief mode, if you will, and thought I have to make this call. I didn't have to. This is not about leadership. Leadership kills, dude, and I went right back into the old mode. You never know with this game and these people could vote me out tonight.