

**Blood Is Thicker Than Anything**

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| **Episode 01 Confessionals** | | |
| **Castaway** | **Old Count** | **New Count** |
| Tyson | 1 | - |
| Monica | 5 | - |
| Gervase | 4 | - |
| Tina | 2 | - |
| Ciera | 2 | - |
| Laura M. | 4 | - |
| Hayden | 2 | - |
| Katie | 3 | - |
| Caleb | 3 | 4 (+1) |
| Vytas | 8 | - |
| Aras | 2 | - |
| Laura B. | 4 | 3 (-1) |
| John | 4 | - |
| Kat | 2 | - |
| Brad | 11 | - |
| Candice | 3 | - |
| Marissa | 3 | 4 (+1) |
| Rachel | 2 | - |
| Colton | 4 | 5 (+1) |
| Rupert | 6 | - |

Day 0

1. **Gervase (1/4):** I am the original, the OG, the one who started this all. This time, I actually believe I can win this game. **Marissa (1/4):** It's cute that he thinks he's going to win, like, after thirteen years, come back, and play this game again. Like, I'm just focused on me winning this game. **Gervase:** You're definitely driven, you're definitely driven, but you're new to the game.
2. **Hayden (1/2):** *Big Brother*, I mean, it is *Survivor* in *(air quotes)* “a house.” So as far as training or preparation, I'm going to be more prepared than anybody else that hasn't already played this game.
3. **Kat (1/2):** Hayden has already won a show before. Like, this is my time. This is my game.
4. **Ciera (1/2):** I think that our ability to kind of balance each other out is really gonna benefit us. **Laura M. (1/4):** But yet, she's my heart. And nothing is harder than seeing somebody that you love suffer.
5. **Rupert (1/6):** I am returning to *Survivor* for my fourth time. **Laura B. (1/3):** I mean, this has always been about Rupert, and Rupert playing three times, and Rupert, Rupert, Rupert. **Rupert:** Now it's time for Laura.
6. **Colton (1/5):** I don't really know how people are going to respond to me. Last time, I was like, this big ball of anger. My goal, apart from winning this season, is to show people a different side of me, the new Colton. **Caleb (1/4):** I'm worried about Colton's reputation because he pissed a lot of people off. But I know a different Colton. This is going to be kind of a redemption for him.
7. **Candice (1/3):** We are two people who have been very successful. It could be something that people perceive as a threat. **John (1/4):** Absolutely, and being young and athletic, I think we're gonna have a big target on our backs.
8. **Monica (1/5):** Normally, it's that I'm Brad's wife, but when it comes to *Survivor*, I'm the wily veteran here. **Brad (1/11):** I play second fiddle to Monica. I'm the young rookie. **Monica:** And it's my turn to win and this time I brought some ammunition.
9. **Tina (1/2):** I told Katie our lives transcends this game but our family is very competitive. **Katie (1/3):** There is just one winner and there's two of us, and that poses a very difficult situation. I would love to beat my mother at her own game.
10. **Tyson (1/1):** I've been disappointed by *Survivor* twice, but this time I actually feel like I'm in a pretty good spot. You know, in a game like this, I think that the loved ones aren't going to be prepared, and I'm going to slit their throats.
11. **Rachel (1/2):** *Survivor* was always Tyson's thing. I never thought in a million years I'd be out here. With the loved one's season it's going to be a game changer. It's going to be crazy out here.
12. **Vytas (1/8):** I was a drug addict. Heroin definitely led to my arrest. I spent a year in L.A. County Jail. Aras still has a lot of resentment against me.
13. **Aras (1/2):** So my brother was pretty abusive when we were younger and that inspired me to beat things at things I could beat him in. I don't know if me going on *Survivor* made my brother envious, but I'm sure that winning it did.
14. **Kat (2/2):** It is the most important thing in my entire life to beat Hayden Moss.
15. **Gervase (2/4):** She's a threat to me. At some point in time I'm gonna have to get rid of her.
16. **Vytas (2/8):** I want to win that money, I want to win this game, and I'm going to beat Aras to do it.

Day 1

1. **Brad (2/11):** I answered with my heart instead of my head, and all of a sudden, I got stares and looks from every person down the line and I'm thinking to myself, *“Oh, my gosh. First five seconds of the game, way to go, Brad!” (gestures with hand pulling trigger on gun to head)*
2. **Caleb (2/4):** My heart sank 'cause I know Colton was really hoping to have me with him to kind of be that provider that I am for him. But, uh, it was definitely a wake-up call.
3. **Rachel (2/2):** It was sad. But at the same time, it's a game and I can play it on my own, too.
4. **Aras (2/2):** Vytas and I have such a competitive relationship that there's no way that if I lose a challenge to my brother out here that I'm not going to hear about it for the rest of my life.
5. **Rupert (2/6):** Watching my wife walk over to the other tribe, it was a little bit of a relief, and a little bit of sadness at the same time. I didn't have to worry at all about writing my wife's name down. But then, I also can't protect her.
6. **Colton (2/5):** In true Jeff Probst style, he has to really twist the knife. *"Oh, we're going to vote someone out. Really? Hi, like, I'm Colton. Remember me?”* Like, probably going to be the one.
7. **Rupert (3/6):** Watching my wife get voted out of her tribe about killed me. Why they would do that, it's a-- it's a smack against me. That is everyone of those little scared newbies saying we've gotta stop Rupert.
8. **John (2/4):** Every time I saw her name come up, I felt like I was getting kicked in the head. I literally wanted to do everything I could to vote out every single person that wrote her name down and I'm never going to forget that.
9. **Rupert (4/6):** I put myself in a position where I am not safe. It's killing me. But I would rather have myself in this position than I would my wife. Laura deserves to play the game.
10. **Tina (2/2):** I was really ticked when Rupert switched with Laura. I understand the emotion behind it, but we were counting on Rupert. Rupert is a fantastic shelter builder. He's a fantastic fisherman. And right off the bat, he weakens our tribe.
11. **Rupert (5/6):** In Laura and I's world, blood is thicker than anything. And Laura and I are blood. If I can battle my ass off Redemption Island and Laura is still there, you better watch out, 'cause we will be one hell of a team.
12. **John (3/4):** Watching Candice walk off literally, felt like my heart was being torn out of my chest. Like the second I s-- *(pauses and holds back tears)* the second I saw her walking *(voice breaks)* off, you know, I was like, there's nothing that's going to be harder than not doing everything I can to save my wife's butt in this game. Now I have the opportunity to show all those dumb asses how big a mistake they made.
13. **Gervase (3/4):** It's been thirteen years since I played *Survivor*. I think this is the the longest layoff anybody's ever had playing the game. So it's going to be interesting, to say the least, I think. I-I know I'm-I'm up for it, though. I was excited to see that we had a box there with some supplies in it. (19:58 → 20:08 = 10s)
14. **Gervase (4/4):** I think Galang is a strong tribe and it's because we have a lot of returning players, but Laura is not Galang. She is now, but she didn't start off that way. I wanted to play with Rupert. I didn't want to play with Laura. If her ass gotta go, good-bye! *(blows kiss)* Peace! See you later!
15. **Laura B. (2/3):** Joining the returning players' tribe is very intimidating. All these people are the *(air quotes)* “experts.” (20:41 → 20:50 = 9s) So I've got a lot of pressure on my back. I have to show how tough I am and how valuable I am to the tribe. (20:57 → 21:08 = 11s)
16. **Laura B. (3/3):** I think there is a expectation that I am like Rupert, but I'm not.
17. **Laura M. (2/4):** Being an experienced player, we know how important it is to have fire. Don't worry about your shelter. Don't worry about anything else because unless you have fire, we are dead in the water. Within fifteen minutes, Tyson went out there and started a fire. It's been nonstop. We're boiling our water. Our canteens are full. We're eating our rice. Morale is good. It's amazing. We're really comfortable at this point.
18. **Monica (2/5):** I get to play *Survivor,* not once, but twice, and both times Colton is out here. I mean, he was seen as one of the most vindictive, villainous, mean people to ever play the game. (22:35 → 22:50 = 15s)
19. **Monica (3/5):** I played with him before. He stabbed me in the back. And I'm not going to have happen to me what happened to me before. (22:57 → 23:09 = 12s)
20. **Monica (4/5):** Has he changed? Has he not? I don't know. Does a zebra change their stripes? Am I once again going to be bamboozled? I don't know.
21. **Brad (3/11):** I have relived Monica's *Survivor: One World* experience thousands of times with her. You know, suddenly you're dropped off on a beach and it's like, *“Whoa, there's nothing here. It's on.”* There were some butterflies thinking, *“All right, here we go. This is how it's gonna start.”* (23:58 → 24:10 = 12s)
22. **Brad (4/11):** So we're all working hard around camp. The boys they're making the shelter. The girls are weaving palm fronds. We have no veterans here so we're all kind of going on what our loved ones told us and basically, it was a bit shocking. We don't know anything. I feel like I could be in trouble. Five minutes into the game, I made a huge blunder about not going 100% to potentially help my wife because now she's now the enemy.
23. **Marissa (2/4):** Brad said, he's not going to throw a challenge for his wife. But it wasn't an-an apology, exactly. So I feel like he's one that I'm definitely gonna have to keep my eye on and keep him close because he seems like he could be a loose cannon.
24. **Brad (5/11):** If there's one thing I learned from Monica, she said, *"Brad, look, when you play this game, you better hit the ground running. You hit the ground running talking to people. You need to make connections. You need get an alliance fast.”*
25. **John (4/4):** The idea to keep all the five guys together stemmed from Brad. It's not a surprise at all. It's like, *“Shocker. The guy who played NFL football wants to keep his locker room together.”* But, you know, the more he talks about that kind of stuff and sort of asserts himself as the leader, I mean, the more that could potentially end up biting him in the ass later.
26. **Caleb (3/4):** When Brad got me by myself, he was pretty much trying to buddy-buddy the, you know, bromance-type thing, you know, all guys to the end, and blah, blah, blah. And I'm thinking *“No, you're wanting to get your-yourself and then your wife to the end and whoever she's with.”* You know, I mean, I'm not stupid. You know, whatever. You know, I'll agree to anything at this point with him because it's gonna shut him up.
27. **Brad (6/11):** I got Caleb, I got John, I got Hayden, I got Vytas, and I got me. That's five. Four with nine equals out. But, I'm sorry-- yeah... no... okay. Four with nine equals out. But five with nine equals in. *(shrugs)*
28. **Vytas (3/8):** There's no flint and, uh, none of us know how to start a fire without flint. And we can't boil our water. This is a lot. Just building the shelter, putting it together, I can feel the liquid leaving my body and I'm turning into sludge.
29. **Ciera (2/2):** I actually was a teen mom so I got pregnant when I was seventeen in high school. That was a huge game change for me, and my mom. It was, um, a really hard obstacle for us to get through. Embarrassing for my mom, probably.
30. **Vytas (4/8):** My addiction impacted my family like, profoundly. Even my relationship with my brother to this day is still, like, not fully mended. So this is a great experience I'm going to get to have with my brother. The fact that we're going on this together is a pretty great, you know, opportunity for us to mend some more.
31. **Vytas (5/8):** I think in a game where trust is the most important part, I just wanted to share with my tribe my past because, you know, if you really want somebody to trust you, you have to let them in a little bit. And I do want to be vulnerable. Like, show them that part of my past like, makes me stronger. (31:09 → 31:24 = 15s)
32. **Vytas (6/8):** For me, I don't think people that hear about that part about my past are going to think anything less of me. I don't think people are going to see an ex-con that's conniving and a dope fiend that's willing to like, do whatever he can to get what he wants. Like, I've got fourteen years clean and I have a lot of experience away from that. And I do want to show them that there's like, you know, a different part of me than like, just being a yoga teacher. And I think it'll help strengthen the bonds and connections I have with them and we'll be able to get further in this game.
33. **Colton (3/5):** Last time when I played this game, I had this mask on. I was rude to everyone, I was mean to everyone, and I didn't have kind things to say, and it was all because I was insecure. I actually am trying to find an opportunity to really try to explain to people and get them to understand me. (32:37 → 32:51 = 14s)
34. **Colton (4/5):** I live in the deep South where being gay, it's-it's a cross to bear every single day. When I was growing up, I was the sweetest kid in the world. And, you know, I mean, somewhere along the way, I got tired of being called sissy and faggot, and queer. And so, the struggle was just getting people to understand I'm a living breathing human being just like everybody else.
35. **Colton (5/5):** The negative experiences that you go through in life, I think, they build you to the person that you are, you know, today. But I'm trying to change. I'm just going in with positive thinking.
36. **Monica (5/5):** For all of us to judge what decisions he makes is hard. We haven't walked a mile in his shoes, and I don't think it's easy. If he's changed, wouldn't that be a beautiful story? But then again, it's Colton Cumbie.

Day 2

1. **Candice (2/3):** I definitely got my feelings hurt by the returning players' tribe, and I'm out for revenge. I'm going to do everything I can to fight and to win this game. I'm really just trying to keep my mind in the game and maintain the camp so that I can stay healthy, hydrated, and ready to beat Rupert. (35:15 → 35:27 = 12s)
2. **Candice (3/3):** Living with Rupert is extremely annoying, to say the least. Rupert mostly is either sleeping or splashing around in the water. I get the coconuts, I get all the firewood, I go get all the water, I tend the fire, I boil the water, I boil the rice, and Rupert enjoys the spoils. It's infuriating, actually.
3. **Rupert (6/6):** I am not going to do what I've done so many other times. One of the reasons why I've never won an Immunity Challenge is I kill myself out fishing. I kill myself out taking care of my tribe. But this is more individual. And if I'm going to beat Candice, I need every ounce of energy I got. If Candice wants to go out and kill herself gathering wood, and making fire, and keeping it going, and boiling water, and doing everything, great! Burn up her energy. I'm not going to. And I need to have in my head that I will eliminate her.

Day 3

1. **Brad (7/11):** So Rachel and I get up and went to check Tree Mail. It was really exciting. It's like, until you've gotten something in Tree Mail you really haven't like, started the game.
2. **Laura M. (3/4):** I feel great going into the challenge. The advantage that we have as returning players is we know you keep your head in it, keep calm, 'cause anything can happen.
3. **Katie (2/3):** So right away we're trying to think, *“Okay, who is the fastest swimmer, who is good at sprinting, who is good at puzzles?”* My mom is great at puzzles, too, so she's probably on the puzzle. I'm on the puzzle. So it's going to be the mother-daughter duel.
4. **Laura M. (4/4):** Puzzles are my strength and I have the experience of knowing, “Okay, think outside the box. How can we do this quicker? Moms always say this, *"I brought you into this world. I can take you out of this world."* As much as I love her, unfortunately, I want to beat my daughter in this game. Sorry, Ciera.
5. **Hayden (2/2):** They probably have fire because they have experience. We don't, because we're a bunch of meatheads.
6. **Brad (8/11):** I mean, like Gervase, for him to kind of jump up and down and like, in your face. I was like, *“Hey, bozo, your loved one may go home while you're cheering about that.”* That's great, you guys beat us, but it's like you're beating your own.
7. **Brad (9/11):** We lost the challenge and that stinks. I didn't get to where I am in life by losing and I hate to lose.
8. **Katie (3/3):** After the challenge, I mean, my heart sank down to the floor. It's our first challenge and our first loss. And I knew that I was part of why the team lost. I mean, I got creamed by my mother, and the fact that the three of us, the puzzle people, were the reason that we didn't pull through at the end, you know, that makes me a little nervous because what are we going to judge the votes off of?
9. **Marissa (3/4):** I definitely think the other tribe was celebrating too much after that win because they are our loved ones. Like, yes, you won, but guess what? You're about to send one of us home. And of course, who are they going to correlate Gervase with? His niece.
10. **Brad (10/11):** Marissa, before we went to the challenge, she was a little bit off the radar, but there's a side of myself that saw Gervase jumping up and down and kind of in your face, *"We won."* It's like, she's going home. How do you like them apples?
11. **Caleb (4/4):** With the puzzle part, it was Ciera, Katie, and me. And Ciera really jumped in, she was-- she was really helpful, and it just seemed like Katie, she was just the extra cook in the kitchen. I don't want to see Katie go, but if the majority's in, then I'm-I'm in with it.
12. **Vytas (7/8):** The girls probably know that the guys have bonded. I mean, we're not being subtle at all to these women so it's important for me to keep my alliances with the girls strong. I'm going to tell those girls, *“Hey, the guys have decided which one will go first, which is what we want.”* (53:52 → 54:05 = 13s)
13. **Vytas (8/8):** Let's be honest, it doesn't matter whoever they choose to vote for because the guys have definitely bonded with each other. I mean, I feel bad for the girls, but at this point it'd be foolish to-to try to go against that.
14. **Brad (11/11):** We're five guys strong. One of the girls has to go. So it may be Marissa. Uh, it may be Katie. To me, they're all equal. The girls are both connected with the other tribe. We've got to start thinking about who we vote out could potentially affect their tribe.

Redemption Island

1. **Marissa (4/4):** I just got blindsided at Tribal. I came in thinking that Katie is a go. No, Marissa was a go.