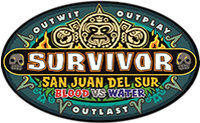
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**Million Dollar Decision**

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| **Episode 07 Confessionals** | | |
| **Castaway** | **Old Count** | **New Count** |
| Natalie | 0 | - |
| Jaclyn | 2 | - |
| Missy | 4 | - |
| Keith | 6 | - |
| Baylor | 1 | - |
| Jon | 5 | - |
| Alec | 0 | - |
| Reed | 1 | - |
| Wes | 2 | - |
| Jeremy | 10 | - |
| Josh | 10 | 11 (+1) |
| Julie | 6 | - |

Day 16

1. **Missy (1/4):** Last night we voted Dale out but there's been so much paranoia and talk of him having an idol we decided that Baylor and I would write Keith but I had some reserve about it because I knew we're going to sit pretty. No one likes have their name written down.
2. **Keith (1/6):** When I saw my name come up twice at Tribal I said, *“What in the world, are you kidding me?! My name wasn't in the plan. Did I miss the memo?”*
3. **Keith (2/6):** It was Missy and Baylor that voted for me and they give me some lame excuse. Well, I need somebody to stays loyal. Shoot, I'm done with y'all. I'll leave you hanging high and dry.
4. **Josh (1/11):** We got our Tree Mail that basically said we were merged and it was a mixed emotion feeling at that point because we needed to get rid of Jeremy and we didn't do it when we had the chance because we've not gone to Tribal with this full tribe. So now it makes it a little more precarious to get Jeremy out but we can do this.
5. **Jeremy (1/10):** In this game I always say like it goes, you have ups and downs, ups and downs... and I was down. At Hunahpu, Reed and Josh were in charge and they ran it and I took a backseat and that's alright, you know, you guys have your fun. But it's merge time. Now it's time to go and I want to crush 'em.
6. **Jaclyn (1/2):** We got Tree Mail that said pack your things, we are merging. I'm really excited. It's a big milestone for me and Jon to have made the merge together. We never thought that this would have happened. Now here we are both going into it, Day 16 at the merge and once we get to the other side we'll feel it out. Because we're definitely keeping our options open.
7. **Reed (1/1):** Coming into the merge, it's a whole new chapter. We're all coming back together, you're trying to figure out what still stands, what has dissipated and then there's this *Blood vs. Water* element. You have a natural alliance that's built in that's so apparent and then you have people that don't have their loved ones in the game anymore so it's going to be interesting to see what happens.
8. **Jon (1/5):** Having absolutely nothing for 16 Days and then seeing this giant feast waiting and its got cheese, and trail mix, and booze, and lobster, and shrimp, and it was awesome! You know, it’s food!
9. **Julie (1/6):** On our previous tribe we just had one couple and that was Reed and Josh. That was a little annoying, you know, kind of seeing them having their lover's vacay. But now that we're merged we have multiple loved ones together and it's really tough on me, is I miss my boyfriend John. I kind of want to separate myself from the group and go and cry a little bit.
10. **Wes (1/2):** That feast was the number one highlight of this game so far. I mean, everything was great. We got to take all the food left we had home so we'll have a feast tomorrow too.
11. **Keith (3/6):** I'm excited to play with Wes. It's been sixteen days and, um, yeah, it was good to see him. So, uh, I could care less about Missy and Baylor. *(spits)*
12. **Josh (2/11):** The game all of a sudden is like speeding 'cause you're doing so much. You're going through exhaustion, you're going through just mental mind craziness and then to add on to all that the elements out here, it's not easy. But now we're merged and it's a little daunting with so many people and it's a little scary and it's a little uncomfortable because this is where you make or break if you're going to have the numbers for the rest of this game.
13. **Jeremy (2/10):** The merge is a milestone but I think even more than that this is where the game starts. It's like the first half of the game is, those are the prelims, you know. This is a total different level of play, like we have to all step our games up. (08:30 → 08:44 = 14s)
14. **Jeremy (3/10):** The only way I'm going to continue on in this game is if I can keep numbers. So I have myself, Nat, always Julie. Julie is just a number. Now I need to get two couples-- Jon, Jaclyn and Missy and Baylor. (08:57 → 09:11 = 14s)
15. **Jeremy (4/10):** As soon as I got here there was a few people I wanted to talk to but Jon was number one on the list. (09:16 → 09:29 = 13s)
16. **Jeremy (5/10):** The first vibe I got from Jon was a good vibe. He has Jaclyn. I said, *“Alright, we're good. We're back together. We're moving forward.”*
17. **Jeremy (6/10):** Missy's been with me since Day 1. I know I have Missy and Missy will bring Baylor. We have seven, that's all we need.
18. **Josh (3/11):** I'll tell you what, alliances are crazy right now and there's a lot of mayhem, and a lot of talking going on. I think Jeremy's been talking to everyone. He's trying to just gather his troops around because he knows that it could be the couples. The goal is just to make sure that Jeremy doesn't get the numbers before we get the numbers, 'cause if not, I'm screwed.

Day 17

1. **Keith (4/6):** Wesley's birthday is today. As a matter of fact, I woke up this morning and forgot all about it and then, uh, Josh wished him Happy Birthday before I did. (11:23 → 11:34 = 11s)
2. **Keith (5/6):** Yeah, I did forget for a minute but, uh, no big deal. I-I finally remembered and wished him Happy Birthday and everything's, everything's good. Happy Birthday right here on the beach.
3. **Josh (4/11):** There are four people who are singles and eight people who are couples so I'm thinking: why don't we stick together as couples and be able to get down to numbers with the people we love? (12:06 → 12:17 = 11s)
4. **Josh (5/11):** Right now my tightest alliance is me and Reed, Alec, Wes and Keith but that's still five. We need at least seven so I think I can still get Baylor to vote with me, um, because I did save her once and Missy is gonna transfer with Baylor to me.
5. **Baylor (1/1):** That's difficult because my mom has a bunch of alliances. I only have one, strong one with Josh and she's with Jon, Jaclyn, Jeremy, Natalie. So being aligned with Josh still is really difficult for me right now. Starting off this game, me and Josh immediately aligned and he pretty much protected me. That-that's what's hardest for me, is, you know, being like, thank you so much for helping me, now I have to vote you out.
6. **Josh (6/11):** I chatted to Baylor and I was like, *"I saved your life and now we come over here and you're just gonna not, like ignore that completely?"* Like, I honestly was a little hurt.
7. **Missy (2/4):** Baylor is 20 and sometimes she acts like she's 30 and sometimes she acts like she's 10. She has this need to please but she's gonna have to figure out how to handle her heart 'cause she does have a sweet heart, um, when it comes down to voting Reed or Josh out.
8. **Missy (3/4):** I mean, I know she respects me but the difference is she's coming to me and asking me questions and it feels pretty good because it's like, okay, yeah I've made some bad decisions in my life, she's had to stand by and watch 'em and I felt really pretty crappy about that. No mom is proud of being divorced one, two or three times and to especially to have your kid have to watch you go through it. But it's like I get to kind of redeem myself here and she's watching it because now she's back to being my kid and she's listening to me and I'm like, *"Look, trust me on this, follow my lead, get in the backseat and let me drive. We're going to head down this path and we're going to be fine but you got to listen to me"*.
9. **Josh (7/11):** I feel like the time that Baylor was away from me that she really got under her mom's influence in diverting her away from myself and Reed so now I've no other options. Besides Jon and Jaclyn, we have to make a play for these people or we will be out of the numbers.
10. **Jon (2/5):** Josh approached Jaclyn and I and said, you know, *"We would love to work with you"*. Once again, we find ourselves in the middle. Seems that Jaclyn and I became a power couple once the tribe swap happened when two couples, we were kind in the middle and both of them needed our help. So we're being given a lot of opportunities to control our fate.
11. **Jaclyn (2/2):** It's the exact same story again with me and Jon. We are for sure in the middle so it's like which way do me and Jon go? It's really stressful because one wrong vote could be a million dollar decision.

Day 18

1. **Julie (2/6):** I know that everybody is looking out for any food that's just laying around and at this point I still have a little trail mix I took from the feast. But, um, I'm keeping them in my bag and now I feel a little guilty, I feel like I need to throw it out or something because everybody else has munched out of everything that they had already. If I showed everybody what I had it would be gone like that. I was smart enough to gather it then it's mine. I got some of the leftover nuts, a few apricots and a few dates and I'll share with who I like.
2. **Wes (2/2):** Missing trail mix. We found out Julie has it in her bag. The smallest girl here. It is one of the most selfish things you could do in *Survivor*, I feel like. So a lot of people are pissed off at her for that and we're probably going to take it from her bag and eat it all.
3. **Jon (3/5):** At home okay, take trail mix. *“Oh, okay, no big deal. Yeah, it's trail mix. Who cares?”* Here, we don't have anything to eat. She's selfish and she's awful and I can't trust someone in my alliance who's stealing people's food. It's ridiculous!
4. **Julie (3/6):** It was the weirdest thing when I walked back up to camp. It was literally like you could just slice the tension with a knife. I'm a pretty observant person. It doesn't take a brilliant person to figure out what's going on right here. I'm feeling some of my tribemates know that I was hoarding or stealing trail mix and right now I feel like I got a fire under my butt. So, things don't look so good for me right now.
5. **Josh (8/11):** I'm definitely in the most precarious situation I've been in, in this game yet. Without Jon and Jaclyn on board it's still not a majority. I think my name will be on the chopping block so I'm just going to go out there and try to win and fight to the end.
6. **Keith (6/6):** It's crazy, I won immunity. It come down to me and Wesley. I'm not ready to turn over the reins to him but, uh, tonight is critical. We'll know exactly where everybody stands after tonight's vote.
7. **Jeremy (7/10):** My first individual Immunity Challenge, first one out. This is ridiculous. I thought I'd kill these challenges. I-I'm terrible at these challenges. I was out before an old guy, a mom, Ju... *(laughs)* I was out before Julie. I was out before Julie! But going into the Tribal Council tonight I feel like I'm safe, I feel like we have the numbers.
8. **Julie (4/6):** I heard Alec's little punk butt saying something about trail mix and I'm definitely angry but, um, I don't know what I'm going to do. I'm just, I'm, I'm really lost, I'm feeling really low. I'm feeling lost and confused.
9. **Missy (4/4):** She stole food and put it in her bag and didn't share with anybody and it's obnoxious, it really is. But Julie goes home well then that hurts us. One messed up vote at Tribal can kind of throw this whole plan into the toilet.
10. **Julie (5/6):** I needed to talk to somebody. I feel like I could trust Missy but when she told me *“To stick it out, I'm here for you, I'm your loved one, I'm your loved one”* when John's gone, “*and just do this, we need you”*. I get it, I'm a smart gal. They need me because they want to get further based on using me. Hey, I'm not going to hate 'em for it, it’s the way the game goes. But I see clearly what that is and I can make a decision right now based on what I need.
11. **Jeremy (8/10):** Josh is the only one in Josh's alliance that is playing the game. If you take him out, it's over!
12. **Josh (9/11):** This is my home turf but I have to give Jeremy props because he is playing this game and actually he's playing it well. It just is opposite to what I'm doing and so it's frustrating. We have to get Jaclyn and Jon. It would make sense to go couples together and singles out. *Blood vs. Water*, that's what this game is about. Why don't we get rid of the people who don't have their loved ones anymore?
13. **Jon (4/5):** After looking at the options, feeling out the people, I've found myself making a complete 180 in terms of what alliances I am supporting.
14. **Jon (5/5):** Looks like we're going to be going on the couples train and voting Jeremy out today. I've preached against jumping ship before because if you jump ship you're going to be on the bottom of the totem pole but we are a couple so going with Josh, Reed, Alec, Wes and Keith has more long term potential with fewer bumps in the road.
15. **Julie (6/6):** I never thought in my wildest dreams that *Blood vs. Water* would be this difficult. It has been the longest three weeks of my life away from the man I love and it's like taking a toll on me.
16. **Jeremy (9/10):** As soon as Jeff says Julie's gone I instantly think about the numbers. She was my number, you know, I needed that. And so now, you know, I could be going home tonight.
17. **Josh (10/11):** Julie quit the game which puts Jeremy and that alliance a little more at unease because they have one less number. And I'm happy about that because our odds are better at Tribal tonight to get Jeremy out.
18. **Josh (11/11):** I do feel like with Julie's early exit it was not on our side 'cause we wanted to get Jeremy out right then and that plan was solid, it seemed like. But Jeremy hopefully is on borrowed time now and I don't think he even realized. I think he thinks that Reed or myself would be gone today and there was a 20% chance of that happening but I think there was an 80% chance of Jeremy leaving.
19. **Jeremy (10/10):** Yeah, Julie kind of messed it up. I wanted Josh out of the game. I feel like it bothered me more than everybody else. I'm upset that she left because she really messed up my plans.