

**Not Going Down Without a Fight**

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| **Episode 14 Confessionals** | |
| **Castaway** | **Count** |
| Michele | 12 |
| Aubry | 16 |
| Tai | 9 |
| Cydney | 5 |

Day 36

1. **Tai (1/9):** Mark’s crowing again. That’s what chicken do. Dawn’s breaking right now. Everybody’s tired. They need to sleep. I can’t afford to have anybody upset at chicken, ‘cause chicken is associated with me directly, and… right now it’s coming at such a delicate time. Anything, however small, can upset people, and with Joe being gone, the game just switched again. I know I have Aubry, but two against two, I don’t know what’s my fate. I can’t use my idol anymore. The idol is only used for five. So, I feel vulnerable. I gotta be really, really careful. Otherwise, I might not be at the final, and I can’t-- just cannot afford that.
2. **Aubry (1/16):** Every time Jeff arrives on the beach, my closest ally goes home. It’s like, déjà vu all over again. (06:32 → 06:47 = 15s)
3. **Aubry (2/16):** Cydney and I have had a really good working relationship the whole game. We’ve worked together on every vote. So, I’m going to keep up hope that maybe me, Cydney and Tai can make it happen for the final three. Michele is the only person who has not pissed off anyone on that jury. She’s someone who has built very close personal relationships, and that’s a scary thing to me.
4. **Cydney (1/5):** My first thought after Joe is gone was, *“I was in a good place with him here and I’m in an even better place now that he’s out of the game,”* in my eyes, because now everybody wants to take me to the end. So I just need to make sure that I make it to the finale three and I’ll fight my way out from there.
5. **Michele (1/12):** Now that Joe was pulled from the game, alliances, they’re being reshifted. Everyone is trying to scramble for power. The beauty of this game is that you never know what’s gonna happen, and everything is up in the air right now. It’s anyone's game if you play your cards right.
6. **Aubry (3/16):** Winning the Reward Challenge was very important. And with Joe gone, I need to make sure that I’m on the right side of the vote. That means I need to have the trust of Cydney. So that meal had to go to Cydney in order to up my chances that we could beat Michele at the next Immunity Challenge.
7. **Aubry (4/16):** Today, it finally happened. No one was going to beat me. It was my time to win a challenge. I wanted Cydney to be fed and in a better place to win the Immunity Challenge tomorrow. This Immunity Challenge means everything because we don’t want Michele to win.
8. **Cydney (2/5):** When Aubry chose me, it just solidifies the bond that we’ve had this whole time. Every reward I’ve been on, she’s been on. It just builds on our relationship and it just helps us trust each other more. (18:06 → 18:17 = 11s)
9. **Cydney (3/5):** Right now, I have two alliances. My ideal option would be myself, Aubry and Tai, and then the second option would be Michele, Aubry and myself. There is definitely a trick to being in the middle. I’m just hoping that everybody sticks true to their word, and I can just pick and move wherever I think is best.
10. **Michele (2/12):** I think Aubry made a really poor choice of her Reward Challenge. She chose Cydney last time and left me and Tai on the outs, and then she gets the reward today and she chooses Cydney again. That made me think, *“Well, I have to make sure that I have a backup plan.”* It took Aubry winning to kick me in the ass and make me start thinking a little bit outside of the box.
11. **Tai (2/9):** I’m not giving up on Aubry, but I still might go with Michele’s plan. There’s definitely an option there, at least an option. I have to think, *“Am I better to be at the end sitting with her next to me or with Aubry?”* If I have to betray my true alliance, I’ll betray my true alliance. *(deep sigh)* Ultimately, I want that million dollar… at any cost.

Day 37

1. **Cydney (4/5):** Michele would have definitely been the easy vote if she hadn’t won, but she did. So I gotta cozy on up to Michele and figure out a way to make sure somebody else gets thrown under the bus before myself.
2. **Michele (3/12):** It feels surreal to have the necklace on and know that I’m in the final three. Two days ago, nobody really gave a crap where I stood, you know, like I could have been going home tonight if I didn’t win, and, you know, now I feel that I am in kind of a power position. I’ve built relationships with all three of these people, so it’s going to be sad to see one of them go, but this vote, it will decide who I go to the end with, and if I pick the wrong person, boom, there goes the million dollars.
3. **Aubry (5/16):** Tai and I have been trying to get Cydney to come with us and vote out Michele, but with Michele winning immunity, we have no choice but to try to take out Cydney. I’m going to Tribal Council very vulnerable, and I need Tai more than ever right now. (30:37 → 30:51 = 14s)
4. **Aubry (6/16):** The best we can do is force a tie and then have to go to fire making, and that’s really scary, plus Tai and I have been like a zipper that doesn’t quite zip for the whole game. And he’s a tricky person to be in bed with because Tai switches on a dime. (31:07 → 31:17 = 10s)
5. **Aubry (7/16):** To be honest, I’m getting kind of a funky vibe, and I could be totally wrong, but I have a feeling that he might turn on me. And if he does, I’m screwed.
6. **Cydney (5/5):** Michele wants to vote out Aubry, and she’s in a position to call the shots. And it’s tough at this point because Aubry, we have been, like, ride-or-die homies the whole entire time, so it’s going to be extremely hard to write Aubry’s name down, but at the same time, she’s a tough competitor, and at the end of the day, my loyalty is to my mother, and I’m trying to change her life and change my life, so if that’s what I need to do to get to the end, that’s what I have to do.
7. **Tai (3/9):** When Michele won, I thought it’s the worst thing possible ‘cause I have no idol to protect me. I felt completely hopeless. And then Michele say, *“You know what? I decided Aubry should go.”*
8. **Tai (4/9):** Unfortunately, Aubry is the easy vote. I don’t want to betray her, but at some point, alliance got to break.
9. **Aubry (8/16):** Tai’s being super shady, and I’m worried that at the end of the day, if Tai sees me as a threat he will vote me out. So far, I’ve been lucky at Tribal Council. And if I’m going to be on the wrong side of a vote, it’s going to be tonight, but I’m not going down without a fight.
10. **Aubry (9/16):** Tonight at Tribal, I ended up beating Cyd in a fire-making challenge, which is the last thing I ever thought I’d be doing on *Survivor*. I’m so proud of myself that I could actually pull it out when it mattered most.
11. **Michele (4/12):** Aubry sitting next to me rather than Cydney definitely changes my chances in a really negative way. She’s made great relationships with everyone, you know, and fought her way here. I’ve been gunning for Aubry and nobody’s wanted to jump on the bandwagon. (49:32 → 49:44 = 12s)
12. **Michele (5/12):** I’m trying hard to think up a case against Aubry and she’s been in control a lot of this game and I think Tai just gave her a million dollars.
13. **Tai (5/9):** I’m still debating whether this is it or are we going to have one more challenge tomorrow. Like Jeff say, *“You’re job’s not done. There’s two days left.”* It doesn’t sound like a final.

Day 38

1. **Michele (6/12):** Oh, my God! Once again, here I am having to fight for my life. We all kind of thought yesterday was the last challenge, and now we find out that two people are going to the end, the person who wins gets to choose who they’re taking.
2. **Aubry (10/16):** This is now an individual game. There are no more alliances. I’m on my own and I don’t have many options. So, today’s do or die for me. I need to win the Immunity Necklace.
3. **Aubry (11/16):** Michele gets to vote off a member of the jury, and damn do I wish I had that decision to make. It’s a game changer. And how she decides to play it could mess up my whole game.
4. **Michele (7/12):** When Jeff said, *“You’re the final three,”* I couldn’t have been more ecstatic. But then Jeff turns around and says, *“Whoever wins this challenge has a chance to vote out a jury member,”* and that’s huge! This has never happened in this game, so it’s new territory, and I want to make sure that I have thought of every possible outcome because it could be a million dollar decision that I’m making tonight.
5. **Tai (6/9):** I need to influence Michele. There’s only eight jury member. So, remove one, it tips the balance. And if you remove the right person, tip the balance on your favor. (1:01:16 → 01:01:29 = 13s)
6. **Tai (7/9):** Aubry’s a threat to both of us, and I brought up Neal ‘cause I don’t think Neal would vote for me, so I make her feel like it’s her idea, and hopefully, Michele vote the right person.
7. **Aubry (12/16):** I have two people on the jury that I think would vote for me. And those people are Joe and Neal. And it turns out they’re public enemies number one and two.
8. **Aubry (13/16):** At this point, I got to save myself. So I told her that, *“Heck, maybe Scot’s the person to take out,”* because he could come out and slander her character. Basically just telling her that Tai is a really big threat. (1:03:09 → 1:03:19 = 10s)
9. **Aubry (14/16):** I planted the seeds. Hopefully, it works because how Michele decides to play it could weaken me. She has a loaded gun. I just hope she doesn’t have very good aim.
10. **Tai (8/9):** Aubry’s very clever. Scot potentially would be my vote. I betrayed him, deeply, but he might understand and appreciate my big move and he could persuade some people.
11. **Michele (8/12):** I have a number of options, and I’m weighing them out right now trying to decide which way would be better for me. And it’s scary, because if I take out the wrong person, then I’m going to look really stupid. And this decision that I make, that will be the last thing that the jury is gonna remember before the final vote.
12. **Michele (9/12):** Neal went out kicking and screaming, and, you know, it proved my point that he was probably going to bash me at Tribal, and I didn’t give him that opportunity. So it was a good choice on my end. But if tonight was any taste of what tomorrow’s going to be like, I think we’re all in for a world of hurt.
13. **Aubry (15/16):** My worst nightmare happened tonight. Michele used her reward advantage to vote out Neal. I think Neal was going to vote for me. But I’m still in this game til the very end. So I need to fight really hard for however many other votes I can get.

Day 39

1. **Michele (10/12):** Being here and knowing that I’m final three, I’m like, *“Okay, there is a freakin’ shot.”* (1:14:31 → 1:14:45 = 14s)
2. **Michele (11/12):** Tonight, I’m gonna convince the jury that I didn’t get here by luck or by chance and that, you know, I didn’t slide through. I made little adjustments here and there and fought my way to my spot here. And when I needed to win challenges, that’s exactly what I did. (1:15:05 → 1:15:18 = 13s)
3. **Michele (12/12):** At the end of the day, I need that million dollars, so I’m putting it all on the line, and I hope that people can see that I’m not some timid girl who’s glided along, but rather, somebody who strategically made moves this whole game.
4. **Tai (9/9):** I’m this close to finish the game. But one last thing is the most important thing to face the jury and answer their question to their satisfactory, and if I don’t do it right tonight, the jury won’t give me their vote, and then all this hardship I’ve done for the last 39 days will go to waste. The biggest thing that I did was pull off the blindside Scot, and because Scot fall, everybody had to fell with him. So that changed the whole game. But I betrayed Scot, and if I want to win a million dollar, I have to win Scot over, but he’s a big fan of the game, and he know how the game played, and I hope he’s able to see that and say, *“Yeah, he’s a great player… and he should get my vote”*
5. **Aubry (16/16):** I’ve gone through such a transformation from Day 1 to Day 39. The person I was on Day 1, it was somebody completely paralyzed by the prospect of making a decision, and this game shook me out of my anxious ball of craziness and taught me that it’s okay to be in control and it’s okay if people perceive you to be a threat. I’m really psyched to be in the final three, get to plead my case to the jury, but I don’t want to get too excited, because my game has been all over the map. It’s been like a potpourri of *Survivor* triumphs and mishaps, and while I might not have been the flashiest person, I was the woman behind the curtain, making things happen. But I’m going into this Final Tribal Council like I go into any Tribal Council… my head is on the chopping block. How do I get it off?