

**Vote Early, Vote Often**

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| **Episode 06 Confessionals** | |
| **Castaway** | **Count** |
| Sarah | 1 |
| Brad | 2 |
| Troyzan | 2 |
| Tai | 6 |
| Aubry | 2 |
| Cirie | 0 |
| Michaela | 0 |
| Andrea | 1 |
| Sierra | 0 |
| Zeke | 5 |
| Debbie | 7 |
| Ozzy | 1 |
| Hali | 0 |
| Jeff | 4 |
| Sandra | 5 |

Day 13

1. **Aubry (1/2):** I went into Tribal thinking Michaela was going to go home, and they voted out J.T. I’m constantly on the bottom, and I feel like I’ve been trying really hard to build relationships with those people, but then it all blows up in my face. (1:31 → 1:43 = 12s)
2. **Aubry (2/2):** Clearly, Sandra is running the show. And I feel like she’s cutting my legs out from under me like a slow death. Without a doubt, Sandra is the best player here. She is the queen of this game, and I need to learn a thing or two from her.
3. **Tai (1/6):** I found a clue earlier. The clue say, *“Go look for some board.”* I tore my brain, and I was thinking, in the waterfall is where the board would be. So I got to make a move. I gotta-- I gotta get this idol, but I need to make it quick before everybody wake up. The clue say, *“Wet the board. When you find a board with tribe symbol, dig underneath that. The idol is there.”*
4. **Tai (2/6):** The last board I wet, there it comes. It’s bright, white symbol of the anchor. That is so cool! I’m the luckiest guy. I found the idol, the second, within three day. Last time I played an idol, I changed the direction of the of the game. Malcolm went home. It shift the power. This one I don’t see me using it for, uh, anytime soon. We’ll see. I’m playing game now. I’m the *Game Changer*, and, um, I couldn’t be any happier.

Day 14

1. **Jeff (1/4):** I went from the top to the bottom in like a New York minute, and I don’t know how that happened, but I’m going to charge in at head-first. I’m not scared of it, but I gotta get past P.T.S.D. first.
2. **Troyzan (1/2):** When Jeff said, *“Drop the buffs,”* I was like, *“Okay, this has gotta be some kind of good luck in my way.”* Being 5-1 on Tavua was tough, even though I’ve got an idol, I’ve just been sweating bullets all those days. So I thought anything that happens now could be good.
3. **Brad (1/2):** Jeff has thrown us some curveballs this season and this is another one. I end up on a tribe with most people I do not know. I got Sierra-- been with her the whole time. But while I was on the same tribe with Hali, we weren’t really tight. And I never had a connection with Cirie. And I never met Aubry and Michaela. But we get Troyzan. Troyzan played with my wife Monica. I’m figuring that could potentially be a connection. He’s also a man and I’m a man, and we’re the only two men on the tribe.
4. **Troyzan (2/2):** Brad seems like a really up and up guy, but I also feel like we’re connected because we’re just two guys on a tribe with, you know, five women. This takes me right back to my season of *One World*, and the last thing I want to do is get bamboozled by women again.
5. **Brad (2/2):** I definitely think Troy is an ally for me going forward. I feel good with Sierra. I feel good with Troy, but that’s only three, and I need a majority of four. So I’ve got some more work to do.
6. **Jeff (2/4):** Sandra and I are on the outs over here. We showed up here the minority because Andrea, Zeke, Sarah and Ozzy were all on Tavua together, and Tai was on the old Nuku with them. You can just see they’re together.
7. **Sandra (1/5):** Me and Varner, we’re in a bad spot. But when I come into a situation where I’m outnumbered, I’m just calm and collected, because once I get my feet wet, give me a day or two, and I’ll be running the show over here, too. The queen stays queen.
8. **Zeke (1/5):** We have to get Sandra out of the game before we hit the merge. If you don’t, she’s gonna beat you. People always say you can get Sandra out of this game any time, but you know what’s happened to everyone who’s said that? They’ve lost a million dollars to Sandra Diaz-Twine. (11:17 → 11:31 = 14s)
9. **Zeke (2/5):** You’re doing the impossible here. No one has ever gotten out Sandra, so it’s gotta be very tough.
10. **Andrea (1/1):** Tai is the perfect decoy because Tai is dangerous in this game. He’s really good at finding idols and he’s really sneaky. He’s all over the place and it makes me very nervous working with someone like that, so even though we’re actually targeting Sandra, it would seem like it would make sense to get rid of Tai.
11. **Zeke (3/5):** We’re in a precarious position. On the one hand, Tai is the name we’re giving Sandra and Varner so that Sandra believes she’s safe. However, if Tai was to find out that we threw his name out there, it could very well blow up in our faces, because Tai is known for flipping, so it’s tricky.
12. **Tai (3/6):** In the past, I found idol, I flip-flopped. I was worried that they’d think I’m the dangerous one. They say the plan is to get Sandra out, but there’s always a chance they might blindside me and get me out first, so I want to go look for another idol just in case I’m the target. I found an idol at Mana tribe, so I say, *“Okay, at my new camp we have the same well. So the same clue, it might work here.”*
13. **Tai (4/6):** Holy cow! I know for sure it’s an idol. I didn’t even open it. *Survivor* god really looked after me this season. Having two idol tremendous power. Lots of flexibility. That’s crazy. With two idol I am actually more paranoid. All the different layer, the complexity, the option. I’m really, really nervous. What do I do with it?!
14. **Debbie (1/7):** Today was a low point for me. Jeff tells me, *“Debbie, you’re going to Exile.”* I could not be in a worse position right now.
15. **Debbie (2/7):** Exile is not some hellhole where I have to freeze tonight and starve. It’s a gorgeous yacht, and I got it made. I’m the luckiest girl in *Survivor* history.
16. **Debbie (3/7):** Nobody saw this one coming. Totally unexpected. Game changer in my favor. They’re just never in their wildest imagination going to imagine that this is what’s happening to me. Everybody is going to feel sorry for me because I toughed it out and I froze. Nobody is expecting that I go treated like the queen.
17. **Debbie (4/7):** On top of Exile being something so totally unexpected, here comes Cochran. I’ve met presidents, prime ministers, and I’m not very often awestruck, but to meet one of my favorite *Survivor* winners was an honor and a privilege. I literally could not stop laughing, smiling, freaking out.
18. **Debbie (5/7):** I am talking to a guy who has not only played twice, he took it to the end the second time. Cochran won. I could say anything to him and he truly had my back. It might just have been the biggest benefit of this whole experience.
19. **Debbie (6/7):** Just when I think things can’t get any better, I get to pick from this box one of three advantages in the game.
20. **Debbie (7/7):** The extra vote is a certainty. It’s like having one completely reliable person who I know is voting x way. You know, vote early, vote often!

Day 16

1. **Zeke (4/5):** I will be the first one to admit, I like Jeff. I like him a lot. We have connected and bonded quite a bit, and even though we’re gonna vote out Sandra and blindside him, I see Jeff Varner as a potentially desperate person who I think I could trust and save going forward in this game. But first, I need to convince him that Tai’s going home.
2. **Jeff (3/4):** Zeke and I go lay on the beach, and within five minutes, me and Sandra, we’re not on the bottom anymore. Zeke’s scared of Tai because he can find an idol in his sleep, and you gotta get rid of that as soon as possible. I didn’t think it would happen as easily as it did, and I’m not sure I trust it completely yet, but at this point, I have no choice.
3. **Sandra (2/5):** Varner is telling me they want to target Tai, and as long as it ain’t me, I’ll vote Tai out all day every day, but inside I’m thinking, *“It’s not adding up,”* ‘cause it would be stupid of them not to get rid of me or Varner. We’ll see what happens at the challenge, but if they think I’m not gonna take control of the situation, they don’t know the queen.
4. **Jeff (4/4):** I hated that Immunity Challenge, hated every second of it. But I’m not going anywhere. Tai is going home tonight, unless Tai pulls out an idol, and I’m hoping that’s not the case.
5. **Zeke (5/5):** The Immunity Challenge was a bit of a butt kicker. We got our, uh, tushies handed to us, and the only solace I can take is now we have an opportunity to get Sandra out of this game. She’s the most dangerous player arguably in the history of *Survivor*, so she’s gotta go. And as long as she and Varner think that Tai is going home, we should be fine.
6. **Sandra (3/5):** Of all three times I’ve played *Survivor,* I think this is the first time I feel like something could go wrong. Varner is telling me that Tai is going home, but I don’t believe it. So I can’t just hope for the best. I need to assess the situation and work my magic. (30:38 → 30:48 = 10s)
7. **Sandra (4/5):** I laid out the scenario of the *Kaôh Rōng* Three. Aubry is still here, Debbie is still here, and Tai is still here. They could say that they’re not best of friends, but at the end of the day, these people share something no one else shares, they played that one season together, and when you come out to play a game like this, you usually stick with what you know.
8. **Sarah (1/1):** The reason Sandra has won twice is because she doesn’t come off as the most dangerous person in this game. I almost feel like the way Sandra talks to people is she’s grooming us. She doesn’t pressure you. Her voice never raises. It’s calm. And she just starts to suck you in.
9. **Tai (5/6):** I’m getting really nervous. I feel like certain conversation I’m not included. I’m not very smart compared to all these danger people like Ozzy and Sandra. They’re very good at scheming and plotting. It’s not the way I think, so it make me nervous when they walk away.
10. **Ozzy (1/1):** Tai just spilled the beans and told Varner that we’re all voting for Sandra. I was like, *“What the hell is he doing?”* It was stupid. It was unnecessary. It didn’t make any sense.
11. **Tai (6/6):** Sandra won twice, so we have to take her down. But I do feel like I’m a little risky spot, but I can’t get paranoid. I have two idol, so I should be safe.
12. **Sandra (5/5):** Coming into this game, I knew I’d have the biggest target on my back, and now Tai is saying they’re coming after me. Tonight’s Tribal Council is all about making sure that Tai is enemy number one. I’mma set him up big time, and I’mma going to twist it around, and he will go home.