

**Get to Gettin’**

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| **Episode 07 Confessionals** | |
| **Castaway** | **Count** |
| Ben | 7 |
| Chrissy | 5 |
| Ryan | 4 |
| Devon | 4 |
| Mike | 5 |
| Ashley | 1 |
| Lauren | 2 |
| Joe | 3 |
| JP | 0 |
| Cole | 5 |
| Desi | 0 |
| Jessica | 3 |

Day 16

1. **Chrissy (1/5):** I have been playing this game 24 hours a day, and I think that I am dominating the social game on this tribe, and both guys are closer with me than they are with each other. So that leaves me in a very nice position on this tribe, potentially the power position, and I think that where I am right now is setting me up for a nice future run.

Day 17

1. **Cole (1/5):** I feel really good with my five here in Yawa. We trust each other explicitly now, ‘cause we’ve been through some hard things together. Ben, he’s a good guy, and then Lauren, I think she’s going to stick with us. And me, Mike and Jessica, we’re originally three Healers, so we still have that bond carrying over from the last tribe. So if this group just stays together, we can accomplish so much, and I don’t think anyone else is gonna have that same unity.
2. **Ben (1/7):** If we go into a merge, guns-ablazing, five strong, we’ll do alright, but my biggest concern right now is Cole. Cole and Jess sit down there and play patty-cake all night long, and it’s just hard to trust that.
3. **Ashley (1/1):** Things have to get better. Right now we’re the broken tribe. It’s two versus two, Devon and I against Joe and Desi. But on top of all that, physically, we have nothing left. Our stomachs are empty, and you can feel that. We are out of all food. We have no rice left, we have no chicken left, no fruits, no vegetables. We have nothing left… except a little teeny bit of sugar. *Survivor* is no joke. I mean, we’re not joking when we say if we don’t get food today we might die.
4. **Devon (1/4):** I’m running on empty. There’s not a single calorie in my body that is usable. My brain feels dead and every single one of my limbs feels like it weighs like a thousand pounds. This game is a lot more real than I thought, and going into the next Reward Challenge, if I don’t get this win, I don’t know… *(shakes head)* I don’t know what I’m going to do.
5. **Ben (2/7):** This is the greatest feeling ever, because you want to make it to the merge because then *Survivor* starts. That’s when you start finding your true alliance, but you gotta be on your game. And the merge is the first step in getting to that million dollars.
6. **Joe (1/3):** It was music to my ears when Jeff says, you know, *“Drop your buffs.”* I think I’m in a good spot. I have more numbers with the Healers. You know, and the Healers are five. There’s only four Heroes and three Hustlers. In addition to that, no one knows about the Immunity Idol that I have. So, I mean, right now I’m excited.
7. **Ryan (1/4):** I needed this merge so badly. My tribe was a complete disaster. There’s only three of us left. So making the merge, I mean, that’s what you dream of. This is the playoffs now.
8. **Devon (2/4):** Oh, my God. I am in just perfect bliss right now. To make the merge is such an accomplishment, and to go from such a low this morning to being with all these amazing people and then to go to eat this *Outback* feast with such happiness, I feel like a king, man. This is the life.
9. **Cole (2/5):** I usually eat, on a regular day, 8,000 calories, and so before the merge, I was just in survival mode. Like, I just want food. And now, after almost three weeks of starving, we have *Outback Steakhouse*. The steak just falls off the bone and melts in your mouth. It feels like it’s straight out of a dream. If *Survivor* is a mountain, right now I feel like I’m about halfway. And that’s how you conquer a mountain, one step at a time.
10. **Chrissy (2/5):** This is the first time that I have a chance to meet Joe, and my goodness, I am very glad that I’ve spent all this time so far without Joe. He’s really loud and totally obnoxious. (10:13 → 10:25 = 12s)
11. **Chrissy (3/5):** So Joe tells us there was an idol that was played. The question is, does Joe have a second idol that he dug up at Levu?
12. **Jessica (1/3):** This Aussie waiter, you know, he brings me a *Thunder From Down Under*, and I’m like, *“I love your Thunder From Down Under,”* and that’s not something that typically comes out of my mouth. Being a virgin, I’m just-- I try to stay pretty moral and holy. Aside from the joy and the excitement about the *Outback* steaks, the game ultimately kicks back in. So the goal going into the merge was to remain Yawa Five to the end. That’s me, Lauren, Mike, Cole and Ben, but we need to bring in at least two more people to make the majority. And I think we can get to the old Healers, Joe and Desi. So we’ll see if it works. As long as no one tries to break away from the alliance, we’ll be good.
13. **Ben (3/7):** Before the tribe swap, Chrissy and I were pretty tight, but no one knows we were working together. And she’s wanting to talk in front of everyone, and that’s kind of concerning, because I don’t want us two to be considered a tight alliance. Now that we hit the merge, everybody’s starting from scratch. You gotta anticipate. There’s no teams now. It’s about me and my family, so moving forward, there’s not gonna be all this camaraderie. It’s gonna be blindsides, lies, and I’m sure someone is going to cry.
14. **Cole (3/5):** The goal was to get to the merge. And now the first step back into camp, it feels like we’ve been given new life-- like a chance to start over. We have hammers now, multiple machetes. We even have these massive nails so we can build a great shelter. But at this point in the game, all bets are off. People are going to be out for themselves, so the thought crossed my mind that I should be looking for a clue or some kind of advantage, but I couldn’t find anything. But I feel like I need to keep actively looking, just because people are going to be with other people now, talking a lot, plotting and strategizing, trying to build new alliances.
15. **Jessica (2/3):** I spoke with Desi, and I was pleased to hear that her and Joe were still working together, so now I have all of the old Healers and Lauren and Ben from Yawa, and that’s the majority. I am feeling like a queen bee at this moment.
16. **Ryan (2/4):** I have been waiting to talk with Devon since we had swapped. It’s like two old friends coming together. (13:47 → 14:00 = 13s)
17. **Ryan (3/4):** A Hero-Hustler alliance makes sense for us, because unfortunately, there’s only three Hustlers left: me, Lauren, and Devon. But I know I’m tight with two of the Heroes, JP and Chrissy, so it would be a perfect alliance. I mean, the merge vote is like the cream of the crop of *Survivor*. This decides who is going to dictate the rest of the game, and a Hustler doesn’t wait. A Hustler goes and makes alliances.

Day 18

1. **Devon (3/4):** Right now, looking at the twelve we have, I think the strongest people truly made it to the merge. But the Healers and the Heroes, they’ve seen each other as threats this whole game. And us Hustlers, we’ve been kinda flowing under the radar, which coming into the merge isn’t a bad spot to be in.
2. **Lauren (1/2):** The Heroes and the Hustlers want the Healers gone, and I don’t want no part of that. I’m sticking with the Healers. You know, I really like Dr. Mike, and I made a pact with the last Yawa tribe, and, uh, it does make sense for the five of us to stay strong.
3. **Mike (1/5):** Lauren tells me immediately that Devon wants to get out all the former Healers. I am concerned that the Healers can be ganged up on by the original Hustlers and Heroes, but the reality is that we’re still five Healers strong, plus I’m strong with Lauren and I’m strong with Ben. So the lines are being drawn in the sand, and I expect a war.
4. **Devon (4/4):** Joe knows how to play the game, which makes him a threat to others, and Cole is a physical threat, and if he does end up losing the first Immunity Challenge, it would be a good time for him to go.
5. **Ben (4/7):** So right now, I’m listening to everyone, and I could go one way with the old Heroes and old Hustlers… or I can see if we could get that Yawa five working. The question is, can I trust Cole? (17:07 → 17:17 = 10s)
6. **Ben (5/7):** He’s selfish, and I don’t think Cole respects anyone here. He just respects himself. You need help to get to the end, period. But right now, I need someone that I can trust.
7. **Jessica (3/3):** Cole has made some big mistakes, especially with food. He just doesn’t think… and he goes off by himself, he doesn’t talk to the group, he eats food alone. You can’t do that in *Survivor*. But Cole is my number one, and I just feel a connection with him. We have built a great thing together, and I need him here. So I think it’s time for another chat.
8. **Mike (2/5):** The Yawa tribe went in saying we were five strong. The problem is, Ben now is wavering. (18:25 → 18:36 = 11s)
9. **Mike (3/5):** Post-merge dynamics are nothing that I thought they would be. I imagined that I’m the only person playing this game, but it ends up that everybody is playing the game. That makes my life so much more difficult. Just because I went in here with a supposed alliance of five doesn’t mean that everybody is sticking to the alliance of five.
10. **Cole (4/5):** Now to have my name on the chopping block, I’m experiencing that *Survivor* paranoia, but just like in rock climbing when your gear pulls and it doesn’t hold, you’re all the way at the top, and now you’re gonna be on the bottom. And my alliances are my gear. I just pray that’s going to keep my life in *Survivor* going.

Day 19

1. **Ryan (4/4):** Going into a merge vote, it is of great importance to take out a threat, and there are so many threats out there. So now is the time for this Hustler and Hero alliance to come together and try and take out the Healer tribe.
2. **Cole (5/5):** I’m very worried. My name is being thrown around big time. There is a solid chance I’m going home tonight, and apparently, I have rubbed Ben the wrong way with my eating habits. So I’m trying to find a way out of this currently and see what I can do.
3. **Ben (6/7):** Cole came up and apologized to me, and I did my little, *“Oh no, bud, we’re good. Yeah, you know?”* And he’s offended me this whole time I’ve been at camp with him. But separating away from the old Yawa tribe and voting Cole could backfire on me later. I gotta be tactically and not emotionally. So, tactically speaking, if I have to work with Cole to get further in the game, then I will.
4. **Joe (2/3):** I’m aware that I may be a target. You know, I’m a strong player when it comes to strategy, and, you know, I found the idol, and people are terrified from that.
5. **Joe (3/3):** Ben’s playing both sides. My Healers tribe has been compromised. You know, they’re-- they’re definitely, you know, sipping on Ben’s juice right now. But if I’m feeling the heat, I have an idol, and if I use it for myself or if I use it for someone else at the last minute, I’ll make my final decision.
6. **Mike (4/5):** The first person that needs to go is Chrissy, because is this game you gotta get out the really smart ones-- they can trick people. So tonight we’re going to be five Healers strong against Chrissy, and I think I can trust Lauren to vote with us. So now we have six people. (30:58 → 31:10 = 12s)
7. **Mike (5/5):** So now the question becomes, is Ben with us or against us?
8. **Lauren (2/2):** Ben and I, we’ve been together since Yawa, and he was the only one from Heroes, I was the only one from Hustlers, but now we are really in the middle. This is a whole new game. It’s just so much to try to figure it out in your head and make a great decision. It’s very hard.
9. **Chrissy (4/5):** Right now the discussion is whether to send home Joe or Cole. The tricky part is we don’t know if either of them has an idol. (32:29 → 32:43 = 14s)
10. **Chrissy (5/5):** I would be agreeable to voting Jessica out, because we think that Joe might have an idol or give an idol to Cole, and I think it’s unlikely that Jessica has a Hidden Immunity Idol. Plus Jessica and Cole have gotten very tight, and we want to split them up. I’ve been applying to this show for 16 years, so I’m a student of this game enough to know that Tribal is live and people do change their votes. I just hope that I’m on the right side of it tonight.
11. **Ben (7/7):** Chrissy, she trusts me, so tonight am I going to have to break that with Chrissy and vote her out, or break away from the Yawa Five and get a Healer out? I’m sitting in the middle, and having to choose a side, this is the worst thing you can do in a million dollar game. But one thing is for certain, tonight is going to be battle lines drawn, alliances aligned. You know, war is not a pretty thing, and it’s not going to be pretty tonight either, because we’re going to war tonight.