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This week we hopped on a jet plane and headed to Interlaken, Switzerland. A beautiful quaint town that during ski season is alive and bustling but in the off season, which is when we were there, it's a quiet sleepy little town nestled in the Alps. In case you were wondering, the answer is yes: Ben did stare out the window of the plane the entire way over to Switzerland, listening to his inner monologue. I've sat next to him on many of these flights, and if you listen closely sometimes you can actually hear it. Once Ben finished listening to his own thoughts and wandering aimlessly around the country, it was time to start a huge week of exotic dates. The park where Ben and Nikki met and caught the chopper was right in front of our hotel. This was a bit of a landing zone as

parachutists and gliders would launch off the mountains above and lazily float into town all day long. Instead of going over each date which all of you saw, I want to talk about what appears to be three very different relationships.

Nikki and Ben obviously have fun together but their relationship feels young. I'm not sure that that makes any sense to you, but when you compare it to the other relationships with Lindzi and Courtney, you can just tell it's not on the same mature level. This is something Nikki will probably notice as well as she's watching the show along with all of us. She is an amazing woman with an incredible family. You can tell she is very brave and strong and not afraid to fall in love again, which is a good thing.

I want to hear your thoughts on Lindzi and her relationship with Ben. There was so much talk about Kacie that it seems Lindzi has quietly flown under the radar right into the final two. Once again this week, Lindzi and Ben shared effortless conversation and emotions. It seems so easy for them, and you may have noticed that she and Ben never discuss other women, they never get caught up in the drama. The only thing they seem to get caught up in is each other, and this week she told Ben she was in love with him. It seems like the only thing that could possibly slow her down is that darn blonde-ish hair. If you're just tuning in, Ben has been partial to brunettes all season long, and Lindzi is the lone blonde survivor.

I know the reason Lindzi has really flown under the radar is probably because Courtney has given us so much to talk about. The last two weeks she has appeared to do a 180 and has been contrite and apologetic. By the way, for all those conspiracy theorists who thought Courtney's apology last week was dubbed in to "save her," it was very clear this week her thoughts and words were from the date in Switzerland. (Now you can get back to debunking that whole fake moon-landing thing.) Courtney slightly apologized last week for her actions in the house toward the other women, but this week she took it much further. My question to you is, was this enough? Obviously it meant a lot to Ben, but did it change the view of her in the court of public opinion?

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There is one thing I noticed again this week concerning Courtney and Ben. Courtney

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continues to turn the situation around, giving her the power position. For example this week while the other two women chose to accept the fantasy suite, Courtney turned the tables and asked Ben to accept. These things are very subtle, but it's a defense mechanism of hers she's used several times with him. Ben left that date feeling good about Courtney and their relationship... but then Kacie showed up at his door. Ben was obviously caught completely off guard. I thought Kacie was incredibly articulate in expressing her thoughts on why she came back. She really wanted to know what went wrong. I also think Ben was equally articulate and concise in letting her know what we all watched last week. The two of them are worlds apart and, as I said last week in this space, I'm guessing now that Kacie has also watched her hometown date she'll realize that as well. It is true that she needs to make her own decisions in life separate from her parents, but the fact that she's still struggling with this once again points to how young she really is. I very much look forward to talking to her at the Women Tell All special to get her thoughts on all of this.

Ben was a mess when I met him for deliberation. He was upset about having to basically break up with Kacie again, but he was really thrown for a loop about Courtney. Ben had his thoughts and feelings in order about her but Kacie made him question all of that all over again. As you saw, this is something that will continue to play out in the finale. Next week is the Women Tell All, and let me tell you this will be our most exciting one ever. I always enjoy getting everybody together to talk about what went down, but this season I'm especially interested to talk to this group of women. There is much to discuss so I look forward to asking all the burning questions and getting the answers you want to hear next week. Until then you can find me on twitter @chrisbharrison, and for more Bachelor fun check out our official site: www.thebachelor.tv.

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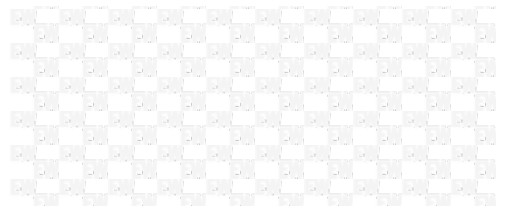
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guest | 17 hours ago 60 Likes

I know Ben is completely unaware of how Courtney actually behaved towards the other women, however he will. To me her apology means almost nothing. Just the mere fact that Courtney has it in her for whatever reason to act the way she did, to say the things she said, and to treat people as horribly as she did speaks volumes as to kind of person she is. She could be the most insecure person in the world and doesn't make her actions okay. If this is the kind of person that Ben can fall in love with the more power to him. To me, her lack of inner beauty so far out weighs



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franklee | 16 hours ago

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He'll figure it out. But who knows, maybe she's the type that gets along with guys and not women.

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in reply to guest

Joyce | 16 hours ago

17 Likes

Ben is aware of Courtney's behavior. If not, he certainly is now! He seemed to want her to own up to it. I think she is only regretful because she actually has fallen in love. She doesn't want to lose Ben. Is she truly remorseful for the way she treated the other women? I doubt it. This girl has a lot of work to do to be in a healthy relationship.

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BarbaraN. | 7 hours ago

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I think you're right - Courtney isn't remorseful about how she hurt the other women, she's just worried that her behaviour might have cost her the chance to win this competition. She's like a thief who isn't sorry he stole, but is very sorry he got caught.

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in reply to Joyce

Dana | 1 hour ago

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Somehow I doubt she is in love with him.

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in reply to Joyce

wino | 12 minutes ago

Dana, i doubt any of these people are really in love. some women (courtney) fall in love w. the idea of the competition, and some women (kacie!) fall in love with the idea of love. both are equally bad.

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in reply to Joyce

John Zigterman | 8 hours ago

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Where was Harrison last night to announce the final rose of the evening? His moment of glory. any theories?

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I_Damian | 8 hours ago

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Maybe Chris FINALLY decided it was too lame to think viewers could not count down from 2 to 1...lol

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in reply to John Zigterman

SLB | 8 hours ago

9 Likes

Seriously. Why does this show even need Harrison?

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in reply to John Zigterman

Bbuck | 2 hours ago

2 Likes

I like Chris he has a heart and to know what Ben was going to do was more than what Chris could bare. Never once did Courtney tell Ben she loved him. But the last 5 or 6 were hurt beyond repair. He knew how bad they had been hurt before but instead of letting them go he stomped all over their hearts knowing

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full well it was Courtney from the start.

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in reply to John Zigterman

I_Damian | 8 hours ago

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Surprise surprise. The piling on continues... People Give it a rest! Courtney has proved she is sincere. Let her sins be forgiven as you would like yours to be.

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guestv | 7 hours ago

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This post sounds like Courtney wrote it!

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in reply to I_Damian

Conradclan5 | 7 hours ago

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I don't think Courtney is sincere. I think she is after the win and has not taken any one's feelings into consideration. She thinks it's a game and in reality, it's someone's life and heart she is playing with.

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in reply to I_Damian

Guest | 4 hours ago

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And, this is exactly why Courtney is pretending sincerity. So that many others, like you, will say, awww, forgive the girl. Isn't that also called shutting the barn door after horses run out? Too little, too late. . I'm typically a forgiving, non-judgemental person, but let's face it...this is out-and-out damage control. This has to go one of two ways...she apologizes all over the place, because he decides to try and make a go of it so she has to start damage control NOW. Or, he acts so outraged by her actions, it gives him an excuse to break up with her and save some face. Some...not close to all!

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in reply to I_Damian

findausername | 3 hours ago

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No.

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in reply to I_Damian

Bbuck | 2 hours ago

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AWWWWWW Ben are we hurting your feelings. She's a player you idiot and she played Ben and all the other girls. If your looking for real love do you jump naked in a pool the first night and let it continue for the whole show. Now tell me how nice she is. You can have her any real man wouldn't want her.

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in reply to I_Damian

Ava | 1 hour ago

3 Likes

At the risk of sounding like I care too much, I'm all for forgiving. I break out the milk of human kindness when there's a good reason to do it, so let me get this straight

7 or so other women living in the same house, the majority of people on this blog, however many people still watching the Bachelor (yes, including me. I make no apologies.), the host of the show and *the bachelor himself* have all at some point doubted Courtney's sincerity.

Versus you.

Hmmm...

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in reply to I_Damian

Steven | 1 hour ago

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No, her true colors have already been shown. She is an evil bi**h. No one acts like that unless it is already a part of who they are.

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in reply to I_Damian

really? | 19 minutes ago

You're kidding right? Courtenay is a classic mean girl. The joke is her now trying pretend that she is not. As long as she was clear on who she is and what her agenda is (to win without regard for anyone else) I found her entertaining.

To now try to pretend she is really a decent person is pathetic. She is insecure and uses her outer beauty (debatable!) to make her way in life. She uses her baby talk voice to sound vulnerable and sex to "win" Ben (who is not worth winning!). I found the hometown interesting. She gets her baby voice and chipmunk facial expressions from her mother and her "winning" focus from her father. We just need this painful version of The Bachelor to be over. It has lost it entertainment value. I am though looking forward to next week to hear what the women have to say about Ben's behaviour. Courtenay has been clear with the other women as to who she is but Ben...if the women have any integrity they will be disgusted with him making them look like fools while he was getting it on with Courtenay naked in the ocean. ...

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in reply to I_Damian

Bbuck | 3 hours ago

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That's crap he knew exactly what she did. Did you not see the 2 of them naked in the ocean the first week. That shows me a tramp and a player, What does it show you? Courtney has no outer beauty and neither does Ben. He didn't come there looking for a wife he wanted publicity and to play with the hearts of 25 women. Did you see how he backed off after they said they loved him. He kept pushing and pushing till they finally said it. Then he dumped them. Ben deserves her I can't believe they held the skinny dipping from the other beautiful women so they had the chance to stay or go. I think there would have been an empty room.

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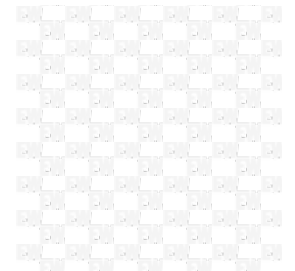
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