

Pick a number between 1 and 10.

Lol jk.

Or am I????? :thunk:

First off, I want to congratulate the 3 of you for making to the Final Tribal Council. You did what the other 15 players in this game could not do. So, Congrats on the trophy's lads.

Ok, now that the standard comment is out of the way, I can get started.

Congrats to XFire and Mitch for getting to the F3 you both played hard and should be proud. Oh. And uh.....hey Chris...

I am not going to be talking about pregame at all because obviously I don't care that Esmeralda sucked so bad and whatever struggles you had to overcome and blah blah blah. Plus, Floreana were just a bunch of Lads chilling on a beach in the Galapagos Islands, so we had nothing important going on.

Also, for fun, I will be giving each of you a Survivor player comparison in relations to your game.

Xfire-

Howdy.

Though I said I will not talk about pre-merge, there is one thing I need to bring up. Coming into the merge, you had the biggest target on your back on the Esmeralda side. You were dominant in almost every challenge and were the sole reason that Esmeralda did as well as it did.

Once monte was taken out, we were able to have a much better relationship and able to actually work together. You always seemed like a cool dude and were open in our talks. We took out Zach together which was cool (no offense Zach <3). Then I took out Jp, and then y'all took me out, which I am not bitter about. Well, tbh I am because I was gonna fucking win this game, but you kids had to go and ruin that for me. BUT, that's not the point.(kinda is a big point but now is not the time for that) From my perspective, those first 4 votes, you had all the luck in the world. F10, Floreana took out monte. F9, Jp and decided to make a move and take out Zach (again, no offense Zach <3). F8, I decided to make another move and take out Jp. F7, it seemed like Markus didn't like me planning his assassination and took me out, before I could do the same to him.

F6 onwards is when I had to rely on the incoming jurors, so this is where my knowledge of the game dwindles because I wasn't there. But from what I gathered, you got lucky that either one of two things happened: A. Will and Calin split their votes -OR- B. Mitch flipped Calin (which both of you have stated). And then you won the final 2 immunities and successfully placed yourself into the F3.

So, the point I am trying to make here, is that you had a lot of luck all game. Yes, you stated that it was your plan to lay back for a bit and let others take the lead, but you got lucky. Lucky because Floreana targeted each other and had plans of their own where you were a pawn in each one's game (Jp, Will and myself, to be more specific) It was not until maybe the F6 where I could firmly see that you had somewhat the control to move forward.

Yes, luck is a huge part of survivor, but I am not sure that I can entirely base my vote on that.

Your 3 immunity wins, and pre-merge challenge dominance was impressive, but challenges alone only help a little bit. Strategy and Social skills are more important in my eyes. Our relationship was a good one, but at times it seemed like you were emotionless and only thinking about the game. (Obviously it's a two-way street, but that's how it felt to me, so if it was on my end, then that's cool.) Other jury members have stated that they felt you had a great social game, but I don't see it. And honestly, I don't see a strong enough reason to vote for you to win this game.

I also want to talk about your partnership with Mitch. I view it as a 50/50 split. No matter how many immunities you won or how others viewed you as the biggest threat, I think you and mitch were equal partners in this game and now is the time to prove why you were better than him. Throw him under the bus, this is when it matters the most. Explain to me why mitch sucked more than you and how you were better.

And tbh XFire, you really do claim to have played a good game, but i honestly don't see why i should send a jury vote your way.

Survivor Comparison- Spencer Bledsoe, Cambodia.

Like Spencer, you were quickly on the bottom of the tribe early on but then a swap helped your case to stay. At points in the game, you were targeted for being a threat. You both got lucky in staying because other players saw other threats they could take out with your assistance or without it. You both won some immunities and made it to the final 3. You made an effort to be social and have emotions, but it come off as fake and that you really are a gamebot. You think you played a great all-around game, but some find it hard to see. The jury makes their remarks, you answer the best you can. In the end, will you suffer the same fate as Mr. Bledsoe?

My questions to you are:

1. Do you think that you got lucky throughout the whole game as I see it? Yes, no, maybe so?
2. Explain to me why mitch sucked more than you and how you were better.
3. If you were to remove one member of the jury, who would it be and then which of your fellow finalists would you send to the jury to replace them?

Good luck and I am looking forward to hearing your response.

Mitch-

Howdy.

Like XFire, once monte was removed from the picture I was able to have a closer relationship with you and work together. I enjoyed our time together as i thought we had a good relationship.

I said it in XFire' s blurb and i shall say it again: i view you the two of you as equals. Equals in this Final Tribal, all the votes, blindsides, strategy, etc. So you as well will have to prove to me why XFire sucked more than you and what you did better.

You played a good Under The Radar game, and i can respect that. You owned it in your speech and didn't try to give yourself more credit than deserved and that is awesome. Playing UTR can get you so far in Survivor, and it worked for you. You knew that XFire would always go before you, so why bother painting a larger target on your back. But, sometimes, you can play UTR to hard and you almost get forgotten about. You used XFire as a meat shield to your advantage, but when it came down to the nitty-gritty, XFire got all the credit and recognition and you were just thrown aside.

Playing UTR has its advantages and disadvantages. So you must be ready to reap what you sow. You collected all of the benefits and got to FTC without really being in danger of getting voted out. But with that, you collected the toll of standing in XFires shadow all merge and possibly this FTC. We shall see how the jury respects your game.

Mitch, gonna be honest with you here broski. A few jurors don't think you did anything. A couple are saying that are saying XFire did everything for you. Personally, i don't see it that way. I truly, 100% you lads played equal games. The only difference is that XFire won a couple challenges to boost his stock a little bit and had a bigger profile. I need you to prove to the jury how you actually played a good game and deserve your vote. What actions did you take that allowed you to call some shots or be in the power position?

Survivor Comparison: Mick Trimming, Samoa

Both of you were on starting tribes that were completely shit at challenges. Loss after loss, your morale was destroyed and it looked like there was no hope. Then the merge happens. You came in severely outnumbered and it looked like you would be taken out one after another. But then something magical happens, the Tribe in the numbers starts to devour their own. You slowly but surely take them out one by one by one by one by one by one. But what did you do? You happened to sit behind one of the most visible contestants the entire game. You arrive to the FTC only to be bashed and thrown aside. And to top it off, what is one word that could describe both of your games? That's easy. Feckless.

So my questions to you are:

1. Do you think you played too under the radar to the point where it hurt your game more than helped?
2. Explain to me why XFire sucked more than you and how you were better.
3. If you were to remove one member of the jury, who would it be and then which of your fellow finalists would you send to the jury to replace them?

Good luck and I am looking forward to hearing your response.

Chris

Ugh.

Out of the 3 of you, your game frustrates me the most. You claim your game was based around laying low, gathering intel and choosing a side depending on the vote. And i honestly don't know what tf to think about that.

Pre merge we didn't talk much but that was understandable because, you know, Esmeraldas sucked and we never had to talk strategy. But with the merge we talked quite a lot and it was very difficult for me. I would feed you questions about the game and most of the time you would respond "idk" or my personal favorite, "i guess." Like i ask you for your opinion and you respond with, "I guess." very frustrating.

Anyway back to your "game". You played the middle to your advantage and made it so people always needed your vote, smart, but it cost ya. You say you gathered info and would feed it to both sides to help your cause. What exactly was your cause? To get Will and XFire further into the game? Because that's what it seems like. Why did you never use that information to push you further into the game? TBH i don't think you ever considered using it to counter against the big threats in the game. I think you were content with being the low man on the totem pole and that's where you are now in this final 3.

I mean, yes you can argue that your strategy worked because it got you there while I am sitting on the jury. BUT your strategy was your downfall. All merge almost everyone said to me at one point or another that you were wishy washy and generally could not be trusted. Nobody knew where you were at half the time, and that's why you were left out of so many plans, talks, etc. I dare to almost call you a floater but that would be doing a great disservice to those who actually perfected that strategy (looking at you Becky Lee [cook islands]) Playing the middle is a strategy that can get you to the end, but in your case, you played the middle and got to the end

because of the lack of threat you posed. You make it seem like you were part of every decision and knew what was going on all the time, but you had no control over this game. Yes it worked out well for you, but on my end, i cannot respect that.

Survivor Comparison- Dreamz Herd, Fiji

In the beginning, you both were in a good spot on a winning tribe. Nothing to worry about too much, so life was good. Come merge time, both sides sought out your help to move forward in the game. You were both gaining intel from both sides and all alliances to the point where you could've held all the power in the game. But you chose to speak freely about everything with everyone. You both betrayed allies throughout the merge, though most allies kept you out of the loop on most plans until the "minute before" tribal. You claim you are most upset about taking Will out and that can be compared to Dreamz breaking the Truck deal with Yau-man. Both of you took out a person you made a promise to just before final tribal. You find yourself sitting at FTC. The jury looks at you and wonders how you got there. And ultimately you might suffer the same fate as he did.

My Questions to you are:

1. Prove me wrong.
2. Why did you never try to use the information you had to your advantage and make a move to put you in the power position?
3. If you were to remove one member of the jury, who would it be and then which of your fellow finalists would you send to the jury to replace them?

Good luck and I am looking forward to hearing your response.

Conclusion

This was one hell of a ride. I am honored to have played and honored to be on the jury to decide the winner. In the end this is a game, and I have no ill-will towards any of you.

I want to thank you the Final 3 and the other jury members for an amazing game from start to finish. Oh, and i guess the pre-mergers too.

I also want to thank the hosts, Jack, Nat, Ally, Anthony, Charlie, Luca, and AJ for one heck of a season. You all put a lot of work into this and I really appreciate it.

Anyway, I got nothing else for ya. Head back to camp.

Chanman123's response:

Let me start off by saying I appreciate you recognizing my gameplay, and I hope with my answers the other jury members can see what I did as well.

I pick 8!!!!

I honestly do believe that toward the end, that the utr gameplay hurt me a little. The jury sees it as Xfire doing everything for me as you stated, and it is making it harder for me to convince the jury otherwise (I'm trying though). By being under the radar though, I was always in a position to where I could vote differently if I thought it would benefit my game. Xfire definitely cannot say the same thing, as vote after vote he was being targeted and had to rely on luck for many tribals.

As to why I played better than xfire: As explained above, XFire needed saving many times where I did not. I provided myself a position where I was not looked at as a threat, and I could maintain strategic relationships with other members of the tribe. XFire did not really have any areas to move around and depended on his relationships with myself and borrhach (sometimes) in order to be safe, and doing so was not easy.

I would originally say monte, because he already seems to have his mind made up while the rest of you could go either way, but I would have to say Zachrae. I feel Zach does not really understand what I did in this game since we did not play much together and I kind of gave him the cold shoulder (sorry). I would then replace Zachrae with XFire because our games were quite similar and his stood out more even though I did significant things that were not really stressed upon. The similarities in our games might cost me the win, but I hope that the jury recognizes that you do not need to win the game by making flashy moves.

XFire's response:

Hi Matt!

(I still pick 7 btw)

You see my problem here is, you are really oversimplifying things. Yes I did have luck but in a game system made of human players luck is a factor and victory is not achieved by manipulating every move of every other player (because to my knowledge none of us are Hive Queens) but by steering them or reacting to them. Every tribal is a gamble and being lucky or unlucky is always factor of the game. That being said...

"Sometimes hand of fate must be forced!" - Illidan Stormrage, WC3: Frozen Throne

(you see you have your Survivor comparisons and all I have is this accumulated nerd information so I'll have to go with that)

And boy did I do my best to force it. F10 I had the immunity so target was irrelevant. F9 you are absolutely right, in fact during that time I remember telling you if you are going to do vote me, just tell me so I wouldn't get my hopes up since my life depended on your votes.

But after that, at F8 I do believe relationship I've built with Will through the week combined with Touchy Subjects results would end up Jp being voted over me (or ahrre, if you hadn't flipped). At F7 I was the one who leaked that assassination plan and I was the one who pushed for your name in 3 different avenues.

During F6 even if Will and Calin didn't split the vote or Calin didn't flip Borrach was going to vote ahrre and regardless of that situation without ahrre voting Borrach that wouldn't matter as it would still be tie and die for me. But ahrre did vote Borrach because he believed him to be the blindside when he was the blindside himself and I've put the effort to keep it that way. F5 and F4 are again, irrelevant.

Now saying that all of the above is pure luck and I've had no impact on the vote during any of those tribals is wee bit cruel, to say the least. Only week I laid back was the week I didn't have an affect on, F9. Other weeks I either by reaction or action, wrestled for the control of the vote.

To social game part, first you have a bit of a contradiction in there, did I always seem like a cool and open dude or was I emotionless at times? Looking past that I do have an answer for this. During first week of the merge we tested you with Monte to see if you were ghosting him and to my surprise you really were. So after that point from time to time until you left I tested you to see whether you were ghosting me or not as you were the only one in the game to do something like that (from what I've gathered, at least). So if I felt emotionless at times, maybe it was due to that.

Now in comparison with Mitch; first of all I do believe being constantly on the voting block makes a huge difference. Mitch could have discarded me at any second he wanted and work on other relationships, same was not true for me. Now with your own words, either I had minimal or no effect on tribals and got lucky which means Mitch could have cut me at any time and would still make it to the final as Floreana would be too busy voting out each other which is a big negative point for Mitch since he brought me here when he didn't need to or I did have a noticeable control and impact over the tribals which means I was effectively saving myself with my social game and connections which is a positive point for me.

Survivor has 3 taglines: Outwit, Outplay, Outlast. We are 50/50 with Mitch on Outlast part but I genuinely believe in departments of Outwit and Outplay I take to cake when we are compared and you can see it in your final speeches.

I'd remove Monte because he was the first juror to get voted out and juror removal is a stupid twist power to have. Then ~~I wouldn't send anyone back because then it's 8 jurors with 2 finalists~~

~~which could tie and production really didn't think this through~~ would send whoever loses at firemaking to be a replace them which would probably be Mitch looking at tribe challenge history. Though I'm quite puzzled about you asking this question as I believe I was quite vocal about how much I hated juror removal when we talked about it ingame :)

Borrach's Response: 4, and somehow i know you'll be pissed about me picking it Just by reading your speech it's clear that you won't vote for me, since you pretty much talked shit about all I did. Nonetheless here's my reply to you.

First let's talk about discussing stuff with you, as we did talk little, that is true, and maybe my answers were not the best, but i didn't feel the need to disclose anything to you, you made it pretty clear you didn't intend to work with me on the first vote, by claiming to vote with the esmeraldas and then flipping without even warning me.

As for playing the middle game and boosting markus and fire, then yes. They were both allies and shields against bigger problems, the focus on then made it so i only had 2 votes on the whole game. Sure, xfire is strong, and I should have cutted him off, but he also was my best chance to get to f3, and while it might be true that i was kept out of the loop, not only did i not get voted by both alliances like yourself, but also managed to know who each one voted. Why? Simple, my vote is worth as much as theirs. They needed me to vote with them, so they had to disclose who they'll vote, and being the swing in some cases, made it so they had to give me something, anything that made me want to stay with them.

As for not making any major move, I'd argue that my game was to hide behind the cover of a big threat, while deciding who to support with my vote, as much as you want to minimize my impact, all votes are still worth the same, and in the later stages, one vote is the difference between on alliance overpowering the others. This allowed in turn that the big fish killed off each other, taking down jp, and later markus, both different kind of threats. Trying a riskier play, could have worked, hell i could have faked intel and someone would have buy it at one point, but that would have raised awareness, making the low profile thing go to hell, and wouldn't be able to choose with who to side, or even read on others peoples both game, and way of thinking. In other words, my control was over my own safety, not others, they game is about surviving, whoever gets the furthest wins, no matter how many people you take on the way. Let's say you directly get 5 people eliminated, but then get eliminated f4, the most important thing here, is reaching the end imo, and my way of playing required some people to survive in order for them to be on the spotlight

If i have to be honest with you, i'd either take you or monte out of jury because you both seem the most biased, replacing it with probably fire, for two reasons, firstly because he is a strong competitor, but also because, unlike mitch, i feel he would be much more objective when deciding a winner, and wouldn't be so salty

As a final note, I'd like to say i find it unfair that you disrespect me this much, sure, you can hate my game, but it brought me here, which, with a fan of the game such of yourself, should at least

make you not judging me so harshly and even stating me on a different category than the other survivors. Dude, relax, its a game, no need to hate. Hope i didn't get too emotional with the answer, see you around the box of sand

P.S: 4 is best number, i better get credit for it