

Hey there you two, I know everyone has said it already, but I wanted to again congratulate the both of you for reaching the Final 2, that's no easy feat for sure.

This has been an incredible experience for me, and despite my shortcomings, I'm very happy with how my ORG experience played out.

Though If I'm leveling with the both of you, I find this ending pair a little underwhelming, though also surprising as towards the beginning of the game, I never once would have guessed the two of you would be our finalists.

Julia, you played a respectable game, won HoH's maintained relationships that lasted you almost the entire game. But you also found yourself in potentially game-ending positions that you had to claw your way out of.

Sam, you played a "UTR" game in the sense that nobody ever was threatened by you, and maybe that's why you're here, due to others underestimating you. But also perhaps because your game wasn't of interest due to your "loyalty" to everyone.

It's easy for me to be bitter to Julia, as she was the deciding vote that voted me out during my boot. It's also easy for me to pay it forward to Sam as he voted to keep me, as well as used POV to save me in Week 4.

But when I look at it deeper, I can't be bitter to Julia. Even though Emily was a bigger threat to your game, she was also your closest ally who was more likely to stick by you than me. However, I was likely to stick by you in the F5, and the odds of Emily winning a challenge (she eventually did win one of course) was lower than me (statistically). So you did take a bigger risk of things falling apart in the short-term, but in the long term you got here, so it's hard to fault that as well.

Meanwhile Sam, as much as I appreciate your support, it's also hard to see as genuine when you constantly voted in the minority as a form of "jury management." Refusing to vote Matt out despite knowing he was going just because you knew that if I went all the way with you, I'd get more flack for it than you. You also kept voting in the minority just because you thought it'd appeal to us more, despite your goodbye messages being, more than lackluster. Even mine was a short, two-sentence message, though I commend it by it being the only one that wasn't completely kissing up to me.

Anyway I think I like the idea of asking a question that gives you a chance to really schmooze up to one of the jurors, and I'd love for you to trash another.

So if you were to select a juror that you think would have beaten you absolutely, who would that have been, and why?

Meanwhile which juror would you have wanted to go to the end with because you'd beat them absolutely, and how would you have beaten them?

Julia's Response:

Omg thank you Kori!! At the time, I didn't know if you were still loyal to me and I knew Emily was, that was my thought process going through your eviction and I really appreciate you not being bitter since it was a very quick decision. Also I like this question because I've never seen it before and it's a fun scenario to think about.

The person who would've beaten me absolutely was Ryan. I'm not saying this to kiss his ass but he was playing everyone. Everything he did in the game was smart and all the information he got, he used it very wisely. I respect the game he played and I think he played almost flawlessly and if I was in the jury... I would've definitely voted for him.

If I were to pick a juror that I think I could beat, that would be Jayden. I think I talked about this with Matt but I believe Jayden left a bad taste in all of Anthony's allies' mouths. By the time of his eviction, he was very checked out of the game, which would automatically give me an advantage going into the jury questions. I also think he lacked a social game, might've been just to me but I know a lot of people didn't talk to him as much as they would've liked. I'm not saying I played a better game than Jayden, I just think I played more of a game since he wasn't around as much as I was.

Sam's Response:

First things first, I want to make clear that minority voting wasn't part of a grand plan to manage jury. I was kinda rolling with that idea because it seemed like people were thinking that was a plus in my game, but that wasn't how my thought process went when I was doing it at all.

Since everyone already knew I would keep you or Matt if I had the chance to, then what changes in my position if I vote in the majority for its own sake? I feel like everyone's perceived intentions matter more than their votes, so might as well make my vote match up to what people would think I do.

On to the questions:

So if you were to select a juror that you think would have beaten you absolutely, who would that have been, and why?

I will chose Wryan here also, but I'll try to explain why in concrete terms rather than just saying that he's smart (which he is) and played almost flawlessly (the only reason the 'almost' is there because he's not sitting here in F2 right now). That's pretty meaningless because I can say the same about almost everyone in jury (that y'all are smart and played good games).

Wryan had an absurd amount of information to work with about the game. He received information about the alliance of Emily/Julia/Kori/Matt, through Julia, he received information about the dynamics of Me/Matt/Kori (Mayo Brogade) through me, he was a group with Amelio and I. His HoH at the game's beginning is a contender the most effective in the game, blowing up a major group, and later flying UTR when one of his own groups imploded later. By the time of Wryan's eviction at F5 he was so absurdly successful that at shaping the game that the only players left were mostly the ones that (Amelio, Emily, Julia, Me) that had a good relationship with him entering the pre-jury phase.

Meanwhile which juror would you have wanted to go to the end with because you'd beat them absolutely, and how would you have beaten them?

I would also pick Jayden here, although I'm kinda iffy about it. The reason I am choosing him because his position on the outside of every group. I think getting locked out of alliances and F2s would be a clear and obvious weak point in Jayden's game I could take advantage of.

That being said... I think if Jayden was sitting in F2 with me, I'd better have been the one to drag him here. I think it'd been impressive if he navigated to the end in his position just because of the sheer difficulty in doing so, and he was definitely taking steps (collaborating with me, Wryan, Amelio on HoH) when he could to get himself further in the game.