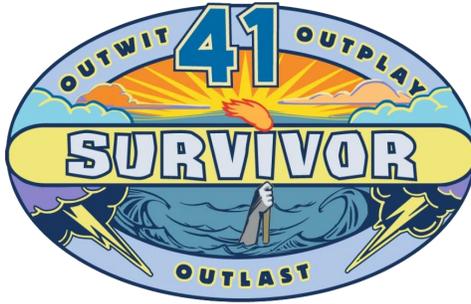


Season 41



Season No.:	41
Filming Location:	Mamanuca Islands, Fiji
Filming Dates:	April 15, 2021 - May 10, 2021 ^[1]
Season Run:	September 22, 2021 ^[2] - December 15, 2021
No. of Days:	26
No. of Castaways:	18
Winner:	Erika Casupanan
Runner(s)-Up:	Deshawn Radden Xander Hastings
Tribes:	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: #00AEEF; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; margin-bottom: 2px;">Luvu</div> <div style="background-color: #90EE90; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; margin-bottom: 2px;">Ua</div> <div style="background-color: #FFFF00; color: black; padding: 2px 5px; margin-bottom: 2px;">Yase</div> <div style="background-color: #E67E22; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">Viakana</div> </div>



	Contestant	Tribe Affiliation		Finish	Votes Against
		Original Tribe	Merged Tribe		
	Eric Abraham 50, San Antonio, TX Cyber Security Analyst	Yase		1st Voted Out Day 3	5
	Sara Wilson 23, Boston, MA Healthcare Consultant	Ua		2nd Voted Out Day 3	4
	David Voce 34, Chicago, IL Neurosurgeon	Yase		3rd Voted Out Day 5	3
	Brad Reese 49, Shawnee, WY Rancher	Ua		4th Voted Out Day 7	4

Contestant	Tribe Affiliation		Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 JD Robinson 20, Oklahoma City, OK College Student	Ua		5th Voted Out Day 9	4
 Genie Chen 46, Portland, OR Grocery Clerk	Ua		6th Voted Out Day 11	3
 Sydney Segal 25, Brooklyn, NY Law Student	Luvu	Viakana	7th Voted Out Day 14	5
 Tiffany Seely 47, Plainview, NY Teacher	Yase		8th Voted Out 1st Jury Member Day 16	8
 Naseer Muttalif 36, Morgan Hill, CA Sales Manager	Luvu		9th Voted Out 2nd Jury Member Day 17	8
 Evvie Jagoda 28, Arlington, MA Ph.D. Student	Yase		10th Voted Out 3rd Jury Member Day 17	7
 Shan Smith 34, Washington, DC Pastor	Ua		11th Voted Out 4th Jury Member Day 19	9
 Liana Wallace 20, Washington, DC College Student	Yase		12th Voted Out 5th Jury Member Day 21	10
 Danny McCray 33, Frisco, TX Ex-NFL Player	Luvu		13th Voted Out 6th Jury Member Day 23	7
 Ricard Foyé 31, Sedro-Woolley, WA Flight Attendant	Ua		14th Voted Out 7th Jury Member Day 24	9
 Heather Aldret 52, Charleston, SC Stay-at-home Mom	Luvu		Eliminated 8th Jury Member Day 25	5
 Xander Hastings 20, Chicago, IL App Developer	Yase		Second Runner-Up	2

Contestant	Tribe Affiliation		Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 <p>Deshawn Radden 25, Miami, FL Medical Student</p>	Luvu		Runner-Up	7
 <p>Erika Casupanan 31, Toronto, ON Communications Manager</p>	Luvu		Sole Survivor	2

Production: Production for the 41st and 42nd seasons were delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As has been the norm since *Survivor: Samoa*, the seasons were scheduled to be filmed back-to-back beginning in March 2020, but had to be put on hold due to the global outbreak of the coronavirus. Prior to the Fijian government allowing production to enter, domestically filming both seasons either in Georgia or Hawaii was considered.

In March 2021, it was announced that production for the two seasons had resumed in Fiji, but due to mobility issues, the production team modified their protocols to ensure the cast and crew's safety such as using a staggered arrival scheme. Each crew member and contestant had to test negative and be quarantined for 14 days. Production also collaborated with the Fijian government to establish a safe "bubble" within a chain of islands to be used as base camp, tribe camps, challenge sites and Tribal Council, allowing free movement within the bubble but prohibiting physical interaction outside of it.

This season was filmed over 26 days, 13 days shorter than the standard 39-day timeline due to the production schedule being compromised by the Fijian government's quarantine rules. To keep the shorter game just as challenging, the tribes were given fewer supplies and no food rations. Items won on Reward Challenges were also scarce.

Beginning in 41, seasons will no longer be named after twists or overarching themes and will simply be identified by their season number.

For the first time since *Survivor: Borneo*, the winner was announced on location. In place of a live reunion show, a "deep dive" episode, also filmed on location moments after the Final Tribal Council took place with the finalists and jurors in attendance.

Casting: Following criticism over lack of racial diversity in its reality programming, CBS announced in November 2020 that *Survivor* and its other reality shows must cast at least 50% persons of color beginning with the 2021-2022 television season. Crew members will also have the same composition for a fairer representation of diverse racial and cultural backgrounds in the edited show. Jeff Probst also stated that contestants from the show's first 20 years will not be asked to return in the foreseeable future.

Game Within the Game: A *Survivor* first, viewers were given the opportunity to solve rebus puzzles hidden throughout the course of the episode, whether at challenges, Tribal Council, or in underwater shots, after which fans could answer online. The answers to the puzzles are iconic lines from the series' history. Jeff Probst explained the minigame was aimed for the younger audience and aspiring contestants.

Tribe Division: The 18 castaways were divided into 3 tribes of 6. No unifying theme was used in dividing the tribes.

Challenges: As part of keeping the shorter season just as difficult, tribes that lost an Immunity Challenge had their flint taken away and could only earn it back the next time they won.

Summit and Prisoner's Dilemma: Castaways from different tribes were taken to another island where they were given a choice between protecting or risking their vote on their next visit to Tribal Council. If all of them chose "protect", they kept their votes. If all of them chose "risk", none of them were able to vote at their next Tribal Council. If there is a split decision, those who chose "protect" got to keep their vote, but those who chose "risk" got an advantage. The advantages available through this method were as follows:

- **Extra Vote:** A castaway got the right to vote twice at the same Tribal Council until there were six players left.
- **Knowledge is Power:** The player could ask another castaway if they possessed a Hidden Immunity Idol or an advantage at Tribal Council in which the castaway could not lie. If they had what was asked for, the player could steal it from them. If they did not have what was asked for, the "Knowledge is Power" advantage was rendered powerless. The advantage could be played until there were six players left.

Beware Advantage: On Day 6, game advantages were hidden at camp in packages labeled "Beware Advantage," the contents of which could only be obtained if its finder opened it and fulfilled its demands. A steep consequence would be given to the castaway if the demand was not met. The advantages that were available were as follows:

- **Hidden Immunity Idols:** Each camp had one idol, that if found, its finder would have to utter a certain code before an Immunity Challenge, and if members of the other tribes responded with their own code sentences, all three idols would have power. Until then, the idols remained powerless and their finders would not be able to vote at Tribal Council. If the conditions were not met before the merge, all three idols would be rendered powerless, and their owners would be able to vote again.
- **Vote Steal**

Shot in the Dark Die: By sacrificing one's vote at Tribal Council, a player in trouble could invoke this advantage for a chance to be immune from the vote if they successfully achieved the one in six chance.

Double Tribal Council: On Day 3, only the first place tribe won immunity, sending the two other tribes to Tribal Council to vote out one person each.

Team-Based Merge Challenge and Exile Island: The merged tribe was divided into two groups of five, leaving two players to sit out. Each member of the winning team won individual immunity, the right to eat in the merge feast, and to take one of the two sit-outs to join them. The unchosen sit-out was sent to Exile Island until the next Immunity Challenge. This player, along with the members of the losing team, would have to compete in the first individual Immunity Challenge. However, Jeff Probst visited the castaway who was sent to Exile Island, and presented her an hourglass. If the player wished to "reverse" the events of the challenge, she could destroy the hourglass, which stripped the winning team's immunity. She chose to destroy the hourglass, and the exiled player and the members of the losing team were given individual immunity, while the members of the winning team were forced to compete in the individual Immunity Challenge.

Double Elimination: On Day 17, the Viakana tribe was subjected to a Double Elimination, where the tribe was divided into two groups of five and two castaways were eliminated through two separate Tribal Councils on a single night.

Do or Die: On Day 21, the first player to be eliminated from the Immunity Challenge was subjected to a game called "Do or Die", the mechanics of which were identical to the Monty Hall problem. At Tribal Council, the player had to select the box with the fire symbol from three closed boxes to win individual immunity. If the chosen box contained a skull symbol instead, the player would be eliminated from the game with no official vote taking place, and any advantage or Hidden Immunity Idols owned by the player could save them. The castaways were given the option to sit out of the Immunity Challenge if they did not want to take the risk.

Hourglass: A player sent to Exile Island after a challenge was given an hourglass by Jeff Probst, and informed that they had the choice to reverse the results of the challenge by smashing the hourglass. If the player chose to break the hourglass, immunity was taken away from the tribe that won the challenge and they would be forced to go to Tribal Council, and the losing tribe would get immunity.

Simplified Final Four Tribal Council: Instead of a traditional vote, the person who won the final four Immunity Challenge got to choose one person to take with them to the Final Three. The remaining two castaways competed in a fire-making challenge to determine who would be eliminated.

Expanded Jury and Final Three: Instead of the conventional Final Two facing the jury of seven, the Final Tribal Council was held with a Final Three facing an eight-person jury.

Reformatted Final Tribal Council: Instead of having each jury member speak individually, an open forum was held to ensure a more insightful rapport between the jury and finalists. Unlike the previous format introduced in *Survivor: Game Changers* however, the discussion was no longer divided into three portions ("outwit", "outplay", and "outlast"), making for a more free-flowing exchange between the jurors and the finalists. There were no opening statements from the finalists.

Season 41 Summary:

With the game shortened to just 26 days, the 18 castaways were subjected to a more brutal and relentless *Survivor* experience, having to live with fewer supplies, subsist on no food rations, and negotiate a barrage of game advantages. The Yase tribe struggled out of the gate, but found reprieve after a powerful women's alliance took control. The Ua tribe lost four of the five Immunity Challenges and was quickly whittled down to just the alliance of Shan and Ricard, both of whom resorted to tricking their tribemates into passing down their advantages to them as they sent them on their way out. The Luvu tribe proved to be the most dominant of the three tribes, having never lost an Immunity Challenge, but the tribe was plagued by constant paranoia due to untested alliances.

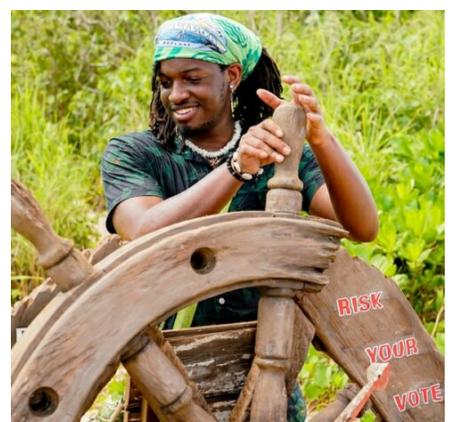
At several points throughout the pre-merge, advantages were made available through either "Beware Advantages", which dared its finders in a special task in exchange for a Hidden Immunity Idol, or through summits which allowed players from different tribes to learn about each other. Successful on performing the task required by the Beware Advantage, Naseer from Luvu, Shan from Ua, and Xander from Yase each received Hidden Immunity Idols. The summits resulted in Deshawn and Xander each earning an Extra Vote, and Liana receiving the Knowledge is Power advantage.

An unconventional merge brought all three tribes together on Day 11 with a twist: A group Immunity Challenge had the yet-unnamed tribe divided into two teams of five. The first of the two unchosen players, Naseer, was brought along for the reward by the Luvu-dominated winning team of Danny, Deshawn, Evvie, Ricard, and Sydney, while Erika was sent to Exile Island where she was given a choice to "reverse" the results of the challenge. Erika chose to do so by breaking an hourglass, transferring immunity to herself and the Yase-led losing team of Heather, Liana, Shan, Tiffany, and Xander.

Liana quickly defected from the Yase Alliance, having forged an unbreakable bond with Shan during their Summit. They recruited Danny and Deshawn to form an all-black alliance. Though this alliance was initially successful in removing Liana's former Yase allies Tiffany and Evvie, it suffered from poor communication and infighting, particularly between Shan and Deshawn. Using this as an opportunity to strike, Ricard rallied Erika, Heather, and Xander and brought in Danny and Deshawn to eliminate Shan. In the wake of Shan's departure, the new majority alliance of Erika, Heather, Ricard, and Xander systematically eliminated Shan's remaining allies Liana and Danny, leaving Deshawn on the outs.

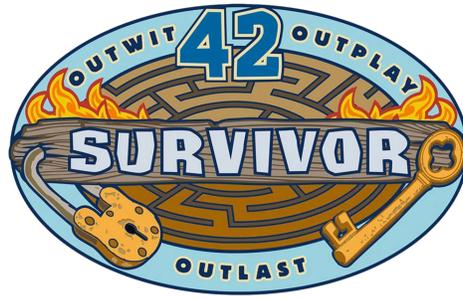
Though it seemed Deshawn would be the next target, Erika turned on Ricard, the castaway perceived most popular to the jury. Xander won the Final Immunity Challenge and chose Erika to join him in the Final Three, leaving Deshawn and Heather to compete in the fire-making challenge, which Deshawn narrowly won.

At the Final Tribal Council, Xander was praised for his displays of selflessness, but was criticized for his lack of social awareness and his questionable decision to bring Erika, the second most popular to the jury, to the end. Deshawn was lauded for his strong social relationships, but was chided for his sloppy and frequently temperamental gameplay. Erika was highlighted for her role in orchestrating major power shifts, all without being seen as a large threat, but was questioned for not making enough close bonds with everyone. In the end, Erika's strategic acumen won the jury over, and was awarded the title of Sole Survivor with 7 votes, against Deshawn's 1 and Xander's none.





Season 42



Season No.:	42
Filming Location:	Mamanuca Islands, Fiji
Filming Dates:	May 16, 2021 - June 10, 2021 ^[1]
Season Run:	March 9, 2022 - May 25, 2022 ^[2]
No. of Days:	26
No. of Castaways:	18
Winner:	Maryanne Oketch
Runner(s)-Up:	Mike Turner Romeo Escobar
Tribes:	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: #007bff; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; margin-bottom: 2px;">Ika</div> <div style="background-color: #ff9800; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; margin-bottom: 2px;">Taku</div> <div style="background-color: #28a745; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; margin-bottom: 2px;">Vati</div> <div style="background-color: #6f42c1; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">Kula Kula</div> </div>



Contestant	Tribe Affiliation		Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 Jackson Fox 47, Houston, TX Healthcare Worker	Taku		Evacuated Day 3	0
 Zach Wurtenberger 21, St. Louis, MO Student	Ika		1st Voted Out Day 3	5
 Marya Sherron 47, Noblesville, IN Stay-at-home Mom	Taku		2nd Voted Out Day 5	4
 Jenny Kim 42, Brooklyn, NY Creative Director	Vati		3rd Voted Out Day 7	5
 Swati Goel 19, Palo Alto, CA Ivy League Student	Ika		4th Voted Out Day 9	3

Contestant	Tribe Affiliation		Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 Daniel Strunk 30, New Haven, CT Law Clerk	Vati		5th Voted Out Day 11	5
 Lydia Meredith 21, Santa Monica, CA Waitress	Vati	Kula Kula	6th Voted Out Day 14	9
 Chanelle Howell 28, New York, NY Executive Recruiter	Vati		7th Voted Out 1st Jury Member Day 16	9
 Rocksroy Bailey 43, Las Vegas, NV Stay-at-home Dad	Ika		8th Voted Out 2nd Jury Member Day 17	4
 Tori Meehan 24, Rogers, AR Therapist	Ika		9th Voted Out 3rd Jury Member Day 17	5
 Hai Giang 28, New Orleans, LA Data Scientist	Vati		10th Voted Out 4th Jury Member Day 19	7
 Drea Wheeler 34, Montreal, QC Fitness Consultant	Ika		11th Voted Out 5th Jury Member Day 21	5
 Omar Zaheer 30, Whitby, ON Veterinarian	Taku		12th Voted Out 6th Jury Member Day 23	3
 Lindsay Dolashewich 30, Asbury Park, NJ Dietitian	Taku		13th Voted Out 7th Jury Member Day 24	5
 Jonathan Young 28, Gulf Shores, AL Beach Service Company Owner	Taku		Eliminated 8th Jury Member Day 25	7
 Romeo Escobar 37, Norwalk, CA Pageant Coach	Ika		Second Runner-Up	6

Contestant	Tribe Affiliation		Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 <p>Mike Turner 57, Hoboken, NJ Retired Firefighter</p>	Vati		Runner-Up	4
 <p>Maryanne Oketch 23, Ajax, ON Seminary Student</p>	Taku		Sole Survivor	2

Production: Survivor 42 marks the first time that a country is used ten consecutive times.

Casting: Survivor 42 follows “Island of the Idols” as the second season to contain contestants of East Asian, South Asian, and Southeast-Asian descent, and includes the most LGBT contestants of any season, with 5: Chanelle, Hai, Jackson, Lydia, and Romeo.

Survivor Firsts: Survivor 42 is the first season where three different tribes attended the first three Tribal Councils. Survivor 42 is the first season since the introduction of the rock draw where a deadlocked vote occurred during the tribal phase. Survivor 42 is the first season with more than two starting tribes to merge with equal numbers between all tribes. Including Maryanne, who played an idol before the vote at the Double Elimination, Survivor 42 is the first season where every person who made the jury phase had some form of immunity at Tribal Council. Survivor 42 holds the record for most consecutive episodes where at least one contestant is sitting out of a challenge, with 8.

Challenges: As part of keeping the shorter season just as difficult, tribes that lost an Immunity Challenge had their flint taken away and could only earn it back the next time they won.

Survivor 42 is the first season since “Edge of Extinction” to contain multiple individual Reward Challenges. The final three challenges of Survivor 42 were all variations of challenges previously seen in the finale of Cambodia.

Survivor 42 is the third season, after Marquesas and Philippines, with a three-way tie for most individual Immunity Challenge wins: Jonathan, Lindsay, and Tori each won two challenges. This is the first instance where none of the tied contestants won a challenge in the finale. This is also the second season, after Samoa, where the same woman (Tori) won the first two individual Immunity Challenges.

Twists: Survivor 42 used the same twists introduced in Survivor 41:

- Summit and Prisoner’s Dilemma
- Beware Advantage
- Shot in the Dark Die
- Do or Die
- Hourglass

Tribal Council: Survivor 42 ties the record previously set in Survivor 41 for most contestants immune at a single Tribal Council; 7 contestants had individual immunity at the first post-merge Tribal Council.

Hidden Immunity Idols: Survivor 42 is the first season to have multiple Hidden Immunity Idols expire unused.

Simplified Final Four Tribal Council: Instead of a traditional vote, the person who won the final four Immunity Challenge got to choose one person to take with them to the Final Three. The remaining two castaways competed in a fire-making challenge to determine who would be eliminated.

Expanded Jury and Final Three: Instead of the conventional Final Two facing the jury of seven, the Final Tribal Council was held with a Final Three facing an eight-person jury. Survivor 42 is the second season to produce a Final Three containing one representative of each starting tribe, after “Worlds Apart.” Survivor 42 is the first season since “Fiji” whose Final Three did not include any Caucasian contestants.

Winner: Survivor 42 is the first season since Marquesas to produce a Black female Sole Survivor.

Season 42 Summary:

Taking advantage of the fact that its cast had yet to see the previous season, Survivor 42 adopted many of the twists used in Survivor 41. The accelerated 26-day game started with three tribes of six: Ika, Taku, and Vati. While Taku was the first to lose two members, they became a united front and dominated in challenges largely due to Jonathan's brute strength. Ika's lack of cohesion resulted in disunity, giving Drea and Romeo the power to dictate tribal dynamics. Vati quickly fractured into three pairs and two chaotic visits to Tribal Council sowed even more discord between its members. On Day 12, the three tribes entered the individual portion of the game with four members each.

The individual portion began with the formation of a cross-tribal alliance built on the advantages that its members possessed. However, the introduction of the Hourglass forced the alliance to turn on itself when Maryanne chose to smash the hourglass and reverse the challenge results, simultaneously allowing the Taku Four to position themselves securely amidst the two other starting tribes, which dissolved under significant infighting. The majority alliance took out outsiders Chanelle and Tori before cannibalizing each other again, leaving Maryanne and Romeo safe while Mike joined the Takus to take out the big threats Hai and Drea.

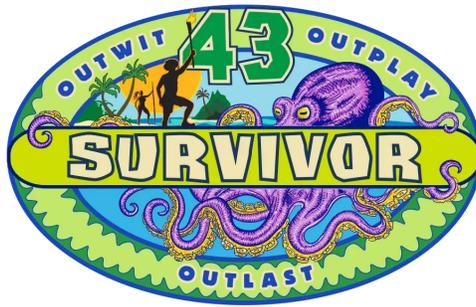
At the final six, the Takus finally decided to turn on each other. Realizing that Omar and Lindsay had been controlling the tribal dynamics, Maryanne joined the rest of Kula Kula to orchestrate their eliminations. At the final four, Romeo won the Final Immunity Challenge and brought his late-game ally Maryanne to the finals, forcing Jonathan to face Mike in the fire-making challenge. Mike won and joined Maryanne and Romeo in the Final Three.

At the Final Tribal Council, Mike was commended for his social game, but criticized for breaking his word while also preaching honor; Maryanne was praised for her growth throughout the game, but the jury was unclear about her approach to the game; and Romeo was criticized for having no control in the second half of the game. In a 7-1-0 vote, Maryanne's eloquence in articulating her growth narrative and strategic decisions (including having a hidden immunity idol that she never used) won her the title of Sole Survivor over Mike and Romeo.





Season 43



Season No.	43
Filming Location	Mamanuca Islands, Fiji
Filming Dates	May 2, 2022 – May 27, 2022 ^[1]
Season Run	September 21, 2022 ^[2] – December 14, 2022
No. of Episodes	14
No. of Days	26
No. of Castaways	18
Winner	Mike Gabler
Runner(s)-Up	Cassidy Clark Owen Knight
Tribes	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 5px;"> <div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 2px;">Baka</div> <div style="background-color: blue; padding: 2px;">Coco</div> <div style="background-color: red; padding: 2px;">Vesi</div> <div style="background-color: cyan; padding: 2px;">Gaia</div> </div>



Contestant	Tribe Affiliation		Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 Morriah Young 28, Philadelphia, PA Teacher	Baka		1st Voted Out Day 3	5
 Justine Brennan 29, Marina Del Ray, CA Cyber Security Saleswoman	Vesi		2nd Voted Out Day 5	3
 Nneka Ejere 42, Weatherford, TX Pharmacist	Vesi		3rd Voted Out Day 7	5
 Lindsay Carmine 42, Downington, PA Pediatric Nurse	Coco		4th Voted Out Day 9	4

	Geo Bustamante 35, Honolulu, HI Project Manager	Coco		5th Voted Out Day 11	4
	Elie Scott 31, Salt Lake City, UT Clinical Psychologist	Baka		6th Voted Out Day 13	7
	Dwight Moore 21, Collierville, TN Graduate Student	Vesi	Gala	7th Voted Out Day 14	7
	Jeanine Zheng 24, San Francisco, CA UX Designer	Baka		8th Voted Out 1st Jury Member Day 16	9
	James Jones 36, Philadelphia, PA Event Planner	Coco		9th Voted Out 2nd Jury Member Day 17	8
	Ryan Medrano 24, El Paso, TX Warehouse Associate	Coco		10th Voted Out 3rd Jury Member Day 17	9
	Noelle Lambert 25, Manchester, NH U.S. Paralympian	Vesi		11th Voted Out 4th Jury Member Day 19	6
	Sami Layadi 19, Las Vegas, NV Pet Cremator	Baka		12th Voted Out 5th Jury Member Day 21	7
	Cody Assenmacher 35, Honolulu, HI Elevator Salesman	Vesi		13th Voted Out 6th Jury Member Day 23	5
	Karla Cruz Godoy 28, Newark, DE Educational Project Manager	Coco		14th Voted Out 7th Jury Member Day 24	7
	Jesse Lopez 30, Durham, NC Political Science Ph.D.	Vesi		Eliminated 8th Jury Member Day 25	1
	Owen Knight 29, New Orleans, LA College Admissions Director	Baka			Second Runner-Up

	Cassidy Clark 26, Austin, TX Designer	Coco	Runner-Up	5
	Mike Gabler 51, Meridian, ID Heart Valve Specialist	Baka	Sole Survivor	0

Production: Following the production of Survivor 41 and 42 under COVID-19-mandated restrictions, Jeff Probst described his preference for elements and mechanics introduced during the preceding seasons. In particular, Jeff supported the continuation of the accelerated 26-day game format, the continued implementation of the Shot in the Dark mechanic, and the on-location after show following the announcement of the Sole Survivor at the Final Tribal Council. In addition, Probst confirmed the Hourglass Advantage and Do or Die, both highly controversial game mechanics from the last two seasons, would not be brought back.

Casting: Noelle Lambert is a para-athlete and founder of The Born to Run Foundation, who lost her left leg in a moped accident in 2016.

Challenges: As part of keeping the shorter season just as difficult, tribes that lost an Immunity Challenge had their flint taken away and could only earn it back the next time they won.

Twists: Survivor 43 used the “Beware Advantage” and “Shot in the Dark Die” twists introduced in Survivor 41. The “Summit and Prisoner’s Dilemma” twist was revised as follows: Castaways from different tribes were taken to another island where they were given a choice between protecting or risking their vote on their next visit to Tribal Council. Those who chose to “risk” their vote would play a game of chance, drawing from a bag containing the same number of possible advantages as players who chose to “risk” their vote. One player would receive an advantage, while the others would risk their votes. Those who “protected” their vote would keep their vote. Advantages included “Vote Steal,” “Time-limited Hidden Immunity Idol,” and “Knowledge is Power.”

Merge: The final 13 players were divided into two teams of six by random draw. The teams competed in an Immunity Challenge in which the members of the winning team won individual immunity, a spot on the merge tribe, and the merge feast. Before the challenge, the odd player out predicted which team would win the challenge, and if correct, also received immunity and the merge feast.

Double Elimination: On Day 17, the Gaia tribe was subjected to a Double Elimination, where the tribe was divided into two groups of five and two castaways were eliminated through two separate Tribal Councils. Following the Immunity Challenge, one group remained at the Gaia camp, while the other was sequestered at the old Vesi camp for the afternoon.

Choose Your Champion: At the final seven, a new advantage was introduced, allowing its finder to make a prediction as to who would win the upcoming Immunity Challenge. In the case of a correct prediction, all votes against the finder would be nullified. The guess was revealed before the votes were read.

Simplified Final Four Tribal Council: Instead of a traditional vote, the person who won the final four Immunity Challenge got to choose one person to take with them to the Final Three. The remaining two castaways competed in a fire-making challenge to determine who would be eliminated.

Expanded Jury and Final Three: Instead of the conventional Final Two facing the jury of seven, the Final Tribal Council was held with a Final Three facing an eight-person jury.

Reformatted Final Tribal Council: Instead of having each jury member speak individually, an open forum was held to ensure a more insightful rapport between the jury and finalists. The discussion was divided into three portions: "social", "physical", and "strategic."

Season 43 Summary:

Survivor 43 continued the trend of the last two seasons' shortened, yet accelerated game, but with the castaways now fully knowledgeable of most of the new game mechanics introduced, such as the occasional cross-tribe summits, Shot in the Dark and the Knowledge is Power advantage. Baka started by losing both challenges in the first round, but later dominated in later challenges. Elie and Gabler initially aligned, but later came to be at odds with each other following the latter's personality quirks and possession of a temporary Hidden Immunity Idol.

Vesi suffered consecutive challenge losses despite being a generally cohesive tribe. During their tribe's losing streak, Cody and Jesse easily consolidated control of the tribe by being the physically strongest members. Coco, the last tribe to attend Tribal Council, was later ganged up on by the other tribes to reduce their numbers. The women took the hardest hits during the pre-merge, constituting five of the first six eliminations. On Day 13, the tribes formally merged into the Gaia tribe with 4 members each from the original tribes.

The influx of advantages at the merge stirred paranoia, particularly Knowledge Is Power, resorting the survivors to secretly pass their advantages to those who were least expected to possess one. This caused a long streak of blindsides: Dwight who passed the Baka idol he received from Jeanine to Jesse, James who expressed overconfidence following his possession of Knowledge Is Power, and Cody who passed the Vesi idol to Jesse for safekeeping, only to have his idol used against him by Jesse. During Cody's elimination, spooked by Jesse's bold idol play, Karla used the Coco idol to save herself despite not being the target.

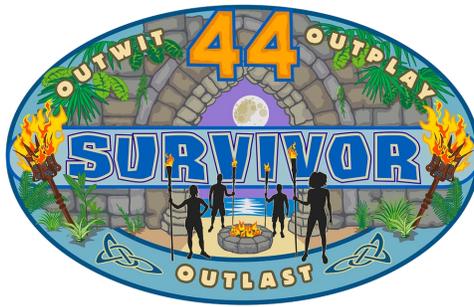
At the Day 24 Tribal Council, Jesse, who had become the primary target following his betrayal of Cody, shocked everyone by revealing Jeanine's idol and intended to play it, causing last-minute deals. Ultimately, Karla took the fall for being the next biggest target. Cassidy won the final Immunity Challenge and took Owen with her to the Final Three, forcing Gabler and Jesse to compete in the fire-making challenge. Despite suffering health problems during the game's final days, Gabler won, sending Jesse to the jury.

At the Final Tribal Council, Cassidy was lauded for being on the right side of the vote for most of the game, but was chided for not actually leading the charge during those votes. Gabler was commended for having the strongest social bonds, but was criticized that his eccentric personality overshadowed his gameplay. Owen was praised for his resilience despite being left out of the vote several times, but was chastised for having no control of the game. In the end, Gabler's effective articulation of his "hiding in plain sight" narrative won the jury over, and he was voted Sole Survivor in a 7-1-0 vote. During the after show, Gabler announced his intention to donate his winnings in support of veterans, in honor of his late father.





Season 44



Season No.	44
Filming Location	Mamanuca Islands, Fiji
Filming Dates	June 5, 2022 - June 30, 2022 ^[1]
Season Run	March 1, 2023 - May 24, 2023 ^[2]
No. of Episodes	14
No. of Days	26
No. of Castaways	18
Winner	Yam Yam Arocho
Runner(s)-Up	Heidi Lagares-Greenblatt Carolyn Wiger
Tribes	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 5px;"> <div style="background-color: orange; width: 20px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></div> Ratu </div> <div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 5px;"> <div style="background-color: green; width: 20px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></div> Soka </div> <div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 5px;"> <div style="background-color: purple; width: 20px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></div> Tika </div> <div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 5px;"> <div style="background-color: black; width: 20px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></div> Va Va </div>



Contestant	Tribe Affiliation			Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Switched Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 Bruce Perreault 45, Warwick, RI Insurance Agent	Tika			Evacuated Day 1	0
 Maddy Pomilla 28, Brooklyn, NY Charity Projects Manager	Ratu			1st Voted Out Day 3	1
 Helen Li 28, San Francisco, CA Product Manager	Tika			2nd Voted Out Day 5	3
 Claire Rafson 25, Brooklyn, NY Tech Investor	Soka			3rd Voted Out Day 7	4

Contestant	Tribe Affiliation			Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Switched Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 <p>Sarah Wade 26, Chicago, IL Management Consultant</p>	Tika	Tika		4th Voted Out Day 9	2
 <p>Matthew Grinstead-Mayle 43, Columbus, OH Barbershop Owner</p>	Ratu	Ratu		Quit Day 11	0
 <p>Josh Wilder 34, Atlanta, GA Surgical Podiatrist</p>	Soka	Tika		5th Voted Out Day 13	9
 <p>Matt Blankinship 27, San Francisco, CA Security Software Engineer</p>	Soka	Soka	Va Va	6th Voted Out 1st Jury Member Day 14	3
 <p>Brandon Cottom 29, Newtown, PA Security Specialist</p>	Ratu	Ratu		7th Voted Out 2nd Jury Member Day 15	6
 <p>Kane Fritzler 24, Saskatoon, SK Law Student</p>	Ratu	Ratu		8th Voted Out 3rd Jury Member Day 17	6
 <p>Frannie Marin 23, Cambridge, MA Research Coordinator</p>	Soka	Soka		9th Voted Out 4th Jury Member Day 19	11
 <p>Danny Massa 31, Bronx, NY Firefighter</p>	Soka	Soka		10th Voted Out 5th Jury Member Day 21	5
 <p>Jaime Lynn Ruiz 35, Mesa, AZ Yogi</p>	Ratu	Soka		11th Voted Out 6th Jury Member Day 23	5
 <p>Lauren Harpe 30, Mont Belvieu, TX Elementary School Teacher</p>	Ratu	Ratu		12th Voted Out 7th Jury Member Day 24	3
 <p>Carson Garrett 20, Atlanta, GA NASA Engineering Student</p>	Tika	Ratu		Eliminated 8th Jury Member Day 25	2

Contestant	Tribe Affiliation			Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Switched Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 <p>Carolyn Wiger 35, Hugo, MN Drug Counselor</p>	Tika	Tika		Second Runner-Up	3
 <p>Heidi Lagares-Greenblatt 42, Pittsburgh, PA Engineering Manager</p>	Soka	Soka		Runner-Up	8
 <p>Yam Yam Arocho 35, San Juan, PR Salon Owner</p>	Tika	Tika		Sole Survivor	6

Production: The 44th season was filmed in the same production cycle as Survivor 43, with the same COVID-19-related modified protocols. Survivor 44 retained most of the game mechanics introduced in Survivor 41. The season was accompanied by an official Survivor podcast, “On Fire with Jeff Probst,” which provided behind-the-scenes insights and discussion regarding each week’s episode. On the podcast, Jeff confirmed that, even with the relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions, future seasons will continue to play as 26-day games, with the exception of “special” seasons that will revert to the 39-day format.

Cast: Bruce Perreault was medically evacuated on Day 1. Matthew Grinstead-Mayle quit on Day 11, due to a shoulder injury. Matt Blankinship and Frannie Marin began a romantic relationship during the game. Survivor 44 contains the most LGBT contestants of any season, with 6: Carolyn, Claire, Frannie, Josh, Matthew, and Yam Yam.

Challenges: As part of keeping the shorter season just as difficult, tribes that lost an Immunity Challenge had their flint taken away and could only earn it back the next time they won.

Twists: Survivor 44 used the “Shot in the Dark Die” twist introduced in Survivor 41. The “Summit” twist was revised as follows: Castaways from different tribes were taken to another island. Separately and in private, each castaway would draw from a bag containing three packages: two will cause them to lose their vote at their next Tribal Council, while one contains an advantage. If the castaway drew the advantage, their task is complete. If they find that they have lost their vote, they may choose to draw one of the two remaining packages. They may either receive an advantage, or find that they have lost their vote for the next two Tribal Councils that they attend. Advantages included “Bank Your Vote” (The advantage holder is allowed to keep a blank parchment at any Tribal Council instead of casting a vote, allowing them to vote twice at a future Tribal Council.), “Inheritance” (This advantage allowed its holder to pocket all advantages and Hidden Immunity Idols that are played at any Tribal Council up until the final seven. Its holder must play the advantage when casting their vote.), “Temporary Immunity Idols” (On Day 8, the three castaways who went on the summit each received an idol that would expire when the individual phase of the game began. The castaways did not have to risk their vote to receive the idol.), “Tribe Switch” (Also on Day 8, the three castaways who went on the summit were instructed to drop their buffs and pick a new buff at random to switch tribes.).

Hidden Immunity Idols: Each tribe had a locked birdcage containing a bag. Hidden somewhere at their camp was a key that unlocked the birdcage and thus the Hidden Immunity Idol inside the bag.

The bag also contained a tribe-colored trinket which had no power and whose utility is left to whomever opens the cage to decide. The appearance of the Hidden Immunity Idols were different for each tribe—a bracelet for Ratu, a medallion for Soka, and a coin for Tika—and each tribe's real idol matched the appearance of another tribe's powerless trinket - Ratu's medallion, Soka's coin, and Tika's bracelet. Re-hidden idols and idols introduced after the merge were hidden as usual at camp.

Tribe Switch: This season is the first season since “Survivor 40: Winners at War” to have a tribe switch.

Merge: The final 12 players were divided into 2 teams of 6 by random draw. The teams competed in an Immunity Challenge where the members of the winning team won individual immunity, a spot on the merge tribe, and the merge feast.

Post-merge “Control a Vote” Advantage: In the first round as a merged tribe, the group split into two teams. The winning group would be immune from Tribal Council under the rules of tribal immunity, but would observe Tribal Council from the jury bench. The winning team was given the chance to search for an advantage that would allow them to control one vote of any of the losing team members at Tribal Council. The advantage holder would announce their intent to play the advantage at Tribal Council, publicly stating both the target and the person whom the target will vote for; the target must vote as the holder dictates. As clarified at Tribal Council, this advantage affected only a single vote, so a person with an extra vote still would hold autonomy over that second vote.

Simplified Final Four Tribal Council: Instead of a traditional vote, the person who won the final four Immunity Challenge got to choose one person to take with them to the Final Three. The remaining two castaways competed in a fire-making challenge to determine who would be eliminated.

Reformatted Final Tribal Council: Instead of having each jury member speak individually, an open forum was held to ensure a more insightful rapport between the jury and finalists. The discussion was divided into three portions—“social”, “physical”, and “strategic”.

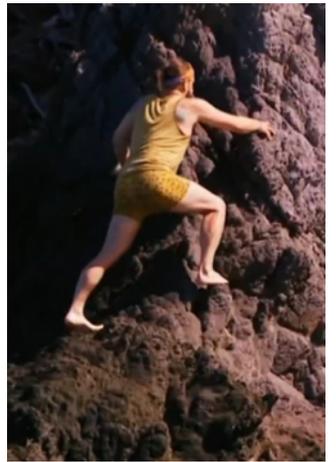
Season 44 Summary:

Survivor 44 retained most of the game mechanics introduced in Survivor 41. A new feature unique to the season was the introduction of Hidden Immunity Idols locked in cages along with a purposely crafted fake idol for an added layer of deception.

Ratu experienced a chaotic first Tribal Council, but managed to put aside their differences and win the remaining Immunity Challenges. On Soka, the pairs of Frannie and Matt, and Danny and Heidi formed a strong alliance which carried them to the merge, after losing only one Immunity Challenge. Tika suffered the most misfortunes; following the medical evacuation of their strongest member Bruce and a string of Immunity Challenge losses, they entered the merge with only three members: Carolyn, Carson and Yam Yam.

At the merge, both Ratu and Soka targeted one another, with Tika in the middle. By pitting both sides against one another, the Tika Three managed to make it intact to the final four alongside Heidi. Though the trio nearly succeeded in reaching the Final Three, Heidi forfeited her immunity at the final four and took on Carson, the favorite to win, in the fire-making showdown. She succeeded, joining Carolyn and Yam Yam at the Final Tribal Council.

At Final Tribal Council, Carolyn was praised for successfully using her eccentricity to hide her strategic prowess, but the jury still associated her with her emotional gameplay. Heidi was lauded for taking out Carson in the fastest fire-making challenge on record, but her body of work paled in comparison to that of the Tika Three. In the end, it was Yam Yam whose happy-go-lucky personality and incisive gameplay helped him to win the title of Sole Survivor in a landslide 7-1-0 vote.



Season 45



Season No.	45
Filming Location	Mamanuca Islands, Fiji
Filming Dates	April 16, 2023 - May 11, 2023 ^[1]
Season Run	September 27, 2023 - December 20, 2023 ^[2]
No. of Episodes	14
No. of Days	26
No. of Castaways	18
Winner	Dee Valladares
Runner(s)-Up	Austin Li Coon Jake O'Kane
Tribes	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 5px;"> <div style="background-color: #007bff; color: white; padding: 2px;">Belo</div> <div style="background-color: #ffc107; color: white; padding: 2px;">Lulu</div> <div style="background-color: #dc3545; color: white; padding: 2px;">Reba</div> <div style="background-color: #6c757d; color: white; padding: 2px;">Dakuwaqa</div> </div>



Contestant	Tribe Affiliation			Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Switched Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 Hannah Rose 32, Baltimore City, MD Therapist	Lulu			Quit Day 3	0
 Brandon Donlon 25, Sicklerville, NJ Content Producer	Lulu			1st Voted Out Day 5	4
 Sabiyah Broderick 27, Jacksonville, NC Truck Driver	Lulu			2nd Voted Out Day 7	2
 Sean Edwards 34, Provo-Orem, UT School Principal	Lulu	Reba		3rd Voted Out Day 9	3

Contestant	Tribe Affiliation			Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Switched Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 Brando Meyer 22, Seattle, WA Software Developer	Belo	Belo		4th Voted Out Day 11	3
 J. Maya 24, Los Angeles, CA Singer	Reba	Reba		5th Voted Out Day 13	10
 Sifu Alsip 30, O'Fallon, IL Gym Owner	Reba	Reba		6th Voted Out Day 14	6
 Kaleb Gebrewold 28, Vancouver, BC Software Salesman	Lulu	Lulu		7th Voted Out 1st Jury Member Day 14	16
 Kellie Nalbandian 29, New York, NY Critical Care Nurse	Belo	Lulu		8th Voted Out 2nd Jury Member Day 16	5
 Kendra McQuarrie 30, Steamboat Springs, CO Bartender	Belo	Belo		9th Voted Out 3rd Jury Member Day 17	6
 Bruce Perreault 46, Warwick, RI <i>Survivor 44</i>	Belo	Lulu		10th Voted Out 4th Jury Member Day 19	5
 Emily Flippen 28, Laurel, MD Investment Analyst	Lulu	Belo		11th Voted Out 5th Jury Member Day 21	2
 Drew Basile 22, Philadelphia, PA Graduate Student	Reba	Belo		12th Voted Out 6th Jury Member Day 23	6
 Julie Alley 49, Brentwood, TN Estate Attorney	Reba	Reba		13th Voted Out 7th Jury Member Day 24	13
 Katurah Topps 34, Brooklyn, NY Civil Rights Attorney	Belo	Lulu		Eliminated 8th Jury Member Day 25	1

Dakuwaqa

Contestant	Tribe Affiliation			Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Switched Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 <p>Jake O'Kane 26, Boston, MA Attorney</p>	Belo	Lulu		Second Runner-Up	8
 <p>Austin Li Coon 26, Chicago, IL Graduate Student</p>	Reba	Belo		Runner-Up	0
 <p>Dee Valladares 26, Miami, FL Entrepreneur</p>	Reba	Reba		Sole Survivor	2

Production: The 45th season was filmed in the same production cycle as Survivor 46 and, despite the lifting of COVID-19 safety protocols, retained the 26-day format established in Survivor 41. In a first for the series, CBS aired 90-minute episodes instead of the standard 60-minute episodes. The prolonged runtime was heavily attributed to the 2023 Writers Guild of America strike which halted the production of several scripted shows, leaving timeslots to be filled. Of note, this season returned to including the old-school title sequences which introduced each castaway, along with the “Survivor” theme song, “Ancient Voices.” The show’s beginning also incorporated a different Easter egg each week that highlighted an event from that episode immediately following a shot of Jeff Probst. After the premiere episode, the season continued old-school traditions by a return to beginning each episode with “Previously on Survivor” recaps.

Cast: Bruce Perreault, who was evacuated on the first day of Survivor 44 due to a serious head injury, was formally invited by Jeff Probst to return to Survivor 45.

Challenges: In response to the trend of players replicating and practicing Survivor puzzles before competing, the challenge department committed to retiring many recurring puzzles used in past challenges. Starting with this season, tribe members will no longer be allowed to sit out in back-to-back challenges, including after an elimination. There were penalties this season for losing immunity challenges. Pre-merge, the tribe that lost an Immunity Challenge was forced to surrender their flint to Jeff and could only win it back if they won the next Immunity Challenge. Post-merge at the final nine, the members of the team who placed last in the Immunity Challenge lost their right to vote at the next Tribal Council.

Twists: Survivor 45 used the “Shot in the Dark Die” twist introduced in Survivor 41. In addition, the tribe that finished first in the first Immunity Challenge nominated one member to go to the losing tribe’s camp, where they had the opportunity to talk to the losing tribe members ahead of Tribal Council. The observer was also given the ability to secretly cast a vote against one of those tribe members via Tree Mail.

Beware Advantage / Hidden Immunity Idols: Each tribe had one Beware Advantage which directed its owner to a series of clues to the idol’s hiding place. The idols were concealed in a container which the player must break. The idol was originally usable for one Tribal Council, but its lifespan could be extended if its owner sacrificed their vote at their next two Tribal Councils.

Goodwill Advantage: The person who participated in the raid on Day 6 could give this advantage to one member of the raided tribe. This advantage allowed its holder to restore one vote at any Tribal Council in which they would have otherwise been unable to vote.

Journeys: Survivor 45 continued the Journeys, in which the following advantages could be earned:

- **Safety Without Power:** Castaways from different tribes were taken to another island. Separately and in private, each castaway could decide whether to wager their vote and undertake an individual challenge for the advantage. If they completed the challenge in time, they would receive the advantage; otherwise, they would be unable to vote at their next Tribal Council.
- **Advantage Amulet:** Castaways were given the option of taking a sandwich or the Advantage Amulets. Individually, each amulet had an advantage that increased in value whenever an amulet holder was voted out of the game. The final castaway's amulet granted immunity at Tribal Council.
- **Regain Vote:** At the final nine, the losers of the Immunity Challenge were given the chance to regain their lost votes by completing an individual challenge.
- **Individual Immunity:** At the final seven, the castaway who went on the journey was given the option to compete in an individual Immunity Challenge; success would grant them immunity at the next Tribal Council, while failure would cost them their vote.

Tribe Switch: A tribe switch occurred on Day 8, shuffling the remaining fifteen castaways into three tribes of five.

Merge: The final 13 players were divided into 2 teams of 6 by random draw. The teams competed in an Immunity Challenge where the members of the winning team won individual immunity, a spot on the merge tribe, and the merge feast. Before the challenge, the odd player out predicted which team would win the challenge; if they were correct, they would also receive immunity and the merge feast.

Double Elimination: On Day 14, the Dakuwaqa tribe was subjected to a Double Elimination, where the tribe was divided into two groups of six and two castaways were eliminated through two separate Tribal Councils, the first of whom would not join the jury. Following the Immunity Challenge, one group remained at the Dakuwaqa camp, while the other was sequestered at the old Lulu camp for the afternoon.

Simplified Final Four Tribal Council: Instead of a traditional vote, the person who won the final four Immunity Challenge got to choose one person to take with them to the Final Three. The remaining two castaways competed in a fire-making challenge to determine who would be eliminated.

Reformatted Final Tribal Council: Instead of having each jury member speak individually, an open forum was held to ensure a more insightful rapport between the jury and finalists. The discussion was divided into three portions—"social", "physical", and "strategic".

Season 45 Summary:

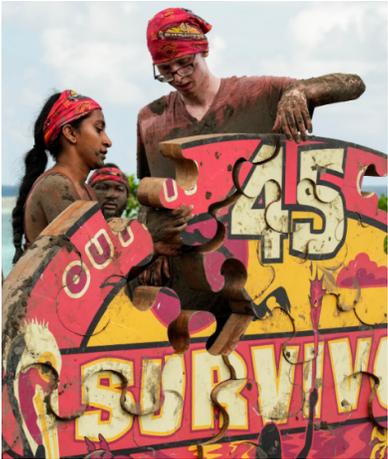
The 18 castaways were divided into three tribes of six: Reba, Lulu and Belo. Lulu struggled the most, losing four of the first five challenges, being quickly reduced to its last three members. While Emily initially found herself targeted for coming off as abrasive, she slowly secured the trust of her remaining tribemates. On Belo, the undefeated tribe came to be defined by tribal dysfunction centered around the rivalry between Katurah and returning player Bruce. On the dominant Reba, a core alliance of four formed between Dee, Julie, Austin, and Drew. A tribe switch on Day 8 spread the fifteen remaining castaways into three tribes of five, where Lulu redeemed itself by winning the remaining challenges, sending Reba and Belo to their first Tribal Councils. The tribes merged into the Dakuwaqa tribe on Day 13.

With Belo and Reba entering the merge with five members each and Lulu down to only Emily and Kaleb, Reba capitalized on Belo's tribal fractures, reducing them to just Jake and Katurah while wiping out the remaining Lulu in separate power plays. Prior to Lulu's extinction, however, Austin and Drew decided to turn on Julie. When Austin notified Dee (whom he had developed romantic feelings for) of his and Drew's plan, the latter went behind his back and divulged their agenda to Julie, who played Austin's Hidden Immunity Idol to save herself. The former Reba turned on each other in the next round, with Dee using her social connections to blindside Drew.

In a last-ditch effort to turn the game in his favor, Jake attempted to make amends with Katurah and orchestrate a seemingly foolproof plan to out Dee involving an idol, but Katurah reneged on the deal and helped eliminate Julie instead. After narrowly escaping elimination the next day thanks to Jake and Katurah's failure to work together, Dee won the Final Immunity Challenge and elected to bring Austin to the Final Three. This forced Jake and Katurah to compete in the fire-making showdown, which the former won.

At the Final Tribal Council, both Dee and Austin argued over who had more control over the game, while Jake argued how he persevered despite insurmountable odds. Ultimately, Dee's revelation that she told Julie to play the idol without telling Austin earned her the jury's respect, and she was awarded the title of Sole Survivor in a 5-3-0 vote over Austin and Jake.





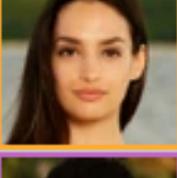
Season 46



Season No.	46
Filming Location	Mamanuca Islands, Fiji
Filming Dates	June 1, 2023 - June 26, 2023 ^[1]
Season Run	February 28, 2024 - May 22, 2024 ^[2]
No. of Episodes	14
No. of Days	26
No. of Castaways	18
Winner	Kenzie Petty
Runner(s)-Up	Charlie Davis Ben Katzman
Tribes	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 5px;"> <div style="background-color: #FFD700; padding: 2px;">Nami</div> <div style="background-color: #90EE90; padding: 2px;">Siga</div> <div style="background-color: #8A2BE2; padding: 2px;">Yanu</div> <div style="background-color: #DC143C; padding: 2px;">Nuinui</div> </div>



Contestant	Tribe Affiliation		Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 David Jelinsky 21, Las Vegas, NV Slot Machine Salesman	Yanu		1st Voted Out Day 3	5
 Jess Chong 37, San Francisco, CA Software Engineer	Yanu		2nd Voted Out Day 5	4
 Randen Montalvo 40, Orlando, FL Aerospace Tech	Nami		Evacuated Day 7	0
 Bhanu Gopal 40, Acton, MA IT Quality Analyst	Yanu		3rd Voted Out Day 9	4

Contestant	Tribe Affiliation		Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 <p>Jem Hussain-Adams 31, Chicago, IL International Brand Mentor</p>	Siga		4th Voted Out Day 11	4
 <p>Moriah Gaynor 28, San Diego, CA Program Coordinator</p>	Siga		5th Voted Out Day 13	10
 <p>Tim Spicer 30, Atlanta, GA College Coach</p>	Siga		6th Voted Out Day 14	4
 <p>Soda Thompson 27, Lake Hopatcong, NJ Special Ed Teacher</p>	Nami	Nuinui	7th Voted Out 1st Jury Member Day 14	4
 <p>Tevin Davis 24, Richmond, VA Actor</p>	Nami		8th Voted Out 2nd Jury Member Day 16	8
 <p>Hunter McKnight 27, French Camp, MS Science Teacher</p>	Nami		9th Voted Out 3rd Jury Member Day 17	12
 <p>Tiffany Nicole Ervin 32, Elizabeth, NJ Artist</p>	Yanu		10th Voted Out 4th Jury Member Day 19	5
 <p>Venus Vafa 24, Toronto, ON Data Analyst</p>	Nami		11th Voted Out 5th Jury Member Day 21	10
 <p>Q Burdette 29, Memphis, TN Real Estate Agent</p>	Yanu		12th Voted Out 6th Jury Member Day 23	13

Contestant	Tribe Affiliation		Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 <p>Maria Shrime Gonzalez 47, Dallas, TX Parent Coach</p>	Siga	Merged Tribe	13th Voted Out 7th Jury Member Day 24	4
 <p>Liz Wilcox 35, Orlando, FL Marketing Strategist</p>	Nami		Eliminated 8th Jury Member Day 25	0
 <p>Ben Katzman 31, Miami, FL Musician</p>	Siga		Second Runner-Up	4
 <p>Charlie Davis 25, Boston, MA Law Student</p>	Siga		Runner-Up	2
 <p>Kenzie Petty 28, Charlotte, NC Salon Owner</p>	Yanu		Sole Survivor	1

Production: The 46th season retained the 26-day format established in Survivor 41. Similar to the 45th season, CBS aired 90-minute episodes instead of the standard 60-minute episodes, and the season returned to including the old-school title sequences which introduced each castaway, along with the “Survivor” theme song, “Ancient Voices.” After the premiere episode, the season continued old-school traditions by a return to beginning each episode with “Previously on Survivor” recaps.

Cast: Randen Montalvo was medically evacuated on day seven.

Challenges: The tribe that lost an Immunity Challenge was forced to surrender their flint to Jeff and could only win it back if they won the next Immunity Challenge.

Twists: Survivor 46 used the “Shot in the Dark Die” twist introduced in Survivor 41.

Beware Advantage / Hidden Immunity Idols: Each camp had a Beware Advantage that directed its finder to locate an idol locked in a box hidden at camp. Once the box was found, they would be informed that the key to unlock the box was hidden somewhere, but the location would be revealed only upon their tribe's next Immunity Challenge loss. Until the box was unlocked, the finder would not be allowed to vote at Tribal Council. Regular Hidden Immunity Idols with no restrictions were also hidden after the merge.

Survivor 46 holds the record for most people voted out while in possession of a Hidden Immunity Idol, with 5. This breaks the record previously set by Island of the Idols. Survivor 46 also holds the record

for most consecutive people voted out while in possession of an idol, with 4 (Hunter, Tiffany, Venus, and Q).

Journeys: Survivor 46 continued the Journeys, in which the following advantages could be earned:

- **Extra Vote:** The castaways who went on the journey on Day 2 played a game. They first draw one of three cards bearing either a torch, skull, or vote. The person who drew the torch had to decide which of the other castaways drew the vote card. If they picked correctly, the torch card and vote card holders won an extra vote, while the skull card holder became ineligible to vote at their next Tribal Council, and vice versa.
- **Unknown Advantage:** Two of the three castaways who went on the journey on Day 7 were randomly selected to compete in an individual challenge (“Cube Crisis”) to win an advantage. If they failed to complete the challenge in time, they lost their vote. The three castaways who went on the journey on Day 11 were to select one person among themselves to compete in an individual challenge (“Survivor History Challenge – Logos”) to win an advantage. If they failed to complete the challenge in time, they lost their vote.

Merge: The final 13 players were divided into 2 teams of 6 by random draw. The teams competed in an Immunity Challenge where the members of the winning team won individual immunity, a spot on the merge tribe, and the merge feast. Before the challenge, the odd player out predicted which team would win the challenge; if they were correct, they would also receive immunity and the merge feast.

Double Elimination: On Day 14, the Nuinui tribe was subjected to a Double Elimination, where the tribe was divided into two groups of six and two castaways were eliminated through two separate Tribal Councils, the first of whom would not join the jury. Following the Immunity Challenge, one group remained at the Nuinui camp, while the other was sequestered at the old Siga camp for the afternoon.

Simplified Final Four Tribal Council: Instead of a traditional vote, the person who won the final four Immunity Challenge got to choose one person to take with them to the Final Three. The remaining two castaways competed in a fire-making challenge to determine who would be eliminated.

Reformatted Final Tribal Council: Instead of having each of the eight jury members speak individually, an open forum was held to ensure a more insightful rapport between the jury and finalists. Unlike previous seasons, this season's Final Tribal Council was held as a single continuous discussion without being divided into sections.

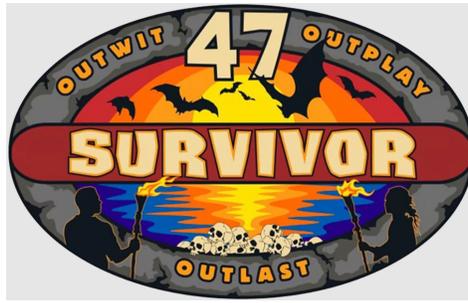
Season 46 Summary:

The 18 castaways were divided into three tribes: Nami, Siga, and Yanu. While the Siga tribe was able to work as a harmonious unit and lost only one Immunity Challenge, their rivals were plagued by interpersonal conflict; while Nami defied their differences to yield a spotless challenge record, Yanu succumbed to their strife, losing most of the challenges and being decimated to three members by the advent of the merge.

The merge saw a change of fortunes as the surviving Yanus pitted the Namis against the Sigas and appeared to have a straightforward trajectory to the finish. However, Q's dramatic meltdown at the final ten threw the game into disarray, causing allegiances to shift and setting off a chain of blindsides, with four consecutive players leaving with a Hidden Immunity Idol. Spearheading these blindsides were the pair of Charlie and Maria, who had formed a pact during their early days on Siga. When the pair parted ways at the final six, Charlie recruited Ben, Kenzie, and Liz to his side to take out Q and Maria in turn. Ben then won the Final Immunity Challenge and brought Charlie to the Final Three, while Kenzie defeated Liz at fire making to join the two men as the third finalist. At Final Tribal Council, the jury intensely grilled the Final Three on their performances, calling each finalist out for an apparent lack of strategic initiative. Ultimately, Kenzie's charismatic delivery in explaining her social game and motivation to win the million-dollar prize won over the jury, who awarded her the title of Sole Survivor over Charlie and Ben in a 5-3-0 vote.



Season 47



Season No.	47
Filming Location	Mamanuca Islands, Fiji
Filming Dates	May 13, 2024 - June 7, 2024 ^[1]
Season Run	September 18, 2024 - December 18, 2024 ^[2]
No. of Days	26
No. of Castaways	18
Winner	Rachel LaMont
Runner(s)-Up	Sam Phalen Sue Smey
Tribes	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 2px;"> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; width: 20px;">Gata</div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; width: 20px;">Lavo</div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; width: 20px;">Tuku</div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; width: 20px;">Beka</div> </div>



Contestant	Tribe Affiliation		Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 <p>Jon Lovett 41, Los Angeles, CA Podcast Host</p>	Gata		1st Voted Out Day 3	5
 <p>TK Foster 31, Upper Marlboro, MD Athlete Marketing Manager</p>	Tuku		2nd Voted Out Day 5	4
 <p>Aysha Welch 32, Houston, TX IT Consultant</p>	Lavo		3rd Voted Out Day 7	3
 <p>Kishan Patel 27, San Francisco, CA ER Doctor</p>	Lavo		4th Voted Out Day 8	4

Contestant	Tribe Affiliation		Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 <p>Anika Dhar 26, Los Angeles, CA Marketing Manager</p>	Gata		5th Voted Out Day 10	4
 <p>Rome Cooney 30, Phoenix, AZ E-Sports Commentator</p>	Lavo		6th Voted Out Day 12	10
 <p>Tiyana Hallums 27, Aiea, HI Flight Attendant</p>	Tuku	Beka	7th Voted Out Day 13	4
 <p>Sierra Wright 26, Phoenixville, PA Nurse</p>	Gata		8th Voted Out 1st Jury Member Day 15	12
 <p>Sol Yi 42, Norwalk, CT Medical Device Salesman</p>	Lavo		9th Voted Out 2nd Jury Member Day 16	9
 <p>Gabe Ortis 26, Baltimore, MD Radio Show Host</p>	Tuku		10th Voted Out 3rd Jury Member Day 18	9
 <p>Kyle Ostwald 31, Cheboygan, MI Construction Worker</p>	Tuku		11th Voted Out 4th Jury Member Day 20	6
 <p>Caroline Vidmar 27, Chicago, IL Strategy Consultant</p>	Tuku		12th Voted Out 5th Jury Member Day 22	3
 <p>Andy Rueda 31, Brooklyn, NY AI Research Assistant</p>	Gata		13th Voted Out 6th Jury Member Day 23	5

Contestant	Tribe Affiliation		Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 <p>Genevieve Mushaluk 32, Winnipeg, MB Corporate Lawyer</p>	Lavo	Merged Tribe	14th Voted Out 7th Jury Member Day 24	9
 <p>Teeny Chirichillo 23, Manahawkin, NJ Freelance Writer</p>	Lavo		Eliminated 8th Jury Member Day 25	1
 <p>Sue Smey 58, Putnam Valley, NY Flight School Owner</p>	Tuku		Second Runner-Up	3
 <p>Sam Phalen 24, Nashville, TN Sports Reporter</p>	Gata		Runner-Up	10
 <p>Rachel LaMont 34, Southfield, MI Graphic Designer</p>	Gata		Sole Survivor	3

Production: Continuing from the previous seasons, Survivor 47 had a 90-minute runtime, though in a change from past seasons, the finale episode ran for two hours instead of the usual three. This was a response to CBS's request for a 14-episode season, an additional episode from the previous few seasons, and resulted in the 13th episode being split into two halves airing over the course of two weeks. Prior to the season, Jeff Probst affirmed his preference for the 26-day season structure, emphasizing its increased intensity over the former 39-day structure. The season continued including the old-school title sequences which introduced each castaway, along with the "Survivor" theme song, "Ancient Voices." After the premiere episode, the season continued old-school traditions by a return to beginning each episode with "Previously on Survivor" recaps.

Challenges: The tribe that lost an Immunity Challenge was forced to surrender their flint to Jeff and could only win it back if they won the next Immunity Challenge.

Shot in the Dark: Survivor 47 used the "Shot in the Dark Die" twist introduced in Survivor 41.

Beware Advantage / Hidden Immunity Idols: Each camp had a Beware Advantage that directed its finder to locate an idol hidden at camp. After finding the idol, the finder was allowed to keep the idol, which could only be used at their next Tribal Council, or relinquish it to find a second idol good for their next three Tribal Councils. Thereafter, they were given the opportunity to relinquish their second idol to find a third idol that could be used until the final five. Regular Hidden Immunity Idols with no restrictions were also hidden at the tribal auction and at rewards.

Journeys: Survivor 47 continued the Journeys, in which the following advantages could be earned:

- **Vote Steal:** Castaways from different tribes were taken to another island. Separately and in private, each castaway drew from a bag containing three packages: two caused them to lose their vote at their next Tribal Council, while one contained an advantage. If the castaway drew the advantage, their task was complete. If they found that they had lost their vote, they could choose to draw one of the two remaining packages. They would either receive an advantage, or find that they had lost their vote for their next two Tribal Council.
- **Amulet Idol:** Castaways had limited time to nominate one of them to lose their vote at their next Tribal Council; in return all three castaways would each receive an Amulet Idol that, when played together, would have the power of a Hidden Immunity Idol. If none of the castaways agreed to lose their vote before time ran out, then all three players would lose their vote at their next Tribal Council.
- **Vote Blocker:** At the final eight, the Beka tribe was told to nominate one member to go on a journey, where they would race against time in an individual challenge to win a Vote Blocker.

Merge: On Day 9, the tribes were temporarily disbanded, with the fourteen remaining castaways being randomly divided into two teams of seven. Both teams competed against each other for a trip to the Survivor Sanctuary. On Day 12, while the final thirteen players still had to compete in a challenge to earn their spot in the merged tribe, the Immunity Challenge was no longer played in teams. Instead, an individual Immunity Challenge was held to determine the sole person who would be safe at the final thirteen Tribal Council, with all other castaways remaining vulnerable.

Challenge Advantage: One person who found the Challenge Advantage before the Earn the Merge challenge won the right to sit out of the team challenge and automatically advance to the individual Immunity Challenge.

Group Tribal Council: The winning group was immune from Tribal Council under the rules of tribal immunity, but was able to observe the losing group's Tribal Council from the jury bench. In addition, the losing group was sequestered on the old Lavo camp for the afternoon.

Take Your Pick Advantage: The winning team was given the chance to search for an advantage, which they could pass to one member of the losing team. That recipient could then select one of two advantages to be played before the vote at Tribal Council:

- Vote Blocker
- Safety Without Power

Simplified Final Four Tribal Council: Instead of a traditional vote, the person who won the final four Immunity Challenge got to choose one person to take with them to the Final Three. The remaining two castaways competed in a fire-making challenge to determine who would be eliminated.

Reformatted Final Tribal Council: Instead of having each jury member speak individually, an open forum was held to ensure a more insightful rapport between the jury and finalists. Instead of being divided into portions based on "social", "physical", and "strategic" as with previous seasons, this Final Tribal Council saw each juror called up to start their own open line of questioning, to which their fellow jurors were invited to contribute.

Season 47 Summary:

Once again, the 18 new castaways began the season divided into three tribes of six: Gata, Lavo, and Tuku. Tuku quickly proved to be the most dominant of the three tribes, anchored by an early alliance of Gabe, Sue, and Caroline. On Gata, Sierra found herself the swing-vote between two alliances; one with the women, and the other with Sam, eventually choosing the latter. Meanwhile, Lavo was enveloped by a feud between Rome and Sol, who targeted one another. The two would make temporary peace, however, after Genevieve rallied them together to help her blindside Kishan.

After the tribe dissolve on Day 11, Gabe's Tuku Alliance took early control of the merged tribe Beka, using their numerical advantage to remove those whom they viewed as threats. By Day 18, though, the rest of the tribe came to recognize the threat the original Tuku posed, and voted out Gabe. Following his departure, the tribe divided into two new factions: an alliance made up of the perceived "Underdogs", and the outsiders Genevieve, Sam, and Kyle, who were identified as "more threatening" players.

At the final seven, the Underdogs held a 5-2 advantage over Genevieve and Sam, and planned to vote them off at the following two Tribal Councils. However, while on reward with Genevieve and Sam, Underdog member Andy devised a plan to save them and vote out one of the Underdogs' leaders. Dubbed "Operation: Italy", Andy convinced the Underdogs to split their votes between Genevieve and Sam under the pretense that Genevieve had found a Hidden Immunity Idol. The conspiracy materialized at Tribal Council, where Andy voted with the outsiders to blindside Caroline in a 3-2-2 vote.

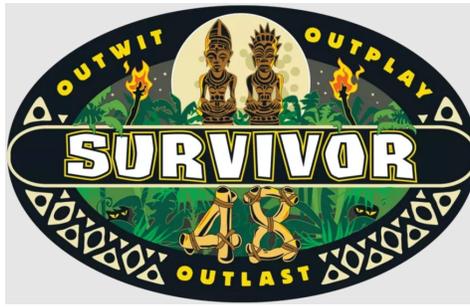
In the aftermath of Caroline's elimination, Teeny also defected from the Underdogs, leaving only Rachel and Sue. Though the new majority set their sights on Rachel, she managed to stay safe through a Hidden Immunity Idol play which eliminated Andy, and an Immunity Challenge win which saw the end of Genevieve. Rachel would go on to win the Final Immunity Challenge, whereupon she chose to take her loyal ally Sue with her to the Final Tribal Council, forcing Sam and Teeny to compete in the fire-making challenge, which Sam narrowly won.

At the Final Tribal Council, Sue received praise for her loyalty and devotion to her allies, but was otherwise ignored by the jury. Meanwhile, Sam argued that Rachel had coasted to the end on immunity wins, while he had to continually fight to survive where Rachel did not. On her end, Rachel highlighted how she earned her spot through a combination of challenge wins and forming genuine bonds with the majority of the jurors. In the end, the jury respected Rachel's more visibly dominant game, awarding her the title of Sole Survivor in a 7-1-0 vote over Sam and Sue.



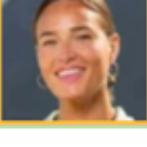


Season 48



Season No.	48
Filming Location	Mamanuca Islands, Fiji
Filming Dates	June 27, 2024 - July 22, 2024 ^[1]
Season Run	February 26, 2025 - May 21, 2025 ^[2]
No. of Days	26
No. of Castaways	18
Tribes	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 5px;"> <div style="background-color: #FFD700; width: 15px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></div> Civa</div> <div style="background-color: #800080; width: 15px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></div> Lagi



Contestant	Tribe Affiliation			Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Switched Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 Stephanie Berger 37, Brooklyn, NY Tech Product Lead	Vula			1st Voted Out Day 3	4
 Kevin Leung 33, Livermore, CA Finance Manager	Vula			2nd Voted Out Day 5	3
 Justin Pioppi 29, Winthrop, MA Pizzeria Manager	Vula			3rd Voted Out Day 7	3
 Thomas Krottinger 34, Los Angeles, CA Music Executive	Lagi	Vula		4th Voted Out Day 9	3
 Bianca Roses 32, Arlington, VA PR Consultant	Lagi	Civa		5th Voted Out Day 11	2
 Charity Nelms 33, St. Petersburg, FL Flight Attendant	Civa	Lagi		6th Voted Out Day 13	7

Contestant	Tribe Affiliation			Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Switched Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 Saionia Hughley 29, Simi Valley, CA Marketing Professional	Vula	Civa	Niu Nai	7th Voted Out Day 14	15
 Cedrek McFadden 45, Greenville, SC Surgeon	Vula	Civa		8th Voted Out 1st Jury Member Day 14	6
 Chrissy Sarnowsky 54, Chicago, IL Fire Lieutenant	Civa	Civa		9th Voted Out 2nd Jury Member Day 15	9
 David Kinne 38, Buena Park, CA Stunt Performer	Civa	Lagi		10th Voted Out 3rd Jury Member Day 17	6
 Star Toomey 27, Augusta, GA Sales Expert	Lagi	Lagi		11th Voted Out 4th Jury Member Day 19	5
 Mary Zheng 30, Philadelphia, PA Substance Abuse Counselor	Vula	Lagi		12th Voted Out 5th Jury Member Day 21	11
 Shauhin Davari 37, Costa Mesa, CA Debate Professor	Lagi	Vula		13th Voted Out 6th Jury Member Day 23	6
 Mitch Guerra 34, Waco, TX P.E. Coach	Civa	Civa		14th Voted Out 7th Jury Member Day 24	9
 Kamilla Karthigesu 30, Foster City, CA Software Engineer	Civa	Vula		Eliminated 8th Jury Member Day 25	0
 Joe Hunter 45, West Sacramento, CA Fire Captain	Lagi	Vula		Second Runner-Up	1
 Eva Erickson 23, Providence, RI PhD Candidate	Lagi	Lagi		Runner-Up	0

Contestant	Tribe Affiliation			Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Switched Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 <p>Kyle Fraser 30, Brooklyn, NY Attorney</p>	Civa	Vula		Sole Survivor	4

Production: Like the three previous seasons, Survivor 48 maintained a 90-minute runtime. The season's art direction was inspired by the fictional Izadega ("Eyes of Dega") civilization, conceptualized by production designer Zac Jensen. This influence was most evident in the Tribal Council set, which was initially built to look pristine in the first episode, but was progressively weathered and given a war-torn appearance over the course of the season to reflect the passage of time. The "eyes" of Dega were also painted on Tribal Council and challenge props. The season continued including the old-school title sequences which introduced each castaway, along with the "Survivor" theme song, "Ancient Voices." After the premiere episode, the season continued old-school traditions by a return to beginning each episode with "Previously on Survivor" recaps.

In addition, promotional spots for Survivor 50 ("In the Hands of the Fans") periodically appeared throughout the season, advertising a website (and a QR code to quickly access the site) in which viewers could vote on elements that will impact the 50th season, such as the following:

- **Advantages & Twists:** Fans voted on how much power advantages should have (Minimal, Strategic, or Dynamic) and whether they prefer a straightforward game or one with more twists.
- **Idols:** Fans voted on whether Hidden Immunity Idols will be in play for Season 50 at all.
- **Final Four Immunity Challenge:** Fans voted on which challenge will be used for the final four immunity competition.
- **Fire-Making Challenge:** Fans voted on whether the final four fire-making challenge, a staple in recent seasons, will remain.
- **Tribe Swaps:** Fans voted on whether or not a tribe swap will occur.
- **Starting Supplies:** Fans voted on whether tribes will start with basic supplies or have to earn them.
- **Immunity Necklace:** Fans voted on the design of the individual immunity necklace.
- **Finale Format:** Fans voted on whether the winner announcement will be in Fiji or during a live reunion show.

Castaways: Two castaways had disabilities: Mitch Guerra (speech impediment) and Eva Erickson (neurodivergent autism). Eva suffered from several autistic meltdowns, with her strong ally partner successfully, and movingly, comforting her and helping her to regain focus and composure each time. One incident occurred during an immunity challenge, where Joe, who was on a different team than Eva, asked permission to step off the mat and help Eva. This led to Eva disclosing her autism to all tribe members, since up to this point she had managed to keep it a secret between her and Joe. The moment led to Jeff Probst choking up while trying to speak, and becoming teary-eyed.

Challenges: The tribe that lost an Immunity Challenge was forced to surrender their flint to Jeff and could only win it back if they won the next Immunity Challenge.

Shot in the Dark: Survivor 48 used the "Shot in the Dark Die" twist introduced in Survivor 41.

Beware Advantage / Hidden Immunity Idols: Hidden Immunity Idols were hidden in cryptex puzzle locks around each tribe camp. The finder had to look for clues around camp to find the six-letter word that would open their puzzle lock. Until they released the idol from the lock, the finder was unable to vote at Tribal Council.

Journeys: Castaways were taken to a separate island where they played individual challenges, racing against time to complete their challenge to win an advantage. Failure resulted in the castaway losing their vote at their next Tribal Council. The following advantages could be earned:

- **Vote Steal**
- **Vote Blocker**
- **Extra Vote**
- **Knowledge is Power**

Earn the Merge: On Day 13, while the final thirteen players still had to compete in a challenge to earn their spot in the merged tribe, the Immunity Challenge was no longer played in teams. Like in the previous season, an individual Immunity Challenge was held to determine the sole person who would be safe at the final thirteen Tribal Council, with all other castaways remaining vulnerable.

Challenge Advantage: One person who found the Challenge Advantage before the Earn the Merge challenge won the right to sit out of the team challenge and automatically advance to the individual Immunity Challenge.

Split Tribal Council: On Day 14, the Niu Nai tribe was subjected to a Split Tribal Council, where the tribe was divided into two groups of six and two castaways were eliminated through two separate Tribal Councils, the first of whom would not join the jury. Following the Immunity Challenge, one group remained at the Niu Nai camp, while the other was sequestered at the old Civa camp for the afternoon.

Simplified Final Four Tribal Council: Instead of a traditional vote, the person who won the final four Immunity Challenge got to choose one person to take with them to the Final Three. The remaining two castaways competed in a fire-making challenge to determine who would be eliminated.

Reformatted Final Tribal Council: Instead of having each jury member speak individually, an open forum was held to ensure a more insightful rapport between the jury and finalists. Instead of being divided into portions based on "social", "physical", and "strategic" as with previous seasons, this Final Tribal Council saw each juror called up to start their own open line of questioning, to which their fellow jurors were invited to contribute.

Season 48 Summary:

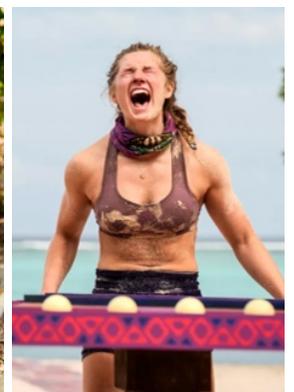
The eighteen new castaways started the game divided into three tribes of six: Civa, Lagi, and Vula. Vula quickly fell into dire straits as the tribe was plagued by poor challenge performances and even worse interpersonal dynamics, most notably characterized by an irreparable rift between Mary and Saiounia. On Lagi, the men united to form the "California Girls" alliance, while autistic castaway Eva found a dependable ally in Joe, creating an unbreakable bond. Meanwhile, on Civa, the tribe coasted harmoniously, with the most important strategic development being the genesis of Kamilla and Kyle's covert alliance founded on their common Guyanese heritage. A tribe switch on Day 8 brought the California Girls into direct conflict with Kamilla and Kyle, with the latter faction winning out in what would be the first of several tandem maneuvers.

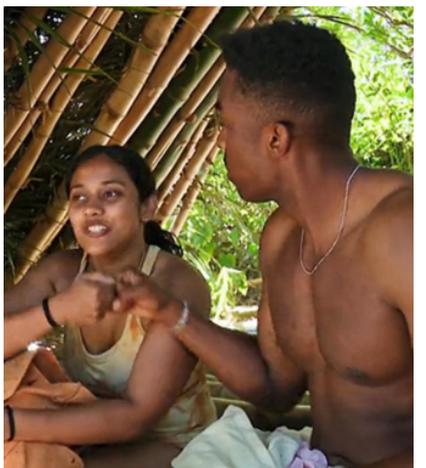
When the individual game commenced on Day 12, the athletic players rallied to form the Strong Five alliance to neutralize any risk of being targeted for their physical prowess. Barring David's blindside at the final nine, the Strong Five marched as a united front into the endgame, as the outsiders proved too strategically uncoordinated to stage any effective

resistance. This created a well-defined power structure on the Niu Nai tribe, with Eva, Joe, Shauhin, and Kyle at the helm.

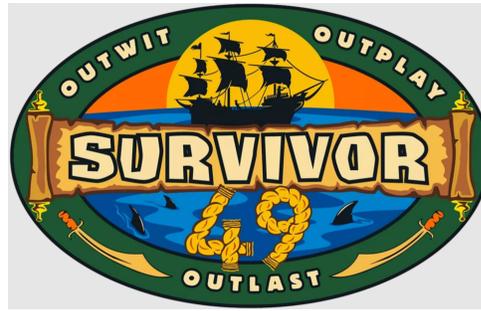
At the final six, Kyle and Kamilla recognized the value in going with Joe and Eva to the final four, but only if they were able to change the perception of Joe as the season's frontrunner. To do so, they framed Shauhin as intending to blindside Eva, successfully tricking Joe into voting out his own ally. Soon enough, Kyle and Kamilla found themselves in their ideal final four but mutually agreed to take the other out to improve their own chances in front of the jury. Ultimately, Kyle won the Final Immunity Challenge and got the upper hand against Kamilla, whom he put up to compete in the fire-making challenge against Eva. Despite a determined effort, Kamilla lost to Eva, who joined Joe and Kyle in the Final Three.

At the Final Tribal Council, the jury struggled to separate Joe and Eva's game, even as they tried to respectively pitch about their challenge prowess and emotional tenacity. With Kamilla's testimony, Kyle made a rousing argument about his strategy to dismantle the jury's respect for Joe's game and won the votes to beat Eva and Joe 5-2-1 to become the 48th Sole Survivor.





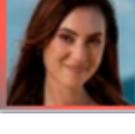
Season 49



Season No.	49
Filming Location	Mamanuca Islands, Fiji
Filming Dates	April 20, 2025 - May 15, 2025 ^[1]
Season Run	September 24, 2025 ^[2] - December 17, 2025
No. of Episodes	13
No. of Days	26
No. of Castaways	18
Winner	Savannah Louie
Runner(s)-Up	Sophi Balerdi Sage Ahrens-Nichols
Tribes	   



Contestant	Tribe Affiliation				Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Dissolved Tribe	Expanded Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 Nicole Mazullo 26, Philadelphia, PA Financial Crime Consultant	Kele				1st Voted Out Day 3	5
 Annie Davis 49, Austin, TX Musician	Kele				2nd Voted Out Day 5	5
 Jake Latimer 35, St. Albert, AB Correctional Officer	Kele				Evacuated Day 6	0
 Jeremiah Ing 38, Toronto, ON Global Events Manager	Kele				3rd Voted Out Day 6	2
 Matt Williams 52, St. George, UT Airport Ramp Agent	Hina	Hina			4th Voted Out Day 8	4
 Jason Treul 32, Santa Ana, CA Law Clerk	Hina	Hina			5th Voted Out Day 10	7

Contestant	Tribe Affiliation				Finish	Votes Against
	Original Tribe	Dissolved Tribe	Expanded Tribe	Merged Tribe		
 Shannon Fairweather 27, Boston, MA Wellness Specialist	Uli	Kele	Kele		6th Voted Out Day 12	3
 Nate Moore 47, Hermosa Beach, CA Film Producer	Uli	Hina	Uli	Lewatu	7th Voted Out 1st Jury Member Day 14	8
 MC Chukwujekwu 29, San Diego, CA Fitness Trainer	Hina	Kele	Hina		8th Voted Out 2nd Jury Member Day 15	4
 Alex Moore 26, Washington, DC Political Comms Director	Kele	Kele	Uli		9th Voted Out 3rd Jury Member Day 17	7
 Jawan Pitts 28, Los Angeles, CA Video Editor	Uli	Hina	Kele		10th Voted Out 4th Jury Member Day 19	6
 Sophie Segreti 31, New York, NY Strategy Associate	Hina	Kele	Uli		11th Voted Out 5th Jury Member Day 21	7
 Steven Ramm 35, Denver, CO Rocket Scientist	Hina	Kele	Kele		12th Voted Out 6th Jury Member Day 23	8
 Kristina Mills 35, Edmond, OK MBA Career Coach	Hina	Kele	Uli		13th Voted Out 7th Jury Member Day 24	4
 Rizo Velovic 25, Yonkers, NY Tech Sales	Uli	Hina	Hina		Eliminated 8th Jury Member Day 25	3
 Sage Ahrens-Nichols 30, Olympia, WA Clinical Social Worker	Uli	Kele	Kele		Second Runner-Up	1
 Sophi Balerdi 27, Miami, FL Entrepreneur	Kele	Hina	Hina		Runner-Up	4
 Savannah Louie 31, Atlanta, GA Former Reporter	Uli	Hina	Hina		Sole Survivor	4

Production: Like the four previous seasons, Survivor 49 maintained a 90-minute runtime. Twelve hours before the season's marooning, two selected contestants were removed from the game for

violating the pregame rules during the preseason Ponderosa, specifically with regards to talking to the other contestants. They were aptly replaced by Jason Treul and MC Chukwujekwu.

One week prior to the season's air date, a special video was uploaded to the SurvivorCBS YouTube channel titled "36 Hour Survivor Influencer Experience". In the video, eight social media influencers spent 36 hours simulating an episode of Survivor. They built a shelter, searched for a Hidden Immunity Idol, competed in an Immunity Challenge, and voted someone out at Tribal Council. The video also gave insight into some of Survivor 49's set designs and props, including a challenge design, the Tribal Council set, and the torch snuffer.

Castaways: Jake Latimer, whose wife was expecting to deliver their child while he participated in the game, was medically evacuated from the game after being bitten by a venomous sea krait on Day 6, a frightening incident where the snake latched onto his foot in shallow water, though it was likely a "dry bite" (no venom injected). Despite stabilizing, the medical team decided it wasn't safe for him to continue due to the trauma and potential risks, leading to his removal from the game, though he later returned home to Canada just before his son's birth, considering it a blessing in disguise.

Challenges: The tribe that lost an Immunity Challenge was forced to surrender their flint to Jeff and could only win it back if they won the next Immunity Challenge.

Shot in the Dark: Survivor 49 used the "Shot in the Dark Die" twist introduced in Survivor 41.

Beware Advantage / Hidden Immunity Idols: Hidden Immunity Idols were hidden around each tribe camp. The hidden immunity idol clue led players to a locked box, and the key to the box was attached to a heavy ball and chain that had to be physically transported to the idol's location. Until they located the idol, the finder was unable to vote at Tribal Council. In addition to Hidden Immunity Idols, the Knowledge is Power advantage was in play.

Journeys: Castaways were taken to a separate island where they played individual challenges, racing against time to complete their challenge to win an advantage. Failure resulted in the castaway losing their vote at their next Tribal Council. The following advantages could be earned:

- **Vote Steal** - The challenge winner could choose to prevent one of the challenge losers' right to vote at their next Tribal Council. In exchange, they would receive the right to vote twice at a future Tribal Council.
- **Tribe Disadvantage** - The challenge winner could choose to impose a disadvantage on one of the other two tribes at the next Immunity Challenge.

Key Idol / Advantage Moments:

- **Rizo's Fake Idol** - Rizo used his publicly known idol to create a diversion, playing a fake one for Savannah at a crucial Tribal Council, shocking everyone, especially Probst, who admitted he wasn't sure if it was real until he held it.
- **Kristina's Real Idol** - In the same Tribal Council, Kristina played her real idol to protect Steven, but it was ultimately ineffective as the votes went elsewhere.
- **Sophi's Knowledge Is Power Advantage** - Sophi held this advantage, allowing her to ask someone if they had an advantage or idol, and if they said yes, she could take it. She used it at Tribal Council to try to take Steven's advantage, but Steven had used it prior to Tribal Council and no longer had it in his possession.
- **Steven's Vote Blocker Advantage** - Steven had to use his advantage before Tribal Council by telling the producers who to block (Savannah), meaning he no longer possessed the physical advantage at Tribal, thus thwarting Sophi's Knowledge is Power attempt to take it.

Tribe Switch: A tribe switch occurred on Day 7, shuffling the remaining fourteen castaways into two tribes of seven, and dissolving the Uli tribe.

Tribe Expansion: A tribe expansion occurred on Day 11 with the reconstitution of the Uli tribe, spreading the remaining twelve castaways into three tribes of four.

Traditional Merge: For the first time in the New Era, the Earn the Merge twist was skipped in favor of a traditional merge at the final eleven. However, the players still competed in two teams to earn the merge feast and a chance at Individual Immunity.

Split Tribal Council: On Day 14, the Niu Nai tribe was subjected to a Split Tribal Council, where the tribe was divided into two groups of six and two castaways were eliminated through two separate Tribal Councils, the first of whom would not join the jury. Following the Immunity Challenge, one group remained at the Niu Nai camp, while the other was sequestered at the old Civa camp for the afternoon.

Simplified Final Four Tribal Council: Instead of a traditional vote, the person who won the final four Immunity Challenge got to choose one person to take with them to the Final Three. The remaining two castaways competed in a fire-making challenge to determine who would be eliminated.

Reformatted Final Tribal Council: Instead of having each jury member speak individually, an open forum was held to ensure a more insightful rapport between the jury and finalists.

Season 49 Summary:

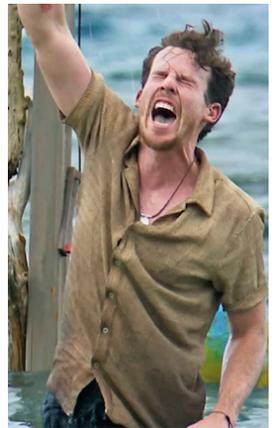
The eighteen new contestants were divided into three new tribes of six: Hina, Kele, and Uli. Kele struggled almost immediately, losing the first three Immunity Challenges and their physically strongest member, Jake, to a non-lethal snakebite. In contrast, Hina and Uli worked more smoothly, though the latter tribe suffered from personality clashes, most notably between Jawan and Savannah, and eventually Sage and Shannon.

One week into the game, the castaways were surprised by a tribe switch that split them between Kele and Hina. Old tribal lines largely held, and the original Uli members on the new Hina used their numbers advantage to vote out the original Hina players. While these divisions seemed firm heading into a second tribe switch on Day 11, Jawan and Sage aligned with original Hina member Steven to blindside Sage's rival, Shannon, just shy of the merge.

On Day 13, the tribes merged into the Lewatu tribe. The original Hina, now joined by Jawan and Sage, gained early control by blindsiding Nate at the first merged Tribal Council, leaving the remainder of his alliance (Rizo, Savannah, and Sophi) on the bottom. However, a mix of Rizo's defensive use of his Hidden Immunity Idol, Savannah's strong performances in Immunity Challenges, and the opposing group's poor coordination allowed the trio to slowly chip away at their rivals, reducing them to only Kristina, Sage, and Steven by the final six.

With the game at an apparent 3–3 stalemate, Steven found a Vote Blocker advantage and planned to use it to swing the vote in his favor. After learning this, Sophi planned to steal the advantage at Tribal Council using her Knowledge is Power Advantage, which she had found on Hina. However, Steven blocked Savannah's vote before Tribal Council, making Sophi's advantage useless and seemingly ensuring her elimination. Instead, Kristina and Sage unexpectedly turned on Steven, and he was voted out unanimously. Betraying Steven proved fatal for Kristina, who was voted out at the final five for being the tribe's fire-maker. Sophi then won the Final Immunity Challenge and, despite her close ties with Savannah and Rizo, chose to take Sage to the Final Three, forcing her allies to compete in the fire-making challenge. Savannah won and joined the other two women in the end.

At the Final Tribal Council, Sophi emphasized her survival skills and reaching the end without idols or immunity wins. Savannah highlighted her adaptability and challenge wins, though she faced criticism for struggling to connect with some jurors. Sage spoke about playing an emotional and authentic game, but was criticized for her betrayals. In the end, the jury most respected Savannah's overall game, awarding her the title of Sole Survivor in a 5-2-1 vote.



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Survivor Greatest Challenges: The Maze



The Australian Outback
Tribal Immunity Challenge



The Amazon
Final Four Immunity Challenge



All-Stars
Final Four Immunity Challenge



Vanuatu – Islands of Fire
Final Four Immunity Challenge



Guatemala – The Maya Empire
Final Four Immunity Challenge



Fiji
Final Five Immunity Challenge



Gabon – Earth’s Last Eden
Final Five Immunity Challenge



Heroes vs. Villians
Final Four Immunity Challenge



Redemption Island
Final Four Immunity Challenge



Cagayan – Brawn vs. Brains vs. Beauty
Final Three Immunity Challenge



Game Changers – Mamanuca Islands
Final Six Immunity Challenge



Ghost Island
Final Six Immunity Challenge



World’s Apart
Final Four Immunity Challenge



Marquesas
Immunity Challenge

Survivor Greatest Challenges: Gross Food Eating (“Buggin’ Out”)



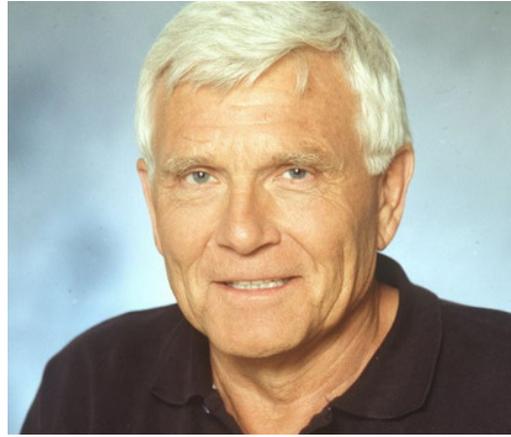




Survivors Who Didn't



Jen Lyon (Survivor: Palau)
Feb. 27, 1972 – Jan. 19, 2010
Stage three breast cancer.



B.B. Anderson (Survivor: Borneo)
Jan. 18, 1936 – Oct. 29, 2013
Brain cancer.



Dan Kay (Survivor: Gabon)
Jun. 30, 1976 – Dec. 31, 2016
Unspecified circumstances.



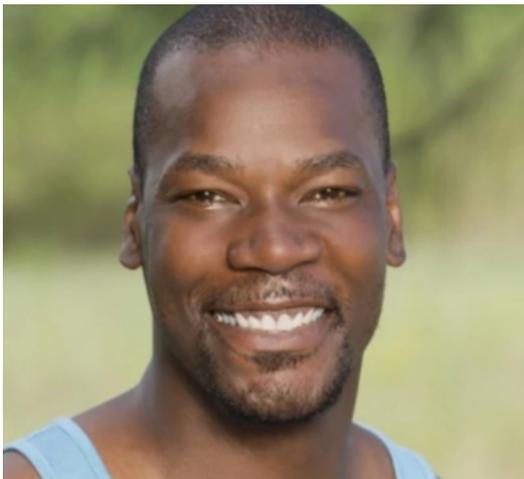
Caleb Bankston (Survivor: Blood vs. Water)
Mar. 26, 1987 – Jun. 24, 2014
Crushed by derailed train.



Ashley Massaro (Survivor: China)
May 26, 1979 – May 16, 2019
Suicide.



Rudy Boesch (Survivor: Borneo; All-Stars)
Jan. 20, 1928 – Nov. 01, 2019
Complications from Alzheimer's disease.



Cliff Robinson (Survivor: Cagayan)
May 16, 1966 – Aug. 29, 2020
Lymphoma.



Angie Jakusz (Survivor: Palau)
Mar. 27, 1980 – Jan. 08, 2021
Quamous cell colorectal cancer.



Sunday Burquest
(Survivor: Millennials vs. Gen X)
Feb. 06, 1971 – Apr. 18, 2021
Esophageal and ovarian cancer.



Ralph Kiser
(Survivor: Redemption Island)
Oct. 27, 1965 – Apr. 20, 2022
Heart attack.



Clay Jordan (Survivor: Thailand)
Dec. 30, 1955 – May 19, 2022
Undisclosed illness.



Dan Lembo (Survivor: Nicaragua)
Oct. 07, 1946 – Sep. 03, 2022
Supranuclear palsy.



Roger Sexton (Survivor: The Amazon)
Sep. 26, 1946 – Oct. 26, 2022
Lewy Body Dementia.



Keith Nale (Survivor: San Juan del Sur – Blood vs. Water; Survivor: Cambodia – Second Chance)
Aug. 16, 1960 – Apr. 18, 2023
Cancer.



Sonja Christopher (Survivor: Borneo)
Jan. 28, 1937 – Apr. 26, 2024
Undisclosed.



Kim Johnson (Survivor: Africa)
Sept. 18, 1944 – Jul. 29, 2024
Cancer.



Jane Bright (Survivor: Nicaragua)
Dec. 13, 1953 – May. 15, 2025
Undisclosed.