League Report — Episode 8

“Load the Ark, Two by Two” — Tied Destinies, One Counting Vote, And Two Torches Snuffed

Episode: 8 Aired: Wednesday, November 11, 2026 Next: Episode 9 — Wednesday, November 18, 2026

EPISODE RECAP: BOUND TWO BY TWO

The twelve castaways were bound into six pairs for the Tied Destinies twist — Jelly/Devin, Kilby/Kristin, Thien An/Eric, Carter/Cristian, Lewis/Sharonda, and Maggie/Mike. Votes could only be cast against a pair, both members of the voted pair would leave together, and an idol or Shot in the Dark played by one member protected both. Before the challenge, Jeff Probst announced that Brady Booker had left Ponderosa and quit the jury over his injured thumb.

In the combined immunity and spaghetti reward challenge, Lewis Kelly and Sharonda Cox won as a pair. They brought Kristin Flickinger and Jelly Loblack along as reward guests and sent Cristian Chavez on a solo journey, where he wagered his vote, solved the buoy puzzle, dug under Tree Mail to recover it, and earned an Extra Vote usable only that night — which he gave to Eric Macksoud.

At Tribal Council, Jelly Loblack played her idol for her pair, negating all 8 votes against Jelly/Devin. Cristian Chavez drew SAFE on his Shot in the Dark, negating the 1 vote against Carter/Cristian. Kristin Flickinger drew NOT SAFE — and Devin Way's ballot for Kilby/Kristin stood as the only counting vote of the night. Kilby and Kristin Flickinger were eliminated together and re-seat as jurors No. 1 and No. 2. Eric never played the Extra Vote. Ten castaways remain.

The pair twist had no rubric lines of its own, so Episode 8 was held on Thursday morning and scored only after the President ruled all ten open calls (O-010 through O-019) that evening. Episode 8 points are scored to the new post-merge squads, and no post-merge lever applies this week — the levers begin with Episode 9.

Challenge Result

Combined immunity & spaghetti reward: Lewis Kelly and Sharonda Cox won as a pair (+5 each). Reward guests Kristin Flickinger and Jelly Loblack (+2 each). Cristian Chavez took the solo journey and earned an Extra Vote.

Tribal Council Result

Kilby and Kristin Flickinger eliminated together on the night's only counting vote — jurors No. 1 and No. 2. Jelly's idol negated 8 votes; Cristian's SAFE Shot in the Dark negated 1; Kristin's draw was NOT SAFE.

EPISODE 8 SCORING • TEAM BY TEAM

Episode 8 points were scored to the new post-merge squads. Free agents Lewis Kelly (+7) and Eric Macksoud (+2) scored 9 points that belong to no Captain.

Team 3 — Captain JB3

EPISODE 8 WINNER

23

- Cristian Chavez — 21 points, the week's top score: Shot in the Dark successful save, journey success, Extra Vote found, and survival
- An “Thien An” Nguyen — 2 points, survival
- The league-best week — and it moves Team 3 into first place

Team 4 — Tim

THE PRESIDENT'S SQUAD

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- Sharonda Cox — 7 points: the pair immunity & reward win with Lewis Kelly, and survival
- Mike Pinsky — 2 points, survival
- The Tethered Idol Sharonda was holding flushed inactive the moment Kristin Flickinger was eliminated

Team 2 — Ellynn

AN IDOL, SPENT WELL

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- Angelica “Jelly” Loblack — 10 points: reward guest, an idol played successfully that erased 8 votes, and survival
- Danny “Kilby” Kilby — −3 points in his final episode: voted out and one vote received — he re-seats as juror No. 1
- Jelly's idol is spent; the squad runs on Jelly alone until the leftover pool resolves

Team 1 — Kacie

THE QUIET WEEK

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- Maggie Nestor — 2 points, survival
- Carter Krull — 2 points, survival
- Carter still holds his unplayed idol — now the last idol left in the game

Team 5 — Janet

THE HARDEST WEEK OF THE SEASON

−6

- Devin Way — 4 points: survival, plus the majority bonus for casting the night's only counting vote
- Kristin Flickinger — −10 points in her final episode: reward guest, voted out, one vote received, and a NOT SAFE Shot in the Dark — she re-seats as juror No. 2
- The double elimination triggers the leftover pool — and Janet picks first (see Page 3)

Full Standings After Episode 8: Captain JB3 Takes First

PLACE	CAPTAIN	TEAM	PRE-MERGE (LOCKED)	POST-MERGE	SEASON TOTAL	EPISODE 8	GAP TO FIRST
1	**Captain JB3**	**Team 3**	**122**	**23**	**145**	**23**	**—**
2	Ellynn	Team 2	131	7	138	7	7
3	Kacie	Team 1	113	4	117	4	28
4	Tim (President)	Team 4	95	9	104	9	41
5	Janet	Team 5	25	−6	19	−6	126

How The Split Works: Points from Episodes 1–7 are locked as each Captain's Pre-Merge total. Post-Merge scoring began with Episode 8, with points going to the new Captains under the re-drafted squads. Season Total is the sum of the two. Captain JB3's 23 moves him from second to first; Ellynn's locked 131 is no longer the lead.

The Leftover Pool: Triggered — Janet Picks First

Kilby and Kristin Flickinger left in the same vote, opening two squad spots. Under Presidential ruling O-019, the Captain whose departing castaway had the most points picks first: Kristin (44 points) outscored Kilby (40), so **Janet picks a secret number — 1 or 2 — first**, and receives the castaway behind it; Ellynn receives the other. Janet's pick is outstanding, so Eric Macksoud and Lewis Kelly remain free agents for now. Idols and advantages now: Carter Krull — idol (unplayed); Devin Way — extra vote (unplayed); Jelly Loblack's idol is spent; the Tethered Idol is flushed.

Good Human Award: Nominations Are Open

No Good Human winner has been announced yet for this cycle. Nominations for Episode 8 moments are due Tuesday, November 17, 2026, at 12:00 PM ET.

Trade Window Status

No trades have ever been completed in the League; fee revenue stands at $0. The fee is $1 per completed trade — hypothetical in this trial season.

Hail Mary Picks

Still alive: Kacie — Thien An Nguyen; Ellynn — Eric Macksoud; Tim (President) — Devin Way. Janet's pick, Ori Jean-Charles, was eliminated in Episode 6. Captain JB3 has no pick.

Next Episode Teaser: The Levers Arrive

Episode 9 • Wednesday, November 18, 2026
Ten castaways remain, Kilby and Kristin Flickinger sit on the jury, two free agents wait on Janet's pool pick, and the new post-merge scoring levers — scaled-up individual-game values and new categories, as ruled by the President — take effect for the first time.

All scores are the final, verified Episode 8 figures under Rulings O-010 through O-019 — raise any discrepancy through the appeals process.