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'BIG BROTHER CANADA' SEASON 9 WINNER: 'IT STILL DOESN'T FEEL REAL TO ME'

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He was part of one of the most successful alliances in Big Brother history but in order to further his own individual game, Tychon Carter-Newman had to cut his closest friends and allies. Tychon though didn't shy away from those hard game decisions and looking back at his game he wouldn't change a thing about how he played.

John Powell: First of all, congratulations on winning Big Brother. How does it feel?

Tychon Carter-Newman: "I feel great! It still doesn't feel real to me! I've been still soaking in. It is like I woke up from a weird dream. I think it'll still take some time for me to really believe that this happened to me."



John Powell: How are things with you and Jedson? The last time I spoke to him he had plans of moving in with you, buying a dog.

Tychon Carter-Newman: (Laughs) "Jedson and I are in a really good place. We're both athletes and we know game is game and what's real is real. As long as he isn't moving in with Beth, I am down. (Laughs) I still need to talk to Beth about that. You know Beth gets in the way of us sometimes." (Laughs)

John Powell: Speaking of Jedson, how hard was it to cut him and what was your rationale for doing so?

Tychon Carter-Newman: "First of all, I knew on Tera's HoH one of us was going to go home. It was inevitable. She wanted that. I knew one of us had to go home but it couldn't be Beth. I thought Jedson was the stronger player at the time and I knew that if he was on the block at the end of the week it would ultimately be my decision. I wanted to be the decision-maker and really set my game up for the future. I knew Jedson was going to stand in my way of that and he was never taking me to the end. Ultimately, he had to go in order for me to win."

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John Powell: What was it like working with the Trio?

Tychon Carter-Newman: "It was unreal! We deliberated, debated, argued and we made plans weeks and weeks in advance about how we would win this game. We worked so hard together and worked well together. I think that's why we were so successful for so long. The whole house was against us. We knew that. That fueled us and fueled our drive to do so well."

John Powell: Towards the end of the game we saw you and Breydon get really close. What brought you together?

Tychon Carter-Newman: "I think the easiest way to put that is I think Breydon and I both lost our number ones. Breydon lost Austin and then I lost Jed. I could see that Breydon was very close to winning a number of competitions. I thought he's very smart. I thought he had a really good social game. Who better to pair myself with? I could visualize him and I getting to the end and eventually one of us would win."

John Powell: Looking back at your entire game where do you think you might have fallen short?

Tychon Carter-Newman: "That's a tough one to answer because the reality is if I if I changed some of the things I may have done I may not be here today. The reality is I really didn't want the Sauce or the Sunsetters to be in the final four. Maybe I should have been more vocal about Kiefer not going up on the block? That would be my only regret. I really wanted to get to the end with my people. The reality is I may not have won the game if I let that happen though."

John Powell: At one point, Beth called you a floater. She later recanted that. Why did that bother you so much?

Tychon Carter-Newman: "It bothered me just because she knew the amount of work I put into the game. We deliberated and we did everything together. It upset me pretty much because I feel like I was a big part of why we were where we were in the game. I wasn't really getting the credit I deserved. To hear her call me a floater, I felt very disrespected by that."

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John Powell: What message do you hope viewers take from your time on the show?

Tychon Carter-Newman: "I think there's a few things like for me. One of them is about my character playing the game. I was not a huge liar. I didn't throw people under the bus. I was loyal to my people. I wasn't someone who's going to throw people under the bus for things they didn't need to be thrown under the bus for. I would just let people's actions speak for themselves."

"The other is just to let Canadians know about diversity, about being black with tattoos and the assumptions that are made about someone like me. People with tattoos can be educated and can do exceptional things. It is important to realize that no matter what you look like you can do whatever you want as long as you put in the work."

John Powell: What plans do you have for the prize money?

Tychon Carter-Newman: "You know, I don't fully have the answer to that question. I've really been interested in investing in property but will I just go shop? Well, I'm not sure. I think there is going to be a combination of investing, shopping and some traveling."

John Powell: When all the dust has settled, what does the future hold for you?

Tychon Carter-Newman: "You know, that's a good question. I haven't had a lot of time to think about it. I'm still an urban planner. I do plan on going back to work at some point. If there are other opportunities that come from me being on the show I'd definitely be open to them. I'm always open to trying new things. I think that's why I even ended up on the show in the first place."

John Powell: Would you come back to play again, to defend your crown?

Tychon Carter-Newman: "If you're asked me today, I would tell you the experience is emotionally draining. I made it here. It was really fun. I loved it. I think, to me, it is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. If you asked me a year though I may tell you, yes, but I think I need some time to think about that."

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