



STAR-CROSSED LOVERS MEET THEIR FATE. NEWFOUNDLAND'S SAMANTHA PICCO EVICTED FROM *BIG BROTHER CANADA* HOUSE

Samantha Picco First Houseguest to Join Jury House

Watch *Big Brother Canada* Sunday at 8 p.m. ET/PT to See Which Houseguest Wins HOH

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TORONTO, April 12, 2019 – The house of spies becomes the house of lies as the remaining agents successfully complete their top-secret mission to backdoor Samantha Picco, making her the season's first jury member by a vote of five to one. And in a week of firsts, first-time Head of Household Cory Kennedy, nominated newcomers to the block Dane Rupert and Estefania Hoyos for eviction. With tensions running high throughout the week, Anthony masterminded an ultimate backdoor plan to pull Dane off the block and backdoor Samantha. In the end, Dane won the POV – for the first time this season – and took himself off the block sending Beauty Salon Owner Samantha up as the replacement nominee ultimately solidifying her fate in the house.

"I did put full trust in Cory," said Samantha Picco. "I really did feel that the loyalty was there and ultimately the backdoor plan wasn't my idea."

After an impressive win by Cory in this week's HOH, Anthony seeded rumors that Cory's name was being thrown out as a backdoor option during Samantha's HOH reign last week. With the new intel in play, Cory felt that Samantha was a bigger threat to her game and put Anthony's master plan to backdoor Sam into action. But with Cory, Mark, Dane and Anthony in on the plan, The Pretty Boys alliance started to show its cracks. With Dane winning the POV and taking himself off the block, the East Coast showmance was at risk, triggering an explosive reaction from Adam during a fiery POV ceremony. But with the Pretty Boys looking out for Adam's best interest – it was time to set up the execution and take Sam out of the equation.

Watch Global's *The Morning Show* today at 9 a.m. ET to catch Samantha's first broadcast interview, in addition to an exclusive sit-down with *ET Canada* at 7:30 p.m. ET on Global.

For fans looking for an extra dose of *Big Brother Canada*, eviction night begins on *ET Canada*. *Big Brother Canada* personality Ika Wong joins the *ET Canada* team as their Special Correspondent, bringing viewers unprecedented access every Thursday night, all season long. Tune into *ET Canada* each week before an all new episode of *Big Brother Canada* for exclusive content viewers won't see anywhere else and click [here](#) to see tonight's show.

Airing exclusively on Global, *Big Brother Canada* plucks a group of hand-picked strangers from their homes, sequesters them from the outside world, and places them inside a house outfitted wall-to-wall with cameras and microphones that capture their every move. Each week the houseguests battle in a

series of challenges that give them power or punishment, voting each other out until the fate of the final two is decided by a jury of fellow houseguests. This season, the winner of *Big Brother Canada* will take home a grand prize of \$100,000, a \$25,000 home furnishing makeover from Leon's, \$10,000 worth of groceries courtesy of Summer Fresh, and an unforgettable trip for two anywhere in the world with Contiki Holidays.

Big Brother Canada continues to offer unparalleled digital extensions that augment the social dynamics and real-time momentum of the 24/7 television production. #BBCAN7 extends from series to site at BigBrotherCanada.ca with exclusive content, full episodes, 24-hour live feeds, and a host of surprises and opportunities that allow fans to directly impact the show.

Big Brother Canada airs Wednesdays at 7 p.m. ET/PT, Thursdays at 8 p.m. ET/PT, and Sundays at 8 p.m. ET/PT on Global. For Season 7, viewers can stream #BBCAN7 live on GlobalTV.com and [Global TV App](#) by signing in with their TV service provider credentials or catch up the next day on GlobalTV.com and [Global TV App](#) (now available on Apple TV, Google Chromecast, and Amazon Fire TV), and BigBrotherCanada.ca.

Commissioned by Corus Entertainment, Season 7 of *Big Brother Canada* is produced by Insight Productions Ltd. in association with Corus Entertainment and Endemol Shine. Executive Producers are John Brunton and Erin Brock.

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