



DATING NAKED:

The TV Show THAT BARES ALL

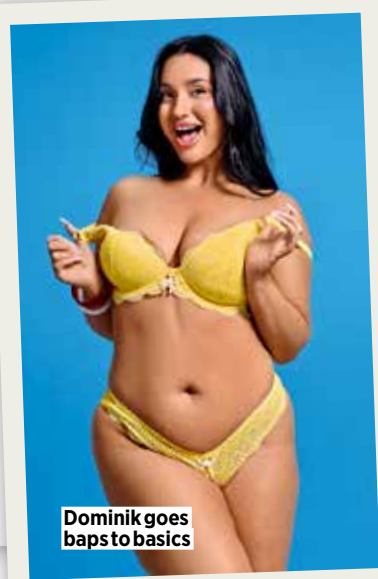
Bums, boobs and balls – it's time to strip off!

We've already watched singletons search for love in a million ways: dinner dates, enclosed pods, even walking down the aisle and saying "I do" having never met. Now, with *Dating Naked UK*, hopefuls are finding love in a more stripped-down way. As in, totally starkers. Yes, this new dating show will see contestants baring all as they mingle in a villa and battle it out in the hopes of taking home a £50,000 cash prize (as well as their one true love, obvs.) Hosted by Rylan Clark, the show contains

full nudity – without any blurring or pixelation. So, clean your glasses, because you're in for an eyeful. Ten hot singletons – including Chloe Ferry's ex Mike Durrant, 29, and Croydon-based model Romeo, 32 – will get acquainted with each other's jiggly bits. These people are clearly braver than your usual dating-show contestant. Chatting to the toned swimwear-clad specimens on *Love Island* must be daunting enough, but that's only heightened when balls, bums and boobs are added into the equation.

Opening up about meeting everyone (and their genitals) for the very first time, Dominik Herbert, 27, admits wasting no time copping a sneak peek. The Canadian-born contestant says, "Looking at the guys, I tried to keep my eyes above waist level – but, I mean, you have to look!" However, nail tech Lauren Beschi, from Rickmansworth, took a different approach. The

26-year-old tells us, "I was actively trying not to look below the waist. I just tried to say hello to everyone like it was completely normal."



Dominik goes bap to basics

BONER-FIDE FUN Although bodies are indeed the most normal thing to exist, it doesn't mean certain functions don't still make us blush. As with any dating show, the sexual tension can ramp up to crazy levels. And on *Dating Naked*, sometimes the excitement was slightly more, er, obvious. But what do you do when the (perfectly natural) arousal of certain organs doesn't have the constraints of underpants to keep them in check? "On the first day, I was chatting with one of the guys and he was obviously,

well, you know..." laughs Lauren. "But it's not something they can help. Quite quickly, it became normal, then it was just funny in the end." For Dominik, standing proud became a sweet gesture of approval.

I was like, 'Is this for me? Thank you.' If anything, it was kind of a compliment."

BARING ALL While you might be questioning if getting your foof out can really improve your love life,

'All guys should be naked'

"Usually, a guy gets aroused in sexual situations, but this one guy got aroused when we were talking about our feelings," she reveals. "I've never had that before. It was almost like I'd been given a rose."

Dominik says it was key to breaking down the men's barriers. "Maybe all guys should be naked," she says. "Because, if you want them to open up, it worked." "I think you get to know people better being naked



You'll see my hard and softer sides

Mike Durrant: peen there, done that



Here's your host, Rylan!

Dating butt-naked in a tropical paradise isn't something we ever expected, but frankly, there's no better man to host it all than Rylan Clark. While you might be disappointed to learn that the former *X Factor* star, 35, won't be starkers himself – "Rylan was like, 'I feel awkward that I'm not naked,'" says Lauren – it doesn't mean he didn't get into the spirit. The presenter recently shared a snap of some very bare legs in a recording studio, laughing, "It's that hot, I'm doing my *Dating Naked UK* voiceover... naked." It's all in the spirit of the show, right, Rylan?

own confidence, too. "I wouldn't say I hate my body, but I'm never 100 per cent happy with it," says Lauren. "What was nice was that everyone was so diverse. If we were all super-similar, I would compare myself. It made me feel more comfortable. When I left, I didn't want to put my clothes back on." ■

Dating Naked UK premieres exclusively on Paramount+ on Friday 23 August

all the time," echoes Lauren. "Because, I know I'm guilty of judging people based on what they're wearing. When I came out of the show, I said to one of the guys that if I had only seen their Instagram, we never would have hooked up. But getting to know him, obviously I really liked him. Taking clothes away and being naked makes for a deeper connection." Believe it or not, these naked daters say stripping off hasn't only improved their love lives, but their