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» Reality's *The Bachelor* is back! Matt Myers gets intimate with Blake Garvey, the man all the hussies are hustling.

DNA: Apart from finding a romantic partner, what do you think you'll take away from your experience as *The Bachelor*?

Blake Garvey: I'd like it to make me a better person, man and partner. It's as much a journey of self-discovery as it is finding a partner. It's not a two-minute dating show, it's an active and full experience and by the end I think it'll be quite cathartic.

Is it surreal to be surrounded by so many women vying for your affection? [Laughs] It is! You have to take it with a grain of salt, but at the same time they're incredible. Beautiful women both inside and out; driven, ambitious and funny. There are so many characters and it's a privilege to spend each day with them. **What comes into play when making your final decision?** Everything! I mean you can walk into a bar and have 25 people and there'll be a few that you have extra chemistry with, and you can probably have relationships with any of them. You just have to figure out what's going to go the distance and what you want in a partner.

Do you believe in love at first sight? Hmm... that's a tough one. I believe in love at first hindsight! I mean you have this connection and chemistry with a spark of love, but it would be absurd to say it is love straight away. It's a hard one to label, and going into the experience I had to have a very open mind. If I went in looking for absolutely love at first sight, that would make it a very boring journey.

Osher Gunsberg has also been a DNA Straight Mate. How do you two get along? Great, and he's so funny. The amount of things he does off camera cracks us up. Off camera he sings about whatever we're about to do, and we usually join in or have a dance. It doesn't happen before the rose ceremony, as that's much more serious, but he's a great guy and someone I'm proud to consider a friend.

You have a voice uncannily like Barry White! Yes, I get that from time to time, and I must say it's very flattering being compared to the late, great Barry. It's almost a problem at times, as I've been told it has too much bass!

They have a lot of trouble with it and the audio equipment.

Do you sing? I've never been a singer and unless it's a karaoke night with some cocktails, it's not otherwise going to come out. But in those scenarios I'd stick to what I know, and that would probably be the Barry White tracks.

Can't Get Enough of Your Love, Babe?

[Laughs] You know that is the first one that always comes up every time I go to a karaoke bar! People are like, "Please, please... just a couple of lines?" And it's so cliché and cheesy at the same time. But yes, I have sung it!

Who is your musical diva? Ooooh [a la Barry White] I'm a big Donell Jones fan. I love his music. In terms of women, Mary J Blige. She has such a talented and beautiful voice. My favourite song of hers is *Be Without You*.

Do you have gay mates? I do. In fact, my lawyer is gay. It's funny because whenever we've gone to parties and such we'll walk in together and some of the guys will look at me and he's like, "No guys, he's not". It's a bit of a crackup, but also very flattering.

"A bisexual bachelor... ten girls come out followed by ten guys!"

How do you think a gay version of *The Bachelor* would go? It would be funny if they did it with a twist and had a bisexual guy as the bachelor. The twist would be having ten girls come out – followed by ten guys! I believe in equality and balance and think this would be a great way of appealing to both sexes. But we're probably a long way off before something like that could be on mainstream television.

If it does get off the ground, how about you host it? That sounds all right to me. I'd be more than happy to put the voice to good use.

And of course *Can't Get Enough Of Your Love* would be the theme song, right?

[Laughs] Perfect! This is coming together now. **Out magazine recently named the top 100 gay bachelors, including Adam Lambert, Wentworth Miller and Ricky Martin.**

Who do you think should be number one? Definitely Ricky at number one! He's a beautiful man and has an incredible voice and above all else he's a lovely character. I never hear a bad word about him. He's lovely

with everyone from the cameramen to crew and makeup artists. That's what stands out about him. I've had crew around me who have worked on *The Voice* with him and they think he's just wonderful.

So if you were gay, who would you go for? Shemar Moore. He's on *Criminal Minds* and a great actor, but above all else he's my fitness idol. He's basically the caramel version of Matthew McConaughey. He really takes care of himself and loves his fitness, but doesn't seem to be a jerk or have an over-ego.

What's your porn name? I lived on Stoner Place and my first dog was Tuffy. So it's Tuffy Stoner!

What does *The Bachelor* think of same-sex marriage? If you're in love, you're in love. Nothing should restrict that!

You have some pretty big guns, what's the best advice for hitting the gym? Above all, be consistent. We can go through the phase of working out for a few weeks and then do a day here and there, but you need to be regular with it. You can't come up to summer, start for a couple of months and then completely die out. Keep it going all year round.

Do you wear jocks, boxers or freeball? Boxer briefs. It's first and foremost for comfort and my preference is Calvin Klein.

More: *The Bachelor Australia* screens 7:30pm Wednesdays and Thursdays on Network Ten.

