

Impact – April 7, 2011 – Man did this show feel long

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After two back to back solid shows we now have two shows before Impact and now have the returning Christopher Daniels to replace AJ Styles in Lethal Lockdown. Also we now have the main event set for the world title match as it's Sting vs. RVD vs. Anderson which is probably the best option. Let's get to it.

We open with a recap of Daniels' return last week and presumably him being named to the Fournune team at Lockdown.

Here's Fournune to open the show. Daniels talks about how he's been in and out of TNA a bunch of times now. He's had good times and bad times here but that's not what matters because that's the wrestling business. What matters are the friendships you make in the business, like the one he made eight years ago with a guy named AJ Styles. After seeing what Bully Ray did a few weeks ago, e Hehe knew it was time to come back. He asks Fournune if he can be on the team at Lockdown, but before they can answer here's Immortal.

In this case it's Flair, Ray, Matt and Abyss. Flair says this is beyond fixing and rants about how this is wrestling and Daniels is nothing in this business. There's an offer to Daniels to leave now because someone is going to get hurt at Lockdown. Daniels also has no contract so he needs to get out of here because he's not going to be able to wrestle at the PPV. Daniels says that Hogan, Flair and Bischoff aren't going

to matter because the Network says they want him here.

Cue Hogan and Bischoff who say that what the Network wants they get, so tonight it's Daniels vs. Ray. Ray gets in Daniels' face and talks about how Daniels should go back to California and put on more makeup. Daniels drills him and Hogan wants security who comes out and breaks it up.

Anderson is in the back on a laptop but sees a note for him. It says "Last week was just a trailer. Tonight it's SHOWTIME! Your friend, Stinger". He starts singing a version of the theme to Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood and goes back to his laptop.

Back with Hogan complaining about the Network and he thinks the Network has a wrestler in it because they think like a wrestler. He slams the door in the face of the cameraman as he rants about them.

Hernandez/Anarquia vs. Tommy Dreamer/D-Von

Well this is kind of an odd team. Tenay asks who better than Dreamer for D-Von to recruit. ...a lot of people Tenay! D-Von and Anarquia start but this stops being anything resembling a tag match very quickly. What's Up to Anarquia and then everything breaks down even further. Rosita gets in the ring and D-Von kisses her, which allows Anarquia to pop D-Von with a chair and Hernandez falls on top for the pin at 2:00. Barely even a match.

Post match the girls roll back the mats on the floor and Hernandez teases a Border Toss to Dreamer to the concrete but Matt Morgan makes the save and we take a break.

Back and Winter is brainwashing Angelina some more. Winter says she loves her. Angelina is drinking that drink again.

Samoa Joe vs. Murphy

Pope is on commentary of course. Murphy jumps him to start as Tenay talks to Pope about the beginning of this angle for some reason. And the Koquina Clutch ends this in 46 seconds. Joe chases Pope off.

Anderson is looking for someone but stops to get coffee. And there's a note for him there too. This one says "Tonight let's finish what we started Kenny Boy. Stinger." Anderson destroys the coffee stuff.

Knockout Tag Titles: Beautiful People vs. Rosita/Sarita

Angelina Love is in a trance here and can't even do the entrance. Sarita jumps Velvet as she gets in which doesn't last long. Angelina keeps staring forward. Off to Rosita now who Velvet beats up also. Angelina doesn't react to an offer of a tag at all. Winter comes to the stage and makes a sign of snap her in half so Angelina stuns Velvet over the ropes and hammers away at her. Rosita gets the easy pin at 2:00.

Anderson is looking for Sting and has a pipe. He runs into Jordan and Young and Young says Sting is probably in the rafters. Jordan says he's into Anderson's catchphrase thing.

Jeff Jarrett has a Lockdown promise for Angle later.

Back with Anderson searching the rafters for Sting and finds...nothing. Someone is following him though and the person seems to be kind of tall. It doesn't appear to be Sting as the hair is too short. Oh it's RVD. He says it's 4:20 so Anderson is about to get smoked. Good looking knees to the face of Anderson as this is a total beating. RVD falls down carrying him off but locks a modified triangle choke on Anderson who has no room to move around at all in the confined space. Van Dam says that wouldn't be enough to beat Sting and

chokes Anderson out with the pipe as we go to another break.

After a quick video on RVD and Anderson and a recap of what we just saw, here's Sting, calling out RVD. Sting apologizes to RVD for what he did to him last year and says that he's here to get rid of Hogan and Bischoff. Hogan and Bischoff make RVD vs. Sting for tonight, presumably non-title.

Tara says Madison is insane and she won't do what Madison wants her to do. Madison says Tara has a job because of Madison. They get on the motorcycle and leave. No idea where to.

Generation Me/Robbie E vs. Brian Kendrick/Chris Sabin/Suicide

Where did they did some of these guys up from? Sabin vs. Robbie to start and the face team destroys Robbie one by one. Suicide hammers on Max as there isn't much to say here. This is to hype up the X-Division Xscape match at Lockdown. Off to Kendrick who destroys everything in sight and it all breaks down quickly. Jeremy sets for something off the top but Max crotches him and DDTs him off the top. Kendrick steals the pin at 4:40.

Rating: C. Just a standard Cruiserweight match with a screwy ending. I guess we lose another team from the tag team division but hey, I'm sure it's still awesome because it was at one point right? Not much of a match but they did what they could in the time given out there.

Hogan yells at Immortal and has Gunner slap Rob Terry and someone else that I couldn't recognize. Anderson comes in with the pipe and is tired of getting beaten up every week so he asks Hogan for a favor. Anderson offers his "support" in exchange for protection and shakes hands with Hogan. He's now the referee in the main event and Hogan says take the pipe with you.

We see Madison and Tara leaving Mickie laying and speeding off on the bike.

Back with medics looking at Mickie.

Bully Ray vs. Christopher Daniels

This is a lumberjack match so we can have our big pull apart brawl. Ray controls early but Daniels manages to send him to the floor for a bit. He lands in front of Immortal though so no harm befalls him. Back in and Ray drills him with some loud chops to take over again. Ray tries to get the chain in but that gets him nowhere. Daniels gets an enziguri and a rana to take over. Running ST0 sets up the BME which gets the long two as Flair pulls the referee out. Somehow that isn't a DQ and the brawl allows Hogan to pop Daniels with the chain for the pin at 6:25.

Rating: D+. The lumberjacks were only there for the very ending. Other than that they played no role whatsoever which tends to be a problem with TNA gimmick matches: the gimmicks don't really need to be there but they're around anyway. Not much of a match here but it advances Lethal Lockdown well enough I guess. Nice way to push your big returning star too.

After a break, here's Jarrett in the cage. He talks about Kurt being arrested last week like a common street thug. He says that if the cage match had happened a few months ago, the cops would have arrested him (Jarrett) for hurting Angle. The kids won't be visiting Angle in prison because they need more of Daddy Jeff at the moment.

There's some kind of special entrance set up for Karen but it's Kurt's theme instead. He flies in like Spider-Man and locks the door. Kurt runs into the cameraman and Jarrett (and Karen who came out) run. This is all they put the cage up for?

Back and Kurt says he's going to hurt Jeff at Lockdown. Oh and the Network says there will be a stipulation for the match. No word on what that is.

Rob Van Dam vs. Sting

Anderson is referee and this is non-title. Sting grabs a headlock to start but Van Dam breaks that and gets some kicks from the middle and top rope. Rolling Thunder gets two. RVD argues about the count but it was fine. Stinger Splash gets two and Sting argues a bit also. There's the Scorpion Death Drop out of nowhere but Anderson drops Sting with the Mic Check. He counts them both out and jumps from 1 to 6 and then to 9 in about 3 seconds. Five Star to Sting ends this at 3:16.

Rating: D. Well this was pointless but it was long enough to warrant a grading. Was there a point to having RVD get the pin here? I'd say the same thing about Sting pinning RVD, but I guess this is better than another no contest. Also we get that Anderson is against both of them, which he was in the first place.

Anderson lays RVD out with the belt and asks Van Dam about the rematch. Terry and Murphy come out and put Anderson on their shoulders to end the show. Hogan comes out to clap. Apparently we're not done yet as it's a Mic Check for Terry and Murphy. Well at least they didn't go with the obvious ending. He points the pipe at Hogan and says he's next. Hogan rants about Anderson to really end the show.

Overall Rating: D+. This show was almost a chore to sit through. Now even though most people probably aren't going to read past the previous sentence, I'm not saying this was a horrible show because they've had far worse ones before. However, you had to matches end in partners turning on each other, two matches ending in weapon shots and other than

Immortal and the world title match, almost nothing new happened. It was a very boring show that dragged really badly which isn't a good sign in the slightest going into the second biggest show of the year. Bad show and a disappointment after their last two shows.

Results

Anarquia/Hernandez b. D-Von/Tommy Dreamer – Hernandez pinned D-Von after a chair shot from Anarquia

Samoa Joe b. Murphy – Koquina Clutch

Rosita/Sarita b. Beautiful People – Rosita pinned Sky after Love attacked Sky

Chris Sabin/Brian Kendrick/Suicide b. Generation Me/Robbie E – Kendrick pinned Jeremy Buck after a DDT from Max Buck