

Impact – April 21, 2011 – Another Decent Show

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We're past Lockdown now which means we can move on from some of the stuff we had been building to. Sting is still world champion and AJ is back. Not a lot really changed at the PPV which is kind of odd but it is what it is. Anyway, tonight we begin the road to Sacrifice which doesn't quite have the same ring to it as Road to Lockdown. Let's get to it.

We open with a recap of the Lockdown including all three major matches. Jarrett vs. Angle resulted in multiple injuries. Why do I have a feeling this feud is going to continue? Karen says it's over. We also recap Lethal Lockdown with AJ's return after....17 days of being gone. Also Sting wants to fight Hogan.

Cue AJ to open the show, repelling down from the ceiling into a cage full of weapons. He talks about Bully Ray and his big return at Lockdown. The only reason AJ was there was to get his revenge but he's not done. He wants Ray in the cage tonight. AJ rips off his shirt and is ready to fight. Here's Ray for his reply.

Ray talks about putting AJ in a hospital for a month. Uh...not quite. Ray says that he'll do it again and do it even worse this time. Then he'll go AJ's house and take care of his wife and kids. The wife part doesn't sound that bad apparently. AJ is waiting in the ring instead of going after Ray for some reason, perhaps due to not wanting to be jumped by Immortal.

Rey comes to the cage but stops early. Ray has nothing left to prove since he's already taken AJ out once.

He turns to leave but Daniels jumps the Bully in the aisle. Daniels throws Ray into the cage and the beatdown is on. Ray is sent into the cage a few times and takes a Pele to put him down. Big trashcan shot to the head and Ray is down. Gunner comes out to try to make the save but is picked off by Daniels. They fight up the ramp and AJ puts Ray on the table. Is the rest of Immortal just busy or something? Ray has a BIG knot on his forehead. With Ray on the table, AJ goes to the top of the cage, only for Ray to get off the table and head out the door.

We recap Lethal Lockdown and are told that Flair had a torn rotator cuff due to the armbar by Roode. He's been hurt for awhile so that's the angle to get him off TV. That's probably the best thing for him really.

Rob Terry and Murphy come out to the cage and run off the guys clearing out the weapons. They're here to get payback on Beer Money for hurting Flair so they're going to take the tag titles right now. Beer Money comes out and says cool. The match starts after the break.

Tag Titles: Beer Money vs. Murphy/Rob Terry

The match has started during the break apparently as Roode is in trouble when we come back. Terry gets a World's Strongest Slam for two. There are weapons hanging around the ring as well. Off to Murphy who works on the back a bit more. Terry sends him into the cage and a clothesline gets two. Roode finally gets in a shot and both guys are down.

Hot tag to Storm who hammers away on both guys. Codebreaker takes Murphy down as does a DDT and superkick to Terry. Everything breaks down and the AA Spinebuster to Terry puts

him down. Double suplex to Murphy and it's time for a double taunt. DWI ends Terry at 4:03 shown.

Rating: C-. Run of the mill throwaway tag match here but Beer Money looked good. It also advances Immortal vs. Fourtune which helps a bit. Beer Money is in desperate need of challengers at this point and with various teams being dismantled they need to find some new ones very quickly.

The Jarretts take a carriage ride and Jeff praises Karen a lot. It's her night apparently. Since Jeff is King of the Mountain, she gets crowned Queen of the Mountain tonight. This is going to trump the royal wedding apparently. We look at the horses which I guess is what the episode title is referencing.

Hogan is on his way to the ring, pipe in hand.

Here's Hogan after a break. He says he's awesome and wants RVD here now. Hogan says everyone knows RVD is a few fries short of a Happy Meal. Not quite as 90s as bad mamma jamma but close. RVD asks if Hogan remembers the time before he was a heel. He turned his back on everyone for ratings though. Hogan says nothing has changed and RVD says now everyone wishes Hogan would just go away.

RVD says he accomplished everything he's accomplished with respect. I'm not touching that one. A leg drop isn't enough anymore because things have changed, but RVD won't. Hogan says RVD has always been a big fish in a small pond. Uh...what? As long as Hogan is around, RVD will only be in the midcard apparently.

Cue Sting who says he invited himself. RVD is a main eventer apparently because he'll be in the main event at Sacrifice thanks to the Network. Hogan: "Are you high too Stinger? Because if you are give me some!" Apparently the Network says that Sting gets to pick his opponents now. Hogan says he runs the show but Sting says the executives are coming soon. Hogan

says RVD has a problem tonight against Abyss with Hogan in Abyss' corner. Also Sting vs. Matt Hardy as a chance for revenge for Matt's brother. No word on if the main event is a title match.

Kurt is looking for the Jarretts and someone saw them in the parking lot.

Madison and Tara argue in the back because it's apparently Tara's fault Madison lost the title. There's a Knockouts Tag Title match tonight also.

Eric is feeding the horses which he names Mongo and Sid, apparently the best Horsemen of all time. I give up. Young is feeding them beans. Angle says go get some buckets. Kurt has evil ideas about buckets apparently.

Knockouts Tag Titles: Sarita/Rosita vs. Madison Rayne/Tara

Matt vs. Sting is for the title apparently. Mexican America looks like they want to let the flag come down but it doesn't show up. Anarquia runs down America a bit. Ah there's the flag. The match starts after the break. Just like earlier we come back with the match in progress. Tara slaps Madison on the arm to tag her and they almost come to blows. Sarita dances and hits a dropkick.

Madison slams her into the mat and adds a big boot so she can yell at both chicks again. Now she yells at Tara. Some of you might be noticing a pattern here. The guys distract the referee so Rosita can throw Madison into a clothesline to end this at 1:54 shown. Yes, Madison kept the Knockout Title for 6 months and here she loses to a clothesline. Too short to grade.

Time for Karen to be crowned. Jeff talks about how awesome Karen is for awhile. They're both in pure white too. She's

officially the Queen of the Mountain. And of course there's manure in the crown. Kurt comes out and hits an Angle Slam on Jarrett to a chair. Angle says he has a mistress that will hurt Karen for him and she'll be here soon.

Hogan gives Abyss a pep talk in the back. Hogan goes over to Anderson and asks if Anderson knows who the Network person is. Anderson makes fun of Hogan, saying that this has to be a rib. Hogan says Anderson is the only person that he hates in wrestling and he hates being in the same room with him. Then why does Hogan keep going to talk to him? Hogan says if this was about 10 years ago this would end differently for Anderson. Anderson says he's bored so he has to go annoy someone else.

Back and we recap what we just saw. The manure came from the ceiling, not out of the crown. I thought there was a lot of it to fit in the crown.

Abyss vs. Rob Van Dam

They start the brawl almost immediately and Abyss goes down. Big boot puts RVD down and we hit the neck crank almost immediately. This is far more of a brawl than a match which is what it should be. RVD lands a kick which apparently knocked out two of Abyss' teeth. RVD makes his comeback and Hogan distracts the referee. It's a ruse though for him to slide the pipe in to Abyss who pops Van Dam in the ribs with it. Black Hole Slam ends this at 3:51.

Rating: C. Just a quick match here to set up the post match stuff. I believe this is the first time since the attack with Janice in the fall/summer of last year but I'm not sure. Either way, nothing too bad here but it was way too short to be great. Granted if it hadn't been we couldn't have shown Karen having horse manure dropped on her head again so they clearly made the right choice.

Hogan and Abyss set to attack RVD but Crimson makes the save.

Sting says he can't wait to wrestle because that's what he does.

Matt has Jeff's title belt and we reference him a bit. Matt is COLD BLOODED!

Here's Matt Morgan to talk about wanting the world title. He's tired of waiting and wants the title right now. Cue Scott Steiner of all people. He talks about Morgan being the DNA of TNA. If Steiner had Morgan's DNA he'd kill himself then hang himself. The line for world title shots starts behind Steiner apparently. Steiner says Morgan is beneath him, just like Morgan's girlfriend was last night.

Morgan says Steiner was an inspiration to him and talks about Steiner bringing athleticism back to this art form. Don't misinterpret the respect for weakness though because there's nothing weak on him. They make the obvious match. They shake hands and Steiner kicks him low. Steiner Recliner goes on and Morgan is left laying.

Tessmacher is back. Ok then.

Velvet and Winter have their usual moment of the week. Velvet is going to go to the authorities with this. Angelina destroys her.

TNA World Title: Matt Hardy vs. Sting

Matt has Jeff's world title, making it the third world title belt currently being worn by someone in TNA. Immortal is waiting on Sting in the aisle but Fournune runs out for the save. Sting never got touched if that's not clear. As Sting gets in the ring, Gunner gets a shot to the knee with a pipe. Matt takes over on a one legged Sting and a second rope leg drop gets two.

Moonsault misses though as Sting manages to roll out of the way. Scorpion is attempted but Matt kicks him off at the last second so he can go after the knee again. Chop block gets two. We take a break with Sting avoiding an elbow drop. Back with Matt working over Sting who is in the t-shirt again this week. The injured leg has changed to the right one now but I guess left and right is hard to keep track of. Back to the left one now. Sting makes a comeback but misses the Splash. Hot shot into snake eyes sets up the Scorpion Death Drop to keep Sting's title at 9:30 total.

Rating: C+. Not a bad match here for the most part as Matt was just a midcard guy getting a title shot. I like that actually as it allows you to have both guys lose nothing. Sting beats a guy he's supposed to beat and Matt loses nothing because he shouldn't beat Sting. The leg work stuff was fine too as it added a little story to the match. Not bad at all here which was a nice surprise.

Anderson comes out and hits Mic Checks on both guys, saying to Sting that he's not going away yet.

Karen FREAKS over the Angle thing and yells at Jeff even though he can barely move. Jeff wants to know how many times he has to beat Angle. Karen is REALLY annoying here, which she's supposed to be.

Hogan says Anderson is done. He says the Network is coming at him like a double fisted kangaroo. Has he been chilling with JR or something?

Anderson says they had that coming to them.

Sting says who cares about whatever happens as all that matters is what Anderson did. He wants revenge.

Overall Rating: C. I liked this again for the most part. They were kind of in a holding pattern here which is perfectly fine. Something that you notice about TNA is that there are a

lot of people that miss the show some weeks because of a lack of time to fit everyone in, such as Mickie, Pope and Joe. That's not a bad thing as they do what they have to do with just two hours a week but it's something that becomes a bit of an issue as it can get hard to keep up with stories.

No Bischoff this week which helped a lot. Too many authority figures hurts things a lot and that's a problem TNA needs to address. You have Hogan, Bischoff and the Network plus various people making matches at a whim it seems. Sting vs. Van Dam is fine for a PPV main event and it helps a lot here to see a random world title match that made a bit of sense. More wrestling please though.

Results

Beer Money b. Rob Terry/Murphy – DWI to Terry

Rosita/Sarita b. Madison Rayne/Tara – Clothesline to Rayne

Abyss b. Rob Van Dam – Black Hole Slam

Sting b. Matt Hardy – Scorpion Death Drop