

Impact Wrestling – October 20, 2011 – Under 8 Minutes Of Wrestling And A NEW CHAMPION!

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It's the show after Bound For Glory and a few things have changed. First and foremost, Hogan is a face now, having turned after a year of being the top heel in the company. Also we have the same world champion in the form of Angle who was hurt going into the match and for some reason they didn't put the title on Roode...uh...because he wasn't ready or something? Clearly that's their new policy on new champions and won't be changed at all tonight right? Let's get to it.

We open with a recap of the last year leading up to Hogan's face turn at BFG.

Here's Sting to open the show as we hear about how much of a betrayal it was for Bischoff's son to turn on him. Sting is sane again. He talks about how this was about getting Hogan back instead of staying with what we had for the last year. He calls out Hogan because the fans want to see him and here's the old bald dude himself, now in yellow and red.

Hogan and Sting hug because 15 years of feuding can be solved by one match or something. Hogan admits he's been wrong and thanks the fans. He's had a few rough years and he became a follower instead of a leader. He's been following Bischoff's lead instead of leading things and now he realizes how wrong Eric was. Hulk takes the blame himself and says it wasn't Eric's fault. Heaven forbid we have a heel come off looking evil I guess.

He talks about how he saw Immortal as a pack of wolves and saw the light to make the save. So he had a soul changing moment all of a sudden? Well that's an explanation at least. Hogan calls Sting the true icon and shakes his hand a bunch before leaving. Sting says Hogan still has it and then calls out Dixie Carter, who still has her own theme song on standby.

After a break Dixie is in the ring to thank Sting. Sting says it's a day to remember and to celebrate. He also mentions that Dixie wouldn't listen to him 18 months ago and she got burned because of it. However, it's all cool because he loves it here and Dixie is going to look out for the fans and this is her second chance. Dixie apologizes to Sting about Hogan and Bischoff. She says she doesn't belong in the ring and needs to be at headquarters. Because of that, she's giving Sting the day-to-day authority in Impact Wrestling. So Sting is the new GM? That could work. Sting accepts.

They hug in the ring but a 20 minute segment isn't long enough. Here's Kurt who somehow still has the title. For the life of me I don't get this company at times. After another break Angle calls them superheroes and blames Dixie for his own heel turn. Angle says he's still champion but Sting is always talking about Bobby Roode. At BFG he made Roode look like a loser and he's the better man.

That brings out Roode who yells at Angle because of the shaky finish to the title match. He blames Kurt for cheating at the PPV and saying it was bull. That was Roode's night and he messed it up. If you believe the internet, it was Hogan that messed it up but who's counting? The fans chant rematch and Sting likes that idea. Sting makes the rematch but Angle plays the Lee Corso card with a not so fast my friend.

The contract says Angle had to face Roode once and only once so there's no rematch tonight. Angle wants to know what Roode's partner's catchphrase is and that brings out James Storm. After break #3, Storm is in the ring and wants a title

shot as well. Angle screwed the company, the fans and Roode at the PPV. That means Angle screwed Storm as well and that doesn't work. Sting however can fix that. Since the fans want a title match tonight, maybe Storm should get one. Angle cuts him off, saying there are ten guys in front of him. That's very true. Sting makes the match anyway because logic means nothing in TNA.

Time of that very long segment: 40 minutes.

We jump to the back and Eric and Immortal come up to Hogan. Eric calls back the dogs and says they want something to go down in the ring tonight. Eric wants to meet Hogan in the ring tonight, one on one.

During the break, something occurs to me: didn't Sting say that the REAL Hogan was the one that wanted to take over TNA last summer? Now the REAL Hogan is the good guy? I don't think we're supposed to remember that.

Knockout Tag Titles: Winter/Angelina Love vs. Tara/Brooke Tessmacher

Winter and Angelina break up Tessmacher's shirt tear and the double team is on. We officially start with Angelina vs. Tessmacher. Tessmacher is messed up because of the beatdown and the challengers both beat her down. After a few minutes of beating, Angelina misses a middle rope crossbody and it's a double tag to Winter and Tara. Spinning side slam gets two. Everything breaks down and Tessmacher gets the pin on Winter with a top rope crossbody at 3:40.

Rating: C. This was fine, mainly due to large implants flying around and them keeping things short. Tessmacher still can't do much in the ring but she's improved a lot. She'd still be better at just being a sex object but most of the girls would be other than like two of them. This was nothing to see but for a quick Knockout tag, this wasn't too bad.

Here are the Jarretts and Jeff calls out Hardy. For the sake of sanity, Jeff Jarrett will be called Jeff and Jeff Hardy will be called Hardy. Jeff talks about how Hardy has screwed up before and he'll do it again. He says Hardy can leave tonight or he has to face Jeff. I'll give Jeff this: he's always ready to fight. Hardy says the fans want him here and it eats Jeff up. He'll never light up a crowd like Hardy can and that brings about the brawl. They do the pull apart stuff like they did at the PPV. Agents come out and D'Lo Brown and Al Snow get into an argument for no apparent reason. Jeff gets in a low blow and Hardy is left laying.

Angle says he'll keep the title tonight because he's Kurt Angle.

We get some stills of Bischoff beating up his son on Sunday.

Eric Young wants to do a calendar photo shoot but Robbie E and Rob Terry come up. Has this been mentioned in months? Eric makes fun of Big Rob, calling him Conan the Barbarian. He calls himself a fighting champion and I begin to laugh. Eric says Robbie E can have a title shot and we're told that Ronnie from Jersey Shore will be coming here. Oh good grief.

Abyss vs. Gunner

Gunner says that Immortal needs to prove they're still on top so he's fighting Abyss for Immortal tonight. Brawl to start and Gunner tries to run. Out to the floor and Gunner goes into the steps. They go back in and Gunner runs away for a countout at 1:50.

Velvet is going to thank the fans next.

Gunner says Immortal needs Abyss back and sounds scared of Abyss. Eric and company say they're not worried. They'll take care of Hogan first though.

We get a video about Velvet overcoming the odds because she

was bullied as a kid. I don't know what high school you went to, but girls that looked like her who were jocks weren't bullied.

Velvet is in the ring now and holds up the belt, saying how awesome it is to finally be champion. She talks about the bullying thing again but says it was all worth it in the end. This brings out Karen and Traci and Karen yells a lot. She says she's the Knockouts Boss and it would be boring if she just fired them both. Karen calls out security to get rid of Traci and it's just the two of them left. She gets in Velvet's face and threatens to strip her of the title but Jeff told her that wouldn't be very fun. Karen wants the putting in her place to be physical.

She says she knows the perfect person to do it and says Velvet needs eyes in the back of her head. Since Velvet is a face and therefore an idiot, Madison Rayne comes out to the stage and Velvet looks at her as Gail Kim returns through the crowd and beats up Velvet. They both beat Velvet down and stand tall.

More clips from BFG.

Here's Immortal and Bischoff will be doing the talking. He says that he'll deal with his son later and calls out Hogan. Hogan's music is playing before Bischoff is done talking. Eric says he's got a lot to say so hopefully Hogan packed a lunch. He wants to know how Hogan can dare turn on these guys after they protected him for 18 months. We'll ignore the storyline issues with that for the sake of sanity. Eric talks about how he's the man that made Hogan who he is today. Well that's true. Hogan is a much weaker star today than he was in the 80s.

The real problem though is that Hogan got in Bischoff's son's ear and stopped Eric's son from becoming like his father. Hogan says that he's learned a lot in the past few days and part of that is that Bischoff's son is more of a man than

Bischoff. Immortal is at ringside and Bischoff tries to hit Hogan. That fails so Hogan points at him. Here's Immortal but they don't attack him. Sting slides in with a pair of ball bats and Immortal (all three of them) run.

Bischoff backs up the ramp but his son is behind him. He says how dare you Hogan but backs into his son. Eric yells at him and the son calls him a disgrace. He rips his son's shirt open and reveals a Bischoff tattoo on his chest. Eric says his son doesn't deserve that name anymore and gets drilled for it. He gives Hulk and Sting a thumbs up. So...what's the payoff to this? I mean, how can this go anywhere since he's not a wrestler and neither is his dad?

TNA World Title: Kurt Angle vs. James Storm

The bell is ringing at 10:55 so this is going to be short. Angle pounds him down in the corner but brags too much. He walks into a superkick and Storm is champion at 1:20. Well they can't make it much more definitive than that.

Roode comes out to celebrate and is quickly followed by the rest of F4. Storm goes into the crowd to celebrate.

Storm comes back for the celebration and says this is great. He hands Roode the belt because it belongs to him. Roode takes it and wraps it around Storm's waist. F4 stands tall to end the show.

Overall Rating: C-. I wasn't into this show. There was way too much talking, but I can understand wanting to focus on storylines a lot. That's fine, but with a huge twist at the end the show felt like one big angle instead of a TV show. I can live with that once in awhile, but if it becomes the norm this show is in trouble. Anyway, things have certainly changed, although I have a lot of questions about a lot of things, and that's not really a good thing. As for the title change, as usual with TNA: I think I like the end results but I'm not wild about how they got there.

Results

Tara/Brooke Tessmacher b. Angelina Love/Winter – Top rope crossbody to Winter

Abyss b. Gunner via countout

James Storm b. Kurt Angle – Superkick

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