

Impact Wrestling – November 3, 2011 – New! Champion!

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Location: Macon Coliseum, Macon, Georgia

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We're on the road again in Georgia because we're not allowed to go outside the SEC for some reason. Tonight's main event is the Beer Money explosion because who needs months of build for a team that people have wanted to see feud for a very long time? I mean, they've had a week to build things up so that's more than enough time I suppose. Anyway let's get to it.

The opening video is about Storm vs. Roode which is still thrown together way faster than it should be.

Here's the champ to open the show. He talks about respect because this is TNA. You say yes ma'am and no sir and you hold the door open for a lady. He talks about how he's not going to be a champion that fights seven days a week because he watches football on Saturdays and Sunday is for church. Storm says he's been around the world six times and there's been one man at his side every time.

Cue Roode to a nice pop. Storm says they're fighting tonight and his daughter wants to hold the belt after they go to Chuck E. Cheese. Roode says exactly what you would expect him to say. It's the we've been friends forever and we'll steal the show tonight jazz.

Ronnie from the Jersey Shore is here with Eric Young because TNA thinks we care.

Knockout Tag Titles: Tara/Brooke Tessmacher vs. Gail Kim/Madison Rayne

Time for the monthly defense of the titles. Brooke's outfit is designed like a Texas flag for some reason. She and Madison start us off but it's off to Tara quickly. The arm work begins as the champions are tagging fast. Gail comes in and is all dominant and evil for a bit. Tessmacher's corner hijinks don't really work this time. Gail beats on Brooke a bit more until it's a hot tag to Tara. Everything breaks down and there's the Widow's Peak. Karen Jarrett has the referee though and Eat Defeat gives us new champions at 5:05.

Rating: D+. It's not like anyone cares about the belts, but this is what you do with the titles here as they're actually having a division wide angle going on. Karen is evil and trying to have her girls get the titles. It's not particularly interesting but a dull story is better than a repetitive one on a treadmill like the Divas have so this was fine, just not that interesting.

Garrett Bischoff won't apologize to his father tonight.

Garrett is in the ring after a break and calls his dad down to the ring. Garrett apologizes for not being the man his father wanted to be but he's most sorry he didn't do this years ago. With that he blasts his dad and beats him down until Flair and Gunner make the save.

Joe comes up to Sting and offers help with whatever Sting might need. Sting says it's cool as there's no Bischoff to mess with anything right now. Joe says he's not going to be shut up even with a new sheriff in town. If Sting doesn't respect Joe, there might be some mysterious injuries. Sting says cool. Joe leaves and here are Bischoff and Flair. Bischoff says Sting can't fire him so Eric wants a match: his son against someone to be named later. If Sting grants it, Sting can rewrite Eric's contract.

Daniels says that he's awesome and beat AJ and never said he quit. He wants title shots because he's earned them. Daniels

says he beat RVD last week. As he's talking, RVD pops up behind him but Daniels doesn't see him. He goes on a rant about the screwdriver last week (Daniels that is) and the cameraman asks Rob if he has any thoughts. The thought is a right hand and a brawl breaks out. RVD beats him up and Daniels runs. RVD implies there's a match at Turning Point.

Jesse Sorensen vs. Austin Aries

Non-title here. Kid Kash sits down on commentary to rant about old vs. new as usual. They speed things up a lot and Kash is already on my nerves. Sorensen misses a dive to the floor and Aries hits a GREAT suicide dive as Sorensen was flattened against the barricade. Kash spends the whole match ranting about how great he is and how he'll be respected and all that jazz. Sorensen starts his comeback which doesn't last long. Aries takes over again and hits a running dropkick in the corner to put Sorensen down. He loads up the brainbuster but Sorensen grabs a small package for the pin at 4:45.

Rating: C+. That dive really was awesome and a lot of this grade is for that. They beat on each other out there and it was a pretty fun match. They kept it short which is the right idea for X-Division matches as it keeps them from getting dull. Fun little match and it gives Aries a new opponent. Keep Kash away from anything that amplifies his voice though.

Post match Kash threatens to cut Sorensen with a knife.

Storm says the title is his and he's keeping it.

Roode says this is the match they've talked about for years.

Here are the Robs for the Jersey Shore segment. Robbie E runs down Ronnie and Young (who are in the ring now) and I guess this is going to be a tag match. Oh joy. Robbie keeps calling people hamsters. A brawl breaks out and it's Big Rob dominating. Ronnie gets whipped by a belt and the heels leave. Eric gets up and suggests a tag match.

Bully Ray/Jeff Jarrett vs. Mr. Anderson/Jeff Hardy

Anderson looks like he has darker hair now. No complains about the double feuds in one match. Ray vs. Hardy starts us off and they trade some shots. Off to Jarrett but that goes nowhere either. Ray comes in and hammers away as Hardy does what he does best: sell things like death. Jeff finally gets the tag off to Anderson as Ray comes in as well. Everything breaks down and here's Scott Steiner to break things up and crotch Anderson for the DQ at 5:38.

Rating: D+. The main event better be good and I think that's what they're setting up for here. Everything else has been really short and it looks like they're setting up for a huge title match to close the show which is fine. This set up both presumable PPV matches (though do we need more Anderson vs. Ray?) which is always a good idea. Boring match though.

Sting comes up to Garrett in the back and says he's known him since he was 6 years old. That might raise a few questions but I'm not sure if it does or not. Garrett says he'll take the match with whoever his dad picks.

Here's Morgan who calls out Crimson. Morgan talks about how he's always hearing about how he's always being asked if he can beat Crimson. He talks about how he's the real giant in pro wrestling and says let's give the fans what they want. Crimson says he's been thinking about it too, but let's raise the stakes. That means...let's just have a match. Ok then.

Hype video for the title match.

TNA World Title: James Storm vs. Bobby Roode

Feeling out process to start as they're playing up the idea that they know each other very well. Off to a test of strength which doesn't last long. Neither guy has an advantage as we go to a break. Back with Storm ramming shoulders into Roode in the corner. They keep countering each other and Roode can't

get much of an advantage. Storm stays ahead with a superplex but both guys are down.

They slug it out and Storm takes over with some running shots. Blockbuster gets two for Roode. Backstabber gets two for the champ. Eye of the Storm is countered into a spinebuster for two. They head to the floor and both guys barely get back inside in time. Storm tries an Orton DDT but gets countered into a Crossface. Storm makes a rope and Roode is frustrated. Roode tries a superplex but Storm counters into a top rope elbow for two.

This is getting good. Last Call misses as Roode grabs the fisherman's suplex. Storm counters that and is almost sent into the referee. The referee avoids the contact but twists his knee in the process as Roode is sent to the floor. Roode succumbs to the demons inside and grabs the beer bottle which he breaks over Storm's head to BIG heat. It gives him the world title at 17:40.

Rating: B. This was a very solid match that could have easily main evented a PPV with about five minutes extra. Still though, good stuff here and that's what they needed to do. I'm really not sure I like the ending but it's TNA after all so how good can it get? The heel turn was needed, but Roode is going to have to step up his emotions as a heel to deserve this spot. Good match though.

Overall Rating: C+. The title change alone makes this worth checking out. As is almost always the case with TNA, the end result is fine but the path of getting there is bad. The problem is that this could have been a PPV main event easily but instead it's thrown together here on a week's notice. The heel turn is a good thing as there isn't really a top heel coming into this show so Roode gives you that guy. Decent stuff, but it's strictly a one match show.

Results

Gail Kim/Madison Rayne b. Brooke Tessmacher/Tara – Eat Defeat to Tara

Jesse Sorensen b. Austin Aries – Small Package

Mr. Anderson/Jeff Hardy b. Bully Ray/Jeff Jarrett via DQ when Scott Steiner interfered

Bobby Roode b. James Storm – Pin after a beer bottle to the head

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