

Impact Wrestling – November 24, 2011 – An Elimination Match On Thanksgiving? That's So Last Century

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It's Turkey Day here in the Impact Zone and that usually means a pretty fun show from these guys. There's always the chance of the return of the turkey suit which thankfully isn't coming out of a huge egg and dancing with a bald interviewer. Expect a bit more build towards Final Resolution but the majority of things should be a bit lighter tonight, which is fine. Let's get to it.

We open with a video of last week with Storm looking for his attacker with Angle being the reveal at the end of the show. There's still tension between Storm and AJ.

Here's Angle, who along with Storm will captain teams for an elimination tag later. On Thanksgiving? You don't say! Kurt says it wasn't an attack from behind. James just didn't see him coming. Cue Storm who says this is beyond personal. It's business now and if Angle says he won't jump someone from behind, here's his chance to fight face to face. Angle says this is about Storm stealing the title from Angle so Angle cost him the title in Georgia. Immortal plus Daniels comes out so Storm SHOWS HE HAS A BRAIN by hitting Angle once and running. Anderson, AJ and RVD come out for the big brawl.

Eric Young brings an old referee back on a homemade bicycle. Rudy Charles brings out the turkey suit.

We recap Mexican America losing the tag titles last week to Morgan/Crimson.

Tag Titles: Mexican America vs. Crimson/Matt Morgan

A big brawl to start is won by the champions and it's down to Anarquia vs. Morgan. The beating begins as the champions pound him down. A double chokeslam ends this in 1:57. Total squash.

Eric Young says Sting has said there's officially a turkey suit challenge later on. It's a regular match and the loser has to wear the suit. Rob Terry gives him a pat down and says he's not on the list. If Robbie doesn't do it, he's stripped of the title. The Robs go to find Sting and Young admits Sting didn't say any of that.

Here are Karen and her associates. She calls out five of the Knockouts (Tara, Tessmacher, Winter, Angelina and Velvet) and gets them very quickly. The fans want a rematch but the fans (according to Karen) want more skin. Tonight it's the first lingerie ball.

The face Knockouts whine about the match. Yeah....I'd buy that if the pigeons weren't always being let loose.

The heel Knockouts are happy when Mickie comes in to yell at Gail in private. They leave the door open and Mickie yells at Gail for going against whatever she said when she wasn't in there. Mickie gets beaten down.

Angelina Love/Winter/Madison Rayne vs. Tara/Velvet Sky/Brooke Tessmacher

They're all in lingerie/thongs. The anger over it isn't working at all but they look good. Scratch the thongs actually. It's a regular six person tag. Winter shows off and looks good like that. Tessmacher rips her shirt off and is in the exact same thing she wrestles in. For chicks that are ticked off, they don't seem to mind posing on the ropes.

Velvet is in less clothing than usual. They have a pose off until FINALLY the evil ones jump them. There's a quick commercial as Tara and Winter get us going.

Back with the good chicks in control and Tessmacher gives Winter a Stink Face. Yeah we get it: it's embarrassing or whatever. Do an actual move please. Tessmacher gets beaten down as Taz is talking about Helen Keller. Madison is far more covered than she usually is. Hot tag finally brings in Velvet and house is cleaned. Madison grabs a belt but Mickie comes out for the save. Velvet's bad facebuster ends this at 13:18.

Rating: F. Dumb premise, dumb anger, no thongs, dumb match.

Here's Hardy in a mask but it's actually Jeff Jarrett. He wants to know why the fans love Hardy. Is it because he looks like a clown? Perhaps the bizarre promos or the stupid chances he takes for the fans. Jarrett wants Hardy's fans to grow up and embarrass the company they work for. Here's Hardy at a full sprint to beat down Jarrett. Immortal plus Daniels makes the save. Immortal comes out (plus Daniels and Roode...oh no) and here's Team Storm for the save. Jarrett sends Hardy into the steps and then does it again. Immortal stands tall.

We get a history of the turkey suit match which is one of those funny things that you can get in wrestling.

Robbie E vs. Eric Young

Robbie jumps him on the floor and beats up the turkey suit also. This is non title. Rudy counts really slowly. He won't drop the suit for the count and we're in a total comedy match here. Robbie gets what was presumably loaded punch for the pin at 2:14. The referee sees it and reverses the decision. Oh wait he restarts the match. Robbie shoves the referee and a piledriver ends this clean. Total comedy match and there isn't a thing wrong with that.

Big Rob has to put on the suit because Robbie is out cold.

Rudy and Eric train for next year on a bike but Rudy crashes.

Team Angle vs. Team Storm

AJ Styles, Mr. Anderson, Rob Van Dam, Jeff Hardy
Jeff Jarrett, Bully Ray, Christopher Daniels, Bobby Roode

There's been talk all night about Hardy being on the team but he's not mentioned here. Storm is in street clothes. Oh wait Angle and Storm aren't wrestling. Ok then. So it's 4-3? This is an elimination style match so it's Survivor Series rules. Roode sits in on commentary because he's not loose yet. AJ vs. Daniels gets us off because we need something new. After nothing of note happens there it's off to Jarrett vs. Anderson.

Van Dam comes in and this is starting pretty slowly. Rob gets caught in the corner and Ray takes over on him with a splash. Not hot tag to Anderson who takes over with some elbows and a neckbreaker for two. Ray hits a Rock Bottom and Roode heads to the ring. He steals a tag and gets the pin on Anderson to make it 4-3 or 4-2 depending on how you look at it.

Here's AJ to speed things way up with a backdrop. I think the ankle is ok now. Roode hits him low right in front of the referee for...not a DQ. Ok yeah it was but there was no bell. Ah there's the announcement. We take a break as Daniels pounds on AJ. Back with Ray coming in to beat down AJ even more. AJ counters Angel's Wings into a rana and then the Pele puts Daniels down.

Hot tag brings in RVD who cleans house with various kicks. Rolling Thunder puts Daniels down but Angle breaks up the Five Star. He and Storm fight up the ramp but RVD gets rolled up and pinned to make it 3-1. Daniels is bleeding from the mouth. It's a 3-1 beatdown and Ray tells Daniels to give him the moonsault. It eats knees/feet because Ray shouted GIVE HIM THE MOONSAULT. Ray accidentally takes out Jarrett and a Pele puts Ray down.

Cue Hardy as all four are down. He's pulling his pants up as he comes out. What was he doing before that??? Hardy slips on the apron as he comes out but there's the hot tag anyway. He cleans house and the Twist takes out Daniels to tie things up. Twist to Jarrett is countered so Hardy gets a small package to take him out instead. A HUGE boot takes Hardy down for two and Jarrett hammers on Hardy a bit more. AJ makes a blind tag and hits the forearm on Ray to win it at 18:45.

Rating: C-. Not bad here and it makes Hardy look like a star which is the right idea. It's nothing we haven't seen a bunch before but it didn't need to be. Hardy stands tall and we'll get to some post match stuff here in a few seconds. For a Thanksgiving show main event, this was certainly fine.

Roode lays out both winners with the belt post match.

Overall Rating: C. I'm going with right in the middle here. On a normal week this would have been around an F, but the thing you have to remember here is that it's Thanksgiving. There's no reason to assume this show was going to be anything of note and it wasn't supposed to be. No one is going to watch the show, so why waste anything big on it? You see Raw do this a lot and there's nothing wrong with that. Not an interesting show, but all things considered this was fine. Well ok it was bad but there are a lot of things to consider on it.

Results

Matt Morgan/Crimson b. Mexican America – Double chokeslam to Anarquia

Brooke Tessmacher/Tara/Velvet Sky b. Winter/Angelina Love/Madison Rayne – BeauDT to Rayne

Eric Young b. Robbie E – Piledriver

Team Storm b. Team Angle last eliminating Bully Ray

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