

Impact Wrestling – December 1, 2011 – Pacing Issues Are Back

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We've got two more shows before Final Resolution and the card is starting to come together. It feels like a filler PPV until we get to something a lot bigger. The interesting thing will be if Storm is allowed to wrestle again as he's really getting hurt by being injured as the mini-feud with Roode he had made him the real star out of the whole thing. But it's a concussion so it's hard to say when he'll be better. Let's get to it.

We open with a video of Roode's family talking about how he's pretty much abandoned them and it's all about him anymore. Cool idea given how he was pushed as this family man when he was going for the title.

Sting opens the show and says everyone is trying to run this place. Right now, he's going to deal with Bobby Roode, so get on out here. Roode says let's get this over with. Sting talks about how Roode has done all this stuff and jumped Styles and Hardy to end the show. Roode calls it great TV and says Sting is welcome for what he's done recently. Sting says he runs the place and it's run his way. For every bad thing Roode does, there's a consequence, which starts right now.

Cue AJ and Roode says Sting is fighting AJ's battles now. Sting also brings out Hardy who asks why Roode doesn't respect Sting's authority. Sting says screw you Bobby and makes it a three way match for the main event tonight.

The Knockouts are in robes while Karen yells. She gets in Velvet's face and yells about disrespect and all that jazz. Tonight they're going to wash six cars and then the rest of them. Oh and they'll be in swimsuits. Madison gladly disrobes and looks pretty good underneath it.

Jeff Hardy says he and AJ are about to go talk strategy. Jarrett comes up and takes his jacket off. He wants to know why Hardy thinks he belongs here. Hardy says this is his last shot. Jarrett throws his jacket in Hardy's face and beats him down. Here's your backstage brawl of the week.

Bischoff meets with Ray in the back because they don't have an office anymore. Eric wants Ray to wait before killing his kid. Yeah brilliant there dude. Instead, let's get rid of Abyss. Ray put him through a table and it did nothing so Eric suggests talking to him. Ray thinks he's nuts (both Eric and Abyss) so he'll get Scott Steiner to help talk. Oh geez.

The Knockouts are in bikinis and washing cars and Tara is forced to disrobe. ODB gets a street fight with Mickie James for some reason. If she hurts Mickie she's the new #1 contender.

Mexican America vs. Ink Inc vs. D-Von/D'Angelo Dinero

Winners are #1 contenders. D-Von and Pope clear the ring until we get down to Pope vs. Anarquia with the street preacher taking over. The Mexicans finally take over until it's a hot tag to D-Von. There's nothing interesting going on here. I still want to know why they think pushing D-Von is a good thing. Neal tags himself in, spears Hernandez but walks into a spinebuster from D-Von for the pin at 5:06.

Rating: D+. Whatever man. The tag division is such a joke anymore without any solid teams in there. It's like the tag champions and the #1 contenders are just slapped together with no real rhyme or reason. This isn't going to be much of a match and does anyone buy that these guys are going to get the

titles?

Here's Austin Aries to talk a bit. He says he has a problem as the greatest man that ever lived. His plan was to revitalize the division and bring in some greatness, but his greatness is so far ahead of everyone else. It's time to call this the A Double division. No one can hold a candle to him so....oh dang it here's Kid Kash.

He talks about Turning Point and how Aries screwed him over after Kash took out Sorensen for him. It's an old vs. new argument and Aries says he's champion. Kash says he held it before. Aries says shake my hand and you have a shot. They shake hands and punch each other at the same time. I think that's supposed to be a face turn for Kash.

Gunner goes to find Garrett Bischoff at a gym.

AJ says he'll win tonight.

Gunner tries to find Garrett Bischoff but finds someone else who he beats up. No one else seems to care. He keeps looking and annoys someone else. Gunner beats up two more people and then the original guy comes back. There's a clothesline for him and then he chokes the guy down. He hurts a guy's arm and tried to be menacing, saying he's coming for Garrett.

Sting yells at Jarrett, telling him to stay out of the main event tonight. Jarrett says Sting has no room to talk because he was in the match with Hardy at Victory Road. Sting says there will be consequences if Jarrett interferes. Jarrett says he might be willing to pay that consequence.

More parenting stuff from Roode's "wife".

The Knockouts are still washing cars. Taz's car is in line for later and a bus or something like that comes up.

Steiner is lifting weights when Ray comes up to talk about Abyss. CAN WE HAVE A WRESTLING MATCH ALREADY??? Steiner

suggests offering a freak to Abyss to get him to join their team again.

Mickie James vs. ODB

Street fight. It's a brawl on the ramp to start and they roll towards the ring. Street fights mean falls count anywhere here I guess. Mickie's rana is countered into a powerbomb. They go into the crowd and Mickie fights back in front of a handicap ramp. ODB hits her with a lot of metal stuff and Mickie looks a bit dead. We do the odd hardcore match thing where people insist on walking around.

She walks around even more until Mickie gets in a chop. Gee, I wonder if the minute long walk had anything to do with her getting a second wind. Back to the ring and Mickie starts her comeback. ODB breaks up the jumping DDT and gets a chair. Like any idiot, she holds it in front of her face to allow Mickie to kick the chair into her face for the pin at 7:00.

Rating: D+. Well that was pretty dull. I have no idea why they went walking around like that but I never get that in any wrestling match with hardcore rules. ODB continues to look like an idiot and the girls are still better than the Divas, but they're still nothing to blow my skirt up. The weak show continues.

Storm (at home) says he's still out with a concussion. Angle interrupts and asks Storm how it felt to have his head bashed in and how his daughter reacted to it. Angle blames Storm for losing the title so Angle says be here next week to confirm a match at Final Resolution. Storm says it'll be a beating, not a match.

Some chicks are in the back and looking for Abyss.

We see the long version of Roode's family complaining. Roode says he got them a bunch of stuff with the money so if he's a user, so are they.

TV Title: Rob Van Dam vs. Robbie E

Why do I have a feeling the obvious ending isn't the one that is going to happen? RVD dominates to start and sends Robbie to the floor quickly. Big Rob gets in a shot to take over and Robbie pounds away a bit. Back to the floor and here's Eric Young in underwear with a fire extinguisher. RVD gets a kick to the face and hits the Five Star but Eric has the referee. Daniels runs in and hits Angel's Wings on RVD so Robbie can get the pin at 4:02.

Rating: Rob. What else do you want me to call it? This was about as predictable as you could want it to be, which isn't saying much. The match wasn't the point here obviously and the idea was to have Daniels run in and Young to be all wacky because that's all he knows how to do.

Steiner's girls are all messed up after meeting Abyss.

The Knockouts get in a fight with the water and soap. Karen comes in with garden hoses and sprays them all down.

Robert Roode vs. AJ Styles vs. Jeff Hardy

This has over twenty minutes to go so maybe it'll be good. This is non-title of course. Roode immediately hits the floor and we get our first contact about a minute in with both guys beating on Roode. He gets ping-ponged between the two of them and then clotheslined to the floor. Time for the face showdown....or not. Instead they get in a mini argument over who gets to dive to the floor. Hardy hits a baseball slide as we take a break.

Back with Roode hitting a belly to back suplex for one as Hardy makes the save. AJ gets his eyes raked and accidentally hits Hardy, giving us the showdown we've been waiting for. AJ hits his drop down into a dropkick sequence but Hardy takes over and gets two of his own. Roode comes back in and beats both guys down before focusing on Hardy. Spinebuster gets two.

AJ pops back up with the springboard forearm and backflip into the reverse DDT on Roode. Roode takes over again and hits a fisherman's suplex on AJ which Hardy breaks up. Twist of Fate to Roode and he loads up the Swanton, but here's Jarrett to crotch him. Roode covers Hardy for the easy pin at 14:30.

Rating: C. Pretty ok match here but at the end of the day, so what? This is more about pushing Jeff vs. Jeff again and that's not exactly something interesting. Not a bad match at all but I've never been a fan of three ways, which isn't helping things here. At least it sets up a match at Final Resolution, which we'll get to now.

Sting comes out and makes Jeff vs. Jeff in a cage at the PPV. If Jarrett escapes first, Hardy is gone. If Hardy escapes first, he gets the title shot at Genesis. Karen comes out to yell so she'll be handcuffed to Sting during the match.

Overall Rating: D+. The biggest problem with this show is that the pacing problems were back. There were five minutes of wrestling in the first hour and for what? So we could have segments about Gunner, Garrett Bischoff, and the Knockouts in swimsuits? That's what we're focusing on now? This was a backstage heavy show and that's really not all that interesting. Also, you don't need to have Roode's family pop in all through the show if you're going to show a full version of it later on. Not a bad show, but pretty boring overall.

Results

D-Von/D'Angelo Dinero b. Mexican America and Ink Inc – Spinebuster to Neal

Mickie James b. ODB – Spinning kick to the face

Robbie E b. Rob Van Dam – Pin after Angel's Wings

Bobby Roode b. AJ Styles and Jeff Hardy – Pinned Hardy after Jeff Jarrett interfered

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