

Impact Wrestling – January 12, 2012 – Genesis Rematches Abound

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It's after Genesis now so it basically means a new day for TNA. Roode is still champion, Angle tied up the series with Storm, no titles changed, and basically the whole show didn't change anything. Against All Odds is next and we have probably even more rematches to look forward to. Anyway, hopefully things are a little more interesting in the next few weeks. Let's get to it.

We open with a recap of Genesis where Roode kept the title via getting himself disqualified.

Here's Roode who says he's the most dominant champion ever and that he's beaten everyone put in front of him. He wants Hardy to come out and shake his hand but gets Sting instead. Sting talks to Roode like he's an idiot and says he wants to beat him up. It results in Hardy vs. Roode tonight.

Earlier today, Morgan got here and ran into Crimson. Crimson says he got a Direct Auto Insurance policy. Are you kidding me? They have a match tonight too against the Robs.

Robbie E/Robbie T vs. Crimson/Matt Morgan

Non-title here. Crimson starts off with E so it's off to T quickly. And then T runs him over and it's back to E. Crimson and Morgan take turns destroying him. Carbon Footprint takes down T and a double spinebuster ends this in 1:58. Total

squash.

Joe and Magnus run out and jump the champs post match.

Eric is here.

We recap Garrett vs. his pappy and Gunner.

Cue Eric to the arena. Eric talks about how it's not that easy to be a wrestler. You have to have talent to go with the chance. Eric may have made everything he's done look easy, but it doesn't work that way. Garrett comes out and says he's not quitting because his dad says so. He lists off the top guys that he's learning from and says he's going to stick with this. Garrett says he isn't going to quit and that he has a new trainer who is going to shock Eric. Garrett goes to leave but Eric stops him. The sonny grabs him by the neck and says never touch him again.

Angelina and Winter say they need to remind people who they are.

We recap ODB and Eric. Oh joy. They're in the back and she says it was a one time thing.

Winter vs. ODB

Eric is doing his usual insane stuff. ODB chest bumps Winter and sends her flying but a Bronco Buster doesn't hit. Winter puts her in a Tree of Woe. Off to a quick chinlock but ODB comes back with a fallaway slam and nip up...and here's Eric to give Angelina an airplane spin. TKO beats Winter at 3:32. It's called the Bam apparently.

Rating: D. Whatever as usual with the girl matches in whatever company they're in. Eric is so much more bearable when he's not TV Champion. Or stripping. Not a terrible match but it was there for Eric and that's about it. Either way, you know the wacky romance is going to continue, but that's ok I guess.

Here's AJ who wants to talk to Kaz. It doesn't take long for him to get here and AJ is mad. He wants to know why Kaz turned on him. Kaz was supposed to be the level headed one and the calm one. This happened last year with Daniels, so why is it happening here? AJ keeps yelling and Kaz says he can't tell him. Daniels pops up and says he can. He says he's tired of Kaz carrying AJ and that AJ is a lost cause. Daniels tells Kaz to leave which he does, so AJ CHUCKS the mic (from like two and a half feet) at Daniels and the beatdown is on. Kaz pulls him to safety but doesn't look happy that he did so.

Ray and Roode are in the back and Ray points out that he was trending on Twitter. Roode gives me the high point of his career: saying there are more important things than Twitter. Ray won't shut up about it while Roode freaks out about the title match later. He says he'll have Roode's back in exchange for a shot. Roode agrees, but doesn't seem sincere.

Here's Storm and he demands Angle come out, so here's baldie himself. Storm slaps the mic out of his hand and says Angle cheated, because he's beaten Angle twice but Kurt had to cheat to beat him. Angle says he's done with Storm and wants the title. Sting comes out and quickly says in the title match, if Roode gets disqualified he loses the title. Also tonight, it's the rubber match and the winner gets a title shot in the future.

Kurt Angle vs. James Storm

Angle had only until we came back from a break to get his gear, which he says he doesn't have. After the break there's no Kurt. Earl starts the count and Angle makes it in at 9, putting the singlet on as he runs. Storm pounds him down quickly and Angle goes shoulder first into the post. A DDT on the arm gets two. Storm goes after the hand because we've always heard about Angle's grip. Angle tries to roll away and hits the floor where he finally gets in some shots to break the momentum.

Still outside, Angle pops off a belly to belly and we take a break. Back with Angle getting two off something we didn't see. Snap suplex gets two for Kurt. After more beatings, they both try a cross body to knock them both down. Storm hammers away and hits a Backstabber. A backbreaker sets up the fabled jump into the boot but Storm grabs the foot and puts on the ankle lock. Kurt kicks him off and the Slam gets two. Angle pounds away on Storm and goes outside.

He picks up the beer bottle and brings it in, but Hebner takes it. The distraction lets Kurt spit beer in Storm's face and the kick to the head, which isn't super at all, for two. Storm grabs a Codebreaker out of nowhere and the Last Call ends this at 15:57. The ending came out of nowhere. Storm is #1 contender.

Rating: B-. Not as good as their other matches but it picked up a lot after the break. Another clean win over Storm isn't going to hurt Storm at all though so no complaints there at all. Hopefully this sets up Storm vs. Roode in a big long match, but I have a feeling that'll be saved for a major show. At least I hope it will.

Tessmacher is in some Hooters pageant.

Sting is at a photo shoot when Madison comes up. She says he can officially make her VP of the Knockouts but he says no. Instead he makes her vs. Mickie next week in a cage.

TNA World Title: Jeff Hardy vs. Bobby Roode

Roode chills on the floor before the match so Hardy dives on him to take over. Dixie is at ringside. They haven't both been in the ring yet. Hardy dominates to start but Roode gets in a shot, only to have his piledriver attempt blocked and a slingshot sends him into the post. Twist of Fate is countered but Jeff hits a clothesline and they go in. And there's the bell? I thought I missed it. Ok so we got three minutes of brawling beforehand. Got it.

Clothesline gets two for Hardy. Roode gets knocked outside again and we take a break. Back with them still on the floor and Hardy trying Poetry in Motion into the railing. He totally crashes and burns, which makes me shake my head when people are surprised that he has a drug problem. Jeff makes it back in at nine so Roode pounds on him even more. Blockbuster gets two. Jeff hits a jawbreaker and Russian legsweep for two. Whisper in the Wind gets two.

Twist is countered into the spinebuster and Roode tries the fisherman's suplex but Jeff counters into another Twist. Swanton misses and Roode grabs a cover for two. This is getting really good. Twisting Stunner and Twist of Fate set up the Swanton and Roode is in BIG trouble. Hardy covers...and here's Bully Ray to beat up the referee. The match is thrown out at let's say 13:00.

Rating: B. Really good TV match here but again, it's the same match that was at the PPV but better. Why would I want to buy a PPV when I could see this four days later for free? Why couldn't this match happen at Genesis? I'll never get parts of this company. Anyway, really good TV match here and I was getting into it before the bad ending.

Overall Rating: B. Good show tonight, but I seriously worry about this company's long term planning abilities. Storm vs. Angle and Hardy vs. Roode were PPV matches 4 days ago and now they're given away for free (one of which with a better ending) later in the week? At some point, you're going to have a problem convincing fans to buy your shows when they could see the same matches with more stipulations later that week.

It's like they're trying to pop the TV ratings (which would make more sense if they advertised these matches and waited until next week but whatever) instead of running a regular show. Whatever though, as I'm sure some TNA superfan will explain why I'm crazy. Good show this week, but it was totally lopsided as the first hour was worthless while the second was

great.

Results

Crimson/Matt Morgan b. Robbie E/Robbie T – Double spinebuster to Robbie E

ODB b. Winter – The Bam

James Storm b. Kurt Angle – Last Call

Jeff Hardy b. Bobby Roode via DQ when Bully Ray interfered

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