

ECW on Sci-Fi – September 19, 2006: Now With British Accent

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We're past Unforgiven now and Big Show has some recovering to do. Therefore tonight we need a replacement top heel, so we have King Booker vs. RVD in the main event. We're getting closer to No Mercy which which didn't have an ECW Title match on it at all. Therefore the next month is pretty worthless as we're approaching the only ECW PPV of the WWE incarnation. Let's get to it.

Booker and Queen Sharmell arrive and Heyman has a red carpet waiting for them.

Opening sequence.

Sandman/Tommy Dreamer/Sabu vs. Test/Mike Knox/Matt Striker

Knox and Dreamer start things off but it's quickly off to Striker. Sandy comes in so Striker bails, bringing Knox back in to face Dreamer. A Cactus Clothesline takes both guys to the floor where Test is waiting to spinebust Dreamer into the steps. Sandman is knocked into the barricade and has to be taken out as we go to a break. Back with Test elbowing Dreamer in the face in the corner.

Striker, the pretty boy teacher in the hot pink trunks, comes in and gets some cheap shots on Dreamer before distracting the referee so Knox can bend Dreamer's back around the post. A neckbreaker gets two for Striker and it's back to Test for some kicks to the back. Knox throws on a

bearhug as Joey tells us of the bad back that Tommy still has from the original ECW.

A Knox powerslam gets two for Knox as Kelly screams, distracting Taz in a somewhat funny bit. Knox charges into a boot in the corner followed by a reverse DDT from Dreamer. The hot tag brings in Sabu and house is cleaned. Everything breaks down and Striker is put in the camel clutch but Test makes the save. Sabu goes up but Test shoves the referee into the ropes to crotch Sabu...drawing a DQ in ECW.

Rating: D+. This was fine but the ending hurt it a bit. The idea of the heels representing the new ECW is fine but it would take far too many months before we got to the payoff for it. Then again a lot of the faction of the New Breed wasn't here yet so I guess it's understandable. Not much to see here but the idea was there.

The heels beat Dreamer and Sabu down until Sandman staggers out for the save.

Heyman introduces Booker and Sharmell to CW Anderson, Stevie Richards and Balls Mahoney. Guess which one incites comedy.

Balls Mahoney vs. Kevin Thorn

Francine is with Balls here. They brawl to the floor quickly with Mahoney taking over. Back inside and Balls punches in the corner, only to be dropped face first onto the top turnbuckle. Mahoney comes back with more punches and the girls get into a catfight. Balls stops to watch and gets caught in a Razor's Edge for the pin. This wasn't even two minutes long.

Booker and Sharmell meet the FBI, Trinity and Punk. Guess which one wants to face Booker.

CM Punk vs. Shannon Moore

I guess we needed a rematch after the squash last week. Punk starts by firing off forearms to the head. Kelly is watching Punk from the crowd. CM puts on a seated surfboard to keep his advantage but Moore comes back with some shots to the ribs. Knox takes Kelly to the back as Moore hits a gutbuster. Punk comes back with some knees but a spinwheel kick puts him down. Moore misses a dropkick and it's high kick, Rock Bottom and Anaconda Vice for the quick tap. Better than last week.

Heyman says Booker should join ECW. RVD comes up and offers a challenge to an extreme rules match.

Rob Van Dam vs. King Booker

Extreme rules a go-go. There was no transition between the challenge and the match either, yet Booker is in his gear already. That's impressive. Booker is world champion but this is non-title. Booker takes over to start with some shots to the ribs but Van Dam comes back with kicks of his own. He goes up but Booker shoves him off the top into the barricade in that bump that Rob likes to do.

Van Dam gets dropped on the barricade and the King is in control. Back in and it's chair time but Booker drops it in the ring instead of swinging it. Well no one ever accused him of being brilliant. Rob charges into the Bookend and there's a Spinarooni. Rob is like screw this and hits Booker in the head with the chair to take him down. After skateboarding the chair into Booker's face, there's the Rolling Thunder onto the chair onto Booker for no cover.

The fans want tables. Well what good would a chair be if you didn't have something to sit at? Split legged moonsault gets two and both guys are getting up. They slug it out and Van Dam is catapulted into the chair wedged between the top and middle rope. Booker's piledriver onto a chair is countered so he has to settle for a spinebuster onto it instead. Booker goes up but the Hangover misses and both guys are down again. The Five Star hits and here's Hardcore Holly. He hits the Alabama Slam on Rob

and a scissors kick from Booker gets the pin.

Rating: C. This was storyline advancement for Van Dam vs. Holly rather than a competitive match but it wasn't that bad. Booker was in a zone at this point as champion, as he went from the street guy as Booker T to the polar opposite as the King, which says to me that he was an incredibly talented guy. This was fine for a TV main event.

Overall Rating: C. This was better than last week as the bringing in guest stars to main event the show is the right idea. You can't really go with an all ECW main event and have it work for the masses, so bringing in someone like Booker is a good idea. Holly vs. Van Dam would be blown off soon, but unfortunately Holly would stay in the main event scene of ECW for a few more months.

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