

ECW on TNN – January 14, 2000: This Felt Like An Infomercial

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Location: Center Stage Theater, Atlanta, Georgia

Attendance: 780

Commentator: Joey Styles, Joel Gertner

We're past Guilty as Charged and it's another two months before the next PPV with Living Dangerously. The major change is that the Impact Players finally won the titles which they should have gotten months ago. Other than that, it's your usual ECW PPV: it's hit or miss and if you missed it, you're probably going to be fine. This was taped before the PPV though so don't expect any results to be revealed to the live crowd. Let's get to it.

Joel and Joey are in the ring to open things up. Joel does his usual filthy intro but Cyrus cuts him off of course. Cyrus talks about how unfair it is for Gertner to use this time to "get himself over" and how there's an executive decree that says he can't do so anymore. Also there is to be NO sexual innuendo or smart remarks towards country/western music. This includes Dukes of Hazard jokes, inbreeding or negative remarks about Rollerjam. I actually liked that show. Cyrus announces a new TNN show called Rock-N-Bowl and the fans literally groan.

Opening sequence.

We get some clips of Awesome vs. Spike on Sunday.

Joel rants about Cyrus a bit.

Super Crazy vs. Little Guido

Guido immediately takes it to the mat and pounds on Crazy's ears a bit. The fans want pizza. Big Sal distracts Crazy and Guido takes over again. There's a Fujiwara Armbar which doesn't last long at all. Guido sends him to the floor for a dive but hits Sal instead. Since Sal weighs about 600lbs, that doesn't make much of a difference. Crazy dives on both of them and we take a break.

Back with Guido in control via a top rope clothesline. Crazy is sent into the barricade by Sal which gets two and it's back to the armbar. The problem here is that between these two and Tajiri, there's almost nothing they haven't shown us yet. Crazy grabs a quick rollup for two and a baseball slide takes Crazy out. There are ten punches in the corner but Guido counters with a reverse powerbomb out of the corner. Crazy DDT's Crazy on a chair (see how little selling you get here?) for two. Sal misses a splash which gets the same on Guido, but a spinning DDT gets the pin for Crazy.

Rating: D+. You know, for as much praise as you hear these matches get, they're really pure spot fests. Even the WCW cruiserweight matches are better wrestling matches than this. The chair stuff was actually annoying because it goes completely against what the match was supposed to be and doesn't add anything because it didn't even get the pin. Nothing to see here as usual but it's still likely going to be the best match of the night.

House show/website ads.

On Sunday, Fonzie said that Sabu would walk out if he lost to RVD. That happened, but we're not sure what walk out means apparently.

We get a minute long version of what I just said.

RVD brags about winning.

From what I can find, Sabu actually did leave soon after this because he didn't want to put over Super Crazy.

We get another recap of Steve Corino's crew beating up Jerry Lynn and then Dusty Rhodes when the Dream made the save. I don't remember Dusty being advertised or being in ECW before this so that's quite a surprise. The locker room then saved the fat man. Rhyno did most of the beating and said he wanted the world title.

Apparently Dusty is going to be at the TV Tapings for the January 28th show where he can pick whoever he wants as a partner to face Corino.

Da Baldies want to fight New Jack. Again.

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We get another clip from Awesome Spike.

Jerry Lynn vs. Yoshihiro Tajiri

Tajiri jumps Jerry during the entrance and we start fast. Jerry comes back with a headscissors to send Tajiri to the floor and adds a plancha. Tajiri rams Jerry into various objects on the floor as Joel goes into a weird rant about how evil people from Minnesota are. Back in and Tajiri stomps away in the corner and hooks the Tarantula. Jerry gets put in the Tree of Woe and there's the baseball slide before Tajiri stands on Jerry's balls.

Tajiri misses a big spin kick and Lynn hooks a rana followed by a sitout

powerbomb to counter Tajiri's attempt at a rana of his own. A German suplex gets two on Lynn and a tornado DDT gets the same on Tajiri. Joel: "Lynn is being culturally insensitive. They don't have tornadoes in Japan." A BIG kick to the head puts Lynn down and a second does the same for two. In a lame ending, Lynn goes low before hitting the cradle piledriver for the pin.

Rating: B-. For ECW, this was a near masterpiece. The ending was the right idea if they're going for a Lynn heel turn which may have been where this was going. Anyway, this is one of those good matches you hear about in ECW with selling and everything. That's all you can ask for out of shows like these so this was fine.

Same ads as earlier.

A clip of a catfight ends the show. Seriously that's all they've got. Oh and the tag titles changed. The Impact Players brag a bit too. Storm: "Do you know how hard it is to get a strap off a guy from Calgary? Just ask Vince McMahon."

Overall Rating: D. I get that they taped this before the PPV so they couldn't give stuff away, but man this show sucked even with that being factored in. There are about eight and a half months of this show and you can see why it was canceled: it's just not that good no matter how you look at it. The second match wasn't bad at all though.

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