

TNA's Issues As Of Late

This has been the hottest topic in wrestling for the last week or so and I think it's time for an overview of the whole thing. To recap, TNA has cut a lot of wrestlers, had a lot of turnover backstage, messed up a house show and people think TNA is on its last legs. In short, I think they're fine.

Here's the thing to remember about TNA: they have two hours a week of TV as compared to the five that WWE has (excluding internet broadcasts). WWE has more than twice the room to get talent on TV so it's much easier for WWE to maintain a large roster. Think back: before this batch of releases, can you think of ten people let go by TNA in the last four years? Now can you think of twenty people hired in the last four years? The numbers were catching up to them and the cuts had to come eventually.

As for cutting costs, every company does this at some point. TNA recently lost tens of thousands of dollars a month by not having regular PPVs anymore. Couple that with the additional cost of taking Impact on the road and it's no wonder they need to cut some salaries. Cutting guys from Gut Check and people who are never used isn't a sign of going out of business. It's a sign of smart business.

The main thing to keep in mind though: Panda Energy is pouring money into TNA and will do so until they don't feel like it anymore. Spike is reportedly very happy with the ratings and it's not costing them a fortune to keep TNA on the air, so TNA isn't going anywhere anytime soon unless Panda pulls the plug.

In short, it's an overblown (yet interesting) story.