

Impact Wrestling – February 6, 2014: Same Problems With A Scottish Accent

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We're still in Scotland as we're setting the stage for Lockdown. The big story of course is the reveal of MVP as the new investor, starting the big feud for the year. MVP is a decent enough choice but they just need to do something else around here. The power struggle stuff is so played out in TNA but at least there's a new face involved in things. Let's get to it.

We open with a fight in progress.

Eric Young vs. Abyss

This is Monster's Ball, meaning anything goes. They're fighting in the back with Young actually in control and bringing Abyss through the entrance. Abyss comes back with a big right hand and some forearms to the back and the opening bell rings. Young crawls over to a trashcan full of weapons and blasts Abyss in the back with a pipe to get the advantage, only to have Abyss backdrop him on the floor. It's table time but Young hits a quick dropkick to get a breather.

Young goes for the mast but Abyss slams him into the apron to get a breather. They head inside for the first time with Eric coming off the top, only to jump right into Abyss' hands. A hard clothesline drops Young again and Abyss goes outside to get a chair. The chair is placed on Eric's ribs but he manages to turn it on its side to crotch a charging

Abyss. Eric is sent into the corner and out to the apron where he comes back with a missile dropkick for two.

Just as Eric gets some momentum he gets sent face first into the chair in the corner and a chokeslam gets two. Abyss goes outside and gets his bag of tacks before loading up a superplex, only to have Young counter with a sunset powerbomb into the tacks for two. Eric goes up top but Abyss punches him off the top rope and out through the table in a huge crash. Back in and Young somehow gets his foot on the ropes to break the pin so Abyss pulls out the big weapon: Janice, the baseball bat full of nails. Young rips the mask off to save himself and reveal Joseph Park, earning himself the Black Hole Slam for the pin at 9:41.

Rating: B-. That might be a bit high but I was digging this match. It wasn't the best hardcore match I've ever seen or anywhere close to it but Young was working well out there. I can tolerate him much more easily when he's not being over the top and stupid which is what we got here. Abyss is a fun character too as there's something awesome about a guy who just breaks stuff.

Park picks up a broken piece of a mirror and sees himself, turning him back into Joseph.

Roode brings Dixie a contract for a title match against Magnus at Lockdown but Dixie is disgusted. She says things have changed around here and she can't just give out title shots. Roode says this isn't his problem so Dixie makes him face Joe tonight for the title shot at Lockdown. Bobby is still annoyed but Dixie implies a lot of help.

Here's MVP for his first speech as the new investor. He's been around the world for the last few years just living life. In his younger days he got in trouble for not realizing the consequences of his actions. It's become clear to him that there are people here in TNA making the same mistakes and he's tired of seeing that every week. Over his career he's made a nice income and then used that money to make more money.

He's found some people that think like he does and it's time for a change. TNA has so much potential but the bad leadership is killing it. That will not happen under his watch but here's Spud for an interruption. Spud thinks MVP should come meet Dixie in person because Dixie loves making new stars. MVP: "Yeah, herself." Spud says that if MVP were to come to Dixie, he would be greeted with open arms. MVP threatens Spud with violence and then announces Magnus vs. Kurt Angle in a non-title match.

Bully Ray says he'll bury Anderson next week but he'll put the next person he sees in a coffin as a preview.

Chris Sabin is in a purple room and says he doesn't accept that Velvet Sky has broken his heart. She's a woman worth fighting for and he's invited her here to this special room for later tonight.

Curry Man vs. Bully Ray

Ray comes out with the coffin and says that Curry Man is in the wrong place at the wrong time. He kicks Curry Man's head off and slowly takes off the jacket. This isn't even a match with no bell or referee. Curry Man is laid out with a piledriver and a shout of ANDERSON before Ray throws him in the coffin.

Magnus complains to Dixie but she reminds him that it's a non-title match before checking her makeup. Spud insists she looks beautiful as Ethan comes in. Dixie cuts him off before Ethan can say anything and Ethan isn't pleased, saying Dixie doesn't have time for her own blood. She'll talk to him in a week.

Here's Austin Aries with something to say. As X-Division Champion, he reminds us that it's not the title that makes the man but the man that makes the title. He's held every title in this company and is the man who invented Option C. His intention is to hold the X Title until he can cash it in again but here are the Bro Mans for an interruption. They're just a

distraction for Zema Ion to blast Aries in the back with his Feast or Fired briefcase. Zema wants a referee out here right now and the match is on.

X-Division Title: Austin Aries vs. Zema Ion

Ion gets two early near falls before a baseball slide to the back puts Aries down again. Austin comes back with a chop but is sent into the barricade to put him down again. A slingshot DDT gets two on Aries but Ion misses a corkscrew moonsault, allowing Aries to hit a discus forearm and a release belly to back suplex. There's the running corner dropkick and a brainbuster retains Aries' title at 2:11.

Dixie gets Spud ready to meet MVP.

We recap Samuel Shaw revealing his shrine to Christy Hemme last week. This week, Christy asks him what's going on before cutting off their personal relationship.

Roode is tired of appeasing Dixie Carter. Magnus comes up and says Dixie's orders are Roode's job, not favors. Roode needs to stop worrying about favors and start worrying about Joe. The loss last week is brought up and Magnus says he'll tap out anytime in a non-title match. Roode is annoyed and wishes Magnus luck against Angle.

MVP comes in to see Dixie (in her fourth appearance in an hour), who brags about building this company from the ground up. She talks down to him a bit and tries to speak the wrestling language to him, dropping terms like giving a rub and curtain jerking. MVP thinks we should start in the ring in front of the fans and they bicker a bit before MVP leaves. Spud thinks he's a bloody nice bloke.

Kurt Angle vs. Magnus

Non-title. Magnus tries to wrestle with Angle to start and it goes as well as you would expect it to. Kurt throws him down before hitting some Rolling Germans and posing a bit. The Angle Slam is blocked with a thumb to the eye but he takes Magnus down again for the ankle lock, drawing in EC3 for the DQ at 2:30.

Ethan goes after Angle's bad knee and blasts it with a chair. He puts Kurt in a leg lock, likely writing off Kurt for knee surgery.

Joe tells Dixie that she started a war with the wrong man. He'll fight a war of attrition or a blitzkrieg and win every time.

Eric Young had to expose Joseph Park for who he was because you have to treat crazy with crazy. He doesn't know what's coming next.

We recap Velvet Sky breaking up with Chris Sabin over the last few weeks.

We're in that purple room with Chris Sabin. This is where he and Velvet had their first kiss and tonight it's going to be special again. Marriage is implied before a confused Velvet comes in. Back from a break and Sabin apologizes to Velvet, calling this a big mistake. He pulls out the ring box and Velvet is very nervous. There's nothing in the box though because Sabin is asking her to get out of his life. He's tired of hearing about Velvet all the time, even when he was World Heavyweight Champion. Therefore next week, it's Sabin vs. Velvet in a match.

We recap the MVP vs. Dixie stuff tonight.

Clip of Joe making Magnus tap last week to become #1 contender.

Samoa Joe vs. Bobby Roode

Physical start with Joe running over Roode and dropping a knee, only to have Bobby dropkick him off the apron. Back in and a neckbreaker gets two

on Joe and we hit the chinlock as the match slows down. Joe fights up but misses his backsplash, only to catch Roode in a powerslam to get a breather. There's a HUGE handprint on Joe's chest from a chop. Roode fights off the MuscleBuster and blocks the Koquina Clutch before getting caught by both moves for the pin by Joe at 6:54.

Rating: C. This was fine and did its job of making Joe look even more like a killer. Clean falls over former world champions are never going to make someone look bad and Joe is on a roll heading into Lockdown. Also, how nice was it to have a match end without any interference? Such a concept.

Here are Spud and Dixie to introduce MVP for the summit. Dixie brings up Magnus to start and talks about how far he's gone in such a short time. Carter complains about the fans not shutting up and tells them to give her the support she needs. This brings MVP to talking about changes that he wants to make. He's tired of Dixie making TNA a place for all her friends to run roughshod over and refuses to be "a butler at a Paula Dean party." Dixie's party is over and MVP smiles at her to end the show.

Overall Rating: C-. This show brings up TNA's long running problem of putting so much emphasis on one idea: if you don't like that story, you might as well not watch the show. It's not as bad as it was in the Aces and 8's days, but this show had five Dixie appearances and several other segments that were about her story. Yeah she's getting better in the role, but that's what people said about Aces and 8's and look where that went. There's other good stuff on the show now, but it's still dominated by a power struggle story which isn't what people want to see right now.

Results

Abyss b. Eric Young – Black Hole Slam

Austin Aries b. Zema Ion – Brainbuster

Kurt Angle b. Magnus via DQ when Ethan Carter III interfered

Samoa Joe b. Bobby Roode – Koquina Clutch

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