

# Wrestler of the Day – December 9: Hernandez

Next up is a guy that could have been a big deal in TNA if they didn't screw things up as usual: Hernandez.

The future SuperMex got started in 1996 in Texas, so here he is in the WWF as a jobber in November 2000 on the syndicated weekend show Jakked.

## Crash vs. Shawn Hernandez

Crash takes him down with a headlock to start as the announcers are already ignoring the match. A powerslam gets two for Hernandez and he whips Crash hard into the corner. We hit the chinlock for a bit as this has been almost all Hernandez so far. Back up and they collide to put both guys down. It's Crash up first with right hands and a missile dropkick before a Bodog is good for the pin.

**Rating:** D+. I've seen worse. Hernandez got to show off a bit here but wound up being the jobber that he was supposed to be near the end. Crash was an odd character around this time as the hardcore division had moved on from his zaniness (yes I said zaniness), leaving him as just a small guy without anything to do.

## Hotstuff Hernandez vs. Young Pioneers

Handicap match. The Pioneers are apparently named Eagle and Cub and yes they're scouts. First we get the owners of the promotion to yell into the camera. I can't exactly understand them but they are in fact shouting. The scouts offer a handshake to start but get flipped off. A double clothesline puts both of them down as the "TexMex T-Rex" takes over which the announcer calls a merit badge in pain.

Cub is quickly thrown out to the floor and the Cracker Jack (overhead choke throw) sends Eagle flying. The other announcer throws bananas at Hernandez so Hernandez throws the Eagle onto Cub. Some double teaming actually has Hernandez in trouble but Eagle gets crotched on top, setting

up a super Border Toss for the pin.

**Rating:** D. Total squash here but there's something cool to see about Hernandez just throwing people all over the place. I don't mind the Pioneers gimmick actually as it's something I haven't seen before, even though it has a grand total of zero potential. Dull match but Hernandez looked like a monster.

We'll jump ahead to TNA now with Hernandez at Victory Road 2006.

#### LAX vs. Sonjay Dutt/Ron Killings

LAX has their own announcer who speaks Spanish. There's a section of the arena that has "graffiti" all over it. Dutt is a guy that is always around and no one ever really cared. Killings is more commonly known as R-Truth. It's weird to hear What's Up as his theme music but he wrote it so it's officially his song so it's here in TNA also. His entrance takes forever here as we get into the rarely heard third verse.

LAX jumps them to start and Hernandez goes sailing over the top which wasn't his intentions. Homicide hits a big dive to take out Dutt but Truth takes out all of LAX in return. Truth vs. Homicide in the ring now. Truth wipes himself with Homicide's headband. Sunset flip gets two and we get a pinfall reversal sequence. I've never been a fan of homicide but he's moving pretty well here.

Off to Dutt now who speeds things up a bit and gets two on Homicide. I think this is your X-Division tag match here. The guys both get dueling chants. Hernandez comes in and Dutt can't do a thing to him. Since Hernandez did well while he was in he tags out to Homicide who didn't do well while he was in there. We hit the chinlock on Dutt for a few seconds but Dutt speeds things up again which doesn't work that well.

Back off to Hernandez as this is some weird cousin of power vs. speed. Dutt tries to move again and gets caught in a backbreaker that Truth has to break up. Homicide sends him to the floor and Konnan hammers away a bit more. Sonjay speeds things up again (notice a pattern here?) and it lets him bring in Truth.

Truth takes over with his usual odd offense and throws in Konnan's rolling clothesline. Gringo Cutter by Homicide gets two. Truth blocks a suplex and gets a Falcon's Arrow from the middle rope for two. They go to the floor so Hernandez and Dutt go at it some more. Finally the speed works but Homicide cracks...something with a chair and gets taken down by Truth. Sonjay goes up and Konnan hits him with a slapjack to allow a Border Toss to end this.

**Rating:** C. Just a tag match here as we're 45 minutes into this show and nothing has stood out at all yet. LAX is getting a push here which I guess is fine. They would get the titles in a few months and hold them for all of a month, showing once again that brilliant TNA booking. These tag matches so far have been glorified squashes. I'm not sure I get the point.

More LAX at Against All Odds 2007.

#### Team 3D vs. LAX

LAX has the titles but this is non-title. There are tables in the ring like at a stereotypical Italian restaurant. LAX comes from under the ring while Konnan is being wheeled out and jumps 3D to open things up. All LAX to start with Hernandez cracking D-Von with a chair and both of them hitting dives. Scratch that as Hernandez gets popped with a chair on the landing to give 3D the advantage.

For some reason there are cage kind of things with dancing girls in them at ringside. Ok then. Ray catches a diving Homicide and hits a fallaway slam onto the ramp. And now Ray gets the girls from the cages put onto his lap. Ok then. All LAX here as D-Von gets double teamed. Homicide brings in a trashcan complete with trash. He finds a pizza cutter and D-Von gets carved up.

Ray counters with a cheese grater which cuts up Homicide so Ray can lick the blood. The "Latino Nation" (read as guys in white undershirts and bandanas) come in for a beatdown but 3D fights them off. What's Up to Homicide. It's table time but they load up What's Up on Hernandez, only to have D-Von dive on the Latino Nation guys instead. Hernandez fights back and hits a spinebuster to Bubba through the table. A top rope elbow

from Homicide gets two. Saving Grace gets two for D-Von (the reverse inverted DDT) and his face is covered in blood. The Latino Nation blocks a superplex and the Border Toss pins D-Von.

**Rating:** C-. Just a standard hardcore brawl with a lot of blood. I don't get the appeal of these but I'm sure they have an audience. Nothing happened as far as the titles until Lockdown where 3D got them off of LAX. LAX was supposed to be this huge deal but I never really got what was all that great about them. They were certainly good but I didn't get the mass appeal.

We've reached the point where there's no one left to beat up so it's time for a makeshift team at Slammiversary 2007.

#### LAX vs. Rhyno/Senshi

LAX had dominated the company in 07 and this is Senshi (Kaval) and Rhyno's first time teaming together. The camera seems a bit lower than usual. Maybe it's a venue thing. Hector Guerrero is with Senshi/Rhyno because Konnan has been blaming him for LAX losing the tag belts. Rhyno and Homicide start us off and a powerbomb is messed up, sending Homicide to the floor I think by mistake.

Off to Senshi who steps onto the bottom rope to get in. Hernandez comes in and Senshi manages to get out of the way to preserve his life. He goes after SuperMex's leg which doesn't really do much at all. LAX can't get anything going here and never mind that as Hernandez picks Senshi up and LAUNCHES him across the ring. I mean that man was airborne. It looked incredible.

Back to Homicide as LAX takes over and beats on Senshi. Rhyno hasn't really done much so far but I guess they're saving him for the big hot tag at the end. To be fair he's good at the big explosive comebacks so I can live with that one. Hernandez throws Senshi around again but a powerbomb is countered and Senshi manages to hit the double stomp to set up the aforementioned hot tag. Rhyno throws everyone around and Hernandez goes to the floor. Senshi hits a HUGE dive to take him out but Homicide hits a cutter on Rhyno. Konnan and Hector get involved, allowing Rhyno to gore Homicide for the pin.

**Rating:** B-. Fun opener here and the high spots were VERY high. That's how you open a show as the crowd is now really fired up and it's due to the proper pacing of a tag match. On top of that, they kept it relatively short (8 minutes or so) which is the idea for an opener. Good stuff here and I liked it quite a bit.

Time to face a legendary team at Hard Justice 2007.

#### Voodoo Kin Mafia vs. LAX

Just a tag match here. LAX are the good guys here. The fans chant DX rejects for some reason. I mean, they were in DX but rejects? Really? Do TNA fans really think that the HBK/HHH version counts as a major DX incarnation? And they call themselves smart fans. Wow. Kip James (Billy Gunn) looks like he belongs back in Billy and Chuck.

BG (Road Dogg) works over Homicide as we hear about the Steiners being in action later tonight against Team 3D. It's a dream match, but at the same time the Steiners are old at this point so how dreamy is it? Kip hooks a bearhug on Homicide as I can't see this match lasting long. Partially that's because I looked at the match time but ignore that part for now.

The bearhug goes on for awhile as we're waiting on the hot tag to Hernandez. I don't get why they didn't just make the modern version of Mexican America into LAX 2.0. I mean, it is LAX 2.0 but why not just call it that? Here's Hernandez who cleans house and everything breaks down. Roxxi gets up on the apron to throw something in Hernandez's eyes. A Fameasser gets the pin. Well it was more like he jumped and then Hernandez fell over but whatever.

**Rating:** D+. Whatever man. This was like an Impact match but we just had to have it here for some reason. Nothing to see here which is what happens when one guy holds the tag titles and is in the main event in a singles match. The Mafia didn't mean anything at this point and the fans' reaction to them seems to prove that.

Three way tag from Destination X 2008.

#### LAX vs. Motor City Machine Guns vs. Rock N Rave Infection

The winners are #1 contenders for Styles and Tomko. Christy Hemme isn't human. She can't be. Wow it's weird to think that the Guns are the reigning tag champions as I'm typing this. We hear about how they've never won the belts. They wouldn't for over two years. That's pretty sad. We keep hearing about should Earl Hebner's vote be changed by Jim Cornette. Don't worry about what it was or anything.

Sabin and Homicide start. Dang the Guns are fun to watch. Hernandez gets a LONG suplex on Lance Hoyt (Vance Archer). This match is kind of a mess but not entirely. Hernandez does the Undertaker Dive which isn't as good as Taker's but still looked good. Shelley takes two amigos and the third is him into a backbreaker from SuperMex.

LAX is dominating here and they're likely the best team at this point so they're getting that right. We then see why Rock and Rave never went anywhere as Rock hits the worst clothesline this side of Donald Trump to put Shelley down. A very slow moonsault misses though but no hot tag. Hernandez comes in again and cleans house with some not very good power moves. They crank things up again and with everyone on the floor, Rave takes the Border Toss to end it for LAX.

**Rating:** B-. PERFECT choice for the opener here. They were flying all over the place and things were definitely fun here. The fans are into it now and things are going very well. That being said, the rest of things are probably going to all be downhill from here as the rest of the card has a tendency to go downhill after the first match. This did a good job of not going insane with just a big mess all over which is rare. This was good.

LAX made the finals of the Deuces Wild Tag Team Tournament at Sacrifice 2008.

Tag Titles: LAX vs. Team 3D

Wow the top face team is facing the top heel team in the finals. Who saw

this coming? We get little clips talking about how each team got here. 3D gets in Hector's face so Homicide gets a running start and takes Bubba out with a tope con hilo. It's a brawl on the ramp to start with no one really having a distinct advantage. I'm not sure if this is part of the match or not.

Ray gets in some weak weapon shots and sends Hernandez into the steps. No one has been in the ring yet. Ok now we do have people in there with D-Von vs. Homicide and the bell finally rings after about three minutes of brawling. D-Von is sent to the floor almost immediately but Ray shoves Homicide off the top to prevent a dive. The fans chant 187 as the Dudleys control.

Delayed vertical gets two for D-Von. Ray throws on a triangle choke/head scissors as again we're waiting on the hot tag to Hernandez to do the dominating. Tenay says Team 3D is taking advantage of a situation here. Well yeah, just like any team would do. There's the tag to Hernandez and we go old school with a double noggin knocker. He puts them both on the floor with a double dropkick and then hits a huge dive.

Devine is here again and he pulls out a table. Hector comes around and the power of Lazertron puts Devine down. Hector goes up top and jumps through Devine and the table which more or less was a dropkick while a guy was on the table. It was weird but the guy is retired. Back in the ring Hernandez takes a superplex and a top rope headbutt for two. 3D gets two on Homicide because D-Von let him up. Oh ok he wasn't legal. Homicide hits something like a rana off the top (after being down for maybe 8 seconds off a 3D). D-Von goes up top and gets caught in a Border Toss and a frog splash for the pin and the titles.

**Rating:** C+. Fun brawl but the tournament took forever to get here. It wasn't bad or anything but it's the third time tonight we've seen these teams. You can only get so into them here which is the problem that these one night tournaments have. The final was probably the best match but not by all that much.

Here's an elimination tag from Genesis 2009.

Sonjay Dutt/Jimmy Rave/Kiyoshi vs. Eric Young/LAX

We hear that Christy Hemme is more or less done forever due to a neck injury. She came back briefly but it didn't last. Young is listed from Nashville. We get a replacement match with 6 Knockouts since Hemme is hurt. This is before Hernandez got his big push. Rhyno isn't here yet either. This match wasn't announced. They're just throwing all these things at us so sorry for the rapid fire stuff. That was more or less in real time.

It's weird seeing them at more of a real arena than a sound stage where wrestling is held. Dutt and Homicide start us off. It's weird to think that this was just a year and a half ago. Young is the happy face and not crazy here. Hernandez has the world title case at this point but would use it in like 6 months. SICK slingshot shoulder block by Hernandez to take out Kiyoshi.

Even the announcers say this isn't a serious match for the most part. Kiyoshi has paint on his face that looks like blood. And now let's take the focus off the match completely as Jim Cornette is knocking on the door of the Mafia's dressing room. Well at least it didn't last long. I've never been a fan of this break neck speed style of programming. Scratch that to a degree actually as it can work but I still see no excuse to do it during a match. It comes off as disrespectful to the guys out there performing.

Kiyoshi is Muta's partner, which is the explanation for the pain. It reminded me of Muta so that fits really well. Hot tag to Young and it goes nuts. Everyone goes flying with all kinds of dives and a pair of tope con hilos. Sweet stuff. Young throws Rave back in for two and we're back to normal now.

Scratch that normal thing as everyone is in and it's a huge mess. Fun stuff here so far. Cornette is STILL trying to get in the dressing room. See, that's what I mean. We have a fast paced tag match that I'm getting into and we cut to Cornette pounding on a door. Wait this is elimination? That's something



we hear 10+ minutes into a match. Dutt puts his feet on the ropes to get rid of Young.

Rave's look reminds me of Christian when he started in WWF. He uses tights to get rid of Homicide, and now it's Hernandez vs. the heels. Methinks a squash is coming. I love how he just plows through people. Naturally, Hernandez and his MUSTACHE OF AWESOMENESS just massacres them. Border Toss gets rid of Kiyoshi. BIG OLD sitout powerbomb ends Dutt. HUGE freaking splash off the top ends Rave. That was impressive.

**Rating:** B-. Fun match but I question the elimination style mixing with the six man. If you want to do a six man then do a six man and if you want to have Hernandez dominate three guys then have Hernandez dominate three guys. Having Homicide and Young in there just cluttered things up, but it was still very fun and a great choice for an opener. Hernandez was indeed awesome and then they threw him in a nonsense tag team with Morgan. I still don't get that one.

Hernandez had won a Feast or Fired briefcase for a World Title shot. First up though, No Surrender 2009.

#### Eric Young vs. Hernandez

Hernandez has a Feast or Fired case which is more or less MITB. Young is in a suit and doesn't fight back. Hernandez destroys him in less than a minute with the Border Toss. Clearly this needed to be on PPV right?

And from later in the night.

#### TNA World Title: Sting vs. Kurt Angle vs. Matt Morgan vs. AJ Styles

We get the walking to the ring shots for all four guys and each guy gets a quick video about them also. AJ is listed as a three time world champion, meaning NWA title reigns count, which makes me wonder why Abyss is NEVER listed as a former world champion. These intros are taking FOREVER. There are a bunch of No Surrender posters in the hall coming out of Angle's room as I guess they wanted to make sure their

employees bought the show?

Tenay talks about bringing the title back to the family of the Mafia. You know, where it already is. We even do big match intros because a regular entrance, a video on each guy and watching them come to the ring isn't enough I guess. And we're STILL not done because as Angle is getting ready to be introduced, here's Hernandez saying he didn't come here just to wrestle for five minutes. More like 50 seconds but whatever. He's jumping into this match instead of, you know, WAITING FOR IT TO BE OVER, but no one ever accused him of being smart.

TNA World Title: Sting vs. Kurt Angle vs. Matt Morgan vs. AJ Styles vs. Hernandez

The Lashley match ended nearly 17 minutes ago and the bell hasn't rung yet for this one. Hernandez destroys Angle while everyone else watches which is a nice touch. He literally holds Angle up for 30 seconds in a vertical suplex and Angle is mostly dead. THERE'S THE BELL, 19 minutes after the previous match ended. Angle and Hernandez go to the floor so it's more or less a triple threat in the ring.

Morgan is dominating in the ring as Hernandez sets for a Border Toss on the stage. Here's Eric Young who hits Hernandez with a pipe and piledrives him on the stage. That's all we'll be seeing out of Hernandez here, meaning they wasted the last year for him with the briefcase and his time in the main event here ran about three minutes. AJ takes Sting down with a dropkick as Hernandez is helped to the back.

Angle is back at ringside now so AJ dives on him and Morgan. Morgan and Angle seem to team up as apparently Angle took the bullet for him on that dive. A tombstone doesn't work for AJ as Angle rolls into the ankle lock. Morgan and Sting go inside now and there are the elbows in the corner. With AJ down it's Angle/Morgan double teaming Sting as the match is dragging a bit already.

AJ pops up out of nowhere with the springboard clothesline on Angle. Fallaway slam to AJ by Morgan but Sting is back up now. Things are speeding back up a bit now as AJ pounds away on Matt, only to walk

into a belly to belly by Angle. Morgan and Angle get into a contest of who can beat up AJ worse for awhile as Sting is stuck on the floor. Angle charges into the post so Morgan takes AJ down with a dropkick.

Pele puts Morgan down but Angle suplexes Styles. Did Sting die or something? He's been gone for like five minutes now. Ah there he is with a missile dropkick to Angle but he might have hurt his shoulder. AJ pops back into it and hits a Styles Clash to Angle for two as Morgan saves. Hellevator gets the same on AJ. Death Drop to Morgan for two. Scorpion to Angle is countered into the ankle lock but a Carbon Footprint takes down Angle. Morgan goes to the floor and Sting stares at AJ. Sting dives on Morgan as AJ hits a springboard 450 to Angle for the title.

**Rating:** C-. I wasn't feeling it here for the most part as they kept going back and forth two at a time which got rather boring after awhile. The ending was fine I guess as it set up Sting vs. AJ at BFG in a respect match, but the rest was pretty dull. The Hernandez aspect was such a waste but no one ever accused TNA of thinking these things through did they?

Back to the midcard at Bound For Glory 2009.

Legends Title: Kevin Nash vs. Eric Young vs. Hernandez

Hernandez runs them over to start and sends Young flying out to the floor. All three go to the ramp and slug it out with Hernandez getting double teamed to slow him down. SuperMex will have none of that and nails Nash before hits a backbreaker on Young. Nash finally gets back up and drives knees in to Hernandez's ribs. Eric is willing to come in and get a few shots of his own as this is turning into a handicap match.

Hernandez fights back again but Nash breaks up a suplex on Young. The fans are all over Young as he helps Nash with the boot choke in the corner. A back elbow stops another Hernandez comeback and Young tries to steal the pin, which doesn't seem to be in the plan. Things calm down and Nash hammers on Hernandez in the corner. Hernandez somehow pulls himself to the top and hits a missile dropkick to put Nash down. SuperMex tries to clean house but Nash knocks him face first into the middle buckle.

Another double team is broken up and Nash is down, leaving Young to get caught in midair for a sitout powerbomb and two. Back up and Nash misses a clothesline, allowing Hernandez to dive over the top to take Young down. Eric comes back in and drops a top rope elbow on Hernandez before lowering Nash's straps for him. Young picks up Hernandez and throws him head first into Nash's crotch, allowing Eric to dive in and get the pin for the title. Nash's shoulder was about a foot off the mat.

**Rating:** C+. I liked this more than I thought I would with a good formula and a nice swerve at the end. They had to get the title on Young somehow due to how much heat he had and that was as good a way as any other. Nice little match here and Nash going after the money is perfect for him.

Hernandez would get back into the tag team scene with Matt Morgan. Here they are at Genesis 2010.

Tag Titles: British Invasion vs. Hernandez/Matt Morgan

The stupidity of just putting two big names like these guys into a team astounds me but whatever. If nothing else they're most likely getting the tag titles off of the worthless British Invasion, although putting them on two guys thrown together and called a tag team? That's nothing WWE would ever do, nope.

Hernandez is wearing a shirt here so it looks like he's wrestling in a one piece swimsuit. It's fairly obvious that we're getting new champions here but at least they're giving us a bit of drama first and letting the Invasion have some credibility. The problem here is that other than Williams we have three power guys and Williams isn't in the match much either. Oh and Nick Hogan is here too. This is idiotic at this point.

They make fun of the vintage joke, because no one has ever done that before. Williams gets a jumping back elbow from the top which makes this a much better match already. Morgan FINALLY hits the freaking chokeslam that he's been trying to get all match. The problem with this match is apparent as

either face is able to beat up both champions on his own. What's the point of something like that? The bicycle kick from Morgan hits and it's so hard that Magnus jumped before it connected. That's very impressive and it gives Hernandez and Morgan the titles.

**Rating:** C. This was average. The title change was more or less a given and there's nothing at all wrong with that. Sometimes you have to have it go one way or the other and that's what this did here. It's not bad but it was more of a formality than anything else and it came off pretty well.

Then they split and fought at Victory Road 2010.

#### Matt Morgan vs. Hernandez

This is a cage match with escape only rules. I like the look of the cage. Hernandez is freaky in all definitions of the word. Has steel ever been forgiving? In a match based around revenge, Morgan is dominating. I really can't stand TNA at times. The crowd has been oddly dead for the majority of the match. Hernandez gets on the top and Morgan hits the Carbon Footprint.

This is ALL Morgan. He gets a foot out the door and then just comes back in. To be fair he's a great heel, but this goes completely against the whole Morgan runs from Supermex and Hernandez wanting revenge that has been built up for months. Hernandez is busted open. We FINALLY get the comeback and his eyes look like he's coked out of his mind. Hernandez can't do the Border Toss so he tries it and of course botches it again. At least it came off looking like a power bomb.

He goes up top, as in top of the cage, and misses a splash on Morgan. Blueprint has handcuffs and Hernandez is caught. What is up with Russo's obsession with handcuffs? Ok that's not fair as they've been used for years. He just breaks them off as Morgan is climbing down and rams his head through the door to get out. So after all that, Hernandez just escapes with no real revenge. Sure why not?

**Rating:** D+. The psychology didn't exist, Hernandez doesn't gain anything,

the ending is illogical, Hernandez looks weak and nothing is really solved. This was completely backwards and didn't go anywhere at all. Not a horrible match, but just something that should have been far different and far better. Time for a new partner named Anarquia. From Impact on August 18, 2011.

#### Tag Titles: Beer Money vs. Mexican America

The Jarretts are on commentary here. This is billed as the final showdown. The champs take over to start as Jeff talks about Mexico and is way funnier than he should be, especially given what he's talking about. Hernandez gets a shot in on Storm and takes over, also getting two. Off to Anarquia who gets two off a double shoulder block.

Jeff and Karen are shocked that Tenay speaks so highly of the Guerreros. He accuses Hector of having some cerveza as Storm gets a shot in on Anarquia but Hernandez breaks up the tag. Border Toss is countered into a Codebreaker and here's Roode off the hot tag. Blockbuster gets two. Angle has accepted Crimson's challenge. Beer Money hits a slingshot into a DDT on Anarquia.

Double suplex puts Hernandez down and LET'S SHOUT OUR NAMES! Rosita comes in and spits beer in Storm's face which doesn't work for some reason here. They go after her and Karen bounces down to ringside. Jeff comes down as well and the distraction lets Hernandez get a shot to the head of Roode with the AAA belt and the Mexicans win the titles at 7:25.

**Rating:** C. Match wasn't bad and they really needed to dot the title switch here. Beer Money had held the titles forever and the switch is the right thing here, especially with the Jarrett Mexican Champion thing going on. Not a great match or anything but it accomplished the goal that it needed to, which is really all you can ask for here.

Here's a singles match from Slammiversary 2012.

#### Kid Kash vs. Hernandez

For the life of me I don't get why this is on the card. When was the last time either of these guys was on TV at all? Kash tries to speed things up

but he gets run over with ease and knocked to the floor. Hernandez throws Kash around with ease so Kash bites him on the nose. He hooks an armbreaker on SuperMex which is broken pretty quickly.

We get a bad looking sequence with Kash not really selling a clothesline and then BADLY botching a rana. Tornado DDT puts Hernandez down but he pops up and hits the slingshot shoulder to put both guys down. Kash heads to the floor so Hernandez dives over the top to crush him. I miss that spot from him. Border Toss is escaped so Hernandez goes up, shoves Kash off and hits a top rope splash for the pin at 5:52.

**Rating:** D+. This wasn't horrible but what in the world was the point of this? There were no other people that they could have put out there for this? Hernandez hasn't been on TV as a singles guy in months and Kash shouldn't be on TV ever for my money, so I don't know why this match was taking place at all. Odd choice and it wasn't anything good either.

That team wouldn't go anywhere but a new partnership with Chavo would have some more success. From Bound For Glory 2012.

Tag Team Titles: Bad Influence vs. Chavo Guerrero/Hernandez vs. Kurt Angle/AJ Styles

These teams have feuded over the titles all summer. Styles and Chavo get things going with Chavo getting two off a shoulder block. AJ takes him into the corner for the tag off to Angle and a nice reaction from the crowd. Kurt hammers away but Daniels tags himself in to take over on AJ. A fast series of tags gives us Hernandez suplexing AJ before Chavo gets two off a slingshot hilo.

Kaz tags himself in but walks into the drop down into the dropkick. Styles brings in Angle who gets driven into the corner, allowing Chavo to come in and work over Kaz in the corner. Chavo brings in Hernandez for the over the shoulder backbreaker and it's quickly off to Daniels vs. Styles. Daniels avoids a charge in the corner and Kaz nails a hard clothesline from the apron. Off to Kaz for a slingshot legdrop and a pelvic thrust at Guerrero and Hernandez.

Daniels hiptosses Daniels on AJ for two and we hit a full nelson on the

mat. Back up and AJ escapes a monkey flip but avoids a tag from Hernandez and Chavo so he can Pele Kaz down. A double tag brings in Daniels and Angle with Kurt cleaning house. Kaz gets caught in rolling Germans but Daniels climbs his partner for a sunset flip, only to be countered into an ankle lock. Angle misses a charge into the corner but belly to bellies Kaz into Daniels for two.

Chavo and Hernandez are knocked back to the floor so Kaz can hit the slingshot DDT on Angle. Hernandez runs in and knocks Kaz across the ring, only to have AJ knock SuperMex across the ring. Daniels moonsaults out to take out Angle but turns around into a huge dive from Hernandez. AJ isn't about to be one upped so he fakes a dive onto Guerrero and dives onto Hernandez and Bad Influence for a huge crash. Back in and Chavo tries the Three Amigos on Angle but gets caught in the Angle Slam.

Hernandez breaks up the moonsault and sets for the Border Toss, only to have AJ tag himself in and save his partner. Kurt misses a charge and falls out to the floor, allowing Kaz to slam Styles down. The BME gets two on AJ and Daniels is STUNNED. Chavo dives out to the floor to take Kaz out as AJ escapes Angel's Wings and nails the moonsault reverse DDT on Daniels. Hernandez tags himself in and drills Daniels with a slingshot shoulder followed by the Border Toss and Frog Splash from Chavo for the pin and the titles.

**Rating:** B. This was a fun and fast paced three way but unfortunately it would start one of the least interesting title reigns in recorded history. Guerrero and Hernandez were really good in the ring but man alive would they drive things into the ground during their promos. The match was really awesome stuff though with some great spots and saves but it never got to that highest level.

We'll wrap it up on Impact, April 11, 2013.

Tag Titles: Chavo Guerrero/Hernandez vs. Bobby Roode/Austin Aries

Roode and Aries are defending and if they win, Chavo and Hernandez can never team again. This is also 2/3 falls. The challengers have a boxing legend whose name I couldn't catch here with them, carrying a Texas flag. The champions jump the challengers as they get the boxer a seat and the



brawl is on fast. Roode sends Aries into the corner to dropkick Chavo, who stumbles into a a Roode spinebuster for the first fall at 35 seconds.

Aries immediately tries a Frog Splash on Chavo but only hits mat, letting Chavo hit a quick rollup to tie things up at 1:38. Aries pounds away on Chavo but it's Roode hitting a big slam for two. A slingshot hilo by Aries keeps Chavo in trouble and a Ted DiBiase fist drop gets two. Back to Roode who escapes a tornado DDT but gets caught by a Chavo dropkick. Hernandez is nowhere to be seen though as he was sent into the steps in the pre-match attack.

Actually scratch that as he's back up and gets the tag to clean house. A gorilla press puts Aries down and there's the big running charge down the ramp to jump back into the ring for a double clothesline to take the champions down. We take a break and come back with Aries diving off the top onto Hernandez for two. We get a long shot of the Spanish announcers as Roode hooks a quick chinlock followed by a necksnap, setting up a middle rope elbow to the back of Hernandez's neck by Aries.

Hernandez finally comes back with a double clothesline to put the champions down and there's the hot tag to Chavo. He comes in with a slingshot hilo to Roode and a headscissors sends Bobby to the outside. Chavo hits a big dive onto Aries and Roode for a near fall back inside. There are two Amigos to Aries and three of them for Roode. Aries breaks up the Frog Splash and Roode gets a rollup for two. Off to the Crossface on Chavo but Hernandez breaks it up. Hernandez tries another dive but takes out Chavo by mistake.

Roode only gets two from the mistake but there's a HARD dropkick in the corner from Aries. The spinebuster is countered into a DDT but Austin makes another save at two. Aries loads up a superplex but Hernandez pulls him off into Border Toss position. The champions have a double suplex countered and Chavo hits the Frog Splash onto Roode for the pin and the titles at 15:13.

**Rating:** B. As is the case with every match the new champions have, it was entertaining but it does nothing for me because they're so ridiculously uninteresting. I was hoping for the titles to stay on Roode/Aries here,

but we have to appease the Texas crowd right, because Texas is AWESOME.

Hernandez is a beast who can fly all over the place, which is amazing for someone his size. He never quite got a huge push as a singles guy but it seemed like TNA wanted to try it more than once. However he did have an awesome run as a tag guy, winning titles with several partners. Some of the power stuff he's done was insane and well worth seeing if you want your eyes to pop.

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