

# ECW on TNN – June 16, 2000: Do Something Already!

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We're a month away from Heat Wave and a few matches have already been announced. That being said, it would be nice if we actually had something other than "ECW vs. Network brawl to end the show." It doesn't have to be anything great but they need to mix things up a little bit as things are really getting repetitive around here. Let's get to it.

Sandman has been attacked and put in an ambulance.

Opening sequence.

Joey and Joel are cut off by Cyrus before Joel can get to his punchline about food. Cyrus wants to talk to Gertner but it takes a bit to get past the ECW/GERTNER chants. The problem is Gertner's looks are killing the ratings so it's time to get rid of him. Joel is tired of dealing with Cyrus using him to get over so it's time to fight. Cyrus says there used to be a kid in his school that reminds him of Joel. Cyrus: "Do you know what I used to do to him?" Joel: "You used to suck his \*#&\$!" That earns Joel a slap to the face so he goes on a rant about how no one is here to see Cyrus so get to the point already.

The threat of being fired makes Joel apologize, but he means sorry that he has to take a blood test because Cyrus spat in his eye. Joel is ready to fight but Rhino runs in and Gores him. The usual suspects come in for the big brawl. We get the Van Dam vs. Anton showdown and you can hear people canceling their pay per view buys from here. This ate up the first fifteen minutes of the show after closing last week's show. Well done.

Justin Credible gets in an argument with Rhino but Cyrus breaks things up.

Cyrus tells the medics that Gertner has an object lodged in his anus.

### EZ Money vs. Kid Kash

Joined in progress as they speed things up early on. A headscissors from Kash gives us a stalemate but Money's (who has bills hanging from his trunks) partner Chris Hamrick offers a distraction. Kash sends Money outside for a big flip dive and we take a break. Back (Joey: "On the Deliverance Channel.") with Money hitting a modified piledriver, allowing Hamrick to add a guillotine legdrop. Kash's moonsault press is countered into something like a reverse Razor's Edge. A pinfall reversal sequence goes nowhere (likely because the pinfalls were reversed) and Kash hits a quick Moneymaker for the pin.

**Rating:** C. More cruiserweight style stuff here with Kash exchanging hurricanranas for actual wrestling or high flying skills. A win in a glorified handicap match makes Kash look good and that's the best thing they can do when they're trying to build up a new star. Not a good match or anything but it accomplished a goal, which is all it needed to do.

Kash gets beaten down until New Jack makes the save and does his usual insane stuff. He even hits Hamrick with an NES and uses a staple gun on Money for some blood. This goes on for a long time as we're over halfway through the show. I get that the fans love New Jack and everything, but we're half an hour in and we've seen an announcer get beaten down, a brawl we've seen over and over and an average match followed by a New Jack beatdown. If that's the best they can do, maybe the show should be canceled.

Sinister Minister and his congregation (including Mikey Whipwreck, Balls Mahoney and a bunch of plants) rail against censorship. The Prodigette plays Monica Lewinsky underneath the podium and everyone starts laughing.

Credible and Rhino argue again with the same conclusion.

The Network wishes Jerry Lynn luck but he brushes them off. Joey, being an announcer, thinks this means a lot more than it seems. To be fair he's probably right.

## ECW World Title: Jerry Lynn vs. Justin Credible

Justin is defending. They chop it out to start with Justin getting the better of it but being sent outside for a whip into the barricade. The fight heads into the crowd and thankfully there's a camera to see them fighting in an open space. I can't stand it when the brawl is really just their heads moving through the crowd. Lynn wins a slugout over the bloody champion and drives his knuckles into the cut.

They get back in with Francine passing in a chair for a delayed dropkick in the corner. A jumping knee to the head (he did used to be part of the Kliq) and we hit the chinlock. The fans want tables because New Jack and these two brawling in the crowd isn't enough violence. Jerry fights up and they chop it out with Lynn getting the better of it this time and sending Justin outside for a big dive. A super hurricanrana through a table satiates the fans' blood lust for a bit. The possibly ruined knees can be forgiven of course.

That's only good for two on the champ though so Lynn sets up another table in the corner. Francine throws in a chair but the DDT only gets two. The fans yell about wanting the table but have to settle for Jazz throwing Francine inside. Jazz's X-Factor gets two on Justin and here's the Network to make this even messier. That's Incredible gets two on Jerry as the Network takes Francine to the back.

The referee gets bumped (LIKE IT MATTERS) so there's no count off the cradle piledriver. Rhino comes in and Gores Lynn through the table though it's not clear who it was meant for. Either way it's enough for....I think a pin as the video is sent into the corner while an Arena Football on TNN ad covers up most of the screen. Seriously.

**Rating:** D+. I know it's the ECW style but these way over the top matches full of interference and weapons are getting ridiculous. Even worse though, we STILL haven't advanced anything as it's still not clear if Lynn is Network or not. I've seen worse matches but they should be able to go more than a minute straight without some kind of shenanigans.

**Overall Rating:** D. For DO SOMETHING ALREADY! Heat Wave is getting closer and ECW clearly has no idea how to actually build to a pay per view. I'm

barely even sure what matches are taking place on the show as ECW has done almost nothing to promote it so far. Instead it's all about fighting TNN and Heyman airing his grievances on TV every single week. The show wasn't the worst but my patience is wearing thin with this promotion.

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