

205 Live – March 21, 2017: The A, B and C Plots

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Location: Mohegan Sun Arena, Uncasville, Connecticut

Commentators: Tom Phillips, Corey Graves

This is still an interesting show as they have an hour to only build to only one Wrestlemania match. In addition to that though, there is the Akira Tozawa vs. Brian Kendrick feud. I'm not sure when that's going to be blown off but odds are it's going to be on regular TV instead of any major show. Let's get to it.

The opening recap looks at the fatal five way with Austin Aries becoming the new #1 contender.

Neville isn't happy with Mustafa Ali interrupting him last week and will teach him a lesson tonight. Aries better be paying attention.

Opening sequence.

TJ Perkins vs. Tony Nese

Nese won't shake hands but does shove TJ away for the sake of posing. A few waistlocks don't do much to Perkins so he armdrags Nese into an armbar. Tony is sent outside for a corkscrew dive but the fans don't care. Then again can you blame them after a long show and then an extra hour on the side? Back in and Nese escapes some rollups and grabs a gutbuster for two, followed by the bodyscissors.

Perkins gets up so Nese kicks him in the ribs but TJ grabs a neckbreaker. The pace quickens with a spinning crossbody staggering Nese. Tony can't get the German suplex into the corner as TJ pulls him down into a cross armbreaker. Perkins' gutbuster gets two but Nese suplexes him into the corner. That means the running knee to the head is enough to put TJ away at 10:29.

Rating: C+. This was all it needed to be and they're setting Nese up again. That would hint at the idea of Aries winning the title (he'll need a challenger) but given how all over the place the pushes can be around here, I'm probably over thinking this one. It's a good match though and that's about all you can expect from this show.

Drew Gulak says 205 Live needs to change and blames the WWE Universe. The fans are cheering for these glorified stuntmen but worry not because he has a solution.

Akira Tozawa vs. ???

The snap German suplex gives Tozawa the win at 6 seconds, which doesn't even give me time to ask how he left or got into the country without his passport. At least Phillips acknowledges that it was a crime for Kendrick to just steal the thing.

Tozawa calls out Brian Kendrick but Tozawa goes to the back to get him....only to be beaten up by a security guard, of course played by Kendrick. Lesson #8: appearances can be deceiving.

Someone has sent Alicia Fox a negligee and Noam Dar wants to know if it was Rich Swann, Jack Gallagher or Ariya Daivari. Their relationship is beyond gifts and Dar faces Swann next week.

Here's Austin Aries who gives a fan his.....banana peel. Well that's a new one. He saw Neville's interview go badly last night so tonight let's try it with Aries asking and answering his own questions. Aries thinks Neville keeps calling himself the King of the Cruiserweights to make up for some shortcomings. He's above Neville's level at the A-Double Level. Cue Neville to call Aries a punk so Aries calls him a downer. No violence ensues but Aries will be on commentary for the main event.

Mustafa Ali vs. Neville

Non-title. Feeling out process to start, which makes sense given how much time they have here. Neville's headlock takes him down and a wheelbarrow slam makes Ali's night even worse. The champ stops to yell at Aries though and gets hurricanranaed down. That's fine with Neville, who launches Ali into the air for a big crash.

Neville stays on the ribs with a few hard shots before putting on a chinlock while sitting on the back. A spinwheel kick puts Neville on the floor though and Ali follows him out with a middle rope moonsault. Aries doesn't really have much to say because he's focusing on analyzing Neville, which makes the most sense. Back in and that rolling neckbreaker gets two, only to have Neville catch a charge and crotch him on the top rope. They head up top with Neville loading something up but he takes too much time, allowing Ali to grab a springboard Spanish Fly.

That wakes the fans up and Neville tossing him into the air but getting caught in a tornado DDT for two does as well. Ali goes up top for the inverted 450 but gets kicked onto the ropes, setting up a GERMAN SUPERPLEX (that's a new one) to send him crashing down again. Mustafa is done so Neville swings him into the post. A glare at Aries sets up the Rings of Saturn to give Neville the tap at 15:18.

Rating: B. This needed to have a few minutes cut out but the stuff they had worked rather well. The time brings it back down though and that's a shame given how solid Ali looked here. If nothing else that superplex looked great. Neville was his usual awesome self here and I want to see the Aries match.

A staredown wraps us up.

Overall Rating: B-. Pretty good show here as you have a bunch of stories going on, though the wrestling could be a bit better outside of the main event. I'm kind of curious to see who is sending Fox the gifts but I'm losing some interest in Tozawa vs. Kendrick. I don't see how that can end any way other than a snap German suplex and they're taking their sweet time getting there. Still though, nice show this week.

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