

205 Live – May 31, 2017: Just Get It Over With Already

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Location: Philips Arena, Atlanta, Georgia

Commentators: Tom Phillips, Corey Graves

It's the go home show for Extreme Rules and that means the very final push towards what is hopefully the last Neville vs. Austin Aries match. That's not all though as we also have a guest star in the form of Sasha Banks. I'm sure that has nothing to do with how poor the viewership has been for this show. Let's get to it.

We open with a long recap of Aries vs. Neville while they change the ropes. You know, to make sure we know the difference between the 205 Live cruiserweight show and the 205 Live knitting show that airs on local access in western Maine.

Opening sequence.

Here are Noam Dar and Alicia Fox with the former saying this is the closest people in Atlanta will ever get to true love. Alicia: "You complete me." Dar: "That's right fluffy button." They don't like Rich Swann and Alicia Fox, who interrupt in a hurry. The two of them have a lot in common too, such as dancing, fashion, and getting revenge on the people in front of them. The ladies insult each others' hair and of course that means it's on.

Noam Dar vs. Rich Swann

Swann chops away to start and Dar bails to the floor, only to eat a dropkick back inside. Dar scores with a penalty kick so Fox screeches quite loudly. We hit the arm crank with Banks looking very out of place as a cheerleader for a cruiserweight act. Swann's arm is bent around the top rope and a running forearm to the chest is

good for two. That's enough for some posing though and the ladies are looking either nervous or elated.

Rich grabs a belly to back suplex and a good looking hurricanrana brings Dar off the middle rope. Sasha hits the cheerleading again and Swann gets two off a small package. He misses an enziguri though and gets caught in an ankle lock, which is quickly rolled out to the floor. Fox gets in a trip so the brawl is on (with Fox losing some hair), allowing Dar to hit his running knee to the face for the pin at 7:50.

Rating: C-. Dar is a good heel but his in-ring abilities aren't the best. The arm work makes sense to start but when he follows it up with an ankle lock and a running knee, it doesn't really seem to make much difference. I'm still not sure why Banks is here other than star power, but she's really not fitting.

Cedric Alexander doesn't have time to care about Dar and Fox because he has to make up for lost time with his WWE dreams.

Cedric Alexander vs. Corey Hollis

Cedric flips around to start and gets in a dropkick to put Corey in the corner. Hollis elbows him in the jaw and grabs a double arm choke. That goes nowhere as Hollis charges into a knee, followed by a Tajiri handspring into an enziguri. The springboard clothesline sets up the Lumbar Check to put Corey away at 2:41.

Video on Akira Tozawa.

Quick recap of Drew Gulak vs. Mustafa Ali, which is mat wrestling vs. high flying.

Drew Gulak vs. Mustafa Ali

Gulak comes out with his NO FLY ZONE sign so Ali hits a running flip dive to take him and the sign down. Drew says ring the bell (though he doesn't seem to know where he is) so Ali sends him outside for a running knee off the apron. They chop it out on the floor with Gulak's few shots having very little effect. Back in and Gulak sends him outside with Ali landing on his knee. Drew stomps away and asks if Mustafa wants to fight the message. We hit a seated abdominal

stretch for a bit before Ali fights up with some clotheslines. Ali heads up top for a high crossbody but Drew rolls through for the pin at 5:03.

Rating: C. That's the second time in a row where Mustafa has tried high flying on Gulak but gotten caught in a quick pin. Hopefully this leads to Ali accepting Drew's teachings and joining him, which could set up a mini stable in the future. Gulak needs some followers and Ali would be a good place to start.

In the back, Drew says that was a victory for the way a lot of people want 205 to go in the future.

Here's Austin Aries for the hard sell to end the show. After a quick plug for his upcoming book, Aries talks about the tap heard round the world. Neville has been saying no one is at his level but then he tapped out. We see the end of the tag match with Neville tapping, followed by a separate clip of just the tap. Aries goes over their history together but here's Neville to say that was nothing more than a fluke. Cue TJP from behind and another double beatdown is on. Aries gets caught in the Rings of Saturn to end the show with no Jack Gallagher making the save.

Overall Rating: C. This show was perfectly acceptable and that's about as good as I can go with it. Neville vs. Aries ran out of steam over a month ago and yet another beatdown segment isn't enough to make it interesting again. There are several people ready to move into the title picture and hopefully they get the chance after Sunday. Good enough show but nothing you need to see.

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