

Lucha Underground – June 14, 2017: Murder and a Tournament

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It's tournament time, which isn't the most best description in the world around here. This time around it's the start of the Cueto Cup, with the winner getting a Lucha Underground Title shot at Ultima Lucha Tres.

Tonight we have first round matches, which could eat up a good chunk of time in a thirty two person tournament. Let's get to it.

We open with a recap of Dario Cueto's announcements last week, as well as Drago turning on his partners to join the villains. There's also a clip of the Black Lotus Tribe destroying Pentagon Dark...whenever that was.

Pentagon comes in to see Dario, who has a bracket board in his office, just in case you wanted him to get even more awesome. Dario doesn't think much of him being back but Pentagon goes after the arm, earning himself a spot in the tournament. Before leaving, Pentagon promises to break some bones if he doesn't win something at Ultima Lucha.

Cueto Cup First Round: Mala Suerte vs. The Mack

They flip around to start with Mack grabbing an armdrag. The fast pace continues until a standoff but Suerte stops to pose instead of following up. That man needs a role model. Suerte's chops have no effect so Mack Samoan drops him for two. A hurricanrana takes Mack down for a basement dropkick and some arm waving.

That just seems to tick Mack off as he grabs an exploder suplex for two more. Suerte's release German suplex sends Mack flying and Mala heads up top, despite Mack being 90% of the way across the ring. Instead of jumping though, Mala drops down and runs across the ring for a backplash. Eh cute enough. Suerte misses a Swanton though and the

Stunner advances Mack at 7:31.

Rating: C. This looked like a squash on paper but Suerte wound up getting in enough offense to make things entertaining. Mack is coming off back to back Lucha Underground Title matches though and it wasn't likely to have him lose to a low level performer like Suerte this early on.

Cage, still wearing the gauntlet (which is still shooting electricity), is lifting when Dario comes in. The boss thinks Cage should meet Councilman Delgado but Cage doesn't seem interested. Dario insists though, because he's not scared of a giant wearing a powerful weapon.

Cueto Cup First Round: Argenis vs. Pentagon Dark

Argenis tries to handspring off the ropes and gets dropkicked in the mask for his efforts. Pentagon takes the knee out and it's one sided to start. A hurricanrana drops Pentagon but he kicks Argenis in the head to take over again. An exchange of superkicks goes to Pentagon but Argenis is able to take him outside. That's about it for his offense at the moment though as Pentagon kicks him in the face a third time. Argenis gets two off a neckbreaker, only to get suplexed into the corner. The pumphandle driver gives Pentagon two so it's a package piledriver to put Argenis away at 5:44.

Rating: C+. Pentagon comes off like someone who knows how to maul people and it's very entertaining to watch him do so. This was completely one sided with Pentagon toying with Argenis from bell to bell. If Pentagon doesn't go a very long way in this tournament, there's something wrong with this promotion.

Pentagon breaks Argenis' arm for a second time, just because he can.

Cueto Cup First Round: Famous B. vs. Texano

B. yells at Melissa Santos for not introducing him from Texas. He needs a stud like Texano in his stable so he's willing to let Texano get an uncontested pin. B. lays down but Texano picks him up at two, setting up a sitout powerbomb for the pin at 25 seconds.

Famous B.'s valet Brenda gives Texano a little spank, which he doesn't

seem to mind.

Video on Rey Mysterio getting ready to challenge Johnny Mundo for the Lucha Underground Title.

Cueto Cup First Round: Aerostar vs. Drago

Striker reminds us of their best of five series and when you add in following matches, they're 3-3 against each other. It's nice to have them add in stories like that for some interest in what should be nothing matches otherwise. You know, ignoring the whole betrayal last week. Drago is now in red and on Kobra Moon's leash.

Aerostar offers a handshake to start but Drago won't do it. With Aerostar's back turned, Drago hesitates to hit him but a smile from Moon turns him more evil and Aerostar is in trouble to start. Aerostar grabs a drop toehold to send him into the middle buckle, only to eat a dropkick. This might be more entertaining if Striker would drop the hissing sounds whenever talking about Moon. A hurricanrana and kick to the head stagger Drago but he catches a springboard in a cutter for two.

They look at each other for a second and again, Drago doesn't seem to want to do this. Aerostar hits a suicide dive to send Drago into the stairs but bangs himself up even worse at the same time. Some cheap shots from Moon keep Aerostar down and Drago fires off some more kicks. Aerostar is right back with a freaky modified Texas Cloverleaf while laying on his back with a bodyscissors around Drago's ribs. It's broken in just a few seconds but it certainly looked cool. Drago comes right back with the Dragon's Tail for the pin at 7:26.

Rating: D+. This was much more about the storyline than the match and that's not often a good thing. The Kobra Moon stuff really isn't all that interesting and it would have been nice to have a refresher after so many months away from the story. At least the logical winner moved forward though and the story can continue in the Trios Titles matches.

Drago lays Aerostar out after the match, again at Moon's wishes.

Cage goes to City Hall where Councilman Delgado promises Cage more power

as their work begins. Cage then chokes Delgado against a wall...and PUNCHES HIS FACE IN, apparently murdering the Councilman because Cage is a machine and not a man.

Overall Rating: D+. This was about moving stories forward instead of the matches and that's not the best thing in the world when we're in the start of such a long story. Assuming four matches a week, we're looking at four straight weeks of first round matches before we really move to the bigger stuff. Then again we had a murder on this show as Cage continues to become a potentially huge bad. Not the worst show here but it's a first step of a long way.

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