

205 Live – June 27, 2017: AH AH AH???

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We're in an interesting place here as we have the upcoming Cruiserweight Title match with Neville defending his title against Akira Tozawa at Great Balls of Fire, but a lot of the build isn't even taking place on the cruiserweight show. The title being spread across two different shows makes things a bit odd but more importantly, it means you don't really have to watch this show when you can get most of the story on Raw. Let's get to it.

The opening recap looks at the setup for the title match, including Tozawa signing with Titus Worldwide in exchange for the title shot.

Opening sequence.

The announcers preview the show as the ladders are cleared out.

Jack Gallagher should have expected Tony Nese to fake an injury like a true rogue would have. He won't make the same mistake against a villain like Brian Kendrick.

Brian Kendrick vs. Jack Gallagher

With the announcers making Anchorman references, here's Kendrick dressed up like Gallagher for some reason. Kendrick calls Gallagher a laughingstock, just like the huge embarrassment that England doesn't realize it is. He sees Gallagher as a pint sized William Regal imitation and Jack really doesn't seem pleased. Kendrick, wrestling in the suit, grabs a headlock to start and twists his fake mustache at Gallagher.

Jack comes back with his corner headstand but Kendrick is smart enough to just stand in the middle of the ring and tell Jack to "come on stupid".

He's got his insults cranked up to eleven tonight. Kendrick sends him hard into the corner to bang up Gallagher's ribs as this has been one sided so far. Jack gets in a dropkick but Kendrick hits him with the umbrella for the DQ at 3:04.

Rating: D+. This was angle advancement (or at least the start of one) instead of much of a match. I can always go for a heel smart enough to not fall for the usual tricks of someone like Gallagher. If you've seen any match from Gallagher, there's no reason to go after him when he's in the corner and thankfully Kendrick was smart enough to get there. This should be entertaining going forward.

Kendrick breaks the umbrella over Gallagher.

Drew Gulak thinks his loss last week shows off the reason for his No Fly Zone. The fans are smart enough to know he's not going to lose to some high flying move because Mustafa Ali beat him with a wrestling move when the high flying failed. Ali comes up and accuses Gulak of not being able to fly. Well I'd hope so. I mean, humans normally can't do that. Gulak seems offended but hopefully he doesn't go out and get wings attached to his back in some complicated surgical procedure.

Mustafa Ali vs. Drew Gulak

They hit the mat to start with Ali getting a bit of an advantage until Gulak pops him in the jaw. Gulak gets in a kick to the chest and stomps on Ali's chest to keep him in trouble. We hit the neck crank (because of course we do) and then the chinlock to show off Drew's versatility. Back up and Ali's comeback is quickly cut off with a suplex into the corner, earning Drew a verbal lashing from the referee.

Ali grabs a tornado DDT for a breather and takes Gulak to the top. With the referee telling them they have a minute left, Gulak shoves him off the top and starts looking nervous. Gulak's knees start shaking and he goes up, while doing the Jimmy Snuka I Love You sign. The splash misses and Ali rolls him up for the pin at 6:54.

Rating: C. I'm getting into this feud more every week as they're starting to add in a few twists instead of just doing the same basic stuff over

and over. While I'd love to see Gulak gain some followers and go somewhere with the idea, Gulak going crazy and not knowing what to do next has possibilities as well. Setting this up in the promo before the match was perfectly done and played off in the match. It's basic storytelling, which you don't get enough of in WWE.

Noam Dar apologizes to Ariya Daivari for losing his bag and tells Ariya to take it out on Cedric Alexander tonight. Daivari doesn't want the money back because \$15,000 is nothing to him. That's cool with Dar, who is broke thanks to Alicia Fox and her Facetiming. Speaking of which, Fox calls him again but Daivari hangs up on her. Dar still owes him so Daivari breaks his phone.

Ariya Daivari vs. Cedric Alexander

Feeling out process to start until Alexander is sent to the apron for the springboard clothesline. Daivari avoids a charge and kind of hiptosses him into the corner to take over though, setting up a dropkick from the apron. We hit the chinlock for a good while until Cedric fights up with a kick to the head. Cue Dar for a distraction though, allowing Daivari to hit the hammerlock lariat for the pin at 4:57.

Rating: C-. Again, this was much more about the angle than anything else. The problem is that with the Gallagher vs. Kendrick match, the angle actually felt fresh. This on the other hand, feels like something we've seen forever THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT IT IS. There's no reason for Dar and Alexander to keep fighting as we've seen them go at it time after time and now they're still going just because. That's bad writing, which is a horrible plague on WWE.

Post match Dar beats on Alexander and tells Fox (at home) that the Cedric Alexander chapter is over. Dar: "Yo Alicia! WE DID IT!"

Here's Neville to wrap up the show. He's been hearing about a new challenger and unfortunately, that someone has been misguided and mislead. Of course he means Tozawa, giving us the AH AH AH from the crowd. Neville doesn't care about the white noise that is Titus O'Neil but Tozawa is about to find out that he's not on the Neville Level. Tozawa comes out and says AH a lot, which only seems to annoy Neville.

The fight is on and Neville is kicked to the floor to end the show. Good segment here as Tozawa needs to be portrayed as closer to equal with Neville, or at least getting inside his head.

Overall Rating: C+. This was about setting things up for the future and it did very well in that regard. The big story here was setting up the Cruiserweight Title match and given how awesome that has the potential to be, hopefully they don't manage to screw anything up. The rest of the show helped to build things up but the quality may vary depending on your individual taste.

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