

205 Live – October 24, 2017: The Show's Anchor

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Things have changed again as we're back to the Enzo Amore Era. Amore won the title back from Kalisto on Sunday in a match with a grand total of no drama or surprise whatsoever. Now it's time for a rematch which is required to take place before we can get on to anything fresh for a change. Let's get to it.

Long recap of Amore getting the title back.

Opening sequence.

Rich Swann/Cedric Alexander vs. Noam Dar/Tony Nese

Swann and Alexander are coming off a win at TLC. Cedric and Swann start things off and we hit the posing. That just earns him a headscissors down as the announcers talk about Swann and Alexander as a tag team. A perfectly fine idea, but then he says they should stay on 205 Live.

Right there you have the problem with this show being its own thing: is it out of the question that Swann and Alexander could give some heavyweight teams a run for their money? Of course not, as Seth Rollins isn't much bigger than either of them. But Rollins is billed as a heavyweight and therefore people care about him more. It's a bad idea, especially when the tag division could use some fresh talent.

Swann comes in and scores with Rolling Thunder before we hit the chinlock. It's off to Dar but Nese tags himself right back in behind Swann's back, allowing a charge to take Rich down. The alternating beatings begin with the focus on Swann's knee. Nese puts him in the Tree of Woe for the crunch kicks but doesn't approve of Dar laying on the mat

for his kicks. Swann hits his spinning kick to the head, only to have Dar trip him from the floor.

Another kick to the head allows the hot tag to Alexander and everything breaks down. The handspring kick to the head (the Neuralizer) gets two on Dar and here are Brian Kendrick and Jack Gallagher on the stage. Dar grabs a front facelock on Cedric and Nese breaks up the hot tag attempt. Swann makes a save with a superkick though, allowing the Lumbar Check to end Dar at 9:01.

Rating: C. As mentioned, Alexander and Swann have the potential to be a very nice tag team and there's nothing wrong with that. They're entertaining and work well together, but having them on 205 Live for the majority of the time isn't going to do them any good. I have no idea why only one or two cruiserweights can be pushed at once but it makes no sense, much like the division as a whole.

Post match Gallagher and Kendrick tell Alexander to join them and live up to their potential. He needs to dump Swann and do everything he's capable of doing. Gallagher says that he was dancing around for these people just a few weeks ago before he saw the light. He isn't one to be pressed for time so next week, they're coming for Swann. Alexander can join them or be destroyed.

Here's Drew Gulak to vent some frustration over having his PowerPoint presentation taken off the WWE Network. Therefore, before he silences Akira Tozawa one day, we're having a refresher course on his POWERPOINT PRESENTATION! Drew only gets through one slide (no jumping off the top rope of course) before he's cut off by an opponent.

Drew Gulak vs. Gran Metalik

Gulak: "YOU STAY ON THE GROUND!" A technical sequence sets up a test of strength with Metalik getting the better of things. Metalik starts spinning around to start and Gulak is livid over all the flips. Gulak is sent outside for a heck of a rope walk moonsault. Back in and Drew grabs a cobra clutch to slow him down.

Metalik gets off of Drew's knees and grabs a snapmare before walking the

ropes for a dropkick. Back up and Metalik walks the ropes again for a splash, followed by a sunset flip for two. A super hurricanrana brings Gulak down for another near fall, only to get pulled down into a dragon sleeper to give Gulak the win at 6:55.

Rating: C-. It's nice to see Gulak get a win for a change as he's been nailing the character stuff and then losing almost every match. That dragon sleeper could be a heck of a finisher if they let him beat some people with it, though it's not going to mean anything if he loses almost all the time.

Post match Drew goes after Metalik's leg but Tozawa makes the save.

Kalisto says he's ready to take the title back.

Cruiserweight Title: Kalisto vs. Enzo Amore

Amore is defending and has Ariya Daivari in his corner. Before the match, Enzo still can't talk so Daivari does it instead. Kalisto dropkicks him to the floor to start and Amore bails towards the ropes. Some stomping has Amore in trouble until he backdrops Kalisto over the top in a heap.

The ankle is banged up and we already have a story for what is likely to be a short match. Back in and they head up top with Kalisto getting crotched but managing a Death Valley Driver on the apron. They barely beat the count back in and it's an enziguri into a tornado DDT to plant the champ. Not that it matters as Enzo kicks the referee for the DQ at 6:12.

Rating: D. And that's the problem with Enzo's matches: everyone has to slow down so he can keep up and it makes for some very boring matches. Kalisto is capable of having an awesome match but instead, let's have him do his basic stuff because Enzo's high spot is an Eat Defeat. Bad match here, and I can't say I'm surprised.

Post match Kalisto lays Enzo out. Enzo declares himself still champion to end the show.

Overall Rating: C-. It's kind of amazing how much this show falls apart when Enzo gets in the ring. He's a great talker and has a ton of charisma

but his in-ring production is nothing short of horrible. The rest of the show was your normal 205 Live fare, but there's no reason to believe that the show is going to take off anytime soon.

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