

Main Event – June 7, 2018: The Mike Kanellis Fun Time Hour



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I'm actually more interested than usual in this show based on how different this week's television shows went. Monday Night Raw was such a disaster while Smackdown was a perfectly watchable wrestling show. I'm not sure how they're going to pull off a highlight show when almost nothing interesting was going on Monday but they've pulled off something similar before. Let's get to it.

[Here are last week's results if you need a recap.](#)

Opening sequence.

No Way Jose vs. Mike Kanellis

Kanellis is still alive. Who knew? They fight over a lockup to start and Jose scores with a hiptoss. Some forearm in the corner have Jose in trouble and we hit the chinlock. Back up and Kanellis takes way too much

time yelling at the conga line and Jose is back up with a clothesline. A superkick gives Kanellis too (with a blown kiss as he's dedicated to this ridiculous gimmick) but Jose's pop up right hand is good for the pin at 5:11.

Rating: D. There's only so much you can do here and while Kanellis isn't anything special, it's nice to see some fresh blood on the show. As long as Maria gets back in the next few months (or whenever she's ready to be back), Kanellis might have a fighting chance. Jose's presence here makes more sense as he's almost destined to be a house show opener at best, even if he has some potential to do more than that.

Now we're often told what's coming up next, but in this case we're being told that two different matches are up next. A mystery is afoot and we have some actual drama! I mean, it's as low level drama as you can possibly have and it's likely going to be done by the time I'm done typing this but what else am I supposed to talk about on this thing?

From Raw.

Natalya vs. Nia Jax

Non-title with Ronda Rousey on commentary. Nia runs her over and knocks Natalya to the floor as we take a break. Back with Natalya fighting out of a chinlock and scoring with a jawbreaker. A discus clothesline puts Nia down for two but Natalya hurts her knee on the step over into the dropkick. The Samoan drop ends Natalya in short order at 7:22.

Rating: D. I'm still not sure why I'm supposed to be interested in seeing if Ronda can armbar Nia when she's already armbarred HHH but you can't expect them to keep continuity for a full two months. Nia's rather abrupt heel turn and Rousey suddenly being friends with Natalya are both stretches but I've seen worse from this company before. Just keep the match at Money in the Bank short and they should survive.

Post match Nia checks on the downed Natalya and Rousey comes in to keep things safe. Natalya is all frustrated as Rousey helps her out. Nia didn't get physical after the match and looked concerned.

And from Smackdown.

Charlotte vs. Becky Lynch

The threat of a Disarm-Her sends Charlotte outside so Becky settles for a headlock back inside. That's escaped as well and it's a standoff until they both catch kicks to the ribs. A double knockdown sends us to a break. Back with Becky going for the arm again but getting caught in a backbreaker for two instead. Lynch drops her one more time and gets two off a top rope legdrop but gets sent into the corner. The moonsault hits raised knees and the Figure Eight is countered twice in a row. The second counter is pulled into the Disarm-Her for the tap at 8:11.

Rating: C+. I'd love to believe that this is going to lead towards Becky getting into the title picture again as I have no idea why she hasn't been a long reigning champion already. She has the look, the talking ability, the skill and whatever else might be needed to make a long reign work. Unfortunately since it's Money in the Bank season, this win isn't going to move her up the rankings but rather just be a momentum builder, whatever that is supposed to mean.

Lynch helps her up and everything is cool.

From Raw again.

Finn Balor vs. Kevin Owens

Owens easily takes him down to start and asks if that was too sweet. A headlock has Balor slowed down and we switch to a chinlock to really mix things up. Balor fights up into an armbar but Owens whips him hard into the corner to cut him off again. Back from a break with Owens holding another chinlock and Balor fighting up in short order. The kick to the head looks to set up the Coup de Grace but Owens rolls outside.

A snap of the arm over the rope puts Balor in more trouble and it's off to an armbar. Balor fights up with an elbow to the face but gets superkicked back down. The shotgun dropkick knocks Owens into the corner, only to have him pop back up to crotch Balor. Owens stomps away and that's a DQ at 18:34.

Rating: D-. So yes, after this horrible show, we're really supposed to be interested in a DQ finish to a long and really boring match. These two are capable of so much more but since it's Money in the Bank season, it's time to sit around and do the boring matches for the sake of building momentum or whatever nonsense we're supposed to care about this week.

Post match Owens hits the frog splash and climbs the really big ladder. He takes forever teasing the big splash off the ladder but Balor gets up and pulls him down. A Coup de Grace off the ladder crushes Owens and Balor pulls down a briefcase to end the show.

Akira Tozawa vs. Drew Gulak

Feeling out process to start before Tozawa hits him in the face a few times. We take an abrupt break and come back with Gulak hitting a backbreaker and cranking on the arm. Gulak mixes it up with a second chinlock before just stomping away. That doesn't sound like submission based wrestling, meaning I doubt it's going to go anywhere.

Tozawa fights back so let's cut to the crowd, then back to the ring, then back to the crowd in about ten seconds. A missile dropkick gives Tozawa two and he grabs something like AJ's Black Widow. That doesn't last long (of course) and Tozawa misses a charge into the corner, setting up the Gulock for the tap at 10:13.

Rating: C-. They need to do something with Gulak sooner rather than later as he's getting this submission stuff over and could be a great foil for a variety of people, mainly the Cruiserweight Champion. I mean, we've established that he couldn't go onto the other shows and do his submission stuff there because he's just a cruiserweight and that would never work.

We'll wrap it up on Smackdown.

New Day vs. Miz/Rusev/Samoa Joe

Woods wastes no time in forearming Miz down for an early two and it's New Day alternating with elbows and splashes for two more. Joe tags himself in to face Big E. and this is already feeling bigger. Big E. suplexes him

down and it's off to Woods to try his luck. That would be bad luck as an enziguri puts him down and we take a break. Back with Woods fighting out of Miz's chinlock but getting pulled down by the hair.

Joe comes in and gets kneed in the head, allowing the double tags to Miz and Kofi. Everyone else fights to the floor and the Boom Drop has Miz in trouble. Joe breaks up Trouble in Paradise and the DDT gives Miz two. Big E. comes back in and gets whipped into the Rock Bottom out of the corner. Rusev gets low bridged to the floor and Woods hits a big flip dive over the top.

Joe gets sent outside as well and Kofi hits a springboard trust fall to drop him again. Big E. spears Miz to the floor (that's going to be a bad injury one day) and the Midnight Hour is broken up as Joe pulls Woods into the Koquina Clutch on the floor. Kofi dives into the Machka Kick and Miz posts Big E. The villains come back in...and Miz grabs the pancakes, which he throws at Joe and Rusev by mistake. One Machka Kick and a backplash later and Miz is left down and alone. Kofi comes back in and the Midnight Hour is good for the pin at 13:19.

Rating: C+. I liked this one though it wasn't as good as the New Day's match from a week or so ago. They've certainly lost some steam but they're still one of the best trios around. That Trust Fall alone, which looked like a springboard to Miz, was enough of a cool visual to make this work. The pancakes...not so much but that's their thing and it's not going away at the moment.

Overall Rating: D+. Yeah this show didn't do much good after what we had this week. It's not interesting TV and that's been the case for a long time now. If they want to make people more interested, give us something more worthwhile to watch. Mike Kanellis was one of the highlights of this week's show and that should tell you everything you need to know about what's going on in WWE right now.

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