

Major League Wrestling Fusion – May 11, 2018: If You Build Them, They Will Interact



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Things are starting to get interesting around here as we're starting to see some names that we've seen before. They have a big enough roster to keep things fresh every week and that's a good sign, though we are coming up on our third ACH match in four weeks. We're also getting Jimmy Havoc vs. Joey Janela in an anything goes match, which should be fun if they can get violent. Let's get to it.

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

We open with a recap of Havoc and Janela's issues, which includes a lot of brawling in various places.

Opening sequence.

We recap Team Filthy attacking ACH last night, setting up the following match.

Tom Lawlor vs. ACH

Before the match, ACH says this is wrestling and not mixed martial arts. Lawlor wastes no time with a takedown and kicks him in the back. In a change of pace, Lawlor offers ACH a free shot to retaliate but it hurts ACH's own foot. ACH starts the flipping so Lawlor lays on his back and says bring it. This goes badly for ACH as well and a crucifix doesn't get

him very far either. Another rollup has Lawlor on the floor and we take a break. Back with Lawlor in control and working on the arm as so many MMA style wrestlers like to do.

With that going nowhere it's a front chancery suplex for two instead. The Rings of Saturn continue the clinic on ACH and it's off to a seated top wristlock. ACH finally gets up and hits a basement dropkick, followed by a middle rope cutter for two. We'll try some wrestling now with a German suplex getting two on Lawlor. That just earns ACH more suplexes and a choke gets two arm drops. Cue Team Filthy for the distraction though, allowing Lawlor to hit him in the head with the steel forearm. A choke finishes the out cold ACH at 10:12.

Rating: C-. This was a glorified squash from Lawlor as he picked apart ACH and cut him off at every single turn. That's the kind of match you need from someone like Lawlor who isn't the most well known wrestler in the world. He plays a good heel though and taking apart someone that gave Austin Aries trouble was the right way to go. Nice performance here and Lawlor looks like a star.

Shane Strickland isn't happy with the shrine he found in his dressing room last week and gets in Salina de la Renta's face about it. Pentagon shows up and mists Strickland in the face. Salina looking cold and calm during the whole thing is a good idea.

Strickland gets his eyes washed out to little avail.

Maxwell J. Friedman vs. Fred Yehi

Yehi, a guy I don't think I've actually seen before, is from Evolve but has recently wrapped up his time there. A headlock takeover annoys Friedman to start and Yehi stomps on his hand. The second attempt has Friedman thinking twice so Yehi gets in a running shoulder, which seems to hurt his own arm. A very hard German suplex (almost a German suplex driver) plants Friedman again and a request for time out is ignored.

Friedman is smart enough to hit a Codebreaker onto the arm and then just punches it for good measure. We hit a Fujiwara armbar but Yehi is back up with a running dropkick. Some knees to the head rock Friedman and rapid

fire kicks to the chest make it even worse. A quick poke to the eye cuts Yehi off though and Friedman stomps on the arm again, setting up a rollup with trunks to pin Yehi at 8:24.

Rating: D+. This was a weird match with two very different styles not really meshing. Yehi is an athletic freak who was moving at a very fast pace and does all kinds of awesome looking things. Then you have Friedman, who isn't the most thrilling performer in the world but knows how to play a heel with the limited set of actions. That makes for a hard match to pull off with Yehi moving fast and Friedman moving very slowly. Yehi could tear the house down under the right circumstances, but Friedman is a more interesting character.

Post match Friedman has a seat on the stage and talks about how sad it is that the loser's purse isn't enough for Yehi to go to Golden Corral the next three times. Friedman is jealous of the people because they don't know how hard it is to go home to a perfect ten woman. Or how bad it is to have a sub par limo driver. He's just better than us though and we know it.

We look back at MVP vs. Sami Callihan from last week.

Callihan says he talks when he wants to and he keeps going like "a machine gun of an enigma." He's creating an army of like minded individuals and here's the big bald guy from last week to stand behind him, still without a name.

As a result of misting Strickland, Pentagon has to put his title shot on the line against Rey Fenix next week.

Joey Janela vs. Jimmy Havoc

This is a Bogus Adventure match, meaning anything goes and there must be a winner. Janela has a good looking woman named Aria Blake with him. Back to back stereo bicycle kicks go nowhere so it's Joey kicking him to the floor for a suicide dive. Janela pelts a chair at Havoc's head and then suplexes him onto said chair on the floor to really knock him silly. Back in and they chop it out with the rather plain physiqued Janela getting the better of it but missing a moonsault.

It's time for some weapons...and Havoc has a door. Some chairs are a little more logical but Janela uses a chair as a launchpad to take Havoc down. Since we don't have enough violence, Janela wraps a chair around Havoc's head and drives him into an open chair for a big crash. Havoc pops back up with a pumphandle slam onto the open chair (which doesn't move) for two of his own. Some chairs to the back have Janela in more trouble as Rich tries to figure out why there was a door under the ring. Fair question actually.

With Janela sitting in a chair, Havoc tries a running monkey flip but slips and falls down in a heap instead. It's time for more chairs and the required table but Janela's chair shot to Havoc just wakes him up and he chairs Janela in the head. A package piledriver onto a pile of chairs gives Janela two and it's table time. The top rope backslash only hits table though and Havoc dropkicks him through the door. There's a Death Valley Driver onto the chairs and the Acid Rainmaker gives Havoc the pin at 9:04.

Rating: C+. This one depends on your taste in violent matches, meaning it was good for what it was but not the best thing in the world otherwise. The problem here was the lack of selling to make the violence mean much as they kept popping back up like it was nothing. Just let them stay down a little bit instead and it will be that much better.

Post match Havoc leaves into the parking lot and literally bumps into Team Filthy, earning himself a beatdown to end the show.

Overall Rating: C. That ending was an interesting way to go and a sign that things are getting better. They've set up some characters with Havoc and Lawlor and now those characters are interacting. That's how basic booking works and I'm curious to see where that story goes from here. The rest of the show introduced a few more people and the fact that they're moving forward with some of them is a good sign. Now just keep that up and give us some better matches in the process and things will be even better.

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