

# Major League Wrestling Fusion – May 25, 2018: Their First Showdown



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## **Fusion #6**

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Location: Gilt Nightclub, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Rich Bocchini, Tony Schiavone

It's title week as Shane Strickland is defending the World Title against Pentagon Jr., who misted Shane in the eyes and had to defend his #1 contendership as a result. Other than that it's hard to say what we might see around here as it could be anything from established names to fresh talent. Let's get to it.

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

Shane Strickland and Barrington Hughes arrived in a very nice car earlier today with Shane telling reporters that Pentagon should be worried. Salina de la Renta comes up to say that the title is rented just like the car. Hughes calls her a witch in Spanish.

Opening sequence.

The announcers chat for a bit.

## Santana Garrett vs. Chelsea Green

Santana has been in NXT and TNA while Green is better known as Laurel Van Ness. They shake hands to start with the announcers talking about how close friends they are. A battle of the wristlocks doesn't get either of them very far and neither can hit a right hand. Some rollups get two each and Chelsea goes mean with a slap to the face. The fans DON'T like that

one so Chelsea takes her into the corner...and finds some lipstick? She shouts about that for a bit before a running knee to the face gets two.

The lipstick goes on and seems to make Chelsea a little nuts (I've seen this somewhere before) and she sends Santana head first into the buckle. Something like a curb stomp into the corner rocks Santana again and we hit the chinlock. As usual that triggers a comeback but Chelsea forearm her to the apron. Garrett is right back with a kick to the chest and a Russian legsweep (nice one too) for a near fall of her own. Back up and Santana spins out of a suplex, setting up a MickieDT for the pin at 7:56.

**Rating:** C. This was a perfectly acceptable match with both women doing some good things but very little spark or fire. They had something of a story with Chelsea attacking her friend and going psycho with the lipstick but it never got past a certain level. I'll certainly take safe over a complete gamble though so this could have been much, much worse.

Tom Lawlor "apologizes" for what happened with Havoc two weeks ago. As usual, Lawlor nails the complete jerk promo.

#### Simon Gotch vs. Danny Santiago

This is Gotch's Open Challenge and if Santiago can last five minutes, he makes \$250 (which makes the fans laugh). A capture suplex and piledriver end Santiago in 48 seconds. That's all this should have been.

Joey Janela and Aria Blake have no explanation for why they're leaving Maxwell J. Friedman's locker room.

Post break, Friedman freaks out because he finds cigarettes and domestic beer in his dressing room. This is NOT ok!

Video on Shane Strickland vs. Pentagon Jr., which has been well built up for the last few weeks.

#### MLW World Title: Shane Strickland vs. Pentagon Jr.

Strickland is defending and Pentagon has Salina de la Renta. Hang on though as de la Renta brings in a mariachi band to sing the Mexican national anthem. Shane's eyes seem fine after the misting that helped set

up the match. They circle each other to start until Shane shrugs off a superkick to the ribs and knees Pentagon in the face. That's enough to start a fight in the crowd with Shane getting the better of it, only to springboard into a superkick back inside.

Pentagon gets creative by tying Shane's arms to the rope with a camera cable and it's time to chop away. We take a break and come back with Low Ki sitting in the aisle as Pentagon stops to dance, much to de la Renta's annoyance. There's a kick to Shane's leg but he's fine enough to knee Pentagon in the head. A 619 to the ribs sets up the rolling cutter for two more and Strickland isn't sure where to go next.

Shane takes the kneepad down but misses a running knee. Instead he stands on his hands and gets kicked in the ribs for one and they're both down again. It's Pentagon up first but he can't break the arm. Instead he has to save his own arm and you can see de la Renta getting a little nervous. An exchange of kicks to the head puts them both down and we take another break. Back again with the fight on the floor again until Pentagon takes him to the apron for a Canadian Destroyer.

That doesn't even warrant a cover as Pentagon would rather kick him down instead. The Pentagon Driver gets two and it's chair time. Of course Shane puts him in the chair instead but dives into a powerbomb while Pentagon is still seated. The Fear Factor (Tony really needs to get the names straight) gets two and a big reaction on the kickout. Salina, looking angrier and more emotional than I've ever seen her, gets up and takes the mist from Pentagon by mistake (seems fine). Shane knees Pentagon down and hits the top rope double stomp (Swerve Stomp) to retain at 21:58.

**Rating:** B. This felt like a big match with both guys working hard and that's all you can ask for here. Strickland is feeling like the biggest thing around and having him pin Pentagon clean is all you can ask for here. Pentagon can claim that he was distracted or whatever and de la Renta can come back with someone else later on. Good main event and it felt important.

**Overall Rating:** C+. I'm not sure how smart it is to give one match thirty

minutes on an hour long show but I can appreciate them trying something big on a newer series. Strickland is coming off like a more important deal every single week and the women coming in for the first time was a good idea. They did some good enough stuff on here and we can move on to a fresh challenger for Strickland. Another nice effort as the show is starting to find its footing.

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