Lucha Underground — July 11, 2018: The Five Sided Star



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We're starting to pick up steam on the Aztec Medallions as a lot of them have been awarded in short order. That's a good idea when you have so many of them to be collected and hopefully we continue moving forward. Other than that there's the prospect of Cage vs. Pentagon, which could be a lot of fun. Let's get to it.

Here are last week's results if you need a recap.

The opening recap looks at the Rabbit Tribe trying to worship Mascarita Sagrada, the Aztec Medallions and Matanza being even more murdery than usual. The last one should be rather worrying.

Cortez Castro is in the ring with a kendo stick but here's Antonio Cueto to say Castro is really a cop. Now why did it take so long to find this out? It's sacrifice time.

Matanza vs. Cortez Castro

Wrath of the Gods, 12 seconds.

Castro disappears. I could go for more of this story as it's a good way to get rid of some of these lower level performers who aren't doing anything important.

Aztec Medallion: Joey Ryan vs. Ivelisse

Joey grabs her hand and moves it in a certain direction, thankfully earning himself a slap to the face. Ivelisse throws him down by the chest hair and snaps off a hurricanrana as Joey is already a little turned around. The power game takes Ivelisse down and it's time to talk about...well what else is Ryan going to talk about? A chinlock doesn't go anywhere so Ivelisse sends him outside, only to charge into a superkick. The lollipop comes out of Ryan's trunks (....uh....) but Ivelisse kicks him down for two more. Joey gets two of his own off a spinebuster but a German suplex gives Ivelisse two. A quick Code Red puts Ryan away at 6:38.

Rating: D. Remember when Ryan actually played a different character on this show and wasn't just Joey Ryan from the indies? Well apparently Lucha Underground doesn't either as this was every Ryan match from everywhere else. At least Ivelisse won, as it could be interesting to see what she could do around here if she's healthy for once.

<u>Aztec Medallion: Killshot vs. The Mack vs. Son of Havoc</u>

Yes the Trios Champions are fighting again. Hang on though as here's Antonio to say there will be two medallions given out here with only the person taking the fall not getting one. Works for me. Killshot starts fast and kicks both guys down, setting up a showdown with Mack. With Mack on the floor, Havoc hits the required suicide dive before Asai moonsaulting onto both of them.

Back in and Mack elbows Havoc down, setting up the big flip dive to take both guys out again. They're certainly moving at a very fast pace so far. Havoc stays down so Killshot kicks away at Mack's arm to slow him down,

which Vampiro doesn't like. He'd rather have them all just hit each other everywhere because Vampiro is kind of an out there guy. Havoc comes back in and gets hit in the head a few times, which you just don't do to a masked biker. A tornado DDT gets Havoc out of trouble but Mack is back in to Pounce him down.

Killshot's German suplex is no sold so he no sells Mack's clothesline and dropkicks him before collapsing as well. Havoc replaces Killshot so Mack kicks him in the face a few times, followed by a standing moonsault for two. Havoc is right back up for the shooting star but Killshot pulls him down BY THE BEARD and hits a Death Valley Driver on the apron. Mack Stuns Killshot and has to pick which one to pin, eventually choosing Killshot at 9:25.

Rating: C+. This was fun with all three moving at a frantic pace. I'm still not big on the Trios Titles in general as they're all over the place at times and I can barely remember who has them more often than not. There's a good chance that this thrown together team doesn't last again, which tends to be a recurring theme for these titles. You might wan to work on that a bit.

Post match Killshot yells at his partners and leaves.

Aztec Medallion: Cage vs. Mil Muertes

Catrina, now in red after last week, is in Muertes' corner. They waste no time with the power game, knocking each other down without pretty reckless abandon. Muertes gets the better of it off a clothesline and a headscissors (!) to send Cage outside. Cage is thrown into the barricade but comes back with a series of hard forearms to the face. Back in and Cage's apron superplex gets two but the referee eats a spear.

Cage's discus lariat gets a very delayed two from a second referee, followed by the Flatliner giving Muertes two from the third referee. Muertes lays him out as well and I don't think we have any more available. They fight outside where Muertes hits a wind up lariat but Cage finds a chair. He drops Muertes....but Pentagon is dressed as a fan in the crowd and caves Cage's head in with a chair. Back in and the Flatliner gives Muertes the pin at 7:26.

Rating: B-. Take two monsters and have them beat the heck out of each other for a little while for some instant entertainment. The Pentagon cameo helped a lot as Cage doesn't lose clean (as he shouldn't) and Muertes gets another win to get him back on track (as he should). I liked this a lot as they didn't try to do anything more than they should have here.

Post match Catrina won't give Cage the lick. Muertes leaves and Pentagon says he'll defend the title against Cage next week. Pentagon continues to look like a total star.

Post credits the Rabbit Tribe is being their usual bizarre selves when Mascarita Sagrada comes in. They follow him out and meet the unnamed Killer Kross, who is willing to be their god. To achieve this, they have to kill Sagrada, so Paul London caves his head in with a staff, sending blood everywhere to end the show. As usual, these people come off as the creepiest, most insane guys I've seen in years.

Overall Rating: B. I love it when they have a goal to accomplish and accomplish that goal with such precision. They didn't waste time here and got the point across, meaning most of the Aztec Medallions are now set. That's better than spending the better part of two months doing one at a time so hopefully we can get to something big with Pentagon soon. He's a star here and looks like one of the biggest things on the show, which is about as accurate as you can get. Good show here and the old feeling is back.

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