

Lucha Underground – July 18, 2018: Casual Destruction



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It's time for a title match tonight as Pentagon Dark defends against Cage. That sounds like a heck of a match as Pentagon has turned into the mega star that this promotion needs, especially with Prince Puma gone. Other than that we have the usual array of stories running around, which is a big reason why this place is so much fun. Let's get to it.

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

The opening recap looks at the Aztec medallions, the Worldwide Underground vs. the Reptile Tribe and tonight's title match.

Aztec Medallion: Paul London vs. Dezmond X

This is Dezmond's debut and London seems much more toned down this week. Murdering a wrestler can do that to you. The rest of the tribe offers a distraction so London can choke on the ropes but a baseball slide takes out his friends by mistake. There must be a Bugs Bunny joke I can make there somewhere. Dezmond dives onto everyone but London is back up to pound him down. A super hurricanrana gives Dezmond two and the fans are already behind them. The backflip kick to the head (that's great timing) drops London again and a quick victory roll gives Dezmond the pin at 4:13.

Rating: C. Dezmond is a talented guy and he's going to have a much better chance in a place like this than the X-Division. They didn't get to do much here but the Rabbit Tribe is still one of the most insane things

I've ever seen in wrestling. London is still a great hand in the ring and was a good choice for Dezmond's first match.

Post break here's Antonio Cueto to hype up next week's Gift of the Gods Title match. Therefore, it's time for everyone to put their medallions in the belt. The seven (Dragon Azteca Jr., King Cuerno, Ivelisse, Dezmond X, Son of Havoc, The Mack and Mil Muertes) come out and place their medallions. Since they're all here, let's have a battle royal where the winner gets to pick one person who won't be in next week's title match.

Battle Royal

They start fast and Muertes gets rid of Cuerno in short order. Ivelisse and Dezmond follow him out before Mack and Havoc dump Muertes and Azteca at the same time. We're down to Mack vs. Havoc in less than a minute...and Havoc agrees to eliminate himself by diving onto the pile, giving Mack the win at 1:43.

Mack says he's not scared of anyone...but Mil Muertes scares the heck out of him so he's out. Muertes beats everyone up and we go to a break with him still wrecking people. That's so casual and I kind of love it. It's also a good way to keep Muertes strong as you don't want him taking a fall if you're not giving him the title.

Johnny Mundo vs. Vibora

Taya and Kobra Moon are the seconds. Johnny sticks and moves to start as the women glare at each other on the floor. The distraction lets Johnny get in a low blow but Vibora is right back with a Burning Hammer of all things. Johnny's reverse hurricanrana drops Vibora on his head but stops to dive onto Moon instead of following up. Now when has that ever worked? Cue the rest of the Worldwide Underground to go after Vibora, including a chair shot to the head.

The End of the World gets two, which is a major moment for Vibora. Johnny superkicks the referee so here's the Underground with chairs. Drago and Daga run in for the save and we're back to one on one. Vibora pops up and hits a superkick, followed by a heck of a powerbomb. The chokeslam and a standing moonsault get two but here's Ricky Mundo to save his buddy.

That's fine with Vibora, who moonsaults onto the two of them. Back in and Johnny hits four straight kicks to the head but goes up top, allowing Vibora to hit a super chokeslam for the pin at 8:54.

Rating: B-. Vibora is clearly going to be a star and there's nothing wrong with that. He has a great look and can do almost anything in the ring, which is even more impressive for someone his size. Pinning Johnny is a really big deal for him and if it leads somewhere important, well done indeed.

Post match the Underground comes back in for the beatdown but so do Daga and Drago. Again the brawl is cut off by the break.

XO Licious is working out as Jack Evans watches from the sidelines. He's not happy with his loss but here's Ricky Mundo (apparently done fighting) with the doll. Ricky wants to know where Evans was out there but Evans doesn't do snakes. The doll tells Mundo to do to Evans what he did to Angelico. I like that they're acknowledging these people being gone as it would be rather weird otherwise.

Lucha Underground Title: Pentagon Dark vs. Cage

Cage is challenging and knocks Pentagon off the apron before the bell. The fight start son the floor with the champ in early trouble. Pentagon gets dropped back first onto the apron and Cage slugs away a lot. It's already time for a chair but Pentagon knocks it away, drawing the CERO MIEDO chants again.

They get inside for a buckle bomb on Pentagon, followed by the apron superplex as Cage continues his dominance. The F5 is countered into the Backstabber and Codebreaker for two as Pentagon can't do much to slow Cage down. Pentagon gets serious though with two superkicks, a middle rope Canadian Destroyer and a regular Canadian Destroyer to really rock Cage. The Fear Factor retains the title at 6:50.

Rating: C-. This should have been a lot more with Pentagon having to fight his way to victory after a long, grueling match. They kind of did that but it was at double speed instead of letting anything build. That's the problem with a show like this, but it took so much to keep Cage down

that there's a reason for a rematch.

Post match Cage goes after him again but gets belted in the head. Pentagon goes for the arm but gets reversed into the F5 onto the title. Cage says Pentagon can't break his arm because he's a machine.

Overall Rating: C. Not their best show here, though the Vibora match was good. It felt like they were cramming too much into one show, which happens more often than it should around here. They only have an hour a week and with four matches, the segment of putting the medallions into the belt and all the other segments, it felt a little packed. It's still fine, but they need to let things breathe a bit.

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