

World of Sport – August 18, 2018: He Has A Thing About Dogs



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Things kind of wrapped up last week and that means it's time to start something fresh around here. We'll likely be seeing another match in the Tag Team Title tournament and that means four more people being thrown together and being called teams. Other than that we're getting two more title matches and I'll be stunned if there's a story to them. Let's get to it.

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

The opening recap/preview...uh...opens things up.

Women's Title: Bea Priestly vs. Kay Lee Ray

Ray is defending. Priestly takes her down in the corner to start and chokes for a bit. Well at least we know who the villain is. The champ catches her up top but gets knocked into the Tree of Woe for the Alberto double stomp. They head outside with Priestly throwing her into the barricade. Kay is fine enough to slide back in for a suicide dive...and here's Viper for the no contest (because when you attack one wrestler first, it's still not a DQ even in England) at 3:10.

Rating: C-. The action was good while it lasted but you're not about to get anything resembling time on this show. At the same time, Viper coming out as the monster makes sense in theory, until you remember that she

took the fall in the title match. Why would I want to see this again when Kay has already shown that she can pin Viper clean?

Post match the fight is on when Ayesha (I had to look it up off the company's site) comes out to help Viper. Bennett makes a battle royal for the title next week.

Earlier today, Bennett yells at Grado for not being serious. His punishment: a spot in the Tag Team Title tournament if he can find a partner. This company is rather questionable at times.

Will Ospreay vs. Martin Kirby

Ospreay starts fast with the flipping off the ropes with an armdrag and dropkick sending Kirby out to the floor. The teased dive just lets Ospreay hit his pose but Kirby is right back in with a tilt-a-whirl backbreaker. We hit one of the most quickly broken chinlocks I've ever seen until Ospreay sends him into the corner and hits something like a 619. A springboard clothesline gives Ospreay two but Kirby shouts STOP, and then hits an enziguri. Dang who knew Ospreay took instruction so well?

They head outside with Kirby beating him up even more, including a suplex on the ramp. A Michinoku Driver gives Kirby two and the fans are entirely behind Ospreay. Back up and Ospreay is fine enough for an enziguri and a standing C4, which Bennett calls old school. Kirby gets two off a neckbreaker but takes too long walking the ropes. A hurricanrana sets up the shooting star for two, followed by Stormbreaker to finish Kirby at 7:18.

Rating: C. It helps a lot to have the better known and more talented people in the ring, especially with a little extra time. Ospreay is one of the biggest stars in the promotion and has certainly faced a lot more international talent than most. That's going to make him seem like a bigger deal and his matches have felt more important.

Bennett is in the ring with Grado to ask if he's found a partner. Grado hasn't....except for this guy.

Tag Team Title Tournament First Round: Grado/British Bulldog Jr. vs. Crater/Robbie X

Grado and Robbie start before it's off to Crater vs. Bulldog without anything happening. Bulldog's shoulders have no effect so Grado tries his luck, only to bounce off of Crater and sell it like death. Bulldog comes back in with some forearms and it's already back to Robbie, who is quickly slammed off the top. The arm work begins with the good guys taking turns, as polite Englishmen should.

Bulldog hits his suplex and it's back to Grado for some dancing, which Bennett describes as the grace of an elephant. Robbie can't suplex Grado, who snaps off the left hands. A cheap shot from the apron allows Crater to come back in, hit a single shoulder, and hand it back off to Robbie. Grado suplexes his way out of trouble and hands it off to Bulldog to clean house. Robbie gets backdropped onto Crater, who easily catches him...and leaves. The cutter gives Grado the pin at 8:34.

Rating: D+. Pretty standard formula match here with a big man tag and there's nothing wrong with that. I mean, aside from the match not being very good and all that. Bulldog was the only optional partner for the popular Grado as Bulldog's name alone makes him a big deal. Not terrible, and the result was the only option.

Post match Crater comes back in and kicks Robbie, only to have Bulldog and Grado stare him off.

Rampage and his cronies don't care about the triple threat #1 contenders match.

Joe Hendry vs. Justin Sysum vs. Adam Maxted

The winner gets a title shot at some point in the future. Hold on though as Maxted's partner Nathan Cruz says he should take the shot to protect Maxted's face. Maxted actually agrees so Cruz gets knocked to the floor to start. Hendry technicals Sysum down and then scores with a shoulder, which doesn't need a replay. It's Cruz coming back in and speeding things up, earning himself a dropkick from Sysum. Maxted's distraction lets Cruz hit a slingshot belly to back suplex but Hendry comes back in with a

German suplex on Cruz, aided by a sunset flip from Sysum.

Hendry starts cleaning house with some clotheslines, followed by the ankle lock on Cruz. Sysum dives in to block a tap (always a nice touch, though you do wonder why they don't tap with the other hand. Cruz hits Sysum with a Samoan driver but walks into the fall away slam from Hendry, with Maxted putting the foot on the ropes. Back up and Cruz sends them both to the floor but Sysum does an awesome jumping spear from the floor through the bottom ropes to take Cruz down. Maxted offers a distraction though, only to have Sysum hit what looked like a running slap to the face for the pin at 6:58.

Rating: C+. Sysum winning is the right call as he's been one of the most impressive people on the show so far and I could go for some more of him. That spear from the floor was impressive enough, though it should have been the finish. At least Hendry didn't take another loss, which is at least a step in the right direction for him.

Overall Rating: C. That's pretty easily the best show of the series so far, as at least they're getting somewhere with some of this stuff and aren't adding in a bunch of new people every week. It's still not a good show and there are a ton of issues, but things are settling down a little bit. That being said, it could just be the fact that we're almost halfway done with the series and you can see the ending from here.

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