

205 Live – September 11, 2018: So Goes The Title



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We continue to build towards the Cruiserweight Title match between Champion Cedric Alexander and Buddy Murphy, though there's also Drew Gulak running around, which could mean a few things. There's a chance we'll see another title match between now and the Australia show and that might be a little more interesting. Let's get to it.

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

Opening card rundown.

Opening sequence.

There are still a lot of empty seats but it's a far better situation than last week.

Buddy Murphy vs. Gran Metalik

They trade some very early and non-near falls to start and we have a standoff. Metalik knocks him to the floor but Murphy ducks the baseball

slide and punches him in the face. That goes nowhere and Metalik hits a moonsault off the top to take Murphy down again. Back in and Murphy sends him face first into the post to set up the chinlock.

That doesn't do much so Murphy puts him on the top, earning himself a sunset bomb for a big crash as Murphy is in trouble. A reverse Sling Blade (more of a bulldog than a clothesline) sets up a springboard back elbow for two but the Metalik Driver isn't happening. Murphy crotches him on top and hits a double powerbomb for two of his own.

An exchange of kicks to the face sets up the Metalik Driver for two and they're both in trouble. Metalik tweaks his knee on a backflip though and Murphy knees him in the head. Wouldn't it make more sense to knee him in the knee? Either way it sets up Murphy's Law for the pin at 10:45.

Rating: C. I'm pretty much over watching any combination of Murphy/Tony Nese fighting with the Lucha House Party but who else is Murphy supposed to beat up before he gets his title shot in Melbourne? The match was perfectly watchable but they were stuck underneath a firm ceiling and that was obvious here.

Post match Murphy says that's one step closer to the title at Super Show-Down.

Mustafa Ali has been medically cleared to return to the ring.

We look back at Ali's medical issues, which have put him somewhat at odds with Drake Maverick.

Cedric Alexander comes in to see Ali. After pleasantries are exchanged, Alexander mentions that he's teaming with Akira Tozawa tonight. Tozawa is rather intimidating.

Mustafa Ali vs. Michael Thompson

Before the match, here's Hideo Itami to interrupt and speak some Japanese to Ali. Actually he missed Ali and hopes that he's feeling better. Ali chops away to start and hits the rolling X Factor. Looking up at Itami doesn't matter much as it's the tornado DDT into the 054 for the pin at 1:45. Well Ali is back.

Drew Gulak and Jack Gallagher come in to see Maverick before their main event tag match tonight. Other than a threat of having the AOP destroy them if they talk about the AOP again, there's nothing to see here.

Noam Dar makes fun of how Lio Rush talks.

Rush tells Dar to keep his name out of his mouth.

Rush vs. Dar next week.

Cedric Alexander/Akira Tozawa vs. Drew Gulak/Jack Gallagher

Gulak and Alexander start things off but the threat of an early Lumbar Check sends Gulak into the corner. Gallagher comes in and starts on Alexander's wrist but Tozawa comes in to fire off some chops. We settle down to Tozawa getting something like an Octopus Hold on Gulak until Gallagher comes in for a double slam to take over.

An uppercut stops Tozawa's comeback cold and Gallagher is smart enough to draw Cedric in, allowing more clubberin. A kick to the ribs allows the hot tag off to Alexander a few seconds later though, setting up the Neuralizer for two on Gallagher. Everything breaks down and Gulak gets kicked to the floor, leaving Gallagher to hit the running corner dropkick for two on Alexander.

Gulak is back in for a running clothesline/leg kick combination for the same near fall. Cedric avoids a double suplex though and Tozawa tags himself in to clean house with the kicks. The top rope backsplash misses though and Gallagher's headbutt sets up the Gulock for the tap at 12:32.

Rating: C+. This was all it needed to be as Gulak gets to keep some of his momentum as we head towards his title shot...whenever that's actually going to be. Tozawa is a fine choice to take the fall like this as it's not like he has anything better to do at the moment and his intensity alone is going to be enough to keep him strong in the future.

Post match Maverick says Gulak gets his title shot next week.

Overall Rating: C. This show really does go by the strength of its Cruiserweight Title matches. Therefore, this week's show wasn't all that

great, mainly due to there not being much of note. The end of the show announcement did help though and that's going to make next week's show a little more interesting. There's a chance that they'll have Gulak take the title via cheating as a transitional champion to Murphy, which could keep Cedric strong for later. Or they'll just have Gulak lose again because the Australia show is more important than the week to week show. You never can tell around here.

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