

Mixed Match Challenge – December 4, 2018:Oh Dang It That's Where They're Going



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We have two shows left around here and that's best for everyone involved. Tonight we have the Smackdown semifinals with the one loser team against the three good teams, meaning we might be in for another lame show but maybe one of the matches can be pretty good. That was the case last week and hopefully the blue people can do it just as well. Let's get to it.

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

AJ Styles is carried out.

Smackdown Division Semifinals: R-Truth/Carmella vs. Charlotte/Jeff Hardy

The men start things off and, after some headlocks, a quick dance off breaks out. This is completely different than the dance break that is coming in the next few moments of course. The women come in and Carmella's kick to the ribs is blocked, meaning it's time for the hard chops. Carmella dances away and thankfully gets taken down by the leg.

Everything breaks down and Charlotte/Hardy are sent outside, meaning DANCE BREAK.

It's a short form one and as they're annoyed at the lack of dancing, Hardy and Charlotte come back in to jump them both. Charlotte's Figure Four neck rolls look to set up the moonsault but Carmella pulls her off the top. It's back to the men with a double tag, even though that's twice as much as necessary. The women fight to the floor, leaving Jeff to set up the Swanton. Carmella dives back in to protect Truth until Charlotte pulls her outside. That's enough for Jeff to miss the Swanton and Truth gets the rollup pin at 6:41.

Rating: D. This was a nothing match with the big story being WHEN WILL THEY DANCE. I get why they put Carmella and Truth through here as Charlotte is already booked for TLC and Hardy will likely have a match with Joe so there's no reason to pretend that they're going to win in next week's finals. Truth and Carmella are popular enough at the moment, but....wait....dang it. We'll come back to this in a minute.

Alicia Fox and Jinder Mahal promise to win next week.

Finn Balor and Bayley promise to win next week.

R-Truth and Carmella are proud of their win and Truth wants to go to Memphis, Egypt on their vacation.

Smackdown Division Semifinals: Jimmy Uso/Naomi vs. The Miz/Asuka

The women start things off and a hip thrust knocks Asuka away for a bit. Naomi's kick to the head is countered into a quickly broken ankle lock so it's off to Miz vs. Jimmy. Some armdrags have Miz in trouble but he's right back with a running dropkick in the corner. Jimmy doesn't seem to mind and dances a bit before hitting an uppercut. The Samoan drop has Miz in trouble and the running hip attack makes things even worse.

Miz crotches him on top though and we hit the chinlock. The short DDT gives Miz two and it's off to a front facelock but Miz yells at Asuka for costing them the last match. Well that's rather mean. Jimmy shoves him away and makes the hot tag to Naomi so the pace can pick up. A

springboard kick to the face gives Naomi two and the guys fight to the floor. Naomi hits the Rear view for two but gets pulled into the Asuka Lock for the tap at 8:52.

Rating: C-. This was one of the better matches of the season, but it also gives away the ending of next week's Smackdown match, which was what I was dreading earlier. We're going to get Truth and Carmella knocking off Miz and Asuka because Asuka is busy in what should be the main event of TLC. But hey, at least we get a pay per view dance break now.

Overall Rating: D+. I can't wait for next week's final because even at half an hour a week, this show has become a complete chore. I'm not completely sure how the ending goes at TLC, but given who is likely to be in the match I can't imagine it's going to be interesting in the first place. The idea of having the finals at TLC in the first place was good, but potentially having the lamest teams involved is defeating the purpose. Another bad show this week, but at least it's almost done.

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