205 Live — April 9, 2019: He's Got The Wrestling Down



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We're past Wrestlemania and in this case that means we have a new Cruiserweight Champion in Tony Nese. I'm not sure how long he's going to hold the title but you can imagine that Buddy Murphy is going to be coming for it, at least while he's still on this show. Other than that it's hard to say what we'll be getting here, as 205 Live doesn't always treat this show as anything special. Let's get to it.

<u>Here are last week's results if you need a recap.</u>

The opening video looks at Nese winning the title and a look back at everything he's gone through to get here. Well done.

Opening sequence.

Tonight: Murphy gets his rematch.

Jack Gallagher vs. Humberto Carrillo

Drew Gulak joins commentary. Gallagher's wristlock is countered into an

armbar so Gallagher switches over to an ankle hold instead. They go into the exchange of monkey flips with Carrillo landing on his feet for a big smile. A neck snap across the top rope puts Carrillo down and Gallagher sends him head first into the corner for a bonus. Carrillo reverses a suplex into a small package for two but Gallagher knocks him right back down with ease.

Jack misses the running corner dropkick though and gets high crossbodied down. There's a dropkick to send Gallagher outside for a running flip dive (Gulak: "Kid don't learn."). Back in and Carrillo hits a missile dropkick to the back of Gallagher's head, followed by a handspring armdrag to pull Gallagher off the mat (that's a new one). Carrillo heads up again but this time Gulak shoves him down for the DQ at 8:12.

Rating: C. Carrillo's offense continues to look great, but at the same time you can only do this same high flying vs. evil mat wrestling story so many times before the impact goes away. It feels like something we've seen way too many times now. At least the match we got was good enough while it lasted, even if it's designed to keep the story going.

Post match Gulak stays on Carrillo but Gallagher knocks Drew down for the save.

Murphy says he's getting the title back tonight.

Nese says no he isn't.

Oney Lorcan is in Drake Maverick's office when Cedric Alexander interrupts. Cedric says the rematch better be next week and Drake confirms that it is. That's fine with Lorcan, because Cedric told him that Oney was the future of the division. Next week, he's getting rid of Alexander.

Cruiserweight Title: Buddy Murphy vs. Tony Nese

Nese is defending after winning the title two days earlier. They take turns shoving each other around until Murphy goes with a headlock for the most basic of advantages. That goes nowhere so Nese shoves him down and gets two off a knee lift. Another toss into the corner has Buddy holding his knee so the referee holds Nese back. And yes, it is in fact goldbricking as Nese gets sent into the post to put him in trouble.

Murphy throws him over the announcers' table and a knee to the head gets two on the champ. After a suplex gets two, Nese fights back with left hands but gets backdropped out to the floor. One heck of a running flip dive takes Nese down again and it's off to the chinlock. Nese drives him into the corner for the save and knocks Murphy off the top into the barricade for a heck of a crash. That means a running flip dive from Nese and some more trips into the barricade.

Back in and a super hurricanrana gives the champ two and the springboard moonsault with Murphy in the ropes is good for the same. A sitout pumphandle powerslam gets a third two but Murphy is right back with a superkick to catch Nese in the corner. That means a heck of a sitout powerbomb but the knee is countered into a suplex to send Murphy into the corner this time. They fight to the apron with Murphy hitting his own knee to the face, leaving Nese mostly dead.

Murphy goes for a powerbomb but has to break the count, allowing Nese to backdrop him onto the announcers' table (which contains a pancake). That's still not enough for a countout as Murphy slides back in and hits a powerbomb faceplant for two more. Murphy's Law gets the same and Murphy is stunned, as he should be. A pair of knees to Nese's face just fires him up enough to hit a reverse hurricanrana, setting up a pair of running knees to finish Murphy at 20:03.

Rating: B. This felt like the epic match that they were going for but more importantly, it feels like Murphy's goodbye to the show. There is no reason for him to stick around here and with the Superstar Shakeup coming next week, it would make all the sense in the world to move him up here. Nese looked good here and can have these longer form matches, though I have no idea how they think he has the character stuff to back them up.

A bunch of replays wrap us up.

Overall Rating: B+. It wasn't quite some blow away episode but the main event felt big and important, which is more than they usually offer most weeks. There will likely be some changes in next week's Shakeup, mainly

in the form of Murphy, though I wonder if anyone is going to be sent here, either from NXT or the main shows. They're doing well at the moment though and that's a nice way to wrap up the week.

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