

# Impact Wrestling Rebellion Preview



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I feel like I always need to confirm that Impact Wrestling still does pay per views. This is their spring offering, though it isn't clear who is rebelling against what. Lately the company has been rebelling against the idea of going with anything fresh and it has become a bit of a chore to watch. That being said, their pay per views tend to be much better than television because it's all about the in-ring product, which is usually an improvement. Let's get to it.

## Knockouts Title: Taya Valkyrie(c) vs. Jordynne Grace

We'll start off with a match that could go either way as Valkyrie seems like someone they want as a long term champion but Grace is a monster who no one has been able to slow down yet. Now the problem with that is that once she loses, a lot of that momentum goes sailing out the window. I'm also thinking that the show taking place in Canada isn't going to do Grace's chances any favors as Valkyrie is of course Canadian.

I'll take Grace winning though, as it might be a bad night for Valkyrie and her husband. The division has been needing some fresh blood for a long time now and Grace could be it. Let her

run some people over for a few weeks or months before losing it back to someone else. Like the best female in the world not working for WWE (or perhaps including that batch) in Tessa Blanchard. But yeah, Grace wins here, as she should.

### **X-Division Title: Rich Swann(c) vs. Sami Callihan**

This story has been more interesting than I would have guessed as Callihan oddly grows on me more and more. Swann is a good choice for the title as he can wrestle that X-Division style, but there comes a point where Callihan has to win something and that hasn't been the case yet. He's been chasing the title for a few months now and this might be the night he gets there.

So yeah I think Callihan gets the title here as there's little reason to not give it to him. You can even go somewhere with the issues between Swann and Willie Mack. It's a good idea to give Callihan something as he's going to have suitors and putting a title on him could make him happier. I wouldn't be surprised to see him move towards the World Title scene sooner rather than later either. For now though, the X-Division Title will do.

### **Tag Team Titles: Lucha Bros(c) vs. LAX**

This is Full Metal Mayhem, which loosely translates to TLC With Pins. These teams have been feuding for months now with LAX dropping the titles and then turning heel, meaning it's time for a major gimmick match to blow it off. LAX has looked like stars over the last year and getting them against a team like this, one of the best in the world (maybe even the best), has done nothing but good things for them.

I'm basically flipping a coin here but I'll take the Lucha Bros to retain. We can worry about no one but LAX being on their level later, because this match is going to rock. These four work so well together and the Lucha Bros can turn anything they do into a classic. I've been nearly drooling

over this match since I first heard about it and that's not going to change now. It should be great and could go either way but I'll take the Bros to retain.

### **Gail Kim vs. Tessa Blanchard**

I'll spare you another rant about Impact's obsession with Kim and go with how well this match has been built up. The story started months ago but thankfully they've waited until the pay per view to actually set it up. As worried as I am about where this match is going to go, the story has been well done and I'm hoping that the match itself is as good as the buildup has been.

As for the winner, I'm going to do something probably not that bright and give Impact Wrestling the benefit of the doubt. I'll take Blanchard for the win, because there is no reason whatsoever to go with Kim. She's retired and not likely to wrestle again and Blanchard could be one of the biggest stars in the company very soon. Go with what makes sense instead of giving Kim another tribute that she doesn't need.

### **Impact Wrestling World Title: Johnny Impact(c) vs. Brian Cage**

Somehow this feud feels like the third (or arguably fourth) biggest match on the show and that's not a good sign. I haven't been a fan of this one since it started nearly four months ago and it hasn't gotten much better. For some reason it just isn't interesting and I don't know how much better this match is going to make things. Their match at Homecoming was good, but I need something more to make me care than Impact suddenly turning heel.

I'll go with Cage winning, because he's been built up so much that he has to win the title at some point or there's nowhere for him to go. Now hopefully that means that the story is done between these two, because there is no need for it to stretch on into the summer. The feud hasn't been very interesting in months and Lance Storm as guest referee isn't the cure. Cage

wins, and I'll try to make myself care.

### **Overall Thoughts**

And that's it. Seriously the show has five matches announced and we're less than forty eight hours away. They've also announced a live Smoke Show from Scarlett Bordeaux which will likely set up a sixth match but egads man. How do you only have five matches set up when you had more than two months to get the show ready? I'm sure it will be fine (Impact pay per views always are) but we're in for a mystery box show and that's not the most thrilling.

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