

Worlds Collide: Women Collide: All These Collisions Can't Be Good For Their Health



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This is the last (I think) entry in the series of Axxess events, because that's something that needed to see the light of day because reasons. The idea here is pretty simple with a bunch of matches between women of different brands. I'm not sure what to expect here as the matches have been mostly good, but this was taped the day after Wrestlemania. Let's get to it.

Announcers' preview.

Candice LeRae vs. Kay Lee Ray

Kay starts in on the arm but Candice gets in a nifty spinning reversal. A headlock takeover works a bit better until Kay headscissors her way out of trouble. Some rollups give Candice two each but she's snapped down

into a rolling kick to the head to give Kay two of her own. Candice is right back with a Black Widow, sending Kay stumbling into the ropes.

Back to back to back dives take Kay down for two but the Lionsault misses. Kay gets caught on the middle rope and a super German suplex gives Candice two. A springboard is broken up with a superkick to the back but Candice is right back with a reverse hurricanrana. Now the Lionsault can connect for the pin at 8:25.

Rating: B. Heck of a match here with Candice looking awesome and Kay more than holding up her end. Candice was working hard to keep up with the more polished Kay and that worked perfectly well. I liked this more than I was expecting to so we'll call this a rather pleasant surprise to start.

Piper Niven vs. Zelina Vega

This better be a squash. Niven towers over Vega and easily shoves her down but gets drop toeholded into the middle buckle. Choking over the ropes works a bit better for Vega and a missed charge keeps Piper in trouble. Vega manages a tornado DDT to cut off a comeback as this is WAY too much from Vega so far.

A Dragon Sleeper goes on until Piper realizes that she's twice Vega's size. The hold is broken up with a toss and the seated crossbody crushes Vega again. The Vader Bomb misses and Vega gets in a Codebreaker. The delayed cover (since Vega can't pull her) gets two but Vega's moonsault misses. A scoop sitout brainbuster finishes Vega at 4:58.

Rating: D-. Nope. I did not buy the idea of Vega getting in this kind of offense whatsoever and the match really suffered as a result. I'm assuming Vega got in this much offense because she's on the main roster, but she's wrestled what, three matches there? This went beyond the point of being believable and it really didn't work.

Io Shirai vs. Sonya Deville

Mia doesn't think much of someone coming from the Octagon to the ring because Sonya's attitude isn't enough of a reason to boo her. Shirai

starts flipping around and hits a few ax handles but Sonya pulls her hard off the ropes to take over. Sonya gets serious by putting her hair up and kicking away in the corner for two.

The bodyscissors goes on with Sonya slapping the head and ribs a bit for a bonus. The fingers get bent backwards as Yim goes on another anti-MMA rant. Sonya hits a chop and Mia asks if that was necessary. Some elbows to the face as Mia now loves the idea of Worlds Collide because different parts of WWE come together. So to clarify: as long as it's all WWE with wrestling backgrounds, we're cool. Got it, I think.

The fans are split as Sonya grabs the chinlock, which doesn't last long as usual. Sonya misses an enziguri and Io's missile dropkick gets two (with Aiden calling Sonya a former MMA artist, or a mixed martial artist artist, as said by the Artist). Now the enziguri connects to give Sonya two and a running double leg takedown (just call it a spear) finishes Shirai at 8:22.

Rating: C. Another good but not great match with the biggest point being Mia's rather strange rant against MMA. Sonya winning is rather odd as well, as Shirai is probably going to go after the Women's Title soon while Sonya is little more than Mandy Rose's muscle. It's not completely unrealistic, but it's not what I would have done.

NXT UK Women's Title: Toni Storm vs. Nikki Cross vs. Bianca Belair

Toni is defending and we get Big Match Intros. Nikki goes right at Bianca to start but gets caught in a fall away slam. That gives us Bianca vs. Toni in a showdown that I don't think many people actually wanted. Toni easily spins out of a wristlock and takes Bianca down but here's Nikki to chop in the corner. Nikki ties Belair up in the ring skirt and hammers away yet still manages to stop a charge from Toni. Now both of them are tied up in the skirt so Nikki can forearm and scream a lot.

Back in and a high crossbody gets two on Toni so Belair throws Nikki outside. That doesn't last long as Nikki is back in for a three way knockdown. Toni is up first with the running hip attacks in the corner but Belair spears both of them down. The KOD hits Nikki with Toni diving in for the save. The hair whip puts Toni in the corner but Bianca goes

shoulder first into the post. Cross is back in with the reverse DDT to Toni and Belair is sent outside. That leaves Cross to take Storm Zero to retain Toni's title at 7:29.

Rating: B-. They packed a lot in there, even in a match where the ending wasn't exactly in doubt. Toni is way better than her years, Cross is still great even though she doesn't seem as insane as she used to be and Belair...well she didn't talk here and that helped a lot. She has the athleticism but needs a lot of work in the everything else department. Still though, it's a good idea to have her in something like this because her reputation alone made her a threat.

Overall Rating: C+. Another pretty good but completely skippable show in a series of them. I like the Worlds Collide concept but there are some things that you just don't need to film. It's fine if I don't get to see the matches from Axxess and while the shows weren't bad, they're nothing that is going to stick with me. Well maybe other than Mia being ultra serious about everything and her weird hatred of mixed martial artist (artists) getting into wrestling. Seriously what was that?

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