## Main Event – May 16, 2019: Don't Be Blue



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It's the final show from the two day mini marathon in London and that means a lot of highlights from the week. Thankfully that's a little better than what we usually get this week, despite the issues with counting in the Wild Card Rule. Hopefully it's just not that bad this week so let's get to it.

Here are last week's results if you need a recap.

Opening sequence.

## Titus O'Neil vs. EC3

Titus shoves him down without much effort and the overhand chops just cause pain. EC3 gets an elbow up in the corner though and it's time to choke on the ropes, which somehow works by pulling Titus' throat away from the ropes. The chinlock goes on, followed by a middle rope dropkick to give EC3 two. There's the EC3 Elbow but Titus isn't about to be suplexed. The running splash in the corner sets up the Clash of the Titus to finish EC3 at 5:35.

**Rating:** D+. What else is there even to say here? The match was inconsequential to the fact that EC3, the guy who looks carved out of stone, has a ton of charisma and success elsewhere was called up to the main roster to job to Titus O'Freaking Neil. Send him back to NXT or something at this point as whatever he's doing here isn't worth it either in the long or short run.

We get the long video from Raw, comparing Seth Rollins and AJ Styles' paths to the main event. It's a good video with some cool highlights, but I'm still not feeling the title match.

From Raw.

And now for the show's centerpiece: a double contract signing! Lacey Evans, Charlotte (that's five) and Becky Lynch all come out for the signings with the fans being behind the champ. Becky talks about how great it is to be back in London before promising that Lacey will crumble under the pressure of the Man being on her neck.

Charlotte talks about Becky's big mouth getting her in trouble again and how it's always been her issues. Lacey complains about Becky not wearing the proper clothing to such a formal occasions. This isn't a fight in a barn. Who wears a camisole and leather pants to a barn fight? Becky laughs it off and signs, leaving Charlotte to talk over the BECKY TWO BELTS chants. She finds this hilarious and Becky's confidence can't hide her jealousy. On Sunday, Becky will bow down to the Queen.

Charlotte signs and Lacey says the WWE needs a lady to show them the way. Lacey says Becky can "continue to pretend to swing around something that she doesn't have" and it's not going to be enough to take out two real ladies. Becky offers her a free shot as Becky signs. The table is shoved aside and the fight is on with Lacey getting caught in the Disarm-Her. Charlotte breaks it up with a big boot and a double powerbomb puts Becky through the table. Both titles are held up for a pretty good visual.

That's the second contract signing in three weeks. Is that really the best thing that they can come up with? It's not like it's some brilliant

trope that you never see anywhere else. They're just sitting there trading shots at each other. Do they really have nothing better to do than the contract signing? Just have them yell at each other on stage or something for the save of a little change of pace.

It's time for the Firefly Fun House but Bray is nowhere to be seen but pops up from behind a table. Rabbity is seen in a chair with a bandage over his eye as Bray talks about having a secret. It's almost time to show the world what he has been working on, but he's going to need the help of all his Fireflies.

The cheering warms his soul, but there is still a lot of darkness in his noggin. This time though, he has learned how to control it. Bray gets a lot more sinister and asks if we want to see his secret. He turns to the door and we cut to some rather creepy images of what looks like a bunch of toys, and Bray morphs into something like an evil clown with his hair down. Bray, in a dark voice: "Yeowy wowwy." Well that worked. I'm not sure how well it's going to work in an arena, but the vignettes are the highlight of the show.

## <u>Revival vs. Lucha House Party</u>

It's certainly better than the humiliation stuff and Gran Metalik is the odd Lucha out here. Kalisto rolls away from Wilder to start and kicks him in the head before snapping off a headscissors to Dawson. Dorado adds the splash for two and a standing Lionsault drops Dawson and Dash, sending them outside. Back from a break with Wilder suplexing the heck out of Kalisto to take over as the announcers talk about the Usos being rather rude as of late.

Wilder slaps on a Gory Stretch but Kalisto slips out without much trouble and it's back to Dorado for a double high crossbody. A triple moonsault gets two on Dawson with Wilder making the save and dragging Dawson back to the corner. Everything breaks down and Kalisto's suicide dive doesn't work so Dorado hits a big dive onto Revival. Back in and the Shatter Machine takes care of Dorado at 10:40.

**Rating:** C+. Matches like this just make me cringe even more about what Revival has been doing on Raw. They can have a good match, yet we can't get the titles off of Hawkins/Ryder and the big feud on Raw at the moment is over Usy Hot and back shaving. And WWE doesn't understand why the fans are leaving.

Money in the Bank rundown.

We see the end of Sami Zayn vs. Braun Strowman from Raw, with Sami winning Braun's Money in the Bank spot. So yeah, no Smackdown this week.

**Overall Rating:** D+. A nice Revival match isn't bad, but what in the world are we supposed to get when Smackdown doesn't exist? I get that they were focusing a bit more on Money in the Bank this week but I could go for a little more than a DOUBLE CONTRACT SIGNING to get my interest up. It's not a terrible show, but not one single thing from Smackdown? How is that even possible?

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