

205 Live – August 13, 2019: What's Left?



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We'll wrap up the major (work with me here) shows from Toronto with this one as there isn't much Summerslam fallout to deal with. That tends to be the case when you only have one match at the pay per view and that's what happened this weekend. What matters now is setting things up for Clash of Champions, though I have no idea who is next for Gulak. Let's get to it.

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

The opening recap looks at the title match, which ended when Gulak got in a cheap shot to the throat. Therefore, it's a rematch tonight.

Opening sequence.

Jack Gallagher vs. Akira Tozawa

Fallout from last week's #1 contenders match and Tozawa has Brian Kendrick with him. Feeling out process to start with Gallagher taking him to the mat but getting reversed into a headscissors. Back up and

Gallagher slides between the legs and trips Tozawa down before starting in on the hand. Tozawa is fine enough to reverse into the Iron Octopus, which of course is quickly broken up because British people know how to get out of submissions.

Things get a bit more aggressive with Gallagher catapulting him into the post for a change of pace, leaving Tozawa down on the floor for nine. Back in and we pause for the referee to check on a cut, though Tozawa is fine enough to hit a Shining Wizard. It's too early for the top rope backplash though and Gallagher slaps on a Gory Special. As usual, the hold only lasts so long until Tozawa sends him outside. That means the suicide dive, setting up a missile dropkick to give Tozawa two.

Gallagher can't elbow his way out of a fireman's carry so it's something like an F5 for two more. Back up and Gallagher hits a rare standing dropkick before it's off to an inverted Gory Stretch. That's not enough for Gallagher, who drives Tozawa ribs first into the corner, but a superplex attempt is thrown down. Now the top rope backplash can connect for the pin at 8:46, even though Gallagher's foot was on the rope for a second.

Rating: C. Perfectly fine midcard match here but they never went to the next level that they're capable of reaching. Gallagher is at his best when he does all of his crazy submissions and Tozawa shines with his charisma (usually including yelling). It was fine, but I was expecting more.

Replays show that Brian Kendrick slapping the mat might have knocked Gallagher's foot off the rope (it's intentionally unclear).

Oney Lorcan, sporting a sore throat, promises that he isn't done with Drew Gulak and promises to win the title tonight.

Humberto Carrillo/Kalisto/Lince Dorado vs. Singh Brothers/Ariya Daivari

Carrillo is replacing Gran Metalik, who was attacked off camera in the back. Notice Nigel dancing to the Singhs' entrance on the way to the ring in a funny bit. Humberto armbars Daivari to start and then does the same to Sunil for a bonus. Kalisto comes in for the same thing as Nigel

speculates about Metalik having gotten some bad tequila. Lince adds a splash, looks at Carrillo, and tags Kalisto in instead. That means Kalisto can climb onto Lince's shoulders for a splash but a Samir distraction lets Sunil break up a springboard. It's back to Daivari for two off a backbreaker and the chinlock goes on.

The dancing is on (Nigel: "Those hips move with a lubricated grace!") and so is the waistlock to keep Kalisto in trouble. A few kicks to the head almost let Kalisto get over for the hot tag but Dorado is pulled to the floor. Carrillo is there though and everything breaks down with the Salida Del Sol planting Daivari. The double dives from Dorado and Carrillo take the villains down and Daivari walks out. That leaves Carrillo to hit a missile dropkick and the Aztec press to Sunil, but Dorado tags himself in for the shooting star press and the pin at 7:36.

Rating: C-. I'm curious to see where this Lucha House Party split could be going and that's not something that has been the case for a long time with the trio. They have something here but more importantly it gives Carrillo something to do. He's been floating from one nothing story the next since he debuted so hopefully this goes somewhere. As a bonus, Daivari is far less annoying in this role so it's a step up from a step down.

Gulak promises to keep the title on his battlefield. The only constant in this world is change and he is the law.

Tony Nese lost last week and he needs to start from scratch.

Cruiserweight Title: Oney Lorcan vs. Drew Gulak

Gulak is defending and Lorcan is holding his throat. Lorcan goes right after him to start so the champ takes an early breather on the floor. Back in and the half and half connects (with Gulak landing on the top of his head) to send Gulak outside again, this time for a big dive from Lorcan.

A super half and half is broken up with Lorcan falling outside, allowing Gulak to send him throat first into the announcers' table to take over. Lorcan dives back in at nine, earning himself some springboard stomps.

The neck crank goes on before switching into a chinlock, which makes sense for a change. A middle rope clothesline gives Gulak two and helps show how much he's changed. Imagine him doing that a year or even six months ago.

Lorcan fights back up and hits the running Blockbuster into a hard clothesline for two as things swing a bit. Gulak manages a slam for two but the Cyclone Crash is broken up. Instead Gulak hits his own hard clothesline for two more before taking Lorcan up top. That's broken up and Gulak gets crotched, allowing Lorcan to hit the super half and half for the major crash.

Gulak manages a foot on the rope after the slow crawl over and Lorcan's stunned face is pretty great. The angry Lorcan chops away, followed by a bunch of slaps to the face. Lorcan can't get an O'Connor roll though and gets caught in the Gulock, eventually passing out at 15:31.

Rating: B+. These two beat the fire out of each other as Lorcan becomes the next person who can have a good match against anyone of any size but is around here because he's not that big. The ending helped save some of his face too so it's not like he got crushed here. I'm not sure who else Gulak can face, but the bigger question is what Lorcan can do next.

Overall Rating: C+. The main event helped a lot but they're setting up some stuff for the future, which is one of the best things you can do on a weekly show. It's still a perfectly watchable show and gives me a bit more hope that things are turning around in WWE. The fact that they are getting somewhere with their smaller shows might mean that the bigger shows can as well, which has to be an improvement after the nightmare summer. Just keep it going though, which is far from a guarantee.

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