

ECW On Sci Fi – July 18, 2006 (2020 Redo): Just Stop It Already

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Location: American Bank Center, Corpus Christi, Texas

Commentators: Tazz, Joey Styles

It's time for another guest star, mainly because Kurt Angle is on hiatus and Rob Van Dam is suspended, leaving no one to challenge Big Show. This time around it's the Undertaker, who seems like someone who could thrive in the hardcore stuff. Then again you never can really tell with this stuff so let's get to it.

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

Opening sequence.

We open with Kelly's Expose and it's the same as always, with Mike Knox interrupting. They head to the ring, with Knox saying what is about to happen is due to her.

Mike Knox vs. Sandman

Fallout from Sandman attacking Knox last week. Sandman busts himself open with the beer can so Knox jumps him from behind to start and takes things outside for the brawl. A whip into the barricade sets up some elbow drops to keep Sandman down and they head back inside. Sandman hits a bulldog to send Knox outside and it's time for the cane. Naturally he hits Kelly by mistake, allowing Knox to hit a low blow for the fast pin.

Knox leaves the unconscious Kelly at ringside. The replay shows that Knox pulled Kelly in the way of the cane shot.

Shannon Moore is coming.

During the break, Kelly was stretchered out.

Here's Paul Heyman, flanked by the riot guards, for a chat. Heyman says his children all have to drink the Kool Aid from the same glass. Last week he explained suspending Rob Van Dam to protect himself but now he hears confusion. Cue Tommy Dreamer to interrupt, with Heyman looking a bit confused.

Dreamer says he has been with Heyman since the beginning and now he wants an explanation of what Heyman is doing. Everyone is confused so what is going on? Heyman kisses Dreamer on the mouth and here's Test to run Dreamer over with the big boot. The TKO leaves Dreamer laying, as Joey thinks Test might be working for Heyman. Maybe. It's possible.

Balls Mahoney says with his name, you have to be extreme. He may be a bit nuts, but he likes things that way.

Sabu vs. Stevie Richards

Non-extreme rules (because that worked so well last time) rematch from Saturday Night's Main Event (because that worked so well last time). The fans want tables but get a headlock from Sabu, who is driven into the corner for the break. Stevie stomps him down and puts on an armbar but that's broken up in a hurry. A running leg lariat drops Richards for two and a tornado DDT plants him again. The camel clutch makes Richards tap.

Rating: D. I know you have to have these people on the show to make it feel like ECW (or at least in name only) but these guys feel so tacked on. The previous segment felt important, but Sandman felt like a pest for Knox to beat up and this felt like WWE saying "There. Happy now?". They aren't even hiding it that much anymore and the sooner they cut the cord, the better.

CM Punk talks about his background in various martial arts, which make him so much more of a dangerous wrestler. It's almost weird to see him with the longer hair.

The vampire introduces the tarot card reader as Ariel, who shows us the death card and her bloody neck.

Video on Big Show's path of destruction.

ECW World Title: Big Show vs. Undertaker

Undertaker is challenging and this feels so wrong. Show drives him into the corner and unloads with elbows so Undertaker evens things up with kicks to the ribs. The slugout gets the fans into things a bit so Show headbutts him down to cut them off. They trade big boots for a double knockdown and Show sends him to the floor as we take a break. Back with Undertaker hitting a Stunner over the top rope but getting kneed down for two. Undertaker's own headbutt just hurts him again and Show takes it to the floor for a second time.

Undertaker is sent head first into the steps but he's back with elbows to the face. Another headbutt takes Undertaker down back inside but this time he pulls Show into a kneebar. That's broken up as well and Show pounds him down, only to charge into a boot in the corner. Old School is broken up though and it's a superplex to give Show two...as Undertaker sits up. Undertaker's chokeslam is broken up and there's another headbutt. The cobra clutch is countered as well and now Old School can connect. Cue Great Khali to go after Undertaker, with Big Show joining in for the double countout.

Rating: C-. It was your run of the mill Undertaker vs. Big Show match and that's your first big problem. These two work out well enough against each other but at the same time, it's something that has been done so many times that it doesn't exactly draw much interest. Undertaker down in ECW feels like one of the times he would challenge for the Intercontinental Title, as it almost feels like he got lost on the way to his real match.

Post match Undertaker isn't having any of this and starts wildly swinging a chair, only to get beaten down again. A double chokeslam through the announcers' table ends the show.

Overall Rating: D. This show really felt like they didn't have any idea what they were doing and just threw a bunch of stuff together to fill in their allotted time. ECW really doesn't serve much of a purpose and it isn't getting much better, meaning I'm not sure where this show is going

to go. Wherever it is, it needs to be an upgrade from here though, because things are getting rough.

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