## 205 Live — January 1, 2021: The Foley Kid Has Something

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It's a new year and things have been feeling a bit new around here. That's a good thing too as this show has been dying for some fresh blood for what feels like years now. I'm not sure if that is going to be the case again this week but you have to have hope, even around this show. Let's get to it.

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

Opening sequence.

We see a clip of Mansoor going back to Saudi Arabia in recent weeks.

## Mansoor vs. Jake Atlas

Atlas works on the arm to start but gets headlocked down. That's a little harder to escape than you might think so Atlas tries a belly to back, only to have Mansoor land on his feet. Atlas grabs the leg so Mansoor armdrags him down using said leg before cranking on Atlas' leg for a change. The half crab goes on for a bit until Atlas kicks him hard into the corner for the break.

A neckbreaker gives Atlas two and we hit the cravate. Back up and Mansoor goes in with some dragon screw legwhips, with Atlas' leg giving out. The Scorpion Deathlock sends Atlas scrambling for the rope, allowing him to hit another neckbreaker for two more. We hit the pinfall reversal sequence until Atlas kicks him into the corner. Mansoor legwhips him

off the top though and ties the legs up for the rollup pin at 7:57.

Rating: C+. I'm still trying to find out when Mansoor became one of the most consistent people around her but it's getting to be a lot of fun to see him. On top of that, as I've asked before, why is he not on NXT? He could hang there well enough, and hopefully just isn't around here as favor to the Saudis.

Celebrating and handshaking ensues post match.

We look at Lucha House Party beating Legado del Fantasma on this week's NXT. Gran Metalik is getting a Cruiserweight Title shot at New Year's Evil.

Curt Stallion is ready to get his hands on Santos Escobar but tonight it's about the six man tag. He even has special partners in.... Ever-Rise!

## <u>Curt Stallion/Ever-Rise vs. Ariya Daivari/Bollywood Boyz</u>

Daivari knees Stallion in the ribs to start and gets two off an early backdrop. A running dropkick to the side of Stallion's head gets two but Stallion dropkicks Sunil Singh in the face. Sunil gets caught with a running knee/backbreaker combination for two more and it's off to Samir, who gets caught with a triple fist drop. A cheap shot from behind puts Martel down though and the Boyz get two off a double suplex.

Sunil grabs a chinlock to cut off a comeback attempt but Daivari comes in for a double clothesline. That's enough for the hot tag off to Stallion to clean house. A DDT gets two on Samir and some step up elbows to the back keep him in trouble. Sunil comes back in with a spinwheel kick but Samir elbows Daivari to the floor by mistake. That's enough for Daivari but Stallion flip dives onto all three of them. A double Stun Gun into Stallion's running headbutt finishes Samir at 9:17.

Rating: C. When the heck did Ever-Rise become a fun little tag

team? They went from absolutely nothing for weeks to a not half bad team and I'll take that every time. I know it doesn't mean anything on 205 Live but at least this show has a little something going for it now and that's as good as you can ask for around here.

Overall Rating: B-. As I've said many times, when the show is only about half an hour long and they get in a pair of nice matches with some people being pushed (or at least built up), it's quite the use of about half an hour. I could go for more stuff like this, even if it is just a primer for another division of the minor league show. One of their better efforts in recent weeks and I'm liking where it's going (or at least where it is).

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