

205 Live – January 29, 2021: The Background Helps

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We're still in the middle of both Dusty Classics and that means another match taking up space on this show. That's still a good idea too, because there is very little that 205 Live is going to be able to do that is anywhere near as important as something pretty big from NXT. Let's get to it.

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

We open with a recap of the Women's Dusty Rhodes Tag Team Classic so far.

Jake Atlas vs. Ariya Daivari vs. August Grey

Daivari takes over to start but Grey sends him outside for a suicide dive. Back in and Grey and Atlas fight over wrist control until Atlas cartwheels out of a hurricanrana attempt. Daivari misses a dive off the top, leaving the other two to keep fighting. Atlas gets knocked down though and Daivari flips Grey off the top onto him for two. With Atlas on the floor, Grey charges into an elbow to the face to give Daivari two more.

Grey gets chinlocked, which seems like a rather bad idea in a triple threat match. Indeed it is as Atlas comes back in to roll both of them up for two but Daivari knocks Atlas to the floor. Grey hits a high crossbody on Daivari but Atlas comes back in and everyone is knocked down. Atlas kicks Daivari in the face for two but Daivari is back up to hiptoss Grey into Atlas in the corner.

The Persian Lion splash gets two on Grey and Atlas is back in to hit him with a brainbuster. A dropkick puts Daivari on the floor but Grey is up with a superkick to Atlas. Grey dives onto Daivari and walks into a Stunner from Atlas, followed by the cartwheel DDT. Daivari breaks up the cover and hits Atlas with the chain for the knockout. Back in and the hammerlock lariat gives Daivari the pin on Grey at 10:58.

Rating: C. I felt like I was watching an indy show here with three people thrown into the match for no apparent reason other than they felt like they needed to have a triple threat match. The action was fine, but this match really did show you just how low level the 205 Live regulars seem to be.

We see Curt Stallion's NXT promo about having a rocket attached to his back. Then he was attacked so the title match was off for the night. William Regal came in and yelled at Legado del Fantasma, setting up the match for next week.

Women's Dusty Rhodes Tag Team Classic First Round: Zoey Stark/Marina Shafir vs. Shotzi Blackheart/Ember Moon

I think they're smart to put this one on 205 Live. This is Stark's debut and she starts with Blackheart, who is launched into the corner with some straight power. Moon comes in and it's a double dropkick for two on Stark, who is already requiring cheating to take her down. It's off to Shafir, who wrestles Moon down for two and a slam onto Stark's knees gets two more. Moon kicks away from a cradle but Shafir flips forward to slap her in the face.

You don't do that to Moon as everything breaks down, with Shotzi hitting a running hip attack to both of them in 619 position. Blackheart's reverse Sling Blade plants Shafir but Stark gets in a cheap shot from the apron to put her in trouble. Stark comes back in to stomp away and drives some knees into Blackheart's arm. A reverse t-bone suplex from Shafir sets up Stark's running knee for two with Moon having to make a save. Shotzi enziguris her way to freedom though and the hot tag brings in Moon. Everything breaks down and Moon ties Stark up in a modified STF for the tap at 8:52.

Rating: C+. Stark came off like a potential star here and looked a lot more polished than most you'll see in their debut. Granted it helps when you come in with this much experience from outside WWE and you could see it on display here. Shafir continues to be someone who looks like she needs more experience, but how much can you get when you're only on TV once a...what, year or so? Then there's Moon, who still feels like someone who isn't close to being back to where she was before the injury. Shotzi and Stark had the energy here though and Stark got a heck of a rub.

Overall Rating: C. This wasn't the strongest show and some of that is due to the matches not feeling important. They didn't exactly give you much to get excited about here and you could feel how weak the card came off. That has been a problem for 205 Live for a long time and having a low level Dusty Classic match didn't help that feeling. Not a bad show, but something that you absolutely did not need to watch, even for just over half an hour.

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