Major League Wrestling Fusion — February 3, 2021: They're Falling

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Things have been up and down around here and that isn't the best news. MLW has the potential to be one of the most entertaining promotions around but that has not exactly been the case as of late. Hopefully things can pick up a bit, because this show has lost a good bit of the charm that it has had. Let's get to it.

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

We open with a recap of Alex Hammerstone's issues with Contra, setting up tonight's Baklei Brawl with Mads Krugger.

Opening sequence.

Here's what's coming tonight.

<u>Sentai Death Squad vs. Jordan Oliver</u>

That would be one member of the Squad, with Daivari and Myron Reed at ringside as well. Oliver runs the ropes to start and kicks the Squad in the head for two. Some forearms in the corner set up a running dropkick, though Oliver seems to have banged up his knee. A middle rope cutter gives Oliver the pin at 2:15. I'm wondering if they cut that due to the knee.

Post match, Oliver says he's a heavyweight and is coming for the World Title. I don't see that ending well. Like, at all. Salina de la Renta doesn't think much of Savio Vega losing last week and the new owner of Promociones Dorado has offered Vega a rather lucrative deal. Salina is great at this smarmy condescending heel stuff.

We look back at the end of last week's main event, featuring a seemingly crooked referee costing Savio Vega the Caribbean Title against Richard Holliday.

It turns out that the referee is Tim Donaghy, a former NBA referee who fixed games.

The Von Erichs want Team Filthy on Filthy Island. They're showing up no matter what.

Tag Team Titles: Bu Ku Dao/TJP vs. Los Parks

Los Parks are defending and Salina de la Renta is in their corner. Park jumps TJP to start and it's Dao vs. Hijo to start. A headlock takeover doesn't get Hijo anywhere and TJP chases after Park. We settle down to Park getting in a cheap shot from the apron to put Dao down but Dao is back up with a clothesline. Some shots from the illegal TJP let Dao get two but Hijo sends him to the floor so Park can hammer away.

Back in and TJP gets knocked down again, leaving Dao to be sent into a boot in the corner. Everything breaks down and TJP snaps off a middle rope hurricanrana to Park, setting up the suicide dive to the floor. Everyone comes back in and the champs are caught in stereo submissions, both of which are broken up in a hurry.

With TJP and Park on the floor, Dao hits a swinging Downward Spiral to Hijo (it looked like a Boss Man Slam to Dao so nice job on the counter....I think) for two. Stereo clotheslines put Dao and Hijo down but here's LA Park Jr. (in red, as opposed to Park's white and Hijo's orange) to hit a shoulder breaker on Dao to retain the titles at 8:20.

Rating: C. The match was rather energetic for the most part but dang that ending was dumb. Either they're continuing the crooked referee deal here or this one is supposed to be especially stupid. It didn't help that there was almost no drama about who was leaving with the titles here, but at least TJP didn't take the fall. He comes off as a bigger star than most people in the promotion so it's smart to keep him strong.

Post match TJP shoves Dao down, signaling the end of a partnership that lasted....three matches?

Contra hacks the feed so Mads Krugger says he'll beat Alex Hammerstone on his own turf.

We look at Laredo Kid calling out Lio Rush for a champion vs. champion match.

Lio Rush doesn't know who Laredo Kid is but he's up for the match next week, title for title.

Filthy Island is in two weeks.

Calvin Tankman is back next week.

Never Say Never is on March 24.

We get the Filthy Island Control Center, which has no sponsors. As for who will be there, Tom Lawlor promises that Team Filthy will be there. We'll also see King Mo vs. Low Ki....and that's it so far! We do get a disclaimer that says MLW has nothing to do with this and makes no guarantees. This is going to be another Fyre Fest deal isn't it?

Alex Hammerstone is ready to fight Mads Krugger because he's just a road block in front of Jacob Fatu and the World Title.

We look at Gino Medina and Richard Holliday yelling at each other after Medina quit/was fired from The Dynasty.

Gino Medina vs. Gringo Loco

They trade some rapid paced armdrags to start until it's a standoff, with Medina kicking the offered handshake away. A rather casual snapmare puts Loco down but he's up with a springboard spinning armdrag to send Medina outside. What looked like an Asai moonsault is broken up and Medina chops away on the floor.

Back in and we hit the chinlock as we hear about the Azteca Underground executives in the private boxes. Loco fights back up and trips Medina to set up a low superkick. An enziguri puts Medina down again but he gets his feet up to block a moonsault. Loco gets launched into the corner but grabs a rollup, only to have Medina reverse into one of his own for the pin at 5:28.

Rating: C. I still don't get it with Medina, who kind of comes and goes without doing much most weeks. Most of the time I forget that he's even around here, which isn't a good sign for his future. He does well enough in the ring, but there are only so many things that you can do when you're barely around and don't exactly stand out very often.

Gino Medina talks about being untouchable and doesn't speak very highly of Loco. Cue Loco to jump him and start a brawl.

Here's what's coming next week.

Alex Hammerstone shows up at some place with some mechanical equipment (and very little light as you can barely see anything) for the Baklei Brawl with Mads Krugger. Hammerstone and the referee can't find anyone until a guy who does not exactly look like Krugger (either that or Krugger has shrunk) shows up. The brawl is on with Krugger slamming a gate on Hammerstone's hand but a tossed pallet misses Hammerstone. Krugger gets sent into the side of a dumpster and a ram into it again is good for the pin. There was no bell and this was a brawl instead of a match.

Post match Hammerstone realizes that's not the real Krugger

and someone (presumably the cameraman) says they need to get the f^{***} out of there. The real Krugger shows up and hits Hammerstone to end the show.

Overall Rating: C-. This show is getting weaker and weaker as time goes by and the main event, assuming you can call it one, was a good example. The brawl lasted about three minutes max and ended with a bait and switch. I know they need to keep stringing things along, but why bother having the thing if this is what you're going to deliver? There is no spark to this show anymore and it's not the easiest show to watch these days, even with it barely being an hour most weeks. Pick things up already, because it really needs the boost.

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