205 Live - February 5, 2021: The Hogan vs. Andre (Anniversary) Show

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Things should be back to normal around here as we are almost all the way up to Takeover: Vengeance Day, meaning we are not going to have many more Dusty Classic matches to go around here. I'm not sure how much of an improvement that is going to be around here but we should be back to the usual cruiserweight action. Let's get to it.

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

Opening sequence.

<u>Ariya Daivari/Tony Nese vs. Sunil Singh/Matt Martel</u>

Well it's certainly different. This is the official burying of the hatches between Ever Rise and the Bollywood Boyz. Singh and Nese go to the mat to start until Singh armdrags him into an armbar. Nese powers up into a fireman's carry but gets small packaged for two instead. Singh gets taken over to the corner so Daivari can come in. That doesn't go well either as the tag brings in Martel....who hits Singh by mistake.

It's already back to Singh, who gets taken into the corner and then suplexed down for two. Nese works on a waistlock but Singh fights up and rolls under Daivari's clothesline. Martel gets to clean house in a hurry, including throwing some suplexes. Everything breaks down and Sunil drops a top rope elbow on Daivari with Nese making a save. Daivari drops Martel

so Singh has to make a save so it's time to bring in the chain. The referee throws that out but the distraction lets Nese hit the running Nese on Martel to give Daivari the pin at 7:51.

Rating: C-. I'm not sure how much of a difference there was in mixing the teams here but at least they did something different. If there is one major problem around here, it is having everything feeling so repetitive so just mixing it up a little bit like this can help a lot. Not a very good match, but at least it wasn't something we have seen before.

We look at Legado del Fantasma's success on NXT....until Karrion Kross took them out.

<u>August Grey vs. Jake Atlas</u>

They go to the mat to start with Grey grabbing a headlock as we hear about Jordan Devlin as the NXT UK Cruiserweight Champion. They trade armbars until Atlas drives him up against the ropes and puts on a cravate. Atlas even holds on as Grey slams him down but they get back up to fight over a backslide. With that not working, things get a little more serious with a slugout until Grey snaps off a hurricanrana.

Another right hand puts Atlas down again but he's back with a big boot. Some kicks to the chest set up a standing moonsault but Grey is up before a count. It's way too early for the cartwheel DDT though, meaning Atlas has to settle for a clothesline. Grey sends him outside for a suicide dive and then heads back in, with a spinning high crossbody finishing Atlas at 9:31.

Rating: C. That ending came so out of nowhere that I'm not completely sure it was the planned finish. You could see the referee talking to Atlas after it was over so maybe there was something wrong. Either way, it came at the end of a match that was ok at best, but that's about what you would expect from the completely passable wrestlers in there.

Post match Daivari and Nese run in to beat down Atlas and Grey.

Overall Rating: C-. Yeah you could feel the lack of interest this time around and I'm thinking that is going to be the case around here going forward again. It was nice to have a few weeks with something different but now it is back to the same stuff that we have been seeing for years. This show keeps cycling through the same people and it has taken them about as far as it can. Get some fresh names in there, or at least try a bit harder.

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