# Major League Wrestling Fusion — March 24, 2021: They Made This Dull Too

#### Fusion #129

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It's the go home show for Never Say Never and that means very little for this week. I'm still not sure how many things there are to get excited about around here, but maybe they can have some kind of energy going into the big show. We have a chain match this week, but somehow even that doesn't sound exciting. Let's get to it.

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

Josef Samael rants about Injustice causing problems for Contra so next week, things will be settled. Then there is Calvin Tankman, who has been talking about coming after Fatu. So many have said that and then fallen, just like Tankman. That's next week though, because he has to survive tonight.

Opening sequence.

#### Gino Medina vs. Zenshi

Zenshi takes him down to start so Gino bails into the corner. They trade some quickly broken holds and counters until Gino is sent outside. A quick switch lets Zenshi sweep the legs from the floor but Gino is back up for the stomping in the corner. Zenshi snaps off a hurricanrana and hits a standing moonsault for two but Gino is back with a chop for two.

An abdominal stretch lasts for about two seconds before it's off to a double arm crank instead. It's time for the tried and true going for the mask but Zenshi elbows him down and gets two off a Spanish Fly. A handspring seated crossbody gives Zenshi two more but Gino kicks him in

the head for the pin at 7:13.

Rating: C. It was another just kind of there match from Medina, which tends to be the norm for him. I'm not sure what is missing from him but nothing ever really seems to click. Maybe a gimmick of some sort would help, but he just kind of comes and goes without making an impact. Zenshi is good, but it isn't like he stands head and shoulders above everyone else.

Tom Lawlor is claiming an injury before tonight's main event.

Myron Reed talks about how he lost everything at Kings of Colosseum and then got attacked by Contra. Next week, he has Daivari.

# <u>Gringo Loco vs. Mil Muertes</u>

Salina de la Renta is here with Muertes, who does not think much of Loco's dancing. A spear and some right hands put Loco down as the dominance begins. Another right hand puts Loco on the floor and Muertes rams him into various things. Muertes chops the post but catches Loco in a tilt-a-whirl backbreaker. Back in and a catapult sends Loco throat first into the bottom rope, followed by a spinning chokeslam for two. A powerslam is good for the same and Salina gets in some choking on the ropes. Loco gets up to the middle rope but spins into the Downward Spiral to give Muertes the pin at 7:30.

Rating: C-. Muertes' offense is rather devastating looking but at the same time, it is a little bit obvious that he doesn't really move. He is one of those monsters who just kind of waits for you to come get to him, which is one of the more interesting versions. I'm not sure where he is going, but the presentation alone is one of the best things in MLW.

Alex Hammerstone isn't happy with Mil Muertes taking the National Openweight Title. The challenge is on for April 14.

Tom Lawlor is out but we'll make it 2-2 instead of 3-3.

Video on Calvin Tankman.

Here are the tag team rankings:

- 5. Dirty Blonds
- 4. Contra
- 3. Injustice
- 2. Violence Is Forever
- 1. Von Erichs

Bu Ku Dao is out 2-3 weeks and TJP has been fined.

#### Calvin Tankman vs. Zad

Zad is from the Sentai Death Squad. Tankman Pounces him to start and hits a spinebuster, followed by a backfist to the back of the head for the fast pin at 1:02.

Post match Contra comes in but Injustice runs in for the save to help Tankman clean house.

The Von Erichs are ready for Violence Is Forever without or without Tom Lawlor.

Salina de la Renta accepts Alex Hammerstone's challenge for April 14 but yells at a question about Azteca Underground. Someone from Azteca Underground comes up though and Salina seems to be in trouble.

Tom Lawlor says Violence Is Forever is ready for the Von Erichs.

Here's what's coming at Never Say Never.

### Von Erichs vs. Violence Is Forever

The ring ropes have been replaced by chains and Tom Lawlor is here too. It's a brawl to start with the Von Erichs taking over early on. Violence Is Forever is sent into the chains but a Lawlor distraction lets Violence Is Forever take over. An Indian Deathlock into an STF has Marshall in trouble but Ross is back up to clean house.

Dominic pulls Marshall into a heel hook but Ross makes a save. The Von Erichs are sent into the chains and something like a GTS into a dragon suplex gets two. Lawlor tries to throw in some brass knuckles but an interception allows Marshall to knock Ku out. The claw slam/belly to back suplex combination finishes Garrini at 7:30.

Rating: D+. This was a weird one because the chains really didn't have much involvement here. They were more of a detail than a feature, as this was hardly the kind of violent match you would expect when there are chains instead of ropes. The action itself was fine, but there is only so much you can do with this kind of a gimmick.

A Never Say Never ad wraps us up.

Overall Rating: C-. Yeah this was the MLW show that I have come to dread: uninteresting stories, just ok wrestling and almost nothing I'm going to remember. Never Say Never is just about a guaranteed finale for me as the show isn't all that entertaining. You might get something decent every now and then, but overall things just are not all that great. Next week is going to be another Contra show, which has been the case for a very long time now. The show needs something fresh, but it seems less and less likely every week.

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