

Impact Wrestling – May 27, 2021: By Design

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Commentators: Josh Matthews, D'Lo Brown

We're on the way to Against All Odds and that means we are going to be seeing more of Moose vs. Kenny Omega as they set up their World Title match. I'm kind of curious to see the match, even though I don't quite see a ton of drama involved. Hopefully they can live up to the hype and we can get some more matches set up this week. Let's get to it.

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

The opening recap looks at Heath being involved in the Call Your Shot gauntlet match at Bound For Glory, with Rhino ultimately winning. Then last week, Rhino cashed in the contract to win the Tag Team Titles with Violent By Design.

Eric Young says that the change was foretold and last week it came to pass. Now they prove that it is real.

Opening sequence.

Here is Sami Callihan to have a seat in the ring for a chat. Callihan isn't happy with what Kenny Omega has done around here because Omega and the Good Brothers have ruined this place. You can't plan for someone like Callihan and Don Callis knows it. Let's lay this to rest right now, so Omega can come out here right now. Cue Moose to say that no one cares about Callihan, because he didn't win at Under Siege.

Callihan knows that Moose is a physical specimen but he isn't dangerous. Cue the Good Brothers to say praise the Lord a lot

and say they are on Moose's side here. Maybe Callihan needs to stay out of Moose's way, but Moose doesn't want them on his side. The brawl is on and the Brothers are cleared out in a hurry. Anything that involves them talking less is a good thing.

The Good Brothers go to the back, where Don Callis makes the tag match.

Post break Callis is asked if he is allowed to make a match. Of course he can, though Scott D'Amore comes up to express his shock.

Commentary talks about what is coming tonight, plus the issues between Callis and D'Amore.

Petey Williams/Josh Alexander vs. TJP/Fallah Bahh

TJP has paid off Bahh's debts at Swinger's Palace so the team is back. Bahh shoves Alexander into the corner to start and we hit the front facelock. Alexander gets punched in the face but goes after the leg and grabs a front facelock of his own. TJP comes in for the Paisan elbow but Bahh can't quite nip up.

A double splash gets two but Williams comes back in to slow Bahh down. Alexander adds a top rope shoulder and we take a break. Back with Alexander driving shoulders into Bahh's ribs in the corner. Alexander comes back in for a kick to the ribs but makes the mistake of hitting Bahh in the head.

Bahh brings TJP back in to pick up the pace, including the Facewashes to Williams in the corner. The TJP vs. Alexander slugout goes to the former but it's a double knockdown to set up another double tag. TJP counters the Canadian Destroyer from Williams, who is crushed by Bahh's crossbody. A Samoan drop crushes Alexander and the Mamba Splash gives TJP the pin at 11:08.

Rating: C. It's kind of nice to have the oddball team back

together again as they have always worked well together. TJP pinning Alexander is a fine way to set up their title match at...well whenever the match takes place. Williams' employment continues to confuse me a bit, though he is perfectly serviceable for a spot like this.

We get a sitdown interview with W. Morrissey, who mocks everyone for being so happy to your face and then stab you in the back. Some may call him bitter and people have kicked him while he was down. They even recorded him having a seizure instead of calling 911. People didn't talk to him in years but once he came back to wrestling, they were right there telling him how happy they were for him. He mocks the idea of Rich Swann and Willie Mack being friends and asks who is laughing now. Cue Swann to jump him for the brawl.

Video on the Knockouts, which feels like an ad you would see when watching another channel.

Tenille Dashwood needs a replacement for a Knockouts tag and Rachael Ellering suggests Jordynne Grace. Dashwood isn't sure but Grace comes up, saying she doesn't want to be a substitute. Ellering talks her into it.

Fire N Flava/Kimber Lee/Deonna Purrazzo/Susan vs. Rachael Ellering/Havok/Jordynne Grace/Rosemary/Tenille Dashwood

Kaleb With A K is in the latter's corner and Grace is replacing Taylor Wilde who is missing due to....well in theory we'll find out in a bit. Lee charges into Havok's boot to start so Susan comes in to get kicked down as well. Hogan comes in and gets caught in Ellering's release gutwrench suplex. A backsplash connects but Hogan gets over for the tag to Steelz. That's fine for Ellering, who hits a sliding kick to the side of the head.

Dashwood tags herself in and takes Steelz down, much to

Ellering's annoyance. It's quickly off to Grace, with the referee actually getting rid of Ellering because she was in the ring too long. The distraction lets Steelz snap Grace's neck across the top and we take a break. Back with Steelz dropping an elbow on Grace to cut off a hot tag attempt. Grace jumps over Hogan in the corner though, allowing her to backflip over into the corner for the tag off to Rosemary.

The Upside Down is broken up in a hurry and some double teaming puts Rosemary in trouble for a change. Susan takes Rosemary up and bites her head, only to have Havok turn it into a Tower of Doom. Purrazzo comes in and gets dropped by Ellering as everything breaks down. Susan throws her shoe at Havok to little success so Rosemary hits As Above So Below to finish Purrazzo at 12:42.

Rating: C. These things are really hard to pull off as there is only so much that can be done with so many people in there at once. Rosemary will be a fine challenger for the title as she is one of the more established names in the division. This did its job, but you would think they could have done about the same with four or so fewer women included.

Flashback Moment of the Week: Eric Young beats Bobby Roode to become King of the Mountain Champion.

Josh Alexander is ready for all challengers so here are TJP and Fallah Bahh to interrupt. Scott D'Amore comes in to make a sixty minute Iron Man match for the title next week on Before The Impact. Well that's certainly a way to get people interested.

Video on the history between Rohit Raju and Jake Something....which apparently exists. They were friends for years and Raju doesn't know why Impact has treated Something as such a star. Something says this isn't the Raju he has known for years. A showdown seems to be looming. It's a bit of a random feud to give a story but points for doing anything

with a midcard feud.

Here is Violent By Design to brag about their win last week. Eric Young talks about how scary violence is to everyone else but to them, it is a tool. He needed people who knew the sickness existed and that it needed to be removed. Joe Doering was his first choice and his vision is clear.

Then you have Deaner, who needed a guide and now is the most diabolical and violent version of himself. Finally you have Rhino, who is back as the War Machine. They did everything to set up last week by design. FinJuice is back in Japan and can't use their rematch...by design. Cue Satoshi Kojima to stare Doering down and then issue the challenge for Against All Odds. And then he leaves.

We look at Brian Myers laying out Matt Cardona last week, including sending him face first into a camera.

The Impact doctor says Cardona is out for twelve weeks when Myers comes in to laugh. Sam Beale interrupts and a match is made for later.

Joe Doering accepts Satoshi Kojima's challenge for Against All Odds. Decay interrupts and talks about Deaner still being in the shadows. Deaner doesn't like that and I think we have a title match impending.

Decay vs. Johnny Swinger/Hernandez

Alisha is here with Swinger and Hernandez. Swinger's hammerlock doesn't last long on Crazy Steve so Black Taurus comes in for a double back elbow. A backsplash gets two and it's back to Steve for an armbar. That's broken up in a hurry and it's off to Hernandez for something like a reverse Samoan drop. Swinger climbs onto Hernandez's shoulders but then drops down and hits a standing splash for two instead.

That doesn't last long either so it's back to Taurus to clean

house. Steve backdrops out of a piledriver and goes up for the middle rope DDT...which is botched so badly that I had to rewind it a few times to see what happened. Steve jumped right but Swinger didn't fall down, instead standing there until Steve hit the mat and then falling onto his back. As bad as that is, it's good enough for to give Steve the pin at 3:58.

Rating: D. The match was your usual TV match but that ending was so bad I had to rewind it a few times and put it in slow motion to figure out what the heck happened. I'm not sure how you can have that kind of miscommunication but they pulled it off here. How hard can it be to fall on your face when someone hits a big move off the top? Nothing match, but that ending was memorable in all the wrong ways.

Here's what's coming next week.

Don Callis gives the Good Brothers a pep talk.

Slammiversary ad, featuring teases of debuts.

Good Brothers vs. Sami Callihan/Moose

Callihan jumps Anderson to start and snapmares him down in a hurry. Some clawing at the head has Anderson screaming and Moose comes in for a slam. The Brothers take a breather on the floor and we take a break. Back with Callihan working on Anderson's arm but Moose tags himself in. Callihan does that right back so it's off to Gallows for the weird punching in the corner. After a trip to the floor, Callihan tells Gallows to punch him more so Gallows takes him down for a chinlock.

Back up and Callihan jawbreaks his way to freedom and it's a double tag so Moose can beat up Anderson. The spear is loaded up but Callihan tags himself in. Callihan loads up the Cactus Special, only to have Moose kick him in the face. Anderson rolls him up for two so Callihan kicks Moose off the apron. Anderson uses the distraction to hit a spinebuster into the Magic Killer for the pin at 9:01.

Rating: C-. This was a storyline match with the Good Brothers happening to be there too. Moose vs. Callihan would be a good warmup match for Moose before his title shot, assuming they don't turn it into a three way. The match was fine enough and advanced the biggest story on the show, but it wasn't exactly must see.

Moose spears Callihan to end the show.

Overall Rating: C-. Not their best show, but they did some stuff to set up Against All Odds. There wasn't much to see here in the way of wrestling though and it wasn't the most thrilling two hours. Violent By Design's segment didn't exactly go very far, though at least they did some stuff with the main event. All in all, a skippable week this time.

Results

TJP/Fallah Bahh b. Petey Williams/Josh Alexander – Mamba Splash to Alexander

Rosemary/Jordynne Grace/Rachael Ellering/Havok/Tenille Dashwood b. Fire N Flava/Kimber Lee/Deonna Purrazzo/Susan – As Above So Below to Purrazzo

Decay b. Johnny Swinger/Hernandez – Top rope DDT to Swinger

Good Brothers b. Sami Callihan/Moose – Magic Killer to Callihan

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