205 Live - June 4, 2021: The Other Crew

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There are some new wrestlers around here but things are already starting to sink into the same problems the show has had for months now. I'm hoping that they find some way to make it better, but there are only so many things that can be done with the limitations that 205 Live has. Let's get to it.

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

Opening sequence.

Ari Sterling vs. Sunil Singh

Nigel dancing to the Bollywood Boyz' entrance will always make me chuckle. A rollup gives Sterling a quick one but he has to fight out of a headlock. Sunil gets knocked outside so the Boyz try to make a switch....which doesn't work as they don't look alike. Then again neither did Demolition and that worked several times. The referee tells Samir to get out but Sunil uses the distraction to come in for a chop block.

Some leg cranking ensues but Sterling kicks him over the top for trying a cannonball. Sunil takes him down again though and it's a slingshot elbow to the knee to put Sterling in trouble again. The Bollywood Lock goes on but Sterling turns it over for a leglock of his own, sending Sunil into the ropes. Back up and Sterling hits the running flip ax kick into 86 for the pin at 6:25.

Rating: C-. Ignoring the lack of selling before Sunil can do

the running flip legdrop, I believe this is (at least) three straight matches where someone has worked on Sterling's knee. Does no one keep a list of something like that? I mean of course they don't, but you would think someone would say something about how Sterling's matches are the same almost every week.

We look at Kushida successfully defending the Cruiserweight Title against the debuting Carmelo Hayes on NXT in a good match.

Ariya Daivari vs. August Grey

Grey goes for a fast rollup for two before cranking away on the arm. Daivari blocks a charge in the corner and hits a kick to the ribs to takeover. Back up and a running hurricanrana sends Daivari outside, setting up the suicide dive. Grey gets sent into the barricade a few times though and it's time for some running knees to the ribs back inside.

The chinlock goes on for a bit, followed by a running kick to the side of Grey's head for two. An enziguri gives Grey a breather but the top rope spinning crossbody misses. The Persian Lion splash sets up the camel clutch but Grey is out in a hurry. The double clothesline puts both of them down until Grey stomps away in the corner.

A belly to back suplex puts Daivari on the floor and now the crossbody connects. Grey hammers away but Daivari is right back with the reverse layout DDT for two of his own. An exchange of superkicks set up Daivari's hammerlock DDT for two more. The hammerlock lariat is countered and Grey reverses into a half crab. Daivari grabs a rope so Grey hits So Much Prettier for the pin at 11:50.

Rating: B-. Pretty nice back and forth match with Grey getting what felt like more of a definitive win over Daivari. These two have fought more than a few times now and this seemed to be a bigger match than usual. I'm not sure if this is going to

mean anything, but maybe they could have something new for Grey. It would be nice to have some hope at least.

Overall Rating: C. The good counters out the bad here and that's actually a bit of a downgrade for this show in recent weeks. I do like that there are at least a few different wrestlers to rotate around here as it keeps things a bit fresher. It helps quite a bit, though I'm not sure what kind of a difference it really is going to make. Perfectly fine show here, though nothing you need to see, as usual.

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