

# Impact Wrestling – July 1, 2021: Get Thee To A Laddery

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We are less than three weeks away from Slammiversary and things are starting to pick up. The main event is already set with Sami Callihan vs. Kenny Omega, but there is still time to change things up. That is still a possibility this time around as Callihan faces Moose, with the chance to make the match a triple threat. Let's get to it.

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Opening recap.

Opening sequence.

## Eddie Edwards vs. Satoshi Kojima

They're cool with each other but Edwards wanted to face Kojima before he went back to Japan. Hold on though as here is W. Morrissey to say that Kojima is alone, just like Edwards was when Morrissey jumped him in the parking lot. Cue Brian Myers with Sam Beale, who Myers refers to as his young boy. Myers says Beale can't learn anything from Kojima and calls out Jake something, but Kojima doesn't care for that. The beatdown is on with Something running out for the save. The tag match is on.

## Jake Something/Satoshi Kojima vs. Sam Beale/Brian Myers

Jake runs Something over to start and sends him flying off a toss suplex. Myers comes in and gets hit with a jumping knee to the face. A knee puts Something down as well and it's back

to Beale for some driving shoulders in the corner. The chinlock doesn't last long so Beale hits a short clothesline for two. That means another chinlock for a bit, followed by Myers hitting a suplex for two of his own.

With that out of the way, the chinlock goes on again, setting up some forearms to the face. Something flips out of a belly to back suplex and hits a double clothesline, allowing the hot tag off to Kojima. House is cleaned in a hurry, including the top rope elbow for two on Beale. A DDT connects but Myers breaks up the Koji Cutter. Something takes care of Myers though and the Koji Cutter into the lariat finishes Beale at 9:25.

**Rating:** D+. The chinlocks didn't make this better, much like the Kojima/Something pairing feeling like a Battlebowl reject. Beale taking the fall to a legend like Kojima isn't going to hurt him and Myers has actually done a nice job of establishing himself as a midcard villain. Not a great one mind you, but he's there.

Scott D'Amore can't talk about Tommy Dreamer because he has to go answer a phone call. Decay pops in to say they should get a Knockouts Tag Team Title shot. D'Amore is too busy for that right now and says to talk to him normally next time.

### Tenille Dashwood vs. Rachael Ellering

Kaleb With A K and Jazz are the seconds. Dashwood jumps her at the bell but gets taken down by a running shoulder. A backsplash gives Ellering two but she has to kick Kaleb With A K off the apron. We take a break and come back with Dashwood choking on the ropes and getting two off a suplex.

A clothesline gets the same and Dashwood is already getting frustrated. Hair pulling around the ropes ensues and a butterfly suplex gives Dashwood two. Ellering comes back with a Sling Blade but a neckbreaker over the ropes cuts her off again. Dashwood goes up for a middle rope sunset flip but

Ellering sits down on it for the pin at 10:23.

**Rating:** C-. Another match that was just kind of there, but neither of these two have had the greatest spark in most of their matches. It was a good example of a match that was just kind of there without really doing anything different. Certainly not awful, but they didn't do anything that is going to leave much of an, pun intended, impact.

Post match the beatdown is on with Jazz running in for the save. Jordynne Grace makes the real save though and we get a big reunion, as this team has now formed, split and reunited in less than ten weeks.

Chris Bey is sick of hearing about the X-Division war when the villains come in to suggest he join up.

#### TJP/Fallah Bahh vs. Willie Mack/Rich Swann

A lot of dancing ensues before the match until Swann and TJP start things off. Everything breaks down in a hurry and we get a four way staredown and it's off to Mack vs. Bahh. The big slugout is on with neither being able to hit their finisher. Swann and TJP come back in with Swann clearing the ring but here is Violent By Design for the double DQ at 1:50.

The big beatdown is on with Violent By Design standing tall.

Fire N Flava want Rosemary and Havok to earn their shot and are off to talk to Scott D'Amore again. D'Amore agrees so they can have a #1 contenders match next week. This isn't what the champs want.

Tommy Dreamer talks about how he and Raven worked well together despite hating each other. That's how Team Dreamer will be tonight against the Elite.

#### Chris Bey vs. Petey Williams

Williams snaps off a headscissors to start and there's a

running dropkick to the back for an early two. Bey gets tied in the Tree of Woe for 0 Canada but comes back with a kick to the face. A clothesline gives Bey two and it's off to the Figure Four necklock. Williams is back with a snap German suplex into a running knee to the face. That's fine with Bey, who grabs a torture rack neckbreaker for two of his own.

The Art of Finesse is countered into the spinning Russian legsweep but it's too early for the Canadian Destroyer. Williams settles for the Sharpshooter, with Bey making it over to the rope in a hurry. They go to a pinfall reversal sequence with the Canadian Destroyer being countered again. Bey grabs a cutter though and the Art of Finesse is good for the pin at 7:43.

**Rating:** C+. Williams is fine as a nostalgia act who can still go well enough and he put Bey over rather well here. That's all a match like this is supposed to do, though it is all going to be thrown out the window for the sake of Ultimate X at Slammiversary. Bey would seem to be the likely winner, but you never can tell with that kind of a match.

Post match here are the X-Division villains and Williams gets beaten down in the corner. Bey walks off but Trey Miguel and Josh Alexander run in for the save. Bey finally comes in to help the good guys clean house.

Deonna Purrazzo beat Kimber Lee on Before The Impact.

Susan is freaking out over Purrazzo beating her and Kimber Lee but Lee has two ideas: the Tag Team Titles and Su Yung.

Jake Something doesn't like Brian Myers making fun of his name but it's worse to make fun of him. The challenge is on and the loser admits the winner is a professional.

Steve Maclin vs. Manny Smith

Maclin takes him down with a front facelock, followed by a

quick facebuster. Smith gets tied in the Tree of Woe for a running spear. Some right hands in the corner set up some heavy elbows to the chest. The sitout reverse implant DDT finishes Smith at 3:43.

**Rating:** C-. Total and complete squash here as Maclin continues to look like quite the force. He has a long way to go to get anywhere, but it is nice to have someone getting a chance in a new place after WWE didn't do anything with him. He'll need to go somewhere eventually, but it is working well enough for now.

Brian Myers accepts Jake Something's challenge so Sam Beale can see success up close.

Slammiversary rundown.

#### Kenny Omega/Good Brothers vs. Chris Sabin/Moose/Sami Callihan

That would be Team Tommy Dreamer, because of course it's Tommy Dreamer. Don Callis handles Omega's entrance as he validates his paycheck. Sabin crucifixes Anderson to start and it's a very early standoff. An annoyed tag brings Moose in but Callihan comes in to scare Omega off as we take a break.

Back with the good guys working on Anderson's arm but Moose and Sabin stop to jaw at each other again. The distraction lets Anderson send Sabin outside to start the stomping and now Omega is willing to come in and hammer away. It's already off to Gallows for those weird punches to the ribs in the corner and the triple splash gets two on Sabin. Anderson grabs a chinlock, followed by another from Gallows.

Sabin gets away and rolls over to Moose, who isn't interested in a tag. Instead it's off to Callihan to clean house but Anderson punches him low. Sabin tags himself in and avoids some charges in the corner. A Shining Wizard connects with Omega but NOW Moose will tag himself in...and pulls Sabin back in, which counts as another tag. Sabin and Moose brawl on the

ramp before Sabin comes in again, earning himself a snapdragon. The Magic Killer finishes Sabin at 15:12.

**Rating:** C. This was following a formula we've seen for years and that is not the best thing. Above all else, the action was just kind of there as we waited around for the ending. I wasn't wild on what we got here for the most part, though I'm curious about where they go for Slammiversary with these guys. Moose vs. Sabin would seem likely, but I'm sure Tommy Dreamer, who added nothing here, winds up getting a match of some kind.

**Overall Rating:** C-. The show had its moments but it still wasn't exactly what I would consider a very good one. Slammiversary is coming up and there are only a handful of matches set. I'm sure you can guess a few more of them, but it would be nice to have some of them actually announced. What we got here was decent, but so much of it still feels like a low level promotion. Even though that is pretty much the case for Impact, it would be nice to find some way around it.

### Results

Jake Something/Satoshi Kojima b. Sam Beale/Brian Myers – Lariat to Beale

Rachael Ellering b. Tenille Dashwood – Cradle

TJP/Fallah Bahh vs. Willie Mack/Rich Swann went to a double DQ when Violent By Design interfered

Chris Bey b. Petey Williams – Art of Finesse

Steve Maclin b. Manny Smith – Reverse sitout implant DDT

Kenny Omega/Good Brothers b. Chris Sabin/Moose/Sami Callihan – Magic Killer to Sabin

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