

Impact Wrestling – August 12, 2021: Let It Breathe

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We're on the way to Emergence and that should make for a good pay per view, as tends to be the case around here. Other than that, it is time to crown a new #1 contender and I'm curious to see where they go. Impact has a lot of choices available for the title shot at the moment and that is a good place to be. Let's get to it.

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

The opening recap looks at AEW Dynamite, which set up Christian Cage vs. Kenny Omega for the Impact World Title tomorrow night on Rampage.

Opening sequence.

Tenille Dashwood vs. Taylor Wilde

Dashwood has Kaleb With A K (in a neck brace) in her corner. Wilde works on the wrist to start and they trade a battle of wristlocks. Dashwood gets sent into the corner and grabs a frustrated headlock. That's reversed into a hammerlock as the technical exchange continues. A headscissors sends Dashwood outside so Wilde tosses her back inside for a slam. Another chase on the floor lets Dashwood get in a cheap shot to take over and Wilde's neck is wrapped around the middle rope.

What might have been a clash of heads gives Dashwood two and a suplex is good for the same. Another suplex sends Wilde into the corner and the Taste of Tenille gets two. The chinlock is

escaped and Wilde fires off the clotheslines into a leg lariat. The ref gets bumped so it's Kaleb With A K getting on the apron for a distraction. Cue Madison Rayne of all people to send Wilde into the post. The Spotlight Kick finishes for Dashwood at 9:53.

Rating: C. Maybe it was having the big surprise return in the end, but this was a bit more interesting than the norm for both of them. Dashwood has all the tools to be a major heel and Wilde could be a nice addition to the division if she actually sticks around for more than a few weeks at a time. Good opener, including the surprise return.

Post match Rayne and Dashwood have the big evil hug to give us our newest alliance.

Various battle royal participants give us the usual soundbytes about how they're going to win.

Emergence/tonight rundown.

Daivari vs. Josh Alexander

Non-title. They grapple into the corner to start and then fight over arm control. It's too early for Alexander's ankle lock so he boots Daivari down instead. Cue Jake Something to watch and we take a break. Back with Alexander being sent outside for a dropkick through the ropes from Daivari. A backbreaker sets up a chinlock with a knee in the back, followed by the more traditional chinlock. That's broken up and Alexander snaps off a t-bone suplex, only to get caught with a DDT. Alexander is fine enough to snap off the rolling German suplexes, setting up Divine Intervention for the pin at 9:59.

Rating: C+. They have done some amazing stuff with Alexander as I can't imagine him actually losing. You don't get to see that very often anywhere and they are making it work well here. At this point it is going to be an event when he loses

the title and it almost has to be straight to the main event from there. What else is there for him to do?

Post match Something hands the title to Alexander and the staredown is on.

Video on Kenny Omega vs. Christian Cage, with wrestlers and personalities making their picks.

The Good Brothers are ready to retain the Tag Team Titles but here is Violent By Design to say they're winning them back. Doc Gallows gets in Joe Doering's face and talks a lot of trash as the lights flicker.

Here is Kiera Hogan for a chat. Fire N Flava was supposed to be better than this so now she wants to talk to Tasha Steelz directly. Tasha thought she can have someone do her dirty work and get one over on her. If Steelz wants it, she can get it, so come down here with her goofy friend.

Cue Su Yung and Kimber Lee, now both in the whole evil look. Lee gets in the ring for the brawl, with Yung seeming to control Lee's movements (which is in no way shape or form like Alexa Bliss doing the same to anyone). The Mandible Claw takes Hogan down and she is dragged away. That's it for her in the company and I'm actually going to miss her a bit.

Don Callis goes on a rant about how everyone is out to get Kenny Omega, which Omega calls skulduggery. Callis lists off all of the people he has worked with over the years and promises Omega will have the title forever. Omega is ready to keep the title over all comers, because he's made of different stuff. Points for getting skulduggery in there.

Chris Bey/Jay White vs. FinJuice

White and Finlay fight over the lockup to start and exchange headlocks. With that not going anywhere, it's off to Robinson to elbow Bey in the face. Bey knees his way out of a suplex

but Robinson has to chase White away from interfering. That's enough for White to ram him into the apron over and over, setting up a neckbreaker for two. The kicks to the ribs set up the abdominal stretch to keep Robinson in trouble as Striker talks about the art of wrestling.

Robinson muscles him up into a suplex and the hot tag brings in Finlay to clean house. Finlay hits something like Deep Six for two on Bey as everything breaks down. White is sent outside, leaving Bey to get caught in the Doomsday Device. That's too far for White, who comes back in with a chair for the DQ at 8:40.

Rating: C+. This stuff has grown on me by leaps and bounds as FinJuice is a good team and White feels like a star. Maybe it was just getting rid of the Good Brothers, but the whole thing has got me interested in seeing what they are doing. Maybe not so much for everyone else in Impact, but it's working for the fans.

Post match White throws the chair at Finlay's head. The Blade Runner onto the chair leaves Finlay laying.

Tasha Steelz talks about Kiera Hogan begging her to start Fire N Flava but that didn't work for her. That's why Steelz has gotten Savannah Evans...but here is Fallah Bahh to say he has a problem with Havok and Rosemary. Steelz can go with that, because she wants the Knockouts Tag Team Titles.

Melina can't believe she's part of Empower but Deonna Purrazzo comes in to brag about how great she is. We see some clips of Purrazzo training with an Invicta FC fighter and things seem to be going well. Melina is impressed too, so she'll have a match of her own next week.

Christian Cage is ready to win the Impact Wrestling World Title and next week he's coming back as the champion. The battle royal winner can bring it.

Matt Cardona vs. John Skyler

Cardona starts fast with a dropkick and sends him into the corner, setting up the flapjack. Skyler gets sent outside for the running big boot as the ALWAYS READY chant starts up. A ram into the apron and a right hand give Skyler two but Cardona makes the clothesline comeback. The former Broski Boot is loaded up but here are Rohit Raju and Shera to interrupt. The distraction lets Skyler hit a jumping knee to the face into a rollup for the pin at 4:07.

Rating: C-. That's quite the surprise, though the distraction made it a bit less clean. Cardona is still in a weird place in Impact but at least he seems to be moving on from the Brian Myers stuff. A feud with Raju and Shera could be interesting and for once, Raju feels like he could make something pretty good. That wouldn't have been the case a year or so ago, because he has evolved that much.

Battle Royal

Eddie Edwards, Brian Myers, Sami Callihan, Moose, Sam Beale, Fallah Bahh, No Way, Deaner, Rhino, Petey Williams, Chris Sabin, W. Morrissey, Ace Austin, Madman Fulton, Willie Mack, Rich Swann, Johnny Swinger, Hernandez, Suicide, Trey Miguel

The winner gets a World Title shot at Emergence and I think I've got everyone. Morrissey gets rid of Suicide and Swinger to start with Hernandez getting the same treatment. Everyone gets together to get rid of Morrissey and we take a break. Back with everyone getting in on the brawling and Petey Williams loading up a Canadian Destroyer on the apron. That's so stupid that Steve Macclin has to come out and pull him down for the elimination out of sheer principle.

Deaner and Swann fight to the apron and are both knocked out, with Rhino being tossed out soon after. Ace and Fulton get rid of Mack as the ring is emptying out in a hurry. No Way punches Austin out of the air but gets tossed in a hurry. Bahh gets

rid of Fulton and is tossed by Moose to get rid of two of the bigger guys. Myers shoves Beale into the ropes to break up Miguel's (stupid) springboard and get rid of him as well.

Eddie gives Myers the Backpack Stunner and Moose hits a crazy chop on Beale, leaving a huge hand print on his chest. Moose isn't done yet as he dumps Eddie but Sabin sends him underneath the ropes for a brawl on the floor. Myers tosses Beale (who looks stunned), leaving us with Myers, Callihan, Moose, Sabin and Austin.

Callihan piledrives Myers and get taken to the apron by Myers. Fulton saves Austin from a save so Callihan clotheslines him off the shoulders in a makeshift (and unintentional Doomsday Device). Callihan is knocked out as well, leaving us with Moose, Sabin and Myers. Sabin sleepers Moose but Myers comes in to dump them both and win at 17:08. Striker calls this brilliant, about a minute and a half after he called Myers stupid for dumping Beale.

Rating: C. Well it was certainly a surprise ending and that's a positive...right? Myers as the next challenger to the title could be an interesting way to go, though it is quite the jump up the ladder for him. They had a lot of big names in here and it isn't like losing a battle royal is going to crush everyone in sight. This was more surprising than good, though that is what a battle royal can be used for.

Overall Rating: C. I'm not sure where to go with this show as it was mostly fine with some completely watchable matches, but at the same time, there is A LOT going on here. You have AEW, New Japan and Impact all rolling around, which can make for a messy show. Sometimes you need to slow down and let things breathe a bit, but that is not how modern wrestling works most of the time. Completely watchable show, but it could use some cleaning up.

Results

Tenille Dashwood b. Taylor Wilde – Spotlight kick
Josh Alexander b. Daivari – Divine Intervention
FinJuice b. Chris Bey/Jay White via DQ when White used a chair
John Skyler b. Matt Cardona – Rollup
Brian Myers won a battle royal last eliminating Petey Williams
and Moose

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Taylor Wilde, Josh Alexander, Daivari, Kiera Hogan, Su Yung,
Kimber Lee, FinJuice, Chris Bey, Jay White, John Skyler, Matt
Cardona, Brian Myers, Petey Williams, Moose, Eddie Edwards,
Sami Callihan, Kenny Omega, Christian Cage, Don Callis,
Melina, Deonna Purrazzo

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