

205 Live – August 27, 2021: What Passes For Normal

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Location: Capitol Wrestling Center, Orlando, Florida

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I think we can officially call this the new 205 Live, which is still not live and now has little to do with 205. Since it's WWE though and it's all about branding, expect them to keep the name because of the great history and pride associated with the low level, often forgotten former cruiserweight show. Let's get to it.

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

Grayson Waller vs. Andre Chase

Drake Maverick joins commentary as Chase works on the arm to start. Maverick can't pick out any potential breakout stars around here, which might be due to no one knowing who is actually on the roster. Waller fights up and sends him outside but stops to yell at Maverick, allowing Chase to get in a shot from behind. A high crossbody gives Waller two but Chase is back with a belly to back for his own near fall.

Some shoulders to Waller's banged up ribs keep him in trouble until he cuts off a shoulder with a knee to the face. A heck of a discus forearm gives Waller two but Chase pulls him into a quick STF. The rope gets Waller out of trouble so Chase tiger drivers him for two more. Waller is back up with his running Stunner though and the middle rope elbow connects. The step over stomp finishes Chase at 8:40.

Rating: C. I continue to like Waller, though I can't imagine he winds up going anywhere on the main roster. That leave shim

stuck around here, which might not be the most thrilling career path but it is better than getting squashed on NXT. At least they are doing something with him, and that is more than a lot of the cruiserweights can say.

We actually get a preview for next week. I wouldn't get used to that.

Ikemen Jiro vs. Trey Baxter

Respect is shown and they go technical to start. Baxter shoulders him down and smiles so Jiro grabs an armdrag into a hiptoss. Jiro hits him in the face for two and we're off to an abdominal stretch. That's broken up and Baxter takes it into the corner for a running chop. Jiro gets sent outside for the big dive and Baxter stomps away back inside.

The chinlock doesn't last long and Jiro grabs a Samoan driver for no cover. Some forearms and jacket strikes rock Baxter, setting up the springboard ankle scissors to the floor. A superkick rocks Baxter on the floor and the Swanton gets two back inside. The Ikemen Slash misses though and Baxter (busted open) hits a springboard 450...which Jiro reverses into a small package for the pin at 8:29.

Rating: C+. I'm a bit surprised by the result as Baxter seems to be a bigger prospect than Jiro. That being said, Jiro has been pushed more in recent weeks and it does make some sense to keep him strong in a match like this one. They kept up the energy too and it was a good match as a result.

Overall Rating: C+. This was a pretty good show overall, which might have something to do with it only lasting about twenty five minutes. The show still means absolutely nothing and probably doesn't need to exist, but at least they are having some fairly consistently good action. Just keep mixing it up a bit and give us a break from the same cycle and it gets much better. o the corner for a running chop. Jiro gets sent outside for the big dive and Baxter stomps away back inside.

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