

ECW On Sci Fi – June 19, 2007: Double Goodbye

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We're still dealing with the fallout of Vince McMahon's death and that is likely going to be the focal point of this week's show. However, we are also coming up on Vengeance: Night Of Champions and we need a new ECW World Champion. That could be addressed this week, or at least it should be. Let's get to it.

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

Opening sequence.

Commentary talks about how serious everything is with Vince McMahon and we hear from some people who were near the explosion.

Chris Benoit vs. Elijah Burke

The winner moves on to the ECW World Title match at Vengeance. Benoit takes him down by the arm to start but it's too early for the Crossface. They go to a standoff but Benoit slaps him in the face, setting up another failed Crossface attempt. A whip into the corner gives Burke two and he hammers away at the ribs, setting up a seated abdominal stretch.

Benoit suplexes his way to freedom and cuts off a charging Burke with a kick to the face in the corner. A snap northern lights suplex gives Benoit two and it's time to roll some German suplexes. There's the Swan Dive but Benoit can't follow up. Burke is back up with an STO but the Elijah Express hits

the corner. The Sharpshooter sends Benoit to the title match.

Rating: C. Benoit was kind of the perfect choice to go to ECW as he was a veteran who could have a good match with anyone. At the same time, someone beating him would mean something as he had the resume to give a victory some impact. Burke's time already seems to have come and gone though and he never felt like a real threat here.

We look at Stephanie McMahon's appearance on Raw, where she talked about how much she missed Vince McMahon and swore vengeance on whomever did it.

Boogeyman vs. Sean Alexander

Chokebomb in less than 30 seconds. The post match worming takes about as long.

We see Vince McMahon's lead investigator...standing at a podium. Apparently he used to work in counter intelligence.

Kevin Thorn vs. Tommy Dreamer

Thorn runs him over to start but Dreamer goes for the legs for a takedown. That works as well as almost anything else Dreamer tries to do as Thorn hammers away at his face instead. Some elbows set up a chinlock as the fans want tables. Dreamer fights up and hits a bulldog before grabbing a sitout spinebuster for two. Back up and Dreamer seems to have hurt his ankle but goes up to rain down right hands in the corner anyway. Thorn punches the leg out though and gets the pin.

Rating: D+. That was a weird ending so Dreamer might have actually tweaked something. It felt like they got out of there pretty fast, but I can't imagine Dreamer was going to go much longer against Thorn anyway. You don't put Dreamer in a long match at this point so it isn't likely to have been a huge switch, even if the injury was legitimate.

We look back at Vince getting blown up (Hogan beating the Iron

Sheik didn't get shown this much) and take a look at the fire being put out. That thing got burned up good.

Johnny Nitro vs. Nunzio

Nunzio headlocks him down but gets caught with a springboard kick to the face for two instead. There's the break dancing legdrop for two more and Nitro grabs the cravate. Nunzio fights up and stops a charge in the corner, setting up a middle rope dropkick. A backbreaker into a neckbreaker gives Nitro two and the flipping neckbreaker finishes Nunzi off.

Rating: C-. This was another match designed to establish a new star as Nitro gets to make his ECW debut. Nitro is someone who could use a build up on a smaller show like this, though he already has those Intercontinental Title reigns to make him feel that much bigger. Nunzio was game here, and I can see why WWE kept him around as long as they did.

Marcus Cor Von tells Elijah Burke not to worry about it and promises to win the ECW World Title at Vengeance.

The Miz is coming.

Extreme Expose thinks Miz is hot and Brooke wants them to hook her up with him. Brooke leaves and Layla says she already saw Kelly Kelly with Miz last weekend. Kelly tells her to mind her own business.

Vengeance rundown.

CM Punk vs. Marcus Cor Von

The winner faces Chris Benoit for the ECW World Title at Vengeance. Cor Von comes right at Punk to start but gets armdragged down for his efforts. A fireman's carry takeover gives Punk two but Cor Von takes him down with a flying armbar. Cor Von grabs a Kimura and takes Punk to the mat as Tazz is having a lot of fun calling this kind of match.

A fall away slam sets up another armbar as Cor Von certainly has a target. Back up and Punk gets a boot up in the corner, setting up the running knee to the face. The bulldog sets up the springboard clothesline, which Cor Von counters into a powerslam...which he doesn't rotate far enough and drops Punk on his head (GEEZ). Punk is right back up with the GTS for a rather quick pin.

Rating: C. That powerslam was a scary spot and they got out of there fast, though they were running out of time anyway. Punk needed to move up the ladder as he has felt like one of the top stars around here for a long time. This would actually be Cor Von's last match, as he would leave to take care of his nephews and never wrestle again.

Chris Benoit comes out for the staredown with Punk and the aggressive handshake ends the show.

Overall Rating: C. This felt like they were moving forward for the first time in a good while. The Vince vs. Lashley feud went on for a long time but I don't think there was ever any real doubt about how it was going to play out. Now we have a new direction and some new stars, which is what ECW has been needing. Not a great show, but a show going in the right, and much needed, direction.

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