

# Impact Wrestling – July 6, 2023: That's A Hot One

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We are just over a week away from Slammiversary and the card is all but set. Oddly enough, one of the better built matches has been Scott D'Amore/PCO vs. Bully Ray/Steve Maclin, as the videos on D'Amore have been great. On top of that, there is also a new alliance in the form of Nick Aldis and Lio Rush, who are going after the Motor City Machine Guns. Let's get to it.

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

Opening recap.

## Eddie Edwards vs. Frankie Kazarian

Alisha Edwards is here with Eddie and shouts at Kazarian, even as he suplexes Eddie into a neckbreaker to start. A fisherman's suplex gives Kazarian two but Eddie manages to send him outside, where Alisha gets in a tornado DDT. Back in and Eddie rakes the eyes and chops in the corner, allowing Alisha to choke away.

Kazarian is sent to the apron where Alisha gets in another cheap shot, allowing Eddie to hit a clothesline. A slingshot DDT plants Eddie on the apron though and it's a double down on the floor. Back in and Kazarian counters the Blue Thunder Bomb into a failed chickenwing so it's an Unprettier for two on Eddie instead.

Another chickenwing attempt is blocked and Eddie grabs the

tiger driver for two of his own. The chickenwing finally goes on but Alisha offers a distraction, allowing Eddie to drive it into the corner, with the referee getting bumped in the process. Alisha kendo sticks Kazarian from behind though and the Boston Knee Party finishes for Eddie at 10:46.

**Rating:** B-. Well yeah of course this was good. They're both talented wrestlers and they have a story going. Giving them some time to put a match together is going to work and it went well here. You can probably pencil in some kind of a mixed tag for Slammiversary and that opens up more than a few options.

We look back at Nick Aldis and Lio Rush laying out the Motor City Machine Guns. That's your main event tonight.

Chris Sabin is ready to face Rush for the X-Division Title at Slammiversary.

Rush says he's here to win titles instead of making friends. Nick Aldis comes in to say he's here to make history, and they can accomplish these things together. As long as Rush stays out of Aldis' way.

Frankie Kazarian congratulates Eddie Edwards on the win, even if that's not how Killer Kowalski taught them. They're 1-1 so let's have the rubber match at Slammiversary, with Kazarian offering to bring his wife, Traci Brooks, to even things up.

#### Champagne Singh/Shera vs. Rich Swann/Sami Callihan

Swann get double teamed down to start and Singh drops him with a Downward Spiral for some trash talk. Swann trips him down though and it's back to Callihan to pick up the pace. This includes the always stupid throw a team together and make someone DDT his partner spot. Swann comes back in for a double superkick to Singh, meaning it's the Cactus Driver to finish Singh at 3:16.

**Rating:** C. Not much beyond a squash here but it's good to have

Callihan and Swann look like a solid team on the way towards Slammiversary. They're long established as friends and have teamed together, but rarely as a two on two team. Beating up Singh and Shera is always fun too, and it worked well here.

Moose and Brian Myers are ready to give Callihan and Swann real competition.

We look at Santino Marella yelling at Dirty Dango, allowing Heath to jump Dango from behind.

Dirty Dango talks about how he loved wrestling in the 90s (Juventud Guerrera, Villano IV, Villano VII, people like that) but then he realized that things change when you get into the arena. Go back to school instead of wrestling. As for Santino Marella, Dango has grown up while Santino is still stuck in 2010. Dango: "It's like going to a Yoko Ono concert where she just yodels the whole time." As for Heath....maybe try being a fork lift driver?

### Angels vs. Jonathan Gresham

The Design is here with Angels, who is quickly sent outside. Deaner yells at Angels to do what he says so he goes back in and suplexes Gresham. A running dropkick sends Angels outside though and we take a break. Back with Gresham dropping him again for two and they fight over a suplex. A half and half suplex sends Gresham into the corner so Angels can hammer away, which doesn't seem to be following Deaner's plan. They fight over some rollups for two each until Gresham pulls him into the Octopus for the tap at 10:27.

**Rating:** C+. The idea here was Angels trying to pay attention to Deaner and do his own thing with neither exactly working. Beating Gresham is hard enough on its own and he did his whole technical wrestling master deal. If nothing else, it's better than the same stuff the Design was doing with Sami Callihan for months, so hopefully this leads to the team falling apart and going away for good.

Post match Gresham offers a handshake but Deaner doesn't want Angels to do it. Angels teases leaving but goes back in, with Deaner breaking up the handshake attempt. Deaner pokes him in the chest so Angels grabs his hand and then shakes Gresham's hand.

The Bullet Club is ready to defend the titles against anyone, including three teams at Slammiversary. The Rascalz come in and want to be in the match, but Chris Bey says they haven't won anything around here. Wentz suggests a match with Bey, and if Wentz wins, they're in the title match. Seems to be a deal.

Video on the Australia shows. Good for them for getting to go somewhere else, as they've turned things around so much in the last few years.

We recap the issues between Deonna Purrazzo, Trinity and Gisele Shaw.

Trinity thanks Purrazzo for having her back last week. Purrazzo says she wants Trinity 100% when she beats her at Slammiversary and that's not cool with Trinity. Purrazzo is willing to put out the open challenge next week to show Trinity who she's facing at Slammiversary.

### PCO vs. Good Hands

Scott D'Amore joins commentary. Before the match, the Good Hands talk about how PCO is about to feel these good hands. PCO beats them to the floor to start and hits the big running flip dive. The Deanimator hits Hotch and a reverse DDT plants Skyler back inside. The PCOsault finishes Skyler at 1:56.

Post match Hotch goes after D'Amore and gets beaten up for his efforts, including a Sky High. The Canadian Destroyer is loaded up but here is Bully Ray to interrupt. Steve Maclin sneaks in from behind though and the villains wreck PCO and D'Amore with a chair. D'Amore gets handcuffed to the rope and PCO gets destroyed even worse, including being put through a

chair.

PCO gets thrown down a ramp into the backstage area. After yelling at D'Amore some more, they follow PCO outside and pour....battery acid into PCO's mouth. Then they add lighter fluid and light him on fire. This went on for a LONG time and while the ending looked cool, it was hard to keep interest all the way there.

Post break, we look back at what we just saw.

Scott D'Amore is looking at PCO, who doesn't know how the Slammiversary match is affected and really doesn't care.

### Gisele Shaw vs. Courtney Rush

Jai Vidal, Savannah Evans and Jessicka are here too. Shaw runs her over to start so Rush grabs a top wristlock. Rush sends her outside for a breather, followed by a reverse DDT for two back inside. Vidal offers a distraction though and Shaw gets in a kick to the head to start the comeback. A suplex gives Shaw two and frustration is setting in. Rush knocks her away but Evans offers a distraction. Jessicka slugs her down but gets sent into the steps. Vidal gets on the apron as well and that's enough of a distraction for Shaw to grab a rollup with feet on the ropes for the pin at 6:13.

**Rating:** C. Shaw gets another win as the numbers game is too much for Rush and Jessicka. It wouldn't surprise me to see Shaw accept Deonna Purrazzo's challenge next week, though adding her to the title match at Slammiversary at this point doesn't feel likely. So far the new Death Dollz haven't been doing so well but their whole huge story has had so many twists and turns that something is going to come from all of it.

Kenny King and Sheldon Jean are interrupted by a random fan who has no business being backstage. She tries to put money in King's pants, and another woman does the same. Then Joe Hendry

pops up and produces Yuya Uemura to prevent a 2-1 beatdown. The villains leave.

Here's what's coming on various shows.

### Motor City Machine Guns vs. Lio Rush/Nick Aldis

Sabin wants Rush to start but gets Aldis instead. Aldis easily wins an exchange of shoulders and elbows Sabin in the face for a bonus. Rush comes in and starts the dodging, setting up a jumping kick to the head. We hit the rear naked choke but Sabin slips out and slides outside to trip Aldis. Shelley uses the distraction to jump Rush from behind and Sabin gets two off a double stomp.

The abdominal stretch keeps Rush in trouble and Shelley knocks him outside. This time Aldis gets in a cheap shot on Shelley and we take a break. Back with Aldis clotheslining Shelley and stomping away a bit more. Aldis starts in on the leg and Rush comes in for some right hands of his own. Rush chokes in the corner and the bodyscissors goes on. It's back to Aldis for a chinlock but Shelley fights up with a Downward Spiral into the corner.

The tag brings in Sabin to clean house, including a middle rope missile dropkick to Rush. Everything breaks down and a Magic Killer of all things gets two on Rush. Aldis is taken down with a dragon screw legwhip over the ropes, with Rush taking one of his own. The Guns go after Aldis, allowing Rush to hit a big running flip dive to take everyone out. Aldis adds a top rope elbow for two but Rush misses the final Hour.

There's the Dream Sequence to Rush and a cutter drops Aldis. The powerbomb/sliding cutter hits Rush for two with Aldis making the save. Aldis gets the King's Lynn Cloverleaf on Shelley, with Sabin making the save. Rush hits Sabin low and kicks him in the head, setting up the Final Hour for the pin at 17:54.

**Rating:** B. This took some time to get going but eventually picked up well. What mattered here was setting up the King vs. Sabin title match at Slammiversary and they covered that well. Aldis vs. Shelley is more or less set up in advance, so this was a good way to make both title matches feel more interesting at the same time.

**Overall Rating:** B. Another solid show here as Slammiversary has come together rather well and I'm wanting to see the show. The PCO thing was quite over the top but it does kind of fit with how intense the feud has been. In addition to that, the title matches got some nice boosts and nothing is feeling overly weak. Next week is set up for the big go home show and now I'm curious to see what they're going to do for the big finale. God stuff here, which might as well be the official subtitle as of late.

### Results

Eddie Edwards b. Frankie Kazarian – Boston Knee Party  
Sami Callihan/Rich Swann b. Champagne Singh/Shera – Cactus Driver to Singh  
Jonathan Gresham b. Angels – Octopus  
PCO b. Good Hands – PCOsault to Skyler  
Gisele Shaw b. Courtney Rush – Rollup with feet on the ropes

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