

Collision – March 16, 2024: Steve Austin Would Be At Least A Bit Proud

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The road to Dynasty continues and in this case that means we have quite the big match. This week will see Bryan Danielson vs. Katsuyori Shibata in a match that was literally announced yesterday. It would be nice to have that big of a match announced further in advance but at least it is happening. Let's get to it.

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Bryan Danielson vs. Katsuyori Shibata

They aren't wasting time here. Feeling out process to start until Danielson takes him down by the arm as Nigel talks about his history of beating up Danielson. That's broken up and they go back to the standoff until Danielson goes back to the arm. Shibata isn't having that and forearms him down with Nigel saying Danielson keeps coming back like a fungus. Some chops have Danielson taking Shibata back to the mat but Shibata sends him outside as we take a break.

Back with Danielson striking away in the corner until Shibata reverses for strikes of his own. There's the running dropkick in the corner as Nigel wonders if Danielson is missing a chromosome. They trade ankle locks before knocking each other down for a double breather. Back up and they exchange knees to the chest until Shibata grabs a Death Valley Driver for two. Some elbows to the head rock Danielson but he's right back

with the running knee for two of his own.

Danielson gets the LeBell Lock until Shibata puts a foot on the rope. The kicks to the chest rock Shibata but he wants more. The running kick to the chest brings Shibata back to his feet and he fires off the Kawada Kicks. Now Danielson sits down so Shibata can kick him, leading to a seated slap off. Danielson kicks him in the head for the knockdown but the running knee is blocked. The octopus goes on but Danielson slips out and gets two off a rollup. Danielson's LeBell Lock attempt is countered into a rollup, which Danielson counters into a rollup for the pin at 19:33.

Rating: B. I get the appeal of this kind of thing and it was a hard hitting, physical match, but this was the latest in the tour of "Danielson wrestles someone in a dream match and then we move on". There are far worse uses of television time, but it's a match that comes and goes and really just feels like something that happened because Danielson wanted it to. I'm sure he'll do something else again and it'll be good, but it would be nice to have it feel like something other than "here's a cool pairing you've never seen before".

Respect is shown post match.

We look at Mercedes Mone's debut.

TBS Title: Julia Hart vs. Trish Adora

Hart is defending and the special rule is....the loser is banned from ringside for the House of Black vs. Infantry match later tonight. Adora takes her to the mat and does the splits on Hart's back while cranking on the arms. They go to the floor, with Adora blocking a whip and elbowing Hart in the face. Hart sends her hard into the barricade and we take a break. Back with Adora fighting out of a chinlock but getting sent into the corner for some running elbows. Adora's bridging German suplex gets two so Hart superkicks her down. The moonsault retains the title at 7:43.

Rating: C+. Adora continues to look strong in the ring and can do some rather impressive things. At the same time though, this was about giving Hart another win as her rise continues. She is on the way to a showdown with Willow Nightingale for the title and having her win here is a good way to boost her up even further.

Zak Knight and Harley Cameron are happy with Angelo Parker wanting to fight Knight. Poutine insults ensue...and never mind as Knight says they'll fight on his terms, meaning not tonight.

Daniel Garcia vs. Lee Moriarty

Shane Taylor is here with Moriarty and Matt Menard is on commentary. They go to the mat to start with Garcia slipping out of a headscissors and hitting a running basement dropkick to send him outside. The Taylor distraction lets Moriarty come back with a suicide dive to take over, allowing him to STEAL GARCIA'S DANCE! Moriarty works on the arm back inside but Garcia is back up to pound him into the corner. Garcia starts in on the leg before a Saito suplex gets two. Garcia's piledriver attempt is cut off so Moriarty hits a double stomp. Not that it matters as Garcia pulls him into a heel hook for the tap at 5:12.

Rating: C+. It's nice to see a short match like this one where they got to the point and gave Garcia a pretty definitive win. That's a good thing to see after he lost at Revolution so there seems to be something of a bright spot for him going forward. Moriarty can work well with just about anyone and he did well here by making Garcia look better.

We look at Bullet Club Gold breaking Darby Allin's foot on Dynamite.

Pac vs. Aaron Solo

Solo wastes no time by knocking him to the floor to start,

setting up the running flip dive. Back in and Pac stomps him down in the corner, followed by some boot choking. Pac kicks him in the head and hits a missile dropkick, setting up the Black Arrow into the Brutalizer for the win at 4:36.

Rating: C+. I was worried that Solo was going to get in a bunch of offense here but instead Pac shrugged it off and squashed Solo as he should have. Pac is one of those people who has a bunch of presence and feels like a star every time he's out there. The problem continues to be that he can't stay around, which makes getting behind him that much harder.

Post match Pac says he's looking for trouble. Either Tony Khan can find it for him or he can find it himself.

Bryan Danielson talks about how he and Katsuyori Shibata were both told that they couldn't wrestle again but they just did it tonight. Danielson is grateful for that, just like he's grateful for getting to face Will Ospreay at Dynasty. It's live or die, but Danielson isn't ready to die. He doesn't think Ospreay is ready.

Claudio Castagnoli vs. Lance Archer

They shove each other around to start and trade shoulders to see both of them staggered. We're already on the exchange of forearms until Castagnoli takes over with some clotheslines. A running version puts Archer on the floor, only to have Castagnoli miss a clothesline off the apron. Archer's running flip dive drops Castagnoli and we take a break.

Back with Archer hitting a swinging Rock Bottom for two but Castagnoli grabs a suplex. Archer hits him in the face and goes up, only to have his Old School broken up. The Swing is broken up as well though and Archer knees him on the top. A chokeslam gives Archer two but the Blackout is countered into a Death Valley Driver to give Castagnoli two. Castagnoli gets creative with a cutter off the middle rope for another near fall, followed by a springboard spinning uppercut. The Swing

is on but here is the Righteous to jump Castagnoli for the DQ at 11:08.

Rating: B-. I could have gone with a better finish than something that is likely setting up a six man with the rest of the Blackpool Combat Club but it was fun to see two monsters beating on each other. That's all you needed from these two and they had a heck of a brawl. Castagnoli's power continues to be impressive and him getting to throw someone like Archer around worked well.

Post match the beatdown is on so Bryan Danielson runs in for the save. When that doesn't work, Katsuyori Shibata runs in with a chair for the real save.

Angelo Parker and Ruby Soho aren't happy that Zak Knight won't fight Parker tonight. Parker is ready to go find him, but Soho says that's what Saraya and company want, so she won't be with him. That's enough to get Parker to calm down.

Kyle O'Reilly vs. Bryan Keith

Keith grinds away on a headlock to start but O'Reilly slips out for another standoff. O'Reilly is knocked outside but gets right back in for an exchange of strikes. A grapple off doesn't go well for O'Reilly as Keith kicks him in the face, followed by a DDT for two. We take a break and come back with O'Reilly kneeling him in the ribs.

We pause for a second for the referee to check on Keith, followed by a quick kneebar from O'Reilly. That doesn't work so O'Reilly goes for a triangle choke to slow Keith down. Keith is fine enough to catch him on top, setting up a hard kick for two. An enziguri staggers O'Reilly again but he's back with a heck of a lariat. The cross armbreaker makes Keith tap at 11:30.

Rating: B-. Keith was a good choice for O'Reilly's first opponent back as O'Reilly needed to show he could still hang

around here without putting him against too big of a name. Odds are this will be followed by something with the Undisputed Kingdom, and I'm not sure where that is going to go. Nice match back for O'Reilly here, as he has a lot of time to make up for from the last few years.

Post match the Undisputed Era come in to celebrate.

Deonna Purrazzo and Thunder Rosa are ready for Toni Storm and Mariah May.

Tag Team Title Tournament Wildcard Match: House Of Black vs. Infantry

Julia Hart is here with the House, who jump the Infantry from behind before the bell. The beating goes outside with the Infantry being beaten down until the House gets inside. The Infantry wants to go so we ring the bell, allowing King to hit a Cannonball for two. Matthews kicks Dean on the floor and we take an early break.

Back with Bravo grabbing a rollup for two on Matthews and diving over for the tag to Dean. King comes in and runs Dean over with a heck of a clothesline, followed by Dante's Inferno for two with Bravo making the save. King takes Bravo outside for an AA onto the announcers' table, setting up a piledriver onto the same table. Julia Hart gets up to argue for some reason and here's Mark Briscoe with a chair shot to Matthews. Briscoe runs off with King giving chase, allowing Dean to get the upset pin at 7:44.

Rating: C+. This was almost more of an angle than a match, as it was mostly a squash until the end when Briscoe interfered. It's nice to see Briscoe costing the House the win as it ties together and gives us quite the twist to start the tournament. Odds are this leads to something big between Briscoe and the House, though waiting until Dynasty might be a bit much.

Post match here is Malakai Black to glare.

Video on Adam Copeland vs. Christian Cage.

Here is Copeland, still with the box labeled SPIKE. Copeland talks about his history here in Ottawa and, after rolling his eyes a bit at the hatred for Toronto, he sits in a chair in front of the box. He was looking forward to sitting around with Christian Cage when their careers were over but now everything has changed.

Copeland failed at World's End and took a Conchairto. Now he has talked to someone who helped make him who he is (implying but not saying Mick Foley) and pulls out spike, which is a 2x4 covered in nails (better known as Janice in TNA). He and Spike are going to end Cage and make him say I QUIT in Toronto. Shouting I QUIT before an I quit match might not be the best idea.

Overall Rating: B-. This was quite the show, with nothing that really felt bigger than the rest and a pair of return matches before a big upset in the main event. It was a show with a bunch of things happening and most of it was anywhere from completely decent to solid. Next week's Dynamite should be a big deal and this show did enough to help set it up, albeit without anything that felt like a main event.

Results

Bryan Danielson b. Katsuyori Shibata – Rollup

Julia Hart b. Trish Adora – Moonsault

Daniel Garcia b. Lee Moriarty – Heel hook

Pac b. Aaron Solo – Brutalizer

Claudio Castagnoli b. Lance Archer via DQ when the Righteous interfered

Kyle O'Reilly b. Bryan Keith – Cross armbreaker

Infantry b. House Of Black – Chair shot to Matthews from Mark Briscoe

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