

# ECW On Sci-Fi – July 29, 2008: This Was Really Bad

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We have a new broadcast team this week after Mike Adamle was named General Manager of Raw for reasons I don't quite comprehend. The big story here is that Matt Hardy is the new #1 contender to the ECW Title, but unfortunately that's about the only story of note on this show. Maybe they can get something else set up this week. Let's get to it.

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

We look back at Matt Hardy winning a four way last week to become the new #1 contender.

Opening sequence.

Tazz introduces Todd Grisham to the broadcast team.

Here is Matt Hardy for a chat. He was excited to be drafted to ECW about a month ago because it felt like a perfect fit, given his history of going to the extreme. Now he has a huge opportunity because he could be ECW Champion...and here is Mark Henry, with Tony Atlas, to interrupt. Atlas talks about how Henry was drafted to ECW as well and now he is the ECW Champion.

But what has Hardy done since he was drafted here? Lose the US Title! For now though, we'll settle for a demonstration, with Henry bending a steel bar, just like he'll do to Hardy at Summerslam. Hardy says it's a wrestling match at Summerslam and unlike the bar, he can fight back. Henry can break his

bones but he cannot break his spirit, which is why Hardy will win the ECW Title. This was basically Henry saying he'll win, Henry showing off his power, and Hardy not caring. I'm going to need more than that.

### Ricky Ortiz vs. Chavo Guerrero

Bam Neely is here with Guerrero. They take their time to start until Ortiz powers him down without much effort. A gorilla press plants Guerrero again but he manages to kick Ortiz into the ropes for a needed breather. The reverse chinlock with a knee in the back goes on, followed by a front facelock to keep Ortiz in trouble. Ortiz fights up but gets sent face first into the buckle to cut him off. Guerrero grabs a rollup with his feet on the ropes and Neely helping...but the referee catches them for the DQ.

**Rating:** C-. It was maybe a bit better than Ortiz's debut but there is nothing here that makes him stand out in any way. He's the same generic wrestler with a good set of muscles and a lot of hair, but that's about it. ECW needs some fresh stars, but this hasn't exactly made me interested in anything Ortiz is doing.

Post match the beatdown is on until Evan Bourne runs in to...well get a cheap shot on Guerrero and Neely, who chases him off. Ortiz is still down in the ring so Bourne didn't really accomplish much there.

Colin Delaney comes in to see Mark Henry and Tony Atlas, asking why they left him last week. Atlas says Delaney needs to prove he belongs with them, which he can do tonight...against Matt Hardy.

### Miz/John Morrison vs. Finlay/Hornswoggle

Finlay and Miz get things going with the camera making sure to point out the shillelagh on the apron. For some reason Miz decides to charge at Finlay, who grabs him by the face and

drops an elbow. The nerve hold doesn't last long before Finlay drops him with a shoulder for two. We're already in the chinlock, making me think that they're on rather different pages for whatever reason.

Morrison comes in for a cravate on Finlay, only to have Hornswoggle come in to trip Morrison down. Everything breaks down and stereo seated sentons send the villains outside as we take a break. Back with Morrison fighting out of a headlock (that's a weird one) but getting taken right back down for a kick between the shoulders.

We hit the chinlock AGAIN as it's like they're allergic to getting going here. Morrison fights up but misses the breakdancing legdrop, allowing Finlay to grab a half crab. That doesn't last long either as Morrison drives him into the corner, only to get backslided for two. Finlay puts the nerve hold on again as I'm almost in awe of what they're doing here.

Back up and Finlay hits a clothesline, only to have Miz break up the cover. Finlay goes after Miz and gets posted as we might actually be doing something for a change. Miz comes in for the armbar but Morrison misses a slingshot dropkick. Finlay gets in a suplex for two and Hornswoggle tags himself in. A headscissors is blocked though and Morrison hits a reverse powerbomb for the pin.

**Rating:** D+. That's one of the least interesting matches I've seen in a long time and I really don't know what they were doing. Finlay more or less wrestled the match by himself, which makes sense as Hornswoggle can't do much, but it didn't need to be that dull. Maybe they were trying to fill in time or something, but Finlay is capable of much better than what we got here. Rather bad stuff.

Post match Miz and Morrison leave, allowing Mike Knox to come in and lay Finlay out.

Matt Hardy vs. Colin Delaney

Mark Henry and Tony Atlas are on the stage despite saying they would be in Delaney's corner. Delaney gets knocked the corner and suplexed as Hardy doesn't seem to be having too much trouble to start. A boot in the corner slows Hardy down and a middle rope dropkick actually gives Delaney two. Hardy easily suplexes him back down though and hits the middle rope elbow to the back of the head. The Side Effect and Twist of Fate finish for Hardy in a hurry.

Post match Atlas and Henry come to the ring, with Henry launching Delaney to the floor. Henry stares Hardy down and then leaves, walking by Delaney to end the show.

**Overall Rating:** D. This was one of the weaker things I've seen from WWE in a long time, as there is just nothing going on here to warrant it being its own show. Atlas summed up the problem with Hardy as the challenger: the only thing he recently did was lose, which isn't exactly something that makes me want to see what he does next. The rest of the show wasn't much better, making this pretty horrible.

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