

# Smackdown – August 2, 2024: They Had To

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Location: Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse, Cleveland, Ohio

Commentators: Corey Graves, Wade Barrett

It's the last show before Summerslam tomorrow and that means it is time for a pretty big match on the way. In this case that means we have the Tag Team Titles on the line as DIY defends against the Bloodline in what might be a massacre. Other than that, it's time for the big push towards Summerslam so let's get to it.

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

Here is Cody Rhodes for a chat. He asks what we want to talk about but thinks WHO we want to talk about might be a better question. Cue Solo Sikoa, on his own for once, to tell the crowd to acknowledge him. The fans aren't pleased, but Rhodes talks about how they are both younger brothers. Sikoa is all about the Bloodline's theatrics but tomorrow the bell is going to ring.

Rhodes gets serious, until Sikoa asks if he is done yet. Rhodes says Sikoa is the self proclaimed Tribal Chief but Rhodes is the WWE Champion. He sits on a throne and can do so because of what people like people like Randy Orton and Kevin Owens did. Rhodes mentions beating Roman Reigns in a Bloodline Rules match, but Sikoa says Reigns was weak. Sikoa is dangerous though and tomorrow, he'll show Rhodes how dangerous he can be. He wants Rhodes to put his money where his mouth is, but cue the Bloodline through the crowd.

Rhodes realizes Sikoa wants it to be a Bloodline Rules match tomorrow (despite Sikoa never saying it) and calls out the

Bloodline. He isn't scared of any of them and the Bloodline Rules match is on. Sikoa threatens Rhodes with the Bloodline but Rhodes says all he has to do is beat the Tribal Chief. Since the Tribal Chief isn't here, he'll settle for the wannabe. They got to the point here, but Sikoa wasn't able to keep up with Rhodes on the mic and it didn't make for the best segment.

Carmelo Hayes goes to the barber shop and talks about his breakout performance against Andrade. It'll be different the next time they face off.

### Andrade vs. Carmelo Hayes

Feeling out process to start with Hayes being cocky as usual. Andrade isn't having that this time and takes over but the threat of the Message sends Hayes bailing to the floor. We take a break and come back with Hayes sending him knees first into the steps, setting up a superkick for two. Andrade fights up and takes over, only to miss the running knees in the corner. Hayes misses the Fade Away but something like a springboard hanging suplex puts Andrade down. Hayes goes up top until Andrade catches him for a superplex as we take another break.

Back again with Andrade sending him out to the floor, setting up a middle rope moonsault. They get back in and Hayes hits a spinning faceplant, only to walk into the spinning elbow for a close two. Andrade's double jump moonsault gets two so he grabs the Figure Four. That's broken up so Andrade tries the Message, which is reversed into a rollup, which is reversed into a rollup to give Andrade the pin at 16:06.

**Rating:** B. I'm a bit surprised at the result, but at the end of the day it is nice to see Andrade getting a chance like this. He is getting some momentum together and it would be cool to see that turned into something. Hayes loses again, but at least it wasn't in a way that left him looking weak. Good

match here, as these two work well together.

Santos Escobar says he's going to take out Apollo Crews tonight and yells at Berto and Angel for losing in the gauntlet match last week.

### Apollo Crews vs. Santos Escobar

Baron Corbin and the rest of Legado del Fantasma are here too. Escobar starts fast and knocks him into the corner, setting up a slingshot hilo. A tilt-a-whirl backbreaker gives Escobar two and we hit the waistlock. That's broken up and Crews comes back with an overhead belly to belly. Angel tries to offer a distraction but gets decked by Corbin. Crews' standing moonsault gets two but...someone grabs Corbin's leg from underneath the ring. The distraction lets Escobar hit the Phantom Driver for the pin at 3:28.

**Rating:** C. This was more about the shenanigans outside, as there is little reason to believe that Crews was going to be a serious threat to someone who was a much bigger star. In theory this should be one of the last matches in the feud, but there is always the chance that things could be stretched out even further. At least Corbin didn't lose, which is not something I was expecting to say anytime ever.

It seemed to have been a member of Legado grabbing Corbin's leg rather than a surprise.

Jade Cargill and Bianca Belair are ready to get their Women's Tag Team Titles back.

Here is Nick Aldis, with some unnamed yet totally legitimate "Cleveland dignitaries" to welcome hometown star Logan Paul. This brings out Paul, who immediately goes into mocking LA Knight, who is desperate to take the US Title. Paul sees Knight's appeal to the fans, as he's a guy who never made it, just like everyone here. Paul can't relate to everyone here because he's great and he made it.

That's why we're here, including these dignitaries. Aldis says he couldn't find anything about these dignitaries on Google, but Paul insists they're legit. We have a banner to unveil, but instead it says YEAH over Paul's face. Cue Knight to say the sunglasses are making it hard for him to read the banner, so maybe the people can tell him what it says. Fans: "YEAH!" Paul: "CONGRATS! YOU PEOPLE CAN READ!"

Knight points out that Paul is from the suburbs before going to the back to find another banner for Paul. We follow Knight to the back, where he finds Pretty Deadly, who are practicing for their musical. That won't work, but no one has a banner for him. Instead, Knight goes to the back to Paul's Prime truck so Paul charges after him, with Knight stealing the truck. Paul: "THAT'S A CRIME!" Knight getting under Paul's skin is a good way to go, but he has to win that title.

Isla Dawn and Alba Fyre are ready for Bianca Belair and Jade Cargill.

Logan Paul wants to know what Nick Aldis is going to do about this. Aldis will take it up with the dignitaries.

Women's Tag Team Titles: Isla Dawn/Alba Fyre vs. Jade Cargill/Bianca Belair

Cargill and Belair are challenging and jump the champs before the bell. The champs say they can go so it's Cargill splashing Dawn in the corner. Belair comes in to stomp away and stereo gorilla press drops have the champions in trouble as we take a break. Back with Cargill kicking Fyre away but Dawn pulls Belair down off the apron.

A Backstabber/Swanton combination gets two on Cargill, who suplexes both of them down at once for a needed breather. Belair comes back in with a double high crossbody as it's time to clean house. Belair hammers away in the corner on both champions until Fyre slips out and grabs the hair. The handspring moonsault gets two on Fyre with Dawn making the

save. Cargill pulls Dawn to the floor for a superkick...and here is Blair Davenport to jump Cargill for the DQ at 7:23.

**Rating:** C. The ending isn't the biggest surprise as there was almost no reason to believe that Dawn and Fyre were going to be able to survive against the team of Belair and Cargill. Having Davenport get involved isn't the worst idea, but hopefully she can live up to the spot they are putting her in. It hasn't exactly worked so far, but maybe that changes this time.

Post match destruction ensues, with Cargill being sent over the announcers' table.

Summerslam rundown.

Video on Nia Jax vs. Bayley.

Jax gives Tiffany Stratton a custom Money In The Bank briefcase, with Stratton being VERY excited. Chelsea Green and Piper Niven come in to mock the briefcase

DIY is fired up to face the Bloodline, with Johnny Gargano talking about how this is his hometown and there are over 10,000 members of his family waiting for the Bloodline.

Tag Team Titles: Bloodline vs. DIY

The Bloodline, with Tonga Loa and Solo Sikoa, is challenging. Tama powers Ciampa into the corner to start and runs him over as we take a break with the champions in early trouble. Back with Fatu's running splash only hitting the post, allowing Gargano to come back in. Everything breaks down and Fatu is taken down by a flip dive off the apron. A super Air Raid Crash gives Ciampa two but Fatu is back in to take over. The running hip attack hits Ciampa, setting up Tama's top rope splash for two with Gargano making the save.

Fatu's running hip attack on the floor only hits steps, leaving Ciampa to roll Tama up for two. A Shatter Machine hits

Tama but Loa offers a distraction, allowing Sikoa to Samoan Spike Ciampa. Tama's spinning reverse DDT gets two on Gargano but he superkicks his way out of trouble. There's the suicide dive to Tama and a poisonrana to Fatu...which just wakes him up. The pop up Samoan drop sets up the triple jump moonsault. The implant DDT gives Fatu the pin and the titles at 9:10.

**Rating:** B. Yeah they had to. There was pretty much no reason to have DIY retain here as they have gotten their big win and special moment. The Bloodline is by far the bigger deal right now and giving Fatu a spotlight is that much better. It was even a fast paced match with DIY giving it everything they could before falling to the monsters.

**Overall Rating:** B. With most of Summerslam set, there wasn't much here that needed to be changed, save for the Bloodline Rules stipulation being added. Other than that, it was a pretty good night of action with the Tag Team Title switch in the end being rather noteworthy. All that matters is tomorrow though, and there is every chance they could have a smash with the show. The show before it did well enough, though this one didn't have quite the same pressure.

### Results

Andrade b. Carmelo Hayes – Rollup

Santos Escobar b. Apollo Crews – Phantom Driver

Bianca Belair/Jade Cargill b. Isla Dawn/Alba Fyre via DQ when Blair Davenport interfered

Bloodline b. DIY – Implant DDT to Gargano

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