

Collision – August 10, 2024: How To Handle Referee Business

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The Texas residency continues as we are just over two weeks away from All In. That should make for a big show here as there are several stories that are either already set up or need something of a boost with so little time left to go. The action should be enough to carry thing here as usual so let's get to it.

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Opening sequence.

Darby Allin/Hologram vs. Premiere Athletes

Hologram and Woods start things off with the former flipping away to offer some frustration. Nese comes in and gets armdragged down as commentary talks about what is coming tonight. It's off to Allin for an exchange of running shots in the corner but Mark Sterling offers a distraction. Nese snaps Allin's neck across the top to take over and it's back to Woods for a suplex.

An atomic drop into a clothesline drops Allin again and the villains start alternating with the stomps. Allin flips out of a pair of belly to back suplexes though and it's Hologram coming in to clean house. A superkick into a jumping knee to the back of the head gets two on Woods, who knocks Hologram out of the air. Allin is sat on top for a running uppercut but

comes back with a dive to take out Sterling on the floor. Back in and Woods' German suplex is countered into a crucifix to give Hologram the win at 8:44.

Rating: B-. AEW is doing everything they can to get Hologram over but it's only kind of working. He can do some impressive looking flips and is rather athletic, but so are a bunch of people in the country. While he's doing well so far, we still don't know much about him and I'm still not sure why he's called Hologram in the first place. Work on that stuff and we'll see what he can do.

Video on tonight's Texas Bullrope match between Thunder Rosa and Deonna Purrazzo.

Deonna Purrazzo vs. Thunder Rosa

Texas Bullrope match and you win by pinfall or submission. Rosa starts firing off the clotheslines to start so Purrazzo bails to the floor, which goes as well as expected. Rosa whips her into the steps a few times and hits a Backstabber back inside. Something off the top is broken up though and they get into a tug of war over the rope on the floor. Purrazzo gets the better of things and whips away as we take a break.

Back with a bloody Rosa throwing Purrazzo off the top and onto a pile of chairs. Purrazzo is back up to tie her in the Tree of Woe for some chair shots to the ribs for two as the fans want them to fix the table (which seems to have fallen out of the corner). The table is fixed (the fans approve) and the now also bleeding Purrazzo hits a Gotch style piledriver for two. Purrazzo puts her on the table but takes too long going up, allowing Rosa to bulldog her through it instead. What looked like a Fire Thunder Driver (called a shoulder breaker by commentary) finishes Purrazzo at 10:31.

Rating: B-. It was violent and bloody, but a match like this that was only going ten minutes didn't need to have a break in the middle. That took away a good chunk of what we were

getting here and that's a shame as it should be the final blowoff between the two of them. Rosa looked like a star at the end and gets the big victory,

We get a very 80s style Outrunners video.

FTR vs. Outrunners

Magnum headscissors Harwood down to start and it's off to Wheeler, who gets dropped with a running shoulder. A cheap shot from the apron sets up a Paisan elbow to Wheeler, who is right back up with a drop toehold of his own. Harwood snaps off some backdrops and FTR clear the ring for some posing as we take a break.

Back with Floyd cutting off Wheeler's hot tag attempt and firing off some elbows in the corner. Wheeler fights out of a chinlock and it's off to Harwood to clean house. Some German suplexes into a piledriver get two, with Harwood rolling away before Floyd can make the save. The Shatter Machine finishes Floyd at 9:16.

Rating: C+. This was a nice way to boost FTR back up as they seem to be on their way to a Tag Team Title shot, possibly at All In. I'm really not sure why that match needs to happen again, but for now I can go for FTR getting a win over a goofy team. The Outrunners aren't bad in the ring but there is no reason to ever take them seriously (which isn't a bad thing).

Kip Sabian wants to stand up to Nick Wayne for his dad when Wayne comes in. They'll fight on Rampage.

Video on MJF vs. Will Ospreay, including Ospreay being scared to use the tiger driver 91.

Rush vs. Preston Vance

This is Don Callis' way of making Rush prove he wants to be the best in the world. They yell at each other to start but Vance actually knocks him outside. Rush sends him into the

barricade over and over before heading back inside for the strike off. A rebound German suplex puts Vance down but he's back up with a running clothesline for two. Back up and Rush knocks him into the corner, setting up the Bull's Horns to finish Vance at 4:04.

Rating: C. I would certainly hope that there is more than this for Rush to prove himself to Callis. All we had here was Rush beating up someone on a lower level in relatively short order. I can go for having more from Rush as he certainly feels like he should be a star, but this wasn't it.

Post match Rush hits another Bull's Horns and looks under the ring for something but gets stopped by the referee first.

Jack Perry watches himself getting hit in the head with a chair in Blood & Guts. Then he destroys a bunch of TV. Because he's tough or awesome or whatever is supposed to make him interesting this time.

Here is Swerve Strickland for an open challenge to an eliminator match. After some threats to Bryan Danielson, we're ready to go.

Swerve Strickland vs. Tomohiro Ishii

Non-title and Prince Nana is here with Swerve. They start fast with Swerve sending him into the corner but getting tossed out to the apron. That's fine with Swerve, who knocks him down for a fast two and grabs a headlock. Ishii shrugs off some shots to the face so Swerve suplexes him down and hits the middle rope elbow to the back. Swerve hits the big dive on the floor and we take a break.

Back with Ishii grabbing a belly to back suplex and then doing it again for a bonus. A delayed vertical superplex gives Ishii two but Swerve is back with the rolling Downward Spiral for the same. They trade headbutts until Swerve powerslams him into a suplex for two, meaning frustration is setting in.

Swerve kicks him in the face but gets dropped with a clothesline, followed by a harder clothesline for two. A standing double stomp rocks Ishii and the House Call finishes for Swerve at 12:15.

Rating: B. It was a one off match and could have gotten more hype and promotion but I'll take them beating each other up for a good while. Swerve gets a nice boost on the way towards All In and that's all it needed to be. Maybe just let us know about this one more in advance because it's kind of a big deal to have the World Champion in action.

Claudio Castagnoli wants the Continental Title and challenges Kazuchika Okada for the first Dynamite in Cardiff, Wales.

Here are Stokely Hathaway and Kris Statlander for a chat. They see Willow Nightingale/Tomohiro Ishii talking on Rampage...and the mixed tag challenge is set for All In's Zero Hour. Hathaway laughs off the idea...but Statlander accepts for him. Chin rubbing ensues.

Top Flight and Action Andretti are unhappy with the MxM Collection and the challenge is on for tonight. Mansoor can't do that though as he has a broken nail, meaning he is not cosmetically cleared. Lio Rush comes in to say Tony Khan has made the match for next week anyway.

Hikaru Shida vs. Aleah James

Shida backs her up against the ropes and then into the corner before neckbreaking her down. A knee to the face and running kick set up a Falcon Arrow to finish for Shida at 1:39. Pretty to the point there.

Bryan Danielson sits down with Jim Ross, with the former talking about how Ross signed him 24 years ago and now here they are at the end of Danielson's career. Danielson is banged up and is going to need neck surgery before the end of the year but he is mentally strong coming into All In.

Hikaru Shida challenges Mercedes Mone for the TBS Title on Dynamite.

House Of Black vs. Bang Bang Gang

For a Trios Title shot with Christian Cage as guest referee. King powers Robinson into the corner to start and it's already time for the six way staredown. We settle down to Black armbarring Colten before handing it off to Matthews, who gets two off a rollup. That's enough for a stalemate and we take an early break.

Back with Matthews being sent into the Gang's corner and getting kicked down for two. Matthews is sent to the apron, where he fights off all three but Cage doesn't see the tag to King. The tag brings in Black a few seconds later and house is quickly cleaned as the pace picks way up. King comes in for the big dive to take out the Gunns on the floor and we take another break.

Back again with Robinson slugging away at King and putting him down with a dropkick. A backslash gives Robinson two but 3:10 To Yuma is broken up. Everything breaks down again and it's an elevated DDT for two on King. We hit the parade of secondary finishers and everyone is down, with Cage counting to...well nine and then he spears Matthews and counts to ten for the double knockout at 16:14.

Rating: B-. They were having a good match and it got better near the end, but this was a step in a bigger story, likely setting up a three way match for the titles at All In. Cage didn't do much until the ending, which is how a guest refereeing role goes a lot of the time. Perfectly acceptable stuff here, with the last few minutes being an upgrade.

Post match the Patriarchy runs in to beat down both teams. A chokeslam and Killswitch onto the chair leaves the teams laying so the Patriarchy can pose to end the show.

Overall Rating: B. Solid show here, but dang it makes me wonder how good it could be as an hour to an hour and a half instead of two. There is just enough stuff on here that feels like it is there to fill in time, though it still feels far more important than Rampage. We had enough good action here with some things being set up for Dynamite, which often seems to be the main focuses for this show.

Results

Hologram/Darby Allin b. Premiere Athletes – Crucifix to Woods
Thunder Rosa b. Deonna Purrazzo – Fire Thunder Driver
FTR b. Outrunners – Shatter Machine to Floyd
Rush b. Preston Vance – Bull’s Horns
Swerve Strickland b. Tomohiro Ishii – House Call
Hikaru Shida b. Aleah James – Falcon Arrow
Bang Bang Gang vs. House Of Black went to a double knockout

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