

Rampage – October 18, 2024: Who Did That Help?

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Location: SAP Center, San Jose, California

Commentators: Excalibur, Tony Schiavone, Matt Menard

The show seems to be running out of weeks but we still have some time left before it goes away for good. In this case we are fresh off of WrestleDream and it would take some time to deal with all of the fallout. This show could also do something for tomorrow's Battle Of The Belts so let's get to it.

[Here is Dynamite if you need a recap.](#)

Opening sequence.

Mark Briscoe vs. The Butcher

Non-title. They take turns driving each other into the corner to start with Briscoe sending him head first into the buckle. Briscoe sends him outside for the running flip dive and we hit the chinlock back inside. That's broken up and Butcher hits a heck of a clothesline before a slam puts Briscoe down again.

We take a break and come back with Briscoe fighting out of a chinlock and hitting some running forearms. The Death Valley Driver sets up a missed Froggy Bow, allowing Butcher to grab a Jackhammer for two. Butcher takes him up top but gets knocked down, setting up the Froggy Bow for the pin at 9:53.

Rating: C+. Here's what I don't get about AEW at times. Briscoe beat Jericho at WrestleDream and their rematch is already set. Briscoe has momentum and is coming into a ladder match for his title, which will be his second major match in

about a week and a half. He had a promo on Dynamite this week so it's not like he's out of the public eye. Why did he need a ten minute match here? The title wasn't on the line and it was a cold match. With the roster AEW has, there wasn't someone else who could have used this spotlight?

Kyle O'Reilly vs. Aaron Solo

They go to the mat to start for some grappling until O'Reilly gets in a few kicks. Back up and O'Reilly cranks him down by the arm before striking away again. O'Reilly isn't having that and fights up, with a few more kicks setting up a guillotine to finish Solo off at 4:41.

Rating: C. Not quite a squash here but nothing to see with this one. O'Reilly wasn't going to be in any danger against Solo and they didn't waste much time in getting to the point. This was a nice way to build O'Reilly up and he seems to be gunning for the Continental Title so at least there is something for him to go.

Post match O'Reilly challenges Kazuchika Okada for the Continental Title at Battle Of The Belts. So there's your one title match on the show.

Jamie Hayter doesn't like Penelope Ford coming after her. She's ready to fight so if Ford is ready, be at Collision.

Deonna Purrazzo talks about taking care of her brother. If you want to take someone out, go for the people they love.

Anna Jay vs. Trish Adora

Mariah May is on commentary and is stunned that Jay just got back from Japan as Jay hasn't said a word about it. May on Adora: "I heard she got a dishonorable discharge. I never heard the guy's name but it sounds like a good time." May shifts over to mocking Jay's appearance and attitude, which send a bad message to the kids watch. Excalibur says the real

message is to stab your mentor in the head with a shoe. May: "Yes and I emerged victorious. Thank you." Jay strikes away to fight back and hits a running shoulder, with May wondering if she learned that in Japan.

We take a break and come back with May referring to Battle Of The Belts as "Tony Schiavone trying to get dressed." Schiavone: "...Ok." Jay's running flipping neckbreaker gets two but Adora's kneeling bridging German suplex gets the same. Jay is right back up with a Backstabber and a Gory Bomb for the pin (with her shoulders down too) at 8:23.

Rating: C. The match was nothing of note because this was ALL about May. She was funny, witty, and regularly leaving commentary with nothing to say because her lines were so good. She has had two nights on commentary where she was outstanding and one of the most entertaining things in AEW. Definitely worth a listen here if you get the chance, as May is by far the best thing on this show so far.

Post match May grabs the mic and says Jay should buy her dinner, because at Battle Of The Belts, Jay will be on her knees, crying, shaking, and screaming her name.

Harley Cameron says Saraya is still incapacitated but no one is talking about what Cameron can do. She's talented, she can do ventriloquism and she speaks Chinese. Oh and she's ready for Kris Statlander because she's versatile.

The Undisputed Kingdom, Shane Taylor Promotions and Gates Of Agony are ready for the three way tag next week. That's a Ring Of Honor main event at best but points for announcing something that far in advance.

Private Party vs. MxM Collection

Mansoor works on Quen's arm to start and it's quickly off to Cassidy vs. Mason. Cassidy gets taken down so Mason strikes a pose and hands it back to Mansoor. Quen is sent outside and

seems to bang up his shoulder, setting up a side slam/legdrop combination. We take a break and come back with a powerbomb/neckbreaker combination getting two on Quen.

That doesn't last long as Quen gets over for the tag to Kassidy to start cleaning house. A Hart Attack (boot instead of clothesline) hits Kassidy for two but Silly Strong drops Mason. There's a Twist of Fame to Mansoor and More Bang For Your Buck (with a shoutout to the Bucks) finishes at 12:05.

Rating: B-. I cannot get my head around the idea that Private Party might actually be getting another shot at the titles. Their first title shot was a stretch at best and I'm going to need a lot more than "they might put their career as a team on the line" to make me interested in a rematch. At the same time, the Collection is not exactly in a good place at the moment, with back to back losses.

Post match Quen promises on his mama's life that they're winning the Tag Team Titles.

Overall Rating: C+. Well some people are definitely building momentum. I'm not sure what good it is going to do for them but they certainly are building it. Briscoe's title match is already set, O'Reilly is likely getting a title shot at the least important shows AEW puts on, Anna Jay got completely smoked by Mariah and Private Party is still Private Party. Not a show you need to see as usual, and if this is all they're using it for, the cancellation isn't going to hurt them at all.

Results

Mark Briscoe b. The Butcher – Froggy Bow

Kyle O'Reilly b. Aaron Solo – Guillotine

Anna Jay b. Trish Adora – Gory Bomb

Private Party b. MxM Collection – More Bang For Your Buck to Mansoor

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