

# Dynamite – December 18, 2024: The Seven Days Of Christmas

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We're coming up on the end of the Continental Classic and that means it is time to get in some more matches this week. In this case it's the Holiday Bash special, which may or may not actually have all that much in the way of being special. Other than that, we are coming up on Worlds End and that means the show needs to be set up. Let's get to it.

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

Jay White isn't sure about relying on Hangman Page tonight and here is Page to shove aside White and Orange Cassidy to say Jon Moxley belongs to him tonight.

Darby Allin says it's showtime.

Will Ospreay says we're in for a dream match with Allin.

We get a quick card rundown.

TBS Title: Mercedes Mone vs. Anna Jay

Mone is defending and slaps Jay in the face to start, meaning it's time to bail up against the ropes. Back up and Jay slaps her in the face, only to get caught in Three Amigos. The frog splash misses though and Jay gets two but Mone is back with a running Meteora for two. Mone chokes away a bit and we take a break.

Back with Jay hitting a Blockbuster for two and a running spinwheel kick in the corner sets up an Iconoclasm for the

same. The Queenslayer is broken up with a bite to Jay's arm and Mone gets the Statement Maker. That's broken up and Money hits a sunset bomb into the corner. Another Meteora sets up the Mone Maker to retain the title at 10:07.

**Rating:** C+. Yeah Anna Jay lost a big match. I'm as shocked as you are. This is what happens with Jay, in that she gets a bit of momentum (she went to Japan you know) and then loses the match that matters. I'm sure she'll start the same cycle again and we'll do this one more time because it never changes, much like it being hard to get invested in the idea that she's actually going to win something.

FTR has no issues with the Death Riders (despite the beating and kidnapping) but they're out for the rest of the year. They'll be back on January 1 to fight the Death Riders and they're not coming alone. Perhaps with Adam Copeland in his new hometown of Asheville?

Here is MJF for a chat. He complains about the fans' opinions and mocks the Washington Wizards basketball team (which the fans agree with) before promoting Hanukkah over Christmas. Fans: "SANTA!" MJF says Hanukkah is all about giving so he has started a charity. We see a fake Adam Cole photo and a QR code to order Worlds End. If you get the show, a portion of your purchase will go towards MJF taking care of this tiny little yellow bay-bay. You can thank him later for that but here is Cole on the screen.

Cole had a meeting with Tony Khan and if MJF wants his Dynamite Diamond Ring back, he has to deal with the Undisputed Kingdom. Then Cole pops up in the ring to superkick MJF, who bails before the Panama Sunrise. Remember when the doctored photos were a staple of badly written Vince McMahon WWE TV? It's still bad here.

Jamie Hayter wants Julia Hart at Fight For The Fallen.

Video on Kenny Omega, who will be back soon.

## Patriarchy vs. Katsuyori Shibata/Hook

Wayne goes after Hook's bad arm to start but it's quickly off to Shibata vs. Cage. Some chops have Cage in trouble so Hook comes in to backdrop him over the top and onto Wayne. Back in and Hook tries the Redrum but Cage snaps his bad arm over the top for a quick save.

We take a break and come back with Wayne kicking Hook in the face but Hook manages a suplex. Shibata comes back in to clean house, including back to back STO's. Wayne dives into the sleeper but Mother Wayne offers a distraction. The Killswitch drops Shibata and Nick gets the pin at 11:45.

**Rating:** C. Not much to this one as Hook feels like such a side story for Christian as we (continue to) wait on him to cash in his title shot. I'm not sure if he's going to win the title or not but it feels like he's had that stupid contract forever. Shibata losing to Wayne likely sets up a singles match between the two of them and that isn't exactly exciting either.

Chris Jericho goes to New York and claims to be the king of the city. And yes, this really is the best thing they have for a World Title match at the biggest ROH show of the year.

Bandido video, minus the old west motif.

Mariah May isn't sure why Thunder Rosa is a wrestler but sure they can have a Tijuana street fight.

Here is Ricochet for a chat but before he can get very far, here is the Hurt Syndicate to interrupt. Ricochet praises their fashion sense and hopes that the team has noticed his success lately. Bobby Lashley grabs him by the throat and MVP says no one likes a kiss a\*\*.

Continental Classic Blue League: Shelton Benjamin (6 points) vs. The Beast Mortos (0 points)

MVP is on commentary. Benjamin slams him down to start but

Mortos snaps off a running headscissors. Mortos pulls him down and twists the leg but a rope walk is broken up with a knee to the floor. We take a break and come back with Mortos planting him for two as MVP talks about Benjamin having a recent knee procedure. A corkscrew Swanton gives Mortos two but Benjamin is right back with a running powerslam. Benjamin superkicks him down and starts throwing the suplexes. Some running knees in the corner set up the exploder to give Benjamin the pin at 8:49

**Rating:** C+. I wasn't feeling this one and the ending felt flat, with Benjamin just hitting Mortos over and over to win. Benjamin has looked great since coming to AEW and I could go for seeing him make the pay per view part of the tournament. As for Mortos...egads it would be nice to see him actually win something.

### Blue League Standings

Kyle Fletcher – 9 points (1 match remaining)  
Kazuchika Okada – 7 points (1 match remaining)  
Shelton Benjamin – 6 points (2 matches remaining)  
Mark Briscoe – 6 points (1 match remaining)  
Daniel Garcia – 4 points (2 matches remaining)  
The Beast Mortos – 0 points (1 match remaining)

Post match the Hurt Syndicate beats up Mortos and MVP threatens Daniel Garcia. Cue Garcia, with Mark Briscoe following, for the brawl. The Hurt Syndicate beats them all down and Benjamin poses with the TNT Title.

We recap the weekend in the Continental Classic.

Ricochet is ready for Will Ospreay this weekend but Swerve Strickland interrupts. Swerve is ready for the same old Trevor to pop up but Ricochet promises to win the Continental Classic.

Toni Storm sits down with RJ City and still can't believe

she's here. And no she doesn't remember anything she's done in AEW. She does however remember Saraya, who hadn't debuted when she first got here.

### Continental Classic Gold League: Will Ospreay (6 points) vs. Darby Allin (3 points)

Ospreay misses a chop up against the ropes to start and has to flip out of the high angle springboard armdrag. Allin gets the feet up in the corner but an elbow to the face knocks him outside. Back up and Allin drops him again, only to miss the Coffin Drop to the apron. We take a break and come back with Allin hitting a flipping Stunner but his back is banged up. Ospreay is back with a Cheeky Nandos and a Hidden Blade but Stormbreaker is countered into a Code Red to give Allin two.

They strike it out with Ospreay getting the better of things but the Oscutter is countered. A springboard Coffin Drop gives Allin two and they're both down again. They go to the apron and Ospreay hits a Styles Clash to the floor but bangs up his knee on the landing. Naturally Allin beats the count back in but the Oscutter connects for two. Allin flips away again and hits a Scorpion Death Drop, setting up a pair of Coffin Drops for the pin at 14:40.

**Rating:** B. It was a hard hitting fight with Allin fighting from beneath and getting the fans behind him, but dang Ospreay losing again feels disappointing. It feels like that's been the case far too often lately and that's not a good thing to see. At least Allin isn't losing again so soon after going after the Death Riders at Full Gear, but he hasn't done much about it since then. Anyway, fun match, but Ospreay being a superhero again would be nice.

### Gold League Standings

Darby Allin – 6 points (2 matches remaining)

Claudio Castagnoli – 6 points (2 matches remaining)

Will Ospreay – 6 points (2 matches remaining)

Ricochet – 6 points (2 matches remaining)

Brody King – 3 points (2 matches remaining)

Komander – 0 points (2 matches remaining)

### Death Riders vs. Jay White/Hangman Page/Orange Cassidy

Cassidy and Yuta slug it out to start with Cassidy sending him to the floor for a springboard corkscrew dive. Back in and Moxley's piledriver attempt is countered into a backdrop and it's off to Page, who wants Moxley. Instead White tags himself in but can't give Moxley a Blade Runner. A piledriver drops White and we take an early break.

Back with Page having walked out and Cassidy down on the floor, leaving White alone for the moment. Pac grabs a slingshot cutter but White is back with a suplex. Cassidy gets up for a top rope DDT to Moxley and fires off some kicks. A spinning DDT plants Moxley but Yuta and White come back in to trade suplexes. Cassidy's Orange Punch is countered into a cutter from Moxley but Page is back. Cassidy cuts off the Buckshot Lariat and gets sent into Page before grabbing a Stundog Millionaire to Yuta. The Buckshot Lariat hits Yuta and White gives Pac the Blade Runner. Then Moxley rolls Cassidy up for the pin at 11:59.

**Rating:** B-. And of course the Death Riders outsmart our heroes again, showing that they are not only tougher, but smarter. The theme continues to be "the Death Riders, and especially Moxley, are just better" and that doesn't make me want to see the heroes win. I get the idea of the good guys can't get along to stop Moxley, but shouldn't the idea be more that one of them CAN beat him? I haven't seen much evidence to suggest that.

Post match the bickering is on so the Death Riders try to jump the good guys, only to be chased off to end the show.

**Overall Rating:** B-. I wasn't feeling a lot of this show but it did get better as it went on. The Death Riders still aren't

interesting and the Continental Classic is starting to wear out its welcome. The show wasn't bad by any means but I'm only somewhat interested in Words End. As has been the case for far too long in AEW, nothing is really jumping off the page at me and that's becoming an issue. It needs something to spice it up a bit and Jon Moxley being brilliant and tough isn't it so far.

### Results

Mercedes Mone b. Anna Jay – Mone Maker

Patriarchy b. Katsuyori Shibata/Hook – Killswitch to Shibata

Shelton Benjamin b. The Beast Mortos – Exploder

Darby Allin b. Will Ospreay – Coffin Drop

Death Riders b. Jay White/Hangman Page/Orange Cassidy – Rollup to Cassidy

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