# Impact Wrestling — March 20, 2025: Filler Week

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We're done with Sacrifice and on the way to Unbreakable, with the biggest story coming out of last week seeing Nic Nemeth turning evil and attacking Matt Hardy. That should be enough to get the Nemeths a Tag Team Title shot, but Joe Hendry is going to need a new #1 contender for his World Title as well. Let's get to it.

Here is Sacrifice if you need a recap.

Long Sacrifice recap.

Opening sequence.

Here is Masha Slamovich to say Cora Jade gave her a good fight but she retained the title at Sacrifice. Now she is here to prove that she is the best champion in all of wrestling so she issues a challenge…and here is Tessa Blanchard. Beating Jade doesn't mean anything and now it's time for Blanchard to get her title back. Cue NXT's Jacy Jayne to attack Slamovich from behind. Santino Marella comes in and makes Jayne vs. Slamovich for next week, with Blanchard banned from ringside.

Post break, Marella yells at Arianna Grace for letting that happened. There is another surprise planned for later.

## Northern Armory vs. Rascalz

Eric Young is here with the Armory and joins commentary. Wentz starts fast by crossbodying Icarus for two but Williams comes in for a cheap shot to take over. The Armory takes turns working on the arm but Wentz is back up with a springboard knee to the face. Everything breaks down and Icarus pulls Wentz to the floor. Back in and a superkick sets up Feed Them To The Lions for the pin on Williams at 4:51.

**Rating**: C. Short and to the point here with the Rascalz continuing their rise back up the ranks. At the same time, the Armory stuff doesn't feel overly important. The team shouldn't be winning everything, but it feels like they almost never win and that's going to be a problem if they're supposed to be anything more than the lowest of lackeys.

Post match Young comes in but Ace Austin runs in with a chair for the save.

Xia Brookside's eyes are ok after being misted last week but she's tired of fighting fairly and getting attacked. Rosemary pops up on screen and taunts her for being held back by her morals. She'll have a surprise for Brookside tonight, with a tag match being teased. Please tell me that this isn't going to turn into Brookside going evil because of the mist. Anything but that.

It's time for the First Class Penthouse with First Class mocking the city, only to be interrupted by their guest, and hometown boy, Chavo Guerrero Jr. They threaten Chavo for being disrespectful and say if they wanted the second best Guerrero, they would have called Dominik. Chavo suggests that Dominik might not be an actual Guerrero but here is Frankie Kazarian to interrupt. Kazarian hasn't forgiven Chavo for costing him the Tag Team Titles (in 2012) but here are the Aztec Warriors so a six man tag can be made next week. Yeah it's Chavo but the fans went nuts for him so it makes enough sense.

#### <u>Mike Santana vs. Mustafa Ali</u>

The Cabinet is barred from ringside. Santana wastes no time in jumping Ali and sending him outside for a dive. Ali is sent over the timekeeper's table and the beating continues on the floor. They go inside for the opening bell and Ali goes after Santana's banged up arm. The rolling neckbreaker gives Ali two and we hit the armbar. Back up and Santana is fine enough to hit the rolling cutter but the threat of a frog splash sends Ali outside…and he takes the countout at 4:09.

**Rating**: C+. This wasn't the big ending in the story but rather the next step as we get closer to a blowoff. That should make for a good moment as they are setting things up for the showdown, likely at Unbreakable. They're making the fans want to see Santana give Ali what is coming to him and that should be a nice moment, assuming that is where they go.

Post break, Ali says he didn't run from Santana but rather conquered him. This is done and Ali and the Cabinet drive off.

Here is Ryan Nemeth to explain his brother's actions at Sacrifice. Ryan says HIS BIG BROTHER finally did the right thing at Sacrifice by sacrificing all of their love for the love of his own brother. Cue Nic, who says the Hardys aren't coming. Nic takes credit for TNA's momentum over the last year, but then the Hardys tried to come in and take the credit for themselves.

They are the greatest brothers in wrestling history but here is Leon Slater to say he isn't going to listen to this bollocks (Nic: "I don't know what that means."). Slater says Nic can't steal the show because Slater has already stolen it. Ryan issues the challenge for next week but Slater gets in now, only to be superkicked down. I'm assuming this is to set up a title match at Unbreakable and...that's only going to be so interesting.

### <u>Rosemary/Savannah Evans vs. Xia Brookside/Lei Ying Lee</u>

Rosemary sticks out her jaw to Brookside to start but hands it off to Evans before anything can happen. That's fine with Brookside, who knocks her into the corner before getting to beat up Rosemary for a change. Broken Wings connect but it's already back to Evans for a chokebomb on Lee. The Samoan drop gets two on Lee, who kicks Rosemary down and makes the tag without much trouble. Everything breaks down and Rosemary mists Evans by mistake. Lee is back in for something like a TKO into Thunderstruck to pin Evans at 6:02.

**Rating**: C. Rosemary continues to get in trouble with the mist, which hopefully doesn't have any special powers attached. There wasn't much to the match but somehow it's the longest of the show thus far. Brookside is still someone who feels like she is just floating around without much to do, though she also hasn't shown that she is ready for some big step up either.

The Personal Concierge, in a neck brace to make it even better, brings out a cake for the champions' celebration. By Elegance comes out, seemingly rather pleased with their title win. Apparently the cake costs \$5000 and Ash needs a chance to make her wish. Cue NXT's Meta Four to say they want the titles but here is Spitfire to say they have a guaranteed rematch.

Cue NXT's Gigi Dolin and Tatum Paxley to say they want the titles and the brawl is on. This brings out Santino Marella to make Paxley/Dolin vs. By Elegance next week, with the other teams banned from ringside. Meta Four beats up some security and Marella is scared of Lash Legend. Arianna Grace comes in to say Meta Four is indeed banned next week. That was quite the unnecessary cameo.

## <u>Mance Warner vs. Magno</u>

Warner runs him over and finishes with the running knee at 1:01.

Steve Maclin insists that he wants no part of Eric Young's Northern Armory.

# <u>System vs. Elijah/Joe Hendry</u>

Alisha Edwards is here with the System. Hendry hammers Myers to start and grabs a powerslam. Elijah comes in to work on the arm and everything breaks down with the System quickly being cleared out. We take a break and come back with Eddie being knocked to the floor, where he sends Elijah hard into the steps.

Myers' chinlock doesn't last long but Alisha is right there to pull Elijah's beard to keep him down. Elijah neckbreakers his way to freedom though and it's back to Hendry to clean house. Everything breaks down and Elijah is knocked to the floor but Hendry cuts off the Backpack Stunner. Elijah cuts off Eddie and the Standing Ovation plants Myers for the pin at 11:08.

**Rating**: C. This was little more than a match to get the World Champion on the show and it worked well enough. Hendry doesn't have a clear opponent at the moment and at least they didn't waste time in having him face someone in a big match here. Elijah might be the next challenger and that's only going to be so interesting, assuming they even go in that direction.

**Overall Rating:** C. I wasn't feeling this show for the most part, as it was rather light on the in-ring action and never felt like much happened. Maybe they needed a breather after Sacrifice, but there is only so much time to get ready for Unbreakable. You can see some of the card from here, but this show didn't exactly have me interested after Sacrifice.

<u>Results</u> Rascalz b. Northern Armory – Feed Them To The Lions to Williams Mike Santana b. Mustafa Ali via countout Rosemary/Savannah Evans b. Xia Brookside/Lei Ying Lee – Thunderstruck to Evans Mance Warner b. Magno – Running knee Elijah/Joe Hendry b. The System – Standing Ovation to Myers Remember to follow me on Twitter @kbreviews and head over to my Amazon author page with 30 different cheap wrestling books at:

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