

ECW On Sci Fi – September 9, 2008: Just What They Needed

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There was actually some ECW news coming out of Unforgiven as Matt Hardy won the ECW Title in the Championship Scramble. That's quite the change of pace for the title and hopefully it takes things in a better direction. ECW has at least been a bit different in recent weeks and that is long overdue. Let's get to it.

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

We open with a recap of the Championship Scramble with Matt Hardy winning the ECW Title.

Opening sequence.

Here is Matt Hardy for a chat. He can't believe he won the title in one of the most chaotic matches he's ever and there are a lot of people he needs to thank. First of all, there are all the fans who believed in him. Second, there are all the people who doubted him, because they made him work so much harder to eat their words. He wants to be the greatest ECW Champion of all time, which brings out Mark Henry, with Tony Atlas. Henry wants a rematch, while Atlas says they're going to have a problem if Hardy ever puts his hands on him again. Henry jumps Hardy but gets sent outside, leaving Atlas to get the Twist Of Fate.

John Morrison vs. Evan Bourne

Miz is here with Morrison, who hammers him into the corner to

tart. Bourne's jumping knee misses as Striker dubs Miz and Morrison "more annoying to listen to than Hilary Clinton." Morrison grinds away on a cravate but Bourne is back up with a dropkick. A nice slingshot hurricanrana to the floor takes Morrison down again and we take a break.

We come back with Miz getting in a cheap shot so Morrison can take Bourne outside. Bourne is sent into the barricade and the chinlock goes on back inside. Morrison sends him into the ropes for another knockdown and the chinlock goes on again. A backbreaker gives Morrison two but Bourne fights up and snaps off another hurricanrana. The standing moonsault hits raised boots and Morrison knees him in the head. Starship Pain misses but Miz gets on the apron for a distraction, allowing Morrison to hit the Flying Chuck for the pin.

Rating: B. Nice, long match here, with Miz's distraction giving Bourne an out on his loss. Bourne has done rather well in his short time on the main roster and that is something ECW was desperately needing. Hardy is still the top face around here, but Bourne as a secondary option is a fine way to go.

We recap Finlay's issues with Mike Knox.

Jack Swagger vs. Josh Daniels

This is Swagger's debut and he's in plain black trunks. Swagger powers him up and grabs a headlock takeover. A gutwrench suplex lets Swagger rub Daniels' face into the mat, followed by a Blue Thunder Bomb for the pin. Total destruction.

Finlay, Matt Hardy and Hornswoggle run into Ricky Ortiz, who gives them a rally towel before the main event. Hornswoggle tries to eat it.

Mark Henry/Mike Knox vs. Finlay/Matt Hardy

Hornswoggle is here with Finlay and Hardy. Henry powers Hardy

around and runs him over with a clothesline. Hardy fights up for a crossbody, which is pulled out of the air and tossed away. Henry's big elbow crushes Hardy again but a second misses, allowing Finlay to come in. Knox splashes him in the corner and they fight outside, with Knox booting him in the face.

Henry cranks on Finlay's neck before Knox comes in for a double shoulder. The front facelock keeps Finlay away from the corner but a knee drop misses. That's enough for the tag to Hardy, who gets two off a middle rope bulldog. A moonsault hits Knox for two with Henry making the save, earning him a shillelagh to the head. The Twist Of Fate finishes Knox.

Rating: B-. This was a "hey, here's the new champion" match and Hardy still has a rematch with Henry coming up later. Beating Knox is a fine way to go as he looks intimidating enough to feel like a threat but he can put people over. I'm sure Finlay will get to beat him soon enough too.

Overall Rating: B. For a long time, ECW's biggest issue was the lack of fresh faces. This show helped take care of a lot of that, as we have a new ECW Champion, Bourne coming into his own, and Swagger making his debut. That's quite a bit of new blood on a forty five minute show and I'll absolutely take that as something ECW has been needing.

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