

Collision – August 16, 2025: The Purchasing Power Of A Swear Jar

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We are just over a week away from Forbidden Door and in this case we have something to set up a major match on the show. This week is the “Technical Spectacle” as we have a four way for the #1 contendership to the IWGP World Heavyweight Title, which should be a good one. Other than that, the Death Riders are here so let’s get to it.

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

Here is Toni Storm to get things going. She praises Athena as a history breaking woman but “holy s*** you are annoying.” How many nicknames does someone need? She is the American Joshi, meaning neither country has accepted her and she is the Fallen Goddess, meaning the Good Lord took one look at her and said “holy s*** you are annoying.”

However, if Athena is a goddess, Storm better pray. “Dear fallen goddess Athena, I pray that you will be leaving London on a budget airline with my a** print on your face.” Cue Athena and the brawl is on, with Billie Starkz coming in to beat Storm down. Athena promises to expose Storm as nothing but a bunch of sexual innuendos. She mocks Storm’s pose but here is Mina Shirakawa, which has Athena DIVING onto security for protection in a funny bit. Storm was hilarious here, as she often can be.

Video on Hangman Page vs. MJF.

Jet Speed vs. Death Riders

Marina Shafir is here with the Riders. Jet Speed dives onto them to start fast and some stereo dropkicks have Yuta down as we officially get going. Yuta fights back and brings in Moxley (the fans approve) to send both of them outside. Back in and Yuta's fisherman's suplex gets two on Knight, followed by a knee drop for the same. Knight gets two of his own off a rollup and dives over to Bailey to pick up the pace.

Some kicks put Yuta down for a standing moonsault and two more. A crane kick sends Yuta outside and a double dropkick sends Moxley outside with him. Knight gets suplexed on the floor though and we take a break. We come back with Bailey in trouble but armdragging his way out of an Angle Slam. Knight comes back in to strike away and a splash gets two on Yuta. Bailey and Moxley trade forearms (because we trade forearms in AEW) and the other two trade chops until Moxley cutters Bailey for two.

Knight springboards in to take Moxley down and Bailey's big kick to the head gets two on Yuta. A middle rope hurricanrana into a powerbomb plants Yuta for two more and a superkick into a backslide gets the same with Shafir making a save. Shafir misses a charge into the steps and Yuta knees Moxley by mistake. The tornado kick into the frog splash gets two on Yuta as Shafir had the referee. Moxley Death Riders Bailey on the floor and Yuta's low blow into a rollup finishes Knight at 16:26.

Rating: B. It was a rather fast paced and wild match, with Jet Speed coming close a few times but ultimately getting caught by the numbers game. The Death Riders should be able to beat a team like Jet Speed as they need some momentum going into the Forbidden Door cage match. Good, fast paced opener here.

Video on tonight's Technical Spectacle.

Video on the Outrunners, who are trying to get back in touch

with "Brother Nature".

Ricochet vs. Ace Austin

This is Austin's (former TNA X-Division/Tag Team Champion) debut. The fans point out that unlike Ricochet, Austin has hair. Austin kicks him to the floor to start and does his handstand on the apron, followed by a kick to Ricochet's chest. Back in and Ricochet breaks up a springboard before standing on the aforementioned hair. A 619 in the corner sets up a springboard clothesline for two on Austin and we take a break.

We come back with Austin getting two off a kick to the face but cue the Gates Of Agony for a distraction. Ricochet hits a superplex into a brainbuster, followed by a standing shooting star press for two. Vertigo is countered into a rollup for two more and Austin crotches him on top. Austin's big dive takes out all three villains but Ricochet goes to the eyes back inside. The Spirit Gun finishes for Ricochet at 10:24.

Rating: B-. This was a nice debut for Austin, who is a heck of an athlete but might have some issues with being on the smaller side. At the same time, he was fighting 3-1 here so there was only so much he could do in the first place. We'll have to see where he goes from here, but he did well to start.

The Hurt Syndicate is ready to hut either whichever team comes out of the tournament.

Paragon is ready to get back to the ring, with Roderick Strong wanting revenge on Kyle Fletcher for injuring Adam Cole. Tomohiro Ishii and Hologram seem to approve.

Paragon vs. Lee Johnson/Blake Christian

Paragon strikes away to start and an early snap suplex gets two on Christian. Johnson tries to fight back but a Christian cheap shot actually slows O'Reilly down. Christian's top rope

clothesline gets two but Strong Rock Bottoms him from the apron onto O'Reilly's knees. Strong comes in to clean house, including a string of running knees. The High/Low finishes Christian at 4:26.

Rating: C+. Pretty much a squash for the Paragon here, who needed a win after some less than great times lately. Christian and Johnson have been a decent team in Ring Of Honor, though things have started to fall apart for them since they announced that they wanted the Tag Team Titles. Such is life in Ring Of Honor, but it might be even worse for them here as they were little more than cannon fodder.

Post match Ishii and Hologram come in to celebrate but Strong leaves (seemingly focused, not out of anger). O'Reilly says he'll call the other two.

FTR jumps Brody King in the back and they brawl into the arena. King fights back but Stokely Hathaway breaks up a Cannonball. Some powder to the eyes sets up the Shatter Machine. Hathaway, with his arm in a sling, gets a Bandido (not here) mask.

Skyflight issues a challenge to the Don Callis Family for next week. They don't care if it's a singles, tag or trios match, with Leila Grey promising to f*** Don Callis up. That's \$5 to the swear jar but they're off to train.

Julia Hart vs. Kris Statlander vs. Anna Jay vs. Penelope Ford

For \$100,000 (that could buy a lot of swearing) and thankfully the seconds all leave. They pair off to start with Statlander hitting a basement dropkick to the back for two on Jay. Hart goes Old School for a hurricanrana to Statlander and Ford dropkicks Jay in the back. We take a break and come back with Statlander suplexing Ford out of the corner.

Jay hits a Blockbuster for two and gets two clean a bit of house. Ford is back up with a cutter to Jay and a poisonrana

leaves everyone down. Hart and Ford both miss moonsaults and some kicks leave everyone down again. Jay Gory Bombs Hart for two with Ford making the save. Ford and Jay fight to the apron, leaving Statlander to headscissor choke Hart for the win at 9:45.

Rating: B. They went nuts here and it made for another action packed match, which is all you can ask for in this situation. The money stipulation doesn't mean much as they keep doing these things, but maybe it could move Statlander up towards a title shot. It likely won't, but at least she gets money which changes...well nothing for her around here really.

Post match the rest of the Triangle Of Madness run in for the beatdown, triggering a bunch of run-ins for beatdowns. Harley Cameron runs in to chase the villains off.

The Don Callis Family is ready for Hiromu Takahashi at Forbidden Door. They'll see Skyflight on Dynamite too.

Kris Statlander is happy with her win and Harley Cameron runs in to celebrate with her. The Death Riders come in, with Jon Moxley saying "d*** right" and Statlander ignoring Wheeler Yuta. As you should.

Juice Robinson vs. Bryan Keith

Austin Gunn and Big Bill are here too. Robinson headlocks him down to start and armdrags him into a hiptoss. Keith tosses him outside for a crash though and we take a break. We come back with Robinson punching his way out of trouble and getting two off a faceplant. The other two get in a fight on the floor and Robinson's forward DDT gets the pin at 6:46.

Rating: C. They barely had time to do anything with the break in the middle but at least Robinson got a win. He's been needing some of those since his return so it was nice to see things going as they should. Both of these teams need something new to do, though there is only so much point in

pushing whatever is left of the Bang Bang Gang given how much of the team is gone.

Robinson seems to have banged up his knee.

Anthony Bowens yells at Renee Paquette for asking him about Max Caster. Why is he always hearing that chant when all Caster does is lose???

Daniel Garcia vs. Nigel McGuinness vs. Hechicero vs. Lee Moriarty

For an IWGP World Heavyweight Title shot at Forbidden Door. McGuinness and Moriarty pair off to fight over a top wristlock while the other two do the same. Garcia and McGuinness get the better of things and work on the arms until all four head outside. Hechicero starts in on Garcia's arm as McGuinness sends Moriarty's hand into the steps. Back in and Garcia hammers on Hechicero in the corner before they trade small packages for two each.

Moriarty joins them for some rapid fire rollups until McGuinness breaks it up with a stomp. Moriarty loads up a Gory Bomb on Garcia but McGuinness ties up Moriarty's leg...and Moriarty ankle locks Hechicero at the same time. That's not something that can last long so they all collapse as we take a break.

We come back with McGuinness hitting the Tower Of London on Hechicero with Moriarty making the save. Garcia rolls McGuinness up for two more and Hechicero chokes McGuinness. Somehow McGuinness gets a leglock on to break the choke but Garcia pulls him into a LeBell Lock while Hechicero cranks on Moriarty's arm. McGuinness reverses into a leglock on Garcia, which is broken up before Hechicero headscissor drivers Moriarty.

Garcia and McGuinness get stereo holds until McGuinness lets his go to elbow Garcia. The London Dungeon (seated armbars) has

Moriarty in trouble but Hechicero grabs a hold on both of them at the same time. Garcia breaks that up and Sharpshooters Hechicero as McGuinness puts Moriarty in the London Dungeon. McGuinness cranks back even harder though and Moriarty taps at 15:33.

Rating: B+. The name was accurate as that was one hold after another with some incredible creativity. McGuinness winning is by far the most interesting way to go as it will be great to see him getting the title shot in his home country. Hechicero looked awesome as usual and I had a blast with this, though the Ring Of Honor champion being the one to tap out is about as appropriate as you can get.

Garcia is rather upset and that doesn't bode well for McGuinness' future. McGuinness says the match with Zack Sabre Jr. is a dream match and asks for some applause for Garcia. He even asks for Garcia to be in his corner at Forbidden Door, with Garcia accepting to end the show.

Overall Rating: B+. Another rather awesome show here, which focused on the in-ring side of things but also set up a bunch of stuff. The main event and post match makes it pretty clear where things are going, along with Roderick Strong being a lot more serious and whatever is going on with the Death Riders and Kris Statlander. I had a really good time with this one and that's a nice thing to get to say about Collision.

Results

Death Riders b. Jet Speed – Low blow to Knight

Ricochet b. Ace Austin – Spirit Gun

Paragon b. Lee Johnson/Blake Christian – High/Low to Christian
Kris Statlander b. Julia Hart, Penelope Ford and Anna Jay –
Headscissor choke to Hart

Juice Robinson b. Bryan Keith – Forward DDT

Nigel McGuinness b. Lee Moriarty, Daniel Garcia and Hechicero
– London Dungeon to Moriarty

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