

AAA TripleMania XXXIII: WWE-Mex?

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Commentators: Corey Graves, John Bradshaw Layfield, Konnan

So the big deal this time is that WWE is involved, which makes sense as they have since announced their purchase of AAA. That is going to make things all the more interesting and there are several WWE stars on the card. This includes the main event, as Dominik Mysterio, Dragon Lee and El Grande Americano are challenging for the AAA World Title. Let's get to it.

Note that I do not follow AAA so I apologize in advance for any storyline or character details that I miss. I'm pretty much going just off any recaps presented (my Spanish is weak at best) and commentary.

Rey Mysterio and various other wrestlers talk about the importance of the show and how big it is to be on TripleMania.

As is customary in AAA, we get (I'm assuming) the Mexican national anthem, with various WWE/AAA dignitaries present, including HHH, Shawn Michaels and Nick Khan.

Commentary welcomes us to the show.

Copa Bardahl

This is similar to the Royal Rumble (with pinfall, submission or over the top for eliminations) with ninety second intervals (commentary says ninety seconds, though that is later described as "different intervals") for a cup. We get a nice graphic of the rules in English and Spanish so at least they're taking care of the fans. La Parka (with his awesome

dancing skeletons) is in at #1 (of fourteen) and Laredo Kid is in at #2.

Parka dances around to start as Konnan talks about various top stars who have wrestled on this event over the years. Kid plants him with a quick Michinoku Driver and hits a 450 for two as Joaquin Wilde is in at #3. Wilde rolls both of them up at the same time for two and it's Abismo Negro Jr. in at #4. Negro, a powerhouse, gives Kid a gorilla press gutbuster for two as Konnan describes him as "one of the most popular heels in our company". I try to figure out the logic of that statement as Negro gets some near falls.

Taurus (Negro's stablemate) is in at #5 and starts wrecking people, though he hits Negro by mistake. Wilde starts snapping off some headscissors but gets dropkicked in the head for his efforts. Aerostar is in at #6 and knocks Negro outside (not an elimination) and hits a dive (also not an elimination) but Kid plants him down. Kid misses a dive of his own though and gets tossed for the first elimination.

Mecha Wolf is in at #7 and gets to clean house for a bit until Cruz del Toro is in at #8. A nice top rope hurricanrana takes Negro down and del Toro and Wilde team up to clean some house. Wolf blows some mist at Wilde and tosses him though as Otis (with the SH00SH entrance for some reason) is in at #9 for a surprise. Konnan is VERY pleased and Otis faceplants a bunch of people before tossing Aerostar.

The Caterpillar hits Negro and Pimpinela (an exotico, which means a rather feminine wrestler) is in at #10 to quite the reaction. Pimpinela gets to clean some house to start and teases kissing Otis before helping him clothesline Taurus out instead. The kiss is teased again but Wolf dropkicks Otis, knocking Pimpinela out in the process. Cibernetico is in at #11 and runs some people over, including a spear to Otis.

Microman (stands 3'3) is in at #12 and actually beats some

people up until Cibernetico glares at him. Cibernetico is knocked to the apron though, with Otis picking up Microman and ramming him into Cibernetico for the elimination. Omos is in at #13 and this won't end well. Everyone stops to go after Omos, with Konnan wondering why they're attacking one by one (a question as old as time in wrestling).

Microman is the only one left standing and goes after Omos (barely clearing his knees), who looks around and finally looks down in a funny bit. Omos puts Microman on the top (JBL: "THIS HAS TO BE AGAINST THE GENEVA CONVENTION!") before everyone else goes after Omos to no avail. Del Toro and Negro are both out and Octagon Jr. is in at #14 to complete the field. That gives us a final grouping of Parka, Wolf, Otis, Microman, Otis and Octagon.

Otis goes after Omos and is knocked down just as fast, leaving Microman to splash him for the elimination. As commentary tries to figure out why you would do that to the one man who was trying to protect you, Omos picks Microman up and tosses him out (in an awesome visual). Everyone else goes after Omos but stop to fight each other (Konnan doesn't get this either, as he continues to be the voice of reason and logic in this match).

Parka gives Wolf a weird spinning cutter and tosses him to get us down to three. Omos kicks Octagon out and we're down to two, with the fans getting behind Parka. Graves: "Do you think he can do it Konnan???" Konnan: "No." And then Omos tosses Parka to win at 26:34.

Rating: B-. This is the kind of thing that will always work on a big show as it's about getting people in the ring and letting the fans have some fun. Omos is one of those spectacle people where you have to see him to get what he's like, which made the Microman spot that much better. He might not be someone you want to have around full time, but he's a great choice for a special appearance like this. Rather fun opener

here and a good way to have Omos in there as a surprise.

Dragon Lee is ready for the main event of the biggest TripleMania of all time and wants the Mega Title.

We recap El Mesias defending the Latin American Title against El Hijo del Dr. Wagner Jr. Their families have history, with Mesias having a big rivalry with Wagner's father so now Wagner wants to win the title.

Latin American Title: El Hijo del Dr. Wagner Jr. vs. El Mesias

Mesias, with Dorian Roldan, is defending. Konnan (apparently part of Roldan and Mesias' team, along with JBL) argues with Wagner's father as Wagner kicks Mesias outside for a running flip dive. Roldan grabs the foot though and Mesias' DDT gets two. A DDT onto the apron plants Wagner on the apron and a belly to back suplex connects for two more. The chinlock goes on before Mesias hits a clothesline for another near fall.

Mesias sends him outside and takes him in front of Wagner's father for the emotional beating. Back in and Mesias starts tearing at the mask, which brings Wagner up for a clothesline. JBL and Konnan get on Graves, with JBL saying "And I thought Michael Cole was bad!". Graves: "Oh come on that's below the belt." JBL: "Fair, fair." Wagner's top rope splash gets two, followed by a quick powerbomb for the same. Wagner's father and Roldan get in a fight on the floor, with Wagner's father dropping him with one shot. Back in and Mesias hits a spear for two but Wagner Jr. hits a Wagner Driver for the pin at 10:21.

Rating: C+. This was the storyline match of the show as Konnan was playing the big heel on commentary but the Wagners got some revenge and the gold. It made for a good enough match, though I'm not sure I see the big star power in the younger Wagner. Mesias is a name I'm familiar with and he was still good in the ring, but this was the right way for the fans.

Judgment Day is ready to make this the biggest TripleMania of all time. Rey Mysterio comes in, with Dominik Mysterio saying he wants his dad to see his big win.

Judgment Day vs. Lola Vice/Mr. Iguana/Nino Hamburguesa

Mixed six person tag and Roxanne Perez is here with Judgment Day. Rodriguez throws Vice into the corner to start but a spinning slam is countered into an armbreaker. Balor and Iguana come in for all of a few seconds before Nino (Hamburger Boy) comes in to face McDonagh. After McDonagh takes a shot of...something, Nino crushes him in the corner, only to miss a middle rope legdrop.

That's enough for Judgment Day to get Nino into the corner for the alternating beatdown. Nino fights out of trouble though and brings Iguana in to clean house. Iguana pulls out his puppet...but BALOR HAS HIS OWN PUPPET! That leaves Iguana very confused so Nino comes in with two burgers, with Balor taking one away for a bite. That leaves Nino to hit a dive and Vice to go up, only for Perez to interfere. Cue La Hiedra to go after Perez but hit Vice by mistake. Hiedra chases Perez off, leaving Rodriguez to Tejana Bomb Vice for the pin at 11:51.

Rating: B-. I could have stopped at "BALOR HAS HIS OWN PUPPET" and the rest of the match would have just been details. That spot was funny enough, though they managed to make Balor eat a burger for a bonus. This was a goofy WWE vs. AAA match and it entertained me rather well, which is about all you can ask for out of something like this one.

Pagano and Psycho Clown are ready to bring the violence to win the Tag Team Titles. Los Garza aren't scared because they're from finer metals.

Tag Team Titles: Psycho Clown/Pagano vs. Los Garza

Garza are defending. It's a brawl to start and the champions throw in weapons so I guess it's this kind of a match. Los

Garza grab kendo sticks...so Pagano and Clown pull out BARBED WIRE kendo sticks. Since those would, you know, nearly kill the champs, Los Garza get the better of things and unload with their sticks in the corner.

Tables are sat up at ringside but that takes too long, allowing Pagano and Clown to come back with chairs and trashcans to take over. Garza gets beaten down but Pagano misses a moonsault with a chair, meaning Pagano can get double super gorilla pressed through a table. Another table is thrown in, with Pagano spearing the champs through a table in the corner at the same time.

Back up and Garza catches Pagano, setting up a powerbomb/World's Strongest Slam to send both Pagano and Clown through tables at ringside. Berto gets two on Clown and can't believe the kickout. Clown is back up and pulls out some barbed wire, which is wrapped around Berto's head. A super Spanish Fly gives us new champions at 12:55.

Rating: C. Some of the spots were ok here, but this felt like a way for the hardcore team to come together and stand up for AAA. I get that Clown is one of the bigger stars in AAA, but this never really clicked and outside of that big spot from Garza, there was nothing on here that stood out. I wouldn't call it a bad match, though it definitely wasn't my style.

El Hijo del Vikingo talks about the main event and seems ready.

Here is Rey Mysterio to induct Konnan into the AAA Hall Of Fame. Mysterio gives a speech in Spanish (with translation from commentary), talking about what a revolutionary and visionary Konnan has been. We see a video on Konnan's career, including a lot of WCW footage. Konnan comes into the ring to talk about the importance of his career and how much AAA has meant to him.

He is the son of great legends and we hear some of those

names, with a big hug to Mysterio (whose uncle apparently trained him). More thank you's wrap it up (there was a translation, but it was hard to keep track as the translations were often coming during Konnan's speech in Spanish.

El Grande Americano is ready to win the title.

Video on the Women's Title match, with Faby Apache and Natalya both coming after Flammer's title.

Reina de Reinas Title: Natalya vs. Faby Apache vs. Flammer

Flammer is defending. Natalya is sent outside to start and Apache clotheslines Flammer down. The dive is broken up though and Natalya unloads in the corner, only to get crucified for some near falls. Natalya reverses another rollup into the Sharpshooter, which is quickly broken up. Flammer comes back in and gets her arm barred by Apache, with Natalya adding an ankle lock at the same time.

Natalya breaks that up and stomps on Apache, followed by a surfboard. That's broken up and Natalya clothesline Flammer, followed by the double Sharpshooter (it's a cool idea, but like so much Natalya can do, it's been done to death). With that broken up, Apache and Flammer hit stereo clotheslines to put each other down but Natalya is back in with an ankle lock to Apache. That's reversed into a Michinoku Driver but Flammer is back in to steal the pin on Apache and retain at 10:45.

Rating: C. I've seen a decent amount of the AAA women's division over the years and the results have been mixed at best. That was the case again here, with Natalya trying to do her thing but only being able to get so far. Natalya being added in there made the match feel a bit more important, though neither Flammer nor Apache really stood out.

Worlds Collide is back on September 12.

We recap the World Title match, which is Hijo del Vikingo

facing three challengers from WWE.

Mega Title: El Hijo del Vikingo vs. Dominik Mysterio vs. El Grande Americano vs. Dragon Lee

Vikingo is defending. They stare at each other to start before pairing off, with Americano clearing the ring. Back in and Vikingo takes Americano out before trading rollups with Lee. American gets back in and helps Mysterio double team Vikingo but Lee is in to break it up. Lee's top rope double stomp gets two on Americano, who ties Lee's mask to the rope. Mysterio and Americano get in an argument over who gets to stomp and it's Lee sending Americano into the post.

Vikingo rolls Lee up for two and the fans aren't sure what to think about that. Mysterio is back with a Canadian Destroyer to Lee but Vikingo knocks him down. Vikingo's top rope Codebreaker to Americano leaves everyone down for a needed breather. Vikingo sends Lee into the corner and hits a shooting star press but American breaks up the cover. The villains put Vikingo through the announcers' table in quite the spot and cue Judgment Day to go after Lee.

Mysterio hits the 619 with Americano making the save. Cue the LW0 to brawl with Judgment Day but here are the other El Grande Americanos to go after Lee. A step up Blockbuster gives the original Americano two and it's time to load up the mask. Lee cuts that off and dives onto a bunch of people at ringside.

Operation Dragon gets two with Vikingo making the save. The 630 gives Vikingo two on Lee and Mysterio steals the metal for his own mask. Americano and Lee get headbutted down and Mysterio hits the frog splash...but a masked man pulls the referee out. It's AJ Styles, who hits the Styles Clash on Mysterio, leaving Vikingo to hit the 630 to retain at 15:04.

Rating: B. The fans didn't seem to be thrilled with Vikingo, but it would not surprise me a bit to see either Americano or

Mysterio getting the title sooner than later. The massive interference felt a bit tacked on, but the action that we got was good enough. If nothing else, Styles vs. Mysterio continuing has some possibilities, as Mysterio getting flustered is entertaining.

Vikingo celebrates to end the show, though the fans don't seem overly pleased with him.

Overall Rating: B-. It's not nearly as good of a show as Worlds Collide, but this felt much more like AAA by way of WWE. I do like the idea of WWE promoting the company more, though I would certainly hope that it doesn't come at the expense of what makes AAA feel unique. The show was good enough to feel special though, and the WWE names made it bigger, though I'm hoping this is more a rare treat than the new norm for AAA.

Results

Omos won the Copa Bardahl last eliminating La Parka

El Hijo del Dr. Wagner Jr. b. El Mesias – Wagner Driver

Judgment Day b. Lola Vice/Mr. Iguana/Nino Hamburguesa – Tejana Bomb to Vice

Psycho Clown/Pagano b. Los Garza – Super Spanish Fly with barbed wire to Berto

Flammer b. Faby Apache and Natalya – Rollup to Apache

El Hijo del Vikingo b. Dragon Lee, El Grande Americano and Dominik Mysterio – 630 to Mysterio

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