

Smackdown – August 22, 2025: Bring That Fire

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Location: 3Arena, Dublin, Ireland

Commentators: Wade Barrett, Joe Tessitore

We're just over a week away from Clash In Paris so the company is already over to Europe. The big appeal of this week's show is John Cena making another appearance as he is on his way to facing Logan Paul next weekend. Other than that, Brock Lesnar is looking and we might be seeing that in less than a month. Let's get to it.

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

Commentary welcomes us to the show and introduces hometown star Becky Lynch (the introduction loses a lot with the terrible music). Lynch is very fired up to be here and the fans tell her that she deserves it. She came to a live event here when she was younger and Randy Orton made eye contact with her. Now that they're here for TV....the people don't deserve it.

Lynch is AGHAST at the lack of media coverage she has received and as a result, she is let down by everyone here. Lynch lists off her accomplishments, including having a VERY hot American husband. That brings up the CM PUNK chants so Lynch complains about a bunch of celebrities getting more attention than her, including a boxer, who can fight but "CAN SHE CUT A PROMO???".

Cue Tiffany Stratton to interrupt, saying she can't believe how ungrateful Lynch is to DUBLIN, IRELAND. Stratton threatens to make her leave and here is Nia Jax to go after Stratton, with Jade Cargill running in for the save. Cargill stares Lynch to the floor and Nick Aldis comes in to make the tag

match main event. Putting Stratton and Cargill in there with Lynch is a good thing, and they managed to get the fans against Lynch, which is a heck of a trick.

Fraxiom tells Carmelo Hayes that the Miz is a schemer, which brings Miz up to protest. Hayes defends Miz and the team's awesomeness is declared.

Carmelo Hayes/The Miz vs. Motor City Machine Guns

Hayes takes Sabin down to start but Sabin snaps off some armdrags. Shelley comes in and sends Miz outside for the for the big dives as we take a break. We come back with Shelley kicking him away and diving over for the tag to Sabin. Miz breaks up Skull And Bones and Hayes hits a Codebreaker on Sabin. Shelley clotheslines Hayes to the floor and it's a slingshot dive, only for Miz to steal the pin on Sabin at 8:18.

Rating: C+. Take a team, give them some kind of a bond and have them win matches. That's the trick to making a team feel important and it's working here. Miz and Hayes are a team of two guys who needed something to do and this is a simple story and it's working. Don't make this more complicated than it needs to be.

Jimmy Uso (the birthday boy) is very happy that he's going to be a father. Sami Zayn comes in for the big congratulations but Solo Sikoa and the MFTs interrupt. Sikoa says they can name the baby after Uncle Solo, but Zayn says Sikoa needs to worry about holding onto his title. The bad guys leave.

Charlotte vs. Piper Niven

Chelsea Green and Alba Fyre are here too but there is no Alexa Bliss. Niven sends her into the corner to start but Charlotte flips over to the apron. A crossbody takes Niven down, only for Green to offer a distraction. Niven crushes Charlotte for two and we take a break. We come back with Charlotte firing

off the chops for a needed breather. Niven is dropped so Charlotte can hit the moonsault for two, followed by a spear for two. The Figure Eight goes on but Fyre distracts the referee, allowing Green to rake the eyes. That's enough for the hold to be broken and the Piper Driver finishes Charlotte at 8:24.

Rating: C+. Nice enough match here, with the story being that Charlotte was fighting without her friend and partner, meaning the numbers game cut her off. That's something that works well and this will probably set up the Women's Tag Team Title match. The match didn't have much time to work, but Green being a thorn in Charlotte's side is a good way to go.

Michin interrupts Kiana James and Giulia, asking for a title match. James says Michin will have to go through her first, which is fine with Michin.

Wrestlepalooza is coming.

Here is John Cena to a hero's welcome. After the big special introduction, here is Logan Paul to cut him off before Cena can say a word. Paul doesn't think anything of Cena, who is just a fake. How is Paul seen as the outsider? He's been doing this for four years while Cena is a corporate shill who will do whatever the company tells him.

Paul asks who is the impostor: the one who risks his life at every PLE, or the guy who has been doing the same five moves for twenty years? Cena admits that Paul is a presence and a tremendous athlete, along with being a future Wrestlemania main eventer, but he is stuck on the term "outsider". Paul is not an outsider, but rather a disappointment. Cena talks about how he and WWE embraced Paul, who comes in here and tries to sell us Prime. And now, Paul is bragging about putting his life on the line for 23 matches?

Cena has been doing this for twenty three YEARS, including all kinds of times when there were no cameras around. It doesn't

matter how many moves he has, but rather how much he can give to the fans. The reality is Paul is a parasite and Cena lists off some names he could be dealing with, but he's facing Paul instead. Paul knows a lot about hustle, but he knows nothing about loyalty and respect. He better bring his a game to Paris, or Cena will "beat the ever loving s*** out of you." Paul knocks the hat off and is promptly dropped with the AA. Cena was bringing the straight fire here and it was great.

Tiffany Stratton and Jade Cargill agree to work together tonight, but Cargill is coming for the title after.

Logan Paul runs into Drew McIntyre, who praises Paul's abilities.

Street Profits vs. MFT's

Loa runs Dawkins over to start so it's off to Ford for a dropkick. Ford is taken into the corner but fights out of the corner rather quickly, only to be pulled outside. A hard posting cuts Ford down and we take an early break. We come back with Ford sending Loa crashing outside, allowing the needed tag off to Dawkins. Everything breaks down and Ford knees Mateo in the face so Talla Tonga tries to get involved. Cue Jimmy Uso to chair Talla in the back and Sami Zayn to cut off Solo Sikoa. Back in and Dawkins' spinebuster to Mateo sets up Ford's frog splash for the pin at 9:57.

Rating: B-. Remember earlier when I said Miz and Hayes were a pair of guys who were put together and getting somewhere because they won matches? Well the Profits are the same kind of thing but as a regular, long term team. That's something that works well and the Profits vs. Miz and Hayes for a title shot would make sense.

Aleister Black vs. Ron Killings

Hold on though as Killings pops up on screen and says he won't be here because he flew to Dublin, Georgia. Instead, someone

else is here in his place. Cue Damian Priest to return and attack Black, with security having to break it up. No match.

Commentary doesn't have an update on Cody Rhodes but here is Drew McIntyre to interrupt. The update is that Rhodes is a little b**** and the next time they fight, McIntyre is taking that title. Rhodes has no friends....but Randy Orton is here with an RKO to lay McIntyre out.

Nia Jax and Becky Lynch argue a bit but seem to be ok.

Here's what's coming next week, including Miz/Hayes vs. the Street Profits in a #1 contenders match. See? Makes sense.

Becky Lynch/Nia Jax vs. Tiffany Stratton/Jade Cargill

Stratton slugs away at Lynch to start and knocks her outside for the big flip dive off the top. Back in and Lynch grabs Stratton's leg so Jax can drop a leg as we take a break. We come back with Stratton making the tag to Cargill, who gets to face Lynch. Cargill gets to clean house, including a spinning torture rack powerbomb for two. Jax comes in off a blind tag but Cargill powerbombs her out of the corner. The Prettiest Moonsault Ever and Cargill's top rope splash finish at 6:33.

Rating: C+. This didn't have the time to go anywhere and it barely broke the threshold to get a rating. Again, the point here was to have Stratton and Cargill in there with the biggest female star in WWE history and they kept Lynch protected at the same time. Jax losing is the way to go here, as it's not like she's doing anything.

Nick Aldis tells John Cena that he just heard from Brock Lesnar....and Logan Paul knocks Cena cold to end the show.

Overall Rating: B-. The Cena promo was the big highlight of the show and the matches were good enough to back it up. They teased Lesnar again at the end, but the story that kept my attention was the tag team stuff. I love seeing something that

you can logically follow rather than all of the material based on swerves or guessing. Nice show here, and they're getting ready for the next big events.

Results

The Miz/Carmelo Hayes b. Motor City Machine Guns – Codebreaker to Sabin

Piper Niven b. Charlotte – Piper Driver

Street Profits b. MFT's – Frog splash to Mateo

Jade Cargill/Tiffany Stratton b. Nia Jax/Becky Lynch – Top rope splash to Jax

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