

Smackdown – December 5, 2025: The Last Time Is Next

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We're coming up on Saturday Night's Main Event and there are some major implications this week. In this case that means the finals of the Last Time Is Now tournament as Gunther faces LA Knight. The winner gets to face John Cena next week and now we get to see how that is set up. It's also the fallout show from Survivor Series, which should be interesting. Let's get to it.

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

Long recap of Survivor Series.

Drew McIntyre arrives but Nick Aldis cuts him off, saying he is still suspended. McIntyre goes to get back in his truck but Cody Rhodes jumps him from behind and McIntyre has to speed out. Rhodes storms to the ring and says he wants Aldis to reinstate McIntyre for a fight. McIntyre broke an unwritten rule in wrestling by going to Rhodes' home away from home and now Rhodes is going to get him somewhere. Reinstatement McIntyre so Rhodes can stomp on him like the cockroach that he is. This was fired up Rhodes.

Tommaso Ciampa wants the US Title shot tonight but Carmelo Hayes comes in to call him a jackass. Oh and get the title shot.

Damian Priest is tired of dealing with Aleister Black and Zelina so Rhea Ripley is going to help him out. Makes sense.

US Title: Ilja Dragunov vs. ???

Dragunov is defending against...Carmelo Hayes. They get after each other to start and Dragunov chops him down. Hayes goes up top but gets caught with a kick to the face to knock him outside. Hold on as Hayes comes up holding his knee as we take a break. We come back with Hayes missing a superkick and getting German suplexed down. Another suplex is broken up and they strike it out until Hayes blocks the Constantine Special.

The spinning faceplant gives Hayes two but Dragunov knocks him down again. The H Bomb is blocked so Dragunov slams him down again. Hayes manages a kick off the top and a slingshot DDT sends Dragunov into the apron. Back in and Hayes goes up but cue Tommaso Ciampa to knock him off the top. Dragunov didn't seem to see it but Torpedo Moscow and the H Bomb retains the title at 10:03.

Rating: B. They were starting to get rolling near the end but the result makes sense. What matters the most is that there are a few stories set up for the future. Assuming he didn't see the interference, Dragunov is not going to be pleased with what happened and a tag match is a possibility. Either way, they have me wanting to see Ciampa getting that title shot and that's a good sign.

Post match Dragunov sees the replay and is not happy.

Alexa Bliss and Charlotte are on the same page and ready to go after the Tag Team Titles.

We recap the Last Time Is Now Tournament.

LA Knight is ready for Gunther, because it's the last time for one of them. Knight takes off the sunglasses, saying he's unlike anything Gunther has ever seen (except when they fought in NXT). He throws in a Matthew McConaghey "all right all right all right" to wrap it up.

We look at John Cena winning the WWE Title from AJ Styles at the 2017 Royal Rumble.

Kairi Sane vs. Alexa Bliss

Asuka and Charlotte are here too. Bliss actually wins a wrestle off to start and hits a flipping backplash to send Sane outside. Sane plants her on the floor though and we take a break. We come back with Sane tying Bliss in the ropes for a top rope double stomp and a frustrated kickout. Bliss is back with the running Blockbuster but Asuka's distraction lets Sane get two off a rollup. Charlotte kicks Asuka down and Sane drops Bliss, only to miss the Insane Elbow. The Sister Abigail DDT finishes Sane at 7:58.

Rating: C. I wasn't feeling this one as much, though Asuka's interference kept things going well enough to give Bliss a headache. Odds are we're coming up on a three way title match with Nia Jax and Lash Legend, which is at least a good sign for the division. You know, that we're actually close to having one.

Post match Nia Jax and Lash Legend jump Charlotte and Bliss from behind for the big beatdown. They switch over to Sane, but Asuka is back up to take out Legend. Jax chokebombs Asuka though and Legend is back up with a pump kick. Asuka has to save Sane from the Annihilator.

Cody Rhodes and Nick Aldis want to do something and go into Aldis' office, where NXT Champion Ricky Saints and #1 contender Oba Femi are waiting. Aldis leaves and Rhodes says that in the spirit of what John Cena wants next week's Saturday Night's Main Event to be, the winner of Saints vs. Femi (tomorrow at Deadline) will face him next Saturday.

Nia Jax and Lash Legend want the Tag Team Titles.

Alba Fyre vs. Jade Cargill

Non-title and Chelsea Green is here too. Fyre starts fast and actually manages to kick Cargill down. Cue Kiana James to distract Green so Giulia can jump her from behind. Fyre isn't

sure what to do and gets spinebusted by Cargill. A pump kick sets up Jaded to finish Fyre at 1:34.

Axiom wants to fight DIY and pleads their case to Nick Aldis. Ilja Dragunov comes in to demand a match with Tommaso Ciampa, which Aldis grants. Dragunov says Axiom can have whatever is left of Ciampa, but here is Tama Tonga for the staredown. Solo Sikoa pops up and tells Tonga, and the rest of the MFT's, to do this later.

B-Fab runs into Jade Cargill and they argue a bit. Michin comes in with her kendo stick to break it up and glare at Cargill a bit more.

Here are Solo Sikoa and the MFT's to brag about their win last week. That brings him to the Wyatt Sicks, as he isn't happy with them stalking his family. Sikoa is too smart for that and is ready to take the memories from Uncle Howdy. It is time to show that Howdy does not deserve the name Wyatt (which Howdy doesn't actually use) because all he has to do is bo-lieve. Sikoa and company go to leave but here are the Wyatt Sicks, with Howdy popping up behind Sikoa for the staredown. The big brawl is on and we get the Rowan vs. Talla showdown, with the fans loving the whole thing. The Wyatts clear the ring.

Miz wants on the Saturday Night's Main Event card and is accused of switching the balls for the tournament last week. Bayley comes in and distracts Aldis, which has Miz storming off. Bayley is wrestling next Saturday and will be facing...Sol Ruca, who comes in for some friendly threats. Bayley will be watching Ruca at Deadline.

Gunther is ready to win and knows that there are a bunch of hungry superstars in the back. He's the different kind though and wants John Cena to watch how he beats Knight.

Aleister Black is sick of Damian Priest, who he knew was broken. Zelina, carrying a snake, comes in and mocks Rhea Ripley, with both of them promising to destroy the former

Terror Twins.

Here's what's coming next week.

Last Time Is Now Tournament Finals: Gunther vs. LA Knight

Gunther starts with the chops but can't hit the powerbomb. Instead Knight knocks him outside and hits a dropkick through the ropes as we take a break. We come back with Gunther missing an elbow but chopping Knight down again. Knight gets up anyway and sends him into the corner for the jumping neckbreaker. The BFT misses but the sleeper is countered into a quick rollup for two. Knight gives Gunther a messy AA, followed by a Burning Hammer for two as we take a break.

We come back with Knight winning a strike off and going up, only to miss the jumping elbow. Gunther hits his shotgun dropkick but the powerbomb is countered into a DDT. Now the jumping elbow gets two but the BFT is countered with a German suplex. Knight's neck is banged up so Gunther twists it around, followed by a hard clothesline. Knight takes him up top but gets shoved down, setting up Gunther's top rope splash.

Gunther does it again to the back (not the back of the neck Cole) for two, followed by the powerbomb for the same. A BFT out of nowhere connects for two, as Gunther gets his foot on the rope. Gunther gets the sleeper but can't finish him off, so Gunther elbows him in the head. A modified crossface has Knight in more trouble and he actually taps at 17:34.

Rating: B+. This was what it should have been, with Knight giving it his all but not being able to hang with the monster Gunther. That's where it should be interesting next weekend when that version of Gunther faces Super Cena. Knight was trying hard here but came up just short, with the tap out making Gunther look that much better. Rather good main event here, with a predictable (not a bad thing) winner.

Post match Gunther promises to make Cena tap out to end the show.

Overall Rating: B. The main event helped a lot and it came at the end of the show with the fired up Rhodes promo and the pretty awesome Wyatts vs. MFT's showdown. This was a show that made things look more important for the next few times and that gives me hope for what we're going to be seeing in the next few weeks. Bringing NXT up for the special Saturday Night's Main Event is a good call and I'm curious to see how well the whole thing goes.

Results

Ilja Dragunov b. Carmelo Hayes – H Bomb

Alexa Bliss b. Kairi Sane – Sister Abigail DDT

Jade Cargill b. Alba Fyre – Jaded

Gunther b. LA Knight – Crossface

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