

AEW Collision – April 16, 2026: They Lack Subtlety

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We're on Thursday again this week due to Wrestlemania and this show has a lot to live up to after last night. Darby Allin is the new World Champion after beating MJF in about two minutes to win the title. Other than that we're still dealing with the fallout from Dynasty, which was a good show in its own right. Let's get to it.

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

Opening sequence. They might want to edit out the THIS IS SATURDAY NIGHT audio.

Here is Adam Copeland to get things going and he's got quite a black eye. Things didn't go as he wanted at Dynasty as FTR did what they said they would do and did it. Christian Cage is finding out if his arm is broken after Dynasty. FTR piledrove Copeland's wife and stole Cage's watch, which is worse for Cage than hurting his wife. FTR said that Copeland and Cage wouldn't get another title shot but Copeland has an idea on that. He and Cage have been gone for years each but they're back again to go after FTR. Cue FTR and Roppongi Vice to go after Copeland, with the Young Bucks making the save.

Jack Perry wants Don Callis to pick another opponent to meet him next week.

Rascalz vs. Young Bucks

Myron Reed/Zachary Wentz for the Rascalz here. Wentz wristdrags Nick down to start but gets caught with a spinwheel

kick. Reed comes in and gets sent into a German suplex, followed by a backbreaker to each Rascal. Reed manages a dropkick though and it's back to Wentz to clean house.

The Rascalz hit stereo dives and Wentz uses Reed as a launchpad to hit both Bucks. Back in and a Stundog Millionaire into a superkick into a German suplex gets two on Nick and we take a break. We come back with Nick fighting out of trouble and bringing Matt back in for the rolling northern lights suplexes.

Double bulldogs and a top rope elbow/Swanton give the Bucks two each. The Bucks have a mishap though and the Rascalz are back with cutters. A 450 gives Wentz two but it's a pair of superkicks to put him down. The BTE Trigger hits Reed but Wentz makes the save. The TK Driver is broken up as well, only for the second attempt to end Wentz at 13:40.

Rating: B+. Yeah this worked, as the Bucks can work this style rather well and the Rascalz were right there to hang with them. It was a rather exciting match and they got me a few times with the false finishes. As usual, the Bucks are far easier to watch when they're not talking and AEW seems to understand that part.

Post match the Dogs run in and beat down both teams. David Finlay say they're down a Dog but they still want bodies and gold.

Video on Megan Bayne and Leno Kross.

Conglomeration vs. Lethal Twist

Non-title. O'Reilly works on Lethal's arm to start and it's quickly off to Cassidy, who is still in his sunglasses. Strong comes in with a backbreaker and Cassidy goes to the top...the middle...uh bottom...or just the mat as he walks over for an elbow. Christian comes in and sticks the landing when Cassidy armdrags him down.

Lethal gets in a cheap shot though and everything breaks down, with the villains getting in a triple strut as we take a break. We come back with Cassidy in trouble and casually walking out of a sunset flip, allowing the tag off to Strong. Everything breaks down again and Strong tosses Cassidy for a tornado DDT. O'Reilly gets a tag and hits a running knee off the apron to drop Lethal.

Christian is back up with a kick into a suplex to O'Reilly and Hail To The King gives Lethal two. Cassidy and Christian trade lazy kicks until O'Reilly's knee gets triple teamed down. That's broken up as well and everyone is down again. O'Reilly picks Johnson's ankle though and with his partners taken out, Johnson taps at 12:21.

Rating: B. This was another good one, as the Conglomeration knows how to work well together and the fans were into them. I can go with the Lethal Twist being served up to them here too, as the Twist have basically stopped going after Bandido's Ring Of Honor World Title. I still like Christian, as odd as that might seem, but this might be his ceiling at the moment.

Anthony Bowens asks Hook if he's in the Opps or not. We'll find out next week.

Kris Statlander/Hikaru Shida vs. Big Anne/Danika Della Rouge

Statlander flapjacks Rouge to start and catapults her into the corner for the tag off to Anne. Shida comes in to strike away and hits a falcon arrow. The Katana is loaded up but she gives Statlander a tag instead. Saturday Night Fever finishes Anne at 2:31.

Jon Moxley vs. Nick Wayne

Non-title. Wayne bails to the floor to start and the local fans seem to like him a lot. Back in and Moxley takes him down by the arm but Wayne fights up again. Some kicks have Moxley's

eyes bugging up so he hammers away in the corner. A jumping back elbow cuts Moxley off and Wayne gets in a cocky kick to the face.

Moxley heads outside but comes back in, offers a handshake, and then grabs a piledriver. We take a break and come back with Moxley's Crash Landing connecting for two. Wayne gets some boots up in the corner though and hits a middle rope dropkick. Moxley is back with a full nelson but Wayne hits a quick Code Red for two more.

That earns him a crossface but Wayne slips out and strikes away. A big dive to the floor drops Moxley again and he's busted open near the eye. Back in and Wayne kicks him in the head for two, only for Moxley to shrug off some forearms. The Death Rider finishes for Moxley at 14:59.

Rating: B. It's nice to see Wayne getting a chance to showcase himself, as it's not like he does anything in Ring Of Honor despite coming close to a year as champion. This was a good way to give the hometown fans something to cheer about, which is always a great idea. Moxley is good at making someone else look better, though I have a hard time believing that it's going to matter for him.

Don Callis says he can get Kazuchika Okada out of his title match with Konosuke Takeshita but Okada wants the match.

Pac vs. Lio Rush

Daniel Garcia is here too. Pac is freaked out by the new Rush as well and falls down when Rush stands up in the corner. Rush yells a lot and starts the dodging and running before bridging on his neck. The confusion lets Rush send him outside, where Rush beats up Garcia but the distraction lets Pac stomp away on the floor.

We take a break and come back with Rush freaking Pac out again. Pac is knocked outside for the suicide dive and the

sleeper goes on back inside. A poisonrana gives Rush two and a Stunner knocks Pac silly...but Garcia offers a distraction. Pac gets in a big clothesline and grabs the Brutalizer, with Rush smiling as he passes out at 11:01.

Rating: C+. HEY! DID YOU KNOW THAT RUSH IS CRAZY??? I DIDN'T KNOW IF WE HAD MADE THAT CLEAR YET OR NOT! This was beating you over the head with the idea as much as they could and my goodness it gets dumber and dumber every second Rush is out there. Rush is talented enough to do something without this nonsense and no I don't buy that Pac, who has been a near main eventer, having this much trouble with him.

Video on Bandido, who is a wanted man. He's not wanted enough that anyone has gone after his title since December and there's no match announced here, but maybe I'm missing the subtext.

Brody King/Mistico/Mascara Dorada vs. Ricky Gibson/KC Riff/Cole Rivera

For some reason Riff jumps King from behind before the bell. The pain, this time in the form of chops, is immediate and Mistico and Dorada hit some dives. The Ganso Bomb finishes Riff at 1:27.

Mina Shirakawa interrupts Hikaru Shida and Kris Statlander. She does not trust Shida after what she said about Harley Cameron. Statlander has to keep them apart but Shirakawa still doesn't trust them.

We look at Darby Allin winning the World Title on Dynamite in a great moment.

Women's Title: Alex Windsor vs. Thekla

Thekla is defending and bails out to the floor to start. Windsor is back in to hammer away and grabs a suplex back inside. Thekla bails outside and trips Windsor down, setting

up a hard clothesline on the floor as we take a break. We come back with Thekla choking in the ropes and giving her a basement superkick for two.

Windsor fights back with a big running shoulder and a Blue Thunder Bomb gets another near fall. They yell at each other a lot and trade forearms, with Windsor knocking her down for a Sharpshooter. Thekla gets to the rope and comes back with a Black Widow. That's broken up as well so they go up top, with Thekla pulling out the brass knuckles. The first shot misses but the second connects, setting up a Stomp to retain Thekla's title at 12:12.

Rating: B. I like that they didn't have this drawn out to be some big time title match again, as Thekla is fresh off beating Windsor's partner. Thekla beating both halves of the team and moving on to someone fresh is a good way to go and I'm curious to see who is next for her. Hopefully Windsor and Hayter get back to winning, as I like them as a team thus far.

Overall Rating: B+. This show started off red hot, cooled off a bit, and then picked up again. It's nice to see this kind of a show getting the Thursday spot, as in theory it should lead to a much bigger audience than usual. The show doesn't mean much in the long term, but there is always a place for a night of rather good wrestling on free TV.

Results

Young Bucks b. Rascalz – TK Driver to Wentz

Conglomeration b. Lethal Twist – Ankle lock to Johnson

Kris Statlander/Hikaru Shida b. Big Anne/Danika Della Rouge – Saturday Night Fever to Anne

Jon Moxley b. Nick Wayne – Death Rider

Pac b. Lio Rush – Brutalizer

Brody King/Mistico/Mascara Dorada b. Ricky Gibson/KC Riff/Cole Rivera – Ganso Bomb to Riff

Thekla b. Alex Windsor – Stomp

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