

TJPW Live In Las Vegas: Goofy Fun And Pillow Fighting

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This is Tokyo Joshi Pro, meaning Japanese women's wrestling. I've watched their Wrestlemania Week offering a few times now and had a good time with it, as this is usually much more lighthearted in a lot of ways. That should be the case again here, with some awesome wrestling going with the mirth and merriment. Let's get to it.

Our ring announcer/host welcomes us to the show and gets us to cheer before introducing what sounded like the Up Up Girls, who warm us up with a rather perky song and dance.

We run down the card.

Toga/Uta Takami vs. Wakana Uehara/Yuki Kamifuki

Toga and Uehara trade waist and wristlocks to start with Uehara taking her down for a front facelock. They flip up to a staredown so it's off to Kamifuki to slam Takami. A double choke has Takami in trouble and Uehara gives her a running elbow in the corner. The running dropkick puts Takami down for two but she's up with a dropkick of her own. That lets Toga come back in for Rolling Thunder and a near fall of her own.

Uehara pulls Toga into a weird armbars but that's broken up for a hard clothesline to put Uehara down instead. Kamifuki gets a Black Widow, which is escaped with a needed grab of the rope. Toga gets in a slam and it's back to Takami for a dropkick of her own. Kamifuki blocks an attempt at a choke and boots

Takami in the face. Takami is right back up with the Koala Clutch (a hanging cobra clutch), which is broken up without much trouble. Kamifuki grabs a brainbuster and Fameassers Takami for the pin at 10:01.

Rating: B-. This was a nice fast paced opener and the fans were into what they were seeing. As usual, it's a good sign when I don't know who these people are but I could understand what was going on. They weren't out there too long either and it wound up being a nice opener. Well done.

Pom Harajaku/Raku/Yuki Aino vs. Alexis Lee/Himawari/Shino Suzuki

Hold on as the referee pulls out a remote and mutes one of the wrestlers, which is certainly a brilliant/stupid idea (your call). They all shake hands and we're ready to go. A pillow comes out so Lee's team teases a nap, only to get rolled up for a triple near fall. Lee and company send them into the corner, with Shino picking up Himawari to swing her into Aino

Himawari swings her hair at Raku, who takes her back down, runs the ropes, and calmly sits on her for two. Aino's backplash gets two and it's off to Pom...who has a big die and rolls a three. That means three forearms so Himawari rolls a six...and Pom forearms her six times. Himawari manages to roll a zero but is fine enough to grab a Blockbuster.

Lee comes in for a rollup out of the corner before biting Pom's neck. She teases checking on Pom, who rolls her up instead and hits a dropkick. Raku knocks Lee down in the corner and gets two off a running dropkick. Lee slams Raku's head into the mat but misses a charge. Instead she settles for biting Raku's arm, only to get caught with a Sling Blade. Aino comes in to face Himawari and pick up the pace, with Aino hitting a spinning Vader Bomb for two.

Himawari uses her own hair to choke and Shino holds Raku up for a spear. Aino comes back in and gets dropkicked but Pom

(die) and Raku (pillow) are up to clean house. Back in and Pom cleans house with the die but Shino takes it away and rolls...a zero. Somehow she gets to throw six forearm until Lee is back in with a spear to Raku. The pillow is brought in and thrown out Aino gives Shino a reverse layout DDT for the pin at 14:33.

Rating: C+. I have no idea what a lot of this was about, but I think I liked it and I'll call that a win. This is the definition of something that doesn't exactly translate and I had a lot of instances of "WHY", but the wrestling we got was good enough. Call it a culture clash, though it could have been worse.

Miyu Yamashita vs. Mizuki vs. Miu Watanabe

They seem to get along as we're ready to go. Mizuki gets the worst of a three way test of strength before Yamashita grabs a double snapmare. Yamashita kicks both of them in the back and takes them to the entrance for some running kicks to the chest. Mizuki is ready for a kick on the ramp though and sends Yamashita to the floor for a double stomp.

Back in and Watanabe beats on Yamashita until Mizuki breaks up the giant swing. Yamashita drops Watanabe with a running clothesline before grabbing a kind of reverse cobra clutch. With that broken up, Yamashita hits an AA but Mizuki is back in for the save. A high crossbody gives Mizuki two but Yamashita drops her with a wheelbarrow suplex.

Watanabe is back in with the giant swing before they knock each other down for a triple breather. Back up and Mizuki's spinning crossbody hits Yamashita for two, leaving Yamashita to kick the head out of Watanabe. Mizuki's top rope double stomp hits Watanabe for two but Yamashita is back with a running knee to pin Mizuki at 14:06.

Rating: B. That's probably the match of the night as it's almost all action throughout. You don't get many matches like

this and it's the match with the least silliness thus far. Yamashita is someone who feels like a force every time she's in there and Watanabe is easy to cheer for due to her size. I liked this a lot and that's nice to see, even with nothing on the line.

International Princess Title: Sakura Hattori vs. Suzume

Suzume is defending. Hattori tries to strike away and gets rolled up for some early near falls. A running back elbow puts Suzume down and a handspring kick gives Hattori two. Hattori's victory roll out of the corner gets two more but Suzume is back with a springboard bulldog for a breather. A non-springboard bulldog gives Suzume two and they head to the apron, where Suzume grabs a running bulldog to send her onto the floor.

Back in and Hattori ties up her...well everything really for two, followed by a standing choke. Suzume slips out and hits a Gory Bomb before going up, only to get crotched down. Hattori spider superplexes her down so a top rope forearm can connect for two. A spinning Swanton misses though and Suzume hits a running dropkick. Suzume's running cutter retains at 11:38.

Rating: B. Commentary didn't seem to know much about Hattori but you could feel the basic idea of the match very easily. Suzume felt like the crowd favorite who was fighting from underneath against an aggressive challenger. That's something that will work every time and they played it rather well here. I could see Suzume being a popular act and that seemed to be working, which isn't a big surprise.

Princess Tag Team Titles: IInspiration vs. Shoko Nakajima/Hyper Misao

The IInspiration is challenging and Misao thinks she's a superhero. The champs rip up a sign to start and the fans want to see a title change. Misao says their mission is to get the

titles back so they jump the champs to start fast. The IInspiration fights back and strikes their pose, only to get wrapped up in the ring skirt.

Back in and Misao hits a running knee for two on Lee and Nakajima adds a slingshot hilo for two. That just earns her a drop toehold into a knee to the face, followed by a double choke in the corner. Lee forearms her down but Nakajima is back up for the tag off to Misao. McKay gets sent throat first into the ropes, only to come back with a big boot for a double down.

Nakajima is back in with a springboard dropkick but McKay cuts off the 619 attempt. The Idolizer is broken up as well though, allowing Misao to put on her cape and hit a double high crossbody. They all strike it out until McKay easily fights out of the corner. The Idolizer finishes Nakajima to retain the title at 12:35.

Rating: C+. As usual, the IInspiration are not the most polished in-ring team, but they know how to wrestle a story that works well enough for them. The ending kind of came out of nowhere here as the IInspiration just shrugged off what was thrown at them and retained the titles. Not a great match, but Misao continues to be memorable, as I remembered everything about her the second her name came up. That's a good sign.

Princess Of Princess Title: Yuki Arai vs. J-Rod

Arai is defending the company's top title. The rather muscular J-Rod isn't having any of this being headlocked and hits a hard shoulder to put the champion down. Arai manages a takedown and drops a knee, only to get suplexed. A hair takedown drops Arai so a splash can give J-Rod two. They head outside with Arai being dropped onto the apron and we hit the double arm crank back inside.

Arai gets up and kicks her in the face before managing an impressive slam. Some kind of leglock is blocked and J-Rod's

spinebuster gets two. Arai tries a sunset flip, which lets her pull J-Rod into a Sharpshooter. J-Rod is into the ropes (the fans get sad) and it's a big spear for two, with Arai making it to the rope as well. Another spear hits post though and Arai gives her a full nelson slam. The ax kick retains the title at 11:04.

Rating: B-. Perfectly fine match here, even though J-Rod was only doing basic stuff. She has a phenomenal look and is basically all muscle but is going to need some more time and experience in the ring. Arai didn't exactly stand out, but it was pretty clear that she had more experience and polish here.

Post match respect is shown and here is the roster to celebrate to end the show (as it TJPW's custom).

Overall Rating: B-. This show might be the definition of "not for everyone" as there are definitely parts that embrace the sillier side of wrestling. Throw in all of the princess themed stuff and there are going to be things that don't keep everyone's attention. That being said, there is some rather good action here and I definitely had a good time with the whole thing. If you like some of the less serious stuff which still has nice wrestling, maybe check it out. Or wait for Stardom if you still want to see women's wrestling with a straighter style.

Results

Wakana Uehara/Yuki Kamifuki b. Toga/Uta Takami – Fameasser to Takami

Pom Harajaku/Raku/Yuki Aino b. Alexis Lee/Himawari/Shino Suzuki – Reverse layout DDT to Suzuki

Miyu Yamashita b. Mizuki and Miu Watanabe – Running knee to Mizuki

Suzume b. Sakura Hattori – Running cutter

IInspiration b. Hyper Misao/Shoko Nakajima b. Idolizer to Nakajima

Yuka Arai b. J-Rod – Ax kick

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