

# AEW Dynamite – April 22, 2026: These Guys Are Nuts

## Dynamite

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Well last week was a pretty big deal and now we get to see where things are going. That's what we're going to be finding out as Darby Allin is the new World Champion. We're also about a month away from Double Or Nothing and now we get to see what might be coming up on the show. Let's get to it.

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

We open with a quick look back at Darby Allin winning the World Title last week.

Here is a ticked off MJF to get things going. He isn't like the paper champion Darby Allin and demands respect. Last week was the Seattle Screwjob because he was three days removed from a war with Kenny Omega (which he won of course) and then Allin hit him low to start the match.

Allin can't beat him if the playing field is even but here is Kevin Knight to interrupt. Knight says it's the same old MJF out here whining like a little b\*\*\*\*. He had MJF pinned a few weeks ago so if anyone was screwed it was him. MJF mocks what Knight said, as well as thinking it's "socially acceptable" to be friends with Mike Bailey.

It's so amusing to think think Knight is a star but the TNT Title suits him well: a title for someone with a ceiling. Knight threatens him with a slap and says some of the best in the world have held that title so it's no wonder MJF never held it. We have a challenge for a fight and MJF says Knight

has talked him into it so get a referee out here. Said referee comes out and holds up the title...but MJF rolls outside and says we'll do it next week.

The Demand and Chris Jericho are in the back and Ricochet mocks the idea of them having a six man tag against Jericho. That makes Jericho laugh but he does show off his new shirt, which features a statement about regularly getting beaten up by the Demand. Jericho will just find someone who doesn't like Ricochet.

### **Brody King vs. Lio Rush**

Rush talks to himself in the corner so King pulls him out and gives him a slam. King sends him outside for the big chops but the running crossbody hits barricade. Rush posts him and we take an early break. We come back with King blocking the springboard Stunner and hitting a heck of a running clothesline.

Back up and Rush hits a Stunner over the middle rope but he has to escape a powerbomb. Rush does his weird crawl around the ring and hits a suicide dive, followed by the big dive to the floor. Back in and a frog splash to the back gives Rush one but King is back with a swinging Boss Man Slam. The Ganso Bomb finishes Rush at 9:25.

**Rating:** B-. Rush's problem continues to be this ridiculous gimmick, as it's distracting from his great athleticism. That should be enough to make Rush stand out but he has to do all of the weird, creepy stuff instead. The match was a pretty good back and forth match, but the over the top Rush stuff brought it back down as it kept getting brought back up.

Post match King implies he wants the winner of tonight's World Title match.

Tommaso Ciampa (challenging for the World Title) says he is a father, a husband and a son. Tonight is about proving that

glass ceilings can be shattered and no one has been more prepared than him. Darby Allin says he wants this, but Ciampa needs it. This was really good and I bought what he was saying.

Adam Copeland wants another Tag Team Title shot against FTR and they can make it a street fight. If FTR wins, Copeland and Christian Cage will retire as a team.

### **Hikaru Shida vs. Mina Shirakawa**

Kris Statlander is here with Shida, who says something about Shirakawa in Japanese before the match. Shirakawa grabs a headlock to start and gets thrown down by the hair. That earns her Shirakawa's dance and a Sling Blade before they go into a pinfall reversal sequence. Shida hits a running knee and we take a break. We come back with Shirakawa grabbing a headscissors into a basement dropkick.

Shirakawa starts in on the leg but the Figure Four is blocked. They go out to the apron with Shida hitting a belly to back piledriver and a top rope Meteora gets two. The falcon arrow is escaped and Shirakawa scores with a discus forearm. The top rope Sling Blade gives Shirakawa two and now the Figure Four goes on. With that broken up, Shirakawa grabs the kendo stick but Statlander takes it away. Shida knees her down and hits the falcon arrow for the pin at 11:50.

**Rating:** B-. It turns out that two talented wrestlers are able to have a good match when they're given the chance. It worked well here and the idea of Shirakawa getting frustrated enough to try to use the cane. That being said, it's not a great sign that Shirakawa lost again as she is just kind of there at the moment. I'm not sure how that's going to change, but she doesn't have the brightest future right now.

Video on Kazuchika Okada vs. Konosuke Takeshita.

We look at the Death Riders helping the Dogs attacking the

Rascalz and Young Bucks. The result is an eight man tag on Collision.

## Will Ospreay vs. Mark Davis

Davis jumps him before the bell as Don Callis joins commentary. Ospreay fights back and knocks him outside for a slingshot hurricanrana. Back in and Davis blocks a piledriver attempt and knocks him down with a single chop. That's enough to send it back to the floor, where Davis fires off some knees. Ospreay is able to get back up for a running flip dive off the stage and we take a break.

We come back with Davis breaking out of a choke and grabbing a neckbreaker. Ospreay is able to hit a handspring kick to the head, followed by a top rope forearm to the back of the head. Davis crotches him on top and scores with a head of a clothesline. Something like a reverse Angle Slam gets two but the piledriver is escaped.

They trade kicks to the head and Ospreay Spanish Flies him for two. Davis hits a pair of belly to back suplexes and an enziguri, only for Ospreay to hit a quick Hidden Blade. The slightly delayed cover only gets two and Davis pulls him into the piledriver. Ospreay gets the foot on the rope so Davis piledrives him on the apron. That's enough for the referee to call it at 15:32.

**Rating:** B. Well first of all, big points for not having Ospreay beat the count or pop up to his feet after that devastating of a move. The foot on the ropes after the regular version is acceptable enough but having Ospreay get up after the souped up piledriver would have killed the move. Outside of that, they beat each other up rather well, with Davis turning into a heck of a midcard monster over the last few months. Well done indeed.

Post match Davis teases another piledriver but gets the Death Riders run in to cut him off, albeit without getting physical.

The Riders take the out cold Ospreay with them.

Alex Windsor and Persephone want the Triangle Of Madness on Collision. This was hard to understand because some fans kept yelling and a mic in the arena was picking it up.

### **Samoa Joe vs. Cody Chhun**

Chhun gets out of a wristlock to start but gets pulled into an armbar. Joe unloads with the snap jabs into the corner and then walks away from a crossbody. The MuscleBuster finishes Chhun at 2:43.

Post match Hook comes out for a fist bump with Joe.

Video on Darby Allin, set to a song about how "I gotta be me" and showing some of his odd behavior. And winning the World Title.

Chris Jericho has found some partners in the Hurt Syndicate.

Here is Darby Allin for a chat. Allin lays the title in the middle of the ring and looks at it before talking about how his first match was right here in Portland. Everything could end as soon as Tommaso Ciampa comes out here. This title is for his beautiful fiance and the people...but here is MJF to interrupt. Allin turns down the rematch request...until MJF puts something on the line. Allin: "So get your a\*\* out of my ring!" That would be easier if MJF wasn't standing on the ramp. Anyway here is Ciampa and we're ready to go.

### **AEW World Title: Tommaso Ciampa vs. Darby Allin**

Ciampa is challenging and kicks him in the face in the corner to start. Willow's Bell is blocked so Ciampa whips him into the barricade. We take a break and come back with Ciampa catapulting him face first into the bottom of the ring. Ciampa misses a running boot so Allin goes up and dives with a clothesline into the timekeeper's area. Ciampa comes up and is VERY busted open, with Allin hitting a suicide dive as a

bonus.

Back in and the Coffin Drop is broken up, with blood splatters on the camera. Allin is back up with a Scorpion Death Drop but Ciampa rolls away before the Coffin Drop can launch. Ciampa catches him on top...and hits a super Air Raid Crash to the floor, with nothing to break the fall (good grief). We take another break and we come back again with Ciampa chopping away.

Allin catapults him into the corner, with Allin bouncing back out with a double stomp. A running knee hits Allin, who pops right back up for a knockdown of his own. The Coffin Drop lands in a choke though, followed by a running knee for two. Another running knee gets another two but Ciampa can't get a Scorpion Deathlock. Allin reverses into one of his own and, after quite the struggle, gets the tag at 18:02.

**Rating:** B+. This was a match where I was expecting it to be good but I wasn't expecting them to go this hard. These two beat the living daylights out of each other and it felt like a war. It's a good example of a match with pretty much no drama about the result but it was incredible watching them beat each other up until Ciampa gave out. Awesome main event.

Respect is shown after the match. Ciampa leaves but here is Brody King to issue the challenge for next week. Allin is in to end the show.

**Overall Rating:** B+. Yeah this was another great show, with the stories progressing well enough and a heck of a main event to go with the rather good Ospreay vs. Davis match. I'm not sure what we're going to get at Double Or Nothing but we can figure that out in the next few weeks. Dynamite is on a bit of a roll right now and if they can keep it up going into Double Or Nothing, we should have a heck of a pay per view coming up.

## Results

Brody King b. Lio Rush – Ganso Bomb

Hikaru Shida b. Mina Shirakawa – Falcon arrow  
Mark Davis b. Will Ospreay via referee stoppage  
Samoa Joe b. Cody Chhun – MuscleBuster  
Darby Allin b. Tommaso Ciampa – Scorpion Deathlock

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