

# Impact Wrestling – April 23, 2026: Carry It Guys

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It's World Title time, as Rich Swann is getting a shot at Mike Santana and the gold. That should be enough to carry the show but we still have a bit of fallout from Rebellion to deal with this week. If nothing else, the Hardys still want revenge on the Righteous, as their feud is somehow still going. Let's get to it.

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Opening sequence.

## Bear Bronson vs. Nic Nemeth

The rest of the System is here and Ryan Nemeth is on commentary. Bronson chokes in the corner to start and gives him a rather enthusiastic slam. Nic fights back but Bronson sits down on his chest, allowing Alisha Edwards to get in a cheap shot from the floor. The side slam gives Bronson two but Nic fights up and hits a quick Fameasser.

Bronson chokebombs him for two more, only to get sent into the post. The running DDT and superkick give Nic two more but Bronson knocks him outside. The System surrounds him but KC Navarro comes out to offer a distraction. Nic hits the superkick into the Danger Zone for the pin at 8:27.

**Rating:** B-. This actually wound up being pretty decent, which isn't a surprise as Bronson has completely exceeded his expectations in his time around here. The interference likely

sets up another tag match down the line and I'm digging Nic as a good guy. You could put him into the World Title scene rather easily and that will likely be the case down the line, though going after the System is a good way to start.

Rich Swann, with BDE, is very excited for the main event and wants to do this alone. BDE doesn't seem to mind.

Here is...well it's supposed to be Elijah for a concert but it's obviously Frankie Kazarian with a fake beard (which commentary does recognize). He has a bad case of the blues because he can't beat Kazarian and he has written a song called Kaz Is My Daddy. Cue the real Elijah to choke Kazarian out and announce a guitar strap match. Then he sings about how horrible Kazarian is. I've heard worse ideas for a gimmick match.

EC3 has a chair and is ready to end Eric Young.

Tessa Blanchard, Victoria Crawford and Mila Moore are back from the Undead Realm and next week, they're fighting Rosemary and company in their world. Sidenote: I know it's (probably) not intentional but Moore's "Hotter Than Her" shirt with an arrow pointing at Crawford is hilarious.

## **Dutch vs. Matt Hardy**

Their partners are banned from ringside. Hardy wastes no time in setting up a table at ringside and spray paints SACRIFICE on top. Dutch jumps him inside for the opening bell and blocks an early Twist Of Fate attempt. The Side Effect connects and they go outside, with Hardy ramming Dutch's head into the steps over and over.

We take a break and come back with Dutch charging into a side slam and grabbing a chinlock. That's broken up and Dutch misses an elbow, allowing Hardy to hit a DDT. Dutch is sent outside for a middle rope elbow...which breaks one of the table's legs but not the table itself. Hardy suplexes him through the table but since it was set up before the match,

it's not a DQ. As I try to get my head around THAT logic, Vincent pops out from underneath the ring and slides a chair inside. The distraction lets Vincent shove Hardy off the top into Death Walks to give Dutch the pin at 10:15.

**Rating:** C. The idea here was that Hardy wanted revenge, but at the same time the stuff with the table didn't exactly work. This feud feels like it should have ended a few times now and odds are we're going to the Hardy Compound sooner than later. Dutch getting a win is a surprise, though it was only an ok match.

Post match Vincent sits in a chair as Dutch beats on Matt. Jeff Hardy runs in for the save, which is treated as a surprise because...well because villains in wrestling are dumb.

The Elegance Brand have Mr. Elegance show off his physique to convince Daria Rae to give him a match next week. Yeah sure. She's rather confused as the team leaves. This could be funny, which might be due to Rae not using her terrible catchphrase.

Here is a rather upset looking Lei Ying Lee for a chat. After apologizing for her English not being great, she says she loves her friends and TNA but doesn't know why Xia Brookside did that to her. Cue Brookside, now in a leather jacket, to say they aren't best friends because if they were, they would have stood together at Rebellion. Lee is in tears as Brookside says she has the pressure of being a second generation star and being all alone.

Lee talks about being alone out here but then she met Brookside and tried to help her. She apologizes to Brookside and promises to be right by her side. Brookside says she made a mistake and that Lee has been by her side. She knows Lee will be champion again and they make up with a big hug. Then Brookside glares at the camera and lays her out. Perfectly fine stuff here, though Brookside as a heel might be hard to make work.

## **Elayna Black vs. Katie Arquette**

Black knocks her down to start and then trips her onto the apron. Back in and Black knocks her into the corner, setting up the Blackout for the fast pin at 2:29. Total squash.

Mustafa Ali, with Order 4, welcomes us to the International Title summit, where a random country is selected to have a representative get a title shot. The lucky country is Australia and the challenger is...Chris Brookes! He's thankful for the chance and calls Ali a "bloke", which Ali doesn't understand.

Bear Bronson is ticked off about his loss and Cedric Alexander wants Leon Slater and the X-Division Title. Eddie Edwards says the System will fix this.

## **TNA World Title: Rich Swann vs. Mike Santana**

Santana is defending and Swann is in remarkable shape as that has never been his thing before. They shake hands to start and we're ready to go. Santana goes after the arm to start and wrestles him down, with Swann popping up for a standoff. They go to the test of strength and head to the mat with neither being able to get the advantage.

Back up and they both miss dropkicks, followed by Swann catching Santana with a dropkick to send him into the ropes. That has Santana rethinking things and hitting a dropkick of his own. A belly to back faceplant drops Swann and Santana hits a backsplash for two. They go outside, where Santana sends him face first into the floor (ow) as we take a break. We come back with Swann hitting a running kick from the apron and putting Santana in a chair next to the barricade.

Some running kicks to the face have Santana rocked but he comes back with a superkick. They get back inside, where Swann superkicks him out of the air and goes up as well. That earns Swann a top rope superplex, though he might have countered in

some way as they both stay down. Santana fights up and strikes away, setting up the Rolling Buck Fifty. The Cannonball and a sitout powerbomb give Santana two but Swann scores with a rolling clothesline.

Swann misses a middle rope 450 but connects with the handspring cutter. A super hurricanrana into a frog splash gives Swann two and they need a breather. Back up and Santana tries a sitout powerbomb but gets reversed into a Canadian Destroyer for a rather near fall. Swann hits a superkick but Santana pops up with a heck of a Spin The Block to retain at 19:06.

**Rating:** B+. Yeah this worked, as they beat the fire out of each other and Swann looks like he's back after a weird few years. That's great to see and he has clearly put in the work. At the same time, Santana continues to be the man and it's great to see that he is feeling like the A-list star of this promotion. TNA has been needing that as even Joe Hendry felt like he was a rental before he could get to WWE. Santana doesn't feel that way (though WWE would snatch him up as soon as they could if possible) and that's good to see for the promotion.

Respect is shown to end the show.

**Overall Rating:** B-. The main event is rather good, though there was only so much worthwhile on the rest of the show. Right now there isn't a big show set up so until we start building towards whatever is next, we're in something of a holding pattern. Granted having that good of a main event helps, but it's the only thing really worth your time this week.

### Results

Nic Nemeth b. Bear Bronson – Danger Zone

Dutch b. Matt Hardy – Death Walks

Elayna Black b. Katie Arquette – Blackout

Mike Santana b. Rich Swann – Spin The Block

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