

Impact Wrestling – April 30, 2026: Walk And Fight

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Unless I've missed it, we don't have a big show announced yet outside of Slammiversary. That's all the way in late June so I'd assume we'll be getting an announcement sooner than later. I'm not sure who is going to be coming after the World Title, but it's time for Elijah vs. Frankie Kazarian in a guitar strap match. Let's get to it.

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Opening recap.

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Vincent vs. Jeff Hardy

Their partners are barred from ringside. Hardy jumps him to start fast but it's way too early for the Swanton. Instead Hardy dives outside to take him down on the floor, followed by the spinning mule kick back inside. Another Swanton attempt is broken up and Vincent rams him into the apron. Back in and Vincent bends Hardy's back over his knee, only for Hardy to fight up with a sitout jawbreaker. They punch each other down until Hardy gets back up for the legdrop between the legs.

The Twist Of Fate gets two so Hardy Russian legsweeps him into a rollup for two more. A sitout gordbuster drops Vincent again but he pulls Hardy back out of the corner for the crash. Vincent goes up...and the lights go out...oh no...and yeah Broken Matt is back. The lights go out again and when they come back

up, Jeff is on top and Vincent is down, meaning the Swanton can finish for Jeff at 7:55.

Rating: C+. Dang it. I was hoping we wouldn't be going here even after all of the signs pointing in this direction. I'm not a big fan of the Broken stuff and we're probably coming up on another Final Deletion style match. That being said, I do appreciate that this is a story taking place without the titles, which is always appreciated.

Frankie Kazarian is ready for the guitar strap match because he's been in the first of a bunch of matches over the last twenty years. Tonight, he's doing it again.

International Title: Mustafa Ali vs. Adam Brooks

Ali is defending after picking a random country. Brooks gets run over to start and Ali grabs a running hurricanrana. A spinwheel kick knocks Brooks down but he's right back with a kick to the face. Ali gets backdropped to the floor but plants Brooks on the floor to cut him right back off. The rolling neckbreaker gives Ali two back inside and we hit the chinlock. Ali gets up but dives into a punch to the face to knock him out of the air. Brooks brainbusters him onto the knee for two but misses a charge in the corner. The 450 retains the title at 5:55.

Rating: C+. Brooks got a chance to showcase himself here but this was the first time around for Ali's international deal. That's something that could go on for a long time and it means more of Ali in the ring, which is a good thing to see. Just let it get build up for awhile and then have a big name waiting on him. Simple and classic.

Eric Young wants to face EC3 once and for all next week.

We run down the rest of the card.

Tessa Blanchard/Victoria Crawford/Mila Moore vs. Rosemary/Allie/Mara Sade

And yes, commentary brings up that Allie was killed. Rosemary whips Crawford into the corner to start and hammers away, followed by a bite to send her outside. Sade hits a big dive onto the three villains and we take a break. We come back with Rosemary getting triple kneed in the corner as we see a rather bad shot of a bunch of empty seats. Rosemary fights up and brings Allie back in to clean house. Allie and Rosemary grab stereo Upside Downs and the Codebreaker finishes Moore at 8:36.

Rating: C+. It's nice to see Allie get a win after such a bad case of death so at least she still has something. I'm a bit surprised to see Moore take the fall, as Crawford tends to be the team's designated loser. I'm not sure how long the Undead Realm women are going to be around but at least we got a nice moment here.

Santino Marella says he has been cleared of all charges and he has authority again. Next week, it's Moose/Leon Slater vs. the System, plus the Tag Team and Knockouts Titles are on the line. That's a relief, as Rae being in charge full time doesn't sound great.

Here is Indi Hartwell, who is happy with the Marella decision, despite Daria Rae's interference. Other than that, she's coming for Arianna Grace.

Mike Santana is happy with his match against Rich Swann last week but Nic Nemeth shows up, suggesting he'll be cashing in soon.

Daria Rae talks to her unseen boss, who confirms that all of Santino Marella's matches are set and Marella is back in power. Indi Hartwell comes in and Rae threatens to not renew her contract.

Mr. Elegance vs. Home Town Man

The Elegance Brand is here with Elegance, who poses to start. That earns him an armbar, which is broken up rather quickly. Instead, Man grabs an airplane spin and chokes on the rope. Elegance is back with a spinebuster, followed by some running knees to the back (which I had to see more than once to see what it was).

The Brand messes with Man's Syracuse jersey though and that's enough to really start the comeback. An elbow and high crossbody give Man two but Ash gets on the apron to dance. Man shrugs off her offer of a kiss though and puts a mask on her, only to get caught with the wind up DDT to give Elegance the pin at 6:05.

Rating: C-. I'm not sure what to make of this, as Elegance really isn't good, which I guess is the entire point. I think? Maybe? Either way, he's better as someone who stands outside and poses a lot, as the in-ring side of things isn't his strong suit. The whole Brand needs something to do though, as they're just kind of floating around at the moment.

Allie and Mara Sade are happy when Rosemary comes in to say they still have a lot of work to do. Sade dances, Allie tries to dance, and Rosemary gets caught dancing, which has her rather annoyed.

Lei Ying Lee is crushed and is ready to leave her title shot behind. Tommy Dreamer comes up to tie this into his feud with Raven. Everyone believes in Lee, who agrees to stay.

Here is Leon Slater for a chat. He's happy to be here because he is getting closer and closer to being the longest reigning X-Division Champion of all time. That's all fine, but he's not happy with Cedric Alexander, who can't keep Slater's name out of his mouth. Cue Alexander, who says he has earned a title shot, which will come on May 14, a day before Slater sets the record. Cue the System to jump Slater but Moose runs in for

the save. Brian Myers gets powerbombed onto the rest of the team and Alisha Edwards has to bail to avoid a spear.

Ryan Nemeth feels left out by his big brother...and explains this to AJ Francis. After explaining that he does NOT like Nemeth slapping his leg, Francis points out that the Nemeths did all of this to him. He doesn't care, and wants Nemeth to leave KC Navarro to him.

Frankie Kazarian vs. Elijah

It's a strap match with four corners rules, though they start in the back. Kazarian seems to try to cheat to start things off to no avail and they slug it out. They fight around a bit, until Kazarian finds some hand sanitizer to blind Elijah. Kazarian slams Elijah's arm in a door but gets crotched on some piece of equipment. Elijah puts him on a cart and sends him rolling into a crash. Some rams into a garage door have Kazarian in more trouble and they head to ringside as we take a break.

We come back with the brawl continuing at ringside until Elijah sends him inside. A rope walk sunset bomb (cool) puts Kazarian down but he's right back up with some whips to the ribs. That's fine with Elijah, who ties him around the post and gets in his own whipping. Kazarian whips him on the apron and drops a leg but gets pulled into the post. Back in and Kazarian grabs the chickenwing but Elijah hits three buckles.

That's broken up as Kazarian pulls him down into the middle to stay on the arm. Elijah breaks that up as well and knees him out of the air. A Backstabber cuts Elijah off so Kazarian gets three buckles, with Elijah pulling him down. The strap breaks so the Highwayman's Farewell connects and Elijah gets three buckles. Kazarian tries to fight back so it's a heck of a guitar shot to knock him silly and give Elijah the fourth buckle for the win at 16:34.

Rating: B-. Yeah it was fine, which is about as you're going

to get in this kind of a match most of the time. The feud was only so interesting in the first place and this match didn't make things that much better. Elijah winning is fine, though I'd rather he just get into another personal feud rather than moving up the ladder very far. I just don't see him as a bigger name around here, as he tends to fit in better around this level.

Overall Rating: C+. The show was fine, even if it felt more like a means to set up the bigger shows down the line. That's not a bad thing to do every so often as it lets things get built up a bit more. They don't have a special coming up, but there are a few big matches set, which is fine enough for the time being. It's not a must see show but it kept things moving forward fairly well. Call it a setup show and a decent one at that.

Results

Jeff Hardy b. Vincent – Swanton

Mustafa Ali b. Adam Brooks – 450

Rosemary/Allie/Mara Sade b. Tessa Blanchard/Victoria Crawford/Mila Moore – Codebreaker to Moore

Mr. Elegance b. Home Town Man – Wind Up DDT

Elijah b. Frankie Kazarian – Elijah touched all four turnbuckles

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