

# AEW Collision – May 16, 2026: It's Still Going

## Collision

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Location: Wicomico Civic Center, Salisbury, Maryland

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We're back to the usual time and schedule for the show as we have the World Title on the line again. This time Darby Allin is defending against Sammy Guevara, who issued the challenge at last night's Ring Of Honor Supercard Of Honor. That's in addition to a few other matches set up at last night's show. Let's get to it.

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

We run down the card.

After Dynamite, Jon Moxley, with the Death Riders, complained about not being able to beat Kyle O'Reilly. In theory, that means O'Reilly will be the next Continental Champion but Moxley is going to find a way. Claudio Castagnoli is ready to face Brody King in the Owen Hart Tournament. The rest of the team is ready to face the world. If it's Wheeler Yuta against the world, the world doesn't have much to worry about.

## Conglomeration vs. Shane Taylor Promotions

Non-title Eliminator Match. Bravo and Briscoe trade headlocks to start with Briscoe knocking him into the corner. That means it's off to O'Reilly vs. Moriarty, with O'Reilly taking him down to taking him down into a rollup for two. The cross armbreaker is blocked but everything breaks down, with O'Reilly being left alone to hammer Moriarty in the corner. Cassidy comes in for one right hand and Moriarty falls down.

Dean comes in and gets armdragged by Cassidy, who is sent to

the apron and beats up the Infantry anyway. A slingshot spear finally takes Cassidy down and Taylor (not in the match) drops a leg on the apron as we take a break. We come back with Cassidy getting in his spinning DDT but Moriarty grabs an abdominal stretch.

The other members of the team all pull until they get caught, meaning Cassidy can bring O'Reilly back in. The Infantry's belly to back neckbreaker puts O'Reilly down for two and everything breaks down. Taylor cuts off Briscoe's step up chair dive so O'Reilly takes Taylor down. That leaves Briscoe to Froggy Bow and Jay Driller Dean for the pin at 13:33.

**Rating:** B. This was the usual good match that turned into a fairly wild brawl by the end. That worked out well, with the Conglomeration always working, even in the altered lineup. Both teams were mixing it up a bit here and that's fine enough, as it's not like the titles were on the line in the first place.

Will Ospreay is ready for the Owen Hart Tournament. He respects Samoa Joe, but no one is stopping him from winning the whole thing.

The Conglomeration is happy with their win (it wasn't a title defense, despite what the interviewer says). O'Reilly is ready for Moxley and Briscoe is ready for Tommaso Ciampa. Willow Nightingale wants all the gold, including the Women's Title.

### **TBS Title: Willow Nightingale vs. Red Velvet**

Nightingale is defending (Velvet's ROH Women's TV Title isn't on the line) and say it with me: it's an open challenge. Nightingale backs her into the corner and smiles to start so Velvet kicks the leg out. Velvet's arm cranking doesn't work so Nightingale gets up and offers a (left) hand(ed) shake.

Velvet tries and fails to crank on the arm and Nightingale sends her into the corner for the rapid fire clotheslines. A

sitdown splash misses for Nightingale and Velvet rolls her up for two. They head outside, with Velvet striking away, only to get caught with a suplex. We take a break and come back with Nightingale missing her flip dive off the apron for a nasty crash. A bulldog gives Velvet two but she charges into a spinebuster for the same.

Nightingale drops her with a powerslam but the Babe With The Powerbomb is countered into a hurricanrana. Velvet hits some running knees, only to flip into a full nelson slam for two more. Back up and Nightingale wins a strike off but gets flipped off the top. The Final Slice gives Velvet two, only for Nightingale to Pounce her out of her skin. The Babe With The Powerbomb retains the title at 13:03.

**Rating:** B-. Velvet has been on a roll since she came back from her injury and it's nice to see her getting to showcase that on the bigger stage. At the same time, it feels like all Nightingale does anymore is defend the title in open challenges. It really shouldn't be hard to find her a regular challenger and hopefully that is coming up sooner than later.

We look at the Women's Owen Hart Cup brackets.

Video on Sammy Guevara, who is ready to challenge Darby Allin for the World Title.

Guevara knows he can beat Allin, as he's done it four times before. Then he'll beat MJF and shave him bald, but he'll leave a fade.

Darby Allin isn't surprised MJF isn't here. He's here to defend the title though because he loves this. If Mike Bailey wants a title shot, bring it on Dynamite.

Tommaso Ciampa is attacking Mark Briscoe in the back and they brawl into the arena, where Briscoe whips him into the barricade. Briscoe throws in some chairs, along with Ciampa, but the Jay Driller is broken up with a low blow. Ciampa

chairs him down and takes Briscoe up top but the Conglomeration runs in for the save. Briscoe wants their match on Dynamite No DQ.

We look at the Men's Owen Hart Cup brackets.

## Opps vs. Lethal Twist

Lethal wants to start with Joe and gets his wish, with a chop just annoying Joe a bit more. It's off to Bowens and Johnson, with Bowens sending him hard into the corner and stomping away. Bowens drives Lethal back first into the apron a few times as he's being rather aggressive here. Back in and a Russian legsweep sets up Joe's backsplash for two but a Blake Christian distraction lets Lethal hit a missile dropkick.

We take a break and come back with Johnson hammering on Joe. The beating doesn't last long as Joe is up for the tag off to Bowens, who cleans house. A spinning torture rack faceplant gets two on Johnson, who Death Valley Drivers him into Hail To The King from Lethal. The Figure Four is blocked and Bowens clotheslines his way out of trouble. Joe comes in and yells at Lethal for clotheslining him, meaning it's the Koquina Clutch to Lethal and a twisting armbar to Johnson for the double tap at 11:48.

**Rating:** B-. I can go for Bowens getting to do something of note after so many months of just floating around. The more aggressive style worked well for him here and the armbar is a fine way to go. This has me intrigued to see more and that's not something I've gotten to say about a Bowens match for a long time. Nice fit here, which I didn't see coming.

Post match Bowens talks about how confused he was for a long time, but then he found the Opps and it's a perfect fit. He is the pride of professional wrestling and your hero, crediting Joe with his change of attitude. Joe tells Will Ospreay that decisions have consequences and while Ospreay sees it as a dream match, it's going to be a nightmare.

We look at Swerve Strickland attacking Bandido last night at Supercard Of Honor.

Brody King threatens Strickland with violence but Bandido says he has to do this one himself.

## **Megan Bayne/Lena Kross vs. Allie Katch/Kaia McKenna**

Non-title Eliminator match with a five minute time limit. Bayne knocks Katch into the corner to start and it's off to Kross for the rapid fire elbows to the face. Everything breaks down and the non-champions get slammed into each other. The Divine Intervention finishes Katch at 1:50.

Video on the Double Or Nothing Women's Title match.

Athena and Mina Shirakawa bicker before their Owen Hart Cup match.

We look at Nigel McGuinness beating Josh Woods at Supercard Of Honor.

We look at Lio Rush's "star making performance" from last night. Not exactly no.

Rush, being rather normal, says "these things happen", when asked about Action Andretti costing him the match. He insists it's fine, but when interviewer Nigel McGuinness leaves, he takes off his sunglasses to reveal red eyes as black goo drips out of his mouth. Anything in wrestling involving "black goo" is not a good idea. Free lesson of the day.

## **The Dogs/Mark Davis vs. The Rascalz**

Clark Connors beats up a production worker for dropping something. The Rascalz triple team Davis to start and manage to knock him down in the corner. Everything breaks down and the Rascalz get to strike Davis down inside. The Dogs make a save and Wentz gets triple teamed down as we take a break.

We come back with Connors running over to break up a tag attempt as Wentz is still in trouble. Wentz fights up a few seconds later and gets the tag off to Reed to clean house. The Dogs cut that off and it's back to Davis, who takes too long setting up a double Doomsday Device. That's broken up with a double superplex and the Rascalz hit a triple dive. Reed cutters both Dogs but gets piledriven by Davis, setting up the Last Clip to give Finlay the pin at 11:33.

**Rating:** B-. The match was entertaining, but I could really go for more tag matches with, you know, tags throughout. I get that things are going to break down eventually as almost all tag matches do, but it shouldn't be this much of the match. Davis and the Dogs worked well enough here and the Dogs certainly need the wins.

Anna Jay has a lot left to do and Tay Melo is here with her. Their team seems to be back.

### **AEW World Title: Darby Allin vs. Sammy Guevara**

Allin is defending and it's No Countout again. Allin looks down at the title...and Guevara stomps him onto it for a smart move. The bell rings and Guevara goes outside to set up the table (because No Countout means No DQ) and a ladder (because of course). Guevara's Swanton off the ladder sends Allin through the table and we're less than two minutes into the match.

Back in and the GTH is countered into the Scorpion Deathlock but Allin collapses with the hold on. For some reason that's not a stoppage and Guevara drops a springboard splash for two. Allin knocks him off the top but the Coffin Drop is broken up and Guevara sends Allin crashing out to the floor. Back in and Three Amigos give Guevara two and we hit the chinlock.

We take a break and come back with Guevara diving into a choke but making the rope. Guevara is back up with a shot to the face but Allin kicks him in the face and hits a springboard

shoulder. A pair of GTH's and a frog splash give Guevara two so he puts Allin on a table at ringside. The 630 misses for Guevara and a Coffin Drop retains the title at 17:06.

**Rating:** C+. I get what they're going for with Allin but I'm at the point where I really could go for a break from him. Seeing the same person headline show after show in a 15-20 minute match is losing its charm. The match was far from bad, but I'm looking forward to Allin losing the title just so he's away for a little while. Throw in him reaching Super Cena levels of surviving stuff and it's even worse.

**Overall Rating:** B-. I liked the show for the most part, as it felt more like a show that was focusing on setting things up while also doing some stuff here. That's not usually the case with Collision but they have been doing a bit better in recent weeks. If that's becoming the new norm, Collision will get a lot more useful in a hurry. For now, good stuff, even if I'm rather over the Allin stuff.

### Results

Conglomeration b. Shane Taylor Promotions – Jay Driller to Dean

Willow Nightingale b. Red Velvet – Babe With The Powerbomb

Opps b. Lethal Twist – Double submission

Megan Bayne/Lena Kross b. Allie Katch/Kaia McKenna – Divine Intervention to Katch

The Dogs/Mark Davis b. The Rascalz – Last Clip to Reed

Darby Allin b. Sammy Guevara – Coffin Drop

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