

# AEW Dynamite – June 17, 2026: You Need Shows Like This

## Dynamite

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We're less than two weeks away from Forbidden Door and the tournaments are on a roll. We have the two Owen Hart Cups and the qualifying matches for the upcoming Survival Of The Fittest, which is basically a tournament of its own. That's in addition to the six on six cage match and tonight we're getting that match minus the cage. Let's get to it.

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

MJF and the Don Callis Family are in the back with MJF bragging about his abilities and now he's ready for Mark Briscoe and company. Other than that though, he's ready for Will Ospreay, who needs to realize that it isn't 2024 and time has passed Ospreay by. As for Briscoe, it's hilarious that he thinks he has a prayer to win the match tonight or at Forbidden Door. Callis introduces the rest of MJF's team, which includes Kevin Knight, Kyle Fletcher, Jake Doyle, Kazuchika Okada and Andrade El Idolo. That's quite a team, but Andrade isn't happy with the move. Callis calms him down, again, and tells him to do the match.

## Kenny Omega vs. Tony Nese

This is the result of Nese wanting a match. Omega wastes no time in taking over and hitting the Snapdragon. The V Trigger and One Winged Angel finish at 1:49. Now that's how you properly use an ROH star, as Nese doesn't do anything on his own and was perfect cannon fodder for Omega.

Post match Omega gets the mic but here are TMDK to interrupt. The three of them get in the ring so Omega wisely bails, with the Elite coming out to back him up. Omega explains that no one knows what TMDK means anyway but he's ready for Zack Sabre Jr. at Forbidden Door. This is what it should have been, as it's just another thrown out there Forbidden Door match and I'd rather they do this than have Sabre get a bunch of TV time to build him up at the last minute.

We look at the Dogs beating the Young Bucks on Collision.

We run down the rest of the card.

### **Death Riders vs. Brodido**

Garcia shoves Bandido around to start and takes him to the mat for a slap to the back of the head. Back up and Bandido takes over on him rather quickly and hand it off to King for a slam. Garcia stops to dance and is double chopped down and it's time for Moxley to come in. The big exchange of forearms (complete with intense glaring) goes to King as Moxley is sent outside for the dive from Bandido.

We take a break and come back with King and Moxley striking it out again. Moxley hits a cutter but King pops back up for a running clothesline. Bandido comes back in to suplex Garcia into the corner but King stops to yell at Marina Shafir, allowing Moxley to get in a suicide dive. A spike piledriver puts King down on the floor and Bandido is knocked down as well.

King is getting to his feet about 40 seconds after being spike piledriven on the floor so the Riders throw him back inside for two. Moxley plants King down again and we take a second break. We come back with Moxley knocking Bandido off the apron so King can't escape. Moxley and Garcia fire off the corner clotheslines but he double clotheslines his way out.

It's off to Bandido for the house cleaning, with Garcia and

Moxley both having to be saved from delayed vertical suplexes. Instead Shafir is suplexed and Bandido hits a big dive to hit all three of them. Back in and everyone is knocked down again until Bandido catches Garcia with a pop up knee. King dives onto Moxley and the 21 Plex finishes Garcia at 22:04.

**Rating:** B. Well that was...random. I'm not sure where this came from but it wound up being a good match, King's ridiculous selling of a spike piledriver on the floor aside. If nothing else, it was nice to see Bandido avoid taking a fall as it keeps the ROH World Title looking even remotely important. I mean it isn't, but at least they're giving it a bit of an impression.

Kyle Fletcher and Kazuchika Okada aren't sure who they'll be facing tonight, but it won't be Tomohiro Ishii, who has been attacked. Oh no. Not that guy who never wins anything important!

Tommaso Ciampa talks about how he used to respect Chris Jericho. He loved the version who changed the wrestling world and took over New Japan. The version last week though? The one with all of the puns? Ciampa hates that one and offers to dance with Jericho if Jericho is interested.

The Dogs are coming to the ring for a chat but Adam Copeland and Christian Cage pop up to beat them down. Cage says he didn't do anything to the Dogs' mothers because he would never do anything to a team named after their mothers. Copeland talks about the things he and Cage learned over the years, including facing teams like the APA and learning from their beatings. The Dogs can walk through the Forbidden Door, but they're walking back out as housebroken little pups.

Starlight Kid is ready to stand up for Stardom and beat Thekla. Thank goodness someone is standing up for...that other promotion.

Thekla talks about doing everything that Kid did and she got

fired from Japan. Now it's time for Thekla to beat Kid and take her mask.

Bandido is really happy about the win over the Death Riders. Bandido wants to face Jon Moxley for the Continental Title at Forbidden Door so Jon Moxley comes in to tell him to shoot his shot. This is going to be Bandido's third pay per view out of four where he loses a singles match with the person beating him having no interest in being the ROH World Champion. As in the title he has defended once in America this year. Which absolutely needs to be a thing.

### **Women's Owen Hart Tournament Semifinals: Hazuki vs. Mercedes Mone**

They run the ropes to start until Hazuki slips on a springboard attempt but knocks Mone down. The threat of a running shot sends Mone bailing out to the ramp and she bails again from what looks like a rolling clothesline. We take a break and come back with Mone hitting a nasty gutbuster for two, with Hazuki rolling outside this time. Mone knocks her into the corner for two more but Hazuki gets in a toss to the floor. The suicide dives connect, as does a missile dropkick back inside.

Back in and Mone gets in two Amigos but the third is blocked, leaving Mone to snap the arm over the middle rope. A Meteora knocks Hazuki onto the ramp as we take a break. We come back with Hazuki firing away but getting sent face first into the middle buckle. Hazuki knocks her down again and drops the top rope backsplash, setting up the crossface. That's broken up as well and they trade forearms from their knees with Hazuki getting the better of things.

They trade kicks to the face for a double down but Hazuki is back up with a kick to the face for two more. A brainbuster sends Mone out to the floor but she comes back inside for an exchange of rollups. The Statement Maker goes on and is broken

up, leaving Mone rather frustrated. La majistral gives Hazuki two and they trade running shots to the face. Mone catches her with a Backstabber into the Statement Maker out of mostly nowhere for the tap at 22:28.

**Rating:** B. I never know what to say in a match like this because this whole thing was based on what these two did when they faced each other somewhere else. I'm sure that match was great, but basically we're just told "yeah they had an awesome match". Hazuki doesn't mean anything in AEW (where she debuted last month) but Mone gets to have another match that I'm sure will be described as a classic.

Video on Maya World vs. Athena in the other semifinal.

Here is Will Ospreay, who is rather happy after getting married over the weekend. Yeah he has to go on his honeymoon so he took his wife upstairs, did various things, and told her to clean herself up because he was going to Houston. With that out of the way, here is Swerve Strickland as well, with Prince Nana mocking Tony Schiavone's suit.

Strickland says it's been awhile and Ospreay says the look on Strickland's face is different. Actually Strickland thinks Ospreay has changed because no one knows why Ospreay is with the Death Riders. Ospreay says people need to let it go because he's training with them and the training is working. That night where the Riders hurt him though, he didn't see Strickland anywhere. Then they agreed to help Hangman Page get the World Title but where was Strickland there again? So where was Strickland?

Before he can speak, Ospreay takes the mic and says his own dream is bigger than Strickland's explanation. Their match is going to be the semifinals of Ospreay's World Cup. Strickland threatens to take Ospreay out and asks where Page is now. After everything they did, Page is just gone and now Strickland is supposed to step aside again?

Strickland is ready to get his title back because he's better than Ospreay on his best day. Ospreay shoves him down so Strickland gets the chain out. Cue the Death Riders, with Strickland saying Ospreay really has changed. They got the point across well enough, but this was a rather lengthy exchange.

Chris Jericho wants to go face to face with Tommaso Ciampa on Collision.

Will Ospreay yells at Daniel Garcia when Jon Moxley comes in to ask if Ospreay feels in control. Moxley tells him he can't lose control and Ospreay lets go of Garcia.

MJF and the Don Callis Family come to the ring for the main event but Mark Briscoe and the Conglomeration pop up. Briscoe introduces the rest of the team, including Konosuke Takeshita (who he introduces with a less than great name for someone Asian) and Darby Allin.

### **Maxwell Jacob Friedman/Don Callis Family vs. Conglomeration/Darby Allin/Konosuke Takeshita**

Briscoe starts with MJF, who breaks new ground by tagging out at the bell. Andrade comes in and is sent outside for his regular photo, earning a dropkick through the ropes from Briscoe. Back in and the good guys take turns beating on Andrade in the corner but he's able to take his pants off anyway. Fletcher and O'Reilly come in with Fletcher posing a lot before taking over.

O'Reilly rolls into an ankle lock and everything breaks down into the big brawl. Takeshita hits the big running flip dive but Allin gets jumped from behind inside. Fletcher and Knight almost get in a fight until it's MJF coming back in to stomp on Allin's ankle. We take a break and come back with Doyle working on Cassidy's arm, only for Cassidy to feed him MJF's arm instead. That's enough for Strong to come in and clean house, including throwing Cassidy at various people.

Doyle is back in and gets knocked down to give Strong two as everything breaks down again. We get the parade of knockdowns until Takeshita and Fletcher fight over a brainbuster. Takeshita gives him a Blue Thunder Bomb instead and it's off to MJF vs. Briscoe for the big showdown. Briscoe cleans house again but Knight breaks up the Jay Driller. Allin hobbles after Knight through the crowd but Doyle grabs Allin and sends him off the stage and into the post. The Jay Driller plants MJF so Don Callis distracts the referee. MJF takes Strong down into the Salt Of The Earth for the rather fast tap 17:23.

**Rating:** B-. This is one of the things that AEW does and I don't get it. They have this match go over seventeen minutes and then expect me to be interested in seeing it again, albeit in a cage, in about a week and a half. I really do not get it and while the match was good enough, I don't really need to see them do it even bigger at Forbidden Door. The result is fine enough, even with Strong tapping out so quickly.

Post match the good guys are beaten down, with Andrade and MJF almost getting into a fight. That's broken up and Briscoe gets hit in the face with the diamond ring to end the show.

**Overall Rating:** B. This was the big push towards Forbidden Door and it accomplished that pretty well. The important thing here was setting up some matches for the pay per view while also advancing some of the stuff that is already set. You need to have shows like this and they did it with some good matches here, albeit with some parts which were less than enthralling.

### Results

Kenny Omega b. Tony Nese – One Winged Angel

Brodido b. Death Riders – 21 Plex to Garcia

Mercedes Mone b. Hazuki – Statement Maker

Maxwell Jacob Friedman/Don Callis Family b.

Conglomeration/Darby Allin/Konosuke Takeshita – Salt Of The Earth to Strong

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