

AEW Collision – June 6, 2026: Just Like Old Times

Collision

Date: June 6, 2026

Location: Covelli Center, Youngstown, Ohio

Commentators: Tony Schiavone, Nigel McGuinness

The tournament season continues with more from the Owen Hart Cups. This weekend features at least one women's match and there is a chance of even more. In addition, the Women's Tag Team Titles are on the line as Tay Melo/Anna Jay get their shot after surviving five minutes with the champions last week. Let's get to it.

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

Commentary runs down the card.

Women's Tag Team Titles: Megan Bayne/Lena Kross vs. Anna Jay/Tay Melo

Bayne/Kross are defending. Jay and Bayne start things off with Bayne easily hitting a big shoulder. A bulldog out of the corner doesn't work for Jay and it's Melo coming in to strike Kross down. The running knee gets two, with Bayne having to make a save. Everything breaks down and the champs are sent outside. Some big dives to the floor take them out again and we take a break.

We come back with Jay in trouble and Bayne tossing her down for two. A bulldog out of the corner is enough for the tag to Melo to clean house. Bayne gets planted for two and everything breaks down. A double DDT drops Kross for two and Bayne clotheslines Jay to leave everyone down for a breather. The Queenslayer goes on but is broken up and Melo is sent outside. That means it's the Divine Intervention to drop Jay and retain

the titles at 10:28.

Rating: C+. This was exactly what you would have expected and that's perfectly fine. At some point the champs have to sweat a bit and that's what they covered here. Melo and Jay are only somewhat serious challengers and that's how they were presented here, which could have been a lot worse. Completely acceptable opener.

Video on Swerve Strickland vs. Brody King.

The Don Callis Family beat people up in the back while RPG Vice brag about getting rid of Konosuke Takeshita.

Shane Taylor vs. Alan Angels

Right hands and the Marcus Garvey driver finish Angels at 1:16. He lasted longer than I was expecting.

Post match Taylor says his Promotions are taking over as the most violent group in AEW. If the Death Riders don't like that, come do something about it.

Shane Taylor Promotions vs. Death Riders

Moxley and Moriarty start things off as Shane Taylor is on commentary. They go technical with Moriarty taking him down by the arm and driving him back into the corner. Bravo gets to chop away, with Moxley switching places to fire off chops of his own. Pac comes in to stay on Bravo, with Castagnoli getting to do the same. Everything breaks down and we take an early break.

We come back with Pac down in the corner and Christyan XO helping with some cheating. Dean's middle rope clothesline gets two and we hit the chinlock. The Bronco Buster makes it worse for Pac so Moxley makes a save, allowing Pac to suplex Moriarty. The tag brings in Castagnoli, who throws Bravo out of the corner.

Bravo escapes the Swing attempt so Castagnoli swings him into Moxley's dropkick. Everything breaks down and Trish Adora crotches Pac on top. Wheeler Yuta dives onto Taylor and Marina Shafir cuts off Adora before she can use a chair. A bunch of clotheslines hit Bravo in the corner and the Brutalizer finishes him off at 14:41.

Rating: C+. It was fun while it lasted but I for one am shocked that Shane Taylor Promotions, the team that loses every big match they have, lost another big match. That's just what they do in wrestling and it can be rather tedious to see how long it takes them to lose most of the time. The Riders were good this week and there is a good chance that they're on the other side next week, as it's not like they have much in the way of stability.

Dynamite recap.

Tommaso Ciampa vs. Beef

Ciampa knocks him down in a hurry to start and hits a running knee. A Liontamer makes Beef tap at 1:17. Total squash and "Ciampa hates Jericho" is kind of great.

Post match Ciampa puts it on again and insists that Tony Schiavone deem him better than Chris Jericho.

Shane Taylor has attacked Wheeler Yuta and wants a match with Jon Moxley on Dynamite.

Clark Connors vs. Juice Robinson

Connors chokes with a shirt to start and gets in a Thesz press for some left hands. Robinson is back with some lefts of his own so Connors bails out to the floor. That means the big running flip dive to knock him down again but Connors drives him into the barricade. Connors lights a match and, after it goes out, throws it on Robinson. Back in and Robinson is dropped again as we take a break.

We come back with a slugout not going anywhere so Connors hits something of a Pounce. Robinson fights up and hits the backsplash, allowing him to strike away. A sitout powerbomb gets two but the Killswitch is countered into a powerslam to give Connors two. The spear is countered into a flapjack though and Robinson sends him outside for the dive. Cue David Finlay for a failed distraction and Robinson gets to strike away. Finlay gets in a cheap shot from the floor though and the spear gives Connors the pin at 13:10.

Rating: C+. This was indeed a wrestling match between two professional wrestlers and...well what else is there to say about it? The Dogs are higher up on the food chain at the moment and that make the match little more than a way to fill in time. In other words, pretty much like everything the Bang Bang Gang does.

Video on Survival Of The Fittest, with various women wanting to win the TBS Title.

Jon Moxley is down to face Shane Taylor, even if he doesn't think that's the best move for Taylor to make.

Trios Titles: La Faccion Ingovernable vs. The Conglomeration

The Conglomeration is defending, just in case you thought that the team who are never around here had some titles for whatever reason. Cassidy and Guevara start things off and naturally that means a pose off. Stereo dropkick attempts let them both nip up so it's off to Strong to take over. A backbreaker sets up Cassidy's lazy elbow for two on Guevara but he's back up to rake Cassidy's eyes.

Cassidy gets caught in the corner for some running clotheslines and Guevara goes after the eyes again. That's shrugged off and it's off to Strong to clean house as everything breaks down. The champs are knocked to the floor and we take a break. We come back with Strong in trouble and

getting triple dropkicked for two. Rush and Strong trade chops in the corner until it's off to O'Reilly for an ankle lock.

That's broken up so O'Reilly hits a double clothesline as everything breaks down again. The Stundog Millionaire hits Dralastico but Cassidy has to roll away from a Bull's Horns attempt. Rush gets dropkicked over the barricade but Dralastico is up with a big dive to the floor. Back in and Cassidy escapes Guevara's GTH attempt and gives him a Superman Punch. A rollup pins Dralastico to retain the titles at 12:50.

Rating: B-. This was definitely more interesting than the other six men, but again there is no reason to believe that LFI is going to win anything important. They're brought in to AEW every so often and don't get to do much more than lose. That doesn't leave much of a reason to get interested in them here, but that's what happens when you do next to nothing for months on end.

The Dogs want to fight the Young Bucks so they can do that at some point next week in Cincinnati.

The Conglomeration is interrupted by RPG Vice, who challenge Orange Cassidy to face Andrade El Idolo on Dynamite.

Women's Owen Hart Foundation First Round: Hazuki vs. Persephone

Hazuki grabs a headlock takeover to start and grinds away as Persephone seems to have something wrong with her eyes. The eyes are fine enough for a top wristlock to put Hazuki down and they trade some rollups into a standoff. Hazuki's headlock is broken up and Persephone hits a basement dropkick. Some right hands have Hazuki in trouble but she sends Persephone outside.

That's fine too, as Persephone pulls a dive out of the air and sends her flying as we take a break. We come back with Persephone having to fight out of a crossface. With that

broken up, Persephone hits a running clothesline and gets a needed breather. A hurricanrana out of the corner puts Persephone down and Hazuki nails a springboard missile dropkick.

Persephone is able to catch her on top with a superplex though and they're both down again. A rather nice bridging German suplex gives Persephone two so she tries a powerbomb, only to be reversed into a Codebreaker. Hazuki's la majistral gets the pin at 12:21.

Rating: B-. As is usually the case, the match was fine but it's kind of hard to believe that either of these two have any chance to beat Mercedes Mone in the second round. That's the problem with a lot of tournaments, as there is no reason to buy Hazuki as a real threat against the bigger star. It happens in all kinds of tournaments and it didn't help that they're both basically guest stars.

Post match Mercedes Mone runs in to jump Persephone so Hazuki makes the save for the big brawl to end the show.

Overall Rating: C+. This was as by the book of a Collision as you could get, as very little here felt even remotely important. You had a main event for the right to lose to Mercedes Mone, the Death Riders doing their same match, the latest Shane Taylor push which I'm sure will get over so well, and a bunch of...well nothing really. As usual, Collision needs a better draw than "here's what's coming up on Dynamite" and that just wasn't happening this week. It's not a bad show, but it felt completely unimportant.

Results

Megan Bayne/Lena Kross b. Anna Jay/Tay Melo – Divine Intervention to Jay

Shane Taylor b. Alan Angels – Marcus Garvey Driver

Death Riders b. Shane Taylor Promotions – Brutalizer to Bravo

Tommaso Ciampa b. Beef – Liontamer

Clark Connors b. Juice Robinson – Spear
The Conglomeration b. La Faccion Ingobernable – Rollup to
Dralistico
Hazuki b. Persephone – La majistral

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Smackdown – June 5, 2026:

They've Got Something

Smackdown

Date: June 5, 2026

Location: Unipol Arena, Bologna, Italy

Commentators: Michael Cole, Wade Barrett

We're still in Italy after last Sunday's Clash In Italy and there is some controversy around the World Title. Cody Rhodes did retain the title over Gunther but Gunther's foot was underneath the rope on the pin. That is going to have some issues going forward and Gunther has a big time complaint. Other than that, the King and Queen Of The Ring tournaments are on and get to continue here. Let's get to it.

[Here is Clash In Italy if you need a recap.](#)

Clash In Italy recap.

Commentators welcome us to the show and here is Gunther to wreck the announcers' table. He wants justice for what happened, because he is the Ring General and put his foot underneath the rope on purpose. Gunther calls out Cody Rhodes and here he is to answer. Rhodes says Gunther is absolutely right but Gunther is also a pro. Has he never had a finish go against him before?

Anyway, Rhodes only needs to make one phone call so let's do the rematch right here tonight. Gunther is ready to go but Sami Zayn interrupts to say this is nonsense. Gunther doesn't want to hear this but Zayn says he knows what it's like to beat Gunther for a title. Rhodes says he's kind of busy right now, with Zayn thinking Rhodes is ducking him. Last week, Rhodes said if he beat Gunther, he would teach Zayn a lesson, so when is Zayn getting his lesson? Gunther gets in and jumps Rhodes but he and Zayn clear Gunther out. Zayn isn't interested in a handshake though.

Miz follows some cables into Danhausen's laboratory. Danhausen tells him not to touch stuff but Miz touches it anyway...and gets electrocuted.

Gunther yells at Nick Aldis to fix this situation and threatens lawsuits.

Queen Of The Ring First Round: Raquel Rodriguez vs. Bayley vs. Jacy Jayne vs. Kiana James

Everyone else goes for Rodriguez to start and she gets knocked outside. The Bayley To Belly gets two on James, who backslides her for the same. Jayne is back in for a rollup of her own but Rodriguez crossbodies everyone. We take a break and come back with Jayne in control and grabbing a running neckbreaker for two on Bayley. A backsplash gives Jayne two more and she adds a cannonball in the corner.

Rodriguez is back up with a Pounce though and a double spinning Vader Bomb elbow gets two. A powerbomb sends Bayley crashing into Jayne, followed by a double chokeslam and James making the save. We take another break and come back again with James flipping out of Rodriguez's chokeslam. Rodriguez clotheslines James down instead but Jayne makes the save.

Bayley's top rope elbow gets two on Jayne with James making a save of her own. The Dealbreaker into a standing moonsault gives James two so she rolls Bayley up, with Jayne making a save. Giulia takes Jayne out but James thinks Giulia broke up the cover. Rodriguez Tejana Bombs James for the pin at 15:41.

Rating: B-. This was a fast enough paced match and it wound up going well, as I wasn't sure who was going to win until the ending. That's a good feeling to have, even if I'm really not big on the whole four way stuff. Rodriguez is a good choice to move on and while I don't think she's winning, at least she can serve as a solid monster for someone to beat.

Post match Giulia helps James up and James shoves her away,

earning a beating from Giulia. If you want to give Giulia a big moment, this makes as much sense as anything else.

Sami Zayn rants to Johnny Gargano until Nick Aldis comes in. Aldis tells Zayn to stay out of Gunther and Cody Rhodes' business. Aldis has someone else to talk to, in the form of the returning Chad Gable (who gets a ROAR).

Royce Keys vs. Talla Tonga

The rest of the MFT's are here with Tonga. Keys slugs away to start but can't get in the slam. Some running clotheslines put Tonga on the floor though and we take a break. We come back with Keys avoiding a running boot in the corner and firing off some clotheslines to the front and back. Keys still can't slam him so he goes with a pounce instead, followed by the running powerslam (that's how you build to the slam working). He has to go after the MFT's though and Tonga hits a chokeslam for the fast pin at 8:01.

Rating: C+. This was pretty to the point with Keys fighting back against the monster and managing to hit the big slam. That was a simple story that worked perfectly well, as did the interference to cost Keys the win. I'm not sure if I'd have Keys losing again, but it seems like this is part of a feud that will keep going.

Post match the beatdown stays on but R-Truth runs in for the failed save attempt. Damian Priest has to save R-Truth and Keys is left laying.

Judgment Day praises Raquel Rodriguez on her win but Liv Morgan makes it all about herself again.

Video on Finn Balor, who is making his debut next week.

Damian Priest isn't happy with the injured R-Truth getting involved, especially since he doesn't trust Royce Keys. R-Truth insists that he's ok and his brother, a doctor, told

him. Priest says R-Truth doesn't have a brother but R-Truth says he does, and said brother is a Doctor Of Thuganomics. That makes Priest walk off so here are the War Raiders (the new AAA Tag Team Champions), who seem to want a title shot. R-Truth has no idea who they are and walks off.

Here is Rhea Ripley, with her knee wrapped up and clearly limping, for a chat. She's glad to put the Jade Cargill chapter behind her, but her knee is a bit banged up. The reality is Cargill blew her chance thanks to, I guess we'll say a friend, helping Ripley. This brings out Charlotte (to quite the reaction) to say she's had fun teaming with Ripley. The Queen Of The Ring is starting up though and she's a competitor, so she's coming for the title. Ripley doesn't seem to mind but here is Tiffany Stratton to interrupt.

Charlotte thinks Stratton is here to apologize but Stratton is here to talk about Ripley's title. This brings out Jade Cargill and company, who says Charlotte is next for her. Cargill doesn't think much of Stratton either and the fight seems imminent. Cue Nick Aldis to say not so fast, if nothing else because Ripley isn't cleared to compete. Charlotte suggests a tag match instead and we seem good to go.

Charlotte/Tiffany Stratton vs. Michin/Jade Cargill

Charlotte powers Michin into the corner to start but an O'Connor roll is blocked. The Figure Four necklock works a bit better and Michin gets rolled around. Stratton comes in with a basement dropkick but Cargill sends her flying with a fall away slam. A blind tag brings Charlotte back in though and a high crossbody takes Michin down again. Another crossbody from the apron hits B-Fab and Cargill but Michin is back up with a suicide dive to Charlotte as we take a break.

We come back with Charlotte dropping Michin but getting cheap shotted by Cargill. That means Michin can Styles Clash Charlotte, who is able to avoid a charge into the post.

Stratton comes back in to a heck of a reaction and cleans house, with a Swanton getting two on Michin. Cargill is back in with a sitout powerbomb to Stratton and Charlotte posts Michin. Back in and Jaded is reversed into a rollup for two but a second attempt finishes Stratton at 12:20.

Rating: B. The crowd was on fire for this one and it made for a rather awesome atmosphere around a rather good match. Cargill gets some momentum back and you can see some pretty big matches coming up for the women's division. It's smart to give Cargill a win back, though it's not a great sign to see a champion get pinned, even in a tag match.

Jacy Jayne rants to Fatal Influence about her loss and they take out some anger by jumping Brie Bella and Paige. They also hold up the Women's Tag Team Titles. I'll absolutely take that as a way to save us from this reign already.

Royce Keys thanks R-Truth for his help. R-Truth suggests that Damian Priest can help against the MFT's, but Keys doesn't think that's going to work.

Ricky Saints vs. Carmelo Hayes

Saints jumps him before the bell but gets sent outside. That means a big running dive and frog splash for two on Saints before Hayes can even take his jacket off. Hayes clotheslines him out to the floor and we take a break. We come back with Saints hammering away and grabbing a bulldog for two.

Hayes reverses a northern lights suplex into a DDT though and they're both down for a bit. They strike it out until Dirty Diana gives Hayes two more. Saints' tornado DDT out of the corner gets the same but he gets caught in the First 48. Hayes loads up Nothing But Net and gets crotched down, followed by a crash out to the floor. That's good for a nine and a half and Hayes hits a superkick, only to get rolled up for the pin (with tights) at 10:10.

Rating: B. Hayes is someone who can wrestle that fast paced style and make it look effortless, which is quite the talent. He's incredibly smooth in the ring and that isn't something you can just manufacture. Saints continues to find himself around here and a win over a former champion is a good step in the right direction.

Trick Williams says he is concerned with himself only and he isn't worried who is coming after his title. Then he wants to win the King Of The Ring and he starts tonight. Bron Breaker comes in for a staredown.

Chelsea Green asks Tiffany Stratton why she didn't ask for help tonight. Stratton said it was ok and has to go to the trainers instead of being in Green's corner. Green's disappointed face is great, as her one sided enthusiasm is working very well.

Blake Monroe is still coming and seems interested in Tiffany Stratton. Tiffy Time is about to run on Monroe Minutes.

Chelsea Green vs. Lash Legend

Nia Jax is here with legend. Green chops away to start and immediately has to run from a chasing Legend. Back in and Legend stomps her down for a splash with Jax getting in a cheap shot. Green's sunset flip is blocked and a pump kick gives Legend two. Green fights up and seemingly accidentally takes Jax out before hitting a big dive onto both of them. Back in and a missile dropkick puts Legend down for two but the Unprettier is countered into the Lash Extension for the pin at 4:26.

Rating: C+. Green held her own in there for a bit but it would have been too far for her to be able to beat a monster like Legend, especially with Jax out there. The match showed what Green can do when she is allowed to actually open it up in the ring a bit and that's a rare sight. The good thing is that the fans are already behind her and it's easy to see why when

she's that talented.

We look at Jacob Fatu acknowledging Roman Reigns on Raw.

Solo Sikoa comes up to Royce Keys and says Keys needs some support. Sikoa talks about how he's the only one to call Keys and they need to get ready for war. This seems to have Keys thinking, though Sikoa says to stop making this difficult or Sikoa will make it difficult.

Video on the mask vs. mask match from last weekend's AAA. It's worth seeing if you haven't yet.

Rey Fenix is talking to Fraxiom when Chad Gable comes up. Gable talks about how he and Fenix had a match last year at Wrestlemania but Gable was doing it to mock lucha libre. He has since learned how great the Mexican culture is and wants to apologize. Fenix says he forgives Gable, but he's not the only person Gable has to apologize to. The fans applauding Gable for what he said shows this thing is working well so far.

Cody Rhodes runs into Nick Aldis, who asks if the offer for a rematch with Gunther is still good. Rhodes says it absolutely is and he wanted to do it tonight but Gunther is already gone. Aldis has been talking to Gunther's legal team ("They're no fun.") and Gunther wants a stipulation, which he'll announce next week. That's fine with Rhodes, but he doesn't want to wait much longer, so the title match is two weeks from tonight. Works for Aldis. This was a rare case of a backstage conversation that actually sounded natural.

King Of The Ring First Round: Damian Priest vs. Trick Williams vs. Dominik Mysterio vs. Bron Breaker

Non-title. Breaker immediately suplexes Williams to start fast and Mysterio bails out to the floor. Another suplex drops Priest and Breaker gives him a running clothesline. The big

flying shoulder drops Mysterio on the floor and Breakker shows off by jumping from the floor onto the announcers' table as we take a break.

We come back with everyone but Breakker fighting in the ring until Williams is knocked to the floor as well. Priest hammers on Mysterio and cuts off Breakker as he gets back inside. Williams and Breakker are sent to the floor again but Mysterio manages to kick away at Priest. Breakker is back in to super Frankensteiner Priest and gorilla press powerslam Mysterio.

Williams makes a save and slugs it out with Breakker with the former getting the better of things. A neckbreaker drops Priest and dang the fans like Williams. The Rock Bottom gives Williams two on Breakker with Priest making the save and taking over. Priest goes up top and gets double superplexed down and we take another break.

We come back with Breakker missing a charge into the post and Priest Razor's Edges Mysterio. Liv Morgan offers a distraction though and Breakker is back up to wreck people. The spear hits Priest and Mysterio sends Breakker outside, with Williams getting two as Mysterio pulls the referee. Breakker clotheslines Williams through the announcers' table and cue JD McDonagh to distract Priest. Morgan gets in a low blow and Mysterio's 619 into the frog splash are enough to pin Priest at 16:53.

Rating: B-. I like Mysterio stealing the win, as it means he gets to face Oba Femi in the next round and that could be quite the situation. Priest losing again isn't a great sign for him, as it's kind of his designated role in these spots. At the same time, they might have something down the line with Williams vs. Breakker, which definitely had an aura to it that could go somewhere.

Overall Rating: B. The tournament stuff is giving the show a nice focus and I liked what the women were doing here too.

Smackdown has turned around a good bit since Wrestlemania and that is a great sign, as those shows around that time were getting very hard to watch. You can't do the tournament stuff forever, but it's working well enough at the moment, with Rhodes vs. Gunther II looking like it has some major potential in a few weeks.

Results

Raquel Rodriguez b. Kiana James, Bayley and Jacy Jayne – Tejana Bomb to James

Talla Tonga b. Royce Keys – Chokeslam

Jade Cargill/Michin b. Charlotte/Tiffany Stratton – Jaded to Stratton

Ricky Saints b. Carmelo Hayes – Rollup with tights

Lash Legend b. Chelsea Green – Lash Extension

Dominik Mysterio b. Damian Priest, Trick Williams and Bron Breaker – Frog splash to Priest

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Ring Of Honor – June 4, 2026: Caught Them At The Right Time

Ring Of Honor

Date: June 4, 2026

Location: WJCT Studios, Jacksonville, Florida

Commentators: Caprice Coleman, Ian Riccaboni

It's a rare case where we have something coming up as Global wars is taking place in a few weeks. That's more than we get most of the time and hopefully it is enough to give this show something of a focus. That could go all kinds of ways though and you never know what you'll be getting around here. Let's get to it.

[Here are last week's results if you need a recap.](#)

Opening sequence.

Grizzled Young Veterans vs. The Rascalz

It's Myron Reed/Zachary Wentz for the Rascalz here with Wentz starting against Drake. Wentz gets distracted and sent into the wrong corner but fights out rather quickly. Everything breaks down and the Rascalz are there with the stereo dives.

We settle down to Reed headscissoring Gibson but Wentz is sent outside.

That leaves Reed to get caught in a Michinoku Driver and choked in the corner as things slow back down. Reed fights up and bounces around into an enziguri to catch Gibson. It's back to Wentz to clean house, including a Blockbuster to put Gibson down again. A Swanton hits Drake but he gets his knees up to counter a splash into a cradle for two. Reed gets out of an electric chair though and superkicks Drake to the floor.

Wentz superkicks Gibson into a backbreaker and then dives outside onto Drake. Gibson is back up with a middle rope Codebreaker for two on Wentz and Drake's Coast To Coast gets the same. Grit Your Teeth is broken up and the UFO Cutter plants Gibson. Reed's diving cutter to the floor takes Drake down again, meaning it's Reed's 450 to finish Gibson at 9:21.

Rating: B-. This was certainly a fast paced match and while I don't quite believe commentary saying this moves the Rascalz closer to a Tag Team Title shot, at least it was a fun opener. Tag wrestling is often a good way to start the show and it worked well here. The Rascalz don't get to do much that matters but they know how to do this kind of match rather well, with the tags being mostly unnecessary making it more entertaining.

Athena brags about retaining the Women's Title at Supercard Of Honor but now she has to get through Global Wars where she has some unfinished business. That means getting to face Syuri.

Lacey Lane vs. Queen Aminata

Aminata wants a test of strength to start but settles for a headlock takeover instead. Lane is back up with something of a dancing abdominal stretch, which doesn't last long either. They go outside with Lane hitting a quick crossbody but Aminata whips her into the barricade. Back in and a swinging neckbreaker gives Aminata two and a side slam gets the same.

A Rings Of Saturn is broken up as Lane rolls out, allowing her to kick Aminata's legs out. Lane's springboard elbow gets two and she goes after the ribs. A big headbutt gives Aminata two and she kicks away in the ropes. Lane is back up with a swinging Downward Spiral for two and gets to stomp her down as well. Aminata suplexes her into the ropes though and a running knee finishes Lane at 8:30.

Rating: B. These women beat the fire out of each other and I'll take that as a nice surprise. Lane has shown a great charisma and some in-ring abilities to back it up. Aminata was doing her thing rather well here too and I could go for more of this version of her. Solid match here and a lot better than I would have bet on seeing.

We look back at the Kingdom returning at Supercard Of Honor.

Bustah And The Brain are ready to take the Kingdom out again. They don't like being talked down to and they're after the Tag Team Titles. I can go with more of these two in a serious role. Or just a role that matters.

Kiran Grey/Alex Kane/Bruss Hamilton vs. Los Colons/Serpentico

Kane and Eddie start things off with the rather muscular Colon getting dropkicked. The Colons double kick Kane down and it's off to Serpentico for a chop. The even bigger Hamilton comes in to miss some clotheslines but sends Serpentico into the corner. Grey's legsweep lets Kane come back in but Serpentico flips out of a double belly to back suplex

It's back to Orlando to clean house and Serpentico hits a double suicide dive. Ignore that he basically slapped two far larger men and they went flying. A Backstabber and...something close to a frog splash which lands in the vicinity of Grey is enough for the pin at 5:16.

Rating: C. This had some ok moments and the three monsters

looked intimidating but the good guys were a bit of a stretch. The Colons didn't work very well, with that finish looking rather messed up. I wasn't feeling this one, but at least it didn't take up too much time after the rather hot start.

Isla Dawn isn't happy and wants to take her frustrations out on Deonna Purrazzo.

Isla Dawn vs. Deonna Purrazzo

Non-title Proving Ground match under Pure Rules. Dawn's wristlock is reversed into one from Purrazzo, sending Dawn over to the rope for the first time. A test of strength actually goes to Dawn and she sends Purrazzo into the corner for some shoulders to the ribs. Some running knees give Dawn two and she knees Purrazzo in the back as this is mostly one sided so far.

A boot to the head gives Dawn two and she grabs an arm as we're at the halfway point. Purrazzo gets back up with a clothesline and a Russian legsweep connects, only for the Fujiwara armbar to be reversed into a rollup for two. Dawn's Saito suplex gets two as they have three minutes left. They go into some grappling and Purrazzo gets the Fujiwara for the tap at 7:45.

Rating: B-. This was an upgrade as Dawn got in a lot of offense and mostly dominated until it got into the technical style. Dawn is someone who feels like she could be a bigger deal if she's given the chance, though I'm not sure how likely that is to take place. She got in a good match here though and Purrazzo had to sweat a good bit to survive here.

Athena sits down with Caprice Coleman, who brings up Billie Starkz. Athena isn't impressed with Starkz but knows the potential is there. That's why Athena keeps her so close but she isn't happy about the near throwing in the towel at Supercard Of Honor. Coleman suggests that Starkz could turn on her but Athena thinks Starkz is too emotional. No one would

know who Starkz is without Athena and she brags about all of her success. Finally, she says she's staying here because this place is her baby. I can't believe they're still building towards Starkz winning the title and my goodness I hope they don't go there.

Bryan Keith vs. Tommy Billington

Billington starts fast by avoiding a charge into a German suplex but Keith sends him into the ropes. That doesn't last long as Billington sends him to the floor and hits a dive. Keith grabs a DDT on the floor and tries an electric chair back inside. With that not working, Keith hits a big clothesline for two but Billington is back with a Tombstone for two. Keith knocks him back though and hits a running kick to the face. That just earns him a piledriver to give Billington two but Keith pulls a turnbuckle pad off. He also finds a well hidden spike to stab Billington, setting up a tiger driver for the pin at 7:59.

Rating: B-. Another good enough match here and it doesn't seem like Keith and Big Bill have much going on at this point. That might mean more of Keith on his own, which isn't a bad thing. He can do well enough with the cheating and this was a good look at what he has without Bill.

Queen Aminata and Lacey Lane respect each other and are willing to run it back.

Lee Moriarty vs. Mance Warner

Remember the non-title Proving Ground match? This is another one. Moriarty ties up the arm to start and gets hit in the chest for his efforts. They head outside with Moriarty being sent into the barricade and Warner grabs a crossface chickenwing. That's broken up and Moriarty knocks him down, meaning it's time to dance back inside.

Something like an Octopus on the mat sends Warner over to the

rope so Warner punches him in the face for a warning and two. The big clothesline gets two on Moriarty and Warner's crossface makes Moriarty use his first rope break. The Fang into a Border City Stretch...is broken up as Warner pokes him in the eyes. Moriarty gets the Stretch again though and Warner taps at 7:09.

Rating: C+. And this was another Pure Rules match featuring Moriarty. I'm not sure how this is supposed to really mean much, though we're coming up on the Nigel McGuinness title shot. At least that is something to build towards, but I'm almost worried for how long we'll have to wait to see it happen.

Deonna Purrazzo is happy with her win and is ready to keep the title.

Lio Rush vs. Griff Garrison

Rush crawls over to the corner to start and gets Garrison's cup, which he throws out to the floor. The dodging frustrated Garrison and Rush knocks him down in the corner. It's too early for the Final Hour though and Garrison hits a running clothesline for two. Rush is right back with a sleeper to take Garrison down but he slips out, only to be sent outside. A running kick to the head knocks Garrison off the apron but he's back in with a powerbomb for two. Rush is back up to strike away and the springboard Stunner sets up a cravate choke to finish Garrison at 7:05.

Rating: C+. As usual Rush's offense is entertaining and he can do stuff that no one else can pull off. It makes the whole weird/creepy thing all the less necessary as he can stand out on his own. Either way, at least he won something here, which is worth...whatever you can get out of beating Garrison in Ring Of Honor.

Los Colons and Serpentico want to face Shane Taylor Promotions and be a team going forward. I would hope this was taped in

advance, as I can't imagine how someone could see their first match and want to see more.

The Workhorsesmen want to face Eddie Kingston/Ortiz.

The Kingdom vs. Bustah And The Brain

Price knocks Taven into the corner to start but gets caught with a dropkick. Bennett comes in with a knee to Price, who is right back up for the tag off to Oliver. It's back to Taven, who kicks his way out of the corner without much trouble, allowing Bennett to fire off the chops. Taven's neckbreaker gets two and his kick into the top rope elbow/backbreaker combination is good for the same.

Oliver manages to fire off some chops to Bennett and knocks him down, allowing the diving tag to Price. House is quickly cleaned and a springboard neckbreaker gets two on Taven as everything breaks down. Taven's Just The Tip gets two on Taven but Price gives Bennett a super sitout gordbuster. Oliver hits a frog splash for two and loads up a Doomsday Device, only for Price to dive onto Bennett on the floor. That leaves Taven to roll Oliver up with tights for the pin at 11:06.

Rating: B. This feels like a way to keep Bustah And The Brain learning as commentary was pointing out how Price made a bad move by diving onto Bennett instead of going for the win. That makes sense and as long as they get to do something else, it's fine. As for the Kingdom, they're ok but it doesn't work as well without Maria.

Athena vs. Hyan

Non-title Proving Ground match and Diamante is here with Athena. Hyan doesn't seem impressed to start and they fight over a small package to no avail. Hyan's knockdown gets two more so Athena hammers away. Athena sends her outside for a suicide dive into the barricade, followed by a choke in the corner.

The chinlock goes on but Hyan fights up and knocks her away from the ropes. A high crossbody gives Hyan two but Athena pops up for a headscissors. They trade some rollups until Athena's curb stomp gets two more. Athena tries a springboard high crossbody but gets faceplanted for a near fall, with Hyan loading up her knee. The running knee misses so Athena flips her into a Koji Clutch for the tap at 8:20.

Rating: B-. That was a good way to make Athena look strong (again) on her way to her big showdown with Syuri in a few weeks. It helps that Hyan was built up over the last few months so this was hardly some nothing match. If nothing else, Athena deserves credit for keeping things fresh in the ring. It feels like she's regularly adding in new stuff to her arsenal and it's was working here.

Overall Rating: B. I'm not sure what was going on here but the wrestling was more energetic than usual. Maybe I just caught them on a good week or something but this worked rather well. Aminata and Lane had a heck of a match where they were putting in quite a bit of effort and Kingdom vs. Bustah And The Brain (which should have headlined) was a great bonus. Rather good show here and if you trim off about half an hour, it's even better.

Results

Rascalz b. Grizzled Young Veterans – 450 to Gibson

Queen Aminata b. Lacey Lane – Running knee

Los Colons/Serpentico b. Kiran Grey/Bruss Hamilton/Alex Kane – Frog splash to Gray

Deonna Purrazzo b. Isla Dawn – Fujiwara armbar

Bryan Keith b. Tommy Billington – Tiger driver

Lee Moriarty b. Mance Warner – Border City Stretch

Lio Rush b. Griff Garrison – Cravate choke

The Kingdom b. Bustah And The Brain – Rollup with tights to Oliver

Athena b. Hyan – Koji Clutch

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Impact Wrestling – June 4, 2026: I Don't Get To Say This Very Often

Impact Wrestling

Date: June 4, 2026

Location: Sacramento Memorial Auditorium, Sacramento, California

Commentators: Tom Hannifan, Matthew Rehwoldt

We're less than a month away from Slammiversary and...there isn't much on the show. There are only a few matches set for the show and most of the champions are still waiting to find challengers. They might want to work on that with just four shows left before the pay per view so let's get to it.

[Here are last week's results if you need a recap.](#)

Opening recap.

Eddie Edwards vs. BDE

The rest of the System is here with Edwards. BDE starts fast with a springboard crossbody and Edwards is sent outside for a

dive. Back in and Edwards catches him on top for a scary sounding top rope belly to back rope superplex. BDE is right back up with a reverse DDT into a Codebreaker. Alisha Edwards gets up for a distraction but BDE is right back with a springboard Stunner for two more. The System offers another distraction though and BDE's frog splash hits raised knees. The Boston Knee Party finishes for Eddie at 4:52.

Rating: C. This was about what it should have been as a former multiple time World Champion shouldn't have much effort beating a winless streamer. The good thing is that they didn't stretch this out, as tends to be the case for BDE, and BDE is far from embarrassing. Just a quick opener here and that's about all it needed to be.

Post match the beatdown stays on but Fabian Aichner runs in for the save. The System manages to take him down but here is Leon Slater for the real save. This includes the big running flip dive over the corner so the good guys can stand tall.

Video on the Hardys vs. the Righteous in the Righteous' weird garden.

Here is AJ Francis for a chat. Francis does his usual introduction and brags about getting rid of Rich Swann. He brags about his musical abilities and loads up a song called Walk, which doesn't seem to be overly great. Cue Elijah to interrupt but Francis says that Elijah is stealing his intellectual property. Francis throws up what appears to be his face on Elijah's guitar playing body.

Hold on though as Francis isn't done, even busting out a cease and desist letter. Since Elijah doesn't want to collaborate, Francis has purchased the name, image and likeness for Elijah, Elias and EZEKIEL. Elijah loads up a song called No Skill Uncle Phil anyway and actually turns his back on Francis, who lays him out. That was another level of dumb from Elijah, who deserved to be knocked cold.

Indi Hartwell and Santino Marella are warming up when Daria Rae interrupts. She makes it clear that she had nothing to do with Hartwell getting a new contract.

Elayna Black brags about winning the Champions Challenge last week and is ready to win the Knockouts Title because she's that awesome.

Indi Hartwell/Santino Marella vs. Stacks/Arianna Grace

Frankie Kazarian is on commentary. The men start things off but Grace comes in to offer a free shot. Hartwell is fine with coming in to tackle Grace and hammer away but Stacks jumps Marella to take over instead. A random sleeper pulls Stacks down, who is right back with a basement lariat as we take a break.

We come back with Stacks mocking the trombone pose but getting backdropped out to the apron. That's enough for Hartwell to come in (legally this time) with a spinebuster to Grace but Stacks makes a save. A fisherman's neckbreaker gives Grace two and she runs Hartwell over. The chinlock goes on but Hartwell fights up for a clothesline in the double down. Marella comes back in but Grace takes the Cobra and loads it up herself. Naturally she hits Stacks by mistake, allowing Hartwell to pull out her own Cobra. Stereo Cobras give Marella the pin on Stacks at 12:23.

Rating: C. This was all about the power of the Cobra and given that we have a match in a magical garden coming up, this could have been worse. It wasn't much of a tag match, though Marella isn't out there for the sake of having something high quality. There is at least something with the son/daughter/son-in-law deal though so it could have been worse.

The Elegance Brand gets scared by the Undead Realm again.

Eric Young is in the ring to talk about how this place is sick

and he has to fix everything. He did that to Joe Hendry, Ricky Sosa and EC3 and now it's time to win the World Title. Mike Santana is sick and addicted to the fans' applause so Young is going to beat him due to being better than that.

Cue Santana to interrupt and call Young a bit less than relevant. Young talks about how he's been here longer than anyone and he is the one constant (that's not how constants work). Santana says that people like Young are the ones really poisoning TNA but Young calls him the shiny new toy around here. The people will turn on him too but Santana is sick of him, so let's do the title match right now. Young hits him low and gives him a piledriver. Thankfully it seems like we're done with Young's main event push after next week.

Mustafa Ali is not happy with getting pinned in the Champions Challenge but he knows that KC Navarro just got a fluke win. Their title match is next week.

We look at Young piledriving Santana again.

Here is the Personal Concierge to warn Lei Ying Lee that the Elegance Brand is coming for the Knockouts Title.

Mr. Elegance vs. Lei Ying Lee

Xia Brookside is on commentary. Elegance shoves Lee down to start and strikes a pose but Lee is back up with her own takedown. That means Lee gets to pose as well and then hammer away in the corner. The rest of the Elegance Brand gets up for a distraction and that's a big group elimination. Elegance powers Lee around again and swivels his hips behind her neck.

Some hip thrust faceplants have Lee in more trouble and she can't get a sunset flip. A missed charge sends Elegance into the corner though and Lee kicks him into an ankle lock. Elegance reaches the rope and nails a pop up slap but gets crotched on top. An airplane spin is broken up as Brookside gets on the apron, allowing Elegance to rake the eyes. A wind

up DDT finishes for Elegance at 7:09.

Rating: C-. This was a rather odd choice for a match, with Lee getting powered around, as you would expect, and then the villain cheating to win, even if he should have anyway. Brookside costing Lee the win in the end was a logical way to go but this was weird all around. I'm not sure what they were going for here but it didn't exactly work.

Post match Brookside announces that she's getting her title shot at Slammiversary.

The Broken Garden is prepared, which appears to be a bunch of flowers and barbed wire being set up around ringside. I'll take that over some mythical place.

Hardys vs. Righteous

Wicked Garden, which means anything goes and pin/submission has to be in the ring. The Righteous come out with a bunch of lackeys in robes, who surround the ring. The bell rings and they take their time getting ready before finally slugging it out. That means the Hardys have to avoid being sent into the barbed wire a few times but Dutch is sent into the barbed wire board.

Jeff is sent into the wired ropes and gets his arm wrapped around one of them but Matt is back up with some kind of a gardening tool. Dutch's face gets raked and of course he's already busted open. Vincent is back up with some wire around Matt's head but Jeff is up for the save. The double legdrop hits Dutch as Matt is busted open as well. The Righteous are sent outside so the Hardys join them for more wire raking.

We take a break and come back with Jeff being dropped ribs first onto the barbed wire. A Downward Spiral sends him into the wire again and Matt is back inside to get choked down. We go to a quick shot of the crowd which is likely some kind of an edit and come back to Matt using the wire to hit Dutch low.

A Plot Twist gets two on Vincent and the wire is wrapped around his head. Dutch's save is cut off and Vincent gets caught with Poetry In Motion.

The Side Effect gets two on Dutch but he spears Matt through a barbed wire board in the corner. Jeff gets pulled into a kendo stick shot to the ribs and Vincent whips out a white flower. They put it into Jeff's mouth and Jeff is in trouble. Matt is back up with a double DDT as Jeff falls outside and convulses. Jeff starts vomiting and is put on a stretcher but comes back in to fight some more. That doesn't exactly work and it's Orange Sunshine to finish Matt at 21:00.

Rating: C+. I never know what to make of these weird/otherworldly things and this was no exception. I'm sure there's some kind of explanation of what the heck the Righteous are talking about here but honestly that might just make it worse. The brawl was less insane than I was expecting and thank goodness it was just in the arena, though this feud has outlived its interest for a long time now and needs to be over. It won't be, but it needs to be.

The Righteous are all happy and the Hardys disappear for the spooky ending.

Overall Rating: C-. This one really didn't click for me, as Slammiversary is coming up and it feels like one of those things that might be going on in the background but isn't overly important. I'm not sure why they're so obsessed with the Righteous vs. the Hardys, but it's probably whatever Jeff came up with and thought was some artistic display. This wasn't a very good show and that's not something I have to say about Impact Wrestling very often. Hopefully it's better next week, as the pay per view needs some buildup.

Results

Eddie Edwards b. BDE – Boston Knee Party

Santino Marella/Indi Hartwell b. Stacks/Arianna Grace – Cobra

to Stacks

Mr. Elegance b. Lei Ying Lee – Wind up DDT

Righteous b. Hardys – Orange Sunshine to Matt

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AEW Dynamite – June 3, 2026: Buckle Up (In Which I Go On A Page Long Rant About AEW)

Dynamite

Date: June 3, 2026

Location: Siegel Center, Richmond, Virginia

Commentators: Excalibur, Tony Schiavone, Taz

We're less than a month away from Forbidden Door and that means we have a lot of the Owen Hart Tournaments to go. The tournaments will decide two of the bigger matches at All In and the finals will be taking place later this month at the pay per view. They both continue this week, including a mystery wildcard name so let's get to it.

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

Rush is ready to win the World Title. MJF pops in to say he

doesn't buy it and gets beaten up as a result. Somehow this leads to the match being No Countouts. You know, because that changes so much around here.

Andrade El Idolo comes up to Rush, telling him to do it for the family.

AEW World Title: Rush vs. Maxwell Jacob Friedman

MJF is defending and there are no countouts. Hold on though as MJF makes sure to point out that he beat Virginia's Hangman Page and that the fans put the virgin in Virginia. Rush hammers away to start so MJF spits in his face and gets in a poke to the eye. Back up and Rush sends him outside for the running flip dive. Rush whips him into the barricade a few times and chokes with the camera cable to make it worse.

The charge is countered with a drop toehold though and Rush is sent into the chair. A charging MJF is backdropped over the barricade and through the timekeeper's table and Rush stomps away back inside. The turnbuckle pad is removed but the referee blocks the ram, allowing MJF to send Rush into it instead. MJF hits a better than expected spinebuster but gets sent face first into the exposed buckle.

Back up and a running knee gives the bleeding Rush two, followed by a running dropkick for two. MJF is right back with a powerbomb backbreaker for two and we hit the quickly broken Salt Of The Earth. Rush heads to the apron and cuts off MJF with a headbutt before planting him on the apron.

We take a break and come back with the Bull's Horns getting two, with MJF having to put a boot on the rope. A piledriver on the apron sees Rush's arm give out and another running dropkick misses, sending Rush crashing through the barricade. MJF Tombstones him onto the broken barricade and grabs a LeBell Lock back inside. Rush flips off the camera and then passes out to retain MJF's title at 18:34.

Rating: B. This was kind of a weird choice for the whole thing but it was nice to see Rush's never ending string of wins actually turning into something. I'm not sure why MJF needed this kind of a win but it's not like he has anything going on with Forbidden Door coming up. It wouldn't stun me to see him not defend the title, and right now it isn't like there is much to do there.

Post match MJF loads up a belt shot but Mark Briscoe runs in for the save. The Conglomeration is here to make sure MJF runs off.

Mark Briscoe vs. Lio Rush

The Conglomeration is still at ringside and freeze because Rush can't see them if they're not moving. Or something (your champions people). Rush says something in Briscoe's ear to start and then does his dodging to get in Briscoe's face. Briscoe charges into a boot in the corner and they go to the apron to shout a lot.

Rush chases him around on the floor (running on all course because Rush is weird and creepy and stuff) until Briscoe gets in a Blockbuster off the apron. We take a break and come back with Rush hitting a suicide dive and then mocking the Red Neck Kung Fu. They strike it out until Briscoe hits an Iconoclasm for two but the Jay Driller is blocked. The Cutthroat Driver finishes Rush at 9:12.

Rating: B-. So the crazy man, who is likely the next in line for the World Title shot, was running away in fear from a man who makes weird faces and runs around the ring like a dog. This was after the same running man scared the Trios Champions so badly that their best solution was to stand there like statues. All for the sake of someone who hasn't won a match in AEW in over a year. But he's weird and wacky so it's all ok.

Post match Briscoe talks about his brother passing away and then having his own birthday a few weeks later. Instead of

having birthday cake with his brother, he had to debut in AEW alone. Then he met some people who were down to conglomerate and it gave him some joy about being a wrestler again.

Then he crossed paths with MJF, who tried to take that joy away. Briscoe beat him once and MJF left so the joy was back. Now MJF is back again and Briscoe wants the World Title. MJF calls himself the Devil, but the book says the Devil loses. Heck of a promo. Maybe next time don't do it after he was running scared from a guy acting like a dog.

Video on Kevin Knight turning on Mike Bailey.

Here is the Triangle Of Madness, with Thekla explaining that she hates Stardom because they don't like how she treated their stars. She wants the rest of her team to win gold, but she's focused on Stardom. Thekla then climbs a ladder and spits on the Stardom logo.

The Death Riders work on Will Ospreay's neck before he faces Mark Davis again. Jon Moxley comes in to say this is a different Ospreay coming after Davis. Moxley says Ospreay's job tonight is to win, and he's starting to see something change in Ospreay.

Andrade El Idolo vs. EK Manning

Spinning back elbow and DM finish at 39 seconds.

Post match Andrade says MJF just beat Rush, but does MJF think he can beat him? This brings out Don Callis and Jake Doyle to interrupt, which seems to have Andrade confused. After some quick praise, Callis introduces the newest member of the Family: Kevin Knight. And...that's it. No explanation or anything. Just time for Knight's title defense.

TNT Title: Mike Bailey vs. Kevin Knight

Knight is defending. Bailey is so mad at Knight for turning on him that he starts with a lockup. They run to the floor where

Knight blocks a kick and sends him into the steps. Back in and Knight misses a springboard clothesline but avoids another kick. A clothesline sends Bailey outside again but he's back up with a corkscrew moonsault. Back in and Knight avoids the Ultimate Weapon and hits a dropkick as we take a break.

We come back with Knight hitting a basement clothesline for two but Bailey finally connects with some kicks. Another kick sends Knight to the floor but he pops back up to shove Bailey's moonsault down. Knight gets in a dive of his own, only for Bailey to connect with moonsault knees back inside. A backbreaker gives Knight two but Bailey kicks him in the head again. Bailey takes him up top so Jake Doyle offers a distraction, allowing Don Callis to get in a cheap shot. A super spinebuster (or something) puts Bailey down and the Crash Landing retains the title at 12:54.

Rating: B-. The match was fine and hopefully ends the Jet Speed stuff for good. That being said, way to take Knight, who felt like he could be a big deal, and put him in the Don Callis Family. I definitely look forward to him teaming with RPG Vice on Collision and being cannon fodder in whatever other feud Callis has that goes on for a year or so without getting to a point.

Post match Knight says that's how you do it. He had to get rid of the dead weight...so he joined the Don Callis Family. And he wants to be World Champion too. There is nothing here to suggest that he needs to be part of the Family whatsoever.

The Dogs continue to mock Adam Copeland and Christian Cage, complete with kazoos. The Young Bucks come in to call them stupid and mock Finlay for being the world Bullet Club leader ever. Now that we have our required New Japan reference out of the way, a match seems likely for tonight.

MJF says Mark Briscoe doesn't get a title shot.

Women's Owen Hart Quarterfinals: Alex Windsor vs. ???

The surprise entrant is...the returning Mercedes Mone. She takes Windsor down without much trouble to start and hits a dropkick to cut off an early comeback. A basement dropkick connects for Windsor but Mone pulls her into the Statement Maker. That's escaped so Mone grabs a Backstabber instead.

Windsor goes for the rope and knocks Mone to the apron, only for Mone to neckbreaker her to the floor. The Meteora off the apron puts Windsor down again and we take a break. We come back with Mone hitting Three Amigos but Windsor hits a running shot of her own. Windsor hits a running clothesline off the apron and blocks another Three Amigos back inside.

Mone gets planted but gets back up so they can head up top. Windsor is knocked down, setting up a top rope Meteora for two. The running Meteora in the corner only hits corner though and Windsor gets two off a rollup. The Backstabber cuts Windsor off though and the Statement Maker finishes at 12:26.

Rating: B-. I'm not a Mone fan, but she absolutely does feel like a big deal to have back. While I don't want her to get right into the title picture, it's hardly a horrible travesty to have her beat Windsor, who has mainly been in the midcard picture. This was a good enough way to bring Mone back, though I did forget how annoying it was to see her spamming the Meteora over and over.

Video on Tay Melo and Anna Jay going to a time limit draw with Megan Bayne and Lena Kross on Collision, setting up their title match on Collision.

Don Callis, with Kazuchika Okada, is glad to have Kevin Knight in the Family. Then he's ready to see Mark Davis win the Owen Hart Tournament. Okada wants the International Title back.

Tommaso Ciampa takes credit for sending Chris Jericho home and

says things have changed since Jericho had his big hiatus. Jericho can come back but it will only be worse, you stupid idiot.

Men's Owen Hart Tournament Semifinals: Mark Davis vs. Will Ospreay

Davis' National Title isn't on the line (makes sense as he hasn't actually defended it on an AEW show yet). Ospreay snaps off a running hurricanrana to start and hammers away in the corner, earning himself a rather big slam. Davis hits a running backplash and grabs an abdominal stretch, which doesn't last long. Instead Ospreay is back up with a handspring kick to the head and they head outside.

A kick to the head staggers Davis but he's smart enough to move away before Ospreay can dive. Ospreay tries a tornado DDT off the apron and gets caught with a Crash Landing onto the announcers' table. We take a break and come back with Davis getting slammed off the top for two, allowing Davis to chop away. That fires Ospreay up and he kicks Davis in the face a few times, setting up the 630 kick for two.

A German suplex drops Davis again and Ospreay gets in a springboard stomp to the arm. Davis reverses an armbar into a powerbomb though, followed by the piledriver for two. Another piledriver on the apron is blocked and Davis clotheslines him back inside. Ospreay manages a hurricanrana out to the floor with Davis beating the count. He dives back inside and Ospreay comes in from off camera with a missile dropkick in a great visual.

The Styles Clash connects for two but Davis is back up with a kick...which accidentally hits the referee. We're 18 minutes into this match and 12 minutes into the overrun and now get a ref bump. There's the Hidden Blade but there's no referee so the Don Callis Family runs in for the save. The Death Riders make the save so Lance Archer is in to take them out.

Claudio Castagnoli, Brian Cage and Pac all get to run in for a save each until a springboard O'scuttler hits Davis. Jake Doyle pulls the revived referee at two though so Marina Shafir jumps on his back. Doyle throws her down so Jon Moxley runs in to go after Doyle, allowing Pac to hit a big dive.

Then Kyle Fletcher runs in to break up the Stormbreaker but Konosuke Takeshita pulls him to the floor for a brawl. Davis grabs a screwdriver and gets hit with the Hidden Blade but there's still no referee. OH MY GOODNESS JUST FINISH THE MATCH ALREADY! Another referee runs in for two and Davis spins Ospreay into a piledriver for two. Back up and Ospreay spins him into the Death Grounds for the tap at 23:05.

Rating: C. Buckle up because I'm probably going to go for awhile. I'm sure that I'll be told that this was so awesome and such and yeah, the first two thirds or so were rather good. It was Davis getting to continue his awesome run and feel like a big threat to Ospreay, who he has beaten before. They were clicking for the most part and having a good match. But that's not how things work around here.

No no, just having a good match isn't enough. Instead, we needed to bring in about 12 people with three different stories for a big old spectacle. Writing up all of the people running in made me feel like I was seven years old and writing down all the superheroes and TV characters I'd want to come to my birthday party. I'm sure it was fun to have all those people run in because the two stables have about 18 people between them, but that doesn't make for a good TV presentation.

But that's how AEW has to be. This was the semifinals of a #1 contenders match and the World Title match from this whole tournament isn't happening for almost three months. The semifinals had a dozen run ins, a ref bump and the return of the screwdriver. There was absolutely no reason for this match to be such a circus or go anywhere near this long. It was a

spectacle for the sake of having all these people in there for STABLE WARZ (which is a totally original idea in AEW and not something they have driven into the ground over the years).

I'm sure this will probably tie into this year's Blood & Guts and that had to be built up here. It's not like there was any other place to do it outside of a tournament to go to another pay per view before we wait two months for the title match. This was just the semifinals too! What are they going to have for the finals? Nothing like this probably, because that's the finals, where the wrestling is allowed to sell itself.

No, instead we had to have this be a big stable fight because that's what Tony Khan thinks is good booking: throwing as much stuff out there as he can week after week whether it needs to be there or not. I liked most of this match and then it turned into something that felt like it belonged on a Vince Russo show. In short, just stop doing so much already, because you're wasting what could have been a heck of a match.

Overall Rating: C. This show was one of the most frustrating things that I've seen in a very long time. As usual, the wrestling was good and I'm not taking any of that away from the wrestlers. They were out there working hard and some of the matches were rather nice, with the opener probably being the best on the show. That's not the issue here and it rarely ever is with AEW.

This show featured some entertaining action, a heck of an emotional promo from Briscoe, a big return in Mone (I'm far from a fan but she is absolutely a big star around here and I can see why she's in this spot so soon). It even set up a few possible options for World Title matches and got us closer to Forbidden Door.

You know what I'm going to remember about this show though? Mark Briscoe running away in fear from low level weird guy Lio Rush, who also scared the Conglomeration into standing still

like statues. That's in addition to Kevin Knight, who was looking like a potentially strong heel, joining the Don Callis Family because they just aren't on the shows enough lately.

There's also "it's Forbidden Door season so you better know all these things about promotions from around the world because we get to have guest stars! This is totally different from when these wrestlers are here every month because crossovers are really important to the TV show for...they're just awesome ok? Oh and don't forget the main event, featuring more wrestlers than some pay per views, because an established story between two good wrestlers isn't enough. We just needed those run-ins and other stories to be involved.

This week was everything that I can't stand about Tony Khan's booking rolled into one show. It was a bunch of ideas that I'm sure made he and his friends laugh their heads off making it to television, him getting to bring in a bunch of wrestlers from other promotions because he thinks that his e-fed ideas make for good shows, and, of course, MORE MORE MORE! Everything has to be more because that's just how things work in Tony's mind. Longer shows, more people, more action, more promotions, more everything.

I legitimately got annoyed at this show more than once, which is frustrating as AEW has been having some better efforts lately. Instead though, they revert back to form as Forbidden Door rolls around, because it's about getting in a bunch of stuff that is there because the calendar says so. Next week's show is about an hour and fifteen minutes from my house. I have the show written down on my things to do list and planned on going. This show might have convinced me otherwise, as the idea of paying to see something like this is almost scary. As usual, the wrestling was fine, but someone sedate Tony already.

Results

Maxwell Jacob Friedman b. Rush – LeBell Lock

Mark Briscoe b. Lio Rush – Cutthroat Driver
Andrade El Idolo b. EK Manning – DM
Kevin Knight b. Mike Bailey – Crash Landing
Mercedes Mone b. Alex Windsor – Statement Maker
Will Ospreay b. Mark Davis – Death Grounds

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WWE Evolve – June 3, 2026: Prepared To Succeed

Evolve

Date: June 3, 2026

Location: WWE Performance Center, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Peter Rosenberg, Blake Howard

The road to Succession III is on and we're going to need some challengers for the titles. That is probably what we'll start finding out this week, as Evolve tends to run a pretty tight ship. What matters the most is that there is now a target in sight as it helps things get more focused. Let's get to it.

[Here are last week's results if you need a recap.](#)

We open with a clip from after last week's show, with the Mog Squad surrounding Aaron Rourke, only for Sam Holloway, Marcus

Mathers and Cappuccino Jones running in for the save. Max Abrams managed to lay Rourke out before the villains left though.

Nikkita Lyons and Sloane Jacobs handle this week's recap. I do like that this isn't treated as a conversation, but rather just them recapping the show and talking as they would. It feels so much more natural.

Masyn Holiday vs. Gianna Capri

Layla Diggs is here with Holiday, who spins out of a wristlock and armdrags her down. A dropkick gives Holiday two and we hit the armbars. Back up and Capri is sent into the corner, where she gets annoyed at the dancing and knocks Holiday down. Holiday gets up and they trade the big strikes, with Capri being knocked back against the ropes. A running seated senton hits Capri again but she's back with a chop block. Capri grabs a rollup and holds the rope for the pin at 3:28.

Rating: C-. That was a weird ending as it felt like they were starting to get going and then ran home as fast as they could. The chop block looked to be setting up whatever they were doing to do next and then it just wrapped up. The match was only so good in the first place and then it never got the chance to improve. Odd choice here.

Wendy Choo is better for Sloane Jacobs, even if Nikkita Lyons is there too.

It's Gal is standing by some water and talks about how he's been pulled into too many different directions in Evolve. That isn't happening anymore because from now on, the only rock and hard place he'll be between are his big arms. He's on his own now and that means an open challenge next week. While I can't stand open challenges, Gal saying his full name and posing every time made up for it.

Harley Riggins vs. Romeo Moreno

Kam Hendrix is here with Riggins and Moreno is ready to show that he can do his best when things are at their worst. Riggins starts fast by knocking him down and grabbing the chinlock. Moreno tries to get up and gets pulled right back down, with the fans staying being Moreno in a good sign.

Back up and Moreno hits an enziguri, leaving both of them down. Some more kicks in the corner have Riggins in trouble but he fights back on top. Moreno's super Spanish Fly is blocked as Hendrix grabs the leg though, allowing Riggins to hit a knee to the face for the pin at 3:36.

Rating: C. The match was another strange one, with a good chunk of it being spent in a chinlock and Moreno losing again. Moreno is starting to feel like someone who is just a warm body around both Evolve and NXT and that's only kind of surprising. There isn't much about him that stands out and until that changes, I don't quite see him having the most success.

Post match Hendrix grabs a chair and Riggins Pillmanizes Moreno's ankle.

Timothy Thatcher yells at his security guards, who are finally named as Viktor Zinov and Shido Ash, for being too rough last week and injuring Harlem Lewis (I believe, as the audio wasn't the clearest). With that out of the way, he wants them ready to secure things tonight as he has a big match. That leaves Thatcher with Succession III, which will feature new arrivals and the winner of tonight's Women's Title match against Nikkita Lyons. Let's get to work.

Max Abrams vs. Cappuccino Jones

Abrams manages to pull off his entrance pants while jumping off the top. They start fast with Abrams catching him in a chase and stomping away. Jones is back up with a running elbow

in the corner but Abrams sends him to the apron for a springboard kick to the head. Abrams hammers away in the corner, with Jones snapping off a hurricanrana to escape

That lets Jones go up but he dives into a dropkick. A running Blockbuster gives Abrams two but the top rope elbow misses. Jones hits a top rope ax handle for two and a sitout powerbomb gets the same. Back up and some running kicks to the head rock Abrams and they hit stereo crossbodies for another double down.

Cue some of the Mog Squad but security is waiting on them, only for Marcus Mathers and Sam Holloway to jump the Squad from behind. Security gets rid of Mathers and Holloway, leaving Abrams to go outside so Jones can take him out with a big dive. Cue CJ Valor to crotch Jones on top and the Main Objective finishes Jones at 6:27.

Rating: B-. They're clearly setting Abrams up as the title challenger for Succession and that's not a bad idea. He's been positioned as the star member of the Squad and I could go for seeing what else he could do. At the same time, Jones and company are feeling less and less important every week and that's a really bad sign going forward.

PJ Vasa is here to watch the Women's Title match.

Elijah Holyfield vs. Kai Kavari

Holyfield powers him into the corner and hits a running shoulder, followed by some running splashes in the corner. A big spinebuster drops Kavari again and an uppercut gives Holyfield the pin at 1:15. This was designed to put Holyfield in the ring and show the very basic stuff he can do. That's perfectly fine and did well, albeit in a tiny sample size.

Tristan Angels is mad about last week's loss to Aaron Rourke and doesn't like a bunch of the people around here. He's not done coming after the title and isn't stopping until he has

it.

Women's Title: Sloane Jacobs vs. Wendy Choo

Choo is defending and the winner defends against Nikkita Lyons (in Jacobs' corner) at Succession in three weeks. Jacobs charges at her to start and gets caught in a running headscissors. A dropkick gives Choo an early near fall and she knocks Jacobs outside as we take a break.

We come back with Jacobs staying on her in the corner and hitting a suplex into a legdrop for two. Back up and Jacobs hits a running boot in the corner, followed by a hanging swinging suplex for two more. The figure four necklock is broken up and Choo gets to fire back for a change. Some clotheslines put Jacobs down and a Molly Go Round (close enough) gets two.

Jacobs is back with a facebuster for two of her own and sends Choo into the corner a few times. Back up and Choo snaps off a brainbuster for two more but the Dirt Nap is broken up. A top rope elbow gets two on Choo and the Muta Lock makes it even worse. With that broken up, Choo is sent into the corner but comes right back with the Dirt Nap to retain at 9:01.

Rating: C+. Jacobs was a completely acceptable challenger for the title, even if there was no reason to think she was going to face Lyons at Succession. At the same time, it is great to see Choo getting to showcase herself in such a better way after the whole sleep deal. It was sad to have Choo wasting away with that nonsense, as this version is quite a good bit better.

Choo and Lyons have a staredown...and PJ Vasa beats up Karmen Petrovic in the VIP section to end the show.

Overall Rating: B-. Now this show was more like the Evolve style, as it was all about setting things up for Succession. That included making some matches and getting a few stories

out of the way. That is the kind of show you need to have and I had a nice time watching them get ready. Good stuff here, and the likely Abrams vs. Rourke title match should be good.

Results

Gianna Capri b. Masyn Holiday – Rollup while holding the rope

Harley Riggins b. Romeo Moreno – Knee to the face

Max Abrams b. Cappuccino Jones – Main Objective

Elijah Holyfield b. Kai Kavari – Uppercut

Wendy Choo b. Sloane Jacobs – Dirt Nap

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New Column: Those Magic Moments

Today we're going to look at some wrestling moments that I watch from time to time, just because they make me happy.

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NXT – June 2, 2026: The Late Lull

NXT

Date: June 2, 2026

Location: Capitol Wrestling Center, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Vic Joseph, Booker T.

We're getting closer to...whatever the next big show is going to be but first we have the NXT Title being defended as Kam Hendrix challenges Tony D'Angelo. That should at least be a good match, but we also have the issue of Saquon Shuggars trying to get revenge on Darkstate for turning on him. Let's get to it.

[Here are last week's results if you need a recap.](#)

Zaria vs. Lizzy Rain

Zaria goes after her to start but gets dropkicked into the corner. Rain knees her from the apron and snaps off a hurricanrana into the corner. A kick seems to annoy Zaria, who hammers Rain down and pulls her away from the ropes for the crash. Cue Tatum Paxley to taunt Zaria but she's able to knock Rain outside as we take a break.

We come back with Rain firing off headbutts in the corner but walking into a spear to leave them both down. Back up and Rain wins a slugout, setting up a springboard tornado DDT. Zaria's F5 is countered so she nails a discus lariat for two. Rain shrugs off some yelling and hits a cutter, only to springboard into a suplex. The F5 gives Zaria the pin at 10:34.

Rating: C+. They kept this moving and Zaria is finally starting to get somewhere with these wins. Odds are she gets a title shot against Paxley at the Great American Bash and it's nice to see her string together some wins to make that more

realistic. Other than that you have Rain, who is still trying to find something to do.

Post match Zaria loads up another F5 but Paxley comes in to offer her a title shot next week.

Tavion Heights and Myles Borne suggest Sean Legacy and Dorian Van Dux team up. They seem somewhat interested.

Izzy Dame, in a referee top, tells the Culling to focus, as she is going to put the Women's Title on the backburner for now.

Darkstate comes out for a match but Saquon Shuggars sneaks through the crowd and drops Cutler James with a pipe. Apparently we have a schedule change.

OTM vs. The Culling

Izzy Dame is here with the Culling, who get jumped to start fast with Spears getting elbowed in the face inside. Vance comes in to take over on Price, who avoids a charge in the corner and runs Vance over. Price gets sent outside though and we take a break. We come back with Nima suplexing Spears and getting over for the tag to Price. House is quickly cleaned, with a knee to the face getting two on Vance. The powerslam/neckbreaker combination gets two on Price, who is back up with a superkick to put Vance on the floor. The double swing into the double Angle Slam pins Spears at 9:29.

Rating: C+. It's another perfectly nice match with the two teams getting to have some ring time. If nothing else, it was nice to see OTM actually win a match for a change. They've felt like they have potential to do something for a long time now but it isn't going to matter unless they get to do this a lot more often.

EK Prosper gives Tate Wilder a pep talk but asks him to maybe let someone else have a chance. Wilder doesn't seem interested

but Kam Hendrix comes in to brag about his own success.

Jackson Drake vs. Tate Wilder

The rest of the Vanity Project is here with Drake. Wilder wrestles him down to start and works on the arm for a bit. Back up and Drake swivels his hips a bit, earning himself a Sling Blade. That's enough to send Drake outside, with Wilder hitting a quick flip dive. We take a break and come back with Drake winning a brawl on the apron but missing a 450. The TKO connects for Wilder and he powerbombs Drake out of the corner. A UFO Splash gives Wilder two but the Project gets up for a distraction. Myra catches Wilder in a pair of powerbombs and now Drake's 450 can connect for the pin at 8:38.

Rating: B-. I still like Wilder a bit but he's firmly in the "getting used to this place" phase. That will pass in time and Wilder hasn't looked bad this far. On the other hand you have Drake, who is easily the best star of the Vanity Project. The whole group is working well enough thus far and I'm curious to see where they go from here.

Robert Stone is fired up about the Great American Bash but Osiris Griffin comes in to complain about Cutler James being attacked. Jasper Troy comes in to mock Griffin but Darkstate jumps Troy and leaves him laying (with the camera being taken out as well).

We look at Lola Vice retaining the Women's Title last week.

Here is Vice for a chat. Last week, she knocked out Izzi Dame just as she promised and now she wants to know who is next. This brings out Kelani Jordan, who brags about how she's gone to TNA to become Knockouts Champion and became a bigger star. Some people criticized her for that, but those same people praised Vice's success. Now all she needs is one chance but here are Kendal Grey and Wren Sinclair to interrupt.

Grey brags about her own success and suggests that she'll be

coming after Jordan for her attacking Sinclair. Vice is sick of this and makes a #1 contenders match between Grey and Jordan for next week (which apparently she can just do). Grey approves and Jordan goes for the belt Vice is wearing, so Vice swings the spinning elbow...which knocks Grey silly by mistake. This all made sense and they didn't do anything illogical, even with the champ getting to pick her potential challengers.

We preview the Mr. NXT Pageant, which should be either hilarious or stupid. Or both.

Tatum Paxley knows Shiloh Hill will win the pageant. Hill leaves and Zaria runs in to lay Paxley out.

Mason Rook comes up to Tony D'Angelo and says he should be having a title shot tonight. Robert Stone comes in to say Rook can face Naraku (who is in the background) next week.

Men's Speed Title: Lexis King vs. Romeo Moreno

King, with Birthright, is defending and Moreno has Noam Dar. It's also a five minute time limit for the title match. Moreno snaps off the sunset flip for an early two and la majistral gets the same. King breaks up something off the top though and gets a frustrated two. They chop it out with Moreno hitting a suplex and grabbing a Rings Of Saturn. With that broken up, Moreno hits a dive onto Birthright at ringside and gets caught in a half crab back inside. With that broken up, King knocks him out again and a Coronation retains the title at 4:34.

Rating: C+. I'm still not sure I get the appeal of Moreno, who is technically fine but there's just nothing overly interesting about him. It's WAY too early to write him off of course as he's been in NXT for about 18 seconds, but I'm not seeing it so far. King is pretty much all he's going to be right now, though being in a stable is a smart move for him.

Nattie and Jaida Parker argue in the back, with Nattie calling her soft. Parker responds by...looking sad. So yeah, kind of

soft.

Keanu Carver comes up to the banged up Tate Wilder but EK Prosper stands up for Wilder.

Kendal Grey is worried about Wren Sinclair's knee but Sinclair tells her to worry about Kelani Jordan.

Tavion Heights/Myles Borne vs. Darkstate

Borne slugs it out with Lennox to start and it's off to Heights, who shoulders Griffin in the corner. Darkstate gets cleared out but comes back in to get knocked outside again. Lennox gets launched with a suplex on the floor and we take an early break. We come back with Borne in trouble as Lennox works on his leg.

Griffin hits a backbreaker and Lennox catapults Borne into a World's Strongest Slam for two. Borne is back up without much trouble and brings in Heights to clean house. Everything breaks down and Lennox breaks up Heights' spinning belly to belly. That means Heights is sent into the post, setting up a Doomsday Device to finish him off at 11:01.

Rating: B-. That's a better finisher than anything I remember Darkstate doing otherwise and again, they were someone who needed a win. Heights losing is the best way to go as the champ shouldn't be taking another fall. Darkstate has issues going on already though and that's going to involve Saquon Shuggars, as it already has.

Post match Shuggars shows up for a staredown.

Here's what's coming next week.

NXT Title: Kam Hendrix vs. Tony D'Angelo

D'Angelo is defending and gets kicked in the face for two at the bell. A neckbreaker gets two more and Hendrix hammers away. D'Angelo is back with a chokeslam attempt to send

Hendrix bailing out to the floor. Back in and D'Angelo snaps off some suplexes, with Hendrix heading outside again, only to run into an imposing Naraku.

We take a break and come back with D'Angelo fighting out of a chinlock but getting suplex slammed for two. D'Angelo Hulks Up and fights back, with a fisherman's suplex getting two. A suplex toss gives D'Angelo two more but Hendrix kicks him in the face. Hendrix's sitout powerbomb gets two, as does D'Angelo's powerbomb. Hendrix goes for a chair but here is Mason Rook to cut him off. D'Angelo sends Hendrix onto the table and the spinebuster retains the title at 10:48.

Rating: B-. This got going a lot more at the end and it did pick up, with Rook not being a big factor. It felt like just a quick title defense before D'Angelo gets on to his bigger title opponents. At the same time, D'Angelo doesn't really come off as the strongest champ and I'm not sure how long I can picture him holding the title. He feels more like a transitional champion, which very well may be the case.

Post match Naraku presents D'Angelo with the title. Naraku vs. Rook is officially a #1 contenders match.

Overall Rating: C. I wasn't feeling this one as much as very little, including the main event for the NXT Title, felt overly important. The good thing is we now have the Great American Bash to build towards and there will be three weeks to get ready for the show. This didn't do much to get us there and felt like they were just getting done with some stuff before we get to the important material going forward. Not a great show here, but they have time to kick it into the higher gear.

Results

Zaria b. Lizzy Rain – F5

OTM b. The Culling – Double Angle Slam to Spears

Jackson Drake b. Tate Wilder – 450

Lexis King b. Romeo Moreno – Coronation

Darkstate b. Tavion Heights/Myles Borne – Doomsday Device to Heights

Tony D'Angelo b. Kam Hendrix – Spinebuster

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