

# Summerslam 2024: Hot Night

## Summerslam 2024

Date: August 3, 2024

Location: Cleveland Browns Stadium, Cleveland, Ohio

Commentators: Michael Cole, Corey Graves, Pat McAfee

It's another stadium show for one of the biggest events of the WWE year. That should make for a big deal and now we get to see what WWE can do with this stacked of a card. There are seven matches scheduled with six titles on the line, plus a heck of a grudge match. That should be more than enough to carry things so let's get to it.

I was in the stadium for this show, sitting opposite the hard cameras between the entrance and the ring.

HHH welcomes us to the show and introduces Jelly Roll to sing Liar, one of the show's official theme songs, set to a preview of the card. This was a cool video but having the song played live didn't change much.

Miz welcomes us to the show, serving his purpose as host.

## Raw Women's Title: Rhea Ripley vs. Liv Morgan

Ripley, with Dominik Mysterio, is challenging. Morgan hurt Ripley and tried to take Mysterio from her, only to have Mysterio turn her down. The bell rings and Morgan bails outside, then does it again for a bonus. An attempt at a third roll outside is cut off by a head fake and Ripley grabs her for some clotheslines. They go outside for a ram into the steps, allowing Ripley to like Mysterio's face.

Ripley sends her into the steps a few more times and then Riptides her onto the top turnbuckle. Morgan slips out of Riptide again and sends Ripley's recently repaired arm into the buckle. Ripley goes down fast and screams "IT'S OUT" but

insists that the match keep going. It's time to go back to the floor where Ripley's bad shoulder goes into the steps this time, followed by some stomping back inside.

Back in and Morgan cranks on the arm (as you do) before hitting a springboard Codebreaker on said arm. Ripley gets smart by kicking her in the head and going outside, where Dominik shoves her out of the way of Morgan's dive. Back up and Ripley rams her arm into the announcers' table to pop it back in, meaning the beating can ensue. Another Riptide attempt is countered into a DDT and they're both down.

Ripley gets back up and tries the Prism Trap but Morgan slips out and grabs a crucifix bomb for two. A cross armbreaker has the arm in more trouble but Ripley powers out with a spinebuster for two of her own. One heck of a headbutt rocks Ripley, allowing Morgan to snap the arm over the middle rope.

Morgan goes for a chair but walks into a Riptide for her efforts. Ripley picks it up instead, with Dominik cutting her off to save the match. Morgan sends them together and a quick Oblivion connects for two. Then Dominik slides the chair in ala how he "accidentally" helped Morgan win the title, setting up another Oblivion onto the chair for Morgan to retain. This time though, Dominik is smiling.

**Rating:** B-. This wasn't exactly a great match but it told the right story. Morgan wasn't going to be able to hang in there in a fair fight and tried to exploit the injury, which only worked so well. Dominik was always going to be the big factor here and while they had heavily teased the ending, they still made it work well.

Post match Ripley wakes up and Dominik kisses a surprised Morgan, much to Ripley's dismay.

After some advertisements, Damian Priest storms into Judgment Day's locker room and wants to hurt Dominik Mysterio. He asks if Finn Balor knew what was coming and seems to accuse Balor

of being behind it but Balor denies knowing anything. The rest of the team and Carlito go off to find Dominik, with Priest threatening violence.

We recap Bron Breakker vs. Sami Zayn for the latter's Intercontinental Title. Zayn survived against Breakker last month but now Breakker is more focused and ready.

### Intercontinental Title: Bron Breakker vs. Sami Zayn

Zayn is defending and avoids a charge at the bell, sending Breakker shoulder first into the post. Breakker rolls outside but gets sent back inside, where he has to avoid an early Helluva Kick attempt. Breakker catches him with a running clothesline, which works a bit better. Some right hands in the corner set up a super Frankensteiner for two as Zayn is in early trouble.

Zayn springboards over him and hits a clothesline but can't hit the Blue Thunder Bomb. Instead Breakker goes up for the Steiner Bulldog, which is reversed into the Blue Thunder Bomb for two. The exploder into the corner connects but Breakker cuts him off with the spear. Another spear gives Breakker the pin and the title at 5:44.

**Rating:** B-. This didn't have the time to go anywhere but that is the way it should have gone. Breakker went with straight power here and there was no way for Zayn to survive that kind of impact. Zayn needed to drop the title here as Breakker couldn't lose two shots in a row and it was time for him to win something around here anyway.

Stephanie McMahon, with her weird clapping, is here.

We recap Logan Paul defending the US Title against LA Knight. Paul has frustrated Knight, who keeps coming back and wanting a US Title shot. Knight pinned him in a Money In The Bank qualifying match and that was enough to get the shot here.

## US Title: LA Knight vs. Logan Paul

Paul, the hometown boy, is defending, but we cut to the back where Knight smashes the window of the Prime truck that he stole from Paul on Smackdown. It's a brawl on the floor before the bell with Paul being sent into the barricade. Knight sends him into the hydration station but Paul fights back and clears the announcers' table. That's fine with Knight, who hits a torture rack neckbreaker onto the table and NOW we go in for the opening bell.

Knight fires the shoulders into the ribs to start as Graves makes a Major League joke in a nice touch. The jumping elbow hits raised knees and Paul sends him shoulder first into the post (three times in three matches so far). Paul posts him again and hammers away at the head, followed by a big boot and legdrop for two (yes with the Hogan pose). Knight fights up from his knees but walks into a gutwrench suplex for two more. A powerbomb faceplant gives Paul two but he spends too much time on mockery and walks into a powerslam for two.

Knight slugs away again and stomps away in the corner, setting up a running knee to rock Paul again. A Side Effect of all things sets up a middle rope elbow, only to have Knight jump to the top in an impressive display, for two more. Back up and Paul sends him to the apron for a springboard clothesline to send Knight outside, setting up a springboard spinning moonsault (awesome).

Back in and Paul's big right hand gets two so it's time for Paul's cronies to give him the brass knuckles. That's broken up and Knight hammers away, but Paul gets the knuckles anyway. They head back inside, where Knight grabs BFT for the pin and the title (his first in WWE) at 12:04.

**Rating:** B. This was all about the moment at the end as Knight FINALLY wins something. It's long overdue and the fans went nuts when he finally got there. Paul has put together more

than enough goodwill to lose here and be fine going forward so this worked out well. Knight gets his win and showcased some rather impressive athleticism at the same time, making this work out well.

Various wrestlers still Manscaped products.

We recap Nia Jax challenging Bayley for the Smackdown Women's Title. Jax is on a roll and won Queen Of The Ring but Bayley isn't laying down for anyone.

### Smackdown Women's Title: Bayley vs. Nia Jax

Jax is challenging and Bayley slugs away to start fast before tying the arm up in the ropes. Bayley has to escape a powerbomb but Jax runs her over without much trouble. An elbow drop keeps Bayley in trouble but she fights up and hits a belly to back suplex. Back up and Bayley manages to knock her outside, only to get crotched back inside. Bayley manages a guillotine choke (how she beat Jax in NXT) but gets shoved off with straight power.

Jax's middle rope legdrop misses and a quick Bayley To Belly gets two. Bayley charges into a release Rock Bottom out of the corner and the Annihilator connects for two, leaving Jax stunned. Back up and Bayley sends her shoulder first into the post (four for four) so Jax needs a breather on the floor.

Bayley's suicide dive is countered into a Samoan drop on the floor, followed by the running hip attack in the corner. Another Annihilator is broken up though and Bayley manages a heck of a middle rope powerbomb. Bayley's top rope elbow gets two...and it's Tiffy Time. Bayley cuts her off but Jax powerbombs Bayley down, setting up a pair of Annihilators to win the title at 12:32.

**Rating:** B-. There was zero hiding what was going on here, as there might as well have been a big countdown clock to the title change from the second Jax announced she was going to be

in the Queen Of The Ring. She's too big of a force to keep losing all of the time and even though she isn't the most popular, this is probably the best way to go. Stratton has the briefcase and can turn on her later, which would suit her rather well.

Post match Tiffany and Jax celebrate with no cash-in attempt.

We recap Drew McIntyre vs. CM Punk. McIntyre injured Punk during the Royal Rumble and then bragged about it. Therefore, Punk has promised, and managed, to ruin McIntyre's life. McIntyre is obsessed with Punk and stole a personal bracelet of his, meaning it's time for revenge, with Seth Rollins, who doesn't like either of them, as the guest referee.

### CM Punk vs. Drew McIntyre

Seth Rollins is guest referee and calls for the opening bell after quite the delay. Punk hammers away to start but Rollins pulls him away in the corner. That lets McIntyre get in some stomps of his own, but Rollins breaks that up too. McIntyre strikes away until a clothesline puts him on the floor. Rollins chills on the top rope as Punk posts McIntyre before stopping to tie his shoes as Punk sends McIntyre into the steps. McIntyre fights up and swings Punk into the steps while Rollins conducts the singing crowd.

A catapult sends Punk chest first into the ring structure and it's time to throw what's left of Punk back inside. McIntyre powerbombs him for two, with Rollins' count not sitting well with him. The chair is brought in, with McIntyre saying this makes their problem go away. Rollins takes the chair away and loads up a swing but has to stop himself from hitting Punk by mistake. The chair is thrown out but Rollins misses the rollup on McIntyre. Back up and McIntyre drops him again before pulling out the bracelet.

Punk fires off the running knees in the corner and the top rope elbow gets two. The Anaconda Vice is brought out of

mothballs, only for McIntyre to fight out and hit the Claymore for two. The Futureshock is escaped and McIntyre misses a charge into the post (oh come on already). Punk yells at Rollins for picking up the bracelet but McIntyre rams them into each other, sending Rollins outside. The GTS gets a VERY delayed two, with Punk yelling at Rollins and his “stupid Sabu pants” (amazing line). That means a GTS to Rollins, leaving McIntyre to hit Punk low. Another Claymore finishes for McIntyre at 16:59.

**Rating:** B. Good stuff here, with enough smoke and mirrors hiding the fact that Punk was looking more than a bit tired at times. The main thing is they got Punk in the ring for a major match, which is the best role for him at the moment. He can't do nearly as much as he used to be able to do, but there is an energy for his matches that few others have. The ending sets up either Punk vs. McIntyre II or Punk vs. Rollins, with commentary pointing out that Punk's lack of focus cost him the win.

Finn Balor comes in to see Damian Priest, saying Dominik Mysterio and Liv Morgan are gone. Priest apologizes for accusing him earlier, with Balor accepting and apologizing for his response. Go take care of Gunther.

We recap Damian Priest defending the Raw World Title against Gunther. Priest cashed in Money In The Bank to win the title at Wrestlemania and has been trying to prove himself as champion since. Gunther on the other hand is the King Of The Ring while coming off the record shattering Intercontinental Title reign. He also doesn't think much of Priest, referring to him as street trash. It's a cultural battle along with a title fight.

#### Raw World Title: Gunther vs. Damian Priest

Priest is defending and there are no seconds. They slug it out to start with Priest knocking him into the corner and grabbing

a lifting Downward Spiral to send Gunther outside. Gunther blocks a powerbomb attempt and rams him into the apron, only for Priest to hit an ear clap back inside. Priest's superplex is broken up with some shots to the ribs but he settles for a super hurricanrana (McAfee: "Something you don't often see: Gunther's body flying through the sky.")

Other than when he does that top rope splash almost every match.) into the Broken Arrow for two. Priest chops him so hard that Gunther's chest is bleeding but he's back with a powerbomb. Gunther sees the blood and chops even harder, only for Priest to kick him in the head and hit the South Of Heaven for two. Back up and Gunther kicks him in the face so Priest tells him to bring it on (oh that's dumb) so it's a chop to put him own. Cue Finn Balor to cheer Priest on (uh oh) and Gunther kicks Priest down again.

A running kick to the ribs has Priest in trouble and Gunther kicks Balor in the face too. Priest fights up and hits some clotheslines, setting up the Razor's Edge. South Of Heaven connects...but Balor puts Gunther's foot on the ropes. Priest didn't seem to see what happened but sees the replay on the screen and turns to glare at Balor. The distraction lets Gunther get the sleeper, with Priest flipping backwards for two and the escape. Priest lunges for Balor and Gunther grabs a powerbomb. Another sleeper gives Gunther the title at 16:39.

**Rating:** B. These guys beat the fire out of each other and it was a physical match before everything went down. The stories here are managing a new champion to go with the further splitting of Judgment Day, which could open up a few paths for both. Heck of a match here, with Priest having a new hot story to come off a pretty impressive title run.

Here are the Miz and R-Truth to announce the attendance of 57,791. Jelly Roll's theme song, with the line "YOU AIN'T NOTHING BUT A LIAR" playing just after that number is announced amuses me for some reason. Cue A-Town Down Under to

mock Jelly Roll, saying only Cleveland could have this many people who look like Roll (who weighs a good bit over three hundred pounds). Truth thinks he's talking to the Rock N Roll Express (because of the Rock N Roll Hall Of Fame) but here is Roll in disguise to chair them down. A Five Knuckle Shuffle ensues and Miz and Truth have to help Roll up.

We recap Cody Rhodes vs. Solo Sikoa for the Smackdown World Title. Rhodes thought he defeated the Bloodline at Wrestlemania when he took out Roman Reigns but Sikoa has reformed the team with a much more dangerous lineup. Now it's a Bloodline Rules match but all of Cody's friends have been taken out by the Bloodline, meaning he's all alone.

### Smackdown World Title: Cody Rhodes vs. Solo Sikoa

Cody is defending under Bloodline Rules (anything goes). We go to the back where Rhodes gets off his bus, takes his dog Pharaoh, and walks into the arena, where he runs into Arn Anderson of all people. Anderson talks about how proud Dusty Rhodes would be but Cody has four ticked off island boys coming for him. Cody's friends are on the way though, even if they might leave as Cody takes FOREVER to get to the ring in an entrance Undertaker would think is excessive.

Feeling out process to start with Sikoa using the power to take over early on. Sikoa blocks the drop down right hand and Cody isn't sure what to think. They chop it out until Cody low bridges him to the apron, with a Disaster Kick sending Sikoa out to the floor. Back in and Cody's snap powerslam doesn't work so Sikoa hits a spinwheel kick. The Samoan drop gets two but Cody is back up with a Cody Cutter for a breather.

Back up and Sikoa grabs a sitout powerbomb for two, followed by a running Umaga Attack for the same. Spinning Solo sets up the nerve hold and another Samoan drop cuts off the comeback bid. Cody is tied in the Tree of Woe for the running headbutt but another one only hits mat. A top rope moonsault to a

standing Sikoa (even Graves has to admit it didn't look great) gives Cody a breather but Sikoa plants him back down for two more.

Sikoa goes up, only to get superplexed right back down. Cody slugs away but has to counter Sikoa's Cross Rhodes attempt into one of his own. Cue Tama Tonga and Tonga Loa so the beatdown can be on, including the double spinning neckbreaker to give Sikoa two. Cue the returning Kevin Owens for the save but the Bloodline fights back, meaning it's Randy Orton running in (and high fiving fans on the way) for the save of his own.

Cody uses the help to hit Cross Rhodes on Solo, leaving the other four to fight off into the crowd. It's time to bring in the steps, with Cody getting in some hard shots to the head. Sikoa cuts him off with a spear though and puts Cody up against the steps in the corner. The running Umaga Attack misses though and Cody hits a pair of Cross Rhodes. Cue Jacob Fatu to wreck Cody though, with Sikoa getting two.

Fatu takes him outside for a top rope splash through the announcers' table...and Fatu can't stand on his leg. I believe the term is oh de...and it doesn't matter as ROMAN REIGNS is back to a thunderous reaction. The Superman Punch and spear cut Sikoa down and, with a look at Reigns, Cody hits Cross Rhodes to retain at 29:14.

**Rating:** B-. For a match where anything goes, they didn't exactly do anything until the end. This was a regular match for about twenty minutes and then they went nuts with the interference, making it much more like the Wrestlemania match between Cody and Reigns. It's certainly not bad, but I was expecting some wild brawl and for the most part, I only got a good match. As for the bigger story of Reigns coming back, they teased it and then did it, so there is only so much to complain about with how it went down. Everything picks up from here as the Bloodline Civil War is on, which should be good.

**Overall Rating:** B. Solid action, nothing bad in the ring, stories moving forward and the big moment at the end in front of a pretty hot crowd. That's about all you can ask for out of any major show and this one more than delivered. Above all else it sets up all kinds of things going forward (the Judgment Day's future should be fascinating) as we enter the build towards the end of the year and Survivor Series. Rather good show here, with that Reigns reception being a sight to behold.

### Results

Liv Morgan b. Rhea Ripley – Oblivion onto a chair

Bron Breaker b. Sami Zayn – Spear

LA Knight b. Logan Paul – BFT

Nia Jax b. Bayley – Annihilator

Drew McIntyre b. CM Punk – Claymore

Gunther b. Damian Priest – Sleeper

Cody Rhodes b. Solo Sikoa – Cross Rhodes

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# Summerslam 2024 Preview

We're back to one of the biggest shows of the year and it's another stadium version, which should make things that much more interesting. The show has been well built up and we could be in for quite the night if things go as they have planned. We have six title matches and a major grudge match, the latter of which might be the most interesting thing on the show. Let's get to it.

## Smackdown Women's Title: Bayley(c) vs. Nia Jax

We'll start with what feels like the most obvious result, as Jax has been built up as the unstoppable force, while Bayley is the plucky champion who believes she can stop the monster. That's a nice way to believe but it doesn't feel like it is based in reality. Jax is being pushed as unbeatable right now and there is a good chance that it means we'll be seeing a title change here.

Naturally I'll go with Jax winning, as a mixture of WWE's weird obsession with her and the fact that her cousin helps run the place does not bode well for Bayley's chances. I could see Tiffany Stratton cashing in on Jax here, but it wouldn't shock me to see it shut down. Either way, Bayley gets annihilated and Jax gets to be the queen of everything, because that's just what we have to see happen.

## Intercontinental Title: Sami Zayn(c) vs. Bron Breaker

This is a rematch from last month at Money In The Bank where Zayn won in something of an upset. Now Breaker wants another shot on the bigger stage and has been wrecking people left and right on his way back to the title. In theory that should mean it is time for him to get the big win, but beating Zayn is one

of those things that is often talked about but rarely happens.

I can't imagine they'll have Breakker lose at back to back pay per views though so I'll say the title changes. Breakker is someone who feels like he could be one of the next big things around here and he is going to need a major win on the main roster do that. Beating Zayn in a major spot is a great way to go and there is no reason to believe that he loses again. Breakker wins here, as he should.

#### US Title: Logan Paul(c) vs. LA Knight

Here we have another weird situation as Paul is doing rather well in his role as champion but he doesn't really have anything else to do. He already got his shot at Cody Rhodes and came up short, so there is no reason to go back there again. At the same time, Knight almost desperately needs to win a title, because he is long past the point where he has lost too much. That makes for an interesting situation, and there is pretty much only one way out.

Knight pretty much has to win here so we'll go with that, even in Paul's hometown. Paul is someone who has already firmly established himself as a big deal while Knight has always been the one who comes up short. Give him the win here and let him move up a bit, which is long overdue. The reign doesn't even need to be long, but it needs to start at some point, which is what happens here as Knight wins.

#### Raw World Title: Damian Priest(c) vs. Gunther

Maybe I'm overthinking this, but the more I think about it, the more I think Priest might retain. The idea being Priest's reign is that he is in over his head and should lose the title but then he just keeps hanging onto it. That hasn't been a bad thing so far, though this isn't quite the same kind of match. Gunther is a different animal, but there is one more thing that gives me caution.

In a pick I'm sure is going to be wrong, I'll say Priest retains here, likely through Judgment Day shenanigans. For once that isn't something the champion wants, leading to a rematch later this month in Berlin where Gunther gets the big win. You can screw Gunther over and turn him into more of a monster while Priest gets to further what should be a face turn and everything works. Or Gunther just smashes him and wins. I'll say Priest wins, but not with the most confidence.

#### Raw Women's Title: Liv Morgan(c) vs. Rhea Ripley

Here we have one of the more interesting matches on the card as it is all about the soap opera side. The question remains centered around Dominik Mysterio's status, which seemed to shift in recent weeks. Now it seems that Mysterio and Ripley are fine and Morgan has been left out in the cold. That comes off as too simple to be true and we might see that this weekend.

I'm thinking that Mysterio officially turns on Ripley here to side with Morgan, allowing her to retain. At the same time it would not shock me to see Morgan drop Mysterio immediately because she just wanted to break him rather than wanting him for herself, but that would just be a bonus. While there is always the chance that Ripley crushes Morgan to get her title back, I'm thinking Morgan gets what she wants here while Ripley gets her heart broken instead.

#### CM Punk vs. Drew McIntyre

This is the grudge match on the show and quite possibly the best thing on the entire card. These two cannot stand each other and have gone after the other for months but they have not been able to have an actual match. Hopefully everything goes well here on the health and safety side, because Punk's next injury very well may be the last one of his career. Assuming he can stay healthy, he can keep going from here, which brings up the result.

I'm going with McIntyre here, even with Seth Rollins as guest referee. Punk has gotten the better of McIntyre too many times now and McIntyre can only get so angry at Punk anymore. McIntyre needs to win here, either with or without Rollins' help, as there is almost guaranteed to be a rematch of some sort. This should be a great start though, and it will be very nice to have Punk back in the ring.

### Smackdown World Title: Cody Rhodes(c) vs. Solo Sikoa

This match got a big boost on Smackdown as it is now under Bloodline Rules. That should help with making things a bit more suited to Sikoa, as I'm not sure how well he could have carried his half of a traditional main event. As has been the case elsewhere on the show, this doesn't so much feel like the big event but rather a piece of a much larger story, which is due to one person.

I'll take Rhodes to win here one way or another, as not only is it far too early for him to lose the belt, but it also could set up the return of Roman Reigns. Sikoa has hinted at Reigns' return, and if Sikoa loses, Reigns can throw the "losses have consequences" line right back in his face. That's the big step forward though, which is impressive when you consider that it's likely to be the main event of Summerslam. But yeah, Rhodes wins and Reigns is back sooner than later to go after Sikoa.

### Overall Thoughts

For a show that only has seven matches at the moment, they have done a great job of making the show feel packed. There is a little bit of everything here and if the big stuff goes well, we could be in for an outstanding show. That is the hard part, but at least they have done a good job of setting the stage for success.

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# Rampage – August 2, 2024: The Other Direction

## **Rampage**

Date: August 2, 2024

Location: Bon Secours Wellness Arena, Greenville, South Carolina

Commentators: Excalibur, Tony Schiavone, Matt Menard

We are now officially less than a month away from All In and that means the show's card has already started coming together. Most of the bigger matches are either set or have been teased and there is a good chance of moving things forward this week. If nothing else, we should be in for solid action, as tends to be the case around here. Let's get to it.

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

Opening sequence.

Wheeler Yuta vs. The Butcher

Bryan Danielson is on commentary. Feeling out process to start

until Yuta strikes away as Danielson is right there to explain the idea behind what Yuta is doing. Butcher shoulders him down to take over and a backdrop keeps Yuta in trouble. Back up and Yuta manages to send him outside for the suicide dive, only to be knocked out of the air back inside. Butcher plants him down and we take a break.

We come back with Yuta hitting a high crossbody as Danielson talks about wanting to face Jeff Jarrett on Dynamite. A flying forearm drops Butcher and a German suplex gives Yuta two. Butcher backbreakers his way out of a Kimura and grabs a sitout powerbomb for two of his own. Yuta fights up and sends him shoulder first into the buckle, setting up the up and down elbows. Cattle Mutilation of all things finishes Butcher at 10:39.

**Rating:** C+. This is one of those ideas that will always work as you have the smaller Yuta fighting the scary looking monster in Butcher. It was made even better by having Danielson there to push the idea, which he can do rather well. They didn't reinvent the wheel here, but they didn't have to as they made a simple idea work well.

The MxM Collection are only addicted to shampooing and conditioning and the only shots they take are beauty shots.

### Brian Cage vs. Manny Lo

Cage grabs a suplex to start, followed by posing and Weapon X for the pin at 1:01.

We look at Kyle Fletcher yelling at MJF to set up their match on Dynamite.

Fletcher is cut off by Don Callis before Brian Cage comes in. Cage vs. Fletcher is set for Collision. That will be three straight nights of Cage wrestling (counting Ring Of Honor), which seems a bit excessive.

## Nyla Rose vs. Harley Cameron

Cameron says this is for Saraya (who isn't here). For some reason Cameron tries to go straight after Rose, who just glares at her. A kick to the back of Rose's head only makes her mad, with Cameron being sent outside for a baseball slide. Cameron manages to send her into the barricade to take over, followed by some boot choking back inside.

We take a break and come back with Rose grabbing a backbreaker and elbowing her down for two. Cameron gets in a shot of her own but misses the Cannonball. A knee to the head gives Cameron two, followed by a Bronco Buster. That doesn't work for Rose, who sits up with a Beast Bomb for the pin at 8:58.

**Rating:** C+. This was Cameron hammering away on the much bigger monster to limited avail. At the end of the day, Rose basically treated her like a fly and smashed her to wrap things up. I could go for more of more of Rose in almost any kind of role and if that means having a more competitive than expected match with Cameron, so I'll be glad with what I'm getting.

Private Party is ready for the MxM Collection but doesn't seem to be taking them seriously.

## Bryan Keith vs. Jackson Drake

The rest of the Learning Tree is here as Keith strikes away to send him into the corner. Keith ties him in the Tree of Woe and stomps away, allowing Big Bill to get in some choking from the floor. A suplex into a running kick to the chest sets up Diamond Dust to finish for Keith at 3:10.

**Rating:** C. I can only get so annoyed at anyone who uses Diamond Dust, which is still one of the coolest looking moves anywhere. This was a quick way to build Keith up a bit, especially after his hiatus due to the injury. The Learning Tree needs something to do and I'm not sure what that is at

the moment.

Katsuyori Shibata is ready to hurt Bryan Keith to even the score.

The Kingdom is ready for FTR.

### Private Party vs. MxM Collection

Mansoor and Isiah Kassidy start things off with the latter being taken down for a walk over his back. Back up and they argue over how serious this is before flipping to a standoff. Mansoor gets dropkicked out to the floor and it's off to Mason to power Kassidy into the corner. Everything breaks down Mansoor gets double flapjacked down to the floor as we take a break.

Back with Kassidy faceplanting Mansoor, setting up a neckbreaker/ for two with Mason making the save. Mason gets kicked down but manages to power both of them over with a double suplex. An exchange of strikes leaves everyone down for a breather. Mason is sent outside, where he catches Kassidy's dive with a swinging Boss Man Slam. Back in and Mason chokeslams Quen off the top, setting up an assisted double arm inverted DDT for the pin at 12:02.

**Rating:** C+. So far the Collection has been getting to showcase a few different sides of themselves, with the promos being much more goofy while the matches themselves are more on the serious side. It's a mixture that is working so far and they are certainly getting television time. We'll have to see where it goes, but it could be a far worse start.

**Overall Rating:** C+. This was a bit different after last week's big Royal Rampage edition as it was more about the in-ring action. That being said, there was only so much to be seen here, with little in the way of interesting. Nothing on here was bad, but it was a show that you really did not need to see.

## Results

Wheeler Yuta b. The Butcher – Cattle Mutilation

Brian Cage b. Manny Lo – Weapon X

Nyla Rose b. Harley Cameron – Beast Bomb

Bryan Keith b. Jackson Drake via

MxM Collection b. Private Party – Assisted double arm inverted DDT to Quen

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# Smackdown – August 2, 2024: They Had To

## Smackdown

Date: August 2, 2024

Location: Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse, Cleveland, Ohio

Commentators: Corey Graves, Wade Barrett

It's the last show before Summerslam tomorrow and that means

it is time for a pretty big match on the way. In this case that means we have the Tag Team Titles on the line as DIY defends against the Bloodline in what might be a massacre. Other than that, it's time for the big push towards Summerslam so let's get to it.

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

Here is Cody Rhodes for a chat. He asks what we want to talk about but thinks WHO we want to talk about might be a better question. Cue Solo Sikoa, on his own for once, to tell the crowd to acknowledge him. The fans aren't pleased, but Rhodes talks about how they are both younger brothers. Sikoa is all about the Bloodline's theatrics but tomorrow the bell is going to ring.

Rhodes gets serious, until Sikoa asks if he is done yet. Rhodes says Sikoa is the self proclaimed Tribal Chief but Rhodes is the WWE Champion. He sits on a throne and can do so because of what people like people like Randy Orton and Kevin Owens did. Rhodes mentions beating Roman Reigns in a Bloodline Rules match, but Sikoa says Reigns was weak. Sikoa is dangerous though and tomorrow, he'll show Rhodes how dangerous he can be. He wants Rhodes to put his money where his mouth is, but cue the Bloodline through the crowd.

Rhodes realizes Sikoa wants it to be a Bloodline Rules match tomorrow (despite Sikoa never saying it) and calls out the Bloodline. He isn't scared of any of them and the Bloodline Rules match is on. Sikoa threatens Rhodes with the Bloodline but Rhodes says all he has to do is beat the Tribal Chief. Since the Tribal Chief isn't here, he'll settle for the wannabe. They got to the point here, but Sikoa wasn't able to keep up with Rhodes on the mic and it didn't make for the best segment.

Carmelo Hayes goes to the barber shop and talks about his breakout performance against Andrade. It'll be different the

next time they face off.

### Andrade vs. Carmelo Hayes

Feeling out process to start with Hayes being cocky as usual. Andrade isn't having that this time and takes over but the threat of the Message sends Hayes bailing to the floor. We take a break and come back with Hayes sending him knees first into the steps, setting up a superkick for two. Andrade fights up and takes over, only to miss the running knees in the corner. Hayes misses the Fade Away but something like a springboard hanging suplex puts Andrade down. Hayes goes up top until Andrade catches him for a superplex as we take another break.

Back again with Andrade sending him out to the floor, setting up a middle rope moonsault. They get back in and Hayes hits a spinning faceplant, only to walk into the spinning elbow for a close two. Andrade's double jump moonsault gets two so he grabs the Figure Four. That's broken up so Andrade tries the Message, which is reversed into a rollup, which is reversed into a rollup to give Andrade the pin at 16:06.

**Rating:** B. I'm a bit surprised at the result, but at the end of the day it is nice to see Andrade getting a chance like this. He is getting some momentum together and it would be cool to see that turned into something. Hayes loses again, but at least it wasn't in a way that left him looking weak. Good match here, as these two work well together.

Santos Escobar says he's going to take out Apollo Crews tonight and yells at Berto and Angel for losing in the gauntlet match last week.

### Apollo Crews vs. Santos Escobar

Baron Corbin and the rest of Legado del Fantasma are here too. Escobar starts fast and knocks him into the corner, setting up a slingshot hilo. A tilt-a-whirl backbreaker gives Escobar two

and we hit the waistlock. That's broken up and Crews comes back with an overhead belly to belly. Angel tries to offer a distraction but gets decked by Corbin. Crews' standing moonsault gets two but...someone grabs Corbin's leg from underneath the ring. The distraction lets Escobar hit the Phantom Driver for the pin at 3:28.

**Rating:** C. This was more about the shenanigans outside, as there is little reason to believe that Crews was going to be a serious threat to someone who was a much bigger star. In theory this should be one of the last matches in the feud, but there is always the chance that things could be stretched out even further. At least Corbin didn't lose, which is not something I was expecting to say anytime ever.

It seemed to have been a member of Legado grabbing Corbin's leg rather than a surprise.

Jade Cargill and Bianca Belair are ready to get their Women's Tag Team Titles back.

Here is Nick Aldis, with some unnamed yet totally legitimate "Cleveland dignitaries" to welcome hometown star Logan Paul. This brings out Paul, who immediately goes into mocking LA Knight, who is desperate to take the US Title. Paul sees Knight's appeal to the fans, as he's a guy who never made it, just like everyone here. Paul can't relate to everyone here because he's great and he made it.

That's why we're here, including these dignitaries. Aldis says he couldn't find anything about these dignitaries on Google, but Paul insists they're legit. We have a banner to unveil, but instead it says YEAH over Paul's face. Cue Knight to say the sunglasses are making it hard for him to read the banner, so maybe the people can tell him what it says. Fans: "YEAH!" Paul: "CONGRATS! YOU PEOPLE CAN READ!"

Knight points out that Paul is from the suburbs before going to the back to find another banner for Paul. We follow Knight

to the back, where he finds Pretty Deadly, who are practicing for their musical. That won't work, but no one has a banner for him. Instead, Knight goes to the back to Paul's Prime truck so Paul charges after him, with Knight stealing the truck. Paul: "THAT'S A CRIME!" Knight getting under Paul's skin is a good way to go, but he has to win that title.

Isla Dawn and Alba Fyre are ready for Bianca Belair and Jade Cargill.

Logan Paul wants to know what Nick Aldis is going to do about this. Aldis will take it up with the dignitaries.

Women's Tag Team Titles: Isla Dawn/Alba Fyre vs. Jade Cargill/Bianca Belair

Cargill and Belair are challenging and jump the champs before the bell. The champs say they can go so it's Cargill splashing Dawn in the corner. Belair comes in to stomp away and stereo gorilla press drops have the champions in trouble as we take a break. Back with Cargill kicking Fyre away but Dawn pulls Belair down off the apron.

A Backstabber/Swanton combination gets two on Cargill, who suplexes both of them down at once for a needed breather. Belair comes back in with a double high crossbody as it's time to clean house. Belair hammers away in the corner on both champions until Fyre slips out and grabs the hair. The handspring moonsault gets two on Fyre with Dawn making the save. Cargill pulls Dawn to the floor for a superkick...and here is Blair Davenport to jump Cargill for the DQ at 7:23.

**Rating:** C. The ending isn't the biggest surprise as there was almost no reason to believe that Dawn and Fyre were going to be able to survive against the team of Belair and Cargill. Having Davenport get involved isn't the worst idea, but hopefully she can live up to the spot they are putting her in. It hasn't exactly worked so far, but maybe that changes this time.

Post match destruction ensues, with Cargill being sent over the announcers' table.

Summerslam rundown.

Video on Nia Jax vs. Bayley.

Jax gives Tiffany Stratton a custom Money In The Bank briefcase, with Stratton being VERY excited. Chelsea Green and Piper Niven come in to mock the briefcase

DIY is fired up to face the Bloodline, with Johnny Gargano talking about how this is his hometown and there are over 10,000 members of his family waiting for the Bloodline.

Tag Team Titles: Bloodline vs. DIY

The Bloodline, with Tonga Loa and Solo Sikoa, is challenging. Tama powers Ciampa into the corner to start and runs him over as we take a break with the champions in early trouble. Back with Fatu's running splash only hitting the post, allowing Gargano to come back in. Everything breaks down and Fatu is taken down by a flip dive off the apron. A super Air Raid Crash gives Ciampa two but Fatu is back in to take over. The running hip attack hits Ciampa, setting up Tama's top rope splash for two with Gargano making the save.

Fatu's running hip attack on the floor only hits steps, leaving Ciampa to roll Tama up for two. A Shatter Machine hits Tama but Loa offers a distraction, allowing Sikoa to Samoan Spike Ciampa. Tama's spinning reverse DDT gets two on Gargano but he superkicks his way out of trouble. There's the suicide dive to Tama and a poisonrana to Fatu...which just wakes him up. The pop up Samoan drop sets up the triple jump moonsault. The implant DDT gives Fatu the pin and the titles at 9:10.

**Rating:** B. Yeah they had to. There was pretty much no reason to have DIY retain here as they have gotten their big win and special moment. The Bloodline is by far the bigger deal right

now and giving Fatu a spotlight is that much better. It was even a fast paced match with DIY giving it everything they could before falling to the monsters.

**Overall Rating:** B. With most of Summerslam set, there wasn't much here that needed to be changed, save for the Bloodline Rules stipulation being added. Other than that, it was a pretty good night of action with the Tag Team Title switch in the end being rather noteworthy. All that matters is tomorrow though, and there is every chance they could have a smash with the show. The show before it did well enough, though this one didn't have quite the same pressure.

### Results

Andrade b. Carmelo Hayes – Rollup

Santos Escobar b. Apollo Crews – Phantom Driver

Bianca Belair/Jade Cargill b. Isla Dawn/Alba Fyre via DQ when Blair Davenport interfered

Bloodline b. DIY – Implant DDT to Gargano

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# Detailed Review of Babu88 Bangladesh Apps: Features and Performance

Explore an in-depth review of Babu88 apps in Bangladesh, highlighting their standout features, user-friendly design, and overall performance in the local market. Gain valuable insights into this popular platform.

## Discover the Features of the Babu88 Mobile Application

The Babu88 mobile application offers an exceptional betting experience tailored to the needs of users in Bangladesh. With its user-friendly interface and efficient performance, this app is designed to provide both casual and serious bettors with a seamless way to engage in sports betting and online casino games. The application stands out for its robust functionality and intuitive navigation.

## User-Friendly Interface and Design

The Babu88 mobile application boasts a clean and modern design, ensuring that users can navigate with ease. The app's interface is divided into several functional sections, making it straightforward for users to find what they are looking for. The home screen features quick links to popular sections, while a menu icon provides access to additional options. Within the app, the "sports betting" category is prominently displayed for quick access, and the "online casino" section is

equally easy to navigate. The intuitive layout ensures users can place bets or play casino games without unnecessary complications, significantly enhancing the overall user experience.

## **Optimized Performance for Various Operating Systems**

Optimized for both Android and iOS, the Babu88 mobile application ensures fast and reliable performance across different devices. The Android version of the app is approximately 25 MB, while the iOS version is slightly larger, coming in at around 30 MB. Users can expect quick load times and smooth transitions between sections, reducing any potential frustration or lag. This optimization makes the Babu88 application a preferred choice for many mobile betting enthusiasts in Bangladesh, as it provides a hassle-free and rapid betting experience.

## **Advantages of the Babu88 Mobile Application Over the Website**

The Babu88 mobile application offers several advantages over the mobile version of the website, making it an attractive option for users.

- **Offline Access:** Users can still access certain features of the app even without an active internet connection, something not possible with the mobile site.
- **Push Notifications:** The app allows users to receive push notifications for updates on bets and promotions, keeping them informed in real time.
- **Personalization:** The app offers more personalized settings and customization options than the mobile site,

allowing users to tailor their betting experience to their preferences.

## **How to Download and Install the Babu88 Mobile Application in Bangladesh**

Downloading and installing the Babu88 bookmaker application in Bangladesh is straightforward and easy. The process ensures users can enjoy all the features of the Babu88 platform on their mobile devices. Follow these simple steps to get started with the Babu88 mobile application on both Android and iOS devices.

### **Step-by-Step Guide for Downloading the Babu88 Mobile Application for Android Devices**

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3. Download the APK File: Click on the download button to obtain the APK file of the Babu88 application. Ensure you have enough storage space on your device.
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5. Install the Application: Open the downloaded APK file and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation process.
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4. Allow Profile Installation: Go to your device's settings, navigate to General, and then to Profiles & Device Management. Find the Babu88 profile and allow it by tapping on "Install."
5. Trust the Developer: After installing the profile, go back to Settings, then General, and select Profiles & Device Management again. Find the Babu88 profile and trust the developer.
6. Complete the Installation: Open the app and follow any

additional on-screen instructions to finalize the installation.

## **Comprehensive Sports Betting and Casino Games in the Babu88 Mobile Application**

The Babu88 mobile application in Bangladesh offers a comprehensive platform for sports betting enthusiasts and online casino gaming aficionados. With an extensive selection of sports and a diverse range of casino games, users can immerse themselves in a world of excitement and potential winnings. This robust application ensures both seasoned players and newcomers have a multitude of choices to suit their preferences.

### **Sports Betting in the Babu88 Mobile Application in Bangladesh**

Sports betting enthusiasts will find a rich variety of options available in the Babu88 mobile application. Users can engage in betting across numerous popular sports, with different types of bets and tournaments available for each sport. This broad selection ensures there is something for every type of bettor.

- **Football:** Football is one of the most popular sports for betting on the Babu88 platform. Users can place bets on local and international matches, including the Premier League, La Liga, and the UEFA Champions League. The types of bets available for football include match outcomes, total goals, and goal scorers.
- **Cricket:** Cricket betting is a major attraction on the Babu88 app, especially given its popularity in

Bangladesh. Bettors can wager on a variety of matches ranging from international test matches to local T20 leagues such as the Bangladesh Premier League (BPL). Available bets include match winners, top batsman, and total runs.

- **Basketball:** Basketball fans can bet on games from leagues around the world, including the NBA and the EuroLeague. Popular bets in basketball include point spreads, over/under totals, and player performance bets.
- **Tennis:** Tennis betting is also prominent, with users able to bet on Grand Slam tournaments, ATP and WTA tours. Types of bets include match winners, set scores, and over/under total games.

## **Online Casino Section in the Babu88 Mobile Application**

The online casino section of the Babu88 mobile application presents users with a thrilling array of gaming options. Designed to cater to every type of casino game enthusiast, this section includes classic games, as well as modern ones, ensuring there is something for everyone.

- **Roulette:** Roulette is a staple in the casino world, and Babu88 offers multiple variations including European, American, and French roulette. Players can place bets on single numbers, groups of numbers, or the colors red or black.
- **Blackjack:** Blackjack enthusiasts can enjoy different versions of this popular card game. Whether it's classic blackjack or themed variants, the objective remains to beat the dealer's hand without exceeding 21.
- **Slots:** The slots section is extensive, featuring a plethora of themes and gameplay styles. From traditional three-reel machines to advanced video slots with bonus

rounds and free spins, slot game lovers have plenty to choose from.

- **Crash Games:** A relatively new addition, crash games have quickly gained popularity. Players place bets and try to cash out before a multiplier crashes. These games are fast-paced and provide a modern twist to conventional betting.
- **Poker:** The Babu88 app also offers various poker games, such as Texas Hold'em and Omaha. Players can join tables and tournaments, competing against others to win big pots.
- **Live Dealer Games:** For a more immersive experience, users can participate in live dealer games. These games, including live roulette, live blackjack, and live baccarat, are streamed in real-time with professional dealers.

## **The Easy Guide to Your First Bet on Babu88 Mobile App**

Placing your first bet on the Babu88 mobile application is an exciting and straightforward process. This guide will walk users through the steps from registration to making a bet, ensuring a smooth and enjoyable experience. With clear instructions, even those brand new to online betting will find it easy to start their journey on Babu88.

### **How to Register an Account on the Babu88 Mobile App in Bangladesh**

To begin betting on the Babu88 app, the first step is to register an account. The process is simple and only takes a few minutes.

1. Download the Babu88 Mobile App: Visit the Babu88 website

and download the mobile app compatible with your device (Android or iOS).

2. Open the App: Launch the Babu88 app on your mobile device to start the registration process.
3. Click on Sign Up: On the home screen of the app, locate and tap the "Sign Up" button to begin.
4. Fill in Your Details: Enter your personal information including your name, email address, phone number.
5. Set Up a Username and Password: Choose a username and password that you will use to log in to your Babu88 account.
6. Agree to Terms and Conditions: Carefully read through the terms and conditions, and check the box to agree.
7. Complete the Registration: Tap the "Submit" button to finalize your registration. You receive a confirmation email or SMS to verify your account.

## **Making a Deposit to Start Betting**

Once your account is registered, the next step is to make a deposit. This ensures you have funds available to place bets.

1. Log in to Your Account: Open the Babu88 app and log in using the username and password you set up during registration.
2. Navigate to the Deposit Section: Look for the "Deposit" button in the app and tap on it.
3. Choose a Payment Method: Select your preferred payment method from the available options, such as credit card, bank transfer, or e-wallets.
4. Enter Deposit Amount: Specify the amount you wish to deposit into your Babu88 account.
5. Provide Payment Details: Input the necessary payment information based on your chosen method.
6. Confirm the Transaction: Review the details you entered and confirm the deposit. The funds should appear in your

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## Placing Your First Bet on Babu88

After making a deposit, you are ready to place your first sports bet on the Babu88 app. Follow these simple steps to get started.

1. **Navigate to the Sports Section:** Open the Babu88 app and go to the sports betting section.
2. **Select a Sport and Event:** Choose the sport you want to bet on and select a specific event or match.
3. **Choose a Bet Type:** Decide on the type of bet you want to place. Options include match outcomes, point spreads, or specific player performances.
4. **Set Your Bet Amount:** Enter the amount you wish to wager on the selected bet.
5. **Review the Bet Slip:** Check your bet slip to ensure all details are correct. This slip will show the event, bet type, and wager amount.
6. **Place the Bet:** Tap the "Place Bet" button to finalize your bet. You will receive a confirmation message once your bet is successfully placed.

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# Ring Of Honor – August 1, 2024: Better, But The Same

## Ring Of Honor

Date: August 1, 2024

Location: Esports Stadium Arlington, Arlington, Texas

Commentators: Ian Riccaboni, Caprice Coleman

We're done with Death Before Dishonor and the big story is we have a few new champions. In reality we have five new

champions, but three of them were not actually crowned at the pay per view. We have about five months before the next pay per view so odds are we'll be taking the foot off the gas a bit this week. Let's get to it.

[Here is Death Before Dishonor if you need a recap.](#)

We open with a long recap of Death Before Dishonor, as narrated by new boss Paul Wight.

Opening sequence.

We look back at Dustin Rhodes and the Von Erichs winning the Six Man Tag Team Titles at Battle Of The Belts.

Six Man Tag Team Titles: Von Erichs/Dustin Rhodes vs. Jacked Jameson/Iron Savages

Jameson and the Savages are challenging. Marshall and Jameson start things off with Marshall snapping off some pushups. Some right hands in the corner have Jameson in trouble and it's off to Ross vs. Boulder, with the latter taking over. Marshall can't slam him but the Von Erichs can double dropkick him down. Marshall's standing moonsault gets two but Boulder runs Ross over.

Some hard elbows give Bronson two, only to have Ross pop back up with the Sling Blade for the same. Rhodes comes in for the atomic drop into a bulldog but a cheap shot from the apron puts Rhodes down. Some cannonballs down onto the back have Rhodes in more trouble and Jameson shoves a bulldog attempt into the corner for two. Boulder's running splash gets two more and Bronson grabs the chinlock.

Rhodes fights back up but charges into a spinebuster for two. Bronson decks the Von Erichs so even after Rhodes' backdrop, there is no one to tag. Not that it matters as Marshall is up for the tag a few seconds later. Marshall dropkicks Boulder and gets in a slam for two. Rhodes hits the Canadian Destroyer

to Jameson and the Von Erichs add a double Shattered Dreams. The Claw Slam retains the titles at 12:18.

**Rating:** C. If there has ever been a match that felt like it was designed to test my patience like no other, this was it. The Savages and Jameson are as useless of a team as I've ever seen and the whole "we're from Texas so you should like us" isn't working for Rhodes and the Von Erichs. Throw in the titles feeling like they were brought back for the sole purpose of giving these guys something to do and this was not an easy sit.

Mark Briscoe, with his newborn son Jay, brags about retaining his title.

#### Top Flight vs. Ace Of Space Academy

Top Flight debuts Leila Grey as their Attendant in a funny name. Dante works on LSG's arm to start before it's off to GMK, who helps LSG with Rocket By Baby (a double flipping faceplant). Darius suplexes his way out of trouble and hands it back to Dante to pick up the pace. Everything breaks down and Darius' springboard Downward Spiral gets two, setting up the F5 DDT to finish GMK at 4:20.

**Rating:** C+. Fun match here as LSG is an old hand from Ring Of Honor who can work well in a match like this. I'm always glad to see Top Flight doing something as they have long since seemed like a team ready to move up the ladder. Maybe the addition of Grey is a good sign, but I'll believe it when I see it.

The Infantry is tired of seeing Top Flight everywhere. Trish Adora says they have a new stewardess. Bravo: "Who?" Trish: "Leila Grey." Bravo: "THEY GOT LEILA??? I'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET LEILA FOR YEARS!"

Leyla Hirsch dislocated her elbow beating Diamante at Death Before Dishonor.

## Robyn Renegade vs. Maya World

Renegade elbows her down to start but World flips up on the kickout. A knee drops World again but she's back up with a spear for two. Not that it matters as Renegade's pumphandle into a Downward Spiral is enough for the pin at 1:53.

Anthony Henry is asked about JD Drake's absence but his cousin Beef comes in and is really excited to be Henry's partner. Yes, someone named Beef is getting a chance.

## Beast Mortos vs. AR Fox

After a minor mistake from Riccaboni as he refers to Death Before Dishonor as "last night", they trade rollups for two each to start. The offer of a handshake doesn't work for Mortos, who runs him over with a clothesline. Fox manages to send him outside for a heck of a suicide dive, only to have his big charge cut off with a hard clothesline. Back in and Mortos hits a pop up Samoan drop for two and he starts hammering away at the back.

Fox manages a jumping hanging DDT though and a jumping enziguri sends Mortos into the corner. A cutter gives Fox two and Mortos is sent outside for the big dive. Back in and a 450 gives Fox two but Mortos grabs that weird torture rack backbreaker of his. A powerbomb backbreaker sets up a discus lariat for two on Fox. What looked to be a chokeslam is broken up is countered but Mortos flips him into a tombstone for the pin at 10:40.

**Rating:** B-. These guys got it going in the middle and had a fast paced match, with Mortos winning over the guy who was there to make him look good. I could go for more of Mortos as he's a different kind of monster who could go somewhere in the right role. Fox on the other hand is in the right role, as someone who can have an entertaining match with just about anyone.

The MxM Collection is ready to face anyone, even with Mansoor's breast still hurting from FTR's chops.

### Anthony Henry vs. Wheeler Yuta

Henry's cousin Beef is in the crowd. They go technical to start with Yuta getting his armbar reversed into a headlock. A slam into a backsplash gets Yuta out of trouble and it's time to tie up Henry's legs. With that broken up, Yuta pulls the turnbuckle pad off and crushes Henry's face against the steel. Henry slips out and starts working on the arm, setting up a cross arm choke.

Yuta flips out and grabs a belly to back suplex, setting up a top rope forearm and DDT for two each. Henry's cross armbreaker is reversed into an ankle lock, with Yuta switching into a bridging German suplex for two. Back up and Henry's straitjacket suplex gets two and it's time for some YES Kicks. They slug it out before locking hands, with Yuta taking him down and stomping hard. The Seatbelt puts Henry away at 10:06.

**Rating:** B-. Fun match here as Yuta gets his momentum back after losing the title on Friday. I'm sure he'll be back in the title picture soon enough, as he seems destined to be fighting for that title when he's 83 years old. On the other hand you have Henry, who gets a new second debuting and then loses, which is a bit of a weird way to go.

Post match Beef and Henry yell at each other. Yuta on the other hand sees a fan holding a sign saying it's his first show and asking for a high five, which he receives. That will always make me smile.

Lee Moriarty is happy with his title win because he didn't give up. He'll face anyone but warns them to protect their neck. Moriarty was showing some fire here.

### Premiere Athletes vs. Superstarz

The Superstarz look like stereotypical 80s rockers (alas minus the Midnight). Nese runs #1 over to start and hands it off to Daivari to hammer away in the corner as commentary makes every 80s music reference they can find. Daivari misses a big elbow but Nese is right there to break up the tag attempt. Nese dives onto #2 and Daivari adds the hammerlock lariat into the Magic Carpet Splash for the pin on #1 at 2:42.

Anthony Henry is upset at the loss but Beef cheers him up. Henry really did not need three segments on one show.

### Jacoby Watts vs. Fuego del Sol

Watts has Nick Comoroto with him. Before the bell, Watts says if del Sol had listened to him, he wouldn't have had to leave in the first place. That just earns him a dropkick as we start fast. Watts isn't happy and a bridging northern lights suplex for two makes it worse. A running clothesline gets Watts out of trouble but del Sol flips out of a belly to back suplex and grabs a jumping neckbreaker. Del Sol's step up stomp to the back rocks Watts and a tornado DDT finishes Watts at 2:48.

Lexi Nair and Athena celebrated after Death Before Dishonor while Billie Starkz was a little less enthusiastic.

### Brian Cage vs. Rocky Romero

Cage sticks his chin out to start so Romero kicks him in the ribs, only to have a headscissors shoved away. Romero avoids a charge to send him outside and there's a running hurricanrana to take Cage down again. Back in and Cage cuts off a springboard, setting up the apron superplex. They trade chops in the corner with Cage getting the better of things, only to get rolled up for two. Cage plants him again though and we hit the chinlock. That's broken up and they fight to the apron, where Romero grabs a Sliced Bread.

A high crossbody gives Romero two back inside and a springboard tornado DDT gets the same. Another Sliced Bread is

countered into an F5 for two and they go to the corner, where Romero grabs a super hurricanrana. The running Sliced Bread gives Romero two but Cage's helicopter bomb gets the same. They go up again and a super Sliced Bread gives Romero another near fall. Cage catches him on top though and hits....I think a fall away slam but it was really messy. Either way, it sets up the Drill Claw to finish Romero at 12:07.

**Rating:** B-. Less than clean ending aside, this was a fun match with Romero using the speed (and a lot of Sliced Breads) to try and stop the monster before eventually falling short. Cage is always good for an entertaining match, even if there is no reason to believe he is going to go anywhere. I'll take some slightly bigger names for a main event though.

We look at the Kingdom retaining the Tag Team Titles at Death Before Dishonor.

The Kingdom brags about being Tag Team Champions for almost a year (that will be in December) but the Infantry interrupts. They want a title shot and bickering ensues. We're really going back to the Infantry already? That's how shallow the tag division is?

Here is Dustin Rhodes to talk about how great it feels to be a champion again. Rhodes has been giving everything he has for 36 years and he thanks the fans for being there, both for himself and everyone else in the back. He's going to teach the Von Erichs everything he can and he was so happy the other night that he started to cry. Rhodes has talked about being on one last ride but he's been doing that for five years. He's feeling very confident right now but he wants more.

Cue Evil Uno to mock Rhodes because being a Six Man Tag Team Champion should be enough. It's Evil Uno's time and Rhodes wants more because of his stupid family name. Uno doesn't care about the Rhodes family because Rhodes just popped up while Uno has been here every week. Cue the Dark Order to jump

Rhodes but Sammy Guevara of all people runs in for the save. House is cleaned, as I guess the Von Erichs were off looking for a better leave in conditioner. Rhodes cautiously thanks Guevara to end the show. That's certainly a big moment to end the show so points for trying to do something bigger.

**Overall Rating:** B-. This show was trying and had some rather solid action, but it fell back into the old pattern that has plagued Ring Of Honor since its return: it's so long. This show clocked in at over an hour and forty five minutes and it could have easily been trimmed down by just cutting out some of the stuff. You don't need to have this many people on a show every week, especially when some of them are around that often. I really could have gone without del Sol and the Premiere Athletes, but for some reason the show needed to be stretched out. There was good stuff here, but as usual, the show needed another edit.

### Results

Dustin Rhodes/Von Erichs b. Iron Savages/Jacked Jameson – Claw Slam to Jameson

Top Flight b. Ace Of Space Academy – Fireman's carry DDT to GMK

Robyn Renegade b. Maya World – Pumphandle Downward Spiral

Beast Mortos b. AR Fox – Spinning tombstone

Wheeler Yuta b. Anthony Henry – Seatbelt

Premiere Athletes – Magic Carpet Splash to #1

Fuego del Sol b. Jacoby Watts – Tornado DDT

Brian Cage b. Rocky Romero – Drill Claw

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# Impact Wrestling – July 25, 2024: Off The Gas

## Impact Wrestling

Date: July 25, 2024

Location: Verdun Auditorium, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Commentators: Tom Hannifan, Matthew Rehwoldt

We're done with Slammiversary and the big story is Nic Nemeth won the TNA World Title. Yes Nic Nemeth rather than Joe Hendry, who has his own issues with a freshly evil Josh Alexander. Odds are we'll deal with the fallout from that this week, plus a really bad night for the System. Let's get to it.

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

Long Slammiversary recap.

Opening sequence.

Here is Nic Nemeth for his big celebration as the World Champion. He fought hard to get here but what matters the most is that Moose is no longer the champion. Moose was protected but Nemeth will fight anyone, anywhere, anytime. Cue Campaign Singh to introduce Mustafa Ali, for a certainly sincere handshake. Nemeth winning the World Title was important, but not as important as what happened to him.

Slammiversary saw the biggest screwjob in the history of wrestling and THESE PEOPLE CHEERED! Nemeth believes him, which calms Ali down a bit. Nemeth shakes his hand for boosting up the X-Division...but then Mike Bailey kicked his a\*\*. Ali: "BAILEY SCREWED ME!" Nemeth doesn't think that's any of his business but the fans think Ali deserved it.

Ali doesn't like this but now it's time to make the TNA World Title great again. That doesn't work for Nemeth, who says all Ali has to do is ask for a shot. We can do it right now, but Ali says we'll make it next week. Ali tries a cheap shot but Nemeth ducks and superkicks Singh instead. That's a pretty big match to burn off with a week's build.

We run down tonight's card.

Matt Hardy and the ABC are ready for the System in tonight's main event. A Joe Hendry tease is included.

Frankie Kazarian comes up to Nic Nemeth in the back and says he wants the title. Nemeth says he pinned Kazarian so it's to the back of the line. Ryan Nemeth is here though and wants to fight, so Santino Marella gives Kazarian Ryan next week.

### Steve Maclin vs. Cody Deaner

Before the match, Maclin talks about how he has been trying to turn over a new leaf but he got carried away at Slammiversary...AND THESE PEOPLE CHEERED. They even sang the Goodbye Song! Maclin can't stand these Canadians so he sings the same song to them, with an expletive thrown in. Deaner was talking to his fellow Canadian Santino Marella backstage, and he has been given the chance to come face Maclin right now. The people make the decision for Deaner and we're ready to go.

Deaner starts fast and hammers away before knocking Maclin out to the floor. Maclin is back in with a running knee into an Irish Curse to take over. Choking on the ropes sets up another backbreaker but Deaner fights up with a bulldog. Deaner's DDT

is cut off though and the spear in the corner sets up KIA to give Maclin the pin at 4:22.

**Rating:** C+. I can go for more of Maclin as he is getting to the point where he knows what he's doing out there and making it look pretty good. This wasn't exactly a competitive match but Deaner was trying well enough. Maclin gets a nice little boost though and that could be the start of something a bit better for him.

It's time for Death Machine TV, with Sami Callihan giving us BREAKING NEWS: he's going to beat up AJ Francis.

Joe Hendry will be in concert on NXT. That's still so bizarre to see.

### AJ Francis vs. Sami Callihan

Josh Bishop and Rich Swann are here with Francis. Callihan sends him to the apron to start and hits a forearm to the chest (he's no Sheamus) but a Bishop distraction lets Francis get in a shoulder. Francis knocks him down again and it's time to choke on the ropes as we take a break.

Back with Francis missing a charge in the corner and crashing out to the floor. Back in and Francis sends him into the corner where a running knee connects this time around. The Down Payment (chokeslam) is blocked but Francis falls on him in a slam attempt. Callihan is back up with a shoulder and now the slam works. Francis boots him in the face but misses the leg (because Hogan), only to have Swann offer a distraction. The Down Payment finishes Callihan at 10:11.

**Rating:** C+. The matches aren't great but they are going hard with Francis no matter how he does. This was a bit more entertaining than I was expecting, but that might be because they are letting Francis be his obnoxious self. Callihan didn't get to do his hardcore stuff here and it's amazing how much easier it is to watch when he is toned that far down.

Rosemary talks about how evil she is but doesn't know what she is supposed to do. She spoke for the Hive but now there is no Hive.

### Jordynne Grace/Eric Young vs. Hammerstone/Ash By Elegance

The women start things off with Ash wanting respect on her name but getting a chop instead. A spinebuster puts Ash down but it's too early for the Juggernaut Driver. It's off to Young vs. Hammerstone with the former grabbing a swinging neckbreaker for two. Hammerstone misses a charge into the corner but Ash cuts off a tag attempt and hammers on Young for a weird visual.

It's Hammerstone coming right back in to keep up the beatdown, including throwing Ash onto Young for two. Young manages a quick knockdown though and it's back to Grace to pick up the pace. A quick Vader Bomb gets two on Ash but again the Juggernaut Driver is blocked so Ash can escape.

Everything breaks down and we get a Grace vs. Hammerstone staredown. Grace manages a fireman's carry but Hammerstone slips out, allowing Ash to hit a Meteora to cut Grace off. Young is back up to Death Valley Driver Hammerstone, only to have the Personal Concierge break it up. Hammerstone's torture rack finishes Young at 7:39.

**Rating:** B-. The ending tried to write the insanity of having Young beat Hammerstone on Saturday but I'm not sure how much good it did. At the same time, Ash has already gotten beaten so I'm not sure how much I need to see either match happen again. I'm glad Hammerstone won, but he shouldn't be playing catch up in the first place.

Alisha Edwards, the only member of the System to still be a champion, is fired up. The rest of the team, not so much.

Here is Josh Alexander for his big explanation. Alexander says the fans are making this easy and he can't wait to go back to

a real city like Toronto. You want an explanation? Nah. And he leaves.

We look at the Rascalz winning a six man tag on NXT.

Mike Bailey is excited to have won the X-Division Title. The Rascalz come in to challenge him to a six man tag, saying get Trent Seven and Trent Eight if he needs partners. Bailey seems interested.

Here's what's coming next week.

### System vs. ABC/Matt Hardy

Hardy starts with JDC, who runs away and hands it off to Myers instead. That means Hardy gets to start in on the arm, setting up the running bulldog out of the corner. Everything breaks down in a hurry and we take a break. Back with Myers still in trouble as Austin comes in to hammer away. Bey comes in for some strikes of his own but here is Moose for a distraction.

Said distraction lets Myers get in a shot on Bey, only to have JDC miss an elbow. Hardy comes back in but the System cuts him off...and Joe Hendry is here to even things up. We pause for his full entrance and take a break, coming back with Austin in trouble and Myers grabbing a chinlock. Austin fights up without much trouble and hands it off to Bey, who gets knocked right into the corner as well.

JDC stomps away in the corner and cranks away on the arms to keep Bey down. The slow beating continues with Kazarian coming in, only to get enzigured down. It's back to Hardy for a powerbomb for two on JDC, setting up a stunner/DDT combination. Everything breaks down and the good guys get a triple near fall. Moose tries to interfere but Hendry cuts him off, meaning it's the Twist of Fate into Bey's top rope splash for the pin on JDC at 18:24.

**Rating:** B. This got some time and the energy was there, which

granted might have been more to do with Hendry showing up than anything else. It was a match that felt big, which is more than you can ask for most of the time. If nothing else, it's more of the System's downfall, which had to happen sooner or later. Good match here, with Hendry's star continuing to rise. Just not entirely in TNA.

**Overall Rating:** B-. This is the kind of show that you had to expect after a major event like Slammiversary. It was a show that dealt with some fallout and set up a few things for the future, but at the same time, there was a lot that felt like it was just kind of skipped. The lack of an Alexander explanation and a not exactly eventful main event didn't help. Overall though, entertaining enough stuff and that's all it needed to be after the major weekend show.

### Results

Steve Maclin b. Cody Deane – KIA

AJ Francis b. Sami Callihan – Down Payment

Hammerstone/Ash By Elegance b. Jordynne Grace/Eric Young – Torture rack to Young

Matt Hardy/ABC b. The System – Frog splash to JDC

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# Dynamite – July 31, 2024: Good Wrestling Can Do A Lot

## Dynamite

Date: July 31, 2024

Location: Bon Secours Wellness Arena, Greenville, South Carolina

Commentators: Excalibur, Tony Schiavone, Taz

We're coming off a big week with Blood & Guts last week and after that, plus with this week's show being up against the Olympics, there is a chance that this week might go in a bit of a different direction. We are just under a month away from All In as well so odds are it's time for some building towards the show. Let's get to it.

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

Here is MJF to get things going. He makes fun of the southern accent and southern people in general before talking to the REAL Americans. After a promise to take out Will Ospreay again at All In, we're asked to stand for a real American hero but here is Ospreay to chase him out of the ring. Ospreay promises violence but finds it funny that no one here acknowledges the America's Title because of the person holding it.

Men have worked hard to make the International Title mean something, like Pac, Orange Cassidy, Jon Moxley, Rey Fenix, Roderick Strong and himself. MJF isn't worthy of holding it but some fans chant USA. Ospreay says he gets it but MJF doesn't represent the American worth ethic. MJF promises to take out Ospreay at All In, but tonight, everybody dies. They're trying to set up Ospreay for the big win at All In and that should work out. I'm not wild on what feels like it could

very easily turn into another MJF election year story though.

### Lance Archer vs. Will Ospreay

Archer wastes no time in hitting a chokeslam and hits some running elbows in the corner. Ospreay fights back and knocks him to the floor but the dive is cut off with a drop onto the apron. Archer takes his sweet time to follow up though and a hurricanrana sends him into the barricade. Back in and a springboard dropkick gets one on Archer as Ospreay is starting to pick up the pace. Something else off the top is cut off with a huge chokeslam and we take a break.

Back with Ospreay still in trouble and a huge spinebuster getting two. Archer goes up top but gets caught, meaning it's a super Spanish Fly for two more. The Oscutter gets another near fall but the Hidden Blade is countered with a hard clothesline. The Blackout is countered into a tornado DDT and the Hidden Blade...gets one. Another Hidden Blade finishes Archer at 11:23.

**Rating:** B. This was a good way to make Ospreay look like a giant slayer as Archer is still someone who has some value due to being presented as a monster. Ospreay is set up for a huge match next month and giving him a win like this will help. At the same time, Archer can bounce back up with just a few destructions.

Post match MJF comes in for the beatdown but Kyle Fletcher makes the save. Don Callis isn't happy but Fletcher says he was helping his best friend, family or not. Fletcher goes into a rather fired up rant about how he doesn't like what MJF has been saying about foreign wrestlers. He wants MJF right now, but MJF says we'll do it next week, with promises of a kangaroo kick and a broken neck.

Video on Swerve Strickland.

Big Bill has a cake to celebrate Chris Jericho being FTW

Champion for 102 days (yes 102). Jericho promises revenge on Katsuyori Shibata at the hands of Bryan Keith. Alex Marvez gets to keep the cake.

### Willow Nightingale vs. Kris Statlander

Non-title. Stokely Hathaway is here with Statlander. Nightingale gets jumped to start and a missile dropkick connects as the bell rings. They head outside with Nightingale sending her into the barricade but missing the Cannonball. We take a break and come back with Nightingale hitting a release gordbuster and a spinebuster for two. The Pounce is blocked so Statlander grabs an electric chair facebuster.

An ax kick gives Statlander two and they go to the apron to chop it out. Nightingale's Death Valley Driver plants Statlander but she stops to go after Hathaway. That's enough for Statlander to come back with a clothesline, only to have Nightingale powerbomb her out of the air. A DDT gives Nightingale two but Statlander headbutts her off the top. That means Statlander's 450 can connect for two, leaving Hathaway to slip in a chain. The discus lariat, with the chain, finishes Nightingale at 9:48.

**Rating:** C+ This is a feud that has been going on for a good while now and it isn't much of a surprise that Statlander cheated to win here. That being said, I'm really not sure if it needed to be a non-title match to set up what seemed to be a title match that was all but made. I can go for Statlander winning though and now we could be in for seeing her win in a title match down the line.

Post match Statlander wrecks Nightingale with a chair and hammers away.

We look back at Jeff Jarrett telling Bryan Danielson to give it his all at All In.

Here is Danielson for a chat. Danielson is glad to be in

Greenville, South Carolina, which is where he and his wife got their engagement pictures taken. They were looking at those pictures and they have Danielson thinking. He is here to talk about presence and promises. A few years ago, he had to retire and had it all taken away from him. Now he's back in AEW and having the most fun in his career. He was able to be present here and we get a THANK YOU BRYAN chant, which has him almost in tears.

For that moment, he was able to be present, but now let's talk about promises. He promised his daughter that he would stop wrestling full time when she was seven. On top of that, he promised that his current AEW contract would be the last one he signs. That contract expires tomorrow and he is still promising to give it his all every time. Over the years, he has kicked a lot of heads in, but he hasn't won the AEW World Title...yet.

This will be his last shot at AEW's biggest show of the year. He promises to go to Wembley Stadium and be present for that moment because he will give us 100%. With his body and soul, he will go all in...and here is Swerve Strickland to interrupt. Swerve says he would be cheering for Danielson at any other time but not this time. He came to this place and said he would win the AEW World Title, which is exactly what he did.

Danielson came here promising to kick heads in, but apparently he couldn't handle it when they started kicking back. The title isn't an achievement award but rather something that shows you are the best in the world, which is Swerve himself. Last year, Swerve was competing at All In while Danielson couldn't get on a plane. Maybe Danielson's body can't handle the pressure of being champion.

Swerve promises Danielson just isn't winning at All In and he might not be walking again after their match. Swerve goes to leave, but Danielson ups the ante by putting his career on the line. Works for Swerve, who tells Danielson to keep that

promise to his family. This was a segment with a lot going on, from Danielson's emotional speech, Swerve's dangerous sounding threats, and then the big reveal at the end. They've also laid the groundwork for the idea of Danielson possibly leaving, even though I can't imagine it going that way. Rather good stuff here with a stipulation that isn't ridiculous.

In the back, Danielson is congratulated by Jeff Jarrett, but Danielson says they can fight next week.

### Rush/Beast Mortos/Roderick Strong vs. Conglomeration

It's a brawl at the bell, with Cassidy using his jacket as a cape to make Mortos chase him. A very spinning DDT doesn't quite work for Cassidy (with Taz accusing him of stealing his spots) and Mortos hits a spear to take over. Ishii comes in to slug it out with Mortos, who is knocked out to the floor. It's off to Rush (there haven't been any tags thus far) who wins a slugout to put Ishii down. Briscoe comes in for a slugout and knocks Rush outside, only to have the step up dive cut off by Strong.

That's fine with Briscoe, who knocks him outside for a flipping neckbreaker, followed by a big dive to Rush and Mortos. Back from a break with Cassidy in trouble but avoiding a charge in the corner. The Stundog Millionaire staggers Mortos though and the tag brings in Briscoe to clean things out. Ishii comes back in to strike away but a piledriver is blocked. Strong hits an Angle Slam for two as everything breaks down. Mortos' spinning piledriver finishes Briscoe at 11:18.

**Rating:** B. Wild match here, especially at the end, with the surprise finish. Odds are that sets up Mortos for a Ring Of Honor World Title match, though odds are it happens in AEW rather than Ring Of Honor. Other than that, a good hard hitting match here, with Ishii and Rush both looking strong.

Acclaimed and Billy Gunn want FTR but they're nowhere to be

seen. Instead, they'll come see FTR at Collision.

Mariah May, not looking overly serious, talks about wanting to be like Toni Storm so she became just like her. Storm was perfect because she never did anything to her but May wore her like skin. And that's the end so Renee Paquette walks out.

Here is Toni Storm, with a shoe and the title, to say she loved May too. She hits herself with the shoe and says it will be the romance of a lifetime at All In.

Britt Baker and Mariah May got in a fight at Comic Con. As a result, the title match was officially set for All In.

#### Kamille vs. Brittany Jade

Mercedes Mone is here with Kamille. The beatdown is on fast with Kamille unloading in the corner. A sitout Dominator finishes for Kamille at 1:16.

Post match Mone says Kamille is now part of the Mone Corporation and brags about how great the two of them are. She can't stand Britt Baker, who is suspended for attacking Mone at Comic Con. For now though, this is Mone's house and she is going to turn it into a mansion.

#### Darby Allin vs. Hangman Page

They take their time to start until Allin knocks him to the floor. The Coffin Drop is pulled out of the air with a German suplex and they go up the ramp, with Page grabbing a chair. That takes too long and they get to the stage where Allin hits a flipping Stunner. A Coffin Drop of the entrance hits Page and we take a break.

Back with Page swinging Allin around in a sleeper and slowly hammering him down. A rollup and springboard spinning crossbody hits Page...and the lights go out. They come back on to reveal nothing has changed as Page elbows him in the chest. Allin flips over the steps and dives at Page, who posts him

hard and adds some powerbombs onto the apron. A fall away slam onto the steps (geez) has Allin in more trouble and we take a break.

Back again with Page hitting a super fall away slam and glaring at Allin as he tends to do. Allin gets dropped onto the steps again but sweeps the legs to send Page into the steps for a change. The suicide dive takes Page back of the steps and they're both down on the floor. Back in and Allin's Coffin Drop is pulled into a sleeper, which is reversed into a rollup for two on Page. The Buckshot Lariat gives Page two and a powerbomb is good for the same as Allin is in trouble. Back to back Deadeyes connect but another clothesline is countered into a rollup to give Allin the pin at 20:17.

**Rating:** B. It was a good fight with Allin taking an incredible beating, but I was left with a "really" response at the ending, as Allin just popped back up and won after that much punishment. While I like Allin winning, I'm not sure I would have had Page take another loss as that's back to back singles losses for someone who was being presented as a big return. Either way, it was a good match, especially when it wasn't exactly the biggest showdown.

**Overall Rating:** B+. This show was in a weird spot as this show was a bit of a step off the gas but it still wound up being rather entertaining with a bunch of good action throughout. That is more than I was expecting and it made for a nice surprise. The build to All In is already on and they can get into the harder push in the coming weeks, though this week was more about having fun with some select important moves being made.

### Results

Will Ospreay b. Lance Archer – Hidden Blade

Kris Statlander b. Willow Nightingale – Clothesline with a chain

Rush/Beast Mortos/Roderick Strong b. Conglomeration – Spinning

piledriver to Briscoe

Kamille b. Brittany Jade – Sitout Dominator

Darby Allin b. Hangman Page – Rollup

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