

# Impact Wrestling – December 22, 2011 – Tag Teams And Tim Tebow

## Impact Wrestling

Date: December 22, 2011

Location: Impact Zone, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Mike Tenay, Tazz

We're back with week #2 of the wild card tournament but at least now we know who almost all of the wacky partners are. The show last week was pretty ok so hopefully they crank it up a bit more this week as the year comes to a close. We've got I think three more Impacts before the PPV where it's pretty likely that Jeff gets the title back. Oh and the Jarretts are gone at the moment. Let's get to it.

The opening video recaps last week which is the norm now.

Here are Roode and Ray to open the show. Roode is in a suit and to be fair, he's rocking that thing. He says he loves Christmas and the fans can all thank him for the gifts they got last week. Sting and Hardy getting beaten up was great and all they needed were bows on them. Ray talks about how giving he is: he gives chicken bones to the homeless, he gives dollars to strippers and he gives whiskey to his cat.

Roode talks about learning that every action has a consequence. Lately he's learned that he's probably on the naughty lists of both Sting and Santa. He asks Sting to come out here and get his suspension over with because he needs time off for Christmas. Instead he gets Hardy. Don't worry about the suspension because in three weeks, Hardy is taking the title. Tonight it's the two of them against Hardy and a partner of his choice. This would be a little more suspenseful if they hadn't mentioned this in the preview before the show.

Of course it's Sting. Here he is and he has the insane face paint on again.

The main event tag is officially a street fight.

### Wildcard Tag Tournament First Round: AJ Styles/Kazarian vs. Rob Van Dam/Christopher Daniels

And remember, the teams are RANDOM! I mean, no one would take rivals and put them against stable mates. That would be STUPID! Tenay says Fournune is officially defunct. Kaz vs. Van Dam to start us off. They hit the mat quickly and it's off to AJ. Daniels wants him but Van Dam says he's mine.

After some basic stuff it's back to Kaz who seems to have better chemistry with RVD. Monkey flip by Rob sets up a headlock by Kaz. Back to AJ and Van Dam goes to the corner. He rams into Daniels and that counts as a tag. Daniels comes in and misses AJ, allowing the tag to Kaz. Van Dam slaps Daniels into the Fade To Black for the pin at 5:18.

**Rating:** D+. Basic but fine here and that's all it needed to be. Thankfully they didn't push Van Dam and Daniels as a team that lucks its way into the second round. Either way, this was ok but it wasn't anything special. That goes for a lot of first round tournament matches most of the time though so there isn't much to complain about there.

Anthony Nese says he's awesome and can hang with anyone.

Zema Ion says he's pretty.

### Zema Ion vs. Anthony Nese

This is the second match in the best of three series with Ion up 1-0. Ion has hairspray so you know he's a heel. The winner of this is in a four way against Aries, Kash and Sorensen. Ion dives through the ropes to take Nese out with a dropkick before the bell. Back in Nese snaps off a rana for two. Cross body gets the same. Ion gets in a shot but Nese fights back

and hits a Lionsault for two.

The American hits a German on the Filipino for two. Nese misses a springboard body block for two and Ion takes over again. Nese jumps from the mat to the top for a super rana for two. Ion hits a spinning facebuster but pulls Nese up like he did last week. Naturally it allows Nese to nip up into a rollup for the pin at 4:00.

**Rating:** C+. Not bad but the problem is the lack of any reason to care about these guys or the match they had. Nese is a generic face and Ion is a generic heel. The match was fine and they did some good stuff, but I've seen a match like this a thousand times and I've seen it better a few hundred times. That's the problem with these cruiserweight matches: it's REALLY hard to top them and when they're average, they look weak.

Madison Rayne is in a referee dress and says Karen put her in charge of the Knockouts.

Pope says he's there for people when they need him. What D-Von didn't get is that Pope is a better trainer than he is so let him train. He'll always be pimping too. D-Von vs. Pope at Genesis again. D-Von comes in and grabs him but one of his kids hits him in the back. Pope calls them his boys.

Eric Young and D-Von are on a date because they're in the wild card tournament together. One of their opponents is Shannon Moore and Eric locks up with a referee.

Here's Madison and she calls out Tara and Tessmacher. She shouts a lot and the fans chant what sounds like USA. Madison repeats that she's the head of the Knockouts which surprises Mike and Taz, even though she said it earlier. Her job is to destroy the Knockouts and she's starting with the two of them. Their closeness makes her sick so they're fighting each other tonight and she's the referee.

## Brooke Tessmacher vs. Tara

And it's a comedy match. They do the slowest wristlock this side of Delirious and Tara shouts ouchie. They trade some very weak covers and this is kind of amusing. The limited wrestling turns into talking and even the Impact Zone is silent. They finally get into a fight and Madison won't count due to reasons of waving. Madison shouts at them to hit someone so they hit her. And then the Tebow it. Ok then. It ran about 6 minutes but there wasn't exactly an ending point.

**Rating:** N/A. This wasn't exactly a wrestling match. I'm not sure what it was but the girls were hot so I'll let it go.

Sting and Hardy say they'll win.

Eric looks for a gift to give ODB and looks through the kitchen of the restaurant.

Here's Storm to FINALLY give us something interesting. He says that Angle is looking for him but Storm will either be in the bar or in the ring. Angle gave him a beating but Storm won in the end. He makes football references and drops Tebow's name. Angle pops up on the screen and is in Storm's hometown. He insults a woman and that's about it.

Ray says he and Roode will win.

## Wildcard Tag Tournament First Round: Eric Young/ODB vs. Anarquia/Shannon Moore

Young vs. Anarquia to start us up and Eric dances a lot. Young locks up with the Mexican America chicks outside and then disrobes. Anarquia comes in and slams Eric. It's off to ODB and Moore bails. ODB kind of slams him and Eric hits a top rope elbow. A low blow by ODB gets the pin at 4:36.

**Rating:** F. What. Ever. Man. I'm so over Eric and his unfunny comedy but TNA insists we need to see it time after time on every show.

Matt Morgan and Crimson recap the tag tournament. They don't take it seriously it seems.

Angle beats up people in Tennessee. He pulls out a freaking cap gun and hits someone in the head with it. He superkicks a lot of them after standing them up in a line. Angle even throws the Christmas tree at someone. He challenges Storm for Genesis.

### Bully Ray/Bobby Roode vs. Sting/Jeff Hardy

This is a street fight and they have a ton of time. I wonder if Sting vs. Ray is going to happen at Genesis. Probably not. Those two head to the floor and Roode takes over in the ring on Hardy. They go split screen for a bit but the painted guys clear the ring. STEREO DIVES take the heels out. Sting diving like that was pretty awesome. That takes us to a break.

Back with more violence and the bad guys in trouble. Ray hits Hardy with a kendo stick to the back and does the same to Sting. We get the dreaded cookie sheet and Ray takes over on Sting. Sting fights back and hits a superplex to take Ray down. He's showing off tonight. Roode comes in to beat down the guy with the full facepaint (Sting) but Sting comes back again. He loads up the splash but Ray hits him with part of a wooden sign to break it up.

Ray drops an elbow for two. Hardy hasn't been focused on in this match very much. Ray and Roode set for something but Sting ducks so Ray clotheslines Roode. Death Drop to Ray but Sting walks into a spinebuster. Hardy comes in and takes out Roode but Ray kicks his head off. Ray gets the table but Sting moves it before Hardy can go through it. He cleans house and hooks the Scorpion on Ray (who taps but it doesn't count) and puts Roode down with a Death Drop. Another table is set up and Hardy splashes Roode through it for the pin at 18:20.

Rating: B. This knew that it was supposed to be an over the top and fun brawl and that's what it was. There wasn't really

anything all that significant going on here but it did the job in giving Hardy the pin over Roode. Also it gave Sting a chance to look awesome as he's limited in the ring anymore and that's fine. Fun match and a good way to close the show.

**Overall Rating:** C-. I don't want to say this show was bad, because it really wasn't. It was however pretty meh. It came off a lot like Raw on Monday as a throwaway show, and for the most part I'm ok with that. However, stuff like the Knockouts and Eric Young got really old really fast. The main event was fun and there was kind of an energy to the show that helped it, but not one of their better episodes. Still though, it's a holiday kind of show so taking things less seriously might be a good idea.

### Results

Kazarian/AJ Styles b. Rob Van Dam/Christopher Daniels – Fade To Black to Daniels

Anthony Nese b. Zema Ion – Rollup

Tara vs. Brooke Tessmacher went to a no contest

Eric Young/ODB b. Anarquia/Shannon Moore – Low blow to Anarquia

Jeff Hardy/Sting b. Robert Roode/Bully Ray – Splash through a table to Roode

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# **Impact Wrestling – December**

# 15, 2011 – WACKY TAG TEAMS!!!

## Impact Wrestling

Date: December 15, 2011

Location: Impact Zone, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Mike Tenay, Tazz

So we're done with the Final show and we're off to the Genesis, or beginning, show. There's a Doc Brown joke in there somewhere. Anyway, Hardy vs. Roode is set as the main event and I can't help but think Roode is in severe danger of being a transitional champion. From what I've heard, tonight we begin a wild card (as in "random" draw) tag team tournament to find new #1 contenders, because the tag division is somehow worse than WWE's at the moment. Let's get to it.

We open with a recap of the main event of the PPV Sunday here Roode ran around at the end to run out the clock. The video has a soundbyte from Sting, saying we're going to open the show with a five minute overtime. Ok then.

## TNA World Title: AJ Styles Robert Robert Roode

AJ speeds things up immediately and tries to get a fast pin. They hit the mat and it's still pretty fast paced. Rollup gets two and we have three minutes left. All AJ so far. Roode gets in a shot to the knee but can't wrap it around the post. Two minutes left. AJ keeps trying for pins but the champ keeps running. He hits the moonsault into the reverse DDT with a minute to go. Roode pokes him in the eye and hits the floor, where he's able to run around well enough so that the Pele that AJ hits isn't enough for the pin so the time runs out at 5:00.

**Rating:** C. That's a really subjective grade as I'm not sure what you can really say about this. It's not particularly good or bad so I put it right in the middle. Both guys had the psychology but there's only so much you can do with five

minutes and a story already built in. Not bad, but they were in a big box here.

Sting comes out and says we're going until there's a winner. Roode hits AJ in the knee and puts on a one legged Liontamer to end this in less than 30 seconds.

Roode says he's awesome and bring on Jeff Hardy.

### Wild Card Tag Tournament First Round: Robbie T/Hernandez vs. Abyss/Scott Steiner

And remember: these teams are RANDOM. Pay no attention to the rivals being partners. Hernandez vs. Papa Pump starts us off. Steiner takes over and hits the suplexes into the push-ups. Rob comes in and throws Steiner around for a few seconds but that's about all he's trusted with so it's off to Hernandez and Abyss. Abyss cleans house and hits the Black Hole Slam on Robbie but slowly tags in Steiner for the pin at 4:10.

**Rating:** D+. I really don't like these random tag partner tournaments. The winners aren't going to win the titles and it's just filling in time until the division can get itself back together. They're waiting on the Guns, but they're going to need more than two teams, because that isn't a division.

Angle says he's going to take care of Sting.

Here's Kurt who demands Sting come out here. Angle talks about Storm and demands a rematch, threatening Sting with violence if he doesn't get it. Sting says no because Angle has had two chances and it's time for Storm to go after Roode. Angle threatens to go to Storm's hometown

and beat up the whole city. That's a new one.

### Anthony Nees vs. Zema Ion

There's going to be a best of three series between these two for a shot at Aries at Genesis. I barely remember this Nees

guy but I guess that's enough for him to be up for the #1 contender spot. They speed things up to start and I have no idea who is supposed to be the heel here or if there is one. Nees sends him to the floor and comes back in with a springboard Lionsault for two.

Flip dive to the floor and a springboard forearm gets two. Back in and Ion can't get anything going at all. This is really just an exhibition by Nees. Ion hits a missile dropkick and a nipup dropkick for two as he pulls Nees up. Ok so Ion is the heel I guess. A modified facebuster gets two but he pulls Nees up again. A 450 ends this at 4:00.

**Rating:** C. It was high flying and fun, but I'm going to need more than a 4 minute Cruiserweight spot fest to really get into two guys that are barely ever on TV. Has Nees been in more than five matches ever in TNA? If he has I certainly don't remember them. Fun stuff but the lack of connection to either guy hurts it.

The Jarretts get here and argue over who is going to retire.

Zema says he's pretty and he took the chances tonight. It's all about me, himself, and Ion now. Oh for corn's sake.

Gunner gets fired up by Flair.

### Jesse Neal vs. Gunner

Gunner beats him down to start and I don't think this is going to last long. They go to the floor and Gunner shoves Hebner for the DQ at 1:40. Neal takes a DDT on the exposed concrete. I think he's done with the company and this is writing him off TV.

Karen flirts with Sting to try to keep her job. Sting implies everything is cool and Karen leaves happy. Sting says poor Jeff.

Here's Hardy who says he's hurt but he's going to Genesis as

the #1 contender. Cue Ray who says Hardy is the kind of guy who sit around and Tweets to his fans. They're fighting tonight and Ray says he knows Hardy almost as well as anyone. Ray talks about Hardy no showing a PPV which let Ray take Hardy's spot in Immortal.

Joe tells Magnus to stay out of his way tonight. They're partners in the tournament. Magnus tells Joe to get out of his face.

### Wild Cart Tag Tournament First Round: Samoa Joe/Magnus vs. Douglas Williams/Robbie E

The Brits, still called a team here, explode for a bit until Douglas takes over. The idea here is they're trying to keep Joe out because they can't stop him. Robbie comes in with a middle rope fist drop. Magnus takes over on him and it's back to Magnus. Rolling Chaos fails and here's Joe. He cleans house and has some decent team work with Magnus as Robbie appears to leave after taking a middle rope elbow. Williams goes up and gets crotched, allowing the MuscleBuster to end this at 3:50.

**Rating:** D+. Joe and Magnus had some decent chemistry, but I highly doubt they're going to mean anything long term even if they win the tournament. Magnus is brought back like once every six months and then dropped again. Not much to see, but the winners were at least gelling out there, which is more than more teams can say.

Jeff Jarrett basically says fire Karen to Sting, which is the opposite of what Karen said earlier. Interesting.

Eric Young talks about how he's been told to find his partner here in the back. It's ODB.

Here's D-Von and he calls out Pope. Cue Pope with D-Von's kids. D-Von says those are his boys and he's been there for them since they were born. He put food on their table and clothes on their backs. He's going to train them the way he's

going to train them and that's that. Pope talks about how the boys want someone cool to train them, not a boring guy like D-Von. D-Von goes to leave and Pope says that's what your wife did. He implies sex with D-Von's ex and D-Von half kills him. Pope gets in a low blow and D-Von's kids help in with the beatdown, putting on Pope glasses. Pope shouts that they're his now.

Jeff lies to Karen about who he said should be fired. Sting wants to see them both at once.

### Traci Brooks vs. Madison Rayne

Traci charges at Madison on the top of the ramp and beats her down to start. There's the bell. Madison takes over once we get back in the ring and the announcers talk about Traci's double D's. Madison screams a lot and does nothing really worth talking about. Traci fights back and the crowd politely applauds. Rayne Drop gets two. A hard kick to the side of the head is enough for the pin at 3:51.

**Rating:** D. Madison is hot and that's about the whole aspect that was good here. If this was supposed to be the big revenge match for Traci...it didn't really work. To be fair though, Traci is really only good for wearing low cut tops. The match was bad, which is probably due to only one being anything decent in the ring, and even then she's not enough to carry a match.

The Jarretts have their meeting with Sting and their stories seem to not line up that well. They both deny it and Sting has footage. The Jarretts argue a lot and it's like 10:54 and the main event entrances haven't even started yet. Sting's look standing in the back at this is hilarious. He fires them both.

Roode comes out for commentary.

### Jeff Hardy vs. Bully Ray

After the big match intros, the bell rings at 10:59. Ray jumps him during the shirt toss and works on the ribs that are still hurt from the cage match. Tree of Woe doesn't go well for Jeff. Off to a bearhug and he even gets a few two counts off of it. A Vader Bomb misses and Jeff gets in his first offense. Bubba Bomb is countered into the Twist of Fate for two. Side slam gets two for Ray. A second Twist ends this at 4:44.

**Rating:** D+. This was really just a formality for Jeff but the win was a good thing for him as it gives him some momentum. Also, how nice was it to see a CLEAN win in the main event of Impact? Not a classic or anything, but for what it was, this was certainly fine. I don't like the finisher hitting until it gets the pin though. That gets old.

Roode jumps Hardy post match and Ray helps put him through a table. Sting comes out for the save and is beaten down too.

**Overall Rating:** C-. There was some good stuff on here but the tag tournament does absolutely nothing for me. I can't complain at all about getting rid of the Jarretts. Jeff is going to India for whatever they're doing over there. TNA still feels like they're in a really low level string of shows lately and Genesis isn't looking like it's going to fix that. Not a bad show, but it's nothing that really blew me away at all.

## Results

Bobby Roode vs. AJ Styles went to a time limit draw

Bobby Roode b. AJ Styles – Single Leg Half Crab

Scott Steiner/Abyss b. Robbie T/Hernandez – Black Hole Slam to Robbie T

Zema Ion b. Anthony Nees – 450 Splash

Jesse Neal b. Gunner via DQ when Gunner shoved the referee

Samoa Joe/Magnus b. Douglas Williams/Robbie E – MuscleBuster to Williams

Madison Rayne b. Traci Brooks – Kick to the head

Jeff Hardy b. Bully Ray – Twist of Fate

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# Impact Wrestling – December 8, 2011 – Nice Night For A Neck Injury

## Impact Wrestling

Date: December 8, 2011

Location: Impact Zone, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Mike Tenay, Tazz

This is the go home show for Final Resolution and I think most of the card is set. The show has been built up pretty well, but it still feels like a B-show to me. AJ vs. Roode should be good and they've kept the older guys out of the spotlight lately, but I still feel like this isn't the most exciting show in the world. I think it's due to Roode not really feeling like a top level guy to me yet. Let's get to it.

The opening video is a recap of last week with Roode being in the three way match and stealing the win via Jarrett. Also Storm confronts Angle tonight.

Here's Sting to open things up. Tonight it's AJ/Hardy vs. Roode/Jarrett. He calls Roode to the ring and says there are some things we need to deal with, so could Dixie please come out here as well. Sting says if you put your hands on Dixie, you might as well put your hands on him. A few weeks ago Roode used Dixie as a human shield and now, he needs to make things

right.

Roode asks for some space to do this right so Sting steps back a bit. Roode apologizes for not being completely honest with her. However he doesn't have to be because he's the champ. That means Dixie needs her because business is better with him as champion. Everyone wants to jump on board the Roode show but he wouldn't even sell Dixie a ticket. Dixie is a fake because she's daddy's little rich girl. He walks away, turns around and spits at Dixie, then runs. Sting chases him and then stops for some reason. Roode poses as we go to a break.

In the back, AJ shoves Roode against a fence and says Roode has no idea what he's doing. Tonight, he's going to take out Roode for everyone to see. Sting comes up freaking out and AJ says someone has to be levelheaded.

#### Samoa Joe vs. Abyss

Joe hammers him down into the corner but Abyss pounds him down as well. After that brilliant display, we take another break. Back with Joe taking over, hitting a back splash for two. He goes up and jumps into a chokeslam attempt which doesn't work. Some clotheslines set up attempt number two but Joe counters again. An enziguri puts Abyss in the corner and he calls for the MuscleBuster. Here's Scott Steiner for a distraction and Ray hits Joe with a chain. Chokeslam ends Joe at 7:29.

**Rating:** D. The match was awful, which I think is due to Abyss more than anything else. Joe is a full fledged jobber to the stars at this point and I don't see that changing anytime soon. The Immortal stuff was pretty obvious and I guess we're back where we used to be in this story, which is, in two words, the beginning.

Abyss poses with Immortal but hits Steiner with the Black Hole Slam. Ray runs from a showdown.

Karen gives Madison marching orders of take care of Mickie.

Gail has to fight Traci too which ticks her off. The door is shut while Karen explains her plan.

Gunner wants a match with Garrett, swearing no Flair and no Bischoff, which is good enough for Sting.

Here are D-Von and Pope for a little chat with the champs. D-Von does the talking, saying how he's a legendary tag wrestler and that the Dudleys beat a bunch of great champions. Crimson and Morgan are great, but remember that after the match there will be new champions. This is the whole "I respect you" promo that happens WAY too much in TNA. And that's it. Oh wait Pope wants to talk.

Pope calls them honkies and says that this is all about the money. He doesn't care how low he has to go and he'll steal, take and/or garnish the titles. The champs never talked so Morgan drills Morgan and a brawl breaks out. Pope hits Morgan low as the other two have fought up the ramp. He waves D-Von's kids in to help with the beatdown. Morgan gets up and all three of them run.

Storm is here.

### Madison Rayne vs. Mickie James

Madison breaks up the intro of Mickie. She throws on a chinlock for a few minutes until Mickie fights back but misses something off the top. Something like a bulldog doesn't really work for Madison so she poses instead before getting two. Madison beats on her some more until Mickie hits the jumping DDT for the pin at 4:05. It was as weak as it sounds.

**Rating:** D. It wasn't that it was bad, it was just kind of there. Madison looked like she was just wasting Mickie's time until the DDT ended it. To be fair though it was light years ahead of anything the Divas have done lately, but that's because I hate the Divas very, very much. This was pretty bad though.

Ray and Steiner say they need a new plan for Abyss. Steiner says he'll go talk to Bischoff about it.

Recap of Gunner vs. Bischoff. It's about respect don't you know.

### Gunner vs. Garrett Bischoff

Eric and Flair come out with Gunner and we're waiting on Sting to send them away. Instead Gunner sends them to the back, saying he's got this. Gunner takes over early but Bischoff hits a bulldog. A clothesline is no sold and Gunner beats him down again. Garrett goes shoulder first into the post a few times and Gunner takes over. This is total domination with Gunner yelling a lot. And then Garrett grabs a single leg takedown and cradles him for the pin at 3:19. Yeah who didn't see that coming? Honestly.

**Rating:** F. It's still a referee getting beaten up and scoring a quick win because of the person whose genitals he came out of. Nothing to see here at all.

Gunner freaks post match and beats him down again, trying a piledriver on the floor. Eric makes the stop, wanting the mats pulled back first. Now the piledriver hits. Please let him be out for months. It would make my Christmas all the more magical.

Garrett is taken out on a stretcher while Eric applauds. Flair says send the nurse back to the hotel.

Here's Storm for his standoff with Angle. He says he never backs down from a challenge so Angle needs to get down here. Here's the bald man who says Storm is either an idiot or the toughest man he's ever seen. The concussion should have put him out for six months but it was only three weeks. Angle says he thinks about Storm every night before he goes to sleep. Storm: "That kind of creeps me out a little bit." Funny line. Storm gets in his face and talks about all the hardships he's

gone through and how that means Angle isn't going to scare him.

Storm says the last time he hit the Last Call, it won him the world title. Next time, it's going to crush Angle's head like a beer can. Do you really want to get into an alcohol contest with Angle? Storm turns his back on Angle, saying if he feels like it, jump him. Angle does nothing and Storm says he'll see him on Sunday. No word on if he's legit cleared or not for Sunday.

Karen tells Traci she's going to lay down for Gail.

D-Von goes off on his kids in the back when Pope comes in. D-Von LAUNCHES him against a wall but one of the boys stops him before he punches Pope. Paternal violence is implied. Pope comes back in to check on them. After six months of this, we FINALLY get a line about what's going on here: Pope is willing to help train them and has promised to get them to the main event if they stick with him. WHY HAVE WE NOT HEARD THIS SINCE JUNE???

AJ and Hardy say they're going to figure out a way to work together.

### Traci Brooks vs. Gail Kim

The bell rings and Gail says lay down. Traci kicks out and hammers away (kind of) on Gail to a big reaction. She beats on Kim for awhile and gets a rollup for two. There's a spear and Karen comes down to say get out of the ring NOW. Traci grabs Karen but the referee makes the save. Madison runs in with a belt shot and it's over at 2:16. Just a brawl really.

Roode and Jarrett say they'll win.

Daniels challenges RVD to a technical match on Sunday.

We run down the Final Resolution card.

## Jeff Hardy/AJ Styles vs. Robert Roode/Jeff Jarrett

It's a big brawl and they even break up the big match intros. After they fight on the floor we start with AJ vs. Jarrett in the ring. AJ hits his leapfrog into a dropkick sequence which is always good. Jarrett sends him to the apron but avoids the springboard forearm. AJ tweeks the knee and brings in Hardy. Jarrett runs so we get a previous of the Genesis main event as we take a break.

Back with Hardy hitting a headscissors on Roode and then the double legdrop between the legs. Seated dropkick gets two. Back to AJ but the knee isn't working well still. The heels work the knee over and Jarrett does the Tim Tebow pose. Hardy finally snaps (not because of Tebow) and the Jeffs brawl to the back.

We keep the camera on them because who needs to see that wrestling match stuff? Roode hooks on a half crab and back to the brawl again. AJ finally grabs a rope and gets a boot up to a charging Roode. He can't do much though because of the knee. A spinebuster puts Styles down but the fisherman's suplex is countered into a small package for the pin at 13:38.

**Rating:** C. Just a main event tag match here which was about setting up both main events on Sunday. There's nothing wrong with that and the knee injury aspect adds a little something to the match. It gives Roode a way out or a way to a draw on Sunday, which he really didn't have before. Pretty decent match though and fine for a TV main event.

AJ dives on Roode like an idiot and stands tall to almost end the show. Roode hits a running chop block to take the knee out again and rams it against the stage to really mess it up. He yells at AJ a lot to end the show.

**Overall Rating:** C+. Better show than the last few weeks and a pretty solid go home show. I'm still seeing Final Resolution as a B-show which I don't think they're really trying to

disagree with. A lot of stuff got pushed here which is the idea and they did a pretty good job of it. Good stuff, but certainly not without flaws, such as D-Von/Pope and the Bischoff drama.

### Results

Abyss b. Samoa Joe – Chokeslam

Mickie James b. Madison Rayne – Jumping DDT

Garrett Bischoff b. Gunner – Single Leg Rollup

Gail Kim b. Traci Brooks – Pin after a belt shot

AJ Styles/Jeff Hardy b. Robert Roode/Jeff Jarrett – Small Package to Roode

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# **Impact Wrestling – December 1, 2011 – Pacing Issues Are Back**

## **Impact Wrestling**

Date: December 1, 2011

Location: Impact Zone, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Mike Tenay, Tazz

We've got two more shows before Final Resolution and the card is starting to come together. It feels like a filler PPV until

we get to something a lot bigger. The interesting thing will be if Storm is allowed to wrestle again as he's really getting hurt by being injured as the mini-feud with Roode he had made him the real star out of the whole thing. But it's a concussion so it's hard to say when he'll be better. Let's get to it.

We open with a video of Roode's family talking about how he's pretty much abandoned them and it's all about him anymore. Cool idea given how he was pushed as this family man when he was going for the title.

Sting opens the show and says everyone is trying to run this place. Right now, he's going to deal with Bobby Roode, so get on out here. Roode says let's get this over with. Sting talks about how Roode has done all this stuff and jumped Styles and Hardy to end the show. Roode calls it great TV and says Sting is welcome for what he's done recently. Sting says he runs the place and it's run his way. For every bad thing Roode does, there's a consequence, which starts right now.

Cue AJ and Roode says Sting is fighting AJ's battles now. Sting also brings out Hardy who asks why Roode doesn't respect Sting's authority. Sting says screw you Bobby and makes it a three way match for the main event tonight.

The Knockouts are in robes while Karen yells. She gets in Velvet's face and yells about disrespect and all that jazz. Tonight they're going to wash six cars and then the rest of them. Oh and they'll be in swimsuits. Madison gladly disrobes and looks pretty good underneath it.

Jeff Hardy says he and AJ are about to go talk strategy. Jarrett comes up and takes his jacket off. He wants to know why Hardy thinks he belongs here. Hardy says this is his last shot. Jarrett throws his jacket in Hardy's face and beats him down. Here's your backstage brawl of the week.

Bischoff meets with Ray in the back because they don't have an

office anymore. Eric wants Ray to wait before killing his kid. Yeah brilliant there dude. Instead, let's get rid of Abyss. Ray put him through a table and it did nothing so Eric suggests talking to him. Ray thinks he's nuts (both Eric and Abyss) so he'll get Scott Steiner to help talk. Oh geez.

The Knockouts are in bikinis and washing cars and Tara is forced to disrobe. ODB gets a street fight with Mickie James for some reason. If she hurts Mickie she's the new #1 contender.

### Mexican America vs. Ink Inc vs. D-Von/D'Angelo Dinero

Winners are #1 contenders. D-Von and Pope clear the ring until we get down to Pope vs. Anarquia with the street preacher taking over. The Mexicans finally take over until it's a hot tag to D-Von. There's nothing interesting going on here. I still want to know why they think pushing D-Von is a good thing. Neal tags himself in, spears Hernandez but walks into a spinebuster from D-Von for the pin at 5:06.

**Rating:** D+. Whatever man. The tag division is such a joke anymore without any solid teams in there. It's like the tag champions and the #1 contenders are just slapped together with no real rhyme or reason. This isn't going to be much of a match and does anyone buy that these guys are going to get the titles?

Here's Austin Aries to talk a bit. He says he has a problem as the greatest man that ever lived. His plan was to revitalize the division and bring in some greatness, but his greatness is so far ahead of everyone else. It's time to call this the A Double division. No one can hold a candle to him so...oh dang it here's Kid Kash.

He talks about Turning Point and how Aries screwed him over after Kash took out Sorensen for him. It's an old vs. new argument and Aries says he's champion. Kash says he held it before. Aries says shake my hand and you have a shot. They

shake hands and punch each other at the same time. I think that's supposed to be a face turn for Kash.

Gunner goes to find Garrett Bischoff at a gym.

AJ says he'll win tonight.

Gunner tries to find Garrett Bischoff but finds someone else who he beats up. No one else seems to care. He keeps looking and annoys someone else. Gunner beats up two more people and then the original guy comes back. There's a clothesline for him and then he chokes the guy down. He hurts a guy's arm and tried to be menacing, saying he's coming for Garrett.

Sting yells at Jarrett, telling him to stay out of the main event tonight. Jarrett says Sting has no room to talk because he was in the match with Hardy at Victory Road. Sting says there will be consequences if Jarrett interferes. Jarrett says he might be willing to pay that consequence.

More parenting stuff from Roode's "wife".

The Knockouts are still washing cars. Taz's car is in line for later and a bus or something like that comes up.

Steiner is lifting weights when Ray comes up to talk about Abyss. CAN WE HAVE A WRESTLING MATCH ALREADY??? Steiner suggests offering a freak to Abyss to get him to join their team again.

### Mickie James vs. ODB

Street fight. It's a brawl on the ramp to start and they roll towards the ring. Street fights mean falls count anywhere here I guess. Mickie's rana is countered into a powerbomb. They go into the crowd and Mickie fights back in front of a handicap ramp. ODB hits her with a lot of metal stuff and Mickie looks a bit dead. We do the odd hardcore match thing where people insist on walking around.

She walks around even more until Mickie gets in a chop. Gee, I wonder if the minute long walk had anything to do with her getting a second wind. Back to the ring and Mickie starts her comeback. ODB breaks up the jumping DDT and gets a chair. Like any idiot, she holds it in front of her face to allow Mickie to kick the chair into her face for the pin at 7:00.

**Rating:** D+. Well that was pretty dull. I have no idea why they went walking around like that but I never get that in any wrestling match with hardcore rules. ODB continues to look like an idiot and the girls are still better than the Divas, but they're still nothing to blow my skirt up. The weak show continues.

Storm (at home) says he's still out with a concussion. Angle interrupts and asks Storm how it felt to have his head bashed in and how his daughter reacted to it. Angle blames Storm for losing the title so Angle says be here next week to confirm a match at Final Resolution. Storm says it'll be a beating, not a match.

Some chicks are in the back and looking for Abyss.

We see the long version of Roode's family complaining. Roode says he got them a bunch of stuff with the money so if he's a user, so are they.

TV Title: Rob Van Dam vs. Robbie E

Why do I have a feeling the obvious ending isn't the one that is going to happen? RVD dominates to start and sends Robbie to the floor quickly. Big Rob gets in a shot to take over and Robbie pounds away a bit. Back to the floor and here's Eric Young in underwear with a fire extinguisher. RVD gets a kick to the face and hits the Five Star but Eric has the referee. Daniels runs in and hits Angel's Wings on RVD so Robbie can get the pin at 4:02.

**Rating:** Rob. What else do you want me to call it? This was

about as predictable as you could want it to be, which isn't saying much. The match wasn't the point here obviously and the idea was to have Daniels run in and Young to be all wacky because that's all he knows how to do.

Steiner's girls are all messed up after meeting Abyss.

The Knockouts get in a fight with the water and soap. Karen comes in with garden hoses and sprays them all down.

### Robert Roode vs. AJ Styles vs. Jeff Hardy

This has over twenty minutes to go so maybe it'll be good. This is non-title of course. Roode immediately hits the floor and we get our first contact about a minute in with both guys beating on Roode. He gets ping-ponged between the two of them and then clotheslined to the floor. Time for the face showdown...or not. Instead they get in a mini argument over who gets to dive to the floor. Hardy hits a baseball slide as we take a break.

Back with Roode hitting a belly to back suplex for one as Hardy makes the save. AJ gets his eyes raked and accidentally hits Hardy, giving us the showdown we've been waiting for. AJ hits his drop down into a dropkick sequence but Hardy takes over and gets two of his own. Roode comes back in and beats both guys down before focusing on Hardy. Spinebuster gets two.

AJ pops back up with the springboard forearm and backflip into the reverse DDT on Roode. Roode takes over again and hits a fisherman's suplex on AJ which Hardy breaks up. Twist of Fate to Roode and he loads up the Swanton, but here's Jarrett to crotch him. Roode covers Hardy for the easy pin at 14:30.

**Rating:** C. Pretty ok match here but at the end of the day, so what? This is more about pushing Jeff vs. Jeff again and that's not exactly something interesting. Not a bad match at all but I've never been a fan of three ways, which isn't helping things here. At least it sets up a match at Final

Resolution, which we'll get to now.

Sting comes out and makes Jeff vs. Jeff in a cage at the PPV. If Jarrett escapes first, Hardy is gone. If Hardy escapes first, he gets the title shot at Genesis. Karen comes out to yell so she'll be handcuffed to Sting during the match.

**Overall Rating:** D+. The biggest problem with this show is that the pacing problems were back. There were five minutes of wrestling in the first hour and for what? So we could have segments about Gunner, Garrett Bischoff, and the Knockouts in swimsuits? That's what we're focusing on now? This was a backstage heavy show and that's really not all that interesting. Also, you don't need to have Roode's family pop in all through the show if you're going to show a full version of it later on. Not a bad show, but pretty boring overall.

### Results

D-Von/D'Angelo Dinero b. Mexican America and Ink Inc – Spinebuster to Neal

Mickie James b. ODB – Spinning kick to the face

Robbie E b. Rob Van Dam – Pin after Angel's Wings

Bobby Roode b. AJ Styles and Jeff Hardy – Pinned Hardy after Jeff Jarrett interfered

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# Impact Wrestling – November 24, 2011 – An Elimination Match On Thanksgiving? That's So Last Century

## Impact Wrestling

Date: November 24, 2011

Location: Impact Zone, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Mike Tenay, Taz

It's Turkey Day here in the Impact Zone and that usually means a pretty fun show from these guys. There's always the chance of the return of the turkey suit which thankfully isn't coming out of a huge egg and dancing with a bald interviewer. Expect a bit more build towards Final Resolution but the majority of things should be a bit lighter tonight, which is fine. Let's get to it.

We open with a video of last week with Storm looking for his attacker with Angle being the reveal at the end of the show. There's still tension between Storm and AJ.

Here's Angle, who along with Storm will captain teams for an elimination tag later. On Thanksgiving? You don't say! Kurt says it wasn't an attack from behind. James just didn't see him coming. Cue Storm who says this is beyond personal. It's business now and if Angle says he won't jump someone from behind, here's his chance to fight face to face. Angle says this is about Storm stealing the title from Angle so Angle cost him the title in Georgia. Immortal plus Daniels comes out so Storm SHOWS HE HAS A BRAIN by hitting Angle once and running. Anderson, AJ and RVD come out for the big brawl.

Eric Young brings an old referee back on a homemade bicycle. Rudy Charles brings out the turkey suit.

We recap Mexican America losing the tag titles last week to Morgan/Crimson.

### Tag Titles: Mexican America vs. Crimson/Matt Morgan

A big brawl to start is won by the champions and it's down to Anarquia vs. Morgan. The beating begins as the champions pound him down. A double chokeslam ends this in 1:57. Total squash.

Eric Young says Sting has said there's officially a turkey suit challenge later on. It's a regular match and the loser has to wear the suit. Rob Terry gives him a pat down and says he's not on the list. If Robbie doesn't do it, he's stripped of the title. The Robs go to find Sting and Young admits Sting didn't say any of that.

Here are Karen and her associates. She calls out five of the Knockouts (Tara, Tessmacher, Winter, Angelina and Velvet) and gets them very quickly. The fans want a rematch but the fans (according to Karen) want more skin. Tonight it's the first lingerie ball.

The face Knockouts whine about the match. Yeah....I'd buy that if the pigeons weren't always being let loose.

The heel Knockouts are happy when Mickie comes in to yell at Gail in private. They leave the door open and Mickie yells at Gail for going against whatever she said when she wasn't in there. Mickie gets beaten down.

### Angelina Love/Winter/Madison Rayne vs. Tara/Velvet Sky/Brooke Tessmacher

They're all in lingerie/thongs. The anger over it isn't working at all but they look good. Scratch the thongs actually. It's a regular six person tag. Winter shows off and looks good like that. Tessmacher rips her shirt off and is in the exact same thing she wrestles in. For chicks that are ticked off, they don't seem to mind posing on the ropes.

Velvet is in less clothing than usual. They have a pose off until FINALLY the evil ones jump them. There's a quick commercial as Tara and Winter get us going.

Back with the good chicks in control and Tessmacher gives Winter a Stink Face. Yeah we get it: it's embarrassing or whatever. Do an actual move please. Tessmacher gets beaten down as Taz is talking about Helen Keller. Madison is far more covered than she usually is. Hot tag finally brings in Velvet and house is cleaned. Madison grabs a belt but Mickie comes out for the save. Velvet's bad facebuster ends this at 13:18.

**Rating:** F. Dumb premise, dumb anger, no thongs, dumb match.

Here's Hardy in a mask but it's actually Jeff Jarrett. He wants to know why the fans love Hardy. Is it because he looks like a clown? Perhaps the bizarre promos or the stupid chances he takes for the fans. Jarrett wants Hardy's fans to grow up and embarrass the company they work for. Here's Hardy at a full sprint to beat down Jarrett. Immortal plus Daniels makes the save. Immortal comes out (plus Daniels and Roode...oh no) and here's Team Storm for the save. Jarrett sends Hardy into the steps and then does it again. Immortal stands tall.

We get a history of the turkey suit match which is one of those funny things that you can get in wrestling.

### Robbie E vs. Eric Young

Robbie jumps him on the floor and beats up the turkey suit also. This is non title. Rudy counts really slowly. He won't drop the suit for the count and we're in a total comedy match here. Robbie gets what was presumably loaded punch for the pin at 2:14. The referee sees it and reverses the decision. Oh wait he restarts the match. Robbie shoves the referee and a piledriver ends this clean. Total comedy match and there isn't a thing wrong with that.

Big Rob has to put on the suit because Robbie is out cold.

Rudy and Eric train for next year on a bike but Rudy crashes.

### Team Angle vs. Team Storm

AJ Styles, Mr. Anderson, Rob Van Dam, Jeff Hardy  
Jeff Jarrett, Bully Ray, Christopher Daniels, Bobby Roode

There's been talk all night about Hardy being on the team but he's not mentioned here. Storm is in street clothes. Oh wait Angle and Storm aren't wrestling. Ok then. So it's 4-3? This is an elimination style match so it's Survivor Series rules. Roode sits in on commentary because he's not loose yet. AJ vs. Daniels gets us off because we need something new. After nothing of note happens there it's off to Jarrett vs. Anderson.

Van Dam comes in and this is starting pretty slowly. Rob gets caught in the corner and Ray takes over on him with a splash. Not hot tag to Anderson who takes over with some elbows and a neckbreaker for two. Ray hits a Rock Bottom and Roode heads to the ring. He steals a tag and gets the pin on Anderson to make it 4-3 or 4-2 depending on how you look at it.

Here's AJ to speed things way up with a backdrop. I think the ankle is ok now. Roode hits him low right in front of the referee for...not a DQ. Ok yeah it was but there was no bell. Ah there's the announcement. We take a break as Daniels pounds on AJ. Back with Ray coming in to beat down AJ even more. AJ counters Angel's Wings into a rana and then the Pele puts Daniels down.

Hot tag brings in RVD who cleans house with various kicks. Rolling Thunder puts Daniels down but Angle breaks up the Five Star. He and Storm fight up the ramp but RVD gets rolled up and pinned to make it 3-1. Daniels is bleeding from the mouth. It's a 3-1 beatdown and Ray tells Daniels to give him the moonsault. It eats knees/feet because Ray shouted GIVE HIM THE MOONSAULT. Ray accidentally takes out Jarrett and a Pele puts Ray down.

Cue Hardy as all four are down. He's pulling his pants up as he comes out. What was he doing before that??? Hardy slips on the apron as he comes out but there's the hot tag anyway. He cleans house and the Twist takes out Daniels to tie things up. Twist to Jarrett is countered so Hardy gets a small package to take him out instead. A HUGE boot takes Hardy down for two and Jarrett hammers on Hardy a bit more. AJ makes a blind tag and hits the forearm on Ray to win it at 18:45.

**Rating:** C-. Not bad here and it makes Hardy look like a star which is the right idea. It's nothing we haven't seen a bunch before but it didn't need to be. Hardy stands tall and we'll get to some post match stuff here in a few seconds. For a Thanksgiving show main event, this was certainly fine.

Roode lays out both winners with the belt post match.

**Overall Rating:** C. I'm going with right in the middle here. On a normal week this would have been around an F, but the thing you have to remember here is that it's Thanksgiving. There's no reason to assume this show was going to be anything of note and it wasn't supposed to be. No one is going to watch the show, so why waste anything big on it? You see Raw do this a lot and there's nothing wrong with that. Not an interesting show, but all things considered this was fine. Well ok it was bad but there are a lot of things to consider on it.

### Results

Matt Morgan/Crimson b. Mexican America – Double chokeslam to Anarquia

Brooke Tessmacher/Tara/Velvet Sky b. Winter/Angelina Love/Madison Rayne – BeauDT to Rayne

Eric Young b. Robbie E – Piledriver

Team Storm b. Team Angle last eliminating Bully Ray

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# Impact Wrestling – November 17, 2011 – We Have An Attacker

## Impact Wrestling

Date: November 16, 2011

Location: Impact Zone, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Mike Tenay, Tazz

Well we're after the Turning Point PPV now and head towards Final Resolution which is likely going to see AJ vs. Roode II because AJ was injured in the previous match. Also because there really isn't anyone else to face Roode at the moment. Other than that, expect more Bischoff vs. Bischoff stuff to bore the fans out of their minds. Impact has been good lately though so let's get to it.

We open with a recap of the main event of Turning Point where Roode cheated to keep the title.

Here's Roode to open the show. He says it's a shame to think he was part of F4. He was the star, he was the leader and he was the future of the company. Roode says he got rid of the two of them and here's Storm. They've made him the real star of the company in this. Storm wants to know why Roode jumped him, which Roode denies. Storm doesn't care so he charges but security stops him. He turns around to have AJ

behind him and the beating is on. Security pulls them apart and are about as successful as they usually are.

Post break AJ rants some more and Roode says no rematch. The brawl starts up again and cue Sting. He makes a 30 minute iron man match for Final Resolution for the title.

After we hear Taz and Mike talk a bit, Roode goes after Dixie in the front row. AJ makes the save but Roode hits him in the back to knock Dixie down as well.

Joe comes up to Storm in the back and says it wasn't Roode as he saw him the whole time. Joe says it wasn't him either. They fight anyway since this is TNA where backstage brawls are required by law.

Sting goes after Roode post break, saying that was like putting Roode's hands on Sting.

#### TV Title: Robbie E vs. D-Von

Pope is hitting on some blonde outside. D-Von takes over to start and runs him over with a clothesline. Some shoulders and a side slam put him down as well. D-Von throws him to the floor right in front of Pope. Pope slaps Robbie and is drilled by Terry for his efforts. D-Von's kids go after Terry for no apparent reason and Eric Young comes down to pop Terry with a chair which does nothing. D-Von's distraction lets Robbie roll him up at 2:00 to retain.

D-Von yells at his kids post match and they stay with Pope.

Sting talks to Garrett, praising him for his match last week. Garrett wants more of Gunner and Sting isn't sure. Garrett leaves when Morgan and Crimson come up. They wind up with a tag title shot later in the show. Sting is worried about the lack of a tag division or something.

Eric and Flair rant about Garret when Sting comes up to them talk about the rewriting of Bischoff's contract. However Eric

doesn't have a signed contract so it doesn't mean jack. Sting makes Garrett vs. Gunner for later.

### Kid Kash/Austin Aries vs. Jesse Sorensen/Brian Kendrick

Kendrick has dark hair now. Jesse vs. Kash to start because we haven't seen that enough yet. Cross body off the top gets two for Jesse. Aries won't tag in and Kash gets rolled up for two by Kendrick. Aries comes in for about a second, ducks an enziguri and here's Kash again. Hot tag to Jesse and he gets a northern lights for two. Aries walks out to make this a handicap match. Kash misses a moonsault and Sorensen hits a reverse Cross Rhodes (it ends in a DDT) for the pin at 5:02.

**Rating:** C-. I'm so over Kid Kash at this point that it's not even funny. The guy is old, he's fat, he can't talk, and he's not interesting. He's never meant anything but he's running his mouth about being a legend which no one even remembers. Nothing to see here as it's the same stuff they've been doing for awhile.

Karen is her usual self and gives Gail the night off.

Anderson is playing a football game in the back when Storm comes up, wanting to know if Anderson had anything to do with it.

### Gauntlet Match

There are ten chicks in it and the winner is #1 contender. Velvet vs. Rosita starts us off. I'll only be giving the total time for this. Velvet is in blue which I highly approve of. Velvet hits a facebuster to end Rosita in about 4 seconds. Tessmacher is next and we have some good looking women in TNA. Brooke takes over and hits her Stinkface thing and takes her top off. A bulldog ends her a second later.

Fourth is Angelina who counters the facebuster into a rollup with tights to end it. I hate gauntlet matches because most of

them are quick wins that are totally unrealistic by comparison to regular matches. Velvet kicks Mickie in the face on her way to the ring and we take a break. Back with Love hammering on Mickie which doesn't last long as Mickie kicks her head off for a quick pin.

Off to Sarita in 6th and this is UGLY. Sarita botches a springboard move, landing on Mickie's head despite Mickie ducking. A sloppy jumping DDT (head didn't hit) ends this a bit later. Tara is 7th and they hit the match. Tara throws on a heel hook and then the standing moonsault for two. Another somewhat bad jumping DDT gets us to Winter who is still gorgeous. A bridging suplex gets two as Mickie is getting tired.

Mickie escapes a fireman's carry and hits a SICK kick to Winter's head for the elimination. ODB is in at 9 and is A LOT slimmer. She even had abs. A fallaway slam sets up a nipup and a Bronco Buster. She's in camo pants now which works a lot better for her than the long shirt she usually wears. Top rope Thesz Press gets rid of ODB and Madison is last. ODB drills Mickie before leaving and hits a TKO (love that move). Madison walks around forever and Mickie rolls her up for a surprise pin at 15:02.

**Rating:** D. I hate these matches. The 9 eliminations took WAY too short an amount of time and it's unrealistic even from a wrestling perspective. Nothing to see here although the girls looked hot and it's amazing how much better/in depth the Knockouts are than the Divas at this point.

Ray is talking to some ugly chick (joke from Turning Point I think) when Storm comes up. He says take a free shot because he thinks Ray was involved. Ray says no but he knows who it was and that person is here. He offers Storm a spot in Immortal and Storm turns him down flat.

Garrett says he hopes Gunner underestimates him again tonight.

Here's Hardy and we get a quick shot from Turning Point where he beat Jarrett three times in a row. He says thanks to the fans and promises to always be there for them. His sights are shifting to the world title and that brings out Karen. She says someone with some balls needs to put Hardy in his place. She has the biggest set here and says Hardy needs to do more than just have sad eyes.

What he did at Turning Point wasn't being a man and Hardy needs to be one. She calls Hardy disrespectful and talks about Hardy's wife Beth. Karen pretended to be Beth's friend and performance problems are implied. She tries to get Jeff to hit her and says he didn't beat Jarrett fairly. Karen goes to slap him but Jeff blocks it. Here's Jeff Jarrett with the AAA belt but Hardy sees it coming. Karen tries a low blow but Hardy grabs it and the brawl is on.

Flair and Bischoff give Gunner a pep talk, saying destroy Garrett tonight.

Tag Titles: Mexican America vs. Crimson/Matt Morgan

Crimson vs. Anarquia starts us off and the chicks distract Red Boy so Hernandez can clothesline him down. LAX beats on Crimson who can't get anything going in the first three minutes or so. A shoulder/spear takes down SuperMex and it's a double tag for Morgan and Anarquia. Morgan throws everyone around and chokeslams Anarquia for two. Exploder suplex and the Carbon Footprint give us new champions at 5:21.

**Rating:** C-. Not much to see here but the titles need a shot in the arm at this point. Maybe this is it and that's perfectly fine. I hope this goes somewhere different than Morgan and Hernandez went to as that did no one any favors. Too short to mean much but this could have been a lot worse. At least Mexican America and their dead end gimmick is over.

Storm thinks he knows who the attacker is.

## Garrett Bischoff vs. Gunner

Sting, Eric and Flair are in corners. Garrett has his own song now. He uses basic stuff to start and it's off to Gunner in control because he's, you know, not a referee. A charge of his hits the post but Eric grabs Garrett's foot and Gunner takes over again. A spear in the corner has Garrett in trouble but you know the fluke pin is coming. And there it is as Garrett counters a suplex into a DDT for the clean pin at 3:56.

**Rating:** F. The match sucked, but maybe that's because HE IS A REFEREE. I know he's Bischoff's son, and that's what's wrong with this story: the guy has no reason to be in the ring but he's there anyway because he's Eric Bischoff's son and is getting 3-4 segments a show and going over people like Gunner instead of people like Alex Shelley or someone else going over him. That's why this angle doesn't work.

Here's Storm for the big finish. He says he's being passed over because he's too southern and that's not right. Storm calls out AJ of all people and Styles is a little banged up still. AJ: "Are you kidding me?" AJ doesn't think that makes sense because he's been the one behind Storm the entire time. Storm points out that ever since Storm has been on the shelf, AJ has gotten two shots at Roode. Styles says Sting made those decisions and denies being the attacker.

They're about to fight when Kaz comes out to break them up. Kaz gets AJ out of the ring and Angle comes in from under the ring for the beatdown. We have an attacker.

**Overall Rating:** C+. Pretty decent show tonight where the wrestling matches don't add up to the final grade of the show. A good amount of stuff happened here with new champions and a new main event level feud starting up. I'm ok with Angle being the guy but it can't end with Angle going over Storm. They've made a new star in the Cowboy and they need to keep him strong. Beating Angle in a feud would be a great way to do

that, but Angle going over would completely miss the point. Decent show tonight though.

### Results

Robbie E b. D-Von – Rollup

Jesse Sorensen/Brian Kendrick b. Kid Kash/Austin Aries – Spinning DDT to Kash

Mickie James won a gauntlet match last eliminating Madison Rayne

Crimson/Matt Morgan b. Mexican America – Carbon Footprint to Anarquia

Garrett Bischoff b. Gunner – DDT

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# **Impact Wrestling – November 10, 2011 – EIGHT MATCHES???**

## **Impact Wrestling**

Date: November 10, 2011

Location: Macon Coliseum, Macon, Georgia

Commentators: Mike Tenay, Tazz

We're still in Macon and it's time for the go home show before Turning Point. At this moment, we have no main event as the world title has changed twice in three weeks so we haven't had much of an opportunity to set anything up. I'd expect a tacked

on main event which is TNA's custom far too often. This show has been better than Raw (arguably) recently. Let's get to it.

We open up with a video of Roode turning heel last week to win the title.

Here's Roode to open the show with the belt. He doesn't know why the people are booing him. Wait, are they booing him or are they chanting Roode, because that's what they were doing last week when they were cheering him on. Is it because he killed Beer Money? Or is it because he did everything that they all would have done in the same situation? This is a new generation and he's the leader of that generation.

You can do everything right and it means nothing. We see an inset of Storm wanting to come to the ring but the agents hold him back. Roode talks about how after BFG, he learned you have to take your opportunities and that's what he did. Here comes Storm and the fans are happy to see him. Storm beats them down and charges the ring but Roode bails.

As security holds Storm back, here's Sting. He makes the rematch for tonight and that's it.

Tonight it's AJ vs. Daniels. AGAIN.

Here's a video on Crimson vs. Morgan. This isn't a dream match no matter how much they want it to be.

### D'Angelo Dinero vs. Crimson

After having to watch Elijah Burke and Matt Morgan reach levels of uninteresting that I honestly didn't think existed in their feud in OVW in I think 03 or 04, THANK GOODNESS this is Crimson. They exchange headlocks to start us off and I don't think anyone knows who Pope is. A DDT gets two as does a middle rope fist drop. Crimson grabs a Cravate but gets punched back again. Pope goes up again but jumps into the Red Sky for the pin at 2:38. As almost usual with Crimson, he got

beaten down but hit one move for the win.

Gunner says he'll destroy Garrett Bischoff and something about a code in the military.

### Gunner vs. Garrett Bischoff

Gunner is really lous and talks trash to Garrett. He turns to talk to Eric (he and Flair are on the floor) and walks into a pretty decent armdrag and make it two of them. Garrett takes over with some basic stuff and isn't half bad at it. And then Flair and Eric come in, I think for a DQ, as Garrett runs. It ran about 1:45. Based on this, Eric can have his contract rewritten.

Robbie E and Big Rob try to get to Ronnie from Jersey Shore. This goes nowhere.

After a break we see Storm out cold and covered in blood.

### Zema Ion vs. Jesse Sorensen

Basic stuff to start and Ion goes up. The 450 misses a reverse Cross Rhodes ends this at 1:57. There's nothing else to say here.

Kid Kash comes out to run his mouth and be annoying and southern. Kash says Sorensen gets the title shot at Turning Point but it's in a three way dance. Sorensen signs the contract and Kash implies he slept with Sorensen's mother.

Karen tells Gail and Madison that they look pretty.

### Knockout Tag Titles: Mickie James/Velvet Sky vs. Gail Kim/Madison Rayne

Velvet spears Madison down to start and hammers away. Madison gets beaten down quickly and it's off to Mickie who looks great tonight. Gail shoves her off the top and then comes in to beat on her a bit. The match means nothing at all as it's

all to set up Gail pinning Velvet to set up the PPV match for the singles title. Velvet comes in and takes over, hitting an awful looking spinning bulldog or something. Mickie goes up and something is clipped as Mickie hits the Thesz Press. A sitout Pedigree ends Madison but Velvet walks into Eat Defeat for the pin at 4:00. See? Told you so.

**Rating:** D. Whatever man. That's what I'm going to start every Knockouts rating with. The problem at the end of the day is that these stories don't mean anything and the feuds usually have zero heat on them at all. Nothing to see here and like I said, the ending was about as obvious as any I've ever seen in my life.

James is awake and Sting comes to see him. The trainer is trying to sew him up and he can't stand.

We recap the Robs vs. Ronnie/Eric Young. Let's get this over with.

#### Ronnie/Eric Young vs. Robbie E/Rob Terry

Ronnie and Robbie start us off but they tag out before there's any contact. Eric locks up with the referee. Oh that wacky comedy! Eric gets beaten down as we await the "reality" TV star to make the save. A belly to belly suplex puts Robbie down and there's the hot tag to Ronnie. To the shock of no one, he does some basic stuff not that horrible and we're supposed to care for some reason. Eric drops a top rope elbow...and he's in leopard print underwear now. A splash from Ronnie gets the pin at 4:15.

**Rating:** F. I hate the Jersey Shore and I review wrestlers having matches. That is all.

Immortal says they'll win tonight.

Mexican America gets in a fight with Ink Inc in catering. There's a tag title match Sunday.

Here's an MMA guy on commentary for the next match.

### AJ Styles vs. Christopher Daniels

This is match #eleventy billion between them. The MMA guy gets a closeup as we miss part of the match. The match is a backdrop as we praise Bellator and how great it is. They're debuting on Spike soon after UFC leaves. AJ flips over in the corner and Daniels takes over. This is just their usual match with Daniels controlling for the most part and then AJ starts his comeback. He hits his usual stuff and we talk about MMA. Here's the screwdriver after we go to the floor. RVD comes out to take it away and AJ uses the distraction to hit the Clash for the pin at 7:27.

**Rating:** C. This is a good example of a match that's fine but I just don't care. The problem again is that we've seen this so many times that there's nothing to see in it anymore. We've seen AJ Styles vs. Christopher Daniels so many times that there's nothing left to watch them do. Daniels vs. anyone else would be interesting.

Here's the card for Turning Point. The tag title match is in a six person match.

### Immortal vs. Jeff Hardy/Mr. Anderson/???

The mystery partner is Abyss. Well that was shocking. Scott beats on Hardy a bit as Hardy sells like only he can. He really is good at that. Jeff hits the mule kick and it's off to Anderson. The heels beat on him a bit with a bunch of elbows from Ray. Off to Hardy as we're waiting for Abyss to come in and dominate.

The Matt Hardy leg drop hits Bubba but Jarrett breaks up the Swanton. Hardy gets beaten down for a bit and it's off to Abyss for the real hot tag. The Stroke is countered into Shock Treatment and Ray walks into the Twist and Swanton. Stroke to Hardy, Mic Check to Jarrett, suplex to Anderson, Black Hole

Slam and pin to Steiner at 8:15.

**Rating:** C-. Basic match here but the ending was pretty good. Abyss as a mystery partner was kind of odd as it's not like there's anyone else they would have put in there that would have made sense. Him as an official face isn't bad and it's good to see Immortal pretty firmly in the midcard where they belong.

### TNA World Title: Bobby Roode vs. James Storm

The match is set to start after a break and there's no Storm. The music plays twice and he finally comes out. He's COVERED in blood. Storm goes off to start but then collapses. Storm is out cold. The referee throws up the X and the trainer is here. Roode acts all concerned and says he wants to check on Storm. He asks if the match is over and then rolls Storm up for the pin at 2:40.

AJ and Kaz come out and it's AJ vs. Roode on Sunday.

**Overall Rating:** C+. The wrestling wasn't great here but the big thing is we had 8 matches. That's a HUGE improvement as that means 8 different stories or angles were addressed, plus the tag title match was actually mentioned on TV. This was a well put together show which is what they've been lacking for a long time. Good stuff here, although not great. Major improvement in some areas though.

### Results

Crimson b. D'Angelo Dinero – Red Sky

Garrett Bischoff b. Gunner via DQ when Ric Flair interfered

Jesse Sorensen b. Zema Ion – Reverse Spinning DDT

Gail Kim/Madison Rayne b. Velvet Sky/Mickie James – Eat Defeat

Ronnie/Eric Young b. Robbie E/Rob Terry – Ronnie pinned Robbie E after a splash

AJ Styles b. Christopher Daniels – Styles Clash

Abyss/Jeff Hardy/Mr. Anderson b. Jeff Jarrett/Scott Steiner/Bully Ray – Black Hole Slam to Steiner

Robert Roode b. James Storm – Pin after Storm collapsed

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# **Impact Wrestling – November 3, 2011 – New! Champion!**

## **Impact Wrestling**

Date: November 3, 2011

Location: Macon Coliseum, Macon, Georgia

Commentators: Taz, Mike Tenay

We're on the road again in Georgia because we're not allowed to go outside the SEC for some reason. Tonight's main event is the Beer Money explosion because who needs months of build for a team that people have wanted to see feud for a very long time? I mean, they've had a week to build things up so that's more than enough time I suppose. Anyway let's get to it.

The opening video is about Storm vs. Roode which is still thrown together way faster than it should be.

Here's the champ to open the show. He talks about respect because this is TNA. You say yes ma'am and no sir and you hold the door open for a lady. He talks about how he's not going to be a champion that fights seven days a week because he watches football on Saturdays and Sunday is for church. Storm says

he's been around the world six times and there's been one man at his side every time.

Cue Roode to a nice pop. Storm says they're fighting tonight and his daughter wants to hold the belt after they go to Chuck E. Cheese. Roode says exactly what you would expect him to say. It's the we've been friends forever and we'll steal the show tonight jazz.

Ronnie from the Jersey Shore is here with Eric Young because TNA thinks we care.

Knockout Tag Titles: Tara/Brooke Tessmacher vs. Gail Kim/Madison Rayne

Time for the monthly defense of the titles. Brooke's outfit is designed like a Texas flag for some reason. She and Madison start us off but it's off to Tara quickly. The arm work begins as the champions are tagging fast. Gail comes in and is all dominant and evil for a bit. Tessmacher's corner hijinks don't really work this time. Gail beats on Brooke a bit more until it's a hot tag to Tara. Everything breaks down and there's the Widow's Peak. Karen Jarrett has the referee though and Eat Defeat gives us new champions at 5:05.

**Rating:** D+. It's not like anyone cares about the belts, but this is what you do with the titles here as they're actually having a division wide angle going on. Karen is evil and trying to have her girls get the titles. It's not particularly interesting but a dull story is better than a repetitive one on a treadmill like the Divas have so this was fine, just not that interesting.

Garrett Bischoff won't apologize to his father tonight.

Garrett is in the ring after a break and calls his dad down to the ring. Garrett apologizes for not being the man his father wanted to be but he's most sorry he didn't do this years ago. With that he blasts his dad and beats him down until Flair and

Gunner make the save.

Joe comes up to Sting and offers help with whatever Sting might need. Sting says it's cool as there's no Bischoff to mess with anything right now. Joe says he's not going to be shut up even with a new sheriff in town. If Sting doesn't respect Joe, there might be some mysterious injuries. Sting says cool. Joe leaves and here are Bischoff and Flair. Bischoff says Sting can't fire him so Eric wants a match: his son against someone to be named later. If Sting grants it, Sting can rewrite Eric's contract.

Daniels says that he's awesome and beat AJ and never said he quit. He wants title shots because he's earned them. Daniels says he beat RVD last week. As he's talking, RVD pops up behind him but Daniels doesn't see him. He goes on a rant about the screwdriver last week (Daniels that is) and the cameraman asks Rob if he has any thoughts. The thought is a right hand and a brawl breaks out. RVD beats him up and Daniels runs. RVD implies there's a match at Turning Point.

### Jesse Sorensen vs. Austin Aries

Non-title here. Kid Kash sits down on commentary to rant about old vs. new as usual. They speed things up a lot and Kash is already on my nerves. Sorensen misses a dive to the floor and Aries hits a GREAT suicide dive as Sorensen was flattened against the barricade. Kash spends the whole match ranting about how great he is and how he'll be respected and all that jazz. Sorensen starts his comeback which doesn't last long. Aries takes over again and hits a running dropkick in the corner to put Sorensen down. He loads up the brainbuster but Sorensen grabs a small package for the pin at 4:45.

**Rating:** C+. That dive really was awesome and a lot of this grade is for that. They beat on each other out there and it was a pretty fun match. They kept it short which is the right idea for X-Division matches as it keeps them from getting

dull. Fun little match and it gives Aries a new opponent. Keep Kash away from anything that amplifies his voice though.

Post match Kash threatens to cut Sorensen with a knife.

Storm says the title is his and he's keeping it.

Roode says this is the match they've talked about for years.

Here are the Robs for the Jersey Shore segment. Robbie E runs down Ronnie and Young (who are in the ring now) and I guess this is going to be a tag match. Oh joy. Robbie keeps calling people hamsters. A brawl breaks out and it's Big Rob dominating. Ronnie gets whipped by a belt and the heels leave. Eric gets up and suggests a tag match.

#### Bully Ray/Jeff Jarrett vs. Mr. Anderson/Jeff Hardy

Anderson looks like he has darker hair now. No complains about the double feuds in one match. Ray vs. Hardy starts us off and they trade some shots. Off to Jarrett but that goes nowhere either. Ray comes in and hammers away as Hardy does what he does best: sell things like death. Jeff finally gets the tag off to Anderson as Ray comes in as well. Everything breaks down and here's Scott Steiner to break things up and crotch Anderson for the DQ at 5:38.

**Rating:** D+. The main event better be good and I think that's what they're setting up for here. Everything else has been really short and it looks like they're setting up for a huge title match to close the show which is fine. This set up both presumable PPV matches (though do we need more Anderson vs. Ray?) which is always a good idea. Boring match though.

Sting comes up to Garrett in the back and says he's known him since he was 6 years old. That might raise a few questions but I'm not sure if it does or not. Garrett says he'll take the match with whoever his dad picks.

Here's Morgan who calls out Crimson. Morgan talks about how

he's always hearing about how he's always being asked if he can beat Crimson. He talks about how he's the real giant in pro wrestling and says let's give the fans what they want. Crimson says he's been thinking about it too, but let's raise the stakes. That means...let's just have a match. Ok then.

Hype video for the title match.

### TNA World Title: James Storm vs. Bobby Roode

Feeling out process to start as they're playing up the idea that they know each other very well. Off to a test of strength which doesn't last long. Neither guy has an advantage as we go to a break. Back with Storm ramming shoulders into Roode in the corner. They keep countering each other and Roode can't get much of an advantage. Storm stays ahead with a superplex but both guys are down.

They slug it out and Storm takes over with some running shots. Blockbuster gets two for Roode. Backstabber gets two for the champ. Eye of the Storm is countered into a spinebuster for two. They head to the floor and both guys barely get back inside in time. Storm tries an Orton DDT but gets countered into a Crossface. Storm makes a rope and Roode is frustrated. Roode tries a superplex but Storm counters into a top rope elbow for two.

This is getting good. Last Call misses as Roode grabs the fisherman's suplex. Storm counters that and is almost sent into the referee. The referee avoids the contact but twists his knee in the process as Roode is sent to the floor. Roode succumbs to the demons inside and grabs the beer bottle which he breaks over Storm's head to BIG heat. It gives him the world title at 17:40.

**Rating:** B. This was a very solid match that could have easily main evented a PPV with about five minutes extra. Still though, good stuff here and that's what they needed to do. I'm really not sure I like the ending but it's TNA after all so

how good can it get? The heel turn was needed, but Roode is going to have to step up his emotions as a heel to deserve this spot. Good match though.

**Overall Rating:** C+. The title change alone makes this worth checking out. As is almost always the case with TNA, the end result is fine but the path of getting there is bad. The problem is that this could have been a PPV main event easily but instead it's thrown together here on a week's notice. The heel turn is a good thing as there isn't really a top heel coming into this show so Roode gives you that guy. Decent stuff, but it's strictly a one match show.

### Results

Gail Kim/Madison Rayne b. Brooke Tessmacher/Tara – Eat Defeat to Tara

Jesse Sorensen b. Austin Aries – Small Package

Mr. Anderson/Jeff Hardy b. Bully Ray/Jeff Jarrett via DQ when Scott Steiner interfered

Bobby Roode b. James Storm – Pin after a beer bottle to the head

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# **Impact Wrestling – October**

# 27, 2011 – It Ends With A Former Referee

## Impact Wrestling

Date: October 27, 2011

Location: Impact Zone, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Mike Tenay, Tazz

We're in the James Storm as champion era now which is what a lot of fans have wanted to have happen for a very long time now. It's nice to have some fresh blood in there because there's no reason to have Angle as champion anymore. His reign was becoming stale so having the change was a good thing. That being said, let's see if TNA can keep up their hot streak. Let's get to it.

We open with a recap of last week's title change as Storm won the world title in a shocker, providing you don't read spoilers.

Here's the champ to open the show with a new video, a new song and the belt. He talks about watching Wrestlemania III with his dad and saying he wanted to be a pro wrestler. He couldn't do it without all of the fans. However there's another group of guys he wants to thank, so get out here Fourtune. Storm wants to set a few things right, and that means Roode gets the first shot at the title.

That brings out Joe of all people. He says he used to be part of the group that was always held down. James has broken out of that role though because he's now the champion. Joe sees the same four people before he got that belt. He looks at Fourtune and sees a group trying to keep it all in the family. Incest is implied. Storm says Joe hasn't earned anything so why is he running his mouth? Joe says because Storm is about to give the title shot to a failure.

Cue Sting who makes Roode vs. Joe for the title shot tonight. The winner gets the title match next week.

Hardy vs. Ray tonight in his first match since March.

Daniels says he didn't say he quit at BFG. AJ doctored audio allegedly, which is what Rock/the Corporation did in 99. He fights Van Dam next.

### Christopher Daniels vs. Rob Van Dam

Feeling out process to start with both of them having control for a bit each time. AJ pops in for commentary a few minutes into things. Standing moonsault gets two for Van Dam but Daniels takes over again with a release Rock Bottom. BME doesn't hit so Van Dam fires off some kicks. He loads up Rolling Thunder but Daniels rolls to the floor. Van Dam is like whatever man and dives out to take Daniels down again. Five Star misses but RVD lands on his feet. They go to the floor where Daniels finds a tool box. A shot to the ribs of RVD draws the DQ at 5:23.

**Rating:** C-. I don't get the appeal of Daniels. The guy bores me to death every time I see him out there. He's glued to AJ's hip which isn't helping him at all either. Get the two of them apart and let Daniels face someone else. ANYONE else. Not a bad match here, but I didn't want to watch it at all, especially since it's just leading to more AJ vs. Daniels.

AJ comes down for the save from a screwdriver.

Here are Gail, Karen, Madison and Traci. Gail talks about how she did what everyone told her to do for years until Karen brought her back and told her that it's all about Gail. Karen makes Gail vs. Velvet for the title at Turning Point. Gail says get someone out here for her to beat up.

### Gail Kim vs. Tara

Gail jumps her to start and it's all her in the opening. Tara

is sent to the floor and Traci is yelled at for trying to help her. After a break we're back with Gail still in total control. Tara fires off some basic stuff but Gail uses the same finisher she used back in WWE, which is that boot to the jaw where she drops the other girl down onto the side of her boot. That's good for the pin at 6:57.

**Rating:** D+. Same thing as before here, although the legs looked better in this. Gail practically squashing Tara isn't something I expected. Not that Gail shouldn't have squashed someone, but is there really no one else? Gee I guess there actually isn't. At least it wasn't ODB or Jackie.

Bischoff and Flair are here. Didn't they hate each other or something like 13 years ago?

TV Title: Eric Young vs. Robbie E

Eric starts by locking up with the referee and now we're ready to go. Eric gets a sunset flip for two. A crucifix ends this at 1:00.

Rob Terry and Robbie E beat Young down with little Rob saying he'll win the belt. Eric gets on the mic and says a Jersey Shore guy is coming next week.

Daniels is on the phone and says he wants his title match after beating RVD. Kaz comes in and says he wants AJ and Daniels to make up. He offers Daniels a mini vacation in California and Daniels says he'll call him about it.

Ray says he's going to take care of Hardy tonight and make his first match back his last.

Garrett Bischoff recaps the story of his dad making him be all evil. I'm not sure I buy that but it works for a backstory.

Here's Eric who says he has important family business to take care of tonight. He calls out Garrett and after awhile here he is. Eric talks about how he raised Garrett to follow him

instead of to think for himself. He says about what you would expect him to say to his son. Garrett says this isn't what he wanted. Eric says he has half an hour to either apologize or it's child abuse time.

We cut to Flair in the back where he rants about Garrett a bit and says he's going to yell at him.

After a break Flair and Garrett miss up (Garrett: "Yes Mr. Flair?" Flair: "Not Mr. Flair. God.") and Flair says Garrett is a punk. He rants for a long while more and says he might beat Garrett up later.

We recap Jeff Hardy's return and all of the people reacting to him. Jeff Jarrett's voice is over the video, talking about how no one wants him here.

Here's Jarrett who says someone forgot a piece of video in that package. He's talking about Victory Road which Jarrett will never forget. We also can't air the main event of Turning Point 2006 when Jeff no showed there too. That brings out Hardy for another pull apart brawl. Bully Ray jumps Hardy and it's time for their match.

### Jeff Hardy vs. Bully Ray

Ray gets in a chain shot and we go to a break almost immediately. Back with Hardy hammering away a bit and hitting a Whisper in the Wind. Twist of Fate is countered and Ray hits a big boot to take him down. Ray pounds him down and a big elbow drop gets two as does an avalanche splash. He hammers in with some crossface shots but a charge gets feet in the corner. There's a Matt screaming legdrop for two. Twist of Fate and Swanton give him the clean pin at 9:42.

**Rating:** C. It wasn't that good of a match, but for a return by Jeff this was a decent enough performance. They kept Hardy to what he does best (selling) and only had him hit high spots. This wasn't that bad for the most part and for a meaningless

match, it was a good way to get Jeff back into the ring with someone he's familiar with.

Jeff is being interviewed post match and Jarrett comes through the crowd to blast him. Immortal sets to put him through a table but Anderson makes the save.

Roode says this is another obstacle in his way and he'll go through Joe tonight.

### Robert Roode vs. Samoa Joe

Roode has a new entrance as well. Winner gets the shot against Storm next week. They take turns beating each other down in the corner and Roode gets a neckbreaker for one. Crossface is countered as Joe heads to the floor. Joe hooks him into some chinlocks on the mat but Roode fights up and hits the spinebuster.

They slug it out and Roode gets the best of that because he's the good guy. Blockbuster gets two but Joe escapes the Payoff. Death Valley Driver gets two for the fat boy. MuscleBuster is countered into a crossface but Joe escapes. Joe goes after the knee but Roode snaps off a fisherman's suplex for the pin at 7:00.

**Rating:** C. Not a bad match again but nothing of note. Was there ever any doubt that Roode would win? I have no idea why they're using Roode vs. Storm so quickly. That could be BFG next year or Lockdown or something but instead, we get it next week at a show that has already been taped. Nice to see them having this huge match after such great build right?

Storm comes out for the post match staredown.

Here's Bischoff (older version) for the big showdown with his son. As he's coming to the ring, it's announced that next week that we get Hardy/Anderson vs. Ray/Jarrett. Eric calls out his boy and is all happy because he's sure Garrett is going to

apologize. Garrett says nothing and Eric gets testy. Eric keeps shoving him and saying to apologize until Garrett grabs him with a fist pulled back.

That brings out Flair because he has to be out here for some reason. He rants and raves for a bit until Garrett hits him. Eric hits him low and Garrett gets beaten down. Remember, this is what is ending the show. My goodness. Flair and Eric stand tall to end the show.

**Overall Rating:** D+. This was boring. That's the only way to describe it. The matches were all just ok, the main event for next week was built along with some other stories but it was nothing interesting, and the focus is right back on Bischoff and Flair and whatever their drama of the week is. I don't know who they think they're drawing to the show with a 62 year old vs. the non-wrestling son of an executive, but I don't think it's too many people. Bad show this week.

### Results

Rob Van Dam b. Christopher Daniels via DQ when Daniels hit Van Dam with a toolbox

Gail Kim b. Tara – Eat Defeat

Eric Young b. Robbie E – Crucifix

Jeff Hardy b. Bully Ray – Swanton Bomb

Bobby Roode b. Samoa Joe – Fisherman's Suplex

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# Impact Wrestling – October 20, 2011 – Under 8 Minutes Of Wrestling And A NEW CHAMPION!

## Impact Wrestling

Date: October 20, 2011

Location: Impact Wrestling Zone, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Mike Tenay, Tazz

It's the show after Bound For Glory and a few things have changed. First and foremost, Hogan is a face now, having turned after a year of being the top heel in the company. Also we have the same world champion in the form of Angle who was hurt going into the match and for some reason they didn't put the title on Roode...uh...because he wasn't ready or something? Clearly that's their new policy on new champions and won't be changed at all tonight right? Let's get to it.

We open with a recap of the last year leading up to Hogan's face turn at BFG.

Here's Sting to open the show as we hear about how much of a betrayal it was for Bischoff's son to turn on him. Sting is sane again. He talks about how this was about getting Hogan back instead of staying with what we had for the last year. He calls out Hogan because the fans want to see him and here's the old bald dude himself, now in yellow and red.

Hogan and Sting hug because 15 years of feuding can be solved by one match or something. Hogan admits he's been wrong and thanks the fans. He's had a few rough years and he became a follower instead of a leader. He's been following Bischoff's lead instead of leading things and now he realizes how wrong Eric was. Hulk takes the blame himself and says it wasn't Eric's fault. Heaven forbid we have a heel come off looking evil I guess.

He talks about how he saw Immortal as a pack of wolves and saw the light to make the save. So he had a soul changing moment all of a sudden? Well that's an explanation at least. Hogan calls Sting the true icon and shakes his hand a bunch before leaving. Sting says Hogan still has it and then calls out Dixie Carter, who still has her own theme song on standby.

After a break Dixie is in the ring to thank Sting. Sting says it's a day to remember and to celebrate. He also mentions that Dixie wouldn't listen to him 18 months ago and she got burned because of it. However, it's all cool because he loves it here and Dixie is going to look out for the fans and this is her second chance. Dixie apologizes to Sting about Hogan and Bischoff. She says she doesn't belong in the ring and needs to be at headquarters. Because of that, she's giving Sting the day-to-day authority in Impact Wrestling. So Sting is the new GM? That could work. Sting accepts.

They hug in the ring but a 20 minute segment isn't long enough. Here's Kurt who somehow still has the title. For the life of me I don't get this company at times. After another break Angle calls them superheroes and blames Dixie for his own heel turn. Angle says he's still champion but Sting is always talking about Bobby Roode. At BFG he made Roode look like a loser and he's the better man.

That brings out Roode who yells at Angle because of the shaky finish to the title match. He blames Kurt for cheating at the PPV and saying it was bull. That was Roode's night and he messed it up. If you believe the internet, it was Hogan that messed it up but who's counting? The fans chant rematch and Sting likes that idea. Sting makes the rematch but Angle plays the Lee Corso card with a not so fast my friend.

The contract says Angle had to face Roode once and only once so there's no rematch tonight. Angle wants to know what Roode's partner's catchphrase is and that brings out James Storm. After break #3, Storm is in the ring and wants a title

shot as well. Angle screwed the company, the fans and Roode at the PPV. That means Angle screwed Storm as well and that doesn't work. Sting however can fix that. Since the fans want a title match tonight, maybe Storm should get one. Angle cuts him off, saying there are ten guys in front of him. That's very true. Sting makes the match anyway because logic means nothing in TNA.

Time of that very long segment: 40 minutes.

We jump to the back and Eric and Immortal come up to Hogan. Eric calls back the dogs and says they want something to go down in the ring tonight. Eric wants to meet Hogan in the ring tonight, one on one.

During the break, something occurs to me: didn't Sting say that the REAL Hogan was the one that wanted to take over TNA last summer? Now the REAL Hogan is the good guy? I don't think we're supposed to remember that.

Knockout Tag Titles: Winter/Angelina Love vs. Tara/Brooke Tessmacher

Winter and Angelina break up Tessmacher's shirt tear and the double team is on. We officially start with Angelina vs. Tessmacher. Tessmacher is messed up because of the beatdown and the challengers both beat her down. After a few minutes of beating, Angelina misses a middle rope crossbody and it's a double tag to Winter and Tara. Spinning side slam gets two. Everything breaks down and Tessmacher gets the pin on Winter with a top rope crossbody at 3:40.

**Rating:** C. This was fine, mainly due to large implants flying around and them keeping things short. Tessmacher still can't do much in the ring but she's improved a lot. She'd still be better at just being a sex object but most of the girls would be other than like two of them. This was nothing to see but for a quick Knockout tag, this wasn't too bad.

Here are the Jarretts and Jeff calls out Hardy. For the sake of sanity, Jeff Jarrett will be called Jeff and Jeff Hardy will be called Hardy. Jeff talks about how Hardy has screwed up before and he'll do it again. He says Hardy can leave tonight or he has to face Jeff. I'll give Jeff this: he's always ready to fight. Hardy says the fans want him here and it eats Jeff up. He'll never light up a crowd like Hardy can and that brings about the brawl. They do the pull apart stuff like they did at the PPV. Agents come out and D'Lo Brown and Al Snow get into an argument for no apparent reason. Jeff gets in a low blow and Hardy is left laying.

Angle says he'll keep the title tonight because he's Kurt Angle.

We get some stills of Bischoff beating up his son on Sunday.

Eric Young wants to do a calendar photo shoot but Robbie E and Rob Terry come up. Has this been mentioned in months? Eric makes fun of Big Rob, calling him Conan the Barbarian. He calls himself a fighting champion and I begin to laugh. Eric says Robbie E can have a title shot and we're told that Ronnie from Jersey Shore will be coming here. Oh good grief.

### Abyss vs. Gunner

Gunner says that Immortal needs to prove they're still on top so he's fighting Abyss for Immortal tonight. Brawl to start and Gunner tries to run. Out to the floor and Gunner goes into the steps. They go back in and Gunner runs away for a countout at 1:50.

Velvet is going to thank the fans next.

Gunner says Immortal needs Abyss back and sounds scared of Abyss. Eric and company say they're not worried. They'll take care of Hogan first though.

We get a video about Velvet overcoming the odds because she

was bullied as a kid. I don't know what high school you went to, but girls that looked like her who were jocks weren't bullied.

Velvet is in the ring now and holds up the belt, saying how awesome it is to finally be champion. She talks about the bullying thing again but says it was all worth it in the end. This brings out Karen and Traci and Karen yells a lot. She says she's the Knockouts Boss and it would be boring if she just fired them both. Karen calls out security to get rid of Traci and it's just the two of them left. She gets in Velvet's face and threatens to strip her of the title but Jeff told her that wouldn't be very fun. Karen wants the putting in her place to be physical.

She says she knows the perfect person to do it and says Velvet needs eyes in the back of her head. Since Velvet is a face and therefore an idiot, Madison Rayne comes out to the stage and Velvet looks at her as Gail Kim returns through the crowd and beats up Velvet. They both beat Velvet down and stand tall.

More clips from BFG.

Here's Immortal and Bischoff will be doing the talking. He says that he'll deal with his son later and calls out Hogan. Hogan's music is playing before Bischoff is done talking. Eric says he's got a lot to say so hopefully Hogan packed a lunch. He wants to know how Hogan can dare turn on these guys after they protected him for 18 months. We'll ignore the storyline issues with that for the sake of sanity. Eric talks about how he's the man that made Hogan who he is today. Well that's true. Hogan is a much weaker star today than he was in the 80s.

The real problem though is that Hogan got in Bischoff's son's ear and stopped Eric's son from becoming like his father. Hogan says that he's learned a lot in the past few days and part of that is that Bischoff's son is more of a man than

Bischoff. Immortal is at ringside and Bischoff tries to hit Hogan. That fails so Hogan points at him. Here's Immortal but they don't attack him. Sting slides in with a pair of ball bats and Immortal (all three of them) run.

Bischoff backs up the ramp but his son is behind him. He says how dare you Hogan but backs into his son. Eric yells at him and the son calls him a disgrace. He rips his son's shirt open and reveals a Bischoff tattoo on his chest. Eric says his son doesn't deserve that name anymore and gets drilled for it. He gives Hulk and Sting a thumbs up. So...what's the payoff to this? I mean, how can this go anywhere since he's not a wrestler and neither is his dad?

#### TNA World Title: Kurt Angle vs. James Storm

The bell is ringing at 10:55 so this is going to be short. Angle pounds him down in the corner but brags too much. He walks into a superkick and Storm is champion at 1:20. Well they can't make it much more definitive than that.

Roode comes out to celebrate and is quickly followed by the rest of Fourtune. Storm goes into the crowd to celebrate.

Storm comes back for the celebration and says this is great. He hands Roode the belt because it belongs to him. Roode takes it and wraps it around Storm's waist. Fourtune stands tall to end the show.

**Overall Rating:** C-. I wasn't into this show. There was way too much talking, but I can understand wanting to focus on storylines a lot. That's fine, but with a huge twist at the end the show felt like one big angle instead of a TV show. I can live with that once in awhile, but if it becomes the norm this show is in trouble. Anyway, things have certainly changed, although I have a lot of questions about a lot of things, and that's not really a good thing. As for the title change, as usual with TNA: I think I like the end results but I'm not wild about how they got there.

## Results

Tara/Brooke Tessmacher b. Angelina Love/Winter – Top rope crossbody to Winter

Abyss b. Gunner via countout

James Storm b. Kurt Angle – Superkick

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