

# Thought of the Day: From A Different Point Of View

I agree. He is very good. The more I watch Impact, the more impressed I am by Ethan Carter III. The interesting thing about him though is how he came from being a comedy good in WWE to one of the best heels TNA has had in years. He's just easy to hate and can put on a passable match in the ring, which is all you need when the fans hate your guts. He's similar to Rick Rude from the early 90s in WCW where Rude went from a glorified comedy guy in WWF to a top heel when he was given a more serious look and treated like a killer. It's all about the packaging and how seriously the company treats someone.

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# Thought of the Day: TNA's Ancestor

Since they're on the verge of death. For roughly the 100th time in ten years. You often hear people comparing TNA to WCW and I don't really get why. In theory it's because they're the second biggest company in the country, but the situations are completely different. Think about this for a second.

WCW has a basically unlimited budget. They could pay for anything and anyone they wanted and never had to blink an eye. They could routinely steal talent from WWF, whereas TNA has to pick up whatever released talent they can or sign someone from the indies.

TNA basically caters to the live audience. Look at their ECW

reunions to pop a big response from the fans in the arena and ignoring how the fans watching on TV feel about it. It's all about listening to the fans chant TNA instead of creating stars and making new fans.

The biggest thing of all though, and the hardest pill for TNA fans to swallow, they're not competition to WWE. At least not serious competition to WWE. It's as much competition to WWE as the Arena Football League is to the NFL. WWE is so far and ahead of TNA that they can't even notice them back there. The other thing people so often overlook: other than a few weeks in 2010, WWE and TNA have never been in direct competition. I can watch Raw, Impact and Smackdown without any scheduling conflicts or additional costs. Other than their once every four month PPVs, TNA has nothing that directly challenges WWE, and if they tried, WWE would squash them like Barry Horowitz.

I could keep going for a long time, but the point should be clear. TNA is much more like a modern day ECW than WCW as they're basically a fly buzzing around WWE's head instead of a tiger trying to kill them.

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# **TNA Putting House Shows On Hold Indefinitely**

The signs continue to mount up. It's a bad sign when the best way to save money is to not have the wrestlers perform. They'll have TV up to BFG but after that is up in the air. Things are really looking bad for TNA right now and they're practically circling the drain.

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## **ODB Gone From TNA**

In case you thought the Knockouts division was too deep. This one isn't the biggest loss in the world as ODB hasn't meant much in awhile, but it's yet another name leaving. That's becoming way too common a headline.

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## **Impact To Remain On Spike Through End Of Year**

So says Dixie. That's not the longest extension in the world but it does give them a bit more breathing room to find somewhere else to air the show. It's a good sign if nothing else.

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# **Bully Ray Reportedly Gone From TNA**

They're going to have to push some new stars at some point. Either that or it's going to be the Eric Young Show soon. This one is a surprise.

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# **Davey Richards Suffers Broken Leg**

At a house show tonight. No word on how long he'll be out or what's going to happen to the titles, but having so many shows taped in advance give them a chance to set up something new.

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# **Impact Moving To Wednesdays**

It's official and I'm thrilled. This makes Thursdays WAY easier for me as I was doing NXT and Impact at the same time so now I can actually breathe a bit. This is going to take some getting used to but I'll deal with it. Tonight is the last night for Impact on Thursdays.

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# TNA Cancels Late September House Shows

Several shows have been removed from the schedule with the last one now being scheduled for September 7. Now to be fair they did this last year for Bound For Glory, but things are a bit different now. It's also not a good sign that as of now, they won't be running a new event for a month. If nothing else, that could mean some serious ring rust. Hopefully these are rescheduled.

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## Impact Wrestling May Have Been Canceled

Seriously.

<http://m.tmz.com/#Article/2014/07/27/impact-wrestling-cancelled-spike-tv-tna>

If this is the case, they have about three months left on their current deal. This isn't confirmed and there's time to get on another network, but if this is true, TNA is in BIG trouble. I'll keep you all updated as much as I can, but keep an eye on this one. This is big.