

Ring Of Honor – February 20, 2025: This Show Takes Time

Ring Of Honor

Date: February 20, 2025

Location: Fort Bend Epicenter, Rosenberg, Texas

Commentators: Ian Riccaboni, Caprice Coleman

We're back on land this week and it's another somewhat special episode as we have some guest stars from CMLL. That might not be everyone's cup of tea but it almost has to be more interesting than what we usually get around here. Other than that, we have a Ring Of Honor World Title match on Collision this weekend so it might be time to hype it up some more. Let's get to it.

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We open with a Global Wars recap.

Opening sequence.

Wheeler Yuta vs. Fuego del Sol

Yuta jumps him at the bell and starts fast, with a fisherman's suplex getting two. A dropkick staggers Yuta but he comes back with a running clothesline to drop Fuego in a hurry. Yuta faceplants him and hits a basement dropkick before tying up the leg. Fuego makes the rope and fights up, setting up a basement superkick. Yuta ducks something off the top and hits a running knee for the pin at 3:56.

Rating: C. Pretty much a squash here for Yuta and that still doesn't make him overly interesting. Fuego is one of those fun people who doesn't win much but isn't going to be a thing in AEW so this is about as far as he's going. I'm not sure what it says for Yuta to count as star power around here but it's

not the best sign.

Post match Yuta grabs a chain and ties Fuego up in a surfboard for a choke.

Rachael Ellering vs. Abadon

Ellering grabs a headlock to start and gets her hand bitten as a result. A basement kick to the face cuts Ellering down but she's right back with a running elbow to the face. The backsplash misses though and Abadon hits an apron legdrop to take over. Ellering is right back with a suplex and now the backsplash connects for two. Back up and Abadon grabs a running cutter, setting up the Black Dahlia for the pin at 4:08.

Rating: C-. There is something missing from Ellering's matches and I'm not sure what it is. Granted some of the problem might be that she only exists to put people over and that isn't going to get her very far. At some point she needs to win something, or the little value that she has is going to go away rather quickly. Abadon continues to look weird, but there is a pretty firm ceiling when you're only around every few months.

Jacked Jameson is fired up about his potential stable mates, who interrupt and say the Frat House is now a thing. They share a drink and give Jameson a hat.

Frat House/Premiere Athletes/Mark Sterling vs. Top Flight/Outrunners/Von Erichs

The Von Erichs have been gone for six months and the Six Man Tag Team Titles have been sitting cold since then and they come back in a random twelve man tag. Because of course. Darius and Nese start things off with Nese taking him into the corner so Garrison can come in. That means Dante can come in for a jumping stomp to the back as the rapid fire tags continue.

Ross kicks Jameson down and Marshall hits a standing moonsault for two more. Magnum comes in and gets knocked into the wrong corner so it's off to Sterling to hammer away. The chinlock goes on but Magnum fights up, only for the villains to pull his partners off the apron. Magnum suplexes his way to freedom and the tag brings in Floyd to clean house. Sterling gets slammed down to set up the Mega Powers Elbow. Total Recall finishes Sterling off at 8:53.

Rating: C. The Six Man Titles are coming up on seven months without a defense but we needed to have the Von Erichs in here because it's TEXAS and therefore we need TEXAS wrestlers in there. Ignore the issue of the Von Erichs really not being that interesting and the Six Man Tag Team Titles feeling less than worthless and it's a bit hard to care about them. The rest of the people are the usual goons around here, which is why this match was a Dark Order short of hitting every check mark in an ROH match.

The MxM Collection celebrates stealing the Tag Team Title again at Global Wars, despite not winning the belts.

Billie Starkz vs. Hyan

Athena is here with Starkz, who flips out of a wristlock to start. A German suplex drops Hyan again and a kick to the head out of the corner does it again. Hyan avoids the Swanton though and grabs a suplex of her own. Starkz forearm the heck out of her in the corner though and finishes with an electric chair slam at 4:00.

Rating: C+. For the love of all things good and holy, tell me we are not building towards Starkz vs. Athena again. It seems that's where we're going, and my goodness I cannot fathom having to see that a third time, especially if Starkz finally beats her. The title has just gone ice cold lately as Athena has been out of major challengers for so long. The action here was at least good, which somehow is the best thing so far

tonight.

TV Title: Komander vs. Lee Johnson

Komander is defending and Johnson has EJ Nduka in his corner. They trade standing switches to start before Komander nips out of a headscissors for a standoff. A springboard wristdrag is broken up so Komander sends him outside and moonsaults into a headscissors. Nduka offers a distraction though and Johnson drops Komander to take over. Johnson sends him outside for a bit, followed by a chinlock back inside.

That's broken up so they head to the apron for a slugout, with Komander grabbing a running hurricanrana driver. A springboard moonsault to a standing Johnson connects back inside but it's too early for Cielito Lindo. Johnson fights up but gets dropped with a poisonrana for two. They fight over a suplex and go out to the floor, where Johnson plants him hard.

That's not good enough so Johnson rams him ankle first into the barricade over and over. Back in and Komander unlaces his boot, allowing Johnson to hit a frog splash. Johnson gets knocked off the top so Komander dives onto both of them for the big crash. Back in and Cielito Lindo connects anyway for the pin to retain at 15:22.

Rating: B-. Yeah it was good, but it still feels like a match between people who are here because they don't belong anywhere else. Komander has been treated like a loser for so long on AEW TV that it's hard to care about him being the midcard champion in the minor league. On the other hand you have Johnson, who isn't bad in the ring but keeps losing his big shots. Fix that and he might be worth something.

Video on Red Velvet.

Gates Of Agony vs. Exodus Prime/Josiah G

A Samoan drop and Open The Gates means a double pin for Kaun

at 1:15. Total decimation.

The World Title match for Collision gets a graphic. Thanks for bothering.

Barbaro Cavernario/Hechicero/Soberano Jr. vs. Dark Panther/Fuego/Sammy Guevara

Cue the MxM Collection to watch from the stage. It's a brawl to start with Guevara's team being knocked down with a triple clothesline. Soberano bites Guevara's boot before Hechicero pounds away on his head. Guevara gets caught in a triple flipping slam (I believe BDK used to call it Ragnarok) so he rolls outside, allowing Fuego to come in.

Hechicero grabs a Rocking Horse and Soberano gets dropped down with a Fameasser at the same time. Panther comes in and gets faceplanted, allowing the villains (I guess?) to take him into the corner. Some tilt-a-whirl backbreaker get Panther out of trouble and we settle down to Hechicero vs. Guevara. The latter clears the ring and hits a dive, which counts as a tag so it isn't that nuts.

Instead of switching places, Guevara comes back in and hits a big dive of his own, only for Cavernario to take him down. Now it's off to Fuego, who seems confused by Cavernario's Worm. Everything breaks down and Hechicero is sent outside and Soberano dives onto Panther. Fuego takes Soberano out with a dive of his own but Mansoor comes in to hit Guevara with the belt. Hechicero flips Fuego into a very spinny rollup for the pin at 12:11.

Rating: B. One match. Not the entire card and not some invasion angle that no one was asking to see. It was one match where the talented CMLL guys got in, did their stuff to pop the crowd and then got out. That's WAY more effective than having them around week after week in some feud that feels tacked on. Treat these guys as a special attraction, because they're good enough to warrant popping in on occasion, which

was the case again here in the best thing on the show.

Post match Hechicero touches tips with the Collection but Guevara gives Mansoor the GTH. Madden escapes with the belt to end the show.

Overall Rating: C+. This show was a good illustration of why this series rarely works. So many of the matches either feel like they're stretching out something that lasts for a long time (Athena/Starkz) or is just there to fill in time with little being gained (pick almost anything on the card) while the important stuff (the World Title match) is taking place on another show. There's nothing interesting to get behind here and it makes for a very dry show most of the time. The wrestling isn't the worst, but I need a reason to care about these people other than "they have some pretty good matches".

Results

Wheeler Yuta b. Fuego del Sol – Running knee

Abadon b. Rachael Ellering – Black Dahlia

Top Flight/Outrunners/Von Erichs b. Frat House/Premiere Athletes/Mark Sterling – Total Recall to Sterling

Billie Starkz b. Hyan – Electric chair slam

Komander b. Lee Johnson – Cielito Lindo

Gates Of Agony b. Exodus Prime/Josiah G – Double pin

Hechicero/Barbaro Cavernario/Soberano Jr. b. Fuego/Sammy Guevara/Dark Panther – Spinning rollup to Fuego

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NWA-TNA Weekly PPV #8 (2025 Edition): The Stupidest Thing I Have Ever Seen In Wrestling

NWA TNA Weekly PPV #8

Date: August 7, 2002

Location: Tennessee State Fairgrounds, Nashville, Tennessee

Commentators: Mike Tenay, Ed Ferrara, Don West

I keep thinking that these shows might get a bit better and that seems to be my problem. Most of the time, wrestling companies start to figure things out and the booking gets better, but this is Vince Russo's TNA and things don't get better around here. The big story this week is Ron Killings getting a World Title shot against Ken Shamrock so let's get to it.

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Opening sequence.

Apollo and the Dupps are outside Ricky Steamboat's office.

Amazing Red/Spanish Announce Team vs. Flying Elvies

It's a brawl to start until Siaki is left alone to clothesline Red. Jose Maximo (brother of Joel) gets triple powerbombed and the Elvies get to pose and dance. For some reason Yang and Estrada go to commentary, leaving Siaki to get triple teamed in the corner. Then they sing a little Elvis as a surfboard/dragon sleeper combination sets up a top rope double stomp for two on Siaki.

Back up and Siaki fights back but he doesn't want a tag from

Yang. Red kicks Siaki down on top and it's a double super Spanish Fly for two. Yang and Estrada come back in and take out the Maximos but Estrada gets caught in Code Red for two more. Estrada counters a double super Spanish Fly into a double super DDT to the Maximos. A top rope legdrop/splash combination hits Red but the other Elvises pose, allowing Siaki to steal the pin at 11:46.

Rating: B-. Oh that's a Russo trait if I've ever seen one. You have the team who doesn't get along but wins anyway, making the other team look that much worse. If Red and the SAT's can't beat Siaki when they have him 3-1, why should I believe they can beat pretty much anyone? It's a bad idea and something that Russo absolutely loved, which shouldn't be all that surprising.

We run down tonight's card.

Apollo is mad at being left out of the World Title picture because it's a show of disrespect. Why is Ron Killings getting the shot over him? Apollo accuses Ricky Steamboat of being corrupt (Mike Tenay is STUNNED) and promises to do something about it.

AJ Styles leaves Steamboat's office and Apollo confronts Steamboat, who will talk to him on his own time. With that done, Jerry Lynn jumps Styles and a big fight breaks out before their match tonight.

Steamboat comes to the ring but the Dupps interrupt him. Steamboat isn't having this and sends them to the back, telling them to do whatever they wanted. Oh that does not sound smart Dragon.

NWA World Title: Ron Killings vs. Ken Shamrock

Shamrock is defending and Steamboat is on commentary. Shamrock goes for the leg and Killings goes straight to the rope. A kick to the chest takes Killings down again as Steamboat talks

about "them" holding him away from the WWF Title in 1987. Killings takes him down into a chinlock but gets pulled into a quickly broken kneebar. Back up and they collide for a double knockdown before Shamrock grabs a slow motion hurricanrana.

The ankle lock is broken up again as the Disciples Of The New Church are watching from the stage. Monty Brown comes out to watch as well as Shamrock hammers away and grabs a cross armbreaker (with Killings just laying there). They fight to the floor and (deep breath), Apollo, the Disciples Of The New Church, Don Harris, Monty Brown and Ricky Steamboat get into it with them. Apollo superkicks Shamrock by mistake and Steamboat throws him inside, where Killings hits a cutter for the pin and the title at 9:20.

Rating: D+. The match was a mess (believe it or not with that many people interfering) but it's also the right move. Killings has at least been featured somewhat regularly while Shamrock has been this guy kind of off to the side who happened to be World Champion. Shifting the title to someone who is a lot more active and important is a good thing, even if it was as messy of a way to get the title off of him as possible. It didn't help that the match was bad too, with the two of them having completely different styles which did not click whatsoever.

Post match Steamboat gets in the ring to call out Apollo, because THE WORLD TITLE CHANGING HANDS (and Killings becoming the first Black man to win the title) isn't important enough to warrant a few moments to breathe. Steamboat grants Apollo a title shot, but, say it with me, Jeff Jarrett comes out to complain. Jarrett says he's not getting the title shot because he's white, because a Black man is champion and a Puerto Rican is getting the title shot (oh dear). Steamboat is tired of this (preach it) and makes a #1 contenders match with himself as guest referee for tonight.

And now, Jive Talkin with Disco Inferno but someone has stolen

his set. Cue the Dupps to announce the Dupp Cup Invitational, which is for a family cup that they have used for moonshine over the years. This is the new hardcore division and they're doing it because Ricky Steamboat said do whatever they want. They bring out a chalkboard with rules on it, saying you have to score ten points to win the match (this is going to be really, really stupid). We even have scoring options (and yes, they go over EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM):

Put an opponent through a table: 2.5 points

Put an opponent through a burning "tabel" (that's how it's spelled: 5 points

Put an opponent's head in a toilet: 2.5 points

Put an opponent's head in a toilet with waste in it: 3.5 points

Goose a woman: 2.5 points

Goose a man: 3.5 points

Hit Jeremy Borash: 2.5 points

Hit the ticket lady: 2.5 points

Use a farm animal of any kind in any way: 2.5 points

Note that at this point we cut to a fan with her hand over her mouth and a horrified look on her face. This is about as appropriate as anything you will ever see in wrestling.

Spank an opponent's bare a** with "Horsey Poo" (a stick horse): 2.5 points

If the opponent likes it: -2.5 points

Introduce an opponent to Jai: 2.5 points (no, they do not specify who or what Jai is)

Cry like a pu**y: - 5 points

Put your opponent's head in a cotton candy machine for one full rotation: 10 points, automatic win

In case that's not enough, Disco starts suggesting his own scoring idea, such as using a weapon from a fan for 5 points, but the Dupps say that's just 1. We're going to even have the first match, with Bo Dupp defending the honor of his

“girlfriend” Goldilocks. They offer 64 cents but then add in a night with Fluff Dupp...which is enough for Ed Ferrara to accept. He even gets a 2 point head start by decking Jeremy Borash. Then he jumps West and gets in a fight with Borash, which somehow makes it 6-0 as I guess this is a match.

Dupp Cup: Bo Dupp vs. Ed Ferrara

First to ten points wins and Ferrara is up 6-0. The Dupps chair him down a few times to make it 6-2 and more weapon shots make it 6-5 in a hurry. A blowup doll is brought in as this somehow gets dumber. Stan goes after the ticket lady, who comes out of her office with a broom to beat him up.

Paulina From Tough Enough (yes that is her official name) uses the chalk board to beat up Stan as Ferrara spears Bo at ringside. Somehow it's 8 to 6.5 so Ferrara uses Horsey Poo...which Bo likes so it's tied (I think, as this is somehow even dumber and messier than it sounds). The table is brought in but Bo chokeslams Ferrara through it to win at 6:45.

Rating: N/A. This wasn't wrestling.

By the way: this whole thing, from the start of Disco's segment to moving on to the next thing was over seventeen minutes. That's longer than the main events of multiple Wrestlemanias. On this mess. The next time you're at some low level, badly paying job, just remember that someone was paid to come up with this. See how much worse that makes you feel. Absolutely horrible and one of the dumbest things I have ever sat through in wrestling.

Earlier today, Mike Tenay sat down with Monty Brown. We hear about his career in football as part of the Buffalo Bills and now he's wrestling. He had to fight to get a contract as an undrafted free agent so he knows about the politics that he'll have to face in wrestling. As for Ron Killings, he's tired of hearing about about “them” holding him back. Cue Elix Skipper with a bunch of yellow paint to cover Brown.

Don Harris vs. Malice

First Blood. They brawl around ringside to start as James Mitchell is on commentary. The fight goes into the crowd as we hear about the weird symbolism of the blood from last week. It's BLOOD. This doesn't require an explanation. Harris hits him with a chair and they walk around the building with Malice taking over.

They go to the ramp where Harris reverses a powerbomb into a backdrop but here is Slash to jump him as well. Harris takes a spike from Slash and busts him open but Malice jumps him again. Mitchell gets the ceremonial blood poured on him, followed by Harris hitting a Boss Man Slam. Somehow this busts Harris open (yep) and Malice wins at 6:28.

Rating: D. Somehow, this was miles better than the previous match and it was a terrible brawl. The first blood thing is something that fits into what they did last week, but Malice won while Harris, as in one of the HARRIS TWINS, was beating him up. You can't have one of the Harris Twins take a pinfall against the person who was supposed to be the big monster? It's no wonder this promotion is such a mess if that's their mentality out here.

Post match the Disciples beat him up and leave him laying.

Sonny Siaki is looking for Ricky Steamboat. Taylor Vaughn comes in to jump Bruce (who is here too) and challenges him for tonight. Bruce is in, for an evening gown match. Then AJ Styles and Low Ki start brawling.

Apollo vs. Jeff Jarrett

#1 contenders match with Ricky Steamboat as guest referee. Apollo hammers away to start but Steamboat cuts him off, allowing Jarrett to get in a shot of his own. The fight heads outside but Apollo grabs a sitout powerbomb for two back inside. They go back outside where Apollo (already bleeding)

is dropped onto the announcers' table but Steamboat cuts off a chair shot.

Back in and Jarrett knocks him down for two before tying him in the Tree of Woe. Steamboat breaks that up so Jarrett goes with the Figure Four instead. Apollo is up at two arm drops and the comeback is on, including a DDT for a double down. The right hands in the corner have Jarrett in more trouble and the superkick connects but Jarrett gets a foot on the rope. Apollo grabs a German suplex but Jarrett gets his shoulder up for the (delayed) three count at 10:05.

Rating: C+. Yeah Jarrett won, but my goodness it was nice to see a match actually go clean around here. It wasn't a great match or even a particularly good one, but what matters is that it was actually wrestling. After everything else tonight, I'll absolutely take this, even if it was just ok for the most part.

Post match Apollo yells at Steamboat, who says he has no problem with Apollo but Jarrett won. With Apollo gone, Steamboat says Jarrett gets Killings...just not in a World Title match. Instead, it's Jarrett and Killings against AJ Styles and Jerry Lynn in a Tag Team Title match. So yeah, there's the screwy twist that they just have to do. The fans even boo, because not only were they screwed out of a title shot, but Jarrett is screwed over as well as he won that match 100% clean and is getting ripped off. Again: this booking is horrible.

Miss TNA: Bruce vs. Taylor Vaughn

Bruce is defending in an Evening Gown match so Bruce is indeed in a dress. Bruce immediately takes her down and hits a suplex before adding a faceplant. Then he takes Vaughn's dress off for the win in a total squash. This stuff is still so dumb.

Post match Bruce strips to make the fans happy and we get a lot of pixelation.

Don West gives us a preview of next week's show and shills merchandise. To be fair, this is his specialty and he's awesome at this kind of thing.

X-Division Title: Low Ki vs. AJ Styles vs. Jerry Lynn

Styles is defending and gets double teamed to start, including a faceplant. A tilt-a-whirl backbreaker gives Lynn two on Ki but Styles is back up with a powerslam. Ki is back up with a dropkick and elbows but Styles pulls the referee in and kicks Ki low (there's a joke there somewhere). Ki and Lynn strike it out until Lynn sends him to the apron for a legdrop over the rope.

The dragon sleeper has Styles and Lynn in trouble but Lynn takes Ki down. A top rope hanging DDT gets two on Styles with Ki making the save. Ki butterfly suplexes Styles for two and Styles puts Ki down for the same with Lynn making the save. Styles and Ki go up top and it's a super sunset bomb to turn it into a Tower Of Doom. Ki gets back to back dragon sleepers for back to back saves.

Styles brainbusters Lynn for two but Lynn is back with a Ki Crusher 99 for two on Ki. Back up and Ki accidentally takes out the referee (ERG) but gets launched out to the floor. Styles chairs Lynn down so Ki covers for two, only for Styles to hit the Styles Clash to break it up....but Ki falls back on Lynn for the three (as in the third count, with the break apparently not mattering, which isn't how it works in wrestling) for the title at 16:18.

Rating: A-. Rough ending aside, this was great. They were all going nuts and doing their thing as fast as they could and it made for an awesome match. As usual, the X-Division stuff is stealing the show and that shouldn't be a surprise given what else we're seeing. Excellent match here as they were doing everything they could for all of the time they had.

Jeff Jarrett and Ron Killings argue in the back as Styles

beats up Lynn. Jarrett comes out to yell because OF COURSE he's the last thing we see.

Overall Rating: C-. I'm not sure what it says when a show with that awesome of a main event, plus a good opener and a fine Apollo vs. Jarrett match is still so weak. The bad parts on this are just so bad that they drag down the good things. As usual with a Russo booked show, everything is just so all over the place and at times idiotic that you forget how good some of the wrestling really is. It's an improvement over last week, and that's all because of the X-Division carrying everything they can.

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Invasion 1992 (2025 Edition): Just Let Them Take Over

Invasion 1992

Host: Sean Mooney

Commentators: Sean Mooney, Lord Alfred Hayes, Gorilla Monsoon

It's another Coliseum Video and that means a grand total of anyone's best guess. Some of these things can be great but there is always the chance that it is all over the place. Since this is from the WWE Vault, there is a good chance that

there is at least one good match involved so let's get to it.

We have a Star Trek theme here, with Mooney as captain and promising some interesting surprises on this voyage. First up is a communication being intercepted: a fan request for our first match.

From Corpus Christi, Texas, December 2, 1991.

Hulk Hogan vs. Typhoon

Someone find that fan and smack him upside the head. The fans are behind Hogan to start and gets shoved around a few times. Hayes says it's rare for Hogan to find himself against an opponent with a weight advantage. Has Hayes watched wrestling in the last few years? Mooney follows it up by talking about some of the massive opponents Hogan has faced, showing how stupid Hayes sounded.

Hogan shoves Typhoon and then avoids a charge to hammer away in the corner. Hart has to be knocked off the apron before Hogan slugs away and keeps calling Typhoon "FORMER FRIEND". You know, that comes up a lot for Hogan so maybe he needs to do some self reflection. Typhoon fights back and slowly hammers away before grabbing the obvious bearhug. Hogan's comeback sees him bounce off Typhoon and a splash in the corner gets two. The obvious comeback is obvious and Hogan finishes with the legdrop at 5:48.

Rating: D+. Hogan vs. a monster is as traditional of a formula as you can get but you have to give him something better than this. There is only so much that you can get out of Typhoon, who is as generic of a big guy as you can get. The more I see of Typhoon the more it becomes clear that he is just there because of his size and nothing more. Pretty horrible match here, as Hogan needed a better opponent.

Ric Flair and Mr. Perfect send a signal to the ship, saying they might as well take over because no one can give them a

challenge. Mooney recognizes that Flair is the WWF Champion and we see the non-Hogan booing edition of the Royal Rumble ending. If nothing else, it was amazing to hear Perfect and Flair make a bunch of space references, as it felt more like a test of "can we get him to say this".

From New Haven, Connecticut, November 13, 1991.

Intercontinental Title: Bret Hart vs. Ric Flair

Hart is defending and it's a bit weird that they have the interview with Flair holding the WWF Title and then go back to a time before he won it in the first place. Things are a bit all over the place here as the Fink slips a bit on the intro, both saying "La...ladies and gentlemen" and then slips up by calling Perfect (with Flair) the "financial consultant" before switching to "executive consultant", earning some laughter from commentary. If that's not enough, Hebner holds the Intercontinental Title upside down during the introductions.

After taking over a minute to get ready, they stare each other down before finally locking up almost two minutes in. Hart grabs a headlock before shouldering Flair down and grabbing said headlock again. The hold goes on for a good while as it feels like they have a lot of time here. Back up and Hart drop toeholds him down before going for the leg, sending Flair over to the ropes. Flair backs the referee off and almost gets decked for his efforts.

Hart backs him into the corner but Flair uses the hair to...well very little actually as Hart hits him in the face. Back up and Flair knocks him into the corner as commentary talks about Hulk Hogan. The backdrop starts the comeback and Hart hammers away in the corner, only to get atomic dropped back out. Flair drops the knee in the general vicinity of Hart's head for two (with feet on the ropes).

Some whips into the corner get two more (again with feet on the ropes, and some yelling at the fans for calling Flair out)

but Hart gets up and wins a slugout. A sleeper doesn't get Flair very far and Hart knocks him down into the corner. Flair goes after the leg to take over though and the Figure Four goes on. Ever the villain, Flair slaps him a few times, which is enough for Hart to turn it over for the break. Hart gets in a suplex but can't follow up so it's time to chop away in the corner.

The Flair Flip sends Flair out to the floor and Hart (with his straps down) is back in to hammer away some more. The Sharpshooter goes on so Perfect pulls Flair over to the ropes. Hart this the backbreaker but Flair sends him over the top before grabbing a headlock back inside. Another slugout goes to Hart and he knocks Flair outside. This time Hart follows and has to backdrop his way out of a piledriver attempt but Perfect trips him up so only Flair beats the count at 19:19.

Rating: B. Gah I was having fun with this one and could have gone with another ten minutes of it after seeing what they were doing. Hart, who would have been something of an underdog here, was going move for move with Flair and it was great to see. It was turning into a chess match to see who would blink first and while I get that you don't want to have either of them do a job, the ending was disappointing.

Alfred Hayes, with a bad Scottish accent, can't fix the hyper drive.

From Corpus Christi, Texas, December 2, 1991.

Ric Flair vs. Shawn Michaels

Mr. Perfect is here with Flair, who has a censored title, which is clearly a Tag Team Title. Flair gets in an early W00 as commentary knows that this will be good, even if it is still Rockers Shawn. A headlock doesn't get Shawn very far as Flair backs him against the ropes for more W00ing. Another headlock is backed into the corner so Flair can chop away, only to get headlocked down again.

Back up and Shawn knocks him hard to the floor, meaning Flair needs to calm things down. A suplex brings Flair back in and there's another backdrop to put him down again. There's the Flair Flip to the floor as Flair is looking like he's going out of his way to make Shawn look good. Flair breaks up a sunset flip attempt hit falls down to give Shawn a breather.

A dropkick drops Flair with a kick and Shawn slams him off the top, setting up the fist drop for two. Shawn clotheslines him to the floor and tries a dive, only to hit barricade for the big crash. Cue Marty Jannetty (even Mooney wants to know why he wasn't there at the start) to throw Shawn back in...and Flair pins him with feet on the ropes at 10:25.

Rating: B-. And this concludes the two match series that warrants this tape being uploaded. The ending here was more about advancing the Rockers' split more than anything else, but Shawn looked good in defeat. The singles push was coming and it was clear that the company saw a lot in him, as did Flair.

Flair says woo.

From Corpus Christi, Texas, December 2, 1991.

Tag Team Titles: Beverly Brothers vs. Legion Of Doom

The Beverlys, with the Genius, are challenging. We get a staredown to start, with Blake strutting around Animal. A shove to Animal earns a bigger one back, with Blake crashing out to the floor. Back in and Blake's front facelock is shoved off with raw power before Blake tries again, to similar success.

Beau comes in and gets Hawk to chase him, allowing some stomping on the way back in. Hawk is right back with his hangman's neckbreaker but misses a charge into the post to send him outside. Back in and Blake hammers away, setting up a backbreaker for two. A collision gives Hawk a breather though

and a double clothesline allows the big tag to Animal. The powerslam into the Doomsday Device retains the titles at 8:59.

Rating: C. Not much to see here but the match wasn't bad. The Beverlys were a fine choice for a house show level team to challenge the monster champions and it worked well enough here. The problem with the Legion Of Doom as champions is finding teams to challenge them and that was on display here. It wasn't a good match, but they did what they could.

Alfred Hayes has fixed the hyperdrive. Well at least he got the sirens to stop going off. And now, it's off to the Andromeda Galaxy for....Sensational Sherri's Manager Cam.

From Fort Myers, Florida, January 8, 1992.

Tito Santana vs. Ted DiBiase

Sherri is here with DiBiase and is mic'd up to yell about Santana so there is no commentary. They lock up and then shove each other to start, with Sherri yelling about her Teddy Bear. DiBiase takes over with....something we don't see because the camera is on Sherri. Santana gets driven into the corner but backs off into the ropes, with Sherri shouting even more. A chase sends DiBiase outside where Santana slugs away ("PLEASE DON'T HURT MY TEDDY BEAR!") and takes him back inside.

An atomic drop lets DiBiase do his great bump over the top but Sherri trips Santana up ("I GOT YOU!") back inside. Santana gets sent outside for a slap and Sherri chokes on the ropes. An elbow drop has Sherri VERY interested before she stops to yell at the fans. Santana fights up and they brawl to the floor again, where he teases hitting Sherri. That earns him a shot in the back and it's a double countout at 8:15.

Rating: C. This was all about Sherri and that was a rough sit. There was only so much that could be done, even by people as talented as DiBiase and Santana, when Sherri is ranting and raving the entire time. I get that it's the point of the match

but egads it just never stopped and got very annoying very fast. I like both of these guys but there was no way they were overcoming that screeching.

Post match the brawl continues, along with the screaming. Sherri tries a shoe shot but hits DiBiase by mistake.

Sean Mooney and Alfred Hayes are about to beam down to the planet, so let's see a feature on the Nasty Boys.

The Nasty Boys go to a video store (oh how I miss those) and go to the stacked Coliseum Video section, where they complain about their tapes not being included. They spray the manager with silly string and order 3,500 Nasty Boy tapes as they take over the store.

From Huntington, West Virginia, October 1, 1991.

Hercules vs. Big Boss Man

Slick is here with Hercules, who grabs a headlock to start. A running shoulder puts Boss man down and a second one does it again. Boss Man is back with some slams and starts slugging away before going outside to deck Slick. Back in and the running crotch attack to the back hits Hercules but a second attempt misses (as all Hercules had to do was fall down).

A clothesline gives Hercules two but he spends too much time yelling at the camera and gets knocked down again. The slugout goes to Hercules and even Slick gets in some choking (to be fair, Boss Man might have damaged his awesome hat). Back up and Boss Man slugs away as well, setting up a splash for two. The Boss Man Slam finishes at 7:34.

Rating: C-. This was mainly punching and kicking but Boss Man was someone the fans were going to like no matter what he was doing. Hercules was mainly there to make other people look good and he did well enough here. Not a great match or even particularly good, but they hit each other hard enough to keep

me interested.

From Cornwall, Ontario, Canada, September 10, 1991.

Million Dollar Title: Virgil vs. Ted DiBiase

DiBiase, with (a thankfully non-mic'd Sherri) is actually challenging and Randy Savage is guest referee. DiBiase's missed charge lets Virgil hammer away to start and he knocks DiBiase out to the floor. Back in and Virgil hits some slams but charges into a boot in the corner. They head outside with Virgil being rammed into the steps before having his comeback cut off back inside.

A suplex gives DiBiase a rather slow two and gets in an argument with Savage as a result. DiBiase hits a backdrop but pulls him up at (another slow) two, meaning it's time for more arguing. This time DiBiase decks him (knocking Savage's hat off in the process, because Savage can referee in a hat) and grabs the Million Dollar Dream on Virgil. Savage is back in with an ax handle to DiBiase and Virgil gets the VERY delayed pin at 7:12.

Rating: D+. The match was dull in the first place but the ending was lame, as DiBiase was suddenly out cold off a single ax handle. This should have been Savage decking DiBiase from the floor and fast counting a rollup but instead it was just a weird way to go. It didn't help that Virgil wasn't very good in the ring and that was on full display here.

Mooney and Hayes are on the planet and it's rather ugly.

From Austin Texas, December 4, 1991.

Undertaker/Jake Roberts vs. Jim Duggan/Randy Savage

No entrances for this one as they're running out of time on the tape. Savage decks Roberts off the apron before the bell and gets a severe tongue lashing from Earl Hebner. Undertaker chokes Duggan in the corner to start but Duggan avoids a

charge. A clothesline sends Undertaker outside and he stares up at Duggan, which has to be a bit unnerving. The Stunner over the top rope drops Duggan as we're just waiting on the Savage vs. Roberts showdown.

Roberts comes in and gets his arm cranked so Savage gets the tag and starts kicking away. The top rope ax handle sends Roberts outside (making him tougher than Ted DiBiase) so it's back to Undertaker to choke away. The elbow misses though and it's back to Duggan to hammer away for what must have been a good ten seconds. Roberts is back in to knee him down but the DDT is broken up. Savage snaps (I know) and chairs Roberts for the DQ at 7:04.

Rating: C-. Another slow motion match though in this case at least it makes sense as you don't want to have one of the two hottest heels get pinned. Savage vs. Roberts was a white hot feud at this point and that isn't something that you can have do a fall here. Other than that, Duggan slugging away is a good thing and Undertaker is Undertaker but they didn't have much time here.

Mooney and Hayes...are left on the planet as the ship leaves, seemingly dooming them forever to end the show. Nice ending.

Overall Rating: C. The Flair matches were good (shocking I know) but the rest was pretty drek. You could definitely feel the transition around this period and there was only so much worth seeing. The Hogan formula was feeling tired and the company needed some fresh stars. The Undertaker would certainly fit, but some of these names just don't feel that interesting and it was a pretty weak sit with a bunch of dull matches.

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NWA-TNA Weekly PPV #7 (2025 Edition): Of Course He's Back

NWA TNA Weekly PPV #7

Date: July 31, 2002

Location: Tennessee State Fairgrounds, Nashville, Tennessee

Commentators: Mike Tenay, Ed Ferrara, Don West

While there are some interesting parts to this show, there are far more things where I either don't know what is going on or even worse, I don't care. Since security has given up around here, Ricky Steamboat of all people is going to be in charge this week. I'm sure he'll set everyone right. Let's get to it.

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

Opening sequence.

X-Division Title: AJ Styles vs. Elix Skipper

Styles is defending and Jerry Lynn is on commentary. Skipper jumps him to start but Styles fights up with some right hands in the corner. A legdrop gets two on Skipper and a leg lariat puts him down again. Skipper is back up with a running forearm and a belly to back suplex cuts off Styles' kicks to the ribs. A hard slam gives Skipper two and he knocks Styles down rather hard again.

Skipper kicks him in the back of the head and we hit a front

facelock. That's broken up and Styles tries a hurricanrana, which is countered into a powerbomb for two. Back up and Skipper tries a northern lights suplex but gets reversed into a guillotine for a smart counter. Styles leverages him out to the floor but Skipper switches places and hits a slingshot dive. Back in and Styles breaks up a springboard, setting up the Spiral Tap to retain at 12:40.

Rating: B-. This was a way for Styles to get a title defense against someone the fans are going to know. That's the point of using people from WCW, as they are useful to boost up the new stars. Styles isn't overly well known six weeks into the company's history, but now they know he can beat a star from WCW. Build Styles up that way and let him go from here.

Ricky Steamboat has returned the NWA World Title to Ken Shamrock and lifted Jeff Jarrett's suspension so Jarrett can face Scott Hall tonight. I mean, we don't get to SEE these things but apparently they happened. And Malice stealing the title is just leading to...nothing? Sure.

As Elix Skipper is leaving, Monty Brown runs out to beat him up as payback from last week. The Alpha Bomb leaves Skipper laying. What a hero.

Here is Jeff Jarrett, carrying a big burlap sack over his shoulder, which appears to contain a person. Jarrett has to start from the bottom and work his way up to the top so he'll start against...this kidnapped midget. Jarrett calls out anyone for a fight and gets Puppet, who pulls out a GUN. Security distracts him though, allowing Jarrett to drop Puppet with a chair. Cue Ricky Steamboat, with a Harris Twin and Bob Armstrong. Jarrett challenges Steamboat for a fight but Scott Hall sneaks in to chase Jarrett off before anything happens.

Sonny Siaki is fine with wrestling on his own tonight. And stop staring at his a**.

Slash vs. Sonny Siaki

James Mitchell is on commentary as Slash sends Siaki out to the apron. That earns Slash a hurricanrana to the floor but he sends Siaki into the barricade. Back in and an Eye Of The Storm plants Siaki again and Slash grabs the cobra clutch. They both go up and wind up crotching each other for a double down. Siaki fights up with some shots to the face and a pumphandle suplex gets two. Mitchell gets up on the apron for a distraction though and Slash puts a hood over Siaki, setting up a neckbreaker for the pin at 7:41.

Rating: C. It needed more Elvises. The match wasn't much more than Siaki acting too much like Elvis as played by the Rock. Slash is just kind of a generic heel as well so there wasn't much to be seen here. The New Church feels like a situation of "we need a weird heel stable" and that was the extent of the thinking behind it, which isn't exactly inspiring.

Post match Slash ties him up in the ropes and Mitchell rubs blood on Siaki's head. Don Harris, the head of security, comes in for the save.

Ricky Steamboat is here to lay down the law and he is not Bill Behrens.

Ron Killings comes out to complain about one of the cage dancers being exploited as a Black woman. She might claim to be a dancer, but she is nothing but a "\$2 ho." Violence is teased but Monty Brown comes in for the save, only to get hit in the head with something made of wood.

Cue Ricky Steamboat to say Killings has his attention, so have the guts to come say it to his face. Killings gets in his face but Steamboat doesn't get his problem. Killings brings up Steamboat's time in the WWF and says he was a fan. Steamboat was the Intercontinental Champion, but then it stopped. Why was that? It's because the Intercontinental Title was always for second class citizens, which is just what is happening to him today. Steamboat actually agrees and gives Killings a

World Title shot next week. Killings raps a bit. So did Steamboat just accuse the WWF of racism and side with the heel? Did I get that right?

Apollo vs. Malice

James Mitchell is here with Malice. Apollo jumps him to start but gets knocked into the corner without much effort. Something like a top rope leg lariat gives Apollo two and he knocks Malice outside to hammer away. They trade whips into the barricade until Malice takes him back inside for a powerbomb. A superplex gives Malice two and a middle rope legdrop connects for the same. Apollo was busted open somewhere in there but comes back with a DDT into a superkick for the pin at 6:34.

Rating: C+. This was mainly a brawl on the floor but that worked as you had two bigger guys here. Malice is a fairly generic monster but that's the kind of thing you need to have on a show. On the other hand you have Apollo, who still feels like someone who could be something, with his look alone being a nice appeal.

Post match Malice chokeslams a referee so Don Harris runs in for the save. Slash comes in and helps tie up Don, who gets the blood treatment as well.

Don West brings out Taylor Vaughn for a chat about being Miss TNA but Bruce interrupts. Bruce wants a match for the Miss TNA title and gets kicked low, with the referee coming in.

Miss TNA: Taylor Vaughn vs. Bruce

A suplex gives Vaughn two but Bruce runs her over. The abdominal stretch has Vaughn in trouble and a spinning faceplant gives Bruce the win at 2:06. This is, in fact, stupid.

Post match Bruce cries after being given the tiara and sash.

Low Ki is ready to prove himself in the ring.

Low Ki vs. Jerry Lynn

AJ Styles is on commentary. Ki grabs a hammerlock to start but gets reversed into a headscissors. The grappling on the mat goes to a standoff so they fight over wrist control. Ki takes him down by the leg but gets reversed into an armbar and kicked in the head. Lynn's tilt-a-whirl backbreaker gets two but Ki kicks him in the face for two.

It's too early for the Ki Krusher 99 so Ki goes with a dragon sleeper in the ropes instead. Back in and Lynn gets in a facebuster but the cradle piledriver is countered into a triangle choke. That's broken up (Styles approves) and Lynn hammers away. Ki's dropkick into a jackknife rollup gets two and a springboard kick to the face knocks Lynn silly.

Another kick to the head gets two but Lynn catches him with a helicopter bomb for two. The dragon sleeper is countered into a tornado DDT to give Lynn two more but Ki kicks him in the head. Ki loads up the Ki Krusher 99, only for Styles to kick Lynn in the back for the DQ at 14:11.

Rating: B. These guys were rolling by the end and then it fell down a few pegs because of the lame ending. Other than that it was good stuff with both of them working hard and trying to steal the show, which they pretty much did again. Styles getting involved might make sense, but dang it would be nice to see a match end without something screwy happening.

Post match Ki plants Lynn as the match is a no contest, because a DQ apparently means something very different around here.

Don Harris wants a first blood match with Malice.

And now, it's Jive Talkin, with Disco teasing that he's going to replace Oprah Winfrey. He's tired of the lack of skin

around here so he introduces a “dumb b****” who is going to take her top off. The guest is Goldilocks and we talk about her music career a bit before he tells her to take off her shirt. That’s not happening so she slaps him and gets in a low blow but a woman from Tough Enough comes in to choke Goldilocks out. This show continues to go 100mph and it’s all about bringing in anyone who might have been around wrestling in any way.

Don West gives his usual overly hyped preview for next week and it’s awesome.

Scott Hall vs. Jeff Jarrett

Stretcher match. Hall brawls with Jarrett on the ramp to start and drops him face first onto the announcers’ table. They go up the ramp and into the back, almost going outside in the process. Hall uses various things to knock him back into the arena and Jarrett staggers into the crowd.

The stretcher (which is the kind that folds up rather than the traditional wrestling version) is pulled out and Jarrett hits him in the ribs but Hall whips him into it a few times. Hall drops him throat first onto the stretcher and then hits the Razor’s Edge...for two, as that’s what happens in a stretcher match. Anyway Ron Killings runs in for the save and gives Hall an ax kick so Jarrett can get two.

Monty Brown goes after Killings and Jerry Lynn goes after Jarrett so AJ Styles (who has pretty much NOTHING to do with ANY of this) comes in, only to get cut off by Don Harris. The Disciples Of The New Church take out Harris and we need a double count, with both of them getting up. They slug it out and Jarrett grabs a chair but Ricky Steamboat (the ninth person to get involved in the match) comes out to take it away. Steamboat takes it from Hall as well, but Jarrett hits the Stroke on Hall onto the chair for the win at 12:05.

Rating: D-. When you have enough people to present a decent

battle royal involved in a singles match, you're doing something wrong. Throw in the stretcher thing not making a ton of sense (at least not by the traditional definition) and this was, as usual, a Russo mess. Oh hey and Jarrett gets to stand tall again, because of course he does.

Hall is laid on the stretcher to end the show. Not moved, but just laid on it.

Overall Rating: D+. This is a show where the good parts are few and far between, because everything in between is so terrible and it kills the rest of the show. This show was built around Ricky Steamboat being in charge and we didn't even get to see most of what he did. Other than that, you had Jeff Jarrett being brought back after a suspension (where he was threatened with another suspension, which doesn't have much of a threat) and the rest of the dumb stuff filling it in.

This show is a mixture of some good action, which usually involves wrestlers who are able to avoid the storylines, and the worst of Vince Russo, who is getting to be his over the top worst here with no one to call him off. And odds are it's only going to get worst as he loses whatever is left of his mind.

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Smackdown – February 21, 2025: The Rock Is Speaking. A Lot.

Smackdown

Date: February 21, 2025

Location: Smoothie King Center, New Orleans, Louisiana

Commentators: Joe Tessitore, Wade Barrett

We're closing in on Wrestlemania but the big story this week would be the return of the Rock. That could be for a variety of reasons and now we get to see what he is going to be announcing. Other than that, Elimination Chamber is just over a week away and the show's namesake matches are officially set. Let's get to it.

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Cody Rhodes is here for the main event...but Nick Aldis reveals that the Rock has pulled him from said match.

Drew McIntyre vs. Jimmy Uso

During his entrance, Jimmy mocks McIntyre's chances of going to Wrestlemania. McIntyre mocks the Yeet pose and gets punched in the face for his early efforts. An overhead belly to belly sends Uso flying again and they go outside for a ram into the barricade. Back in and McIntyre says Jimmy will not be going to Wrestlemania so he knocks McIntyre outside for the suicide dive. A hard whip into the steps drops Jimmy again though and we take a break.

We come back with Jimmy knocking him off the top, meaning it's a Whisper In The Wind to drop McIntyre again. The Samoan drop gives Jimmy two but McIntyre catches him with a headbutt. A superkick and spear give Jimmy two so McIntyre comes back with

a neckbreaker. More trash talking ensues but Jimmy rolls him up for the pin at 11:18.

Rating: C+. It's good for Jimmy to get a nice win like this, even if it was off of a fluke rollup. It was a clean pin over an established main eventer who is likely going to be in a big match at Wrestlemania no matter what. Jimmy needed this a lot more than McIntyre did and points for going with the surprise, which didn't really hurt McIntyre all that much.

Post match McIntyre wrecks Jimmy and loads up a Claymore against the post but referees break it up. Then McIntyre breaks free and hits a Claymore (no post).

We look at Solo Sikoa returning last week but Damian Priest won his Elimination Chamber qualifying match anyway.

Sikoa arrives and says what happened was an accident. Jacob Fatu says if it wasn't an accident, Sikoa wouldn't be here. Tonight, the two of them are running the plays instead.

Video on the men's Elimination Chamber match.

Earlier tonight, R-Truth told Carmelo Hayes that they had a tag match tonight and Hayes was surprised that he would be teaming with Miz.

Zelina Vega is tired of being treated as too small to be a star and we hear about some of her success. She'll keep fighting.

Carmelo Hayes/The Miz vs. R-Truth/LA Knight

R-Truth says that Knight is a local legend, because his name is Louisiana Knight. Ok that's so stupid it's hilarious. R-Truth takes Hayes down and gets two off a rollup, followed by the hiptoss. He counts his own near fall, despite not actually being on top of Hayes. The armdrag goes on and...R-Truth tags the Miz in as we take a break.

Back with R-Truth hitting a Stundog Millionaire and making the tag to Knight to pick up the pace. Knight seems to drop Miz on what looked like a tilt-a-whirl powerslam but does block Hayes' First 48. R-Truth comes back in for the John Cena sequence but Miz breaks up the STF. Cue Shinsuke Nakamura to jump Knight though and the First 48 gives Hayes the pin on Knight at 10:04.

Rating: C. I laughed at the LA part but the stuff after the break was pretty much just generic. R-Truth was doing his usual fun stuff but there was nothing all that interesting otherwise. Nakamura vs. Knight has been going on for a long time now and the other people involved just weren't all that interesting. This felt like a one joke idea to set up the ending sequence.

Mike Tyson will be at WWE World.

Video on Charlotte, who says she doesn't have to call herself the greatest of all time. She's officially facing Tiffany Stratton for the title at Wrestlemania.

Here is Stratton for a chat before her match. Stratton knows that people are obsessed with her since she won the title and now she is ready to make sure that the unstoppable force comes to a bitter end. For now though, she wants to talk about Charlotte, who took her sweet time officially challenging her for the title. The rumors are true: no one loves to kick a woman down like Charlotte. Stratton is coming for the top spot in WWE but here are Nia Jax and Candice LeRae to interrupt. Jax promises to come for the title after Elimination Chamber. Stratton laughs it off and is ready to beat LeRae tonight.

Tiffany Stratton vs. Candice LeRae

Non-title and we're joined in progress with Stratton working on the arm but here is Charlotte to interrupt. The distraction lets LeRae hit a Hennig necksnap but Charlotte is right back up with a running hip attack. Charlotte joins commentary to

brag about how great she is, just stopping enough to see Stratton leave a moonsault to the floor short.

We take a break and come back with Stratton hitting a spinebuster for two as Charlotte says Stratton's career comes from copying one more. Stratton misses a Swanton but LeRae misses a moonsault, only to be pulled out to the floor. Back in and Stratton hits the Prettiest Moonsault Ever for the pin at 9:49.

Rating: C+. It's good for Stratton to win as she is going to be an underdog against Charlotte no matter what and it would not surprise me whatsoever to see Charlotte walk out with the title at Wrestlemania. The other stuff with Jax and LeRae feels like it's on another planet for Stratton right now and that's a weird way to go with Wrestlemania so close. Just keep her strong and don't let Charlotte, or Jax, run her over and it should be fine.

Post match the beatdown is on but Trish Stratus runs in for the save. Jax puts Stratus and Stratton down for a double Annihilator to leave them laying. With the villains gone, Charlotte comes in for the sign pointing. This whole thing was fine on paper, but I'm going to need a lot more of a reason to cheer for Stratton. She's still a villain and hasn't had a big moment to turn her to the good side. Right now, it's Charlotte being more evil than Stratton and that's not good enough. They really need to work on that, and I'm not sure how well it's going to go at Wrestlemania if things don't improve in a big way.

Damian Priest runs into Cody Rhodes and respectfully says he's coming for Rhodes' title. That's fine with Rhodes, who leaves. Braun Strowman comes in and they're good for tonight's tag match.

Video on the women's Elimination Chamber.

Naomi and Bianca Belair are ready to defend the Women's Tag

Team Titles against Liv Morgan and Raquel Rodriguez. They're convinced the two of them attacked Jade Cargill too.

Evolve is coming.

Video on Alexa Bliss, who has changed while she was gone but this place is still the same. She has won the Elimination Chamber before and she'll do it again.

Naomi vs. Liv Morgan

Bianca Belair and Raquel Rodriguez are both here too and it's a four way brawl before the bell. Naomi and Belair are laid out. No match.

Post break Nick Aldis throws Morgan and Rodriguez out. Chelsea Green and Piper Niven come in and say they're ready to take Belair and Naomi's spots in the Elimination Chamber. Aldis doesn't think that's necessary, though Green refers to herself as "the greatest Canadian export since maple syrup." Aldis puts her in a match on Smackdown next week instead.

Here is the Rock for a chat, thankfully without that personalized belt. Rock says you know it's important if he's here and we get the catchphrase...and the announcement that Wrestlemania is coming back to New Orleans next year. It's on April 11/12 2026 and Rock belts out a little When The Saints Go Marching In, though this is NOT singalong with the Final Boss. Rock insults the fans and says he's also here to call out Cody Rhodes.

Rock talks about how Cody deserves these cheers and then talks about their good night in Los Angeles last month. They have become friends since then and their moms are even friends now. Yes the Rock is on the Board Of Directors but he wants Cody to be more than a great champion. He wants Cody to be HIS champion. Cody isn't sure what this is about but says he's their (meaning the fans) champion.

The Rock brags about his social media following and wants Cody to go even higher. If Cody is his champion, the dreams of Cody, his wife and daughter can come true. What the Rock wants is a brother, and that's what he wants Cody to be. Last year, he wanted Cody to step aside but Cody did something censored. Then Cody slapped him, which no one does and gets away with it. He wants Cody to think about it and give him an answer at Elimination Chamber. The Rock wants his soul, which has Cody confused.

I have a really bad feeling about where this is going and the Rock is starting to wear thin. He's a major star, but it feels like he is coming in out of nowhere and is suddenly involved in the World Title picture. He very well might not be wrestling, but it would be fine to see a WWE Title match at Wrestlemania which doesn't have Rock and everything else involved. I'm curious to see where it goes at Elimination Chamber, but dang Rock takes his sweet time getting to the point.

Tag Team Titles: DIY vs. Pretty Deadly

DIY is defending and want a moment of silence for Pretty Deadly before the bell but get cut off rather quickly. Pretty Deadly clears the ring while the music is still playing but Prince gets kneed to the floor and we take an early break. Back with Prince and Ciampa hitting stereo crossbodies for a collision, allowing the tag off to Wilson. A Codebreaker out of the corner gets two on Gargano...and the Street Profits come in for the double DQ at 6:15. Not enough shown to rate but it was just picking up when the Profits interrupted.

Post match the Profits beat them down so here are the Motor City Machine Guns, who are beaten up as well.

We look at John Cena's time in the Elimination Chamber.

We look at Sami Zayn vs. Kevin Owens in an unsanctioned match being set for the Elimination Chamber.

Owens says Zayn got what he wanted and couldn't just take the beating he deserved. Has Zayn thought about his family? Owens moves the camera to show that he's outside Zayn's house and watching them through the window. He'll see Zayn in Toronto, but remember that Zayn asked for this. That shot made it feel a lot more serious and that's a good thing.

Damian Priest/Braun Strowman vs. Jacob Fatu/Solo Sikoa

Tama Tonga is here with the villains. During the entrance, Fatu promises revenge as Sikoa stays silent. Priest backs Sikoa into the corner to start but Sikoa headbutts his way out of trouble. Sikoa spends too much time talking to Fatu though and Priest knocks him down, allowing the tag to Strowman.

Everything breaks down and Strowman charges around ringside, only to have Fatu knock him into the timekeeper's area. We take a break and come back with Strowman fighting up but getting run over by Fatu again. Sikoa hits a running Umaga attack in the corner and Fatu hits his own, only to try once too often and get cut off.

Strowman hits a spinebuster for a needed breather and the double tag brings in Priest to face Sikoa. A superkick staggers Priest, who is right back with his lifting Downward Spiral for two. The Old School crossbody connects but Priest has to take out an interfering Tonga. Fatu gets in a cheap shot and Spinning Solo gets two. Back in and Fatu accidentally superkicks Sikoa and Strowman takes Fatu out. South of Heaven finishes Sikoa at 12:33.

Rating: B-. This was a nice hoss match and I'll take that in the main event. Priest is being treated as a big deal around here and putting him in the main event slots, even in a show like this, is a good sign for his career. Sikoa's fall continuing is a logical way to go as well, as there is no reason to keep Fatu as the monster much longer. Let him take Sikoa's spot, and that seems to be what we are going to see

sooner than later.

Overall Rating: C+. This was a weird show, in that the big focal point was in the middle and we're going to have to wait and see what that means next weekend. Other than that, the Stratton/Charlotte feud is going to need some work and some of the other stuff was only so interesting. The problem with having Elimination Chamber set is it only leaves so much to be done on TV. That was the case here and while it wasn't a terrible show, it wasn't something you need to see.

Results

Jimmy Uso b. Drew McIntyre – Rollup

Carmelo Hayes/The Miz b. R-Truth/LA Knight – First 48 to R-Truth

Tiffany Stratton b. Candice LeRae – Prettiest Moonsault Ever
DIY vs. Street Profits went to a double DQ when the Street Profits interfered

Damian Priest/Braun Strowman b. Jacob Fatu/Solo Sikoa – South of Heaven to Sikoa

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Impact Wrestling – February 13, 2025: And He's Out

Impact Wrestling

Date: February 13, 2025

Location: Boeing Center At Tech Point, San Antonio, Texas

Commentators: Matthew Rehwoldt, Tom Hannifan

We're still in Texas and on the long road to Sacrifice. The big story at the moment is Joe Hendry needing a challenger, which could come in a few different forms. Other than that, we have NXT stars running around, with Cora Jade seemingly eyeing the Knockouts Title. Let's get to it.

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

Opening recap.

Opening sequence.

TNA World Title: Jake Something vs. Joe Hendry

Hendry is defending. They fight over arm control to start with Hendry flipping him down and offering a stare. Hendry actually runs him over with some shoulders and manages a delayed vertical suplex. We take a break and come back with Hendry getting some near falls but a clothesline gives Something a quick two.

A hard whip into the corner puts Hendry down again and we hit the neck crank. Hendry isn't having that and comes back with some clotheslines and a swinging slam, followed by another clothesline to put Something on the floor. Back in and a super fall away slam sets up the Standing Ovation to retain the title at 14:42.

Rating: C+. This wasn't so much about a high drama title defense but rather getting Hendry in the ring with the title

on the line. Hendry is still looking for a big challenger and while Something wasn't that, he was fine as a midcard villain to come after the title. Nice opener here, which mainly served to have Hendry in the ring in a singles match.

Post match Ryan Nemeth comes out to yell at Hendry but Santino Marella interrupts. Cue Nic Nemeth to go after Something but a superkick hits Marella by mistake.

Post break Nic apologizes to Santino, who suspends him without pay. Nic leaves, likely to be back after missing a TV taping.

Ash By Elegance/Heather By Elegance vs. King Bees

One of the Bees is sent into the corner for a handspring elbow and a running dropkick for two as the beating is on fast. A basement dropkick gives Ash two but the Bee fights up and fires off some chops against the ropes. The tag brings in the bigger Bee to fire off some forearms and a spinebuster gets two on Heather. They go up top though and a super Spanish Fly plants the second Bee for the pin at 4:32.

Rating: C. The road to yet another By Elegance vs. Spitfire title match continues and it's still not a very interesting feud. There isn't much of a reason for them to be fighting other than they're both Knockouts tag teams and that isn't much to go on. At least Heather got to win something here, as she hasn't exactly been the most successful recently.

Post match the Bees get beaten down and have L lipsticked on their foreheads. Spitfire makes the save as this feud continues.

We look back at the Hardys and Leon Slater beating the System last week.

The Hardys thank Slater for being there last week and Slater thanks them for being his inspiration.

Earlier today, Mustafa Ali held a town hall where he

introduced his cabinet: the Great Hands (formerly known as the Good Hands) and his secretary, Tasha Steelz. Ali declares himself the #1 contender to the World Title but Tommy Dreamer comes in to say not so fast. And we're done.

Frankie Kazarian vs. Sami Callihan

Mance Warner, with Steph de Lander, jumps Callihan before the bell and beats him down. Callihan gets in anyway and hits a Stunner for two but can't hit the Cactus Driver. Instead Kazarian pulls him into the chickenwing for the tap at 46 seconds.

Post match Callihan wants to fight Warner some more and the brawl is on, with security not being able to do much.

Josh Alexander knows Eric Young doesn't like him, but he'll respect him.

We look at Lexis King beating JDC to retain the NXT Heritage Cup.

JDC calls Leon Slater "kid" and tells him that the Hardys are just using him. A brawl is quickly broken up.

Xia Brookside vs. Cora Jade

Jade chills on the top rope to start so Brookside snaps off a hurricanrana into a monkey flip. Back up and Jade fakes an ankle injury to drop Brookside for two more. Jade's choking in the corner doesn't get her very far so she knocks her down for a quick two. The double arm crank is on but Brookside is up with the clothesline comeback. Broken Wings and a Russian legsweep give Brookside two but Jade knocks her away without much effort. Jade finished Brookside at 7:34.

Rating: C. Jade's road to the Knockouts Title shot continues and they're doing it in a perfectly logical way by having her win some matches. That should be enough to set her up for something bigger down the line and a pay per view showdown

with Masha Slamovich would make sense. Not much of a match here, but Brookside can make people look pretty good.

Arianna Grace talks to Tessa Blanchard, who yells at her in response. Santino Marella breaks it up and gives Blanchard a match next week.

Here are the Rascalz for a chat. They aren't happy with Wes Lee and company interfering but they have Ace Austin to even things up a bit. Cue Lee and company, who are ready for a fight. Austin even things up but some low blows put the good guys down.

We look at Savanna Evans becoming the #1 contender to the Knockouts Title last week.

First Class think it's time for an upgrade.

Knockouts Title: Savanna Evans vs. Masha Slamovich

Slamovich is defending and gets tossed away a few times to start. A hard shot to the face knocks Slamovich off the top and Evans slams her on the floor for a bonus. Back in and a swinging belly to back suplex gives Evans two as Tessa Blanchard is watching in the back. Slamovich fights up and hits a middle rope dropkick for a needed breather. Some strikes to the face, including a rolling kick, give Slamovich two but Evans sits on her chest for the same. Something like a TKO gives Evans two but Slamovich gabs a quick Texas piledriver for the pin to retain at 7:43.

Rating: C+. They were trying here but there was only so much to get excited about. Not only is Cora Jade lurking around the title picture, but Slamovich isn't about to lose the title so soon. Also, Evans continues to be fairly dull other than having some nice power stuff. Not a thrilling match or anything, but they did what they could in the situation they were in.

Here's what's coming next week.

Josh Alexander vs. Eric Young

Young has the Northern Armory with him and this is Alexander's last TNA match. They slug it out to start and Alexander rains down right hands in the corner. Young goes evil by raking the eyes as we hear about Young's various incarnations over the years. The sunset flip slide is broken up though and Alexander hits the crossbody to the back to put him on the floor. Back in and Young gets in a cheap shot to take over as we take a break.

We come back with Young hammering away and the Armory choking away on the floor. Young drops him again and grabs a chinlock but Alexander fights up for a dropkick. A Regal Roll and middle rope knee to the head set up a quickly broken ankle lock as Young makes the rope. Young knocks him down for the top rope elbow as Alexander has lost the headgear. A Styles Clash gives Alexander two and he grabs the ankle lock again. An Armory distraction breaks it up though and Young gets in a shot with the hockey mask. The piledriver ends Alexander's TNA run at 14:45.

Rating: B-. Well that was a bit of a weak ending as Young just cheated to win. That's not the best way to go, but it gives Young a win on the way to a likely World Title feud with Joe Hendry. Alexander is one of the biggest stars TNA has ever had and even though his time didn't come at the apex of the company, it is going to be a big loss for the company to have him gone. Nice main event to go out on here, though I was hoping for a bigger ending.

Overall Rating: C+. With Alexander out of the way, there is going to be a hole to be filled in the upper midcard and it should be interesting to see who takes that spot. Other than that, there are a few stories which have my attention around here, though I'm not sure what we're going to be seeing at

Sacrifice. As usual, the show covered enough ground to stay interesting without having a big story and I'll take that for a week.

Results

Joe Hendry b. Jake Something – Standing Ovation

Ash By Elegance/Heather By Elegance b. King Boos – Super Spanish Fly

Frankie Kazarian b. Sami Callihan – Chickenwing

Cora Jade b. Xia Brookside – Jaded

Masha Slamovich b. Savanna Evans – Texas piledriver

Eric Young b. Josh Alexander – Piledriver

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Ring Of Honor – February 13,

2025: Ahoy!

Ring Of Honor

Date: February 13, 2025

Location: Norwegian Pearl Cruise Ship, International Waters

Commentators: Ian Riccaboni, Caprice Coleman

Well this is different. This show was taped on the Chris Jericho Rock N Rager At Sea cruise, meaning the matches are taking place on a ship in international waters. One of my biggest issues with this show has been that nothing about it really stands out as different week to week but that won't be the case here. Let's get to it.

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

Chris Jericho welcomes us to the show and presents the idea of what we are going to see tonight. And he speaks some Spanish.

Opening sequence.

We run down the card.

You can see the water through the portholes and it's rather cool to see.

Jay Lethal vs. Mason Madden

Mansoor, in limited clothing, is here with Madden, with the stolen Tag Team Title belt. To make things a bit more festive, Lethal is Black Machismo. We get a pose off to start as Mansoor puts on the bedazzled title. They tease a finger point before Madden kicks him in the ribs to take over.

Back up and Lethal presses strong grapple and flicks the controller stick to fire off the alternating punches to the face and ribs. Madden chokebombs him down for two and it's time to start working on the arm. Lethal is back up with a springboard high crossbody and they trade some shots to the

face for some alternating staggers. A big boot sets up the missed elbow and Lethal Injection puts Madden down. Hail To The King finishes for Lethal at 6:06.

Rating: C+. This was already more fun than almost anything ROH has done in months and it made for a nice start to the show. What matters the most here is that things are at least interesting and I'm actually wanting to see what else is going to happen on the show. Lethal as Black Machismo was a fun little surprise and he does a great impression of Savage's movements. Good enough here, with the right vibe already being set.

Last week, Athena yelled at Billie Starkz for not living up to expectations.

Billie Starkz vs. Harley Cameron

Cameron grabs a headlock to start but gets reversed into an armbar. Back up and Starkz gets in a quick spank against the ropes, only for Cameron to do the same. Some right hands in the corner have Starkz in trouble but she's back with a DDT as commentary talks about the movie Trading Places. Starkz chokes on the ropes and she ducks an enziguri to set up a choke.

That's broken up and Cameron makes the Clothesline Comeback, followed by some choking in the corner. Now the enziguri can connect for two on Starkz and Cameron's pumphandle back suplex gets two. Starkz is with a twisting implant DDT spun into a backbreaker for two, only for Cameron to grab a crucifix for the pin at 7:34.

Rating: C. It was another win for Cameron as her confidence is growing, but I'm still not buying her as a threat against Mercedes Mone. She's putting in the work in the ring and it's working far better than it did before, but Cameron is going to be better known for everything else for a good while. Starkz losing again isn't going to set well for Athena, though I don't think I can take another match between the two of them.

Konosuke Takeshita vs. Tommy Billington

Non-title and the sun is setting for a really cool visual. Takeshita misses a charge to start and doesn't seem thrilled. Back up and they take turns avoiding the other to a nice reaction...so Takeshita pulls out a spoon. Some shots to the head set up a suplex for two as the referee is fine with Takeshita spooning Billington. A snap suplex gets Billington out of trouble and they fight over a Tombstone until Takeshita gets planted. The Swan Dive misses though and Takeshita hits the running knee. The Blue Thunder Bomb finishes Billington at 5:52.

Rating: C+. This was a bit of a disappointment as I was expecting something more out of them. Granted they didn't have enough time to do much, but it felt like they went from the middle of the match to the end without much in the middle. That made for kind of a weird showcase, as Billington has done better multiple times before.

Outrunners vs. Grizzled Young Veterans

Magnum poses at Drake to start before cranking on the arm. A headscissors has Drake in more trouble so it's off to Gibson to take over in the corner. Some atomic drops set up stereo airplane spins to stagger the Veterans, meaning we have more atomic drops. Drake trips Magnum down though and a running boot to the head gets two. Gibson comes in off a blind tag to elbow Magnum and cut off anything resembling a comeback.

We hit the chinlock but Magnum is up with a suplex for a breather. The diving tag brings in Floyd to clean house and yes we do get a double noggin knocker. The double slam sets up the Mega Powers Elbow but Total Recall is broken up. Drake uses the scarf for some choking but Magnum is back in for Total Recall and the pin at 9:16.

Rating: C. The Outrunners being on something like this is about as easy of an idea as you can have and it worked well

here. As has been the pint tonight, the match was more about having fun than advancing anything else and that's perfectly fine in a case like this. As usual, the Veterans have fallen through the floor and they really aren't that bad. I don't get it, but it doesn't seem likely to change anytime soon.

Earlier this week, Serena Deeb challenged Queen Aminata to a Pure Rules match. Works for Aminata.

Serpentico vs. Ricochet

Ricochet wastes no time in knocking him into the corner and hitting a running shoulder. Back up and Serepentico knocks Ricochet outside where it's time for a breather on the ramp. A cheap shot takes Serpentico down though and drops an elbow to keep him in trouble.

Ricochet grabs a headscissor choke before driving Serpentico's head into the mat for a hard crash. The People's Moonsault gives Ricochet two and a running shooting star press gets the same. The Benedryller is loaded up but Serpentico reverses into a Canadian Destroyer. That's enough for Ricochet, who is back with Vertigo into the Spirit Gun for the pin at 8:00.

Rating: C. This was an extended squash for Ricochet and that isn't a surprise as he's a main roster star and Serpentico is, uh, Serpentico. Ricochet gives Serpentico a bit of offense here but it was only ever going to be so interesting. For a match designed to add in some star power, it could have been much worse.

TV Title: Nick Wayne vs. Komander

Komander is defending. They fight over a test of strength to start before Komander sticks the landing on a monkey flip. They trade some flips until Wayne knocks him into the corner to take over. Komander flips around a bit and grabs a headscissors to the floor, where Wayne cuts off a dive.

Wayne plants him on the ramp and then works on the eyes back inside. A kick to the back gives Wayne two but Komander dives onto the ramp to leave Wayne confused. Back in and a dive gives Komander two, only for Wayne to come back with a dragon suplex for the same. A Canadian Destroyer plants Wayne though and sets up Cielito Lindo for the retaining pin at 9:22.

Rating: C+. As usual, there is pretty much no particular rhyme or reason to set up the title matches around here and that doesn't make for the best continuity. At the same time, Wayne is at least a name in AEW and they were able to have an entertaining enough match. I'll take the title being on the line over nothing at all and it was a fine enough main event.

Overall Rating: C+. Fun. That was the best thing I can say about this show and it was what Ring Of Honor has been missing for such a long time. Yes it was just a one off show and it wasn't the most thrilling event with nothing worth going out of your way to see, but it was ANYTHING different after months and months of the same stuff. That was such a relief around here and my goodness was it nice to have this instead of the same show we see every week.

Results

Jay Lethal b. Mason Madden – Hail To The King

Harley Cameron b. Billie Starkz – Crucifix

Konosuke Takeshita b. Tommy Billington – Blue Thunder Bomb

Outrunners b. Grizzled Young Veterans – Total Recall to Drake

Ricochet b. Serpentico – Spirit Gun

Komander b. Nick Wayne – Cielito Lindo

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Ring Of Honor Global Wars 2025: What They Have Been Missing

Global Wars 2025

Date: February 17, 2025

Location: Brisbane Entertainment Centre, Brisbane, Australia

Commentators: Ian Riccaboni, Caprice Coleman

Since AEW is in Australia, Ring Of Honor has to dust off one of its traditions. In this case, we have a bunch of Ring Of Honor stars against wrestlers from Australia, plus one or two other things to fill in the time on this special. It would be nice if we have a big Ring Of Honor only show coming up but that seems to be too much to ask. Let's get to it.

The opening video looks at the card, which does make the show feel more important than usual.

Learning Tree vs. Bandido/Los Outrunners

Jericho waves at Bandido to start rather than shake his hand and we get the opening bell. Then Jericho flips him off and it's off to Keith, which has Bandido rather pleased. They run

the ropes and Bandido knocks him into the corner before Jericho comes back in. Jericho takes him down but Bandido switches places and steps on his back for some annoyance.

El Turbo comes in, loses his mask, and then puts it back on to take over on Jericho. A double Japanese armdrag puts Jericho down and it's off to Bill, who gets quite the positive reaction. It's back to El Turbo, who goes Old School and walks around all four ropes, as Bill is powerless to do anything about this whatsoever. After taking about a minute plus, El Turbo armdrags him down but Keith offers a distraction, allowing Bill to get in a big boot. The neck crank doesn't work long on El Turbo and he avoids the Lionsault.

The falling tag brings in Bandido to clean house, including tossing Jericho at Keith. El Turbo kind of slams Bill and a Mega Powers Elbow hits him as well. Jericho pulls Bandido into the Walls but Jericho slips out, leaving Keith to hit a splash on Bandido. Jericho tries a belt shot but gets caught by Los Outrunners, meaning it's the 21 Plex to give Bandido the pin at 14:11.

Rating: B-. What matters the most here is that they did something that actually mattered. This should set Bandido up for a title shot in the near future, though I'm not sure if I can imagine that being the big title change. If nothing else, it's nice to see Jericho in action on the show as it's more than a lot of recent World Champions have been able to say. Nice opener, with Los Outrunners being a funny gag.

Post match the beatdown is on but Powerhouse Hobbs makes the save. Big Bill walks away from the fight.

Athena is ready to beat up Alex Windsor.

Pure Rules Title: Lee Moriarty vs. Robbie Eagles

Moriarty is defending. They fight over wrist control to start and Moriarty has to use his first rope break less than a

minute in. Back up and Moriarty backs the referee into the ropes so he can throw a fist. Eagles comes up with a right hand but gets caught for the official warning. Some posing takes up too much time though, allowing Moriarty to snap the arm over the top. Moriarty grabs a Border City Stretch, sending Eagles over to his first rope break.

They fight over a double arm crank until Eagles has to use his second break. Eagles pulls him into a leglock and the second rope break is burned as well, leaving them with one each. Back up and Eagles knees him into the corner for the running Meteora but Sliced Bread is blocked. Another Border City Stretch makes Eagles use his third rope break but he's up with a springboard missile dropkick to the leg.

Another leglock makes Moriarty use his last rope break but he's right back with the Fang. They trade kicks to the head until Eagles knees him down, setting up a 450 onto the leg. Eagles goes for another leglock but Moriarty rolls him up and grabs the ropes for the pin at 10:28.

Rating: B-. The action was impressive but it's the same stuff you see every time in these title matches. The rope breaks deal gets annoying fast because it's just about burning them off until they can do the finish. It's fine for a rare one off thing, but there is still no reason for this to be a regular title.

Mark Davis vs. Tommy Knight

Davis kicks at the rather large Knight to start and hits a few chops, setting up a double stomp for two. Knight is up with some chops but gets sent into the corner without much effort. The chinlock goes on but Knight is back up with a big boot. Davis' forearm is cut off by a forearm and Knight hits a Death Valley Driver for one. A pendulum piledriver gives Davis the pin at 5:22.

Rating: C+. It was more of a hoss fight and Knight can move

well despite being a rather big guy. It's weird seeing Davis getting such a positive reaction as he's normally a heel stateside, but this isn't something that is going to be taking place most of the time. Just a quick match here, but Knight did well enough in his chance on the bigger stage.

Alex Windsor is ready to face a bigger star than Athena.

Tag Team Titles: Sons Of Texas vs. MxM Collection

The Sons are defending but the Collection has stolen Sammy Guevara's title. Rhodes and Mansoor start things off with Mansoor sending him into the corner for some early posing. An armdrag drops Mansoor, who wants a nip up challenge. Rhodes wants Guevara to do it for him but it's back to Rhodes, who goes to the mat but is ready when Mansoor tries an elbow.

Guevara comes back in and snaps off the nip up before Madden comes in. The Collection teases a dive but stop to pose instead, only for Rhodes to do the same. Guevara hits his own flip dive, setting up a Shining Wizard from Rhodes. Madden comes in off a blind tag and hits a running boot to the face before dropping an elbow to the back. Some hips to the head set up Mansoor's missed elbow drop but he's smart enough to knock Guevara off the apron.

The running Blockbuster gives Mansoor a breather but he misses a splash, allowing the tag off to Guevara. Everything breaks down and Mansoor counters the GTH. The Centerfold is broken up though and Rhodes hits Shattered Dreams on Mansoor. GTH hits Madden and the Final Reckoning into a Swanton finishes Mansoor at 12:53.

Rating: C+. It's nice to have even something of a story over the titles so this could have been a lot worse. The Collection are at least a team who can give the champions a run for their money, but it is seeming like we are really going to see the champs hold the titles until All In: Texas because we need a nine or so month to set up a likely pre-show match. Not bad

here, though the Sons are still such a weird team for a long term title reign.

Post match, Madden steals the title again because this story isn't over.

Women's Title: Athena vs. Alex Windsor

Athena is defending and bails to the floor early on. Back in and Windsor takes her down, setting up an early basement dropkick. Athena sends her outside though and a baseball slide takes her out. Back in and the neck crank goes on for a bit before Athena hammers away. Windsor fights up and grabs a neckbreaker out of the corner for two.

A Blue Thunder Bomb gets two more and Windsor grabs a Sharpshooter. Back up and they strike it out until Athena hits a superkick and a spinning facebuster. The running right hand gets two and Athena is stunned. Windsor headbutts her way out of trouble, setting up something like a swinging fisherman's superplex for two. Athena dropkicks her into the corner though and hits the O Face to retain at 11:49.

Rating: B-. Windsor felt like a polished star out there and someone who gave Athena a good match. Athena has become one of the bigger stars in the history of Ring Of Honor and certainly an established champion. I'm not sure who is going to take the title from her, but I would hope that it's not Billie Starkz after everything we've seen so far. For now though, good match and it felt like a big enough showdown.

Post match Athena has a staredown with Momo Watanabe.

Overall Rating: B-. For a random special, I've seen far worse. They had a bunch of title matches and the World Champion in the opener. This felt a lot more important than a regular show, which is part of the problem with most of Ring Of Honor: it rarely feels like they're building to something, so when you get something nicer like this, it stands out that much

more. It was a good show, but it doesn't exactly make me think that Ring Of Honor has turned a corner.

Results

Bandido/Los Outrunners b. Learning Tree – 21 Plex to Jericho
Lee Moriarty b. Robbie Eagles – Rollup while holding the rope
Mark Davis b. Tommy Knight – Pendulum piledriver
Sons Of Texas b. MxM Collection – Swanton to Mansoor
Athena b. Alex Windsor – 0 Face

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Saturday Night's Main Event #28 (2025 Edition): Nostalgia Only Carries You So Far

Saturday Night's Main Event #28

Date: October 13, 1990

Location: Toledo Sports Arena, Toledo, Ohio

Commentators: Vince McMahon, Roddy Piper

It's time for Oktoberfest because...well you don't need an excuse for Oktoberfest. That makes it a theme show and therefore we could be in for some rather terrible jokes. Those will be on top of what could be some less than great action, as this isn't the most thrilling time in the company's history. Let's get to it.

We open at Oktoberfest with wrestlers running around and thankfully we have all kinds of lederhosen.

Vince and Piper welcome us to the show in front of some green screen and run down the card.

Opening sequence and dang that song still rocks.

Demolition is ready to demolish the Ultimate Warrior and the Legion of Doom. The team just did not feel special with Crush involved, even if he was kind of perfect for the spot.

The Legion Of Doom is ready to party at Oktoberfest and ask what Demolition is going to do about losing the Tag Team Titles. Cry in their beer? Sob in their schnitzel? The Ultimate Warrior comes in to shout about blitzkrieg. I would have put him as more of a Konnan guy.

Ultimate Warrior/Legion Of Doom vs. Demolition

The good guys clear the ring in a hurry but we settle down to Crush clotheslining Animal. A powerslam plants Smash for two and it's off to Warrior to run Ax over. The Warrior Splash misses though and Crush gets in some cheap shots on the floor to really take over. The beating is on but Hawk breaks up the Demolition Decapitator. Hawk comes in for the top rope clotheslines as everything breaks down. It's back to Warrior for the running clotheslines and the splash to finish Smash at 5:37.

Rating: C. As tends to be the case with Saturday Night's Main Event, this was more of a "send the fans home happy in a hurry" match, with the good guys getting in some trouble before coming back for the win. Warrior was clearly floundering as champion as the best they had for him was just a six man tag here. He has nothing to do and that played a big role in why his reign as champion went so poorly. At the same time, it's still a shame that we never got a big LOD vs. Demolition match, as this would have been the perfect place.

We go to Oktoberfest and where Gene Okerlund introduces us to some of the wrestlers, all of whom are in some rather amazing costumes. Alfred Hayes is drinking and complaining about the beer not being as good as the English version.

Randy Savage vs. Dusty Rhodes

Savage has Queen Sherri with him so Piper compares him to over kings, including his dog. Dusty is fresh off losing Sapphire to Ted DiBiase but he does have his son Dustin in the front row. Savage gets distracted by an Ultimate Warrior poster and gets whipped hard into the corner. A slow motion backslide gives Dusty two so Sherri offers a distraction, allowing Savage to hit a knee to the back. The chinlock goes on so Sherri slaps the mat, which feels a bit backwards.

Cue Ted DiBiase and Virgil to buy the front row seats so they can sit there alone. Only Dustin won't take the money so DiBiase and Virgil sit next to him, making quite the visual. Dusty fights up but DiBiase pulls Dustin back down, which has Dusty going outside after him. We take a break and come back with Savage choking away before getting two off a cheap shot. The over the top rope neck snap lets Savage go up for the ax handle to the head and another near fall.

Dusty fights up and sends him into the buckle before knocking Savage off the top. A headbutt of all things puts Savage down as DiBiase talks trash to Dustin. The villains finally beat

Dustin up on the floor, which is basically assaulting a fan but security is nowhere to be seen. Savage is tied in the ropes and Dusty finally sees what is going on, only for Savage to ax handle Dusty into the barricade for the countout at 8:18.

Rating: C-. There was only so much that Savage could do here and that was part of the problem with Dusty's time in the company. He could do the talking and the segments, but at some point you can only get so far with what he can do in the ring. Then DiBiase and Savage kept beating him so there was only so much of a chance anyway.

Post match Dusty tries to cover Dustin from the beating so DiBiase and Virgil beat on Dusty instead.

Hulk Hogan and Tugboat are ready to make Rhythm and Blues play the flugelhorn and the glockenspiel in an Oompah band (1990 was WEIRD) so they can get to Earthquake and Dino Bravo. Somehow this turns into a D Day story with Hogan promising to give Rhythm and Blues a "Barbarian Creaming". For some reason Hogan and Tugboat talked way more about Earthquake and Bravo than the team they're facing tonight. This was strange even by Hogan standards.

The Bushwhackers practice cutting cheese. This is a Vince McMahon segment if I have ever seen one.

Alfred Hayes is starting to like the British beer and tells stories about being on the Danube.

Hulk Hogan/Tugboat vs. Rhythm and Blues

Hogan wastes no time in cleaning house and drops some elbows. Honky Tonk Man is sent into Tugboat's boot in the corner before Tugboat comes in to crank on Valentine's arm. Hogan goes aerial for a middle rope ax handle to Valentine's arm but an elbow to the head staggers Tugboat. The bearhug slows Honky Tonk Man down but Valentine makes the save so the villains can

take over.

Valentine's elbow to the head gets two and Honky Tonk Man adds some weak knees to the back. Tugboat shrugs off the lame offense and brings in Hogan to clean house. A clothesline and right hands have Valentine in more trouble and the big boot sets up...nothing as Earthquake and Dino Bravo come out for a distraction. We take a break and come back with Tugboat coming in for a headbutt. Jimmy Hart offers a distraction though and Honky Tonk Man hits Tugboat in the back with the guitar for the DQ at 7:23.

Rating: D+. Oh come on. Honky Tonk Man or Greg Valentine can't lay down for the legdrop? I get not wanting to lose to Tugboat but give me a break. This was a perfect choice for a match where Hogan can get a win but instead it's this lame DQ, which does nothing but feel like a waste of time

Post match the villains beat Hogan down and Earthquake hits an assisted splash. Earthquake loads up the Earthquake but Tugboat makes the save with the guitar. Vince: "What would they have done to Hulk Hogan?" What the heck do you think they were going to do?

Back to the festival for the sausage stuffing contest (oh dear) with Honorary Sausage Stuffer Hall Of Fame inductee, the Genius. It's Jim Duggan/the Hart Foundation vs. Mr. Fuji/the Orient Express. Fuji is accused of cheating (with a pre-made sausage) so we go to Alfred Hayes for a ruling but he's drunk and telling stories. Again, this was a Vince McMahon segment if there has ever been one.

Intercontinental Title: Haku vs. Texas Tornado

The Tornado is defending, having beaten Mr. Perfect at Summerslam, leaving Haku to try to bring the title back to the Heenan Family. An early attempt at the Claw sends Haku bailing to the floor for some advice from Heenan. Back in and Haku grabs a chinlock to slow things down but Tornado slugs away.

Haku knocks him into the corner and hits a headbutt but the Claw goes on to cut things off. The Tornado Punch retains the title at 3:10.

Rating: C. It's easy to see why Tornado got chance after chance as he looked great and the fans were into him but the backstage issues were just too much to overcome. There was only so much that can be done when he has that many problems and they caught up to him in a hurry. This was the quick title defense for Tornado and that's why you bring in Haku.

Hulk Hogan and Tugboat use a bunch of sailing terms as I try to figure out what in the world the appeal of Tugboat was really supposed to be. I remember liking him as a kid, but egads he does not hold up whatsoever.

Sgt. Slaughter vs. Koko B. Ware

Slaughter has General Adnan and is ready to start the biggest push of his career. They start slowly until Ware snaps off some armdrags and dances, which is just not going to work for an American hero. Ware misses a charge into the corner though and the pace slows way down. An elbow drop gives Slaughter two but he misses a shot, allowing Ware to hammer away. That's broken up and the Atomic Noogie (thankfully not officially called that) finishes Ware at 5:09.

Rating: C. They were late in the show at this point and there was no reason to think that this would be anything more than Slaughter slaughtering Ware. Slaughter was going to be the big heel and while that isn't exactly the best fit, there wasn't anyone else to get the spot. He's fine, but tying into a real world story is quite the questionable move.

Post match the Iraqi flag is waved but Nikolai Volkoff pops up to wave the American flag.

Back to the festival for a dance off between Jim Neidhart and Slick (who is far better). Then a food fight breaks out.

Didn't we all know that was coming?

Ultimate Warrior says Queen Sherri is no challenge and she has only enraged the legion of warriors. He accepts the challenge from Randy Savage and the title match is on.

Sherri and Savage promise to win "that belt".

Vince and Piper wrap it up.

We go back to the festival where Alfred Hayes yells at Gene for not calling him, as his earpiece was taken out while he was drinking. Hayes berates him so Gene hits him with a cake.

Piper wants to go to the food fight, which is still ongoing.

Overall Rating: C-. This one is going to depend on your nostalgia taste, as the wrestling is pretty terrible, but the Oktoberfest stuff is so goofy that it's hard to not at least chuckle. Yes some of the jokes are horrible, but that's kind of the point of the whole thing. The company was in a bad place at this point and it's not a good show, though it was fun in a very (very) goofy kind of way.

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Dynamite – February 19, 2025: They're Making It Happen

Dynamite

Date: February 19, 2025

Location: Arizona Financial Theatre, Phoenix, Arizona

Commentators: Excalibur, Ian Riccaboni, Taz

We're back to the United States after Grand Slam and the big story is Toni Storm got the Women's Title back. That means we have just over two weeks before Revolution and the card got built up a bit over the weekend. Odds are we'll get something else added on this week so let's get to it.

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

Here are MJF and Hangman Page to get things going. MJF brings up losing to Page in his first AEW match and how far he has come since then. We hear about everything he has done and how much better he has done it than Page. MJF hits his catchphrase but Page wants to know why MJF thinks Page doesn't know him. When MJF listed his accomplishments, he sounded angry about them.

MJF tells him to shut his mouth and insists he doesn't care about the fans. We hear about various horrible things Page has done but the fans still insist he is a good guy and did nothing wrong. Everyone loves Page but does he love himself? Did he love himself when he ended the career of Christopher Daniels? That sends Page over the edge about how Daniels is a far better man than MJF could ever be.

Page threatens to knock the smug look off his face before talking about how the fans don't like MJF because of his lies.

Yes Page has lied multiple times but he has never lied to the fans. MJF has spent years cheating and scheming his way to the top. For once, for MJF's sake, Page hopes things have changed a bit. MJF mocks Page for not liking how he got here before calling out Page for being the chosen one. When MJF came in here, he only had a scarf and a mic and look where he got. Name one thing Page does better than MJF. Page: "I am real."

MJF says he has no problem being the bad guy and they're ready to go but security comes out and MJF...spits on Page. That leaves Page to go nuts but here is Christopher Daniels to say Page knows who he is. Page walks away and isn't sure what to think. This was rather long but it was nice to not have MJF doing his insider lines for a change. It was a good promo battle, though I'm not sure if this feels as big as AEW is hoping it to be.

We run down the card.

Video on Grand Slam.

Roderick Strong is ready to face Orange Cassidy because they are required to do this forever. And yes, Kyle O'Reilly is cool with his friends fighting.

Patriarchy vs. Opps

Shibata wristlocks Sabian to start before Sabian's running shoulder doesn't work. Joe comes in to backplash Sabian and stares at Christian, who isn't interested in coming in. Wayne goes after Joe instead and is chopped into the corner for his efforts. Sabian's cheap shot lets Wayne get in a suplex on Shibata and we take a break. Back with Hook snapping off suplexes until we hit the parade of strikes. Joe runs Christian over with the suicide elbow and Wayne dives into Redrum for the tap at 9:48.

Rating: C+. The Opps are a fun team despite a rather dumb name and they were showing what they could do here. Joe feels like

a killer every time he's out there and that plays well with the ultra serious Shibata and the rather stoic Hook. The Patriarchy aren't doing much these days, which feels like a way to get the World Title on Christian as a surprise.

MJF vs. Hangman Page is set for Revolution.

Chris Jericho doesn't want to hear about Bandido beating him at ROH Global Wars. He got everyone here a job and people still ask him for his picture. Bandido is the person who they ask to take the picture, so at Collision, Bandido gets an ROH World Title shot. This was serious Jericho and it worked a lot better for a change.

Powerhouse Hobbs vs. Big Bill

Street fight and there are weapons provided but they brawl into the crowd to start. Bill gets the better of things and they get back to ringside where he hits Hobbs in the back with a keyboard. Another shot misses though and Hobbs chairs him down a few times to take over. A wrench to the face slows Hobbs down and busts him open so Billy hits a big boot. Hobbs is planted onto the steps and we take a break.

Back with Bill putting a table in the ring and Bryan Keith setting up a barbed wire table at ringside. Hobbs hits him with a trashcan but has to take out Keith, who goes through the table in the corner. A World's Strongest Slam plants Bill on the ramp and it's time to whip out some bricks. They slug it out until Hobbs sends him face first into the steps a few times. Bill is sent through the barbed wire table and he can't beat the count (as apparently we now have a count) to give Hobbs the win at 11:11.

Rating: B. It could have gone a bit longer, but what mattered here was it felt like two big guys beating each other up until one of them was done. Hobbs looked like a conqueror and someone who could be a threat to Jon Moxley...if you forget that Moxley choked him out. The violence was the point here though

and they set it up that way over the last few weeks. Good stuff here, with Hobbs getting the win that he needed.

The Murder Machines challenge the Hurt Syndicate for Collision.

Double Or Nothing is coming to Phoenix.

Here is Toni Storm for a chat, saying this tramp is your new champ. She took the title from someone who took her soul, "Mariah May, you sick b****." May has been compromised to a bitter end and "now for a cheap plug", Storm will be in Queen Of The Ring coming out May 7. She needs a challenger, from Willow Nightingale to Wendi Richter, but she is TIMELESS. Please find a way to get Richter to show up for a cameo. It would be glorious.

Gabe Kidd will be on Collision.

Willow Nightingale complains about the Death Riders but Marina Shafir jumps her. Jon Moxley steals the camera and comes into the ring to say he is the World Champion, meaning everything belongs to him. Cope isn't here but if he shows up at Revolution, Moxley will finish the job. Cue Jay White so Pac shows up to surround him, only for Cope to show up and clear the ring. The chase goes into the crowd and Cope says these are his people. Cope is going to take the Death Riders out one by one so that it's man vs. man at Revolution.

Mercedes Mone wants no surprises or puppets and there is no stopping her. We get a video from Momo Watanabe saying she's coming for the title shot so Mone says come say it to her face. It would be nice for Watanabe to do something around here, as she's basically a stranger in AEW.

Kris Statlander vs. Megan Bayne

They trade shoulders do start with Statlander putting her down and hitting a standing moonsault for two. A kick to the head

staggers Bayne again but she's right back with a spear. We take a break and come back with Statlander winning an exchange of clotheslines. Wednesday Night Fever is blocked so they go to the apron, with Bayne getting suplexed down. Back in and they both go up stop but Statlander shoves her off. Cue Penelope Ford to shove Statlander down though, meaning Bayne can hit an F5 for the pin at 8:45.

Rating: C+. This didn't have much time given the break in the middle and Statlander got in a lot of offense before Bayne got the win. Bayne feels like she could be a big player in a hurry around here and giving her a win like this should help. It wouldn't surprise me to see Statlander get another shot at her and that isn't a bad idea.

Post match the beatdown is on but Thunder Rosa makes the save.

Max Caster isn't deterred by his two losses in open challenges and issues another one for Collision.

Here is Ricochet, with Prince Nana's robe, for a chat. After insulting Phoenix, he speaks to the crowd at home rather than the animals here. He proved that he was a winner two weeks ago when he beat Swerve Strickland and we hear about some of his big wins. Now it's time for him to go after some gold because he is too good looking to not be a champion. Cue Prince Nana to interrupt, saying he has asked Strickland to stay home.

Nana doesn't know where this is going but he wants to talk about that robe. That robe represents pride and integrity but Nana never gave Ricochet that honor. Nana wants the robe back so Ricochet tells him to take it. Instead Ricochet just leaves. Good job of explaining why the robe is important here, as it makes things feel more personal.

Roderick Strong vs. Orange Cassidy

For an International Title shot next week and Jim Ross joins commentary. Strong wrestles him down to start but Cassidy

slips out and hits a soft chop. Cassidy gets sent outside where he has a staredown with Adam Cole, only for Strong to be sent outside for a hug to Cole. Back in and Strong stomps away before grabbing a seated abdominal stretch.

We take a break and come back with Cassidy hitting a slingshot tornado DDT. Cassidy sends him to the corner and rams Strong into the buckles, followed by the satellite DDT for two. The Beach Break gets two but Strong is back with some backbreakers for two. The Stronghold sends Cassidy over to the ropes for the break. Strong hits the Sick Kick but gets caught with the Stundog Millionaire. The Orange Punch gives Cassidy the pin at 13:02.

Rating: B-. Good enough match here, though this whole series deal is not exactly logical or something that needs to be taking place. Kenny Omega is already waiting for the champion at Revolution and, barring a rather annoying triple threat, Konosuke Takeshita is going to be facing Omega anyway. That makes this match feel like it's just added on, and while it was good, it doesn't feel overly important.

Post match Cassidy is about to be interviewed by Don Callis interrupts. The Don Callis Family beats Cassidy down but Kenny Omega makes the save. JR: "OMEGA IS BACK!" Despite not leaving! The good guys clear the ring and Omega holds up the International Title to end the show.

Overall Rating: B. AEW is on a roll again and, shockingly enough, it continues as the good guys get to stand tall to end the show rather than having the Death Riders running everyone over. The Riders got chased off here and it made for a more entertaining show. Collision is already feeling like a big show and it is nice to see the show being a bit more fun for a change. That was missing for so long and maybe it's due to Omega being back. Either way, I've been having a better time with AEW lately and I'm hoping they can keep it up next month at Revolution. Another good show here.

Results

Opps b. Patriarchy – Redrum to Wayne

Powerhouse Hobbs b. Big Bill when Bill could not answer a ten count

Megan Bayne b. Kris Statlander – F5

Orange Cassidy b. Roderick Strong – Orange Punch

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