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NXT – September 7, 2021: The Ungrand Finale

<u>NXT</u>

Date: September 7, 2021 Location: Capitol Wrestling Center, Orlando, Florida Commentators: Vic Joseph, Beth Phoenix, Wade Barrett

This is how it ends. We're wrapping up the original run of NXT this week as everything changes with the next show. I'm a mixture of scared, excited and scared excited as the idea of

Monday Night NXT scares me to death, but NXT does need some changes. There are a pair of title matches tonight to finish things off. Let's get to it.

Here are last week's results if you need a recap.

Ember Moon vs. Kay Lee Ray

Feeling out process to start with Moon snapping off an armdrag. Back up and Ray hits a quick faceplant for two before taking Moon into the corner. Ray cranks on the arm and pulls Moon down into a cross armbreaker. That's reversed in a hurry and Moon is back up with a middle rope Codebreaker for two. The Crossface has Ray in more trouble and Moon rolls it into the middle to make it worse. Ray slips out so Moon pulls her into a triangle choke but gets rolled into the corner to break it up.

Back from a break with Moon getting two off a small package and tying her in the Tree of Woe for a kick to the face. A tornado DDT gets Ray out of trouble but Moon sends her outside for the big dive. Back in and Ray breaks up an Eclipse attempt with a hair mare off the top. Moon blocks a kick into something like a flipping One Winged Angel for two more. They fight into a pinfall reversal sequence with Ray trying a backslide but lifting Moon up into a Gory Bomb for the pin at 14:41.

Rating: B-. This was a good way to get Ray her first important win around here as Moon is still a name that means something. It helps that they had a good, hard hitting match with Moon continuing to being able to have a solid match with anyone. Ray is going to be a major player around here and that is something the division could use.

Oney Lorcan and Danny Burch are ready to win the Tag Team Titles. Ridge Holland and Pete Dunne tell them to get rid of MSK too.

We go to Indi Hartwell's bachelorette party where no one seems to like Dexter Lumis. This includes Indi's friend Persia, who is here to see Disney World rather than the party. Hartwell talks about how Dexter saved her but she owes so much to Candice LeRae. Candice gets to give a speech, which involves throwing bread at Kacy Catanzaro and Kayden Carter for being on Tik Tok. She didn't like Lumis either, but it has worked out well enough.

Santos Escobar vs. Carmelo Hayes

Escobar has the rest of Legado del Fantasma with him. Feeling out process to start with Hayes working on a wristlock. Escobar starts kicking away and chokes on the rope before kicking Hayes outside. Hayes goes crashing over the barricade and we take a break. Back with Escobar sitting Hayes on top for a loud chop and grabbing a Crossface. With that broken up, Escobar takes him outside for a Boston crab on the steps.

Hayes fights back to escape some choking on the ropes and scores with a quick dropkick to the floor. Escobar is sent face first into the announcers' table, setting up a running knee back inside. Hayes' springboard is kneed out of the air but he's back with a Codebreaker and face plant for two. A DDT onto the apron plants Escobar again but Legado's distraction lets Elektra Lopez slam Hayes on the floor. That rocks Hayes so much that the Phantom Driver can finish Hayes at 13:51.

Rating: B-. I liked the match for the most part, but being devastated by a simple slam is a bit much to take. The slam was pretty impressive but that's enough to stun Hayes long enough for Escobar to get the win? The finish wasn't clean so it's hardly some career killer for Hayes or anything, though I'm really not sure pinning him is a good idea.

Malcolm Bivens officially welcomes the Creed Brothers, both former amateur wrestling stars, into the Diamond Mine. Roderick Strong seems happy to have them. William Regal announces a fatal four way to crown a new #1 contender next week, as Kyle O'Reilly, LA Knight, Pete Dunne and Tommaso Ciampa fight to get the first shot at Samoa Joe.

<u>Creed Brothers vs. Chuckie Viola/Paxton Astall</u>

Brutus starts for the Creed Brothers and wrestles Viola down with ease. Viola is sent outside and then suplexed back inside. Brutus slaps Julius in the face for the tag and Astall is powered into the corner. Something like a front facelock suplex plants Paxton and Julius brings in Viola. The Brothers slam them into each other and a basement clothesline finishes Astall at 2:18. That was a snappy squash and the Brothers looked rather good in dominance.

Ember Moon is tired of losing and feeling like this, so she knows what she has to do. Stay tuned.

Hit Row should have seen it coming when Legado del Fantasma jumped them and it's time to drop them like a \$10 pinata. B Fab is ready to take out Elektra Lopez.

<u>Women's Tag Team Titles: Kacy Catanzaro/Kayden Carter vs. Io</u> <u>Shirai/Zoey Stark</u>

Shirai and Stark are defending. Catanzaro headlocks Stark to no avail to start as Stark flips away to escape. It's off to Shirai, who stops to say something to Stark and gets dropkicked in the face for two. Catanzaro comes back in but gets kicked in the face as we take a break. Back with Shirai rocking Carter again and getting two off a missile dropkick. Shirai grabs the Crossface (third time in three matches) but Carter fights up and brings in Catanzaro off a blind tag.

After a few shots to Shirai, Carter tags herself back in and gets elbowed in the face. Stark comes in to kick Carter in the face for two but accidentally kicks Shirai down. A Downward Spiral drops Stark and Carter, after thinking about it for far too long, brings in Catanzaro for an elevated splash. Shirai makes the save so Stark knees Catanzaro in the face, setting up the Moon Over Moonsault to retain at 12:01.

Rating: C. Much like on the main roster, the Women's Tag Team Titles seem to be forgotten more often than not, making it really hard to care about them. It wasn't a bad match, but it was completely flat and there was no reason to get invested in anything they were doing. Catanzaro and Carter did their thing, but you just can't compete with partners who don't get along.

Post match Mandy Rose (now in a face mask, because covering up Mandy Rose's face is a good idea), Gigi Dolin and Jayce Jane come out to beat down Carter and Catanzaro.

Kyle O'Reilly doesn't care anymore because all he wants is the NXT Title.

It's time for Dexter Lumis' bachelor party, with Johnny Gargano saying he won't pay for a dime. Don't worry though because Cameron Grimes is here to pay for everyone. Everyone, including the zombie referee, gets out of the car and Lumis makes peace with Grimes. First up, go karts, with Indi Hartwell and Candice LeRae spying on them. Then they throw axes, with Lumis indicating he has experience with them and then winning the competition.

Odyssey Jones makes a bet with Grimes about being able to bounce Drake Maverick off a trampoline and wins easily. We wrap it up with lazer tag but Lumis punches one guy out so Gargano can get an easy score. That's not enough, so Lumis chloroforms another guy and Gargano scores again. Gargano fakes a handshake and wins for his team, though he can't bring himself to high five Lumis.

The zombie referee says that it's not that bad, but reveals that he is, in fact, Canadian. Jones shoves their hands together and we get a quick Lumis/Gargano montage. Hartwell and LeRae come in to say everyone is on the same page. Gargano: "Let's go have a wedding." Lumis seems to smile a bit. Dang it why did I have to like this a bit? Far better than the bachelorette stuff at least.

Robert Stone has gotten Frankie Monet a Women's Title shot next week to get Money and Jessi Kamea back in his good graces.

<u>Mei Ying vs. Virginia Ferry</u>

Ferry gets in a jawbreaker but walks into a Mandible Claw for the win at 47 seconds.

LA Knight is in his car and talks about how there are three challengers and one superstar. Next week he's going to take all three of them out and then he's coming for Samoa Joe.

Tommaso Ciampa says it has been a long time since he had Goldie but the greatest things in life are worth waiting for.

Tag Team Titles: MSK vs. Oney Lorcan/Danny Burch

MSK is defending and it's Burch driving Carter into the corner to start. It's off to Lorcan but Lee comes in as well to take him down in a hurry. A cheap shot from Burch comes in (and the fans approve) to put MSK back in trouble. Everything breaks down and a running dropkick in the corner drops Burch to the floor as we take a break. Back with Carter caught in a chinlock but fighting up to strike it out with Lorcan. That doesn't go well for Carter, who is taken into the wrong corner to continue the beating.

Carter fights up and brings in Lee to clean house, including with a German suplex for two on Lorcan. The push moonsault gets the same as everything breaks down. Carter's Swanton hits raised knees and it's an ankle lock from Lorcan and a Crossface (erg) from Burch. That's broken up as well and it's the Blockbuster Hart Attack to retain the titles at 12:16.

Rating: C+. NXT's decline seems to go hand in hand with the

decline of its tag team division. The NXT Tag Team Titles used to be one of the best things in all of WWE and now they mean about as much as the Raw Tag Team Titles do in a given week. Two teams had a title match and one of them won. That has been the case for far too long now and it was a bit of a dry match as a result. Much like the rest of NXT: Perfectly good, but not that interesting.

Post match MSK leaves so here are Ridge Holland and Pete Dunne to take out Lorcan and Burch, breaking up the group.

Overall Rating: C+. So that's it for NXT and I can see why they need to make a change. In something I almost never get to say about NXT, this was pretty boring. Nothing was bad and the first two matches were good, but there is absolutely no spark to any of this and I don't particularly care where these stories go. NXT has lost its soul somewhere along the way and as a result, none of this feels important. The show is lifeless and while the changes don't sound the most appealing, I'll go with them taking a chance on something new than this kind of a show.

<u>Results</u>

Kay Lee Ray b. Ember Moon – Gory Bomb Santos Escobar b. Carmelo Hayes – Phantom Driver Creed Brothers b. Paxton Astall/Chuckie Viola – Basement clothesline to Astall Io Shirai/Zoey Stark b. Kacy Catanzaro/Kayden Carter – Moon Over Moonsault to Carter Mei Ying b. Virginia Ferry – Mandible Claw MSK b. Oney Lorcan/Danny Burch – Blockbuster Hart Attack to Lorcan Remember to follow me on Twitter @kbreviews and head over to my Amazon author page with 30 different cheap wrestling books at:

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Monday Night Raw – September 6, 2021: That Glaring Problem

<u>Monday Night Raw</u> Date: September 6, 2021 Location: FTX Arena, Miami, Florida Commentators: Jimmy Smith, Corey Graves, Byron Saxton

It's time to start getting ready for Extreme Rules as the show is in less than three weeks. You can probably guess where a lot of the card is going and that should make things a bit easier. There is some stuff taking place tonight as well, in the form of a rematch between Charlotte and Nia Jax. You know, since the first one was such a smashing success. Let's get to it.

Here are last week's results if you need a recap.

New Day is ready for Tag Team Turmoil. They'll win because New Day Rocks.

The Viking Raiders will raid the entire division tonight.

Mansoor is ready for Tag Team Turmoil but Mustafa Ali tells him to follow his lead.

Lucha House Party says it's LUCHA TIME.

Mace and T-Bar say Tag Team Turmoil means six more victims.

Jinder Mahal and Veer are going to be the next champions.

AJ Styles and Mansoor can't imagine Riddle (AJ: "Old Smoky Brain himself.") being in charge of anything so they're taking the titles back. Bring these things back regularly! It's a ten second sound byte and you get to know the characters just a little bit. Why is that so much to ask for week to week?

Here is RKBro for a chat. After looking at a clip of the two of them retaining the titles over MVP and Bobby Lashley last week, Randy Orton says the win was due to Bobby Lashley being a greedy son of a b****. That's behind them though, because it's time to find out who they are facing next. Riddle goes over some of the teams, thinking they should borrow the look from various other teams. Orton looks like he is about to bite through is lip as Riddle suggests going on a raid and drinking ale, even though Orton looks like he has never had a carb in his life.

Cue MVP and Bobby Lashley to interrupt, with Lashley not being pleased with what Orton did to him last week. Lashley wants Orton one on one and he is interested because it has been 10-15 years ago since they fought. Orton is down, if that WWE Title is on the line. Lashley and MVP have a chat and the match is on for Extreme Rules.

That's not all though, as Lashley and MVP are going to get into Tag Team Turmoil so Lashley can be a double champion. Cue New Day to say Lashley and MVP better hurry up because Tag Team Turmoil is starting right now. The odds are against them, but that was true a few weeks ago when Xavier Woods beat Lashley.

Tag Team Turmoil

RKBro is watching at ringside and New Day is in at #1 and the Viking Raiders are in at #2. Kofi jumps over Ivar a few times to start and elbows him into the corner. Ivar sends him into the corner instead though and Erik drives Ivar into Kofi for the big crash. Back up and Kofi slips away, allowing the tag to Woods. That's fine with Erik, who sends Woods flying with a suplex. Woods is back with a tornado DDT into a superkick, with Kofi adding a spinning kick to the head for two.

Erik sends Kofi outside but Woods blocks the knee and comes up with a discus forearm. Kofi comes back in and dives onto the Vikings on the floor, only to be caught and thrown into Woods as we take a break. Back with Kofi striking away at both Raiders and hitting the Boom Drop on Erik. Ivar comes back in for the springboard elbow/belly to back suplex combination for a near fall. A hurricanrana gets Kofi out of trouble though and it's back to Woods…who is powerbombed by Erik. The top rope splash gets two but Kofi takes out Ivar, allowing Woods to small package Erik to advance at 10:06. Jinder Mahal and Veer, with Shanky, are in at #3 and Woods hits a fast high crossbody for two on Mahal. Veer comes in to run Woods over but Kofi gets cut off by Shanky on the floor as we take a break. Back with Woods kicking Mahal away and Kofi coming in with a kick to the head. Everything breaks down and Daybreak gets rid of Mahal and Veer at 17:17 total.

Lucha House Party, with new music, is in at #4. The luchadors start fast and moonsault off the apron onto New Day on the floor. Metalik splashes Woods from Dorado's shoulders and Dorado wins a chop off. Dorado goes up for a high crossbody but Woods seems to counter into a Codebreaker....I think.

Commentary doesn't seem too sure either but Metalik cuts off the tag anyway. The tag goes through a few seconds later anyway though and Kofi comes in with the top rope splash to Metalik's back. Woods comes back in and gets taken down again, with Dorado hitting a moonsault for two with Kofi making the save. Woods cuts Dorado off with a faceplant though and Kofi cuts off the save for the pin at 21:46.

Mace and T-Bar are in at #5 and we take another break. Back again with Woods fighting out of Mace's chinlock but getting chopped back up against the ropes. A running knee in the corner sets up a nerve hold to keep Woods in trouble. T-Bar comes in with an elbow to the face and a chinlock of his own as this is grinding pretty badly. Woods kicks his way to freedom but T-Bar sends Kingston into the barricade to cut him off. That leaves T-Bar to load up Feast Your Eyes, which is countered into a rollup to give Woods the pin at 30:15.

Hold on though as the big beatdown is on from Mace and T-Bar until Mansoor and Mustafa Ali are in at #6. Mansoor goes after Mace and T-Bar out of sportsmanship while Ali stays on the floor and asks what he's doing. Mace and T-Bar wreck Ali and Mansoor, which somehow isn't a DQ because reasons.

Mace holds up the steps and Mace is sent into the steps as

Graves says Mace and T-Bar can't be disqualified. That's not how DQ's work but it's not like consistency matters in WWE. Everyone is down and we take another break, coming back with....well the match is on hiatus actually, as Sonya Deville and Adam Page have ruled that they will continue after New Day and Mansoor/Ali have had a breather.

Drew McIntyre vs. Sheamus

The winner gets a future US Title shot. Sheamus grabs a headlock takeover as Damian Priest is watching backstage. The forearms to the chest send McIntyre outside and Sheamus hits the top rope forearm to the head. Back in and McIntyre grabs a spinebuster for his own breather. McIntyre heads up top but Sheamus catches him with the top rope superplex and we take a break.

Back with McIntyre making a comeback and sending Sheamus into the corner, only to charge into a shot to the face. Sheamus pulls himself up top but gets belly to belly superplexed back down for two. McIntyre tries the Glasgow Kiss but hits Sheamus' mask to knock himself silly. The Alabama Slam gives Sheamus two but he takes too long setting up the Brogue Kick (complete with McIntyre style countdown). The Futureshock gives McIntyre two and he sends Sheamus shoulder first into the post.

An armbreaker sends Sheamus to the ropes and the bad arm is snapped over the ropes. Sheamus is right back with a jumping knee to the face for his own very near fall. McIntyre grabs his own White Noise for two and they slug it out from their knees. McIntyre takes the mask off and kicks Sheamus down, setting up the Claymore, which is countered into a rollup with trunks to give Sheamus the pin at 14:49.

Rating: B. Two big guys beat on each other with one big spot after another for about fifteen minutes. That's what you expect from a match like this and that's what they gave you. Good match too, but would you expect anything else from them? Sheamus vs. Priest II should be fine, though it wouldn't surprise me if McIntyre is added in to recreate last week's triple threat.

Post match McIntyre hits Sheamus in the face with the mask and drops him with the Claymore.

Damian Priest is impressed by what we just saw because that was a fight. He's going to enjoy Extreme Rules and he has Sheamus' number. That means Sheamus is going to be hearing something new at Extreme Rules: "AND STILL United States Champion, Damian Priest."

Nikki Ash is very happy about teaming with Rhea Ripley, who isn't that enthusiastic. Ash thinks the team should be dubbed SUPER BRUTALITY and Ripley has to smile a bit.

Charlotte says she didn't get splatted by Nia Jax last week so tonight she is going to beat Nia to retain the title. Not even the irresistible force can resist the Queen.

<u>Rhea Ripley/Nikki Ash vs. Tamina/Natalya</u>

Champions Contenders match as I guess Shotzi and Nox's title shot is on hold for the moment. Tamina powers Nikki around to start but Nikki is smart enough to take her down by the legs. Ripley comes in and ducks a swinging Nikki to kick Tamina in the face. The brawl is on but Natalya comes in. That's fine with Ripley, who puts Nikki on her shoulders to swing into Natalya's face.

Tamina sends Rhea into the steps though and we take a break. Back with Nikki kicking away from a Sharpshooter attempt and handing it back to Rhea for the clotheslines. A bridging northern lights suplex gives Ripley two and Nikki's high crossbody gets the same with Tamina making the save. Natalya blasts Nikki with a discus lariat but Rhea makes the blind tag and hits Riptide for the pin at 9:29. **Rating:** C-. I don't care. The Women's Tag Team Titles are the biggest joke in wrestling as Shotzi and Nox have beaten the champs THREE TIMES NOW but still can't get a freaking title shot. I know WWE can't keep their minds straight for more than two seconds because of the star power of TAMINA, but I'm sorry for not getting excited over another thrown together joke of a team who doesn't see eye to eye but happens to win together getting a title shot. Maybe. One day. When WWE gets around to it. I mean, Natalya and Tamina haven't defended their titles on TV since May 24, so I wouldn't expect it soon.

Earlier today, Karrion Kross was on Moist TV. John Morrison asked what he was going to do next, with Kross saying he was going to make Morrison suffer. Morrison asks about going for various titles or opponents, with Kross saying that all sounds good. He'll do all that, after he hurts Morrison tonight.

Karrion Kross vs. John Morrison

The Doomsday Saito drops Morrison to start but he gets to the ropes before the Krossjacket goes on. Morrison tries the Drip Stick and that does not seem wise. Kross backdrops him over the post for the crash and the Krossjacket knocks Morrison out at 2:00. Total destruction.

Video on Nia Jax.

Nia Jax doesn't care about Charlotte and isn't going to be bashed in the head with a crown this week.

Women's Title: Nia Jax vs. Charlotte

Charlotte is defending and Nia has Shayna Baszler in her corner. The bell rings and Shayna grabs the mic, saying that she's interested in seeing if Jax is going to choke. Charlotte jumps Nia and it turns into quite the scrap as we try to recreate last week. Nia tells her to pull her hair and Charlotte bails while seeming to throw in a crotch chop. Charlotte grabs her title and goes to leave but stops to yell at Shayna.

That's enough for Nia to pull her inside and run Charlotte over. A superplex is countered into a powerbomb out of the corner to give Charlotte two and we take a break. Back with Charlotte hitting(ish) her moonsault to the floor but she has to stop and yell at Shayna. They head inside again where Nia hits a headbutt into a splash in the corner before taking Charlotte up top. Shayna offers another distraction though and Charlotte hits a super Natural Selection to retain at 8:22.

Rating: C-. I'm not sure what to think of this one but it's nice to see Nia and Shayna seemingly being FINALLY ready to split. Charlotte and Nia teased another worked shoot deal here and while it wasn't good, it was on a different planet than last week's all time disaster. Charlotte gets away from Nia for now (in theory) and that's the best thing for everyone involved.

Post match Alexa Bliss pops up on screen to invite Charlotte to come to the Playground. Lillie wants to try on one of the robes! Charlotte says no, with Alexa asking if Charlotte knows what it's like to be stuck with a maniac. Bliss: "Of course you do. You're a Flair.". They'll just bring the Playground to her, so here is Alexa, with Lillie, in the ring. Charlotte asks if Bliss wants a title match and says fine, but this is her playground.

We recap Reggie running away from R-Truth and Akira Tozawa over and over.

24/7 Title: Reggie vs. Akira Tozawa

Tozawa is challenging and Reggie is in street clothes. Reggie kicks him down and hits the running flipping seated senton to retain at 35 seconds.

Post match the usual gang of idiots comes in to go after the title so Reggie flip dives onto them and runs off. Drake

Maverick cuts him off but R-Truth stops Maverick, allowing Reggie to run away again.

We recap Doudrop attacking Eva Marie in their non-match last week.

Doudrop liked beating up Eva last week and wants a rematch next week. The beating will be part of the Doudrop-alution.

Tag Team Turmoil

RKBro is at ringside again. We'll continue with New Day vs. Mansoor/Mustafa Ali as Ali low bridges Kofi to the floor to put New Day in trouble. Woods comes back with a dropkick to Ali's back though and Kofi grabs a superplex (off of Mansoor's back) on Ali to send him outside. Woods' back is too banged up for a fireman's carry so Mansoor wants to give him a break but Ali tags himself in and kicks away. Kofi is right back in for a high crossbody on Ali but going after Mansoor takes too much time. Ali gets in a superkick and goes up top, only to miss the 450. Trouble in Paradise into Woods' top rope elbow finishes Ali at 4:18.

AJ Styles/Omos are in at #7 and we come back after a break with Woods being whipped into the corner to damage his back even more. Omos comes in to stand on Woods' back and send him into the corner again. A running splash from behind crushes Woods again and Styles grabs the chinlock. Woods fights up and sends Styles outside before a double clothesline gives us a double breather. Omos knocks Kofi out of the air though and we take a break. Back with Kofi hitting Trouble in Paradise for two on AJ with Omos making the save. With Woods down, the Styles Clash finishes Kofi at 21:42.

Bobby Lashley and MVP are in at #8 to complete the field and it's Lashley vs. AJ to get going. Lashley kicks him into the corner but AJ is back up with the Phenomenal Blitz into the Pele. Styles might have banged up his ankle though and it's off to Omos to face Lashley. Omos wants the test of strength but has to pull his arms back in so Lashley can reach both hands.

The fans are WAY behind Lashley as he drives Omos into the corner for the shoulders to the ribs. Lashley can't suplex him though and Omos picks him up for a delayed gordbuster. Lashley heads outside and starts yelling at Orton, allowing AJ to dive off of the announcers' table onto both of them. Omos sends Riddle into the barricade and AJ takes out MVP. Back in and the Phenomenal Forearm misses Lashley, who spears AJ down for the pin and the title shot at 27:50 (2:28:27 total).

Rating: C+. That's for both parts of the match as I try to figure out what I thought of the whole thing. It was certainly good with solid action and a nice story with New Day, but at the same time, it wasn't like there were more than three teams with a real shot at winning. You knew it would be AJ/Omos, New Day or Lashley/MVP, and it wasn't going to be New Day as soon as they started. What we got was good and I understand the break in the middle (a match that long is going to tank ratings in a hurry without one), but it was about a third of the show and that's a long time on any one match.

Post match Omos gives Lashley the double chokeslam before leaving. Lashley gets up and it's an RKO to leave Lashley laying to end the show.

Overall Rating: D+. The women killed this show and there is no way around it. You had the worthless Women's Tag Team Titles, the Nia vs. Charlotte match, Bliss vs. Charlotte continuing and Doudrop vs. Eva Marie II being set up with only a two minute Karrion Kross squash to break things up. The wrestling was far from bad but the storytelling is so horrible that it is dragging down everything else.

As for the rest of the show, it ranged from good to quite good, with Sheamus and McIntyre having a hoss fight, Kross continuing his very slow and unlikely road to redemption, Reggie being crazy athletic and a really really really long gauntlet match. I like where some of the show is going and it is far from a disaster, but they need to blow up the women's division and fast, because it is killing so much every week.

<u>Results</u>

Sheamus b. Drew McIntyre – Rollup with trunks Rhea Ripley/Nikki Ash b. Tamina/Natalya – Riptide to Natalya Karrion Kross b. John Morrison – Krossjacket Charlotte b. Nia Jax – Super Natural Selection Reggie b. Akira Tozawa – Running flipping seated senton MVP/Bobby Lashley won Tag Team Turmoil last eliminating AJ Styles/Omos

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The Extended Edition

205 Live

Date: September 3, 2021 Location: Capitol Wrestling Center, Orlando, Florida Commentators: Nigel McGuinness, Vic Joseph

I've all but given up trying to figure out what to expect from this show, but this time around we actually know what is coming. This week's show was taped last week and WWE actually gave us a preview last week. No it doesn't mean anything, but it is kind of nice to have for a change. Let's get to it.

Here are last week's results if you need a recap.

Cora Jade vs. Amari Miller

You don't see women in action very often around here. Jade sits down on a skateboard and rides down to the ring for a unique entrance. Miller grabs a wristlock to start but gets headlocked over as they start technical. Back up and they fight over a test of strength until Miller flips her over with a judo toss. Jade misses a running knee in the corner and gets caught with a Backstabber.

A kick to the face gives Miller two and it's off to an armbar with a knee in the ribs. That's broken up and they trade forearms with Jade getting the better of things to take over. A Gory Stretch spun into a knee to the face sets up a running knee to Miller's face for two. Miller isn't having this though and grabs a cravate so she can drive Jade's face into the knee for the pin at 5:26.

Rating: C-. It was completely fine, but again the important thing here is mixing things up. You can get a lot out of mixing things up like this and it was nice to have something fresh. 205 Live can get so stale so bringing in some of the women (or just unused NXT wrestlers) can mix things up a bit. Both of them worked well enough and I liked it fairly well.

Josh Briggs vs. Joe Gacy

Rematch from a few weeks back where Briggs beat Gacy. They shove each other around to start with neither getting much of an advantage. Gacy drives him into the corner and hammers away but Briggs is right back with an elbow to the face. A side slam into a splash gives Briggs two and we hit the chinlock. Back up and Gacy headbutts his way out of trouble but gets knocked hard outside. Gacy gets tossed back in and this time he runs Briggs over with a shoulder. Some hard clotheslines against the ropes set up a Crossface to put Briggs in real trouble for a change. That's broken up though and Briggs nails a running big boot for two. Back up and Gacy hits the handspring lariat for the fast pin at 8:45.

Rating: C+. This was more like it as you had two hosses beating each other up for a good while. Briggs has been around a few times as of late and it has been nice to see him getting to beat people up. Gacy can do his thing as well and it makes sense to have him even the series. This is likely setting up a rubber match, which should work out well.

Xyon Quinn vs. Andre Chase

I guess this is the extended edition. Quinn recently upset Boa on NXT so he has some momentum. Chase has to spin out of a wristlock to start but gets run over with a big shoulder. The rag dolling is on and Chase's armdrag is blocked with ease. Quinn misses a charge into the corner though and Chase grabs a neckbreaker for two. The chinlock doesn't last long so Chase goes with a Hennig necksnap for two instead. We hit the neck cranking for a bit until Quinn fights up and snaps off a Samoan drop. A torture rack neckbreaker finishes Chase at 4:35.

Rating: C. This wasn't quite a squash but it was never in doubt. Quinn is pretty close to a beast and I could go for seeing more of him in the future. It's a good sign that his win over Boa wasn't treated as just a fluke, so hopefully he gets to do something else. I'm sure Vince will

approve of someone with that kind of a look so we might be seeing him again sooner rather than later.

Overall Rating: C+. This is what I've been wanting to see from 205 Live, as it felt like an NXT showcase rather than just putting a bunch of people out there because they're on the roster. 205 Live has needed to be more like this for a long time as this is a lot more useful than just running two cruiserweight matches. The cruiserweights can be on the show, but there is no need to have it be entirely built around them. This was better, and it gives me some hope. Throw in the 29 minute run time and it's even better.

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Main Event – September 2, 2021: They're Back

<u>Main Event</u>

Date: September 2, 2021 Location: Paycom Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Commentators: Kevin Patrick, Byron Saxton

We're out of the Summerslam fallout week and that means we are

ready to get started on the road towards Extreme Rules. Some of the build began this week on Raw and odds are we'll be seeing a lot more of that this week. As for the Main Event stuff, it's probably time for more of the usual. Let's get to it.

Here are last week's results if you need a recap.

Opening sequence.

Jeff Hardy vs. Cedric Alexander

They trade spinning of their jackets to start until Alexander drives him into the corner and shouts about what Jeff has. A headlock has Hardy in more trouble but he sends Alexander face first into all four buckles. An ax handle sets up a failed Twist of Fate attempt and Alexander heads outside.

Hardy misses a dive and bangs up his knee so Alexander can choke away back inside. Alexander takes him into the corner but Hardy headscissors his way to freedom. They slug it out until Hardy atomic drops him to set up the basement dropkick. The Twist of Fate is countered into a Michinoku Driver for two but now the Twist of Fate can connect. Hardy adds the Swanton for the pin at 6:12.

Rating: C+. Maybes it's due to how lame Main Event matches can be a lot of the time but I had a nice time with this one. They are both veterans who can do some good things in the ring and that is what they did here, with Alexander looking good in defeat. Hardy is still valuable in a few places on the roster, and I would think there is a better spot available for him than this.

We look at Becky Lynch returning at Summerslam to win the Smackdown Women's Title from Bianca Belair in about thirty seconds.

From Smackdown.

Here is Becky Lynch, with a jacket that makes her look like a matador, to say she is back on top. A year and a half ago, she had to give up her Raw Women's Title in a hard moment. It was giving up her identity but she has been working every day since to get back here. Now we get to Summerslam, and the fans don't seem to like that. She knows there have been some people unhappy with her, but she is sorry....FOR ABSOLUTELY NOTHING! The fans like that and Becky talks about how she needs to be prepared around here.

Cue Bianca Belair, who the fans seem to like as well. She isn't about to make excuses because that isn't who she is, but she isn't cool with what happened at Summerslam. Belair issues the challenge for tonight but here is Zelina Vega to interrupt. She thinks it's funny that Belair has fallen this far down and thinks she should get the title shot. Now it's Carmella coming out to say she should face Lynch tonight. She didn't have time to be prepared at Summerslam and didn't even have her nails done.

Cue Liv Morgan (to a rather strong reaction) to ask why Carmella and Zelina should get title shots when they lose over and over. Carmella laughs at her for sitting in catering all the time but Belair isn't having this. Belair: "All three of y'all done lost your d*** minds." She challenges Becky again but gets a "nah, not tonight". Lynch might be a heel, but no one seems to care. The brawl is on between the other four and I think you know where this is going.

<u>Carmella vs. Zelina Vega vs. Bianca Belair vs. Liv Morgan</u>

Joined in progress, elimination rules and the winner gets a future shot at Lynch. Belair shoulders Carmella in the ribs and then gorilla presses Vega, who doesn't seem thrilled with going up. Vega avoids Morgan's charge in the corner and hits a rolling kick to the face, only to get rolled up by Carmella for two. Belair comes back in and KOD's Vega for the pin and the elimination at 3:02. Since Carmella and Morgan are both down on the floor, Belair has to throw Morgan back in, allowing Carmella to get in a cheap shot. That allows Morgan to hit Oblivion for the pin on Carmella at 3:57.

So we're down to Belair vs. Morgan and we take a break. Back with Belair hitting the running shoulder in the corner but Morgan drop toeholds her into the corner. A spinebuster gives Belair two and she counters Oblivion into a delayed suplex....which is countered into a Codebreaker for Morgan's two. The KOD is blocked so Belair drops her onto the turnbuckle. Now the KOD can finish Morgan off at 11:56.

Rating: C+. This was two matches rolled into one as the Carmella and Vega stuff was completely useless but it got a lot better when we got to the one on one part. They needed Morgan in there as beating Vega and Carmella means nothing for Belair, who needed the rebound win after Summerslam. Now they can build towards Extreme Rules and we should be in for a good road there.

We see the big revolving door of interrupts segment from Raw, with multiple matches being set up for later in the night.

From Raw.

Tag Team Titles: RKBro vs. MVP/Bobby Lashley

RKBro is defending and AJ Styles, with Omos behind him, is on commentary. MVP drives Riddle into the corner to start but Riddle is right back with some shots to the face. That's enough to put MVP on the floor, setting up the big springboard Floating Bro as we take a break. We come back with Lashley working Riddle over until a hot tag brings in Orton. The hanging DDT hits Lashley but MVP is still legal and gets in a cheap shot. It's back to Riddle for a knee to Lashley, setting up the Floating Bro for two. Everything breaks down and AJ decks Lashley, only to have to deal with Omos. The distraction lets Riddle hit a jumping knee to MVP, setting up the Floating Bro to retain at 10:49. **Rating:** B-. Now this was more like it with much more of an action packed match. They had a bunch of stuff happening throughout and the ending was the right call. There wasn't much doubt about a possible title change, but at least they got in and did their thing with some time. Not a great match, but it was good enough to get the show out of a bit of trouble.

Post match Lashley goes after Riddle but walks into an RKO to end the show. Orton vs. Lashley could be interesting.

Lucha House Party vs. Mansoor/Mustafa Ali

Ali makes sure Mansoor doesn't spend too much time high fiving fans on the way to the ring. Mansoor and Metalik trade early covers so it's a double tag to bring in Ali and Dorado. A running hurricanrana and dropkick have Ali in trouble but Mansoor gets in the way of the double dives.

We take a break and come back with Dorado being sent over the top and over the announcers' table in a heap. Ali grabs a suplex into a gutbuster for two and tells Mansoor to stomp on him. Dorado shoves Ali off the top though and a high crossbody drops him again. It's back to Metalik to pick up the pace and his splash off of Dorado's shoulders crushes Ali. A rollup with feet on the ropes gives Ali two, though Mansoor breaks up the cover by shoving said feet off of said ropes. The distraction lets Dorado hit the Golden Rewind but Mansoor tags himself in for the slingshot neckbreaker and the pin at 6:23.

Rating: C. I'm curious about where they're going with Ali and Mansoor, as I can't imagine them getting the Tag Team Titles anytime soon, but I'm also not sure I can see them being split up. Either way it is nice to have Ali doing something, even if this is likely leading to a big Mansoor moment in Saudi Arabia. Good enough match here, though it isn't like the tag division has meant anything in forever.

We look at Roman Reigns beating John Cena at Summerslam but

then Brock Lesnar returns to mess everything up.

From Smackdown.

Here is the Bloodline for the big family celebration. Roman Reigns takes his time listening to the fans booing him so Paul Heyman says the people have the chance to acknowledge him. In addition, you may cheer for the Usos as well! Heyman says we have seen enough of John Cena, who was beaten by Roman Reigns at Summerslam. Cue Finn Balor to say that a lot of people are talking about the Universal Title, but he was wanting to challenge for the title himself.

Balor doesn't trust anyone around here though and he isn't waiting around. Instead, he wants his title shot next week on Smackdown. There is no answer but Balor charges at the three of them to start the brawl. Cue the Street Profits to go after the Usos, setting up a bunch of house show matches around the horn. Balor hits the Coup de Grace on Jey as an annoyed Reigns watches from the stage to end the show. The challenge didn't get an answer.

Overall Rating: C. That was quite the Main Event and I'm not sure what else I should have expected. They are firmly back into their formula around here and that is rather depressing. Main Event can be better, but this isn't exactly something that makes me care about what is going on in WWE. Even the highlight packages aren't all that great, but that has been the case for a long time now. Watchable show as usual, as long as you don't want to be overly entertained.

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Impact Wrestling – September 2, 2021: That's Not The New Norm

Impact Wrestling

Date: September 2, 2021 Location: Skyway Studios, Nashville, Tennessee Commentators: D'Lo Brown, Matt Striker

We're still on the road to Victory Road and that means more of Ace Austin, which is not a bad thing. Tonight we have Tommy Dreamer vs. Austin with Dreamer possibly being added to the World Title match if he wins. That's the kind of threat that Impact might actually follow up on, which doesn't give me much hope. Let's get to it.

<u>Here are last week's results if you need a recap.</u>

In Memory of Daffney. That was a really hard one.

Opening recap.

Opening sequence.

<u>Madison Rayne/Kaleb With A K/Tenille Dashwood vs. Taylor</u> <u>Wilde/Rachael Ellering/Jordynne Grace</u>

Ellering and Kaleb With A K start things off with Rachael wrestling him into the corner without much effort. A release

gutwrench suplex drops Kaleb With A K for two and it's Grace coming in for some standing clotheslines. Rayne gets in a cheap shot though and Dashwood gets to come in and take over. Grace powers out of a chinlock by slamming Rayne backwards but Kaleb With A K cuts off a tag.

A kick to the face cuts that off without much effort though and Wilde comes in to clean house. Wilde's tornado DDT gets two on Kaleb With A K with Dashwood having to make a save. Back up and Rayne has to grab Kaleb With A K's hands to block a German suplex, only to have Ellering break it up, meaning the German suplex can give Wilde the pin at 5:04.

Rating: C. This is a good example of how to do intergender wrestling, as Kaleb With A K was a perfect fit to take this kind of a beating. It can be put together well without going too far into being ridiculous and that's what they pulled off here. That is quite the trick, so well done on making it work.

We look at Deonna Purrazzo retaining the Knockouts Title at NWA Empowerrr and then attacking Mickie James at the 73rd Anniversary Show.

Deonna Purrazzo and Matthew Rehwoldt don't care for Mickie James or Trey Miguel.

Tommy Dreamer talks about the time he took the ECW World Title from Christian Cage, though Cage pops up to say Dreamer didn't pin him in that match. That's true, but Dreamer just wants one chance to be the face of Impact Wrestling. He asks Cage to not get involved tonight because he wants to do it himself. Sure.

Here's what's coming tonight.

Black Taurus/Crazzy Steve vs. No Way/Fallah Bahh

The rest of Decay is here, as is No Way's Conga Line. Actually hold on as part of the Conga Line attacked Rosemary, because it's Tasha Steelz in disguise. We come back from a break for the opening bell, with Steve slugging away at Bahh in vain. Bahh throws him down with ease and it's off to No Way vs. Taurus. A Sling Blade drops No Way and a hard right hand has him in more trouble.

No Way gets in a quick tag to Bahh and sunset flips Taurus, who gets crushed by Bahh's splash. A belly to belly lets No Way come back in for two and Bahh hits the running hip attack in the corner. Bahh drops No Way down into a legdrop for two on Taurus but a double clothesline gives him a breather. The hot tag brings in Steve to slug away as everything breaks down. Steve bites Bahh in the head and a middle rope DDT is good for the pin at 6:45.

Rating: C-. Totally run of the mill tag match here and that's about all there is to say. No Way was playing things a bit more heelish here, which is kind of weird when you have him doing the dancing deal before the match. It might be nice to see him doing something else, because right now he's the same guy he was in WWE but with a different company name at the top of his contract.

Flashback Moment of the Week: Christian Cage b. Sting at Final Resolution 2007.

W. Morrissey doesn't like Sami Callihan for saving Eddie Edwards. He does have a bit of respect for the two of them for hating each other....and here is Moose to interrupt. Moose agrees with everything Morrissey has said since he got here. Neither of them like Sami Callihan, but Moose is looking for an alliance instead of a friend. Glaring ensues.

Steve Maclin is very intense and wants Petey Williams next week.

Here is Moose for a chat. He doesn't like that everyone, like Eddie Edwards, wants to be a hero. They have a long history together, but Moose is a different guy now. So get out here so Moose can teach him that the hero doesn't always save the day. Cue Eddie so the brawl can be on. W. Morrissey runs in for the beatdown and a double powerbomb leaves Eddie laying. No Sami Callihan for the save, as per Eddie's request.

No Way and Fallah Bahh didn't know anything about Tasha Steelz attacking Decay. TJP comes in to reform the team with Fallah Bahh and is cool with No Way too. They'll head to Swinger's Palace next week.

Eric Young is ready to cure Rhino and chains him up in a prison.

X-Division Title: Josh Alexander vs. Jake Crist

The returning Crist is challenging after Alexander wanted to fight any former X-Division Champion. Alexander drives him into the ropes to start and catches a charging Crist in a powerslam. Crist sends him to the apron so Alexander goes up top, only to be pulled back down for a neckbreaker. The front facelock goes on for a bit and Jake plants him down again. Crist grabs the front facelock again but this time Alexander strikes his way to freedom in a hurry. Alexander rolls some German suplexes to knock Crist silly and Divine Intervention retains the title at 5:36.

Rating: C. Not much to see here, other than Alexander ending Crist with those suplexes. This was little more than a workout for Alexander, who is going to need someone special to take the title from him. That's kind of a problem, but I'm curious to see where they go with the whole thing.

Post match Alexander is asked why he put the title on the line. That's because he has to so he is challenging people for the title. Cue Chris Sabin to say he is a big Alexander fan but Alexander is a one time champion, compared to Sabin's eight title reigns. The challenge is on for Victory Road and Alexander is down for that. Makes as much sense as anything else right now. Sam Beale is offering Brian Myers' offer to find a new wingman and we see some applications. One of them looks like David Arquette.

The applicants are here and Brian Myers isn't impressed. He makes a few random cuts, including one who likes Mojo Rawley. We get down to two, with one of them being Zicky Dice of minor NWA fame. The two of them (Dice and Manny Lemons) will be back next week.

Rohit Raju/Shera vs. Matt Cardona/Chelsea Green

Raju and Cardona start things off but it's quickly off to Shera to run Cardona over instead. The big elbow crushes Cardona and it's back to Raju, who is quickly slammed down. Green comes in to work on Raju's arm before kicking some nonexistent dirt into his face. A headscissors sets up a slap to Raju, who brings in Shera. That's fine with Green as she slaps Shera into Radio Silence from Cardona. Raju posts Cardona though and a jumping knee finishes Green at 3:33.

Rating: C-. Just a quick match here but you're only going to be able to get so much out of Green working on the arm and slapping the heels in the face. This feud has been going on for a little while now and it isn't all that interesting, but at least they are doing a few things to keep it fresh. Now just find a way to keep it from being so dull and we might get somewhere.

Su Yung and Kimber Lee have turned Brandi Lauren into one of them. Maniacal laughter ensues but Yung doesn't seem pleased.

Here are the Good Brothers for a chat because we can't escape them for a week. Karl Anderson tells the fans to sit down and shut their fat mouths. He knows the fans feel like they are seeing some rock stars but be quiet for a bit. They aren't happy with Rich Swann and Willie Mack stealing a pin on them last week but Mack got powerbombed through a table for what he did. Mack is in traction right now so now his name is Willie Lack The Ability To Walk. Cue Rich Swann with a chair but referees are out there in a hurry to break it up.

Post break, Rich Swann has to be held back again so Scott D'Amore gives Swann a Bunkhouse Brawl with Karl Anderson next week.

Here's what's coming next week.

Ace Austin vs. Tommy Dreamer

If Dreamer wins, he's in the World Title match at Victory Road and Madman Fulton is here with Austin. Dreamer is wrestling in a Dusty Rhodes mask because reasons. Austin takes him down for a kick to the back to start so the mask comes off to make things serious. A Cactus Clothesline puts them on the floor and Dreamer posts him hard. Fulton saves Austin from going into the barricade though and Austin kicks Dreamer in the face.

Back in and a powerbomb gives Austin two but Dreamer crotches him on top. A neckbreaker out of the corner gives Dreamer a breather and the slugout is on. Dreamer hammers away in the corner and bites Austin's head, setting up a powerslam for two. An enziguri drops Austin again but he's right back up with a springboard Fameasser for the same. Back up and Austin charges into a cutter but Fulton breaks up the cover. Dreamer posts Fulton but gets caught with the Fold for the pin at 7:44.

Rating: C. It probably isn't a good sign when I have a sigh of relief that the good guy loses. This was your usual Dreamer match, as he doesn't do much outside of his hits. Dreamer is fine enough in the ring and can do his usual stuff, but it is a good idea to keep him limited. Now if they can keep him limited from talking too, we should be in better shape.

Overall Rating: C-. Pretty run of the mill show here without much of anything standing out. They did a nice enough job of

building Victory Road, but there was nothing that really grabbed me. What makes me a little more hopeful though is the fact that this feels like a one off instead of a new normal. Impact has actually built up some good will in recent months and that is rather nice to see.

<u>Results</u> Jordynne Grace/Rachael Ellering/Taylor Wilde b. Kaleb With A K/Tenille Dashwood/Madison Rayne – German suplex to Kaleb With A K Black Taurus/Crazzy Steve b. No Way/Fallah Bahh – Middle rope DDT to Bahh Josh Alexander b. Jake Crist – Divine Intervention Rohit Raju/Shera b. Matt Cardona/Chelsea Green – Jumping knee to Green Ace Austin b. Tommy Dreamer – Fold

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Ring Of Honor TV – September 1, 2021: They're Doing It Again (Bad Version)

<u>Ring of Honor</u>

Date: September 1, 2021 Location: UMBC Event Center, Baltimore, Maryland Commentators: Ian Riccaboni, Lenny Leonard

The rather long road to Death Before Dishonor continues and that means we are going to be seeing more of the Women's Title tournament. The level of interest took a bit of a hit last week as Quinn McKay was eliminated, so I'm not sure what to expect going forward. We have some more things to cover on the way though and maybe that can pick up some of the slack. Let's get to it.

Here are last week's results if you need a recap.

Opening sequence.

Ian Riccaboni welcomes us to the show and runs down the card, featuring the other two quarterfinals matches.

Angelina Love talks about how great she is and how she deserved her first round bye. Why shouldn't she be the Women's Champion?

<u>Women's Title Tournament Quarterfinals: Angelina Love vs. Max</u> <u>The Impaler</u>

Amy Rose is in Max's corner. Before the match, Rose warns Angelina that this is going to hurt. Love goes after Max and gets scared by the glare she sees looking back at her. They head outside with Love being sent into the barricade as we take a break. Back with Love mostly destroyed on the floor but Max chops the post by mistake. Love gets back in and hits a running elbow so Max just looks at her. A torture rack has Max in more trouble and a toss sends her throat first across the top. Love bails to the floor again and gets posted, setting up a choke over the ropes. Max doesn't let go though and that's a DQ at 5:53. Rose doesn't seem to mind.

Rating: D+. This tournament continues to be weird and not in the best way. This was a complete squash with Love getting destroyed until Max went too far in the end. I'm assuming someone beats Love in the finals and then gets wrecked by Max later, but this hasn't exactly been the most thrilling stuff so far.

Love is dropped on her arm and the shoulder seems banged up.

<u>Women's Title Tournament Quarterfinals: Allysin Kay vs. Trish</u> <u>Adora</u>

Both of them say they'll win. They go with the aggressive grappling to start with Adora taking her down into a headscissors. That's reversed into a front facelock but Adora spins up, only to get caught in a wristlock. Kay tries an armbar on the mat and we take a break. Back with Kay kicking at the leg to put Adora in more trouble and dumping her over the top. They head back in and Kay kicks her into the corner, setting up the chinlock.

That's broken up in a hurry and Adora hits a running crossbody, setting up a backbreaker for two. A DDT gives Adora the same and it's time to go after Kay's arm. Kay tries a Kimura but switches into a rear naked choke to keep Adora in trouble. The rope is grabbed so Kay kicks her in the head for two. Neither can hit their lariat so Kay elbows her in the head over and over. Back up and another lariat misses, allowing Adora to hit Lariat Tubman for the pin at 13:50.

Rating: C+. Technically solid and the ending sequence got better, but I'm still having issues caring about most of the

women in the tournament. Adora has a unique look and charisma, but it's not like most of the field has any kind of character. They have showed up, cut some very short promos, and are most of the way towards a title. That has been the problem with the women's division around here for years and it is the case all over again.

Here are the updated brackets:

Rok-C Angelina Love

Trish Adora Miranda Alize

Death Before Dishonor rundown.

TV Title: Dragon Lee vs. Eli Isom

Isom is challenging and talks about how he promised his father that he would win the TV Title. Lee knows Isom is good but he isn't taking the title. Dalton Castle is on commentary but stops to answer a phone call. They fight over a lockup to start and Lee rolls away, setting up the Tranquilo pose. We take a break and come back with Isom grabbing a headlock but getting caught in a quick hurricanrana to the floor.

Back in and Lee slams him down to set up a chinlock, followed by a half crab with a boot on Isom's neck. That doesn't last long and Isom is right back with a quick armdrag to the floor. Isom nails his own big dive and a high crossbody gets two back inside. They slug it out and get a little more heated until Lee scores with a dropkick. A slingshot dropkick in the corner rocks Isom again and we take a break. Back with Isom winning a slugout this time but getting caught with a poisonrana.

A snap German suplex doesn't do much to Isom so they hit each other again for a double knockdown. Back up and Isom snaps off a tilt-a-whirl backbreaker for two more. The Promise is broken up and Lee drapes him over the top, setting up a top rope knee to the back. Lee hits another knee to the back of the head for two (Castle: "THE DRAMA!"). Isom is right back up with the Promise for a VERY near fall but Lee knees him in the face again. There's another knee to the face, followed by another knee to the face to retain Lee's title at 12:25.

Rating: B. Isom is an underrated gem these days and he can do no wrong at this point. Throw in Lee as one of the better performers in all of Ring of Honor today and you have the makings for an awesome match. That Promise was one of the hottest near falls you could have asked for and it was an awesome match as a result for a heck of a TV main event.

Lee offers some rare respect to end the show.

Overall Rating: C+. This tournament continues to hit some bumps, mainly due to the lack of top stars involved. The women's division has been a major problem for a long time and they seem to be doing the same thing all over again. Now granted the main event bailed out the rest of the show (as much as it needed to be bailed out that is) and it was another perfectly watchable week of wrestling.

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