

# Dynamite – May 28, 2021: They Got One Thing Right

## Dynamite

Date: May 28, 2021

Location: Daily's Place, Jacksonville, Florida

Commentators: Excalibur, Jim Ross, Tony Schiavone

We have a special Friday show this week due to the NBA Playoffs, which is some bad timing as this is also the go home show for Double Or Nothing. That means it is time for the final push towards the show, with the celebration of the Inner Circle, plus the weigh-in for Anthony Ogogo vs. Cody Rhodes. Let's get to it.

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

Opening sequence.

The arena is structured differently, with the ramp at the upper right hand corner of the ring instead of opposite the hard camera.

## Darby Allin vs. Cezar Bononi

Allin has Sting with him and has badly banged up ribs. Bononi starts fast by sending Allin into the corner and working on the ribs, because he's smart enough to figure out what a lot of tape means. Some hiptosses into the corner have Allin in more trouble but he comes back with a sleeper to slow Bononi down. Allin takes him into the corner for the flipping Stunner and the Coffin Drop finishes Bononi at 4:20.

**Rating:** C. Bononi wrestled a smart match here and that's the way this should have gone. Allin fighting through an injury and beating a big man fits him perfectly and that is what they should have done in this one. They know exactly how to book

Allin and it worked again here, so well done on a quick opener.

Post match Allin and Sting want Ethan Page and Scorpio Sky but the two of them come out to say not without the big payday. Page and Sky leave but Bononi and his goons jump Sting and Allin from behind. Page and Sky come in and load up a chair on Sting's leg, meaning it's the Dark Order running in for the save. I'm not sure how, but they had about 15 people involved in the first ten minutes of the show.

Here is Paul Wight to host the weigh-in for Anthony Ogogo and Cody Rhodes. Wight brings out Ogogo, with the Factory coming out with him. After QT Marshall gets in some insults about the Jacksonville Jaguars, Wight threatens violence for being looked at the wrong way. Now it's Cody Rhodes, with about 25 people (because they all need to be there), coming out as well and he weighs in at 218lbs (which took Wight forever to figure out).

As a bunch of fireworks (not from AEW) go off outside the building, Ogogo gets on the scale and weighs 219lbs. Marshall says that means Ogogo will win but the fans aren't convinced. Everyone leaves and Cody thanks Wight for hosting. Shirts are thrown to the crowd. This was long and having that many people involved just made it look silly.

Video on Stadium Stampede from last year. It may not have been for everyone, but it was about as unique as you can get.

Powerhouse Hobbs and Christian have a fight in the back until referees break it up.

### Hangman Page vs. Joey Janela

Janela has Sonny Kiss with him and Page couldn't find the tunnel. Page chops away to start and snaps off a suplex for two. They head outside with Page hitting a fall away slam for two but Janela sends him into the corner as we take a break.

Back with Page hitting a springboard clothesline to put Janela down on the floor.

They head back in where the Buckshot lariat is broken up, so Page goes with a spinebuster for two. Janela sends him hard into the corner though and the top rope elbow gets two more. A forearm rocks Janela though and a pop up powerbomb puts him down again. Page, with his head busted open, hits the Buckshot Lariat for the pin at 9:52.

**Rating:** C-. Janela continues to drag people down to his level as he just isn't very good. I know he's a big deal on the independent scene but that is a far cry from live on national television. The good thing is that Page showed a bit more fire here, which hasn't been present in recent months. If he is supposed to be the big threat to Omega, he needs to do more of this than of everything else.

Post match Taz calls out Page, so here is Brian Cage to jump him. Before that can happen, Page says he's expecting the team to go after him but no one moves. Page calls out Cage for not doing anything, so he wants Cage to face him one on one at Double Or Nothing, assuming something hasn't shrunk too badly. That's too far for Cage, who says they're on for Sunday.

Jon Moxley and Eddie Kingston are burying the Young Bucks' shoes...and we go to a commercial mid-sentence.

Post break, we get the full segment, with Moxley talking about how he would go to war with Kingston. He loves championships and the AEW Tag Team Titles are the most important in the business. They're ready for war on Sunday, with Kingston suggesting that Moxley could become an Executive Vice President. Moxley: "Nah."

Tony Schiavone calls out Orange Cassidy for a chat but gets Pac instead. Pac promises to win the title on Sunday because all of Kenny Omega's dodging is pathetic. Don Callis pops up on screen to mock Pac so here's Omega for the cheap shot. Pac

is ready for him and takes him out but the Good Brothers run in for the save.

The Lucha Bros make the save, leaving Omega and Pac alone. Omega loads up the One Winged Angel but here are Cassidy and the Good Brothers. Cassidy hands Omega an envelope, which contains the shredded contract that Omega offered him to get out of the match. The Orange Punch lays Omega out so Pac goes after Cassidy, only to get taken out as well.

Jade Cargill is interrupted by Matt Hardy, who offers his managerial services again. Mark Sterling comes in and apparently has signed her up, sending Matt into a fit.

### Jade Cargill vs. Kilynn King

Mark Sterling is here with King. They go to a test of strength to start and it's off to a rather early break. Back with King being sent hard over the top to the floor, where Sterling offers his card. Back in and Jaded finishes King at 5:28. Not enough shown to rate, but they really needed a break in a five minute match?

Lance Archer cuts off Jake Roberts to say he's ready for Miro.

### TNT Title: Miro vs. Dante Martin

Miro is defending and doesn't look too worried. Martin is sent into the corner and gets kicked in the back, with the fans wanting to see it one more time. Miro stops to listen and then blows the fans off, with Martin snapping off a jawbreaker. A springboard dropkick gives Martin two but Miro knocks him to the apron. The jumping superkick and Game Over retain the title at 3:05.

**Rating:** C-. Now this is more of the Miro that we should have been seeing for a long time. There is no worthless pairing with Kip Sabian and no "this is who I really am" jazz. It's Miro beating people up like the monster he can be and it is

miles better. This was a nearly complete squash and that is how you heat Miro up before a monster fight on pay per view.

Post match here is Jake Roberts to mock Bulgarian before sending Lance Archer out for the fight. Archer boots Miro to the floor as referees break things up.

Here is Hikaru Shida for a celebration of her Women's Title reign. Tony Schiavone presents her with a new (and bigger) belt, which he takes a long time to put on. Cue Britt Baker to talk about how she's taking the title on Sunday. She came after an era dominated by 3:16, but this era is going to be dominated by the DMD.

### Scorpio Sky/Ethan Page vs. Dark Order

Evil Uno starts in on Sky's arm so it's off to Page, who gets taken down in a hurry. Grayson sends him to the apron for a slingshot Swanton but Sky gets in a shot of his own as we take a break. Back with Sky's TKO being countered into a release Rock Bottom, setting up the hot tag off to Uno. Everything breaks down and the stereo Cannonball/450 gets rid of Sky and gets two on Page. Back up and Grayson gets caught in a heel hook, with Page adding the Ego's Edge to Uno for the pin at 8:35.

**Rating:** C. Another short match thanks to the break but this is what Sky and Page have been needing. They haven't done much on Dynamite in actual matches and need a boost before going into a big match against Sting and Allin. Beating the Dark Order might not have been the big game changer, but it's a lot better than what they had been doing.

Post match Sky and Page call out Sting and Allin, so here is Allin with...about six Stings. The brawl is on with the real Sting cleaning house.

Here is Eric Bischoff to emcee the celebration of the Inner Circle. Bischoff mentions that Scott Hall debuted on Nitro

twenty five years ago yesterday on this network. That was the start of one of the greatest factions of all time and this might be another one of them. The Inner Circle comes out and, after a long time of the fans singing Jericho's song, Jericho thanks Bischoff for everything he has done over the years.

We see a long package on the history of the Inner Circle and Ortiz says they have done some cool s\*\*\*. They're glad to be back and if this Sunday is their last dance, he wouldn't want it to be with anyone else. Jake Hager says that was beautiful and he has always believed that it is about the journey instead of the destination. Show him the hard times when his brothers were there with him. Sammy Guevara talks about being in the greatest faction of all time and how it has all been worth it.

Finally, Chris Jericho says if they go down, it is going to be in a blaze of glory and he loves all of them. The big hug is on but the Pinnacle pops up on screen. They are in the stadium and have Dean Malenko down next to the goal post. The Inner Circle runs in for the save but get beaten down, including a quintuple piledriver, with Santana and Ortiz being drive off a balcony and through a pair of tables. The Pinnacle poses to end the show. I'll be stunned if the Inner Circle wins, but it has been a heck of a ride and that was a very nice video on the team.

**Overall Rating:** B-. This was a good example of s show that wasn't about the wrestling. Tonight was ALL about setting up the pay per view and what we got worked very well. They made me want to see Double Or Nothing a lot more than I did coming into the show and that is why you have a night like this one. There were some issues (the weigh-in segment was pretty ridiculous) and there was no must see match, but that wasn't the point tonight. It was a strong go home show and that's what it needed to be.

Results

Darby Allin b. Cesar Bononi – Coffin Drop  
Hangman Page b. Joey Janela – Buckshot Lariat  
Jade Cargill b. Kilynn King – Jaded  
Miro b. Dante Martin – Game Over  
Scorpio Sky/Ethan Page b. Dark Order – Ego's Edge to Uno

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# Smackdown – May 28, 2021: He's The Head For A Reason

## **Smackdown**

Date: May 28, 2021

Location: Yuengling Center, Tampa, Florida

Commentators: Michael Cole, Pat McAfee

It's a tag team show this week as the Usos are reuniting to face the Street Profits, marking their first match as a team in about fifteen months. Other than that, the Mysterios are defending the Tag Team Titles against Dolph Ziggler and Robert Roode because this feud must continue due to reasons. Let's

get to it.

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The Usos are ready for their first match back but here is Roman Reigns to interrupt. Reigns wants to know their endgame, with Jimmy saying the goal is to win. They want the Tag Team Titles next to Reigns' Universal Title so they'll have all the gold. Reigns is behind them and says good luck. Jimmy leaves and Jey looks worried, so Reigns asks if Jimmy is doing the talking for Jey now. Jey says he's with Jimmy tonight but he's with Reigns too. Reigns says he should go tell Jimmy, so Jey leaves too. You can feel the manipulation here.

### Street Profits vs. Usos

Before the match, the Profits talk about how they had some fun with the Usos last week but now it's time to get a little more serious. They were flattered by the challenge but they have been down since day one too. The Profits remember everything the Usos have been doing over the years, but these are some different Usos tonight. They haven't been together in a long time and now Roman Reigns is living rent free in Jey's head. Cue the Usos and we're ready to go.

Well hold on actually as the Usos brag about their accomplishments and say a win here means they're a step closer to getting the titles back. Angelo Dawkins doesn't like the idea of being a stepping stone so they make a bunch of Mario references before we go to a break before the match.

Dawkins runs Jimmy over to start and it's off to Ford, who wants to face Jey. That takes a little time to get going, so it's a delay before Ford can armdrag him into an armbar. A double suplex lets Dawkins grab his own armbar but it's off to Jimmy in a hurry. Jimmy hits a jumping forearm in the corner to take over and there's a headbutt to keep Dawkins in trouble. Commentary can't quite get Jey's timeline with Reigns right (as the two of them have apparently been together for a

year despite Reigns only being back about nine months) as Dawkins gets driven into the corner.

Jimmy comes back in and gets armdragged down, allowing the tag off to Ford. A double clothesline puts the Usos on the floor and Jey is sent into the timekeeper's area. Jimmy goes over the announcers' table and we take a break. Back with Ford ax handling Jimmy's arm but Jey makes a blind tag and pulls Ford tot he floor. That means a toss into the barricade and the chinlock back inside as we see Roman Reigns watching in the back. A snap suplex gives Jimmy two and it's back to Jey for a wishbone.

Ford manages a step up enziguri to send Jey outside so it's Jimmy grabbing the legs. That's fine with Ford, who nips up and hits a jumping enziguri to drop Jimmy as well. The diving tag...misses as Jey pulls Dawkins to the floor. Jimmy hits the Samoan drop and we take another break. Back again with Jey's superplex being broken up and Ford hitting another enziguri. They clothesline each other though and that's a double knockdown. Dawkins and Jimmy both come in with Dawkins sending him right back to the apron.

This time it's Jimmy hitting an enziguri of his own but a right hand knocks him onto the top. Ford hits a heck of a running flip dive to drop Jey, leaving Jimmy to superkick Dawkins for two. The running Umaga attack is blocked and Dawkins' double underhook swinging neckbreaker gets two, leaving him stunned. The spinebuster sets up the Cash Out but Jey pulls Jimmy out of the way. A low superkick finishes Ford at 21:46.

**Rating:** B+. This took some time to get going and they went a little enziguri happy but it was a heck of a match with the near falls and dives looking good in the end. The Usos are all but destined to get the titles back (or at least challenge for them) and I can certainly go for more of them. Either way, this was an awesome match from two great teams who got a lot

of time. Check this out if you get the chance.

Robert Roode and Dolph Ziggler blame their loss on Rey Mysterio going nuts to protect his son at Backlash. Tonight is going to be different because they are a couple of aces.

### Natalya/Tamina vs. Riott Squad

Joined in progress with Morgan coming in to...mess up a wheelbarrow toss to send Riott into the corner. Riott sends Natalya face first into the buckle for two and the chinlock goes on, as we see Tamina down on the floor thanks to an attack before the bell. Natalya can't get a double Sharpshooter but Tamina is back up to break up a cover. The hot tag brings in Tamina, who gets forearmed by Riott. That's broken up with a shove to send Riott throat first into the bottom rope. Morgan hits a Codebreaker on Natalya on the floor as Riott gets shoved off the top to set up the Superfly Splash for the pin at 3:57.

**Rating:** D. This was a total mess with spots missing, Tamina being gone for a good chunk of the match and the Codebreaker on the floor just being a detail at the finish. I'm still so glad to see the Riott Squad being fed to Natalya and Tamina, the latest thrown together team, making me wonder what the point is in having regular teams in the first place outside of being cannon fodder.

The Usos come in to see Adan Pearce and get a Tag Team Title shot next week against the winners of tonight's title match. Jimmy is pleased but Jey looks very unsure.

### Bianca Belair vs. Carmella

Non-title. In the back, Carmella says she has this and mocks Kayla Braxton's dress. She says Bianca won at Wrestlemania in a bit of a shady way but Carmella has won a lot of things over the years. Tonight, it's time to end Belair's happily ever after. Hold on again as here is Bayley to join commentary. We

get going with Belair driving her into the corner for some shouldered down. There's a flying headscissors to put Belair on the floor so Carmella follows, only to get shouldered down.

Bayley keeps talking about Belair's hair as Carmella is pressed back inside. Carmella gets in a cheap shot to set up an X Factor onto the apron for two. Some elbows in the corner keep Belair in trouble and we hit the chinlock. That's broken up in a hurry with a backbreaker, followed by a handspring moonsault for two. Bayley rants about Belair's hair again as a missed charge lets Carmella hit a superkick for two more. The Code of Silence can't go on so "Belanca" according to Cole (Bayley: "BELANCA??? YOU STUPID IDIOT!") hits the KOD for the pin at 5:41.

**Rating:** C-. Bayley was the absolute highlight here as she was firing off one great line after another as we seem to continue the build towards a hair vs. hair match. Belair is an athletic machine but she still needs a lot more polishing in the ring as there were a lot of sloppy sections in here. Carmella is a good choice for an opponent here as she has enough of a resume to matter, but this was all about Bayley.

Post match Belair poses with the title and Bayley laughs hysterically (Bayley: "LAUGH WITH ME!")

The Mysterios promise to win tonight.

Here is a ticked off Seth Rollins to call out Cesaro for a fight right now. There is no Cesaro but Rollins isn't going to let that ruin his birthday. We see a clip of Rollins attacking Cesaro last week to make his already banged up arm even worse, including when Cesaro was on a stretcher. Back in the arena, Rollins has exclusive audio from Cesaro's hospital room (oh boy) and it's....I believe some kind of bodily function.

Rollins cracks up but then gets serious to talk about how unfortunate last week was. It was a scary situation and some

of the blame has to be placed on the people at home. The fans are the people who made Cesaro believe he could disrespect Rollins, whose hands are clean. Rollins sings himself Happy Birthday to wrap this up.

### Kevin Owens vs. Apollo Crews

Non-title and Commander Azeez is here with Crews. Owens sends him into the corner in a hurry and hits the Cannonball into a Swanton for a fast two. A superkick looks to set up the Pop Up Powerbomb but he has to settle for the Stunner instead. Azeez nails Owens for the DQ at 1:14. Were they running long and had to keep this short here?

Commentary makes it clear that Crews is still champion, mainly due to it being non-title. Owens can't breathe after the Nigerian Nail so referees and agents come down to confirm that he in fact cannot breathe.

Jey Uso comes in to see Reigns, who isn't happy about the title match. Reigns isn't pleased as Jimmy is back and the Usos are relegated to the opening match. He doesn't want Jey to go back to being "which one is he". Jey seems to like this line of thinking.

Here is Rick Boogs to play play Shinsuke Nakamura to the ring again and McAfee is REALLY happy.

### Shinsuke Nakamura vs. Chad Gable

Otis is here with Gable and jumps Nakamura to start, only to have Nakamura kick Gable down. Cue King Corbin to take his crown back as Nakamura can't hit Kinshasa. Instead it's a rollup for two and then Kinshasa can connect for the pin at 1:57.

Post match Corbin leaves with the crown but Boogs guitars him in the back and Nakamura gets the crown again.

Kevin Owens can barely talk but manages to tell Adam Pearce

that he wants his title shot against Apollo Crews next week. The match is on, with Commander Azeez banned from ringside.

Rey Mysterio is praying before the match.

Post break and Rey has been attacked. You know the real money in wrestling seems to be in being a backstage security guard.

Tag Team Titles: Rey Mysterio/Dominik Mysterio vs. Dolph Ziggler/Robert Roode

Ziggler and Roode are challenging and insist that they had nothing to do with Rey being attacked (which makes sense as they were in the ring when we came back from a break). That should mean a forfeit, but Dominik says he's going to step up like his dad did at Backlash. Ziggler: "THIS IS CHILD ABUSE!" So Dominik goes it alone and is taken down in a hurry to start.

Roode takes him into the corner to hammer away and Ziggler kicks Dominik down as well. A neckbreaker gives Ziggler two but Dominik manages to dropkick him to the floor. The slingshot dive drops both challengers but Roode breaks up the 619. With Roode knocked down, the 619 misses and Ziggler hits a Fameasser for two. A powerbomb/neckbreaker combination gets two but here is Rey, with the distraction allowing Dominik to roll Roode up for the pin at 6:59.

**Rating:** C-. As exciting as it was to see Dominik win in a handicap match, I'm rather looking forward to the Usos taking the titles so we can move on from the father/son thing. It hasn't been very interesting and seeing the champs against any combination of Roode/Ziggler has not exactly made me want to see more of them. Not a terrible match but move on from this stuff already.

Post match here are the Usos for the staredown. Roman Reigns is not happy in the back to end the show.

**Overall Rating:** C+. The opening match more than carried this whole thing but that and the Reigns stuff was all that really worked on this show. That story is absolutely carrying Smackdown at the moment and I don't see that changing anytime soon. Feuds over a crown and Dominik and Rey being father and son champions aren't quite gathering my attention. Good show though, as the time continues to fly by.

## Results

Usos b. Street Profits – Superkick to Ford

Tamina/Natalya b. Riott Squad – Superfly Splash to Riott

Bianca Belair b. Carmella – KOD

Kevin Owens b. Apollo Crews via DQ when Commander Azeez interfered

Dominik Mysterio/Rey Mysterio b. Dolph Ziggler/Robert Roode – Rollup to Roode

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# Ring Of Honor TV – May 26, 2021: It Worked For NXT

## Ring of Honor

Date: May 26, 2021

Location: UMBC Events Center, Baltimore, Maryland

Commentators: Ian Riccaboni, Caprice Coleman

Last week's show felt a bit more unique with a nice mixture of stuff so hopefully they can keep it up here. I'm never sure what to expect from this show, but they have been surprising me enough lately. The match quality has been better as well so maybe they can keep that up too. Let's get to it.

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Opening sequence.

Quinn McKay is back, thanking everyone for her support and promising to have another match. We get the card run down as well and we're ready to go.

Matt Taven has been attacked and his ankle is hurt again. The Tag Team Title match tonight might be a little bit in trouble.

### Fred Yehi vs. Rocky Romero

Pure Rules and the World Famous CB is on commentary. During the entrances, Yehi wonders if he is pure or anti-pure, while Rocky is ready for Yehi. They go slow to start with some grappling on their feet, followed by a bit more on the mat. Yehi takes him down and cranks on the neck, which is enough to send Romero bailing to the corner and us to a break. Back with Romero hitting a shoulder block and grabbing a headlock as the first gear continues.

Yehi gets a headscissors on the mat but Romero reverses into a headlock, which actually sends Yehi to the ropes for his first break. A slugout goes to Yehi, who steps on Romero's hand to slow him down. A lifting wristlock keeps Romero's arm in trouble and it's time for more cranking. We take another break and come back again with Romero having to throw his way out of a sleeper. Yehi doesn't seem to mind and hooks a fisherman's suplex for two. Romero pulls him into a cross armbreaker, meaning it's time for the second rope break.

A t-bone suplex sends Romero down to set up the Koji Clutch, meaning Romero needs his first break. We have less than two minutes to go as Romero snaps the arm over the top rope. A dropkick to the back gets two but Romero still can't get the cross armbreaker with a minute left. Yehi gets the legs tied up and pounds on the ribs, followed by a sliding kick to the head. The Koji Clutch makes Romero tap at 14:44.

**Rating:** C+. This was a pretty good technical exchange but there is something about Romero's style that keeps me from getting into his matches. There are times where he's rather good but this felt like one of those same matches which have never held my interest. It was not bad in any way, but it feels like a performance instead of a match and that keeps it

at a certain level.

Matt Taven's ankle is screwed up but he isn't letting a title shot pass by.

Here is Flip Gordon to say he is sick of waiting because he wants his World Title shot (which he has earned) at Rush. Instead he gets EC3, who comes to the ring, says Gordon has been warned, and leaves. Yeah...still not feeling EC3 in Ring of Honor at all.

The Foundation is ready to defend the Tag Team Titles but Jay Lethal comes in to mention Taven's injury. Lethal isn't happy with this but the fact that Taven wants to wrestle shows how much this means to him. The champs seem down.

#### Tag Team Titles: OGK vs. Foundation

OGK (Matt Taven/Mike Bennett) are challenging Rhett Titus/Tracy Williams. Bennett and Williams start things off with Williams taking him down by the arm without much trouble. The headlock doesn't last very long so Williams takes him down by the leg. Cranking ensues but Bennett reverses into an armbar of his own. Taven comes in for an elbow to the back of the neck but the ankle gives out, meaning it's time for a trip to the floor.

Back from a break with Bennett bringing Taven back in for a dropkick into a chinlock. Titus gets smart by going after the ankle, with Williams cranking on a half crab. A chinlock with the knee in the back has Taven in more trouble before it's back to Titus to stay on the leg. Some knees to the neck and shoulder set up a chickenwing as Williams likes to mix up his submissions. Taven gets away and brings in Bennett for the rapid fire chops, followed by a hammerlock DDT to Williams.

A Death Valley Driver plants Williams as everything breaks down. Titus gets superkicked into a spear for two and we take another break. Back again with Williams forearming Taven down

for two with Bennett making the save. The DDT onto the turnbuckle rocks Taven again but he manages a legsweep for a breather. Bennett comes back in and cranks on the ankle lock as everything breaks down again.

Williams puts Taven in a half crab as Bennett armbars Titus, allowing them to stare at each other and slap each other at the same time. That is broken up so a pair of piledrivers put everyone down. Bennett and Williams forearm it out but Taven breaks it up. That earns him a kneebar but Bennett makes a save. Taven misses a middle rope crossbody and Titus clotheslines him into a piledriver from Williams to retain the titles at 19:28.

**Rating:** B. This got the time that it needed and they told a nice story with the ankle slowing Taven down. The injury was the main focal point and it gets even better when you have Williams, who can pick apart anyone even when they are healthy. It was a good story and the action backed it up, as you probably expected.

Respect is shown post match. The champs leave and Taven is frustrated. Cue Vincent on the screen to say that HE is Matt Taven, with commentary confirming that Vincent attacked him. You mean Taven's archenemy is the person who attacked him before a big match? How shocking.

**Overall Rating:** B-. Pretty lame reveal at the end aside, this was another good show as they don't try to do anything more than set some simple goals and then accomplish them. That is what made NXT work so well and Ring of Honor is making it work too, because it is a good formula. This was another solid show and Ring of Honor continues to be one of the easiest shows to watch every week.

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# NXT UK – May 27, 2021: By The Book

## **NXT UK**

Date: May 27, 2021

Location: BT Sports Studios, London, England

Commentators: Nigel McGuinness, Andy Shepherd

Things picked up a lot last week when the Heritage Cup changed hands. Tyler Bate defeated A-Kid to win a heck of a main event, and now we could be in for a few different directions. The big story coming up would seem to be Meiko Satomura challenging Kay Lee Ray for the Women's Title, whenever that is going to take place. Let's get to it.

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Opening sequence.

## Nathan Frazer vs. Sha Samuels

Noam Dar is here with Samuels. Frazer chops away to start but Samuels hammers him with right hands in the corner. A running

clothesline is countered into a Downward Spiral into the corner but a Dar distraction lets Samuels toss him REALLY far off the top. The chinlock goes on, followed by a hard elbow for two on Frazer. Back up and an elbow drops Frazer again as the power is working for Samuels. Dar suggests and receives a slam for two and it's time for some fishhooking. Samuels runs him over for two more and the chinlock goes on again.

Frazer is sent into the corner and a belly to back suplex gets two. That's enough to finally start the comeback with some right hands and a running forearm to drop Samuels. Some rapid fire chops in the corner have Samuels in trouble but Dar distracts Frazer from the floor. Frazer decks Dar, who is ejected for trying to come after him. A running clothesline puts Samuels on the floor for a heck of a running flip dive and a nine count. Back in and Samuels tries his Butcher's Hook but gets dropped with a springboard moonsault into Nightmare on Helm Street. The frog splash gives Frazer the pin at 9:33.

**Rating:** C. Frazer continues to impress, but more importantly he continues to appear, as NXT UK seems to have at least some kind of a plan for him. I'm not sure where that plan is going, but it is a lot better than never making television. This was a nice comeback win over a big name, and the fact that he got rid of Dar in the same match made it even better.

Last week, Dani Luna and Flash Morgan Webster had a staredown with Jinny and Joseph Conner.

Joseph Conner and Jinny are ready to show Subculture what they are all about.

Noam Dar is annoyed at being ejected and will take it out on Ilja Dragunov next week.

### Teoman vs. Ashton Smith

This is fallout from Teoman mocking Smith for Oliver Carter being gone. Smith shoves him around to start and hits a

release backdrop to send him flying. A shot to the face puts Teoman down again as it's all Smith to start. More right hands and a judo throw get two on Teoman and Smith knocks him outside. The following only gets Smith caught in the ring skirt so Teoman can pound him in the back though, meaning the slow beating can start up back inside.

Teoman takes the knee out and kicks the arm, setting up a stomp onto the shoulder. The arm is wrapped around the post but the Crossface attempt is countered into a suplex. Teoman is right back with a sliding forearm to the head for two more but Smith hits him in the face a few more times. A gutwrench suplex sends Teoman flying again but he sends the arm into the corner. The Crossface makes Smith tap at 6:39.

**Rating:** C+. Smith was getting to show off a bit here, which is nice to see after him not really doing anything for a good while now. It might not lead anywhere, but one nice match is more than some people get. Teoman continues to look good and once he gets an actual story, he might be able to go somewhere. For now though, these one off matches will do fine for him.

Post match Teoman puts the Crossface on again but Oliver Carter runs in for the save.

Ilja Dragunov isn't worried about Noam Dar because he has changed, which is the truth. Dar keeps giving his own version of the truth. Now it's time to bring violence to Dar.

Pretty Deadly come in to see Jack Starz and mock him for not having friends. Starz yells at him and a match seems ready, if Starz can find a partner.

#### Andy Wild vs. Kenny Williams

Williams has a new look but gets tossed into the corner by the neck to start. Wild puts him on the top but a rake to the eyes cuts him off. A chop block puts Wild down again and Williams

stays on the leg, including a standing leglock. Williams charges into a boot in the corner though and an overhead belly to belly gives Wild a breather. The leg gets taken out again though and a bulldog driver gives Williams the pin at 4:03.

**Rating:** C-. Short and to the point here as Williams gets his first win after dispatching Amir Jordan. I'm not wild on the bulldog driver as a finisher but it is a pretty emphatic knockout move. This went about as well as it could have and Wild looked good even in defeat, so not a bad use of four minutes.

Video on Kay Lee Ray vs. Meiko Satomura in two weeks. Ray talks about trying to show respect but she isn't trying to make friends. Satomura just wants the title and wants a clean match but then Ray laid her out a few weeks ago. Now it's time to fight again.

Video on Joe Coffey vs. Rampage Brown, with Coffey being ready for a rematch. They're on for next week.

### Trent Seven vs. Sam Gradwell

Gradwell has been calling out Seven for coasting on his reputation as of late. They go with the aggressive lockup to start with Gradwell taking him down by the arm. Seven is right back with a crossbody but Gradwell hits a rather hard STO to cut that off in a hurry. A few forearms to the face (with Nigel saying they had some mustard, ketchup and a bit of mayonnaise as well) keep Seven in trouble and there's a hard shot to the back as well.

The chinlock goes on, with Gradwell cranking on it pretty hard. Seven fights up and hits a DDT (Andy: "That's going to mess up his hair!") and a half and half suplex sets up the Emerald Flosion. Gradwell is sent outside for the suicide dive, with Seven coming up holding his knee. Back in and Seven misses a splash, banging up the knee in the process. Gradwell grabs a half crab but Seven reverses into one of his own.

That's broken up and Gradwell sends him outside, setting up a pretty hard forearm off the apron. They both beat the count at nine with Gradwell going up top but getting caught with a top rope superplex. Gradwell forearms him so hard that Seven might have lost a tooth and a Samoan driver gets two. The Seven Star Lariat gets the same and the double frustration has set in. With nothing else working, the Birminghammer finishes Gradwell at 14:08.

**Rating:** B. These guys beat each other up rather hard and that is what you would want to see out of a match like this. Gradwell has come a LONG way since his return and it might have made more sense for him to get the win here. Seven did need a win to get him back on track though so it isn't a horrible decision. Still though, Gradwell winning something in the future would be a good idea.

**Overall Rating:** C+. Another good show this week, which has long since become a trend around here. NXT UK has the talent pool and the setup to make a weekly show work, with the one hour run time continuing to be the right length. I continue to like this show every week and that has been the case for a long time now, again showing that it can be done if they don't overthink things.

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# Hidden Gem: Before They Were Stars

This kind of thing can be rather fun.

Kofi Kingston vs. Mike Mizanin

Date: March 23, 2007

Location: Quicken Loans Arena, Cleveland, Ohio

Smackdown dark match and Kofi hadn't debuted yet. Miz is the hometown boy and still little more than a reality show geek who has wrestled a few matches. Before the match, Miz says he and LeBron James are the only two celebrities from Cleveland but Miz was smart enough to get out. It's so strange seeing Kofi with the generic rock music and the big Jamaican flag. Kofi, with the crazy thick accent, says no one is here to hear Miz talk.

Kofi grabs a wristlock and shouts BOOM a lot but has to keep nipping his way out of top wristlocks. The armdrag into the armbar has Miz in trouble until he sends Kofi throat first into the top rope. We hit the chinlock, followed by a quick Fameasser for two. Kofi sends him face first into the middle buckle to set up a spinwheel kick to the face. What would become known as Trouble In Paradise finishes Miz at 4:29.

**Rating:** D+. It was clear that neither of them were exactly polished yet, though that BOOM BOOM over and over again made it a little more annoying. Miz would take a long time to get somewhere in the ring and while Kofi got better faster, he was doing way too much with the gimmick here and it was annoying. It's still cool to see two future Hall of Famers in a match like this though, as they have to start somewhere.

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# Daily News Update – May 27, 2021

It's been 25 years since Hall jumped the barricade. I feel old too.

New Title Match Added To AEW Double Or Nothing Buy In.

<https://wrestlingrumors.net/tommyhall/new-title-match-added-double-nothing-buy/>

WWE Confirms New Lead Monday Night Raw Broadcaster.

<https://wrestlingrumors.net/tommyhall/wwe-confirms-new-lead-monday-night-raw-broadcaster/>

WWE Confirms Next Three Shows With Fans In July.

<https://wrestlingrumors.net/tommyhall/wwe-confirms-next-three-shows-fans-july/>

Wrestling Legend Confirmed For AEW Dynamite.

<https://wrestlingrumors.net/tommyhall/wrestling-legend-confirmed-aew-dynamite/>

Backstage News On Why WWE Made So Many Cuts.

<https://wrestlingrumors.net/tommyhall/backstage-news-wwe-made-many-cuts/>

VIDEO: Xavier Woods Talks Unique Retirement Plans.

<https://wrestlingrumors.net/tommyhall/video-xavier-woods-unique-post-wwe-plan/>

Update On Will Ospreay's Injury, Not Looking Good.

<https://wrestlingrumors.net/tommyhall/update-will-ospreays-injury-not-looking-good/>

RUMOR: WWE Unhappy With John Cena Over Recent Comments.

<https://wrestlingrumors.net/tommyhall/rumor-wwe-unhappy-john-cena-recent-comments/>

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# Main Event – May 20, 2021: The Revolving Door Is Open

## **Main Event**

Date: May 20, 2021

Location: Yuengling Center, Tampa, Florida

Commentators: Byron Saxton, Kevin Patrick

I'm glad to get to say this but I have almost no idea what to expect from Main Event these days. They have had a feud (with a VIGNETTE) from Ricochet and Mustafa Ali, plus a few returns in recent weeks. It's almost like they realized they had another show that they could use for a variety of things and are actually doing it for a change. Let's get to it.

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

Opening sequence.

## Mandy Rose/Dana Brooke vs. Lana/Naomi

Patrick calls Mandy and Dana one of the fastest rising teams in the women's division. The team has won three matches ever, with their most recent one taking place in March. Around here though, that could make them #1 contenders. If nothing else, Naomi's Glow entrance continues to be insane. Lana and Dana start with some tumbling to little avail. Now commentary would have you believe that this is a completely different Lana than the one we saw a year ago.

As you try to get your head around that one, Naomi comes in for a chinlock but gets taken into the corner for the tag off to Mandy. A flapjack gets two on Naomi and it's a pair of basement kicks to the face for two. Mandy waistlocks her back down and we hit the bodyscissors. Naomi powers up and hits a jawbreaker, allowing the tag back to Lana.

Mandy slams her down in a hurry and nails a running knee, allowing Brooke to hit a running Blockbuster for two. Everything breaks down and Naomi kicks Mandy outside, with Dana throwing her over the top (and onto Mandy for a bit of a scary crash. The distraction lets Lana get two off a rollup but it's back to Naomi for the double X Factor and the pin at 6:01. That is still one of the lamest finishers going today.

**Rating:** C-. This was a completely watchable match and what these teams needed to be doing for months. They don't need to be thrown out there on Raw in front of the biggest audience, but rather given the chance to figure out the timing and get more experience. WWE doesn't work that way and that is a big part of why their wrestlers are where they are these days. Oh and commentary really need to stop with acting like Mandy and Dana are some successes. They haven't won a match in over two months and have been Shayna and Nia's victims for longer than that. Stop acting like that is impressive.

From Smackdown.

## Women's Tag Team Titles: Nia Jax/Shayna Baszler vs. Tamina/Natalya

Jax and Baszler are defending and have Reginald in their corner. Jax hammers on Tamina to start so it's off to Baszler, who gets headbutted across the ring. A catapult into the Samoan drop plants Tamina but Reginald's distraction means no count. That's enough for the ejection, allowing Nia to Samoan drop Tamina into the barricade. Back from a break with Tamina down and Jax ramming Natalya head first into the mat.

The running hip attack in the corner crushes Natalya again but she avoids a charge, allowing the hot tag to Tamina. House is cleaned in a hurry until Shayna twists Tamina's ankle around. Tamina shoves Jax off the ropes and Natalya takes Baszler outside for a German suplex into the barricade. Back in and Jax hits Natalya with the Samoan drop...and then just lays there so Tamina can hit the Superfly Splash for the pin and the titles at 9:28.

**Rating:** C-. That ending was rather awful and Nia could not have made it look much worse. The rest of the match worked about as well as expected as they have built up Tamina winning her first title. I'm not sure the reign is going to last long, but at least the champions are a fresh pairing for once.

Post match Natalya and Tamina talk about fighting for their dreams and never giving up. Pyro goes off as I'm not sure if this is as big of a deal as WWE thinks it is.

Video on Asuka vs. Charlotte vs. Rhea Ripley.

Eva Marie is ready to help people out with being awesome.

From Raw.

## Charlotte vs. Asuka

Asuka starts fast with the hip attack against the ropes but Charlotte elbows her down. A legsweep sends Charlotte to the

apron for another hip attack. Charlotte gets in her own leg sweep...and here is Rhea Ripley as we take a break. Back (with Ripley watching at ringside) with Asuka fighting out of a chinlock but getting chopped back down.

A pinfall reversal sequence goes nowhere as Charlotte takes her down into a figure four necklock. Asuka tries to fight back but gets kicked in the face for two instead. Natural Selection and the Asuka Lock are blocked so Charlotte elbows her in the face for two. A super Spanish Fly misses and Asuka hits a missile dropkick for her own two.

Asuka pulls her into a kneebar and then a triangle choke, with Charlotte reversing into a Boston crab. That's broken up and Asuka pulls her into the Asuka Lock. Charlotte makes it to the rope for the break and they head outside, with Charlotte getting distracted by Ripley. Back in and Asuka rolls her up for two, allowing Charlotte to go for the Figure Four, which is countered into a small package to give Asuka the pin at 16:40.

**Rating:** B. That is probably Charlotte's best match since the return as they were working out there. It's nice to see Asuka getting a win, though it felt more like Charlotte lost than Asuka beating her. This is going to set up Charlotte vs. Ripley for the title somehow, as that is the match they have been wanting to do since last year's Wrestlemania, hopefully with Ripley getting her win back. For now though, very good TV match.

From Smackdown.

Aleister Black talks about how his father taught him about the cruelties of life, which takes us to Chapter Three: The Lesson. His father taught Black that he is a cruel man but he needed to fight through it. Black could teach us that, but we are spectators instead of participants.

Mansoor vs. Cedric Alexander

I hope Mansoor enjoyed that one Raw match. Cedric takes him to the mat without much trouble and smacks him in the back of the head for some messing. Back up and Mansoor cranks on the arm but Cedric slips out and yells again. Mansoor grinds away on a headlock but gets broken up, with Cedric shouting even more. This time Cedric takes him into the corner for a kick to the face, which earns himself a dropkick from Mansoor.

A tornado DDT is countered though and Mansoor gets dropped across the top rope. Mansoor gets Rock Bottomed onto the apron and Cedric screams his own name as we take a break. Back with Cedric still being rather cocky and driving a shoulder into the back in the corner. Cedric kicks him down again as the total dominance continues.

We hit the waistlock to stay on Mansoor's ribs, followed by a tilt-a-whirl backbreaker to make it even worse. The fireman's carry gutbuster gets two and the waistlock goes on again. Mansoor finally gets up for some shots to the face and a middle rope bulldog drops Cedric. There's a tornado DDT for two but Cedric rolls away from the moonsault. The Lumbar Check is broken up though and the slingshot neckbreaker finishes Cedric at 12:59.

**Rating:** C+. This was a perfectly watchable match with the rib injury making you want to believe in Mansoor's comeback. Cedric was playing a good heel here, because Cedric is rather good at everything he does in the ring. Mansoor is perfectly fine as well and I have no idea why the Raw plug was pulled so fast. I would say maybe it can get better, but I'm not that naive about Raw these days.

We look at Bobby Lashley retaining the WWE Title at Backlash.

From Raw.

A group of women escort Bobby Lashley into the arena, where MVP handles the introduction. After a look back at last night's triple threat match, MVP talks about Braun Strowman

having broken ribs and Drew McIntyre not being able to get out of bed. On top of that, Lashley did all of that with a bad hand. Lashley has insisted on working tonight so the open challenge (erg) is on. Cue Drew McIntyre to say he accepts but MVP says McIntyre cut him off: the challenge was to anyone OTHER than McIntyre and Strowman. McIntyre knocks Lashley out to the floor, where MVP has to hold him back.

From Raw.

### Bobby Lashley vs. Kofi Kingston

Non-title and Kofi jumps him at the bell, earning himself a spinebuster for two. Some knees to the head get Kofi out of a delayed suplex attempt, followed by three straight one footed dropkicks to the floor. There's the big dive over the top to drop Lashley and we take a break. We come back with....a clip from earlier tonight, with Drew McIntyre answering the open challenge. Now that they have covered that it was not going to be a title match, we get back to the ring where Lashley knocks him into the corner and choked on the rope. Now the delayed vertical suplex connects for two and we hit the waistlock.

Kofi fights up and hits a DDT for two, setting up the Boom Drop. Lashley pops back up for a Downward Spiral but Woods offers a trombone concert. That's enough of a distraction for Kingston to hit a top rope DDT across the top, sending Lashley head first into the apron. Back in and the SOS is countered into the spinning Dominator. Lashley takes him outside for a posting so Woods yells a lot, earning himself an ejection. The distraction lets MVP load up the cane but here is Drew McIntyre to take it away and hit Lashley. Kingston grabs the rollup pin at 10:50.

**Rating:** C. I can always go for Kingston fighting his way through a match, even if the ending is likely to set up McIntyre vs. Lashley again rather than Kingston vs. Lashley II. To be fair, that isn't much of a pay per view match, but

it is something fresh after months of Lashley vs. McIntyre. We'll probably get a Kofi title match on Raw, but I can't picture it going much further than that. Kofi getting the shot was certainly surprising and there were worse options, though it wasn't exactly exciting.

**Overall Rating:** C. It wasn't quite the show that you were getting from Ali vs. Ricochet but what matters here is the fact that they are trying some different stuff. You can only get so much out of the same six people having matches around here so mixing it up a bit has been a world of improvement. It still isn't a show you need to see most weeks, but it's better than a waste of time, which has been the case for years. Fine enough show here, though still not exactly must see.

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# Impact Wrestling – May 20, 2021: Moose Awaits

## **Impact Wrestling**

Date: May 20, 2021

Location: Skyway Studios, Nashville, Tennessee

Commentators: D'Lo Brown, Josh Matthews

We're done with Under Siege and that means it is time to start getting ready for Moose vs. Kenny Omega at Against All Odds. Other than that, we need to fill out the rest of the card, which is a nice feeling as these regular big shows have done a lot of good things for the way Impact works month to month. Let's get to it.

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

In Memory Of New Jack.

Opening recap.

Opening sequence.

Rohit Raju vs. Jake Something

Shera is here too. Something forearms Raju outside in a hurry but the Shera showdown lets Raju get in a few cheap shots. Back in and Jake hits a hard shoulder and shouts a lot as Raju rolls outside. This time the referee checks on Raju, allowing Shera to get in a big clothesline of his own. Jake's missed charge sends his shoulder into the chest, setting up Raju's flying armbar for two.

A kick to the face gives Raju two more and it's time for a standing armbar. That earns him an ax handle to the back of the head and a big right hand, followed by the running shoulder in the corner. The discus lariat gives Jake two but Raju catches him with a running big boot in the corner. Jake tries a powerbomb but Raju slips out and hits a jumping Downward Spiral. The Crossface is broken up and Jake tries a suplex, only to have Shera pull the leg so Raju can fall on top for the pin at 7:14.

**Rating:** C. There is still something so strange about the idea of Raju being completely competent after so many years of being one of the least tolerable wrestlers around. The ending was straight out of the 80s but the classics continue to work

for a reason. Jake Something isn't much in the way of classics, and I continue to base that entirely on his horrible name. Fix that and he'll be fine, as the match itself here was completely watchable.

Post match Jake unloads on Shera, including a chair shot to put him down. Raju watches from the ramp as Jake puts Shera through a table.

Here is what's coming tonight.

Taylor Wilde wants the Knockouts Title but here are Tenille Dashwood and Kaleb With A K to interrupt. Dashwood has gotten a match against Kiera Hogan tonight and that kind of a win would get them a Knockouts Tag Team Titles. Wilde again explains that they aren't a team and STOP FACE TIMING HER.

Rachael Ellering and Jordynne Grace are upset by the loss but need to get back out there. Has Grace always been that short?

#### Kiera Hogan vs. Tenille Dashwood

Tasha Steelz and Kaleb With A K are here too. Hogan sends her straight into the corner to start and comes out with a butterfly suplex. That earns her a Tarantula but Steelz's distraction...has no impact as Dashwood snaps off a neckbreaker over the middle rope. A low superkick takes Dashwood down again though and we take a break. Back with Hogan choking on the rope for two and putting on a chinlock. A superkick (which might not have connected) sends Dashwood into the ropes but she bounces back with a clothesline into a rollup to pin Hogan at 7:42.

**Rating:** C-. The Knockouts division outside of the singles title continues to seem like it just keeps going back and forth week to week, which isn't the most thrilling stuff. This was more of the same, but maybe they can set up another Knockouts Tag Team Title match so a thrown together team can win the belts again. Dashwood was doing her usual stuff here,

and that is not the most thrilling thing.

Post match the brawl is on with Kimber Lee, Susan and Deonna Purrazzo running in to beat on Dashwood. Taylor Wilde runs in for the failed save attempt so here's Havok to really clear the ring.

Jordynne Grace has gotten herself and Rachael Ellering a match tonight. Against each other.

Satoshi Kojima is coming next week.

FinJuice is ready to defend their Tag Team Titles against Ace Austin/Madman Fulton later tonight and will keep the titles, as always. After that, it's back to Japan.

### VSK vs. Petey Williams

Striker gushes over what a legend Williams is, because the term legend is now the same as "guy who wrestled here a long time ago". Williams starts fast and snaps off a hurricanrana out of the corner, followed by a toss to the floor. That means a slingshot hurricanrana to drop VSK again but he is right back in with a DDT.

VSK drops a knee for two and then slams him with an immediate splash getting two more. Williams suplexes him out of the corner and hits a basement dropkick. The spinning Russian legsweep looks to set up the Canadian Destroyer but VSK counters into an Irish Curse. Williams elbows him down though and the Destroyer finishes VSK at 5:10.

**Rating:** C-. This was every Williams match: a bunch of the same spots he has done for years, capped off by a move that was indeed special at one point but has become the most overplayed move in wrestling. It was nice to see VSK get in some offense here as he is being treated as more than your regular jobber. Odds are that doesn't lead anywhere, but at least he got a chance here.

Rich Swann says he lost the World Title and he felt that loss mentally and physically. He has been watching the show week in and week out and doesn't like what W. Morrissey has been doing to Willie Mack. Cue Morrissey to jump Swann from behind throw him out the door.

It's off to Swinger's Palace for some roulette, though Swinger wants to know where the coal miner's glove match is. TJP is making some money and gives some of it back, though he stops at Fallah Bahh in a dress. He offers to reform the team with Bahh because he got jumped by Petey Williams at Under Siege. Cue Williams to issue a challenge for himself/Josh Alexander vs. TJP/Bahh. That seems to be on but here is Decay, with Rosemary saying John E. Bravo is looking better.

Here is Moose for a chat. Moose talks about how easy it was to become the #1 contender at Under Siege and now he is ready to be World Champion. Kenny Omega has beaten a lot of great wrestlers but Moose is a different kind of athlete. We hear about his NFL career and now it is time to see a clash of the titans. Moose lists off some various Greek gods...and here is Omega, with Don Callis, to interrupt.

Callis talks about how great Moose looks and thinks he might be a bit bigger than 6'5. Moose might be the most physically talented person in all of professional wrestling, but he isn't about to coast over Omega. There is nothing sadder than wasted talent, and Moose couldn't even win a title in RING OF HONOR. How many Super Bowls did he win? Callis asks if Moose is coasting on his talent so Moose promises to rip Callis' head off and stick it in a certain place on Omega.

That's too far for Omega, who says it is just one One Winged Angel to take him out. Moose offers to let him try it right now but here are the Good Brothers to interrupt. Sami Callihan appears as well and the Elite bails. As usual, Omega is weakened by talking, but thankfully he doesn't do it very often around here.

Post break, Moose tells Callihan that he isn't going to be thanking him. Callihan is sick of the Good Brothers and all that matters is he is coming for whoever leaves Under Siege as champion.

### Rachael Ellering vs. Jordynne Grace

They shake hands to start and Grace headlocks her over. Grace has to flip out of a headscissors but is right back up with a wristlock. Ellering is right back on the arm and they fight over a battle of the wristlocks. A toss into the corner does not sit well with Grace, who is sent to the apron in a hurry. The tease of a kick to the face doesn't sit well with Ellering and we take a break.

Back with Grace driving shoulders in the corner, setting up a basement clothesline for two. We go old school with a full nelson so Ellering drives her into the corner three times in a row for the break. Grace hits some clotheslines but Ellering elbows her in the face. The running backplash gives Ellering two but Grace is right back with some running knees in the corner. Grace's fireman's carry is countered into a sunset flip, setting off a pinfall reversal sequence with Ellering getting the pin at 11:02.

**Rating:** C. The power stuff was good here, but I really hope that I'm not supposed to think it's a major showdown when these two teamed together like three times. Just making a team and then having them fight isn't interesting, as they have barely been a team in the first place. Ellering getting the win should give her a bit of a boost, though Grace doesn't need to be losing again.

Respect is shown post match but Grace doesn't seem happy.

Brian Myers says everything he has said is justified. Matt Cardona walks by and Myers beats him down.

Here's what's coming next week.

## Tag Team Titles: FinJuice vs. Ace Austin/Madman Fulton

Austin and Fulton are challenging after becoming #1 contenders at Under Siege. Finlay starts with Austin, who tags out to Fulton less than fifteen seconds in. Fulton powers his way out of a headlock and it's off to Robinson to hammer away at the monster. Fulton runs him over without much trouble but Robinson grabs the arm and brings Finlay back in with an ax handle. Finlay is sent hard into the corner though and now Austin is willing to come in and...get taken down almost immediately.

It's back to Robinson for a backsplash and a double flapjack into a double dropkick puts Fulton on the floor. Back from a break with Robinson in trouble (thanks to a chokeslam to send his arm into the barricade) as Austin works on a hammerlock. The paper cut on the finger makes it even worse and the armbars goes on again. A jumping knee to the face gives Robinson a breather but Austin takes Finlay off the apron to be smart.

That means Robinson's backdrop doesn't mean a tag but Austin's rather dumb drop toehold into the corner lets Finlay come in. House is cleaned in a hurry and a Rock Bottom backbreaker gets two on Austin. A fireman's carry/running kick to the face takes Austin down for the same as everything breaks down. Robinson's snap jabs to Fulton set up a quickly escaped fireman's carry, with Fulton hitting a tilt-a-whirl powerslam.

Austin hits a springboard spinning kick to the face with Fulton adding a belly to back suplex for two more. A chokeslam/top rope Fold combination (cool/hard to pull off) gets two more as Finlay has to make the save this time. Everything breaks down again and Robinson superplexes Austin down. There's an assisted Cannonball to Fulton but he is way too big for the Doomsday Device. Instead the Unprettier finishes Fulton for the pin to retain at 15:54.

**Rating:** B. This was a good and long title match with Fulton

playing the monster role well. He and Austin are a solid pairing and I'm a bit surprised that Fulton took the fall here. That being said, I would rather he take it than Austin, who could be a main event star here at the drop of a hat. Good main event here, as FinJuice is growing on me despite half of their personalities being talking about Japan.

Post match...here's Violent By Design to surround FinJuice. Eric Young hands over Rhino's Call Your Shot trophy and it's time for another title match.

### Tag Team Titles: FinJuice vs. Violent By Design

Violent By Design, with Rhino and Joe Doering in this case, are challenging and the brawl is on in a hurry. Doering crossbodies the champs down and hits an AA on Robinson. One heck of a lariat is enough for the pin and the titles at 49 seconds. I don't care about the team, but if they're going to mean something, they needed a win like this.

We get another Slammiversary ad with hints about wrestlers coming. The word YES, the letters II and the word FORGOTTEN can be seen this time.

**Overall Rating:** C. The main event helped a bit but that was about the only really good part of the show. This felt like a lot of quick ideas which weren't all that interesting, including Grace vs. Ellering and Williams' latest reheating. It's all going to be about Moose vs. Omega sooner than later though, and the Slammiversary reveals are likely to shake things up again. Now just have some better TV on the way.

### Results

Rohit Raju b. Jake Something – Suplex reversed into a cover

Tenille Dashwood b. Kiera Hogan – Rollup

Petey Williams b. VSK – Canadian Destroyer

Rachael Ellering b. Jordynne Grace – Sunset flip

FinJuice b. Ace Austin/Madman Fulton – Unprettier to Fulton

Violent By Design b. FinJuice – Lariat to Robinson

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