

205 Live – September 26, 2017: Game of Thrones and Drewtopia

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We're officially in the Enzo Amore Era here and that makes me shudder in fear. The big story coming out of last night is Enzo turning heel and Neville seemingly turning face again, which could be a big waste of everything Neville has been doing in the last few months. However, it's the only way to do anything with Amore and that's all that matters around here. Let's get to it.

We open with a recap of last night's ending segment with Enzo turning heel and pretty much the rest of the division turning face, at least for one night.

Opening sequence.

Here's Enzo on a crutch to open the show. He apologizes for taking so long to get into the ring and says he's going to smile through the pain. Enzo hasn't called in sick a day in his life and he's the same guy backstage and in front of the camera. That guy is the same one who put 205 Live on the map and you know he's right. Do you people realize that Neville has to look in the mirror every day? Enzo: "That was the punchline. He's ugly."

We see a clip from after Raw with Braun Strowman and the other cruiserweights decimating Enzo, which is still the most beautiful thing I've seen in longer than I can remember. Fans: "YOU DESERVE IT!" Enzo agrees that he does deserve the title but his mother was in the front row to witness that beating.

Those same people cheering for the beating probably thought Neville was a knight in shining armor but Neville is no Jaime Lannister (Game of Thrones reference). The thing is though, Neville can put this title on ice because of the no contact clause for his celebration because none of the people from last night are allowed to have a shot now. Neville was the first to attack him though and that makes him as s-a-w-f-t as the cookie dough that elf is playing with.

Akira Tozawa vs. Tony Nese

Drew Gulak with his NO CHANTS sign is on commentary and defends Nese's ab counting as NOT showboating. It's his thing you see. More posing starts until Nese runs him over with an elbow. Gulak: "I LOVE YOU BABY!" Tozawa takes over with some kicks and the standing backplash but takes too long heading up top.

Nese cranks on the neck for a bit before we hit the Tree of Woe crunches. In a change of pace, Tony lifts Tozawa up for a delayed suplex but throws him onto the ropes for a big crash. Tozawa fights out of a torture rack but it's still too early for the backplash. Back up and Nese nips up to avoid a clothesline (always cool) but it's a spinning kick to the head to set up Tozawa's backplash for the pin at 8:00.

Rating: B-. Tozawa continues to be one of the better performers in the division and Nese can hang with just about anyone. I'm not sure how interesting Gulak vs. Tozawa is eventually going to be but at least they have a story. It would be nice if there was something else for Gulak to criticize besides the chanting but I'll take what I can get, especially if it's more Gulak.

Post match Gulak blows his bullhorn and says Tozawa is in violation of proposal #3. He's also violating #7, which we haven't seen quite yet. Therefore, let's hit that PowerPoint presentation! Idea #7 is no celebrating because Drew has a vision of a Drewtopia where everyone treats everyone with respect. The AH AH AH chants make the fans sound like sheep...but Gulak gets his head kicked off before he can go anywhere else. Quick question: is there a reason why so many of Tozawa's feuds involve itemized lists?

Ariya Daivari sucks up to Enzo, saying Amore could be a big star out of WWE. Enzo agrees to be in Daivari's corner tonight.

TJP vs. Lince Dorado

And never mind as Rich Swann jumps TJP from behind during Dorado's entrance. No match as TJP bails into the crowd.

We look back at Jack Gallagher helping Brian Kendrick beat down Cedric Alexander.

Gallagher and Alexander will face off next week.

Gallagher says he and Kendrick are going to show how cruel they can be and they'll start it next week.

Neville vs. Ariya Daivari

Before the match, Neville promises to keep beating on Amore until 205 Live is free of him. Neville bails to the floor to stare at Enzo but Daivari jumps him from behind to take over. A pair of backbreakers gives Daivari two and Enzo is still running his mouth. Something like a hiptoss sends Neville into the corner and his back is in even worse shape. Daivari stomps away in the Tree of Woe and hits a hanging reverse DDT for two. Neville fights up and kicks Daivari into the corner but goes after Enzo. Daivari's cheap shots go nowhere as the hammerlock lariat is countered into the Rings of Saturn to make Daivari tap at 5:16.

Rating: C-. This was almost all storyline instead of action and that's fine. It's pretty clear that the now face Neville will be getting a shot sooner or later (I'd bet on a loophole that says the title can be put up in a ladder match or something) so having him get a win like this makes sense. It's a fine enough match but definitely more there for the advancement of the story than anything else.

Enzo destroys Neville from behind with the crutch (Enzo: "YOU DESERVE IT!") to end the show.

Overall Rating: C+. The Enzo Era is on us fast and hard but the question now is how long can it last. Enzo can get REALLY annoying in a short time

and I'm not sure how long he can play the Honky Tonk Man role. You can do that when he's only seen every few weeks but when he's on Raw every week and is on 205 Live multiple times, it's going to die in a hurry. Still though, good start so far.

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