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TNA's Latest Woes – October 14 Version

Oh sweet goodness where do I even begin?

So in the last twenty four hours or so, the following news has come out (believe at your own risk in some cases):

1. Billy Corgan is suing Dixie Carter for various reasons. This includes a RESTRAINING ORDER against her and can you really blame him?

<http://www.pwinsider.com/ViewArticle.php?id=105347>

2. Dixie Carter seems to owe half of the world money for selling off pieces of TNA to keep the thing going.

<http://411mania.com/wrestling/tna-news-dixie-carter-personally-owes-billy-corgan-money-funder-for-last-impact-taping/>

3. Some TNA talent might walk if they don't get paid this weekend.

<http://411mania.com/wrestling/some-tna-talent-will-reportedly-declare-the-meselves-as-free-agents-of-not-paid-this-weekend/>

I'm sure I missed something in there but we've reached the point where the court system is trying to keep Dixie Carter away from TNA. They're out of money and they have bills. I don't know who Dixie can fleece this time but it looks even worse than usual.

Impact Wrestling – October 6, 2016: Howl With Me

Impact Wrestling

Date: October 6, 2016

Location: Impact Zone, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: D'Angelo Dinero, Josh Matthews

It's the start of a new era for TNA as we're straight off Bound For Glory with the big story being Lashley holding onto the TNA World Title. Other than that we have new Tag Team Champions with the Hardys defeating Decay in the Great War and the first ever Grand Champion in Aron Rex.

Everything starts fresh tonight so let's get to it.

We open with a montage from Bound For Glory.

Here's Lashley to open the show with a smirk on his face. Lashley brags about how he beats everyone in the company and is the man around here because of this belt on his shoulder. No one can beat him but here's Aron Rex to interrupt. Rex used to be smart so he's going to try to do the math. Grand Champion sounds a lot better than World Champion so Rex sees himself as the man around here.

A fight is teased but here's Gail Kim to interrupt. TNA would make her World Champion in a heartbeat so I shouldn't be surprised by this one. Gail says it's 2016 and the women are changing the game around here so she's the face of the company. This brings out Matt Hardy with Reby and Maxill (no Jeff and Matt has both belts) to say TNA is now a broken company. Preach it brother.

Matt is always ready to delete (repeat five times) but here's DJZ to give us all the titles in one ring. DJZ mentions something called Team X Gold but Lashley cuts him off and says he's got a fight coming up and doesn't have time to waste with second rate title holders. Now it's Billy Corgan

coming out with Aiden O'Shea (Remember him?) to congratulate all the champions.

All of the champions will be in competition tonight (Matt: "WONDERFUL!") and Lashley doesn't care who he's facing tonight. All the titles will be on the line tonight, except for DJZ because he helped to introduce Team X Gold. Wait are they having X-Division Tag Team Titles? For the love of all things good and holy, WHY??? Anyway Lashley is given three options to face tonight but first up it's Team X Gold.

Trevor Lee/Andrew Everett/Marshe Rocket vs. DJZ/Mandrews/Braxton Sutter

Everett and Mandrews start things off with Mandrews hitting a moonsault into a basement dropkick. Rocket, a good sized guy, comes in and kicks Mandrews in the face to take over. It's off to Lee vs. Sutter with Braxton getting in a kick to the face until Rocket comes back in with a powerslam. DJZ comes in for some clotheslines on Rocket but the champ gets kicked in the face. It's quickly off to Everett, who moonsaults into raised boots. A quick tag off to Mandrews sets up a shooting star press to pin Everett at 5:27.

Rating: C. Oh sweet goodness TNA what are you doing? I get the idea here (capitalizing on the success of the Cruiserweight Classic) but my goodness could they come up with something a little better than throwing six guys out there with little to no connection and having a match?

Normally I would ask if they had learned anything from WWE's mistakes in the cruiserweight division but of course they haven't because they think it's a good idea to have a full six man tag division when they can barely do a singles division. Rocket looked impressive here and has star power but this is just more stuff that doesn't solve the problems the X-Division already has (no stories, no characters etc.)

One of Lashley's potential opponents is Moose, who says Lashley is scared of him.

It's time for Fact of Life with Eli Drake and now he's got a set outside the ring. Drake brings out Ethan Carter III, who had a rocket shoved so far inside him you would think he'd spit out rocket fuel. Eli won't let

Ethan talk as he comes up with ways to call Ethan a loser. Ethan says he lost at Bound For Glory and says his passion has been replaced by anger. If Drake pushes the button one more time, Ethan is going to eviscerate him and he even gets on his knees to beg Drake to hit it again.

Drake shoves the button away and talks about getting into TNA because of something called the Rising. He's been hearing about how he's not in Ethan Carter's league because Carter has been handed every opportunity. That's it for the interview, which means we don't get an explanation for how Drake grew a full head of hair and a beard in four days.

Maria Kanellis yells at Allie over screwing up on Sunday. Sienna and Laurel Van Ness talk Maria out of firing her because they need someone to carry their bags. Sienna will get the title back tonight and Allie better not mess it up.

Eddie Edwards says Lashley sees him as the easy match so please pick him to give Lashley the easy title defense.

Video on Gail Kim's Hall of Fame induction.

Knockouts Title: Sienna vs. Gail Kim

Gail is defending and Madison Rayne is on commentary (with her husband Josh Matthews). Sienna knocks Allie into Gail to knock her off the apron before driving the champ back first into the apron. They head inside with Gail escaping the AK-47 but getting caught in a reverse powerbomb for two. Gail ducks the Pounce and rolls Sienna up to retain at 3:04.

Rating: D+. This match sums up so many of the problems in TNA in one match: a lack of emotion. There's no reason to care about Gail other than she's been here for a long time. There's no reason to care about Sienna because she had the title and then lost it after doing a total of nothing as champion. Combine that with a nothing match that gets no time and what is there here to get excited over? The problem is that's the case with the majority of what TNA does and it gets really tiresome.

Maria and company come out to beat on Gail. With Sienna holding Gail, Maria says her rematch will take place next week in a No DQ match.

Madison is downright annoyed over this. I mean, she's not going to do anything about it but it's certainly ruffled her feathers.

Ethan Carter III is the third option and doesn't think Lashley will pick him. If Lashley wants a real fight though, pick him.

Tag Team Titles: Hardys vs. Decay

This is a Wolf Creek Cage Match, meaning a weapons cage match with a win by escape only and a name tied into one of Pop's shows. It's a brawl to start with Jeff stapling Abyss in various places. Steve climbs the cage and gets a grappling hook of all things to pull at Matt's mouth. A kendo stick shot to the back puts Matt down but the Hardys come back with shots of their own.

Matt grabs a CHAINSAW to knock Steve down but Abyss cleans house again. Rosemary stops Jeff from escaping and we get another catfight on the floor. The video freezes for a few moments and comes back on a commercial. We come back from a break with the next segment and no mention of who won. According to TNA's Twitter, the Hardys won at we'll say about 9:00.

Rating: D. Lack of an ending aside, this was a really boring cage match with Josh talking about Wolf Creek every few seconds. The problem is when you take away the Final Deletion stuff, Matt and Jeff are two middle aged wrestlers who don't have anywhere near the spark they used to have, leaving us with really dull matches.

Here are Cody and Brandi Rhodes for their big formal introduction. Cody talks about how the game is changing and lists off some things from Bound For Glory. He talks about the list (a list of things he wanted to do in wrestling) being his guiding light with names like Mike Bennett making him want to keep going.

After a quick Brandi chant, Cody says maybe he should have put the TNA World Title on the list because that's the Queen's jewels and the Master Sword. This brings out Mike Bennett and Maria with Bennett not being pleased with Cody being handed a title shot. When Mike got here, he was told that people aren't just handed title shots so he was ready to earn

it. Mike mentions the idea of fighting Cody and that's enough for the man without a last name. The brawl is on the Bennett bails in a hurry.

Post break Cody says he wants Mike Bennett next week.

O'Shea stops Maria from going into Corgan's office and calls her toots. Corgan has a message for her though: if she loses her title rematch next week, she's out of power in the Knockouts division.

Grand Championship: Aron Rex vs. Baron Dax

Rex is defending and we're back to three minute rounds. The champ gets a headlock to start but walks into a pair of neckbreakers. Josh calls this controlling the action because TNA likes to brand the simplest of things because WWE does it and that means it's a good idea. We hit the chinlock on Rex before Dax hammers away to end the first round. Baron wins the first round and he's in early control of the second as well. Rex elbows him down and grabs the Royal Arch (Edgecator, though it sounds like a big McDonald's sandwich) for the submission at 4:18.

Rating: D. So the five minute rounds were just for Bound For Glory and not for the rest of the title matches? But hey, at least we get TEAM X GOLD, which is supposed to be entertaining for whatever reason. This isn't an interesting concept and I was hoping they would drop it soon enough but let's just keep it going no matter what because TNA needs to evolve the business by having Rex beat a tag team jobber in four minutes.

Rex says this is changing the business.

Lashley and the three potential opponents come out for the main event. Lashley takes his time and goes over each opponent before picking.....Eddie.

TNA World Title: Lashley vs. Eddie Edwards

Lashley is defending but misses a spear at the bell. A release German suplex flips Eddie over though and a delayed vertical suplex makes it even worse. Eddie's hurricanrana is countered with a powerbomb but he gets in a few kicks to the face. Now the hurricanrana brings Lashley off the middle rope and the champ is in trouble. The Boston Knee Party misses but Eddie sends him outside for the suicide dives, only to miss the third

one and crash into the barricade. Back in and the Boston Knee Party out of nowhere gives Eddie the title at 7:50.

Rating: C+. This didn't have time to go anywhere but it's a really entertaining moment and that's more important. Eddie getting the belt is a good idea, though couldn't they have done this at Bound For Glory where it would have felt more important? Or, you know, not have had Eddie lose on Sunday? At least it felt important and big though while giving us something fresh. As long as they don't change the title right back, this should be find.

Next up on Pop: Wolf Creek. Why do I have a feeling the choice for the title isn't a coincidence?

Overall Rating: C-. Main event aside, this show did very little to fix TNA's major issues. I still have very few people to care about around here and it's not really getting much better. Between the new Grand Championship division and apparently an X-Division trios division (because reasons), it feels like they're just throwing stuff out there. There's really no main event story and there hasn't been anything personal around the World Title in a long time. You need something people can connect to because average wrestling isn't going to cut it these days. It's not a bad show but very little I can connect to.

Results

DJZ/Mandrews/Braxton Sutter b. Trevor Lee/Andrew Everett/Marshe Rocket – Shooting star press to Everett

Gail Kim b. Sienna – Rollup

Hardys b. Decay – Hardys escaped the cage

Aron Rex b. Baron Dax – Royal Arch

Eddie Edwards b. Lashley – Boston Knee Party

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ECW on TNN – September 1, 2000: Unfortunately, Tournaments Are A Thing

ECW on TNN

Date: September 1, 2000

Location: Hammerstein Ballroom, New York City, New York

Commentators: Joel Gertner, Joey Styles

After last week, I'm really not sure what to expect from this show. This promotion goes from a fun wrestling show to some insane clip show with a bunch of wrestling that wasn't very good to set up an angle that we've seen before. The next pay per view is in just over a month and I have no idea we're going to see on the way there. Let's get to it.

We see the end of Tajiri/Mikey Whipwreck advancing to the finals of the Tag Team Title tournament.

Opening sequence.

Joey and Joel are in the ring and the big arena does actually look cool. Joel does his rhyme about various escapades in each of the boroughs

before Steve Corino comes out, flanked by Billy Corgan playing New York, New York on his guitar. I'm not sure how old school the Smashing Pumpkins were in 2000 but it's better than Limp Bizkit.

Corino is the new #1 contender (What about Jerry?) and refuses to apologize for cheating to pin New Jack, Dusty Rhodes and Tommy Dreamer. He's not going to apologize either when he pins Justin Credible. Cue Lou E. Dangerously and WHEN DID HE BECOME JUSTIN'S MANAGER? He's not Justin's manager? Well he certainly acts like him and that doesn't help because this company makes no sense half the time with all the people running around doing random promos to advance the overall angles.

Lou yells about wanting to beat Corgan up and wants the title shot at Anarchy Rulz. A fight is about to break out when Justin Credible "sneaks" (read as Corino clearly looks over his shoulder to see him coming in) in and canes Corino. Corgan actually chokes Justin with the cane until Lou hits him in the back of the head with the phone. Lou says that's a message from the Network. Ok so he works for the Network and not Justin? Really I'm not sure at this point and I don't particularly care either.

Tag Team Title Tournament Quarter-Finals: Rhino/Justin Credible vs. Sandman/Chilly Willy

The winners get Jerry Lynn/Tommy Dreamer. A table is brought in less than ten seconds in but Sandman cleans house with the cane. Rhino shrugs them off and Gores Sandman through the table for two, followed by the piledriver to advance Credible and Rhino in less than two minutes. Did Willy stop for a taco?

Tag Team Title Tournament Semi-Finals: Simon and Swinger vs. Roadkill/Danny Doring

Roadkill starts fast with a powerslam on Simon but CW pulls Doring to the floor because almost every heel is part of a stable. A double Downward Spiral gets two on Doring but he grabs a double Bareback (Those names get annoying.) and makes the hot tag. Everything breaks down and Roadkill is thrown through a table, only to have Anderson hit Simon by mistake. Not that it matters as the Problem Solver puts Doring away and send Simon and Swinger to the finals.

Rating: D+. As much of a mess as most of ECW was at the end, they did have a good tag division going. Unfortunately we barely saw most of it as the matches were either clipped or had nothing on the line because of the ridiculous four month waiting period. Four weeks is a long time to not have champions but from April to September is unthinkable.

Tag Team Title Tournament Semi-Finals: Tommy Dreamer/Jerry Lynn vs. Rhino/Justin Credible

Joined in progress with separate brawls in the crowd. They're nice enough to come back to the ring with Jerry dropping Justin but having to spank Francine instead of going for the pin. The Gore takes Dreamer out and there's a piledriver through the table. Little Spike Dudley comes in with an Acid Drop to Rhino and the cradle piledriver puts Justin away to send Dreamer/Lynn to the finals.

Rating: D. As usual, WAY too much going on to keep track of anything here and that gets annoying in a hurry. Why do so many matches have to go into the crowd in a wild brawl or have so many people interfering? Would a straight match every now and then, especially when we're coming up on a title shot, be too much to ask for?

Tag Team Titles: Tommy Dreamer/Jerry Lynn vs. Simon and Swinger vs. Tajiri/Mikey Whipwreck

The titles are vacant coming in and this is elimination rules. The Sinister Minister is the only manager present and Dreamer is in a neck brace. Tajiri, Lynn and Simon start things off with Simon sitting back while the other two start fast. Everyone tags out and the new three stare at each other for a bit.

Swinger stops to pose and gets put down by the physique-phobic Dreamer and Whipwreck. Everyone fights to the floor (of course) and Dreamer actually kicks Tajiri for a change of pace. Lynn takes Simon back inside for a bow and arrow hold. All six get inside again and it's time for double Tarantulas with Lynn and Mikey being stretched.

They're fine enough for stereo tornado DDT's for stereo two's on Simon and Swinger. Cue CW Anderson to hit Dreamer with something made of metal,

setting up the Problem Solver for the elimination. The locker room comes out to watch as Tajiri mists Simon, setting up a Whippersnapper for the pin and the titles.

Rating: C-. This is the kind of match that I normally don't care for but at least it gives us something. Tajiri and Whipwreck are still a new team but at least they're a team instead of two people just thrown together for the sake of being thrown together. They're fine as the new champions, especially since they'll defend the titles against a strong tag division.

Everyone celebrates with the new champions.

Overall Rating: D+. It's like they were trying to show a tournament in one night but didn't have enough time. It was kind of confusing when they went from one round to the other and some brackets would have helped a lot. The finals being shown in full was the right move though and while I would have gone with Simon and Swinger, at least the titles aren't vacant like they've been since a few weeks after Wrestlemania.

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Impact Wrestling – August 18, 2016: Rock N Wrestling II

Impact Wrestling

Date: August 18, 2016

Location: Impact Zone, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: D'Angelo Dinero, Josh Matthews

This should be an interesting show as we have the first tapings under Billy Corgan's watch. For perhaps the first time in at least ten years, we're looking at an Impact without Dixie Carter running things so it should be interesting to see how things look for a change. We're also about a month and a half away from Bound For Glory so it's time to start building towards the show. Let's get to it.

We open with a look at Lashley collecting all three singles titles.

Lashley walks up to Corgan and Dixie Carter as they talk to Aron Rex. A quick staredown ensues and Lashley keeps walking.

Here's James Storm to open things up. Storm wants referee Brian Hebner to come out here right now. As luck would have it he's already at ringside so they get straight to the point. James wants an explanation for why the three count at the bell last week didn't count. We see a clip of last week's match and Hebner is trying to get JB out of the ring instead of paying attention.

Storm has a point so he wants a rematch but here's Corgan to interrupt. Corgan says something about winning a game in the end but Storm correctly says this isn't football. All that matters is that Storm lost which Corgan says is because he can't win the big one. That's not cool with James as he pulls out a tool box and grabs a hammer. He helped build this company and he'll take it apart limb by limb, which means ripping off the turnbuckle pad to start.

Security comes in but Storm says a wrestler doesn't need security. He's the only legend that hasn't left because he cares about this company. A

guard gets a Last Call and Storm gets in Corgan's face. James will leave now but says it won't go so well if their paths cross again. Storm leaves so Corgan suspends him indefinitely. I really, really hope this isn't a sign that Corgan is going to be around all the time.

Moose says Eddie Edwards isn't going to be a challenge.

Storm leaves in his truck.

Eddie Edwards vs. Moose

Moose throws him into the corner to start so Eddie changes tactics and starts speeding the match up. A dropkick puts Moose on the floor so Eddie can score with a running knee off the apron. It only works for a bit though as Mike Bennett offers a distraction so Moose can powerbomb Eddie onto the apron. Back in and we hit the chinlock before Eddie dropkicks him out of the air (close enough at least). Moose cuts him off with a hard clothesline, only to have Eddie snap off a middle rope hurricanrana. He makes the mistake of hitting a suicide dive on Mike though, allowing Moose to hit a chokebomb for the pin at 6:18.

Rating: C. This was a good way to have Moose look good in his first big singles match and that's important going forward. Eddie is still in a weird place as he doesn't have a partner so he's stuck waiting to bring the Wolves back, but he's kind of turned himself into a cool singles wrestler who doesn't have anything to do.

Maria tells Jade that she has to beat Gail Kim or no more title shots.

Gail Kim vs. Jade

Jade spins out of a wristlock to start and gets two off a clothesline. Gail sends it outside but gets caught in a fireman's carry gutbuster. Back in and Jade avoids a cross body, only to miss a moonsault. A fight over a small package lands on Earl Hebner but Gail grabs Eat Defeat. There's no cover though as Sienna comes out to go after Gail for the DQ at 5:22.

Rating: D+. Egads I just do not care. I get the story here and it's fine with what they're doing, but it works on the assumption that the fans

want to see Gail Kim rise up the roster again and win the title for a sixth time. I'd like to see these newer women go somewhere instead of just being fresh victories for Gail as right now it's not so much of a division as much as it is "who does Gail beat this week"?

Lashley laughs at the X-Division guys (all three of them) and says he has an announcement that's going to affect the entire division. DJZ decides that the winner of a three way match gets to challenge Lashley for the title.

Rockstar Spud vs. DJZ vs. Braxton Sutter vs. Mandrews

Everyone goes after Spud to start, leaving the other three to all try covers for two each. DJZ dives onto Sutter and Mandrews, followed by Spud teasing a dive but stopping to do something...which we don't see as the camera cuts to the crowd instead. Back in and Spud goes after Sutter, only to have DJZ take him down with a suplex. A roll into a double DDT on Mandrews and Sutter is enough for DJZ to pin Mandrews at 4:40.

Rating: C. There were four guys in the match, they all did spots, one of them got a pin. There's no story, there are barely any characters (Remember when Sutter came in and looked like a big deal?) and this is all for a chance to (most likely) be slaughtered by Lashley again. Why do people care about this division again?

Ethan Carter III is going to answer Drew Galloway's challenge from last week.

Dixie yells at Corgan for suspending Storm. I'm so glad it took her forty five minutes to do this. She thinks everyone is on edge because of Lashley holding all three titles (huh?) so they're going to deal with it right now.

Ethan Carter III is in the ring and calls out Galloway to give him an answer. Drew doesn't think he's going to get what he wants, which is a chance to set things right. Carter surprises him by accepting but here's Aron Rex to interrupt. Rex says the entire universe has been watching Impact in the last few months. I could have sworn there were more than 350,000 people in the universe, or at least in the USA. Rex thinks both

of them should have a fair shot so he's going to be the guest referee in their match.

Eli Drake says he made the King of the Mountain Title but Lashley cuts him off. Lashley doesn't need a catchphrase but Drake says he'll be taking any of those titles he wants. The champ really isn't interested and leaves, only to run into Sienna, who tells him to not be cute.

Jeff Hardy is looking at ladders but Matt says he's had a deletion telling him that there will be no jumping off a ladder tonight. These ladders are obsolete and Jeff agrees, shoving all of them over.

Here's Eli Drake for a match but first he has something to say. Drake isn't happy with having to see a bunch of James Storm vignettes before he just lost his match. He wants to hear Lashley's announcement right now but gets interrupted instead.

Mahabali Shera vs. Eli Drake

Shera slams him down to start and drops an elbow for two. Drake easily shrugs off everything Shera throws at him but misses an elbow drop of his own. The Sky High is broken up though and Blunt Force Trauma ends Shera at 2:38.

Lashley won't tell the bosses about his announcement.

Here's Lashley for his promised announcement, accompanied by people carrying the King of the Mountain and X-Division Titles. Lashley has accomplished his goal and wants Dixie and Corgan out here right now. He says he has all the power because he's a businessman in addition to being a great wrestler. The bosses suck up to him but Lashley says he's going to unify the belts together and name himself the undisputed champion of wrestling. Dixie freaks out and says he can't do that and Corgan drops the President card.

Lashley calls the King of the Mountain Title garbage and throws it down. As for the X-Division, Lashley ripped its heart out and there's no reason for him to defend the title against any of them. That title is dropped as well, sending Dixie into her best Stephanie McMahon impression as she

talks about respecting the company. Lashley doesn't care and walks out, saying he'll see them at Bound For Glory. Corgan says not so fast because next week there's a #1 contenders battle royal for a World Title shot. I really wouldn't mind if those titles went away. It's not like they've meant anything in years anyway.

Corgan says there will be a new X-Division Champion. And that champion will be treated like a big deal for all of a month before the title falls through the cracks again.

Tribunal vs. Hardys vs. BroMans vs. Helms Dynasty

Ladder match with the winners getting a Tag Team Title shot against Decay at Bound For Glory. Jeff throws in a ladder and we're at a break 12 seconds after the bell. Back with everyone not named Matt brawling all over the place and Matt yelling at Jeff on the outside. Matt pulls the ladder from the ring so the Tribunal finally starts beating him up. A double baseball slide sends the ladder into the Dynasty as things start to slow down.

Jeff dives at the Tribunal but leaves it a bit short, sending him mostly crashing onto the floor. Matt and Everett fight over a ladder but Matt has to stop and bite Trevor's hand. A lot of biting ensues before Matt goes after Raquel, only to have the BroMans beat him down. Baraka goes up but seems to be scared of heights, allowing the BroMans to make another save.

The BroDown off the ladder drops Dax but Matt freaks out again and screams at the announcers. That goes nowhere as the Dynasty beats up the BroMans. Jeff comes off a ladder in the corner to knock Everett off the ladder in the ring, resulting in another big crash. Matt climbs up and gets the contract at 14:08.

Rating: C+. This really wasn't that surprising as they're the only team doing anything at the moment. I'm fine with Matt and Jeff doing their weird thing in the midcard instead of being the focal point of the show as it means they'll be kept to one place and not all over the place. This was pretty much your standard multi-team ladder match and that's about all you could expect.

Overall Rating: C-. There's enough watchable stuff on here but I was mostly just bored. Very little here felt like must see TV and the low levels of Ethan Carter III and Mike Bennett really showed. Instead we had Lashley talking a lot (not a good idea) and various other uninteresting acts. It's not a bad show (they've done way worse in recent weeks and months) but the energy was really lacking tonight.

Results

Moose b. Eddie Edwards – Chokebomb

Gail Kim b. Jade via DQ when Sienna interfered

DJZ b. Rockstar Spud, Mandrews and Braxton Sutter – DDT to Mandrews

Eli Drake b. Mahabali Shera – Blunt Force Trauma

Hardys b. BroMans, Tribunal and Helms Dynasty – Matt pulled down the contract

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Dixie Carter Out As President Of TNA, Replaced By Billy Corgan

<http://www.pwtorch.com/site/2016/08/12/breaking-tna-announces-major-executive-shake-corgan-carter/>

Maybe this changes things but given that it's TNA, I'll need to see something before I buy into the hype. Corgan at least has money, but I continue to wonder how much is going to be pumped into TNA before the investors give up because they're drawing 350,000 people in a great week.

For The Sake Of Perspective

ESPN's Pardon the Interruption has mentioned wrestling twice in a week.

On Billy Corgan signing with TNA (paraphrased): "Corgan has signed with TNA Wrestling.....whatever that is."

On the passing of Verne Gagne: A 45 second fond farewell to someone both hosts clearly knew and respected with name drops of various opponents. Guest host Bob Ryan said that in a world of rasslers, Gagne was clearly the best wrestler.

Moral of the story: there's a difference between being on TV and being known and respected.