

Lucha Underground – July 1, 2015: Who Is Mexico?

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The big story coming out of last week was Mil Muertes becoming #1 contender, meaning I'd advise you to send Prince Puma our final goodbyes before his inevitable destruction. Other than that we have the Disciples of Death coming after the Trios Titles, which should be another academic ending. Let's get to it.

We open with a recap of Chavo attacking Black Lotus and trying to feed her to Cueto's brother. Next up is Daivari vs. Texano which really isn't doing anything for me. Finally we have Drago losing the #1 contendership to Mil Muertes, because Muertes is evil and therefore unstoppable.

Chavo comes in to Cueto's office and gets a No DQ title shot in exchange for delivering Black Lotus. As a bonus, Cueto says if Konnan gets involved then the title changes hands.

Delavar Daivari vs. Texano

Daivari has Big Ryck. Texano slugs him away to start and a backdrop sends Daivari bailing to the floor. A slingshot hilo gets two but a Ryck distraction lets Daivari go after the knee. This feud hasn't been great so far (I still don't really know why they're fighting) and this match isn't likely to help things out. Daivari stays on the knee and Vampiro calls Texano a hero. Wait when did Texano turn face?

Daivari puts on a figure four but Texano quickly makes the ropes and chops away. A leg lariat gets two as this match isn't exactly thrilling so far. Texano makes things serious by shouting in Spanish but Daivari is all like NO COMPRENDE and gets two off an X Factor. Ryck gets superkicked off the apron and a Batista Bomb ends Daivari.

Rating: D+. Texano is a good choice for a face (assuming he gets rid of the bullrope) but Daivari as a generic rich dude wasn't doing anything for anyone. The match wasn't any good and it showed how weak Daivari really is out there. Thankfully the fans are into Texano and a feud with someone else could do good things for him.

Konnan and Puma are getting ready when Catrina and Muertes come in to say the title is his. Then they disappear, which Konnan calls mind games.

After a break, Konnan tells someone we can't see that it's time to settle a debt by dealing with Chavo tonight.

Hernandez vs. Drago

Striker: "Hernandez is arguably one of the biggest luchadors on the roster." Actually it's not arguable Striker. Hernandez shoves him down to start but Drago flips back up to his feet. For some reason this stuns Hernandez because someone actually got back to their feet. We hit the chinlock as we hear about Drago being a karate champion. Back up and Drago's cross body completely fails as Hernandez casually counters it into something like a Big Ending.

A kick to the head staggers Hernandez on the top and sets up a hurricanrana for two. Not a bad power vs. speed match so far. Another kick to the face (well the heel but you get the idea) sets up an Asai corkscrew dive, only to have Hernandez Border Toss Drago onto the apron. A "fan" loses his belt and Drago gets whipped and choked for the DQ.

Rating: C-. This wasn't bad but Hernandez is little more than power moves at this point. He never has been the most polished guy in the world but it's getting even worse in recent years. Drago is still good but he didn't get to do much here, making him feel far more average than anything else.

Hernandez tells the stupid fans that dragons aren't real and Drago is just a man.

Catrina tells Chavo that he'll die if he wins tonight. Chavo says he'll see Catrina and Muertes at Ultima Lucha.

Marty Martinez vs. Alberto El Patron

Alberto punches him down in the corner and kicks at the ribs, setting up a Codebreaker on the arm and the cross armbreaker for the win in less than a minute.

Post match Alberto tells Johnny Mundo that he has opened a new side of Alberto. He'll rip Johnny's face off at Ultima Lucha.

Lucha Underground Title: Chavo Guerrero vs. Prince Puma

Puma is defending, No DQ and if Konnan interferes then Puma loses the title. Chavo has the remaining Crew in his corner to protect him from Mexico, whatever or whoever that may be. Owen's Hart's spinout counters Puma's wristlock but he crucifixes Chavo for two. The champ flips over Chavo and Guerrero's knee gives out, drawing in the Crew to beat Puma down. Puma tries to fight both guys off as Chavo has barely moved. A DDT/top rope double stomp plants Puma again but Texano comes in to fight off the Crew. Puma goes up and hits a 630 on Chavo to retain the title.

Rating: C-. I have to believe that was a real injury (or at least a storyline "real" injury) because there's no reason to have the match go that way if Chavo was healthy. Even from Chavo's perspective it doesn't make sense because why wouldn't he help in a beatdown in a No DQ match? I'll give them a big break here because it seems like a real injury and it's not fair to criticize them in that case.

Texano says Mexico isn't coming for Chavo because it's right here.

Chavo is in the back when Blue Demon Jr. comes in. Demon chuckles at what he saw but Chavo says that Texano must be Mexico now while Demon is just some has been who lives in Miami. Demon slams him into a locker and leaves as Chavo smiles. I've asked this before and I'll ask it again: why am I supposed to care about Blue Demon Jr.? He's been around since the first episode, wrestled two or three times, and is apparently really important (yes I know his lineage), but I have no reason to care about him.

Overall Rating: D+. I didn't care about this one very much, but Ultima

Lucha is really starting to take shape. They've got about a month to go before the major show and it should be interesting to see how good of a show they can put on when they have the time and the stories built up. Not a great show here, but it accomplished a few of its goals.

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