

Impact Wrestling – June 21, 2018: Ohio vs. Mexico



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With about a month to go before Slammiversary, the card is starting to come together. We have Moose challenging Austin Aries for the World Title and likely a match between Tommy Dreamer and Eddie Edwards for the sake of getting Dreamer on a pay per view in 2018. Other than that we also know who the X attacker was, but we don't know anything else about him. Let's get to it.

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

We open with a recap of Moose becoming #1 contender in a rather under performing match last week. We also look at the rest of last week's big stories, including Pentagon coming to El Hijo Del Fantasma's rescue from OVE and Brian Cage staring Kongo Kong down.

Tag Team Titles: Z&E vs. LAX

LAX is challenging. It's a brawl in the aisle to start until someone gets inside, only to have Everett flip dive over the top onto Santana to empty

the ring in all of four seconds. We settle down to Everett working on Santana and elbowing him down to bring in DJZ. Everett's legdrop gets one but Ortiz comes in for help on a backbreaker to put the champs in trouble.

It's time to start working on Everett's shoulder but he flips out of a belly to back suplex. A double dropkick is enough to bring in DJZ to no reaction, even as the pace picks up. The champs hit a Blockbuster/spinebuster combo (cool) on Santana and Ortiz gets kicked in the back of the head.

Back from a break with LAX in control and something like Poetry in Motion with a Cannonball crushing Everett. The champs are right back with a More Bang For Your Buck ripoff (even Callis says it reminds him of the Bucks) but Santana breaks up Everett's shooting star press. The Street Sweeper gives LAX the titles back at 15:01.

Rating: C+. That's the right call as Z&E didn't feel like long term champions whatsoever. LAX is a good team and they've got something with King, especially when we find out what's going on with Konnan and the other members of the team. The match was perfectly fine and got some time, which is often a nice improvement.

The announcers preview the rest of the night.

Jimmy Jacobs and Kongo Kong want Brian Cage.

Video on Fallah Bahh and KM getting together and then splitting up last week.

Here's KM to discuss what happened last week. KM did everything he could for Bahh and then Bahh failed him. This company needs to be renamed after KM ("KMpact Wrestling") and Bahh needs to come out here right now and face him like a man. Cue Bahh who pulls a note out of the rolls in his skin, hands it to KM, and leaves. The note says KM is a bully who needs to grow up, with BAHH at the end of every sentence. A standby wrestler is going to face KM tonight.

Scott Steiner vs. KM

KM tries to jump him at the bell but gets pulled outside and whipped into the steps. They get inside with KM begging off and getting suplexed for his efforts. A hanging Downward Spiral sets up the Steiner Recliner for the tap at 2:40. Complete squash.

The Slammiversary press conference took place earlier this week with Moose talking about being ready to take the World Title in his fifth year in wrestling. Austin Aries said he's merging the World and Grand Championships (Didn't that happen months ago?) and is ready to beat up Moose, who has nothing on his resume.

We go to Boston where Eddie Edwards is trying to find his wife Alisha but can't get into his house. Eventually he kicks the door in but finds house empty. Well save for the cameras and a mirror, where his reflection turns into Sami Callihan. A flashback montage ensues and Eddie blames Dreamer for everything.

Calihan and OVE are ready for Pentagon and Fantasma tonight.

Taya Valkyrie vs. Madison Rayne

Taya pulls her down by the hair to start as we hear about Lucha Underground season four debuting. Choking on the ropes has Madison in more trouble but she comes out of the corner with a tornado DDT for the break. A cutter gets two on Taya but she's right back with a running hip attack in the corner. Taya gives her a curb stomp for two, only to have Madison come right back with Cross Rayne (a stupid name for Cross Rhodes) for the pin at 5:33.

Rating: D+. I'm not wild on Rayne getting this push but they're going with it and I'll take a story that gets time over something that they fly through almost any time. The match should be fine, though I don't buy Rayne as having a real chance at becoming champion for a second.

Post match Madison says she didn't come back to be an in-ring competitor but she's going to take the chance when it comes to her. She's been making moments for the last few weeks and this win gives her a chance to make another moment. This win gives her the chance to win the Knockouts

Title for the sixth time at Slammiversary. Su Yung's laugh is heard and Madison freaks.

LAX is celebrating in the clubhouse when Konnan comes in. He's proud of the team but wants to talk to King. Back from a break, Konnan thinks King had something to do with him being taken out. King denies it, but Konnan says he better be telling the truth.

The X attacker, now named Killer Kross, talks about how why he did it. Well why not? There is only chaos in this universe so let's shake everything up and see where it falls. He is the new beginning.

Video on the Desi Hit Squad. I've heard about them for so long that I'm having issues making myself care.

From last year's Impact in India, we look at Sonjay Dutt winning the X-Division Title.

OVE vs. El Hijo Del Fantasma/Pentagon Jr.

Callihan is at ringside and the luchadors start brawling early on. Fantasma beats on Dave to start and a middle rope stomp has Dave in more trouble. One heck of a chop rocks Jake and there's a running knee to his jaw. One sided so far and Fantasma makes it better with the suicide dive.

Back in and things settle down, this time with Jake working on Fantasma's leg. A half crab doesn't get him very far and we take a break. Back with the leg work continuing with Dave cannonballing down. Fantasma scores with a pair of tilt-a-whirl backbreakers but still can't get over for the tag to Pentagon.

That means it's time for more pulling on the knee with Jake putting on kind of a kneeling half crab. A neckbreaker finally gets Fantasma out of trouble and it's off to Pentagon for the Sling Blades. Dave superkicks Jake by mistake but they're fine enough to superplex Fantasma into a sitout powerbomb for two. Not that it matters as the Pentagon Driver is enough for the pin on Jake at 16:32.

Rating: B-. Nice main event here with OVE taking the loss to the much bigger name in Pentagon. I'm glad that they're treating him like a big

deal even after he's lost the World Title as he seems like someone who is going to be a player around here for a long time instead of just showing up for a few months and leaving.

Post match Pentagon goes for Jake's arm but gets hit in the face with the baseball bat. OVE goes for the mask but Fantasma grabs a chair for the save to end the show.

Overall Rating: C+. As has been the case lately, Impact puts out a good show with nothing too bad and some building towards future shows. Killer Kross' interview was fine, though I'm hoping he's treated well once he gets in the ring. The tag matches were both good, though I really question the point in having Steiner win a match, let alone squashing someone. Granted, it's just KM so it's not like it matters very much.

Results

LAX b. Z&E – Street Sweeper to Everett

Scott Steiner b. KM – Steiner Recliner

Madison Rayne b. Taya Valkyrie – Cross Rayne

Pentagon Jr./El Hijo Del Fantasma b. OVE – Pentagon Driver to Jake

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