

# Progress Wrestling Chapter 193: Las Vegas II: Viva Las Progress

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Location: Horseshoe Las Vegas, Las Vegas, Nevada

Commentators: Joe Dombrowski, D'Lo Brown

We're back in Las Vegas with the British promotion that you might have heard of before. I've only seen a bit from this place over the years so I'm not sure what to expect this time around. Believe it or not, the main event is for the World Title, which is a pretty safe way to go. Let's get to it.

The opening video seems to be a standard one for the promotion rather than this show.

## Subculture vs. Kuro/LJ Cleary

Kuro is a replacement for Tommy Tanner who isn't here because...I'm guessing aliens. Cleary ties up Webster for two off la majistral and it's off to Andrews for a change. Kuro snaps off a dropkick and faceplant to drop Andrews, who cuts him right back off. An inverted flipping backsplash gives Andrews two and it's back to Cleary for a slam.

Cleary poses a bit and drops an elbow before sending Andrews into the corner. A dropkick into a leg trap Tombstone gets two, with Webster not getting in for the save. Andrews' double Pele misses and everything breaks down. Clearly's tornado DDT takes out Kuro by mistake and it's a poisonrana/big boot combination to pin Cleary at 7:55.

**Rating:** C+. They had a quick but fine match with a story being told as well. The idea here was rather simple: Subculture are

a regular team and know each other while Kuro and Cleary were thrown together and didn't have the same chemistry. That's more than I was expecting and the match wound up going pretty well. Subculture has done well almost every time I've seen them and that was the case again here.

Video on the Super Strong Style 16 tournament, which will have a men's and women's edition this year.

### **Simon Miller vs. Danny Jones**

Miller works on a headlock to start and mocks Jones a bit. Jones gets low bridged to the floor, where he can slam the knee into the apron to take over. Back in and Jones chops him down before slapping the top of Miller's head for some disrespect. Miller picks him up and puts him down with a belly to back suplex and the straps come down. Jones pulls him into a Falcon Arrow for two but takes WAY too long going up. Miller avoids a charge and hits a spear into the Jackhammer for the pin at 7:29.

**Rating:** C+. Miller is a rare case where he went from a celebrity to someone who was actually making a run out of an in-ring career. He's not bad at all and works well as a power guy with some charisma. While I can't imagine him getting much further than a star in Progress and similar promotions, he's doing rather well with what he's doing and that's pretty impressive.

### **Super Strong Styles 16 First Round: Ethan Allen vs. Lio Rush**

Rush is in full on Gollum mode and talks to himself in the corner at the opening bell. Allen goes after him and gets attacked in the corner but whips Rush in instead. Rush blocks a kick though and hits an enziguri to send Allen outside. That's fine with Allen, who drops Rush hard onto the apron.

Back in and a kick to the back sets up Allen's chinlock, with

Allen punching him in the face to make it worse. Rush fights up and gets the speed going, with a flip into an enziguri dropping Allen for two more. Allen slaps on a quick rear naked choke before switching to a double arm crank. With nothing else working, Rush bites the rope to make the escape. Rush sends him outside and does his weird crawl thing, setting up a suicide dive. The Blue Thunder Bomb gives Rush the pin at 10:08.

**Rating:** C+. The more I see of Rush's new character, the less necessary it seems to be. Rush is an athletic star and has a good look in the first place. This just makes him seem more goofy than anything else and that isn't a good sign. Hopefully it doesn't last long, though I have a bad feeling it is going to be around for the foreseeable future.

### Emersyn Jayne vs. Lena Kross vs. Mercedes Martinez vs. Renee Michelle vs. Shotzi Blackheart

Jayne is "the Mother Teresa Of Workrate". It's a brawl to start of course and Blackheart is sent outside. She's right back in to break up stereo delayed suplexes, followed by a dropkick to break up a Doomsday Device. We get a four way Devil's Kiss until Martinez kicks them in the head to cut that off.

Kross gets to snap off some suplexes but Jayne takes over on Michelle. Back up and Michelle hits a dive, leaving Martinez to German superplex Jayne. Blackheart ties Martinez in the Tree Of Woe for a stomp but she's right back with a spinebuster to Michelle. Jayne rolls Martinez up for the pin at 6:43.

**Rating:** C+. Take a bunch of people, put them in the ring at the same time and let them go nuts. There isn't much else you can do for a match like this, though having five people in there rather than almost double that many is a nice relief. As usual, no one really got to stand out but there were some

familiar names so at least it wasn't a bunch of random spots from strangers.

### **Proteus Title: Paul Walter Hauser vs. Big Damo**

Hauser (the actor) is defending and is putting up \$100,000 for a bonus. In addition, Hauser has been champion for over a year but refuses to defend the title on British soil, making him a big heel for a change. Damo chases him to the floor but Hauser...slaps him, which doesn't seem to be a good idea.

Some big forearms put Hauser down but a backsplash misses. Hauser's rather weak chops just tick Damo off and he puts Hauser down with a single shot. A spinebuster and elbow give Damo two and he plants Hauser with a superplex. The gets pulled into the corner so Damo can crush him with a splash. Hauser gets in a low blow to retain the title at 6:48.

**Rating:** C. I remember Hauser winning the title last year and I'm kind of stunned to see him still holding the thing. If nothing else, making him a heel is quite the move and he did it well enough. Hauser isn't a great worker or anything, but it's cool to see him taking this seriously and trying something new. Not a great match, but I got what they were going for here.

Post match Hauser praises the American fans and mocks the British fans. Simon Miller, the former champion, shows up to chase Hauser back inside, where Damo gives him the Belfast Blitz. Then he does it again..and Miller goes to steal the \$100,000. There's no money in the suitcase though so Hauser gets hit in the head with the case.

### **Women's Super Strong Style 16 First Round: Rhio vs. Vert Vixen**

Rhio avoids a charge into the corner to start and they go out to the apron. A package piledriver doesn't work so Rhio hits a belly to back suplex instead. Back in and Vixen takes her down

for an early chinlock, followed by a choke in the corner. Rhio gets kicked out to the floor, where Vixen drops her again and poses a bit.

As usual that takes too long and Rhio is back with a dive to take over. They get back in and slug it out with Vixen getting the better of things, followed by a Blue Thunder Bomb for two. Rhio's MuscleBuster gets the same and a crossbody puts Vixen down again. A fireman's carry backbreaker gives Rhio two but she still can't hit the package piledriver. Vixen's charge misses and now the package piledriver finishes for Rhio at 10:55.

**Rating:** B-. It's no surprise that Rhio is on so many radars, as she checks a lot of boxes. She has the size, a nice look, and is a heck of an athlete. Having her move on is a smart idea as she seems like a favorite to win the whole tournament. Vixen is an interesting case as well, as she's quite the star outside of AEW, which is a shame as she rarely gets a chance to do anything there.

### **Progress World Title: Michael Oku vs. Man Like DeReiss**

Oku, with Amira, is challenging and DeReiss (with Brodie Lee Jr.) raps his way to the ring as usual. Oku dropkicks him in the corner at the bell, setting up a frog splash for two. A backdrop puts Oku down but he's right back with something like a Sling Blade over the top. Back in and Oku grabs a snapmare but has to bail out on a top rope moonsault.

DeReiss knocks him down again though and an elbow to the face gets two. They trade shots for a double down and Lee slides in the title. DeReiss doesn't want it that way so Amira goes after Oku. DeReiss has to save Lee from a half crab but misses Cool Runnings (450). Instead DeReiss kicks him into the corner for a very spinning Blue Thunder Bomb.

Oku escapes a leg lock and gets the half crab, with Lee

teasing throwing in the towel. That's broken up and Oku sends DeReiss outside, setting up the Fosbury Flop. Back in and DeReiss pulls a dive out of the air for a swinging Downward Spiral, setting up Cool Runnings for two. A piledriver gets two more and DeReiss Sharpshooters him to retain at 13:46.

**Rating:** B. This was more like it, as it came off like a main event World Title showdown between two rather talented wrestlers. You don't get to see that very often, and it's nice to see DeReiss being able to back up his cool entrance in the ring. Oku is slowly growing on me and his in-ring abilities are more than good enough to keep him around for a long while to come. Good main event here.

Post match Lee makes amends with Oku and Amira. DeReiss celebrates to end the show.

**Overall Rating:** B-. As usual, Progress puts on a good show with a solid main event and enough hard work from a talented roster. It's not a classic or anything (though the main event is worth a look) but for a show that runs just over two hours, it's worth your time. I could go for more of Progress, as they're always worth a look when they come stateside.

### Results

Subculture b. Kuro/LJ Cleary – Big boot/poisonrana combination to Cleary

Simon Miller b. Danny Jones – Jackhammer

Lio Rush b. Ethan Allen – Blue Thunder Bomb

Emersyn Jayne b. Lena Kross, Mercedes Martinez, Renee Michelle and Shotzi Blackheart – Rollup to Martinez

Paul Walter Hauser b. Big Damo – Low blow

Rhio b. Vert Vixen – Package piledriver

Man Like DeReiss b. Michael Oku – Sharpshooter

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# Impact Wrestling – November 2, 2023: One Of Those Kinds Of Shows

## Impact Wrestling

Date: November 2, 2023

Location: O2 Academy, Glasgow, Scotland

Commentators: Tom Hannifan, Matthew Rehwoldt

We're done with Bound For Glory and ready for a different kind of show after last week's abridged version of the pay per view. This week's show is also from the European tour, which should give us a bit of a different feeling. It's also the go home show for Turning Point, which takes place tomorrow night. Let's get to it.

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

Opening sequence.

Matthew Rehwoldt and Tom Hannifan welcome us to the show and apparently this is going to be clips of matches from the UK tour rather than a regular show.

Glasgow Cup: Joe Hendry vs. Frankie Kazarian

This is the finals of a one night four man tournament. Hendry

(who beat Rich Swann in the first round as opposed to Leon Slater for Kazarian) says his future is bright but he needs to win this match to prove that he belongs. Feeling out process to start with Hendry grabbing a headlock and getting absolutely nowhere.

Kazarian takes him down into a front facelock but Hendry powers it into the corner for the break. Back up and Kazarian grabs a headlock takeover until Hendry powers up again without much effort. Hendry takes his time going up though and gets shoved out to the floor as we take a break.

We come back with Kazarian hitting the springboard spinning legdrop for two, setting up another front facelock. Kazarian cradles him for two and hits a clothesline but it's too early for the chickenwing. That's reversed into another suplex, followed by Hendry's fall away slam. Hendry faceplants him into a cutter for two. Kazarian grabs Fade To Black for two of his own and they trade rollups until Hendry gets the pin at 12:57.

**Rating:** B-. This did what it was supposed to do: give the UK fans a moment as their star wins a meaningless prize and give Hendry one of the bigger singles wins of his career. They covered the wrestling portion of the show rather well as Kazarian continues to show that he is one of the best hands in all of Impact. Nice opener here and they covered a good bit with one match.

Scott D'Amore comes out to award Hendry the cup.

Deonna Purrazzo, Brian Myers and Moose are ready to take out Subculture.

Joe Hendry is happy with his win and wants more.

Subculture vs. Moose/Brian Myers/Deonna Purrazzo

Webster and Myers start things off and spend a good while

posing at each other. Myers runs him over with a shoulder but gets armdragged down for his efforts. Everything breaks down and Luna flips both of them into moonsaults onto Myers for two. Purrazzo comes in and is promptly suplexed, allowing the tag off to Moose. Luna can't quite power him around so it's off to Andrews as we take a break.

Back with Moose crotching Andrews on top and Purrazzo comes in for a hard clothesline. Stomping ensues in the corner as Rehwoldt is NOT happy with the fans yelling at Myers. Purrazzo breaks up a tag attempt and Myers grabs a chinlock. Andrews finally fights his way to freedom and it's Luna coming back in to pick up the pace.

Everything breaks down and a triple bomb out of the corner gets a collective two on Moose. Purrazzo Fujiwara armbars Luna until Andrews makes a delayed save. We hit the parade of strikes to the face and everyone is left laying. Andrews Stundog Millionaires Moose and the women crash out to the floor. That leaves Moose to spear Andrews for the pin at 15:43.

**Rating:** C+. Subculture has done a lot more than I would have expected after they left NXT UK. At the very least, the fact that they are still together and have found some success in Impact is impressive enough. While I can see how the fans might not be pleased at the UK team losing here, Moose and Purrazzo have title shots coming so other than pinning Myers, there wasn't much of a way out here for Subculture.

Josh Alexander and Eric Young don't get along but they're ready for tonight's main event.

### Grado vs. Trey Miguel

Grado avoids a charge to start and dances around as the fans seem to approve. An early chinlock doesn't get Grado very far so he shoulders Miguel over and steps on his back. Miguel sends him into the corner where Grado flips upside down and

mocks him a little bit. This time Miguel sends him outside but Grado grabs an armbar and lets the fans get in some slaps.

Back in and Miguel hits an elbow to the face but Grado nails a Bionic Elbow. A superkick and moonsault give Miguel two, only to have Grado run him over again. The Wee Boot is blocked so Grado grabs a small package for two, followed by the boot connecting for the pin at 8:41.

**Rating:** C. Yeah sure. Grado is a big deal in the UK and while I'm not a big fan, it completely makes sense to put him here against someone who won't be hurt by the loss. It's another example of giving the fans something to cheer about as they're going to like just about anything Grado does. This won't hurt Miguel either so it was about as appropriate as you could get.

Eddie Edwards is ready for Will Ospreay at Turning Point.

#### Trinity vs. Emersyn Jayne

Non-title. Jayne is billed as the Mother Teresa of Workrate but Trinity kicks her down and drops a leg for two. Trinity's sliding slap is blocked so she kicks Jayne in the head instead. Jayne is back up with the sliding German suplex to take over and a snap suplex gets two. A northern lights suplex gives Jayne two more but Trinity shrugs it off and hits the bulldog onto the middle buckle. The Rear View gets another near fall but Jayne plants her down for the same. That's enough for Trinity, who kicks her in the head and grabs a Bubba Bomb into a rollup for the pin at 7:09.

**Rating:** C+. Jayne certainly had some charisma and will probably get noticed after this kind of a match. Trinity is at the top of the division and likely will be until at least Hard To Kill for the match with Jordynne Grace. Other than that though, this was a match where Trinity wasn't in a ton of danger to lose. It was a nice way to get the champ on the show though and that is what mattered most.

We look at the whole UK tour.

Trinity is ready to beat Deonna Purrazzo for the last time at Turning Point.

### Motor City Machine Guns vs. Josh Alexander/Eric Young

Shelley and Alexander start things off and we get a quick handshake. They fight over wrist control with neither being able to get very far. Shelley's arm crank sends Alexander to the rope but the C4 Spike and Border City Stretch are both broken up. Shelley bails out to the floor so it's off to Young and Sabin. More wrist battling doesn't get either of them anywhere but it gets us to a break.

Back with the Guns knocking them to the floor but Alexander comes in to kick Shelley in the face. The front facelock goes on though Shelley is right back out. Alexander can't get the ankle lock either so Shelley snaps off a dragon screw legwhip. The Guns take over on Alexander's leg in the corner and another dragon screw legwhip gives Sabin two. We take another break and come back with Sabin still on the leg and the fans cheering for Young.

Stereo Figure Fours have the Canadians in trouble but both of them are broken up. Alexander gets a quick fisherman's buster and the tag brings Young in to clean house. Everything breaks down and Alexander rolls some German suplexes but the C4 Spike is countered with a hurricanrana.

A running kick to the face gets two as Young makes a save. The missile dropkick/Downward Spiral combination hits Alexander for two but he's back with a Sharpshooter on Sabin. The rope is grabbed so Sabin Cradle Shocks Alexander. Young is back in with the top rope elbow to Sabin but the lack of Young being legal lets Sabin kick out. Sabin is back with another Cradle Shock to Young for the pin at 20:23.

**Rating:** B. This felt like exactly what it was: a big time

house show match that got a bunch of former World Champions in the ring in a match that you won't see on a regular Impact. Young was there for no reason other than to take the pin and that is a fine role for him at this point in his career. The Guns can still go with just about anyone and they did well with the makeshift Canadians here.

**Overall Rating:** B-. It was a good show, but it's just a house show that they taped and aired here. I get that they're on tour and can't do a usual TV, but we're now two shows past Bound For Glory and don't have anything resembling fallout. It's not a problem yet, though if this kind of thing keeps happening, that will change in a hurry. The matches here were all at least decent, but it is absolutely not a show you need to watch in any way.

### Results

Joe Hendry b. Frankie Kazarian – Cradle

Moose/Brian Myers/Deonna Purrazzo b. Subculture – Spear to Andrews

Grado b. Trey Miguel – Wee Boot

Trinity b. Emersyn Jayne – Rollup

Motor City Machine Guns b. Eric Young/Josh Alexander – Cradle  
Shock to Young

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