

205 Live – October 17, 2017: The Zo Show, Fresh Prince Edition

205 Live

Date: October 17, 2017

Location: KeyArena, Seattle, Washington

Commentators: Vic Joseph, Nigel McGuinness

It's probably the last show of Kalisto's title reign, which means it's time to shift things back to Enzo Amore for the sake of getting people to watch the show. Amore also suddenly has a small army backing him up, despite spending weeks ripping on them for being worthless. 205 Live is a funny place at times. Let's get to it.

The long opening recap looks at Kalisto taking the title from Amore and Amore sending his goons to take Kalisto out.

Opening sequence.

Here's Enzo to open things up. Enzo asks if you can smell it, because it smells like team spirit. He brings up the help he had last night (Noam Dar, Tony Nese, Ariya Daivari and Drew Gulak) and says Kalisto is only going to be jumping from channel to channel in a hospital. Kalisto is going to be in there for a long time too so he can log onto the wi-fi and watch the Zo Show on the WWE Network.

Enzo has built this place up and he's an original who was only handed a microphone. This is all about charisma and you can't teach that. You can love this or hate this but you can't get above this. Enzo doesn't like Kalisto playing it so safe (Huh?) so here's Kalisto for a springboard missile dropkick, sending Enzo bailing.

Long recap of Cedric Alexander vs. Jack Gallagher/Brian Kendrick. Rich Swann has joined Cedric's side to even things out.

Jack Gallagher vs. Rich Swann

Kendrick and Cedric are the seconds. Swann flips over the suited Gallagher to start and a quick hurricanrana takes him down again. Gallagher heads outside and the referee is so busy keeping an eye on Cedric that he misses Kendrick taking Swann down to the floor. Back in and Jack slowly hammers him down until Swann flips out of a suplex. That just earns him another dropkick to the face for two with Gallagher grinding his forearm into the face. We hit the neck crank for a bit before Gallagher starts in on the leg.

Swann fights back up but has to punch his way out of an electric chair. Instead it's a tiger driver for two on Jack but the fight heads to the floor where the seconds get involved. Gallagher is all kinds of aggressive in beating Cedric on the announcers' table. Cedric fights back with Swann loading up a Phoenix splash but Jack and Brian bail. The match was thrown out somewhere in there, say around 7:30.

Rating: C. This was just a preview for Sunday's tag match and that's fine. I'm glad that they didn't have either of them lose as there's no point to making one of them look weak going into Sunday's match. It might not be a big match on the card but it's cool to see the cruiserweights get to have a non-title feud getting some pay per view time. Good little match here too.

Here's Drew Gulak with the NO CHANTS sign for a chat. He sees himself as his father and the Drewtopia as a safe space from dives and unnecessary chanting. We see a clip of Gulak attacking Akira Tozawa last week and calling it tough love. If Tozawa wasn't spending so much time chanting, he might have seen slide #9 of the POWERPOINT PRESENTATION! Proposal #9: No Defying Authority.

Despite what you might have heard from the Beastie Boys or the Fresh Prince, rules are not made to be broken. The fans chant that this is boring (kind of the idea in this story so it's not so bad) but Gulak promises to be on the Kickoff Show with a special refresher course on his plan for a better 205 Live.

Quick look at the cruiserweight stuff on Sunday's show.

[Mustafa Ali/Kalisto vs. Enzo Amore/Ariya Daivari](#)

Daivari rants in his language but Enzo says they speak the shared language of money. Enzo hides from Kalisto to start and brings in Daivari instead. The trash talk doesn't get Daivari very far and it's a double dropkick to put him down. A slingshot hilo keeps Daivari in trouble but an Enzo distraction lets him knock Kalisto outside. The bad landing messes up Kalisto's back and Enzo throws it into the corner. A Downward Spiral and the baseball right hand combine for two.

Daivari comes in for his turn at some stomps and sends Kalisto outside. Some right hands drop Enzo but Daivari is right back up with a clothesline. Kalisto reverses a suplex into a DDT though and there's the hot tag to Ali. Everything breaks down and Ali kicks Enzo in the head to set up the rolling neckbreaker for another near fall. Ali sends Daivari outside for a big flip dive, leaving Kalisto to end Amore with the Salida Del Sol at 9:22.

Rating: C-. Alas, this is likely the end of Kalisto's title reign as they did the standard of having the future champ lose. To be fair though it's not like it matters all that much in Enzo's case as he loses to almost everyone. Ali is still one of the more consistent performers in the division and could be a big deal, though I'm not sure he has the personality.

Kalisto dives onto Enzo and Daivari again, sending Enzo bailing up the ramp to end the show.

Overall Rating: C. It's amazing how much more I like this show with Enzo as the big bad that the good guys are trying to keep from taking the belt hostage again. That's a much better story than "let Enzo do whatever for an hour" and if Kalisto can get some more backup, there's a good Survivor Series match in there. It would probably need a stipulation, but at least there's a story here, which is more than we've had in a long time.

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205 Live – October 10, 2017: It Won't Last Long

205 Live

Date: October 10, 2017

Location: Van Andel Arena, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Commentators: Vic Joseph, Nigel McGuinness

It's suddenly a different era on 205 Live as Kalisto won the Cruiserweight Title last night in a big surprise. On the downside though, it seems that we've lost Neville for the time being as he might be leaving the company due to not being happy with a variety of things. Hopefully things get better for both the division and the show so let's get to it.

We open with a four and a half minute recap of last night's events.

Opening sequence.

Renee Young brings out Kalisto for a chat. Kalisto is fired up to have a luchador as champion and brings up dedicating the match to Eddie Guerrero. Cue Enzo and Ariya Daivari to say this party needs the Zo. He put the division on his back but Kalisto just used it like a backpack. Enzo isn't cool with the people he's been carrying lifting Kalisto on his shoulders like it was the end of Rudy.

Then Mustafa Ali attacked him like a guy who needs to stay out of his bag. He accuses Kalisto of stealing the title, just like Eddie Guerrero

would have done. Kalisto says he did just what Enzo said to do and that's win at any cost. Enzo says Kalisto is making the title look as disgusting as whatever is underneath the mask and the new champ doesn't have the money that Enzo does. The rematch is on for TLC but the brawl is on right now. Ali runs out for the save and the good guys clean house.

Rich Swann is ready to take TJP out once and for all because their friendship is done.

TJP vs. Rich Swann

2/3 falls. Swann wastes no time with a flip dive to the floor as the fight starts before the bell. TJP is right back by sending him into the barricade though and now we head inside for the opening bell. The match officially starts and they're already back outside less than fifteen seconds later.

Back in and we hit the kneebar but Swann quickly reverses into a rollup for the first fall. TJP is livid and hammers away for some early near falls. A dropkick staggers Swann but TJP stands around for too long, allowing Rich to hit one of his own. TJP's springboard forearm sets up the chinlock before going into a cross between a Cloverleaf and a Sharpshooter. It's too close to the ropes but at least the move looked good in the first place.

The Detonation Kick is broken up as well and Swann's spinning kick to the head drops TJP again. There's a tiger driver for two more on TJP but the running 450 hits knees. TJP is right back up with a slingshot dropkick to the ribs but is too injured to follow up at first. Back in and Swann kicks him down again, only to get caught in a fireman's carry.

It's the kneebar instead of the Detonation Kick this time though and Swann is in trouble. He tries another rollup but TJP drops down into a cradle for a near fall of his own. Swann grabs a quick Michinoku Driver and a cartwheel into a running Phoenix splash gets two more. The regular version puts TJP away at 11:46.

Rating: C+. This was a good way to wrap up the feud but it wasn't exactly a thrilling ending. I do like the idea of Swann winning 2-0 as it makes

him look like the definitive winner, though it didn't feel like a big deal as the fans were expecting a third fall. Good enough, but nothing all that special.

Enzo and Daivari are ready for their tag match later with Amore making a bunch of Lion King jokes. Drew Gulak comes up and seems to agree with Enzo's anti-Kalisto stance.

Akira Tozawa comes out for a match but Gulak jumps him from behind and hits him in the throat with the NO CHANTS sign.

We look back at Cedric Alexander vs. Jack Gallagher/Brian Kendrick.

Alexander doesn't buy what Kendrick says and will be ready for whatever they bring at him.

Enzo Amore/Ariya Daivari vs. Mustafa Ali/Kalisto

Enzo does the insults before we're ready to go. Ali and Daivari start things off with Mustafa being smart enough to stay away from the corner. Instead it's off to Enzo, who gets punched in the face a few times and kicked in the head for good measure. Daivari takes Ali down from the apron though and Enzo adds a Downward Spiral for two. The double teaming ensues with Daivari getting two off a spinebuster.

Nigel starts singing an Aladdin song about Ali and there's a spinwheel kick to knock Enzo silly and bug his eyes out at the same time. The hot tag brings in Kalisto for the house cleaning and a hurricanrana driver plants Daivari. There's the double dive to take the villains down but Enzo posts Ali. Not that it matters as the Salida Del Sol ends Daivari at 6:59.

Rating: C. Ali was doing most of the work here though I'm glad they didn't pull a surprise by having Kalisto lose in his first match as champion. You can pretty much pencil him in for the loss from here and while that's rather annoying, it's nice to have a break from Amore for the time being.

Overall Rating: C+. Like I said, it was nice to have Kalisto get the focus for a bit, but I'm not even going to pretend that Enzo isn't

getting the title back at TLC. He's clearly the star of the show and WWE is going to push him well beyond the point of people getting sick of him. The rest of the show was just kind of there, but that's the point anymore.

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Main Event – October 12, 2017: Someone Help Dash

Main Event

Date: October 12, 2017

Location: Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis, Indiana

Commentators: Vic Joseph, Nigel McGuinness

This week's Raw was kind of a mixed bag and that means it's not clear what Main Event will be like. The show entirely hinges on what kind of stuff we got on Raw, meaning we'll be seeing a ridiculous amount of stuff on the Shield. Their reunion was shown about five times on Monday so it's hard to guess what else they'll put on here. Let's get to it.

Opening sequence.

Heath Slater/Rhyno vs. Dash Wilder/Curtis Hawkins

Oh come on already. This is FIVE STRAIGHT WEEKS of Dash vs. some incarnation of Rhyno and Slater. Rhyno and Dawson start things out with Rhyno scoring a high backdrop. Slater comes in to a heck of a reaction and it's time to crank on that arm. It's off to Hawkins, who gets his arm cranked on until Dawson's cheap shot changes control. We hit the chinlock and Dash actually cuts off the hot tag attempt. Hawkins talks a bit too much trash though and eats a flapjack, allowing the hot tag to connect this time around. Everything breaks down and the spinebuster puts Hawkins away at 5:29.

Rating: D+. Nothing we haven't seen before but they were trying harder than usual here. I'm a bit sick of seeing Dawson lose this match but if it eventually gives us the Revival beating the heck out of Slater and Rhyno, everything will wind up being fine. At the same time though, I fully expect WWE to ignore the whole thing as Main Event means nothing. In other words, it's not a big deal.

Long recap of Miz/Cesaro/Sheamus beating down Roman Reigns, who needs some help.

From Raw:

It's time for MizTV to start things off and we have the Mizzies II! Last week Miz went from the A-Lister to THE GUY but he can't take all the credit for the whole thing. That brings us to our first award for perseverance and the winner is Curtis Axel. The fans think he deserves it and Axel dedicates it to Bo Dallas, who is out injured this week.

Next up is Best Supporting Actors in destroying Roman Reigns and the winners in a tie are Cesaro and Sheamus. The Bar (still a stupid name) comes out to thank Reigns in their acceptance speech but Cesaro wants to remember Seth Rollins and Dean Ambrose for breaking his teeth. Miz grants himself the award for Big Dog and again the fans think he deserves it.

This brings out Reigns but Miz knows he won't come in down 4-1. Miz doesn't want to hear about these lame rumors but Roman doesn't like them being called rumors. This brings out Ambrose and Rollins with Cole saying

Miz and the Bar never expected this to happen. Oh shut up Cole. The brawl is on with Miz bailing and the beatdown commences. Miz gets cornered and a TripleBomb plants him, allowing Shield to bring back the signature pose.

From later in Raw, after Braun Strowman beat Matt Hardy:

Strowman carries Hardy up the ramp but gets cut off by the Shield (now in matching t-shirts). Reigns spears him down and the triple beatdown is on. The TripleBomb puts Strowman through the announcers' table.

Again from Raw:

Here's Finn Balor to deal with the potential that Sister Abigail is alive. Balor thinks these threats make Bray feel like he's scared. If that's what Bray is all about, bring on the whole family. We cut to Bray's empty rocking chair but Bray sits down. Bray says Finn may not be afraid of him but he'll be afraid of her. They turned her into a monster but she chose Bray with her final breath. Now, the season of the witch is upon Balor.

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Akira Tozawa vs. Tony Nese

Nese pauses to show off the bicep and gets chopped for his efforts. The standing backplash gets two and Tozawa stomps away in the corner. Nese elbows him down though and we take a break. Back with Tozawa hitting a hurricanrana and a heck of a suicide dive for two more. Nese comes right back with a good looking pumphandle powerslam but his superplex is broken up, allowing Tozawa to hit the backplash for the pin at 8:59.

Rating: C. These cruiserweight matches are still working just fine and there's nothing wrong with that. Tozawa is one of the better members of

the division and being a former Cruiserweight Champion is a fine calling card for his skills. I still like Nese as a midcard heel and there's nothing wrong with him filling that role.

Once more from Raw:

Cruiserweight Title: Enzo Amore vs. Kalisto

Kalisto is challenging and it's a lumberjack match. Enzo shoulders him down to start and does a dance, only to have to stare at the lumberjacks. Back up and Kalisto kicks him in the shoulder before a front facelock takes us to a break. We come back with Enzo in control and slowly stomping away until Kalisto kicks him in the head.

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Overall Rating: C. It's kind of amazing how much better Raw seems when you don't see the same clip about five times in two and a half hours. This show wasn't great by any means but the two original matches were fine and that's more than you often get. Now if we can just find something else for Dawson to do.

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Monday Night Raw – October 9, 2017: Bada Boom, Send the Hounds After Bray For Dressing Like a Woman

Monday Night Raw

Date: October 9, 2017

Location: Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis, Indiana

Commentators: Michael Cole, Booker T., Corey Graves

It's Shield night as WWE isn't exactly being subtle with this one. Last week saw the trio standing in the same room and basically saying they were getting back together, though the question is how long they'll be able to keep this going. Your trivia for the night: the team debuted in Indianapolis, split in Indianapolis and seems to be reuniting in Indianapolis. I don't know if WWE did that on purpose but well done if they did. Let's get to it.

We open with a long recap of Miz/Cesaro/Sheamus beating down the former members of the Shield and the trio looking at each other to end last week's show. Again: not exactly a subtle idea here.

It's time for MizTV to start things off and we have the Mizzies II! Last week Miz went from the A-Lister to THE GUY but he can't take all the credit for the whole thing. That brings us to our first award for perseverance and the winner is Curtis Axel. The fans think he deserves it and Axel dedicates it to Bo Dallas, who is out injured this week.

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This was WWE's beat you over the head booking at its finest as they made no secret of Shield reuniting. It's cool that they're back together and it gives WWE something to hype up but how much better would it have been if this was a surprise? Of course WWE wanted to hype it up, which is fine, but they took all the shock value they could out of it, which really made it a lot less fun.

Jason Jordan vs. Karl Anderson

Jordan takes him to the mat with almost no effort but gets caught in a headlock to slow things down. The first suplex looks to set up a shoulder in the corner but Luke Gallows offers a distraction and Anderson dropkicks the knee out. Back from a break with Anderson working on the arm and getting two off a spinebuster. We're right back to the armbar until Jordan fights up with some clotheslines and a drive into the

corner. The first belly to belly connects but Jordan has to knock Gallows off the apron. Anderson misses a charge in the corner and it's the wheelbarrow neckbreaker to put Anderson away at 8:16.

Rating: C-. Anderson and Gallows are now on the list of people whose mere appearance sucks the life out of me. They're not funny, they're not interesting, their matches are average at best and now we're stuck with them putting over Jordan, who is only moderately acceptable in this role in the first place.

Miz is getting iced down when Kurt Angle comes in. The TLC match is officially made for the pay per view with Miz/the Bar vs. Shield.

Here's Elias to insult Titus Worldwide, which is like a car in the Indy 500: going around in circles but not going anywhere. He thinks the fans don't want to hear a song tonight but he loves his own voice too much to not do one. Actually hang on as here's Titus O'Neil plucking a banjo. Titus sings a little number about Apollo Crews being Elias up next.

Apollo Crews vs. Elias

Joined in progress with Elias stomping away and working on the arm. Elias even busts out Old School (which I don't remember anyone but Undertaker ever using outside of a match with Undertaker) but Crews fights back for a few seconds. That's about it from him though as he gets sent throat first into the ropes, setting up Drift Away for the pin at 3:14 shown.

Rating: D. This is another match that we've seen a few times now and it's not getting any better. If there's a reason for this feud (if you can call it that) to continue I'm not seeing it, as it's something where there's no drama and no real story but it keeps going anyway. Titus Worldwide is a nice little idea but with no star and barely ever winning anything, it's not exactly lighting the world on fire.

Here's Enzo Amore to talk about how awesome he is and how he has no challengers thanks to the rest of the division attacking him a few weeks back. He wants Angle out here right now for some explaining about why he's defending the title against Kalisto at TLC. Enzo pulls out a signed contract saying that if any member of the division attacked him, they

would never get a title shot.

The deal is Kalisto was signed after that contract was signed so the title match is official. Enzo doesn't like it so Angle switches the title match to tonight. That's fine, as long as it's in the main event. Angle isn't done yet though and makes it a lumberjack match with the rest of the division around the ring.

We recap the opening sequence.

Matt Hardy vs. Braun Strowman

Matt slugs away and gets in a dropkick but the Side Effect is easily countered with a throw. Back from an early break with Matt hitting a Twist of Fate for one. Another attempt is countered into a chokeslam and it's the running powerslam to end Matt at 6:27. Not enough shown to rate but this was basically a squash.

Strowman carries Hardy up the ramp but gets cut off by the Shield (now in matching t-shirts). Reigns spears him down and the triple beatdown is on. The TripleBomb puts Strowman through the announcers' table. Now THAT is the kind of return segment they needed.

Post break Shield says they're back and aren't scared of anyone. You can believe that.

Here's Mickie James with something to say. Mickie has felt something has been wrong since she came back. Maybe it's her southern accent or her country music or her age. Alexa Bliss has been the worst of them all for this because she's been doing it all behind her back. That's the kind of champion Bliss is and then she hid behind her bodyguard. Mickie has more energy in her than Bliss has cheap hair extension and pink hair dye and the only number that matters to her is seven.

This brings out Bliss to say she's not here to cause trouble. Bliss has put together a career retrospective on James' career and it's presented as an old newsreel under the title Superstars of Yesteryear in black and white. Mickie calls Bliss to the ring but the champ pulls back at the last second, calling it a move as old as Mickie is. Mickie chases her

down and gets in a few shots.

Bayley and Sasha Banks are talking with Kurt Angle about getting the shot at Asuka. Alicia Fox, Emma and Dana Brooke all come in and want the shot instead.

Jack Gallagher/Brian Kendrick vs. Cedric Alexander/Mustafa Ali

Cedric attacked Kendrick's ankle last week to help set this up. Ali and Gallagher get in an argument on the floor, leaving Brian to send Cedric into the corner to take over. Jack comes in for a chinlock before hammering away in the corner. Cedric gets away and makes the hot tag off to Ali so things can speed up. The rolling neckbreaker gets two on Kendrick with Jack making a save. The distraction lets Kendrick hit Sliced Bread #2 for the pin on Ali at 3:46.

Rating: D+. As usual, aside from Enzo, the cruiserweights are treated like filler on here and that doesn't do 205 Live any favors. Why would I want to watch a show dedicated to Raw's filler talent? That's really the best thing they can do here? I know the cruiserweights were announced in the Draft over a year ago but their limited value on Raw was used up a long time ago.

We recap Shield's actions tonight. There's no hiding the fact that this show isn't exactly covered in interesting talent.

Miz comes in to see Angle to call Shield out on their saying they can face any four or five people. Therefore, he's going to find another partner and of course it's Strowman.

Here's Finn Balor to deal with the potential that Sister Abigail is alive. Balor thinks these threats make Bray feel like he's scared. If that's what Bray is all about, bring on the whole family. We cut to Bray's empty rocking chair but Bray sits down. Bray says Finn may not be afraid of him but he'll be afraid of her. They turned her into a monster but she chose Bray with her final breath. Now, the season of the witch is upon Balor.

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Bayley vs. Sasha Banks vs. Alicia Fox vs. Dana Brooke vs. Emma

Elimination rules and the winner gets Asuka at TLC. Dana, now with pink hair, takes Sasha to the floor and it's Alicia vs. Emma inside. Alicia pulls her away from the ropes but Dana comes back in to beat on Fox. That's it for the team up with Fox as Dana hits her cartwheel elbows to Fox and Emma in the corner, only to have Bayley break it up. The cartwheel splash gets two on Bayley but the Bayley to Belly gets rid of Brooke. The graphic before the match announced it as elimination rules but Cole said it was one fall to a finish, meaning he was surprised by the match continuing.

Fox hits an ax kick to get rid of Bayley because she's fallen below the ground since Wrestlemania. Back with Fox and Emma yelling at each other until Sasha runs Fox over. Fox gets thrown into Emma and it's the Bank Statement to make her tap, only to have Emma roll Sasha up for the win at 9:43.

Rating: D+. This was full of botches and that's not really surprising. Most of the match is designed to be spot after spot and there's almost no way to have any kind of coherence when there's nothing in between. You can't get much of a match out of that, especially with four falls and a commercial in less than ten minutes.

Balor felt pure evil when Abigail spoke to him tonight and thinks Bray has unleashed something horrible. He knows what he has to do now.

Opening sequence for the fourth time tonight.

Strowman vs. Reigns in a cage next week.

Kalisto was inspired by people like Rey Mysterio and Eddie Guerrero (who

would have turned 50 today) but now, Enzo Amore is the Cruiserweight Champion. He hopes he can make the two of them proud.

The lumberjacks come to the ring.

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Overall Rating: C+. This show was all about a handful of ideas but those ideas were handled well enough. The ending helped as well as there was nothing wrong with giving the fans something they wanted to see to close the show. At least they got some of the card set up for TLC and there are some ways to go as we go into next week.

Results

Jason Jordan b. Karl Anderson – Wheelbarrow neckbreaker

Elias b. Apollo Crews – Drift Away

Braun Strowman b. Matt Hardy – Running powerslam

Brian Kendrick/Jack Gallagher b. Cedric Alexander/Mustafa Ali – Sliced Bread #2 to Ali

Emma b. Alicia Fox, Sasha Banks, Bayley and Dana Brooke – Rollup to Banks

Kalisto b. Enzo Amore – Super Salida Del Sol

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Main Event – October 5, 2017: Can We Get Dash Away Dash

Away From This?

Main Event

Date: October 5, 2017

Location: Pepsi Center, Denver, Colorado

Commentators: Vic Joseph, Nigel McGuinness

We're back to the point where you can pretty much guess what's coming for a show like this. Odds are we'll be seeing Dash Wilder losing again to go with a cruiserweight match, which isn't the most interesting stuff in the world. As usual, it all comes down to which clips we get from Monday. Let's get to it.

Opening sequence.

Dash Wilder vs. Heath Slater

Is this some kind of a joke that I'm not getting? Wilder has now faced Rhyno, then Slater, then Rhyno, then Slater again in four straight weeks. Dash throws a shirt at Slater to start but misses a charge out to the floor as we might be in for a bit of comedy here. Back in and Slater runs him over for two before grabbing a front facelock.

A belly to back suplex gets Dash out of trouble and he tosses Heath outside for a breather. Heath comes back in and eats a hard clothesline for his efforts before we hit the chinlock. Something like Wasteland into a backbreaker (cool) gets two on Slater but Dash charges into a rollup out of the corner for the pin at 5:33.

Rating: D+. The more I watch these matches, the more I think they're just setting up the idea that Wilder isn't much on his own but can be part of a really good tag team. Either that or they haven't put a bit of thought into this and keep throwing Wilder out there because they have nothing better to do on this show and it doesn't matter in the slightest anyway.

From Raw.

We look at Amore getting destroyed last week.

Here's Enzo Amore to talk about the beating he took last week. He's now put the cruiserweight division in the main event two weeks in a row and you're absolutely right that he deserves it. Enzo talks about all the money he makes and all of his star power, but carrying the division has made his back hurt. He brings up the No Contact clause from last week and says there's a new one tonight: if anyone attacks him, they're fired. Now he's on top of the throne but he doesn't have any opponents.

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Also from Raw.

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his efforts. Another running powerslam leaves both champions laying. Strowman leaves and here are Sheamus and Cesaro to pick the bones.

Lince Dorado/Rich Swann vs. Tony Nese/Noam Dar

Dorado and Dar start things off with Noam begging off in the corner early on. He goes outside to fix his hair though and quickly tags off to Nese in what is probably a smart move. It's already time to work on Tony's arm with Lince and Rich taking turns. Stereo dropkicks drop Nese but Dar trips Lince to take over.

Back from a break with Dorado grabbing a sunset flip but there's no referee to count. The handspring Stunner gets Dorado out of trouble though and the hot tag brings in Swann. A bunch of kicks have the villains in trouble and the spinning kick to the head sets up the Phoenix splash to end Dar at 8:15.

Rating: C-. This didn't have time to go anywhere when nearly half of it was spent in a break. The perk of the cruiserweights is you can throw them all out there in virtually any combination and have a watchable match. That's very valuable and something WWE knows how to exploit. That being said, what has happened to Dar? He's gone from a featured player in the division to nothing in just a few months.

And finally from Raw again.

Intercontinental Title: Roman Reigns vs. The Miz

Miz is defending and comes out ala the Shield with the Miztourage. Reigns wastes no time in bailing to the floor and beating the heck out of the Miztourage to make things even. Axel staggers through the crowd so Reigns follows him up for a chair to the back. Dallas gets one as well before Reigns just unloads on both of them with multiple chair shots. The bell rings after a break with Reigns headbutting the champ on the floor. Miz avoids a charge though and Reigns winds up in the crowd. That's only good for a nine count but Miz catches him in a short DDT for two.

We hit the chinlock for a bit before Miz switches to just choking on the ropes. Back from a break with Miz hitting the YES Kicks but getting

caught in a sitout powerbomb for a very near fall. The Superman Punch is countered into the Skull Crushing Finale for the same and Miz is stunned. The second Superman Punch connects for an even closer two and it's Reigns' turn to be shocked. Reigns loads up the spear but Sheamus and Cesaro pull him out for the DQ at 10:47.

Rating: B-. This was good while it lasted but the ending hurt it a lot. They're not hiding what they're going for in the post match stuff and while there's nothing wrong with that, I could go for it not being so heavy handed. There were some awesome near falls in this one and it was really entertaining at times, but the time factor and the storyline stuff isn't great.

Reigns gets destroyed post match. The fans chant for the Shield as Reigns takes a TripleBomb. Miz, Sheamus and Cesaro do the Shield pose. That would be a heck of a lot better than Miz and the Miztourage.

Later in the show.

A banged up Reigns is in the back when Ambrose comes in. They stare at each other a bit until Rollins comes in as well. Ambrose leaves with Rollins going the opposite way. Reigns thinks things over to end the show. No one ever said or did anything more than look at the others.

Overall Rating: C. They packed in all the big stuff from Raw here and that's a nice feeling. The original content here is really getting repetitive though and they need to change things up a bit, just for the sake of not being so dull. It's ok to not have Wilder lose for a single week or just throw in a tag match. Not a bad show here but skip the original stuff.

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205 Live – October 3, 2017: Without the Shining Star

205 Live

Date: October 3, 2017

Location: Pepsi Center, Denver, Colorado

Commentators: Vic Joseph, Nigel McGuinness

Things are rapidly changing around here as we have a new member of the roster with Kurt Angle, who apparently is in charge of 205 Live as well, signing Kalisto. That probably means we'll be seeing Kalisto as Amore's first failed title challenger and that's not the worst idea in the world. Let's get to it.

We open with a recap of the end of last night's show with Kalisto debuting. Thankfully most of Enzo's insults to the members of the division are included because that's about all he's good for.

Opening sequence.

Here's Kalisto with something to say. He's here to take over the cruiserweight division and he can't wait to become the new Cruiserweight Champion. Cue Enzo with the fans still doing his entrance along with him. Enzo says Kalisto is the lucky luchador leprechaun to be on the Zo Show but he should be scared to donate his outfit to the Salvation Army. Until tonight though, you couldn't give away a Kalisto mask but now sales are going to shoot up because Kalisto is talking to Enzo.

Kalisto says Enzo talks too much (expect to hear that line a lot in the coming months) and we see a clip of Enzo kicking Neville low to win the title. Enzo doesn't care because he won the match and calls Kalisto centimeter. Sure Kalisto went toe to toe with Braun Strowman but he wound up in a trashcan. Kalisto used to be the US Champion but he's been a huge letdown ever since he lost the title. Enzo talks about being a big star who signs autographs at airports. Tonight though, we'll be seeing the first loss for Kalisto on 205 Live against the biggest Persian thing since the Kardashians.

Kalisto vs. Ariya Daivari

Daivari wastes no time in slugging away in the corner but a nice headscissors takes him down. Kalisto's modified springboard (he intentionally lands shins first on the top rope) flip dive to the floor drops Daivari on the floor. Back in and Daivari slams the rope into Kalisto's head (that's different) to take over.

A big boot in the corner drops Kalisto again and we hit the chinlock. Kalisto fights up and hits the corkscrew headbutt, followed by the hurricanrana driver for two of his own. Daivari grabs a spinebuster though, followed by the frog splash for two, which pretty much seals his fate. He takes too long getting up and the Salida Del Sol gives Daivari the pin at 4:46.

Rating: D+. Daivari got in WAY too much offense here and it hurt the match a lot. Kalisto should have been a lot more dominant in his debut and it looked more like he won off a fluke than anything else. The Salida Del Sol is a great finisher but he needs to do more than sell all match and then hit one move to win.

Enzo isn't impressed.

Recap of Jack Gallagher and Brian Kendrick joining forces to torment Cedric Alexander.

Here's Drew Gulak to talk about how he's wanted to change 205 Live long before anyone else did. Therefore, tonight we'll be seeing slides 8-277 of his POWERPOINT PRESENTATION! Proposal #8: No Flipping! If you're

constantly flipping up and down, how will you know your left from your right or your right from your wrong? Unfortunately the words of wisdom are cut off by an interruption and it's time for a match.

Drew Gulak vs. Mustafa Ali

In addition to Ali, here's Akira Tozawa to have a seat on the stage. Drew takes Ali down by the wrist but stops to look up at Tozawa. It's bad enough that Drew heads outside, starting up the Tozawa war chant. Of course Gulak grabs his NO CHANTS sign and marches around the ring, allowing Ali to flip him over. A sloppy hurricanrana takes Gulak down again and a high crossbody gets two.

Gulak reverses a tornado DDT and gets in a knee to the chest to take over again. We hit a chinlock and then a cross arm choke with Tozawa's war chant having no effect on Gulak this time. Ali fights up and scores with a dropkick followed by a neckbreaker for two, Gulak reverses a whip though and suplexes Ali into the corner but the war chant makes Gulak miss a charge (which we almost miss because of the FREAKING CROWD REACTION SHOTS). The 054 ends Gulak at 6:44.

Rating: C-. That crowd reaction shot actually got on my nerves as Drew was running, then we went to the crowd, then we came back for him hitting the crowd. Is the director that jittery that he can't even sit still long enough for someone to run across the ring? As usual, Gulak needs to actually win a match or the blowoff isn't going to mean anything. Then again, I said the same thing about Kendrick and he did fine.

Tozawa gets in and does the war chant.

Kendrick feels responsible for what happened to Enzo. He fell victim to the mob mentality and stands with Daivari at the champion's side. Brian can't stand next to Cedric Alexander though because his generation is too soft. Tonight, Gallagher is going to drink Cedric's milkshake. Cue Cedric to attack Kendrick and take out his ankle.

Jack Gallagher vs. Cedric Alexander

Gallagher is wrestling in a suit. Cedric sends him hard into the corner

to start and scores with a dropkick, only to get tossed outside. Back in and Jack stomps on his head before grabbing a facelock. Gallagher fires off some hard kicks in the corner and cranks on the ankle. A double knee stomp gives Gallagher two with Cedric screaming in pain.

Gallagher gets two more off a dropkick (with some hard shoes) but it just seems to fire Cedric up. They head outside with Cedric hitting a hard suicide dive and unloading on Gallagher with right hands. Jack is sent hard into the barricade so he hides underneath the ring, allowing him to get in a cheap shot. It's William III time but Cedric takes it away and BLASTS Gallagher over the back with it for the DQ at 6:35.

Rating: C+. I can always give someone credit for wrestling in a suit. Gallagher needed the change in appearance as there's only so much you can look with that much pale skin showing. Alexander was his usual self here, but again he's not going to be near the title for several months to come. Nice, hard hitting match though.

They keep brawling post match with Cedric getting the better of it and adding a springboard kick to the chest. Kendrick limps out to stand over Jack to end the show.

Overall Rating: C. As usual, there's just not much to say when it's not about Enzo. I know he's annoying but he's right when he says almost nothing else matters but him. The show was fine enough, but you really can feel the lack of star power. Then again that might be because these feuds are all just personal and Kalisto is getting the title shot, likely at the next pay per view. I'm not sure how they're going to handle none of the regular roster getting a shot but it's really not doing their statuses any favors.

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Monday Night Raw – October 2, 2017: The Upside Down Egg Version

Monday Night Raw

Date: October 2, 2017

Location: Pepsi Center, Denver Colorado

Commentators: Tom Phillips, Corey Graves, Booker T.

We've got a title match on the card tonight as the Miz defends the Intercontinental Title against Roman Reigns. While a title change is always possible, there's also the high likelihood that this is all helping to set up the Miztourage vs. a reunited Shield at Tables Ladders and Chairs 2017. Let's get to it.

The roster is on the stage for a moment of silence in memory of the Las Vegas shooting. Even Vince and Shane are there.

Video on the Miztourage beating Reigns down last week and standing over him in the Shield pose.

Opening sequence.

Seth Rollins vs. Braun Strowman

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off a chase. A kick to Braun's head connects but Braun launches him into the air for a big crash. We hit the chinlock for a bit before Seth fights up and sends him outside. A suicide dive is knocked out of the air though and we take a break.

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Breast cancer awareness video.

We recap Mickie James and Alexa Bliss' issues.

Mickie runs into Alicia Fox and Emma, who say there's a present in Mickie's dressing room. She goes in to find a walker and adult diapers. Mickie goes to find Alexa but she's hiding behind Nia Jax. A match is set for later.

Bray Wyatt is in his walking chair and rocking back and forth, going over things that Sister Abigail told him. She told him to fight the man and would never lie to him. He repeats the last line over and over.

Here's Elias to tell us how horrible this town is and how much he can't stand Titus O'Neil.

Elias vs. Titus O'Neil

Elias headlocks him to start but gets shoved off for a crash. A big boot knocks Elias outside where he gets in a staredown with Apollo Crews. Back in and Drift Away ends Titus at 2:58. Nothing match.

The announcers preview Hell in a Cell.

Mickie James vs. Nia Jax

Alexa comes out to watch and the distraction lets Nia jump Mickie from behind. The beating is on in a hurry and Mickie is sent outside as we take a break. Back with Mickie slugging away but getting thrown down again, setting up a chinlock and bearhug. Nia tries a powerbomb but Mickie slips out, setting up a few running kicks. A bad looking tornado DDT (Mickie's leg was underneath Nia) plants Jax, only to have Alexa run in for the DQ at 9:45.

Rating: D+. As I've said before, Nia needs to win something at some point. That being said, I'm very happy that Mickie is in this story as she's the fresh blood the division has been needing. That being said, she's now been in stories where she's crazy, fat and old. What did she do to WWE over the years to deserve those?

Mickie kicks Alexa in the face.

Long recap of Enzo Amore winning the title and being destroyed last week.

Enzo has nothing to say.

Mickie James will get her title shot at TLC.

Matt Hardy/Jason Jordan vs. Anderson and Gallows

Jordan slugs away at Anderson to start but everything breaks down with the good guys (guys, not Brothers) cleaning house to send us to a break. Back with Anderson working over Matt in the corner but it's quickly off to Jordan. A slam is broken up via a Gallows kick to the face and Jordan is back in trouble again.

Anderson slaps on an armbar as the announcers ask Booker why he's always complaining about Jordan's relationship with Angle. That's broken up as

well and the hot tag brings in Matt for a middle rope elbow. Anderson makes a save and knocks Jordan outside, leaving Matt to take the Magic Killer for the pin at 11:02.

Rating: D+. Not much to this one but were you expecting anything else? Jordan is a complete filler partner and while that makes sense in the short term, I don't see this lasting too much longer. Hardy is more than capable of a singles run and that would be the best option for everyone at the moment.

Reigns says he's keeping things simple tonight: destroy what's in front of him, break Miz's jaw, and leave with the title.

Some breast cancer survivors are brought out and presented with WWE Championships by Dana Warrior.

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Here's Finn Balor for a chat. He's heard Bray Wyatt's talk for weeks now and he sees Bray for the coward he is. For all of Bray's games, it boils down to him just being afraid that he can't beat Finn Balor. If Bray wants another fight, come get one right now. Bray appears on screen, again in his rocking chair and saying that she never lied to me. Finn lied to him though and hid his true face behind the Demon. Sister Abigail is alive and dying to meet Balor.

Video on Asuka.

Sasha Banks/Bayley vs. Emma/Alicia Fox

Sasha takes Emma down and does Bayley's roll over Emma's back to take over. Bayley sends her into the corner for some rams into the buckle and we take a break. Back with Fox hammering on Banks before Emma comes in for a chinlock. Emma's butterfly suplex gets two and Fox's tilt-a-whirl backbreaker gets the same.

Banks still can't get over for the hot tag as Fox pulls her back one more time. This time around though Banks sends the villains into each other and the hot tag brings in Bayley for some right hands to Alicia. A jawbreaker cuts Bayley off...but Emma drops to the floor and says she's out. The Bayley to Belly ends Alicia at 12:58.

Rating: C-. Kind of boring with all the chinlockery but it wasn't too bad. The big problem here though was the lack of any question about who was going to win. Emma and Alicia are some of the lowest level women the division has had in a good while and there's no reason to expect that they're going to beat two of the bigger names. That made the long chinlocks feel even longer, though it wasn't the worst thing in the world.

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Overall Rating: C-. I'm really going to need more time to get used to this Saturday Night's Main Event style layout for the shows. For the young ones out there, Saturday Night's Main Event would load up the first third or half of the show and then the last part would be whatever else they had time to squeeze in.

That would make for a far less interesting ending, which is what WWE has been going for lately. I'm so used to Raw ending with a big moment and now it's something that feels like it's filler. I get why they're doing it (the last hour doesn't do well anyway so don't waste big stories) but DANG it's punishing to fans who watch the whole thing.

The rest of the show was fine enough with Cesaro and Sheamus being a VERY nice upgrade over Axel and Dallas. It's made me somewhat more interested in a Shield reunion, even if they're doing such a rushed job with the whole thing. The show wasn't terrible, but aside from the Shield stuff, I'm having trouble remembering anything important on the whole thing. That's not good, especially when we're less than three weeks away from a

big pay per view.

Results

Braun Strowman b. Seth Rollins – Running powerslam

Elias b. Titus O'Neil – Drift Away

Mickie James b. Nia Jax via DQ when Alexa Bliss interfered

Anderson and Gallows b. Matt Hardy/Jason Jordan – Magic Killer to Hardy

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

Drewtopia

205 Live

Date: September 26, 2017

Location: Gila River Arena, Glendale, Arizona

Commentators: Byron Saxton, Vic Joseph

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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New Column: Don't Wood Chip Him Just Yet

It turns out it's taking me a long time to wake up from this Enzo Is Champion nightmare so maybe talking about it could help a bit.

<https://wrestlingrumors.net/kbs-review-dont-wood-chip-just-yet/>

It's Just So Darn Beautiful

Seriously, I don't need anything for Christmas now.