

WrestleCon USA vs. The World 2022: For Those Who Like Seeing Me Get Mad

WrestleCon: USA vs. The World

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Commentators: Ian Riccaboni, Veda Scott

This is about as obvious of an idea as you can get: take a bunch of wrestlers from WrestleCon weekend and put them in a bunch of matches, one country vs. the rest. This show has a tendency to be one of the weaker of the WrestleCon offerings but there are some talented people on the card. Let's get to it.

Warrior Wrestling Lucha Libre Title: Sam Adonis (USA) vs. La Hiedra (World) vs. Mr. Iguana (World) vs. Golden Dragon (World)

Adonis is defending and this is one fall to a finish. Iguana jumps on Adonis' back to start, allowing Dragon to hit a superkick. Hiedra goes after Iguana, who fights her off using the magic of his hand puppet. Adonis is back in with a Death Valley Driver as Scott tries to figure out if an iguana is a reptile or an amphibian. Dragon comes back in to clear the ring so Hiedra armdrags him to the floor. Back in and Adonis shrugs off Hiedra chops before dropping her with one shot.

That just earns him a low blow into a DDT, setting up a low bridge to send Adonis outside. Using Iguana as a helping hand, Hiedra walks the ropes to dive onto Adonis for the big crash. Back in and Iguana headscissors dragon down but gets caught with a slingshot reverse suplex for two. Adonis comes back in but Hiedra breaks up a superplex by turning it into a Tower of Doom. Iguana catches Dragon with a spinning DDT but Dragon

counters a super hurricanrana into a sitout powerbomb for two of his own. Adonis is back in with a kiss and punch to Hiedra, followed by a 450 to Dragon to retain the title at 8:03.

Rating: C+. This was the kind of lucha four way that you start a show with to crank up the energy and that is what they had here. Adonis is a rather good heel that you want to see get taken down but he escapes with the title while being quite the despicable person. Iguana seems to be quite the popular gimmick star and Dragon is a smaller luchador who should be fine. Hiedra did her stuff quite well too, making this a rather fun opener.

USA – 1

World – 0

Jessica Troy (World) vs. Rachael Ellering (USA)

They shake hands to start and we're ready to go, with Ellering taking her into the corner without much trouble. With that not being to her liking, Troy takes it to the mat for an armbar and the grappling begins. With an assortment of cranking not working, they get back up, this time with Ellering casually tossing her with a release gutwrench suplex. Troy pops back up and hits a springboard wristdrag out of the corner, setting up some running knees for two.

Back up and Ellering snaps off some chops, which has the fans rather pleased. Troy gets sent into the corner for two as the beating is on. The backsplash gives Ellering two and she might be getting a bit frustrated. Back up and Troy avoids a charge and hits some running shots in the corner, setting up a top rope tornado DDT for two. It's time to go after Ellering's arm, including what looked to be a Shayna Baszler style stomp.

The cross armbreaker is blocked though and Ellering is back with a spinebuster for two as the pace is picking way up. Troy grabs a Codebreaker onto the arm and they're both down again. They strike it out (with Troy wisely staying on the arm) until

Ellering has to roll her way out of a Fujiwara armbar. Troy slaps it right back on and cranks even more but this time Ellering sends her outside. Back in and a swinging Boss Man Slam gives Ellering two, leaving her rather annoyed. A powerbomb is countered into another Fujiwara armbar but Ellering counters the counter into a cradle for the pin at 15:00.

Rating: B. Oh yeah this worked rather well and came off as a star making performance from Troy. Both women were working hard here and they had a story with Ellering as the powerhouse and Troy trying to take her down piece by piece. I got pulled into this one and it was a heck of a match which might even be hard for the rest of the show to top. Check out more Troy, as she seems rather good.

USA – 2

World – 0

Davey Richards (USA) vs. Mike Bailey (World)

Respect is shown before the match and they go straight to the mat grappling. The test of strength fight goes on with both of them being flipped over. Richards starts cranking on the arm and chokes a bit, with Bailey flipping backwards into a choke of his own. Bailey cranks on the arm until Richards gets to the ropes and kicks Bailey's arm into it to take over. A kneebar over the ropes has Bailey in trouble, though the idea of Bailey selling anything on his knee is hilarious.

Back in and Richards grabs a modified Tequila Sunrise to stay on the leg, followed by the hard kicks to the chest. They slug it out until Bailey hits his rapid fire kicks (I knew it) and sends him outside for the dive. More kicks set up the running corkscrew shooting star press for two on Richards but he's right back up with another leglock. The rope is eventually grabbed so they head to the apron for kicks to the chest.

Bailey gets dragon screw legwhipped in the ropes, but is right

back up with a standing moonsault knees to the chest because MIKE BAILEY DOES NOT SELL KNEES EVER BECAUSE THIS IS FREAKING DUMB! Bailey goes up top so Richards joins him for an exchange of headbutts and a top rope superplex brings Bailey back down. Back up and they slug it out, with Bailey firing off more kicks.

Richards pulls one into an ankle lock, which is probably just going to recharge Bailey at this point. With that broken up, Richards hits a top rope double stomp for two, followed by a brainbuster for the same. The ankle lock is broken up and Bailey sends him into the corner for....bear with me....a double spinning kick to the face, setting up the Ultimate Weapon (shooting star knees to the back) for the pin on Richards at 14:35.

Rating: D. That's as high as I can go and yes I'm sure I'll get a lot of eye rolls. I understand the idea of getting your stuff in and MOVEZ but this was a total waste of Richards' time. He spent the better part of ten minutes working the leg and Bailey is literally up flipping and bouncing around with no trouble or issues whatsoever. Bailey was around multiple times during the week and this might have been the best selling job he did, at least in matches I've seen. This was dumb and I feel bad for wasting my time on it.

USA – 2

World – 1

Caleb Konley/Flip Gordon/Gringo Loco (USA) vs. Aeroboy/Arez/Aramis (World)

Gordon and Aeroboy start things off with Aeroboy taking him to the mat for a quickly broken headscissors. Gordon counters a headscissors but gets hurricanranaed down. Aramis comes in so Gordon bounces around with a series of nipups. It's off to Loco for more flipping but he gets sent outside rather quickly. Arez and Konley come in for an exchange of takedowns

and, believe it or not, flips.

A kick to the head drops Konley so it's Loco coming in, only to get hurricanranaed. Aeroboy comes back in to grab a running cutter as everything breaks down. We settle down to Gordon suplexing Aramis for two and handing it back to Konley for a belly to back. Gordon grabs an STF (Submit To Flip) and his partners grab holds of their own. With that broken up, Aeroboy gets caught in the wrong corner for the triple teaming. Everything breaks down and the World team all hit dives to the floor.

Back in and a double stomp into a Swanton gets a triple cover near fall on Konley, with Loco making the save. The Americans are back up for their own series of dives, including Loco hitting a step up flip dive to the floor. Aramis hits his own flip dive to drop the pile but Gordon kicks him right back down. Back in and Gordon misses a 450, setting up a torture rack powerbomb to give Aramis the pin (as his partners get their own covers at the same time) at 14:56.

Rating: C+. This was the kind of six man insanity that you would expect from a lucha show. The World team looked great and were flying around as well as you could ask them to. Gordon continues to be someone who seemed ready to break through to the next level but it never exactly did. Konley is a good hand anywhere he goes and Loco is rather good as a high flier. Fun match and that's what it was supposed to be.

USA – 2

World – 2

WorkHorsemen (USA) vs. Extreme Tiger/Bandido (World)

Tiger takes Henry down to start and gets a middle finger for his efforts, which will certainly help American and Mexican relations. Henry takes him down by the leg but gets pulled into a surfboard. That's broken up as well and they spin up to a standoff. Tiger snapmares him into the corner and Henry is

looking a bit frustrated. They go chest to chest before handing it off to Bandido and the bigger Drake.

Bandido gets shouldered down but he's back up with a flip to annoy Drake a bit. Back up and Drake jumps over Bandido for a change, setting up a hurricanrana to stun the fans. Drake gets sent outside though and it's Henry coming in to chop at Tiger. Back in and Drake grabs a chinlock for a bit before unloading with chops in the corner. A Shining Wizard gives Henry two but Drake misses the Vader Bomb, allowing the hot tag to Bandido.

That means a top rope twisting dive onto the Drake and Henry, setting up a running hurricanrana to Henry. Tiger comes back in and spins Henry around in a Tumbleweed for two but Drake runs Tiger and Bandido over with a double clothesline. Henry dropkicks Tiger into a belly to back suplex and Bandido's 21 Plex is broken up. Instead, Bandido grabs a pop up cutter on Henry before chopping it out with Drake. For some reason Drake goes up and Bandido gorilla presses him down (because of course he can do that), setting up the 21 Plex for the pin at 16:08.

Rating: B. This was a nice mesh of two styles as you have the old school southern style team with Drake and Henry (or close to that style at least) against the lucha team. It worked well here, as Bandido's strength continues to be nothing short of uncanny. Good match here and I was getting more into it than I expected by the end.

World – 3

USA – 2

Calvin Tankman (USA) vs. Big Damo (World)

This is a hoss fight, with Tankman from MLW and Damo being better known as Killian Dain. They go with the power lockups to start and neither get anywhere. The running shoulders don't work either so Damo kicks him in the ribs for some more success. Back up and Tankman hits a flying shoulder to put

Damo on the floor, meaning it's time for a strike off. They head back inside, where Tankman forearm him into the corner.

Damo is right back with a running dropkick into another corner, setting up the neck crank. Tankman fights up for a slam into a splash for two but Damo hits a running crossbody for the double knockdown. Back up and Damo knocks him into the corner, only to miss another Vader bomb. Tankman scores with a spinning back elbow, setting up the Tankman Driver (over the shoulder piledriver) for the pin at 9:06.

Rating: C. They went with the simple and classic idea here of having two big men beat on each other until one of them couldn't get up. Tankman is a huge guy but moves very well, while Damo is more of your big pounding brawler. It wasn't a great match but it was a fun one and that is enough to work.

USA – 3

World – 3

Rev Pro Cruiserweight Title: Michael Oku (World) vs. Rich Swann (USA)

Oku is defending and the fans are split to start. Swann grabs a quickly broken headlock and sticks the landing on a hurricanrana for a standoff. Oku's headlock works a bit better and he runs Swann over to take control for the first time. Some stomping in the corner sets up a chinlock, which is broken up just as quickly. Swann hits a running dropkick to rock the champ as a NEW CHAMP/OLD CHANT chant off begins.

A running kick to the back of the head gives Swann two and it's off to something like a seated abdominal stretch. They head outside with Swann putting him in a chair and running around the ring for a boot to the face. Swann tries to do it again but this time gets cut off with a dropkick. Oku can't follow up and gets chinlocked back inside, which of course triggers the comeback.

A jumping DDT drops Swann and a missile dropkick gets two. Swann kicks him back down and hits a rolling splash for two but the middle rope 450 misses. There's a springboard moonsault to give Oku two and the half crab (his signature) goes on. Swann bails out to the floor so Oku is right after him with a running flip dive.

Back up and Swann kicks him down from the apron, followed by a spinning kick to the face back inside. They slug it out until Oku hits a spinning kick to the head into a Codebreaker. A frog splash gives Oku two but Swann is fine enough to pull him off the top. Swann loads up a missile dropkick but dives into the half crab for the tap to retain Oku's title at 19:34.

Rating: B. Main event worthy match here between two bigger names. Oku is someone who has done rather well in the times that I have seen him, even if the half crab is a bit of a stretch as a major finisher. Swann is going to give you a good match no matter what he is doing so they set this up well and then paid it off even better.

World – 4

USA – 3

Respect is shown post match. Oku grabs the mic and thanks Swann for the match while getting the fans to thank him as well. Swann says if someone has heart like Oku, it doesn't matter where you're from because you can inspire people with professional wrestling.

Overall Rating: B. Mike Bailey's no-selling nonsense aside, this was a rather good show and a lot better than I would have bet on. The previous USA vs. the World was little more than a "well, if I have nothing else to do" show but this had multiple matches that pulled me in and got me interested. They put on a good show here with a minimal concept behind it and that's impressive, so nice job.

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Desert Pro Wrestling – September 29, 2019: I Saw A Nice Show



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Date: September 29, 2019

Location: Brawley Lions Center, Brawley, California

Commentator: Unknown

It's back to the indies as I know a woman involved in the training school of this promotion (and happens to be filming the show here). I have absolutely no idea what to expect with this show but it does include former X-Division Champion Extreme Tiger in the main event. This is a completely random show for me so hopefully it can beat some of the other indies. Let's get to it.

So this seems to have a few cuts in it, at least during the intros, so I'm assuming this is the entire show rather than just some matches from the show.

Archimedes vs. Honest John

They're former tag partners and Archimedes (makes me think I'm watching Sword in the Stone again) is in a mask. Maybe it's the camera angle but the ring looks huge. John hiptosses him over and follows up with an armdrag, allowing him to soak up some praise. Back up and Archimedes gets in his own armdrag and drops an elbow for two. The fans seem to like him at least so there's something there.

A running boot in the corner connects so Archimedes tries it again, only to be sent face first into the middle buckle. The cocky stomping is on and a running elbow gives John two. The choking goes on in the corner as John would be fine with hearing some cheers. A gutbuster gets two more but Archimedes is up with the clothesline based comeback. That just earns him a Backstabber as they're going with the idea that John, his former partner, knows Archimedes too well.

A near People's Elbow hits Archimedes and we hit the dragon sleeper (not a sequence you see too often). John goes with a reverse DDT instead and gets a rather delayed two. An Orton backbreaker gets the same so John yells at the referee, allowing Archimedes to roll him up for a quick two of his own. Archimedes hammers away with uppercuts and a Samoan drop for two more. He charges into a hot shot though and it's a double underhook DDT to finish Archimedes at 9:56.

Rating: C. Yeah it's on a bit of an adjusted scale but what mattered here

was I got the story they were going for. You could get the idea based on commentary and what they were doing and that's as good of a combination as you can get with these resources available. The ending came out of nowhere and could have used a better spark but John had tried for the same move before so it was built up to an extent.

Jacob Tarasso vs. Romeo Cruz

I believe Tarasso was introduced as the Sea Urchin. There is a camera cut at the beginning of the match but it doesn't seem like anything is missing. They fight over a wristlock to start with Cruz taking him down by the arm. That's enough to send Tarasso over to the ropes and he clings to them ala the Road Dogg in the Royal Rumble. Back up and Cruz wrestles him down again, meaning it's time for another rope clutch.

This time Tarasso takes it a step further and has a seat in the crowd with some water as a bonus. Tarasso gets back in and takes a dropkick to the face before Cruz snaps off a hurricanrana. That means another breather on the floor and Tarasso bails from the threat of a dive. Cruz beats him up on the floor for a bit but gets his leg kicked out as he goes to the top.

Tarasso snaps the arm over the top and starts in on it, including a kick to said arm to cut off the comeback. The armbar goes on with Cruz slapping the mat, though it's not a tap for no explained reason. Back up and Cruz gets in a knee to the face in the corner, plus a superkick for two. Cruz tries to jump over him in the corner but lands on boots which looked rather low.

We hit the hammerlock (better than a chinlock and I can always appreciate that kind of thinking) but Cruz fights up with the good arm. A running flip dive connects on Tarasso and a superkick gives Cruz two more. Tarasso pulls him down by the arm and grabs something like the Anaconda Vice, only to have Cruz get over to the rope. The Vice goes on again so Cruz rolls his way out and scores with an enziguri. A very quick TKO gives Cruz and even quicker pin at 10:04.

Rating: C. Another perfectly watchable match here with Cruz fighting through the injury and making the comeback for the win. There's nothing

wrong with basic stories that are done well enough and that's what we've been getting so far. It's a low degree of difficulty but a pretty decent degree of execution, which is the much better combination.

Calavera/Luminoso vs. Last Warrior/Wizard X

That second team might have the most indyish names I've ever heard. They're in masks as well, with Wizard looking like Fro Zone from the Incredibles. Calavera has someone named La Muerte with him. The much bigger Luminoso throws Wizard down to start and slaps him around a bit as I think we have a bully. Just to hammer in the point, Luminoso drops to his knees so Calavera can get in a cheap shot from the apron.

The still unnamed commentator says Last Warrior can do nothing during the double teaming, as we enforce one of those weird unwritten rules of wrestling: the good guys must be schmucks. Wizard's crossbody is caught in the air so Warrior dropkicks him in the back to take the bigger guys down. Stereo sunset flips gives the tecnicos two and we settle down to Luminoso vs. Wizard again.

Warrior isn't having that and comes in off the top with an armdrag and the rudos are out on the floor. We're clipped to Wizard chasing Luminoso to the floor, allowing Calavera to get in a cheap shot. Everything breaks down and the rudos hammer away, including crotching Warrior against the post. That leaves Wizard to take an assisted wheelbarrow slam and Warrior's save attempt...is completely ineffective.

A hurricanrana out of the corner puts Luminoso down and it's time to go outside again, with the fans seemingly into Warrior and Wizard (sounds rather geeky in a good way). We're clipped (seemed to be rather quick) to Warrior finding Luminoso trying to hide in the crowd for a funny bit. Luminoso does it again and this time it actually works for a bit, only to have Luminoso get right back up on the apron. Well it was a clever idea at least.

We settle down to Luminoso vs. Warrior with a headscissors putting Luminoso right back on the floor. That leaves Wizard to kick at Calavera's leg and slap on a Figure Four. That's broken up in a hurry as well so Warrior ankle locks Calavera, which is saved just as quickly.

Back up and stereo victory rolls give Warrior and Wizard the pins at 10:20 shown.

Rating: C+. This was a case where you didn't need the commentary, other than to say who was who. You can look at these guys and get the story immediately, with two smaller guys against two bigger guys who cheat. Power vs. speed is the quintessential wrestling story and it was on display here in a nice little match.

Andy Brown vs. Fidel Bravo

The fans seem to approve of Bravo. Quick note: well done by commentary as he points out which is in trunks and which is in pants. Simple, yet effective. Bravo wastes no time in sending Brown to the floor as we hear about Bravo being on NXT and 205 Live. Good thing to point out. Back in and Brown's headlock takeover is quickly countered into a headscissors so Brown has to flip up.

Brown hits a heck of a chop so Bravo sweeps the leg to put him down again. A running forearm into a neckbreaker gives Bravo two and it's time for another breather on the floor. The baseball slide doesn't work well for Bravo here as he gets caught in the ring skirt and pummeled in an old Fit Finlay move. They fight over a suplex on the floor until Brown drives him hard into the apron. Back in and Brown takes a bow before getting a running start into a....chinlock. So he likes Finlay and Kevin Owens for some good taste.

That's broken up even faster than usual and Brown hits a hard clothesline for a rather delayed two. Brown spends too much time yapping and gyrating though, only to dive into the raised boot (still can't stand that spot). Bravo is up with a one kneed Codebreaker for two and we're clipped to Bravo hitting a tornado DDT for two more. It's clipped again to the referee shoving Brown down so it's clipped again to Brown grabbing a chair. The referee takes it away (good job) and it's a Michinoku Driver to finish Brown at 8:36 shown.

Rating: C. Another perfectly watchable match with the cheating Brown falling to the popular Bravo. This continued the theme of having a bunch of very simple and easy to follow stories, which is what you should be

doing on a show like this one. Bravo got to show off a bit here and I can see why WWE would use him in a small role here and there.

Extreme Tiger/Genio Del Aire vs. D. Luxe/Estudiante Jr.

Tiger is by far the biggest star around here and you can feel the higher star power. They go with the wackiness to start as Tiger comes in, chases Estudiante off, and then runs from Luxe as he comes in as well. Repeat about three times. Luxe and Genio take turns sweeping the leg for two each and that means a standoff. Genio reverses a wheelbarrow into a victory roll for two and we hit the pinning combination sequence.

Luxe sends Genio into Tiger's corner so the back slap tag is on in a hurry. The high crossbody hits Luxe for two but la majistral is broken up. The much bigger Estudiante comes in and gorilla presses Tiger onto Luxe's knee. Tiger gets over to Genio for the hot tag and a few rooms of the house are cleaned until a running knee to the head drops Genio.

That's enough for Tiger to get stomped down in the corner and a running knee to the head gives Estudiante two. An assisted splash gets the same so Tiger goes with the enziguri to bring Genio back in. A double handspring elbow takes both villains down and it's a multiple springboard armdrag to Estudiante.

We settle back down to Luxe and Tiger chopping it out and the fans getting behind Tiger again for getting the better of it. Hold on though as Luxe and Estudiante need to have a meeting in the corner, with Tiger being nice enough to let them. With action resuming, Tiger kicks Luxe's leg out a few times but gets stomped down by Estudiante.

A neckbreaker gets two with Genio making the save, plus throwing in a Lethal Injection for a bonus. The lifting release Pedigree plants Genio so it's Tiger making a save this time. Tiger gets up top for a legdrop between the legs, leaving Genio to moonsault to the floor onto Luxe. Tiger hits his own dive onto everyone and we're clipped to a series of kicks to send Estudiante into a Backstabber. A Code Red gives Tiger the pin at 13:08

Rating: C+. Tiger really does bring another level of star power to the

show and you can see that he's a bigger deal than anyone else on the show. Having a bigger name like that around is going to bring some extra eyes to the promotion and as Tiger was the only name that I immediately recognized, they seem to be on the right track.

Overall Rating: B-. This is what something like this promotion should be doing. They kept things simple here and the good guys won up and down the card, save for the opener. In other words, they gave the fans a reason to want to come back and that's how you build an audience. Nothing on it was bad and I could go for seeing some more of these guys. It was completely acceptable and given the circumstances here, I'll call it a pleasant surprise.

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Major League Wrestling Fusion – October 26, 2019: I'm Ready



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Location: Auditorio Municipal, Tijuana, Mexico

Commentators: Rich Bocchini, AJ Kirsch

It's the go home show for SuperFight and I'm curious to see the show. The fact that they have gotten here is impressive enough and there is a good chance that they could have a solid show. MLW has figured out how to do things that get fans to want to keep watching and that is what matters most. Ow just give us one more good show before the important show. Let's get to it.

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

Contra brags about taking out Hijo de LA Park last week and promise to make it even worse for LA Park next week.

Opening sequence.

We look at Brian Pillman Jr. mocking Low Ki. They're on at SuperFight.

Hart Foundation vs. Dragon Lee/Extreme Tiger

Pillman/Smith for the Harts here. Pillman poses at Lee to start in a nice Rush impression and it's time for things to get serious. Back up and a shoulder puts Lee down but he nips right back up and it's time for the flipping into covers for no counts. Stereo dropkick attempts give us a standoff and Lee strikes Rush's pose as well. Tiger and Smith come in with Tiger making the mistake of chopping Smith in the chest.

This goes even worse than you would expect and it's time for the much bigger Smith to slug away. An overhead belly to belly launches Tiger and Smith is starting to get a little cocky. Pillman comes in for his own chops until Tiger ducks one and snaps off his own. That just earns him a shot from Smith and Pillman gets two.

There's a delayed gutwrench suplex as Smith gets to show off some power. Lee has to break up a Boston crab and Pillman is right there to run him over. We settle down to Pillman with a seated abdominal stretch on Tiger for a bit, followed by Pillman missing a charge into the corner. Tiger cannonballs down onto the leg and it's Lee coming in to pick up the pace. The snap German suplex rocks Pillman but he's right back to his feet for the exchange of chops.

The fans are WAY behind Lee here, even as Pillman hits a spinning chop to the back. Lee blasts him with a running knee to the face though and it's a double tag to Tiger and Smith. Everything breaks down and Lee nails a suicide dive on Pillman, followed by Tiger's running flip dive. Not that it matters as Tiger is thrown back inside for a springboard Hart Attack and the pin at 13:34.

Rating: C+. As popular as the Harts are back at home, they were working heel here and it was rather successful for them. Smith continues to be nothing short of a freak and Pillman is starting to find his footing out there. Tiger and Lee can fly with the best of them so this was a good mixture of styles and it was a fun match in front of a hot crowd. The ending came a bit out of nowhere though and it was pretty noticeable.

SuperFight rundown. That show does sound good.

Salina de la Renta isn't worried about Contra because she is the power around here. Promociones Dorado is coming for the World Title at SuperFight. Prepare to kiss her ring and bow down to her destroyer on pay per view.

LA Park swears revenge for what Contra did to his son.

The Dynasty is at a bar and Hammerstone won't answer any questions about bringing anything illegal across the border. Holliday puts his Air Pods,

which he takes out of a Louis Vuitton mini case, back in because he needed to wash his hands after Mexico. They drink a toast to winning, America, and the Dynasty.

The Von Erichs are coming for the Tag Team Titles.

The Hart Foundation is having a good time on the tour of Mexico. Smith is wearing the gold in the absent Teddy Hart's honor.

We look at Austin Aries laying Teddy Hart out with a brainbuster onto the apron. Aries has set up a Go Fund Me to help him pay the fine, which is hilarious.

Terror Azteca/Proximo vs. Toto/Torito

No tags required here and they start fast with the rollups and tumbling. That means no one hits much of anything until Toto and Torito are kicked to the floor and we take a break. Back with Proximo and Toto chopping it out for some rather loud cracks. Toto's baseball slide is blocked and it's a Wasteland into a top rope splash to the floor. Back in and Terror hits a hurricanrana driver to finish Torito at 5:24 with a very fast count. Not enough shown to rate but it was your usual fast paced lucha.

Video on LA Park vs. Jacob Fatu.

Contra vs. Promociones Dorado

That would be Ikuro Kwon/Josef Samael/Simon Gotch vs. LA Park/Bestia 666/Mecha Wolf. It's a brawl to start (You were expecting anything else?) with Contra getting the better of things and taking it out to the floor. Promociones are sent into various hard objects and Park takes a chair to the back. Samael punches Park down as this has been completely one sided so far.

The brawling continues and they get inside for a change with Contra still in full control. Promociones finally gets in some dropkicks and Bestia hits a suicide dive to drop Samael. Another dive from Bestia and one from Wolf set up the big dive from Park and everyone is down on the floor. Park chairs Gotch in the head and it's a Street Sweeper for Kwon back inside. Samael comes in to fight all three Dorado at the same time so

Park gives him a running knee to the face.

And now, we go into the tagging because that's the next logical step. Samael fights off but gets caught in an abdominal stretch with a fishhook. Kwon and Gotch make the save but it's Wolf hitting a heck of a suicide dive on Gotch. Bestia hits a 450 on Kwon but Gotch makes the save. Park comes back in and hits the strut, followed by a reverse DDT for two on Samael. Back up and Kwon mists Wolf and it's a fireball to Bestia, only to have Park spear Samael for the pin at 15:53.

Rating: C+. This was a rather fun brawl and the right ending with Park getting a pinfall over a member of Contra to set up Saturday's title match. The rest of the teams were fine enough and the fireball is always something worth seeing. I liked the ending with Park being the last man standing and turning on the jets to beat Contra, which makes him look stronger than ever.

Overall Rating: B-. Pretty solid show here and more importantly than anything else, I want to see the show and the title match in particular. That's exactly the point of a show like this and we got some nice wrestling in there too. It's the kind of show that you need before their biggest night ever and the company seems to be on the verge of a very good place at the moment.

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