

TNA Postpones India Tour

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Dare I say RUH R0!

I know they have TV again and all that good stuff, but these are the kinds of things that make TNA look lame. I get that the tour is probably coming very soon, but there's always something screwing them up and it makes TNA look like they have no idea what they're doing from day to day. That got old a long time ago.

On This Day: January 28, 2012 — Ring Ka King: TNA In India

Ring Ka King TV

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Location: Balewadi Sports Complex, Pune, India

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After this, never let it be said that I don't give the people what they ask for. I've gotten a lot of requests from people for this show so why not. This is the TNA related company formed in India. The name means King of the Ring in some Indian language. Odds are this is going to be the only episode I watch of it but if it's good I might take another look. There are a lot of big named stars over there so let's get to

it.

We open with a musical performance. It's an Indian performer who has a bunch of dancing girls. I don't speak whatever language this is so I can't say anything here. The crowd seems to dig it. I've heard there were about 1,500 people here which isn't bad. The set is similar to Impact's but in a bigger arena. Apparently this guy's name is Mika.

After he's done the ring announcer comes in and thank goodness she speaks English. That's one of the main reasons I don't watch puro: I have no idea what's going on. And never mind as they're in another language again. I think they're saying it's awesome to be here or something like that. She's shifting between languages. Either that or some of the words are the same. There's talk of a singles and tag titles and female wrestlers. She introduces the announcers and I have no idea what they're saying. The fans seem to like them so maybe they're known.

Now we bring out a guy named Harbhajan Singh, who appears to be a cricket player of some national renown. He's listed as a Ring Ka King goodwill ambassador. Mika starts a chant of Singh is King or something like that. The singer wishes him good luck and that's about it. I'm just trying to pick up what I can here. Mika leaves.

Singh talks some more and says something about international wrestling and Ring Ka King. The girls are still at ringside. He sends us to a video of a familiar face: Chavo Guerrero Jr. He talks about being around the world but that he's never been to India and is here to become Ring Ka King Champion.

Chavo comes to the ring and Singh introduces someone else: Maxx B. He appears to be a boxing/fighting character but I don't recognize him and he doesn't speak English. The announcers talk about MMA during Maxx's entrance.

Sir Brutus Magnus says he'll win the title. He calls himself

the International Athlete.

Next up is Doctor Nicholas Dinsmore, who is of course Nick Dinsmore, aka Eugene. I think these are just introductions of wrestlers. Dinsmore comes out in a medical outfit which is a character you don't really see that often.

Sonjay Dutt has a dollar sign above his name and gets a huge pop due to being from India.

In sixth (they're just standing in the ring) is Mahabali Veera, a muscular guy who doesn't speak English either. He appears to be the tallest and most popular guy so far.

Next up is Scott Steiner who talks about his arms and short fuse.

Matt Morgan says he's 7'0 tall which is still a lie. He's here to become world champion. Morgan and Steiner came out to their TNA music. Morgan is in street clothes.

Now we move onto the Commissioner, a man named Jazzy Laharia who is with someone named Deadly Danda, who I guess is a bodyguard. I'm assuming Deadly is the guy in the military gear and has what appeared to be a sword. He's almost as tall as Matt Morgan. Singh talks some more and I think these eight are going to be in a Heavyweight Title Tournament. The belt comes down from the ceiling and pyro goes off. The belt looks like the ECW Silver Title but with a sticker on the middle of it.

We get a quick video of all eight people here and a graphic saying Ring Ka King Heavyweight Title Tournament.

Now here's Jeremy Borash who speaks English and talks to Morgan, who says everyone is honored to be in India. Magnus cuts him off and puts his arms around Dutt and Steiner and says they're going to take over Ring Ka King. A brawl is started but Deadly Danda breaks it up.

Ring Ka King Heavyweight Title Tournament: Dr. Nicholas

Dinsmore vs. Mahabali Veera

We're about 25 minutes into the show not counting commercials and here's the first match. And no I'm not holding that against them as it's the debut episode. Dinsmore is basically the heel by default here. He cheats a top wristlock by pulling the hair to bring him down. Dinsmore sends him to the floor but Veera gets a sunset flip for two. Veera has a good look to him and moves well for a bigger (as in taller) guy. The referee is in a green shirt. Off to a chinlock by Dinsmore but Veera hits a spinebuster (called the Veera Bomb) for the pin at 2:59. Short but fine.

Magnus is on the phone in the back to his boss and talks about how he, Dutt and Steiner (all in the room) have three of the eight spots in the tournament and are going to dominate both it and Ring Ka King. It's Magnus vs. Morgan in the first round.

Someone called Shera brings out American Adonis, who is more known as Chris Masters. He does the same entrance that he did as the Masterpiece. He's a lot bigger than he used to be too so I guess the roids are rolling again. Masters says he's here to prove that no one can break his Adonis Lock. Back to the old classics I guess. He's put up a lock of Indian Rupees (whatever that means. A lock I mean. I know what Rupees are) to anyone that wants to try it. There's a briefcase in there so I'm assuming it has the money in it.

A plant accepts the challenge and we get a referee and the chair. The guy is named Zed. What kind of a name is Zed? He's from Pune and gets thrown all over the place in the full nelson. And he's out cold in about 10 seconds.

Veera says something which I'd assume means he'll win. Singh comes in and shakes his hand. Morgan comes up to shake his hand and says he hopes to see Veera in the finals.

Next week (I think) it's Steiner vs. Maxx B and Chavo vs. Dutt

in the tournament.

Ring Ka King Heavyweight Title Tournament: Sir Brutus Magnus vs. Matt Morgan

Magnus runs to the corner to start. Morgan gets his hands on him and throws him around with ease. Magnus gets sent to the floor and it's time for a chase scene. Morgan misses a corner splash and Magnus takes over. A slam attempt fails as Morgan falls onto him for two. Off to an abdominal stretch by Magnus which Morgan easily escapes and starts his comeback. He beats Magnus up and hits a chokeslam, followed by the Carbon Footprint for the pin at 5:14.

Rating: D. This was a really basic and boring power match. I've seen far worse but there really isn't anything going on here. Morgan looks like a force though which is the point of this. Not terrible but if Magnus is supposed to be the top heel in the company or at least the mouthpiece for it (no sign of him being a coward yet) shouldn't he be treated as something better than a jobber to the stars like he was here?

Dutt and Steiner come in for an attempted beatdown but Veera makes the save. A tag team staredown ends the show.

Overall Rating: B-. As a wrestling show it was boring but for a show designed to introduce us to the product, I can't really complain much here. They set up the tournament and we have a top heel group already. Veera looks like a star (although we didn't get to see much of him in the ring) and Morgan is his usual self. I probably won't watch this again but it wasn't that bad at all. The production values were very good and definitely at the same levels as Impact. Great debut and if you're not familiar with these guys, it's a great show. It's probably not for fans that know the talent, though it's worth a look.

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