

Impact Wrestling – April 4, 2013: Brooke Hogan's Showdown

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We're still in Arkansas as we're heading towards Corpus Christi and the PPV level TV show next week. The main issues tonight will be Hogan and Sting continuing their bickering along with Gut Check featuring luchador Magno and former NWA World Champion Adam Pearce in what should be an interesting match. Let's get to it.

We open with the usual recap of Brooke being tormented by Bully, Sting and Hogan's issues, and AJ walking away from Storm. Jeff Hardy won a #1 contender match as well and picked Full Metal Mayhem for next week.

Here are Aces and 8's to open the show. Anderson gets the mic and says he has a special package here. He talks about AJ and how the company had his back when he needed them. Then once they stopped needing Styles, TNA turned its back on him. They have a vest for him anytime he's ready. D-Von has an envelope which will give a new meaning to Bully and Brooke's relationship. D'Lo has a gift as well: his termination from TNA's front offices. That's not enough for him as he thinks he should have gotten a phone call or a meeting. Brown wants someone to come out here and fire him to his face.

Instead he gets Kurt Angle who says he'll say something to Brown's face. Kurt gets in the ring with D'Lo, D-Von and Anderson and goes right for Brown. Aces and 8's come in and the brawl is on. Cue the TNA cavalry for the save and the bikers bail to the floor. Apparently there's a ten man tag later tonight.

Joey Ryan comes up to Brooke in the back but Brooke isn't interested. Sex jokes are made and Joey wants to be the Knockouts referee. Brooke says ok to get rid of him. No touching the Knockouts though.

Tara/Gail Kim vs. Velvet Sky/Taryn Terrell

Joey Ryan is referee and spans Velvet to get things going. It's Sky vs. Tara to start things off and with Velvet holding a headlock, Joey massages her shoulders. Off to Taryn who sends Gail out for a tag. Taryn keeps rolling Tara up but Joey keeps getting good looks instead of counting. Velvet and Taryn hit a double elbow on Tara but Joey looks up Velvet's skirt and rubs his chest. Since the joke has been done once, we'll repeat it another twenty times in three minutes.

Tara's boyfriend Jesse gets jealous but Tara calls him off. Joey gets shoved away when looking at the shaky moonsault, allowing Velvet to move. Hot tag brings in Taryn to beat up Gail with a nice top rope cross body. Everything breaks down and Gail clears the ring, allowing for some more of the EXACT SAME THING Joey has done all match. Gail plays with his mustache but gets rolled up...as Joey is stripping. Gail reverses the rollup into one of her own and Joey fast counts the pin on Taryn at 5:28.

Rating: D+. This is the kind of comedy I can't stand: the kind where you're beaten over the head with the joke over and over again because apparently the fans are too dense to get it the first time. I have no idea what the appeal of Ryan is because he's nothing in the ring and the fact that he's horny isn't exactly an in depth character. Lots of good visuals here, but the wrestling was nothing of note.

Post match Velvet hits Joey low.

Aries/Roode and Chavo/Hernandez are in the ring for the contract signing for the title match next week. Aries calls himself and Roode a team of world champions instead of the world tag team champions. Roode asks both challengers if they've ever been a world champion and Aries answers for

them. Chavo says he's a Guerrero so he's awesome. Oh and Hernandez is really strong.

Aries says that they should up the ante a bit: the winners should get more money, a fruit basket, and green M&Ms. Chavo says something we can't hear and the champions huddle. Austin wants one more clause....which we also don't see. Apparently the match is 2/3 falls and if Chavo/Hernandez lose, they can never team up again. Everyone signs and we have a match.

We get a video on Adam Pearce who has been a professional for 17 years. He's been a four time world champion and this might be his last chance. Pearce has been in the ring with some of TNA's top talent before and he can beat them, so he's more ready than any other Gut Check contestant.

Magno talks about training for fifteen years for this chance. Watch him because he's going to do something no one else ever has done.

Gut Check: Magno vs. Adam Pearce

Magno is pretty tall for a luchador. Feeling out process to start with Adam trying to take it to the mat, only to be flipped away with a wristlock and armdrag. Pearce takes it into the corner but charges into some boots, only to come back with a backdrop for two. Magno comes back with a springboard moonsault but lands square on his head. He seems to be fine but that looked BAD.

Pearce counters another springboard into a hard spinebuster for two Magno flips over to the apron and comes back with some clotheslines and an enziguri in the corner. Pearce goes to the floor and Magno (partially) hits a moonsault press to take Adam down. Back in and Pearce trips Magno up for a rollup and grabs the rope for the pin at 4:18.

Rating: D+. Neither guy was very impressive here as Pearce was pretty generic and Magno wasn't much better. That botch was scary looking and

neither guy was anything special out there. Pearce is probably the better prospect but I'd bet it goes to Magno because of the finish. Not much here overall though.

Aces and 8's give AJ a vest but he doesn't seem thrilled. He doesn't give it back though.

We recap the Sting/Hogan fiasco over Bully Ray.

Hogan says Sting is in a gray area and not here tonight.

Angle and Park fire each other up for the ten man tag.

Here's Hulk to talk about gut feelings and wanting to talk to people. He wants to talk to AJ Styles and here's the Phenomenal One, still carrying the biker vest. Hogan talks to AJ about holding up under pressure but then last year he started to slip. AJ started to change, but TNA is still his family. Hogan says TNA needs AJ Styles but instead he gets James Storm with something to say. Storm says he was the guy who beat AJ last, but everyone loses big matches.

What bothers Storm was AJ walking away when Storm was beaten down by Aces and 8's. James has been here since day one just like AJ and he's been here for the people every night. AJ isn't the same guy who was at the Fairgrounds in the old days of TNA. Storm says Styles needs to leave before he gets knocked out, so AJ walks away, looking down at the vest in his hands.

Petey Williams vs. Sonjay Dutt vs. Mason Andrews

Winner gets a title shot, presumably next week. Everyone starts with fast near falls until Andrews has to back away from a potential double team. A quick dropkick gets two on Williams for Dutt but Petey comes back with a suicide dive to take out Andrews. Dutt joins them on the floor and it's

Andrews taking over. Back inside and a backbreaker gets two on Williams but Andrews has to knock Dutt off the apron. A middle rope elbow gets two on Williams but Dutt is back in as well with an octopus hold on Petey.

Andrews breaks that up but can't hit something out of a fireman's carry on Williams. Dutt comes back in with a springboard dropkick to both guys at once. A kick in the corner puts Andrews on the ropes and there's a springboard legdrop to the back of his head, followed by a springboard splash for two.

Petey is back in and decks Andrews but hits a Russian legsweep and short range Downward Spiral on Dutt. The Canadian Destroyer (flip piledriver) is broken up and Andrews hits a quick top rope rana on Williams. Dutt hits a standing Sliced Bread on Andrews but a top rope double stomp misses. The Destroyer hits Andrews to give Williams the shot at 5:19.

Rating: C+. Yeah it was fun, but this is the exact same thing we see from the X-Division every time: no story, the same stealing pin attempts, the same fast finishes. Yeah they're flashy, but it gets really monotonous after awhile. But hey, EVERY MATCH IS A THREE WAY, so it has to be interesting right? I mean, why put effort into it when you can put a one size fits all sticker on there?

Ray fires up the bikers for the ten man tag later. He's looking forward to talking to Brooke too.

We run down the card for next week's big episode.

Aces and 8's vs. Kurt Angle/Samoa Joe/Joseph Park/Magnus/Eric Young

None of the bikers want to start with Angle so he pulls in Brisco for the beatdown. Angle punches Wes into the corner until he gets bored and brings in Garrett. Bischoff gets the same beating in the corner and now it's off to Magnus for a slam into a suplex for no cover. Off to Joe vs.

D-Von and the corner enziguri has the TV Champion (D-Von) staggered. A knee drop gets two for Joe but it's off to Knux.

Joe hits a running knee to the face to put him down and here's Eric to drop an ax handle on the arm. Knux pounds away on Eric but gets sent to the floor where Eric hits a big slingshot dive to take him out again as we take a break. Back with Knux in control of Young and throwing him over the top and out to the floor. It's off to Doc for some power stuff before D-Von comes in for all of his usual stuff: punches, shoulder block, nerve hold, Spinarooni etc.

Doc comes back in and breaks up a hot tag bid, only to miss a charge in the corner. The hot tag brings in Park who cleans house and is very excited about doing so. A splash gets two on Brisco as everything breaks down. We finally get down to D-Von, Joe and Park in the ring but Joe dives through the ropes to take out Knux. D-Von hits a spinebuster on Park but misses the flying headbutt. Park has to deal with the other bikers and gets caught by a low blow from Doc for the pin at 14:00.

Rating: C. Just a big tag match here which didn't do much for me. At the end of the day, Aces and 8's still aren't intimidating and still aren't interesting outside of Bully. This angle is rapidly becoming just another generic monster stable which has been done so many times before that it stops being interesting in a hurry. The match was ok but nothing to see here for the most part.

Brooke tells Hulk not to worry about her. She'll have protection for her meeting with Bully tonight. No more drama.

Here's Bully to talk about the Full Metal Mayhem match next week against Hardy. Why would Hardy pick a match like that against Ray? For right now though, Ray wants Brooke to come out here so here's that stupid theme song of hers as she's flanked by security. Ray wants to know where her ring is. He also wants to know what's with the security guards. At Lockdown she was panicking when she should have been excited for her

husband to win the world title.

As for the envelope, it's a pair of front row tickets for next week so that Brooke can be there when Ray retains the title. Oh and she needs to look better because Ray thinks she's been letting herself go. Brooke slaps him in the face but Ray says he's in her head, just like he's been in her since day one. Cue Hardy for the brawl to set up the main event next week to end the show.

Overall Rating: B-. This wasn't bad but again the live shows are just better. The ending segment was fine but would have been better had it not been for Brooke. I can't bring myself to care about her problems when she's here because of her rich daddy and nothing more. Ray continues to be awesome, but the rest of the bikers are just lame overall. As for the rest of the show, it wasn't bad but it was nothing memorable. It appears that Brooke goes Aces and 8's next week.

Results

Gail Kim/Tara b. Taryn Terrell/Velvet Sky – Rollup to Terrell

Adam Pearce b. Magno – Rollup

Petey Williams b. Mason Andrews and Sonjay Dutt – Canadian Destroyer to Andrews

Aces and 8's b. Kurt Angle/Samoa Joe/Eric Young/Magnus/Joseph Park – Low blow to Park

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It's the show after Bound For Glory and a few things have changed. First and foremost, Hogan is a face now, having turned after a year of being the top heel in the company. Also we have the same world champion in the form of Angle who was hurt going into the match and for some reason they didn't put the title on Roode...uh...because he wasn't ready or something? Clearly that's their new policy on new champions and won't be changed at all tonight right? Let's get to it.

We open with a recap of the last year leading up to Hogan's face turn at BFG.

Here's Sting to open the show as we hear about how much of a betrayal it was for Bischoff's son to turn on him. Sting is sane again. He talks about how this was about getting Hogan back instead of staying with what we had for the last year. He calls out Hogan because the fans want to see him and here's the old bald dude himself, now in yellow and red.

Hogan and Sting hug because 15 years of feuding can be solved by one match or something. Hogan admits he's been wrong and thanks the fans. He's had a few rough years and he became a follower instead of a leader. He's been following Bischoff's lead instead of leading things and now he realizes how wrong Eric was. Hulk takes the blame himself and says it wasn't Eric's fault. Heaven forbid we have a heel come off looking evil I guess.

He talks about how he saw Immortal as a pack of wolves and saw the light to make the save. So he had a soul changing moment all of a sudden? Well that's an explanation at least. Hogan calls Sting the true icon and shakes his hand a bunch before leaving. Sting says Hogan still has it and then calls out Dixie Carter, who still has her own theme song on standby.

After a break Dixie is in the ring to thank Sting. Sting says it's a day to remember and to celebrate. He also mentions that Dixie wouldn't listen to him 18 months ago and she got burned because of it. However, it's all cool because he loves it here and Dixie is going to look out for the fans and this is her second chance. Dixie apologizes to Sting about Hogan and Bischoff. She says she doesn't belong in the ring and needs to be at headquarters. Because of that, she's giving Sting the day-to-day authority in Impact Wrestling. So Sting is the new GM? That could work. Sting accepts.

They hug in the ring but a 20 minute segment isn't long enough. Here's Kurt who somehow still has the title. For the life of me I don't get this company at times. After another break Angle calls them superheroes and blames Dixie for his own heel turn. Angle says he's still champion but Sting is always talking about Bobby Roode. At BFG he made Roode look like a loser and he's the better man.

That brings out Roode who yells at Angle because of the shaky finish to the title match. He blames Kurt for cheating at the PPV and saying it was bull. That was Roode's night and he messed it up. If you believe the internet, it was Hogan that messed it up but who's counting? The fans chant rematch and Sting likes that idea. Sting makes the rematch but Angle plays the Lee Corso card with a not so fast my friend.

The contract says Angle had to face Roode once and only once so there's no rematch tonight. Angle wants to know what Roode's partner's catchphrase is and that brings out James Storm. After break #3, Storm is in the ring and wants a title

shot as well. Angle screwed the company, the fans and Roode at the PPV. That means Angle screwed Storm as well and that doesn't work. Sting however can fix that. Since the fans want a title match tonight, maybe Storm should get one. Angle cuts him off, saying there are ten guys in front of him. That's very true. Sting makes the match anyway because logic means nothing in TNA.

Time of that very long segment: 40 minutes.

We jump to the back and Eric and Immortal come up to Hogan. Eric calls back the dogs and says they want something to go down in the ring tonight. Eric wants to meet Hogan in the ring tonight, one on one.

During the break, something occurs to me: didn't Sting say that the REAL Hogan was the one that wanted to take over TNA last summer? Now the REAL Hogan is the good guy? I don't think we're supposed to remember that.

Knockout Tag Titles: Winter/Angelina Love vs. Tara/Brooke Tessmacher

Winter and Angelina break up Tessmacher's shirt tear and the double team is on. We officially start with Angelina vs. Tessmacher. Tessmacher is messed up because of the beatdown and the challengers both beat her down. After a few minutes of beating, Angelina misses a middle rope crossbody and it's a double tag to Winter and Tara. Spinning side slam gets two. Everything breaks down and Tessmacher gets the pin on Winter with a top rope crossbody at 3:40.

Rating: C. This was fine, mainly due to large implants flying around and them keeping things short. Tessmacher still can't do much in the ring but she's improved a lot. She'd still be better at just being a sex object but most of the girls would be other than like two of them. This was nothing to see but for a quick Knockout tag, this wasn't too bad.

Here are the Jarretts and Jeff calls out Hardy. For the sake of sanity, Jeff Jarrett will be called Jeff and Jeff Hardy will be called Hardy. Jeff talks about how Hardy has screwed up before and he'll do it again. He says Hardy can leave tonight or he has to face Jeff. I'll give Jeff this: he's always ready to fight. Hardy says the fans want him here and it eats Jeff up. He'll never light up a crowd like Hardy can and that brings about the brawl. They do the pull apart stuff like they did at the PPV. Agents come out and D'Lo Brown and Al Snow get into an argument for no apparent reason. Jeff gets in a low blow and Hardy is left laying.

Angle says he'll keep the title tonight because he's Kurt Angle.

We get some stills of Bischoff beating up his son on Sunday.

Eric Young wants to do a calendar photo shoot but Robbie E and Rob Terry come up. Has this been mentioned in months? Eric makes fun of Big Rob, calling him Conan the Barbarian. He calls himself a fighting champion and I begin to laugh. Eric says Robbie E can have a title shot and we're told that Ronnie from Jersey Shore will be coming here. Oh good grief.

Abyss vs. Gunner

Gunner says that Immortal needs to prove they're still on top so he's fighting Abyss for Immortal tonight. Brawl to start and Gunner tries to run. Out to the floor and Gunner goes into the steps. They go back in and Gunner runs away for a countout at 1:50.

Velvet is going to thank the fans next.

Gunner says Immortal needs Abyss back and sounds scared of Abyss. Eric and company say they're not worried. They'll take care of Hogan first though.

We get a video about Velvet overcoming the odds because she

was bullied as a kid. I don't know what high school you went to, but girls that looked like her who were jocks weren't bullied.

Velvet is in the ring now and holds up the belt, saying how awesome it is to finally be champion. She talks about the bullying thing again but says it was all worth it in the end. This brings out Karen and Traci and Karen yells a lot. She says she's the Knockouts Boss and it would be boring if she just fired them both. Karen calls out security to get rid of Traci and it's just the two of them left. She gets in Velvet's face and threatens to strip her of the title but Jeff told her that wouldn't be very fun. Karen wants the putting in her place to be physical.

She says she knows the perfect person to do it and says Velvet needs eyes in the back of her head. Since Velvet is a face and therefore an idiot, Madison Rayne comes out to the stage and Velvet looks at her as Gail Kim returns through the crowd and beats up Velvet. They both beat Velvet down and stand tall.

More clips from BFG.

Here's Immortal and Bischoff will be doing the talking. He says that he'll deal with his son later and calls out Hogan. Hogan's music is playing before Bischoff is done talking. Eric says he's got a lot to say so hopefully Hogan packed a lunch. He wants to know how Hogan can dare turn on these guys after they protected him for 18 months. We'll ignore the storyline issues with that for the sake of sanity. Eric talks about how he's the man that made Hogan who he is today. Well that's true. Hogan is a much weaker star today than he was in the 80s.

The real problem though is that Hogan got in Bischoff's son's ear and stopped Eric's son from becoming like his father. Hogan says that he's learned a lot in the past few days and part of that is that Bischoff's son is more of a man than

Bischoff. Immortal is at ringside and Bischoff tries to hit Hogan. That fails so Hogan points at him. Here's Immortal but they don't attack him. Sting slides in with a pair of ball bats and Immortal (all three of them) run.

Bischoff backs up the ramp but his son is behind him. He says how dare you Hogan but backs into his son. Eric yells at him and the son calls him a disgrace. He rips his son's shirt open and reveals a Bischoff tattoo on his chest. Eric says his son doesn't deserve that name anymore and gets drilled for it. He gives Hulk and Sting a thumbs up. So...what's the payoff to this? I mean, how can this go anywhere since he's not a wrestler and neither is his dad?

TNA World Title: Kurt Angle vs. James Storm

The bell is ringing at 10:55 so this is going to be short. Angle pounds him down in the corner but brags too much. He walks into a superkick and Storm is champion at 1:20. Well they can't make it much more definitive than that.

Roode comes out to celebrate and is quickly followed by the rest of Fourtune. Storm goes into the crowd to celebrate.

Storm comes back for the celebration and says this is great. He hands Roode the belt because it belongs to him. Roode takes it and wraps it around Storm's waist. Fourtune stands tall to end the show.

Overall Rating: C-. I wasn't into this show. There was way too much talking, but I can understand wanting to focus on storylines a lot. That's fine, but with a huge twist at the end the show felt like one big angle instead of a TV show. I can live with that once in awhile, but if it becomes the norm this show is in trouble. Anyway, things have certainly changed, although I have a lot of questions about a lot of things, and that's not really a good thing. As for the title change, as usual with TNA: I think I like the end results but I'm not wild about how they got there.

Results

Tara/Brooke Tessmacher b. Angelina Love/Winter – Top rope crossbody to Winter

Abyss b. Gunner via countout

James Storm b. Kurt Angle – Superkick

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