

# Impact – May 5, 2011 – Well They Couldn't Be Good Forever

## Impact

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Location: Impact Zone, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Mike Tenay, Taz

Episode Title: The Network is Coming

We've got two weeks before Sacrifice and things are starting to take shape before the PPV. The main thing from last week to carry over here is the possibility of Angle's mistress being revealed. Aside from that though there really isn't much to talk about for tonight's show. I'd assume some more matches will be officially announced for the PPV but that's about it. Let's get to it.

We open with a recap of the Network issues as Hogan is ticked off about the whole thing. The episode is called The Network is Coming. Gee that doesn't sound familiar at all.

We open with Sting and RVD coming to the ring and see that Immortal is in the ring waiting on them. Snow, Diamond and Brown come out to prevent the fight which the fans want to see. Hogan says that if Sting knows something about the representative, tell him right now. There's going to be a representative here next week and he, no SHE will be here to talk to Hogan face to face.

Hogan tries to charge Sting and Van Dam but D'lo Brown holds Hulkster back. That doesn't last though as Immortal jumps the agents and the fight is on. Fournune comes out to even the sides and clear the ring. Roode takes the mic and says the usual stuff about Fournune building the company and Hogan/Bischoff cashing in on their work. He thought he knew Hogan but this Hogan has no pride. Roode earns his pay and

puts food in his kids' mouth. He's a blue collar worker and has earned what he has. What has Hogan earned?

Roode references Jay Lethal's recent release (called a firing here) and says that Lethal was a guy that did what he asked every single week. I guess that means when he actually got on TV. Roode says his name is Bobby Roode and things are going to start to change next week. Nice to see someone get some mic time in Fourtune other than Daniels or Styles.

The Jarretts get Velvet out of the shower and say Hogan has let them issue an ultimatum and she needs to get to the ring now.

Matt Hardy says he was/is one half of the best tag teams of all time. He's going to give someone a call and that person is going to come and the two of them will challenge Beer Money for the tag titles.

### Suicide vs. Sangriento

Suicide controls to start until Sangriento (means bloody or bloodthirsty) gets a DDT onto the apron. And of course a random masked luchador is nothing at all like Sin Cara in the slightest. Sin Cara is an actual superstar in Mexico as opposed to a made up character here.

Suicide hits his usual unique offense which can't keep Sangriento down though. Middle rope dropkick to the back of the head and a rana from the middle rope both get two for Sangriento. Suicide fights back and tries his half breed cousin of the Angle Slam. Sangriento counters and gets a cool looking move as he springboards off the middle rope (think a Lionsault) but goes backwards into a cutter to end this at 3:50. Cool ending.

**Rating:** C. Not much of a debut here but the ending was a

fairly unique move which is hard to pull off in today's product. Sangriento is probably going to wind up meaning nothing like the majority of the X-Division guys. Either way though, cool move by taking a guy already on the roster (Amazing Red) and giving him something new to do.

Hogan and Bischoff try to figure out who the representative is and think it could be Flair. Sting said the one coming next week was female but also said that it was a representative and not necessarily the representative so that's not a plot hole.

Back with Mexican America in the ring and it's time for their Cinco de Mayo celebration. They talk about the history of the holiday which is in memory of the Mexican army winning a major battle. Sarita calls in the Spanish announce team and say bring their own tequila, which they happen to have. The team is Hector Guerrero (Eddie's big brother) and Willie Urbina (not sure on the spelling of that).

Anarquia doesn't like Urbina because he's Puerto Rican and not Mexican. They take him down and Hector isn't happy. Anarquia looks a lot like Chavo. The heels threaten Hector and Ink Inc of all people come out for the save. They say get out and hold up the flag. I guess we're just supposed to forget the issues they were having when Shannon was being a jerk?

### Christopher Daniels/AJ Styles vs. Bully Ray/Gunner

Gunner is being pushed as the stopper for Immortal. Ray and Daniels start but Daniels tags out almost immediately to let AJ fight Ray but the Bully runs off to bring in Gunner. The good guys work over Gunner until Ray interferes and we enter the tag team formula. Mickie is defending the title against Tessmacher later tonight. She gets a title match why exactly?

After Daniels gets beaten down for a bit it's hot tag to AJ who cleans house, hitting the springboard forearm to Gunner.

Pele looks to set up the springboard 450 but Ray breaks it up and everything breaks down. The fans want D-Von as Ray gets his chain. Tommy Dreamer runs in for the save...and piledrivers AJ for the DQ. Tommy Dreamer has turned heel and this is a no contest instead of a DQ for no apparent reason. Ray says good choice and Dreamer doesn't look happy. Match ran about 4:10.

**Rating:** C. Not a terrible match here but dude....Tommy Dreamer? So AJ is now feuding with the ECW guys? At least they let Gunner do most of the work as he isn't that bad in the ring. AJ vs. Ray could be a pretty good blowoff match if they let them fight. Other than that though, nothing of note to see here.

Back and Dreamer is MAD. He's wrecking everything in sight and won't talk to anyone. I'm guessing he wasn't doing that because he wants to.

AJ can't feel his fingers and they're looking for a doctor and ice. Fournite thinks this is about EV 2 or something but they're not sure. AJ says either they get answers or Dreamer is taking a beating.

Matt is on the phone and Ray comes up. Ray wants to know how "he" is doing and Matt says good. Ray says Dreamer did what he has to do to keep himself in this company. That makes things seem a bit better. It's gotten so bad for Immortal they have to get TOMMY DREAMER to help them?

The Jarretts and Velvet are up next.

Winter gives pills to Angelina and says soon she won't need them anymore. Winter talks about their souls connecting when they first met which Angelina doesn't remember. She's crossed eons of time to find her again and Angelina will remember soon. She kisses Angelina on the cheek and says come with her. This might not end well.

Here are the Jarretts for their weekly continuance of this feud that will not die. They call out Velvet and say that every Knockout has been a champion other than her. I guess the tag titles don't mean anything. More accusations are made by the Karen who says that Velvet is sleeping with Kurt to get herself noticed. Velvet denies it and makes fun of Karen like last week. She's never been champion but that's her goal now. Velvet says she has business to take care of so Karen makes more fun of her for it and somehow makes Winter/Angelina vs. Velvet.

Winter and Angelina come out but before we get going here's Kurt for more talking. Apparently the Network has made the main event a mixed handicap match with Angle/Velvet vs. Jarrett/Angelina/Winter. Is there anyone in TNA that can't make matches?

Bischoff is ticked off in the back when Terry and Murphy come up and say they can help. Eric is all ticked off and makes them fight with the loser leaving TNA.

Back and Crimson is looking for Joe with a metal object in hand.

### Rob Terry vs. Murphy

They slug it out to start and a clothesline doesn't really hurt either guy. Loser leaves TNA/Immortal remember. Murphy takes over until Terry fires back with raw power to a moderate face pop. Other than that the crowd doesn't seem to care. Half belly to back suplex/half chokeslam by Murphy and he goes up top and a top rope clothesline gets two. The announcers say loser leaves Immortal so I'm not sure which it is here. Terry more or less Hulks Up and hits a modified Jackhammer to end this at 3:20.

**Rating:** D. So? Really, so what? I guess at the same time

this gets rid of Murphy so that helps a bit. Nothing of note here as it was just a quick battle of power. There's nothing to say here but I guess it lets Terry, who has more potential than Murphy, stick around and have something to do.

Hogan says both of them are out of Immortal. Ok then. He and Bischoff keep brainstorming on who the network person could be as they're running out of time.

Joe is just getting here an hour and 22 minutes into the show. Crimson pops up with a sledgehammer and says the next time someone is beating Joe down he'll turn his head just like Joe did last week. Joe says he never asked for help. Crimson says stay out of his way or else. Joe wants to know if that's a threat and Crimson says take it however you want to.

Knockouts Title: Miss Tessmacher vs. Mickie James

Tessmacher takes the glasses off and bends over to pick them up. Well it's not like she's here for her in ring abilities. Basic stuff here as Tessmacher does gymnast stuff while Mickie walks her through the match. Victory Roll gets two for Tessmacher and she fires the worst enziguri I've ever seen for two. Off to the arm by Tessmacher for a bit before Mickie makes her comeback with a bunch of clotheslines. Neckbreaker sets up a terrible looking jumping DDT to end it at 3:52.

**Rating:** D. Match sucked, girls were hot. That sums up the entire match as that's the entire reason Tessmacher was out there. Mickie can't really do much with this kind of opponent, especially with her shoulder not being 100% still. I can't imagine what Tessmacher is going to do but she looks good so I can't complain that much.

Madison and Tara come out and Madison wants a rematch for the

title. Mickie says cool but Tara's freedom is on the line too.

Brian Kendrick, Generation Me and Amazing Red are ticked off about Lethal being fired and are going to see Bischoff about it.

The aforementioned X guys come up to Eric who is getting coffee. They want to know what they have to do to get a shot. Eric says he cares about them and says their solution is to grow about a foot and a half and throws coffee on Kendrick. So we're using the Eddie Guerrero situation in WCW as a storyline now?

We hear from Sting and RVD about the match at Sacrifice. RVD says he deserves a title shot and Sting says he respects Van Dam. Anything can happen there. Somehow that took three minutes to say.

#### Winter/Angelina Love/Jeff Jarrett vs. Velvet Sky/Kurt Angle

This actually gets big match introductions including a slow bell ring. Winter vs. Velvet to start us off and it's off to Angelina quickly. Nothing Velvet does hurts her until a spear puts Angelina down. Velvet gets in Karen's face which lets Angelina get up and get a boot in as we take a break. Back with Angelina working on Velvet some more and a double team suplex takes Sky down again.

Off to the guys and Jarrett blocks the Angle Slam with an armdrag to take over. Sunset flip is rolled through into the ankle lock and Jarrett kind of taps but it doesn't count. Karen tries to cheat and Kurt pulls her in as he pulls Jeff out from the ropes. Velvet tags herself in to get at Karen but the other chicks beat her down before Karen gets hurt. Double DDT takes the two chicks down and actually gets the pin on Winter at 8:15 including commercial.

**Rating:** D. Another weak match here as nothing of note happens as we're still waiting to get to the point with the reveal of the chick that Angle has so that we can set up a mixed tag or whatever to continue this already far too long feud. Nothing special here at all and a really weak main event.

Kurt says the chosen one is here next week and isn't Velvet.

Hogan and Bischoff are still talking about the network guy and their car has "You're Next" spraypainted on it. The X guys are behind it and apparently did it with even Eric saying it's not Goldberg.

**Overall Rating:** D. Not the worst show TNA has ever done but at the same time there was a lot of stuff here that bored me to death. The Jarretts/Velvet stuff is going nowhere really and seems like it's just padding before we get to something. Again they're setting up for an Impact rather than the PPV which usually makes for a really lackluster PPV, which is never a good thing. Everything is kind of in neutral at this point as we wait for the reveal of a network executive, who I'm assuming is the big one next week, even though they left a door open to continue it. Weak show here after a string of good ones.

## Results

Sangriento b. Suicide – Springboard Cutter

AJ Styles/Daniels vs. Bully Ray/Gunner went to a no contest when Tommy Dreamer interfered

Rob Terry b. Murphy – Spinebuster

Mickie James b. Miss Tessmacher – Jumping DDT

Kurt Angle/Velvet Sky b. Angelina Love/Winter/Jeff Jarrett – Sky pinned Winter after a DDT



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# Impact – March 17, 2011: The Worst TV Show I Have Seen In Years

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Well it's the first show after the disaster that was the ending of Victory Road. Hardy is not here tonight apparently which is about as little as you could ask for. Jeff Jarrett said that he would call out Angle for a truce on tonight's show, meaning their feud is likely going to continue until Lockdown. We're on the road to said PPV now, so let's get to it.

Immediately Sting is here and he has a new TNA World Title belt which looks a bit like a UFC belt. He has the Hardy belt in his hand. Sting says that before Hogan's show starts he wants Hogan and Bischoff down here now, or the show won't start. With the men in power in the ring, Sting hands Hulk the belt and says that's all that's left of Jeff Hardy. Hogan throws it to the floor.

Sting wants to know how it feels to ruin a superstar like Jeff Hardy. Sting says that Jeff is a grown man but Hogan and Bischoff turned him into something twisted and dark. If they try to turn Jeff face out of this, I'm not sure what to think of that. Sting says he can't help Jeff Hardy but he can help the 50 guys in the back that are ready to go.

Hogan says he's a Johnny Come Lately and that Hardy cost Immortal, not the other way around. Hulk says that Jeff's demise was his own fault and he couldn't live up to the Immortal standards. Hogan asks Sting why Immortal is all at the top of its game, even Matt Hardy. Did he really just say that? Hogan threatens Sting, saying don't worry about saving the boys in the back, but rather saving himself.

Since he came back two weeks ago there have been main event guys calling him all the time wanting to come here and wanting to take Sting's place. Sting wants to know who's been calling. Cue, I kid you not, Bully Ray. Ray says that he's been ringing the phone off the hook because he's been waiting for this chance all his life. Ray kisses up to Hogan a bit, saying without him there would be no wrestling business. True, but why is Bully Ray saying this?

He talks about how no matter what Sting does, he'll never be able to beat Hogan. The Bully asks to be part of Immortal and wants to become world champion. The interesting thing is that Ray can actually talk well enough to be on this level, but at the end of the day he's Bubba Ray Dudley. Hogan says don't worry about Sting and here's Fourtune as we take a break.

Back with AJ saying Fourtune has Sting's back. He says Ray has always wanted to be a singles wrestler but he had a partner for the last 15 years that carried the load. Bully wants to smack the silver spoon out of AJ's mouth because Dixie has been carrying AJ the whole time. Ray says without D-Von he would have been a 23 time world champion. AJ slaps Bubba and here's Anderson because there aren't enough people out here already.

Anderson wants his rematch and says he's a jerk about 10 times. The fans laugh, proving why this is stupid. It's not a moment where people are supposed to laugh. Hogan says Anderson couldn't beat RVD. Anderson says RVD couldn't beat him either, so "it's your call, TERRANCE." Oh yeah, he went

there. Bischoff does the ratings thing, four way is made: AJ vs. Ray vs. Anderson vs. RVD. Great.

Angle is here with a big present for the newlyweds.

Back with AJ talking to RVD and wanting a partnership tonight in the main event. RVD isn't sure but more or less says no.

Knockouts Title: Madison Rayne vs. Alissa Flash

It's another open challenge here. Flash is more commonly known as Cheerleader Melissa or Raisha Saed. And the Rayne Drop ends this in 19 seconds. Why did this happen again? Oh so Mickie James can come down. Let me guess: that's Lockdown because we didn't have it enough in previous months? Mickie makes the obvious challenge but Madison says Mickie has to put her hair up. Mickie says cool.

Pope, looking like Orlando Jordan, is with a bunch of people that are pretending to have various ailments such as being fat, blind and in a wheelchair that he's going to pretend to heal. Oh dear.

Back with Anderson yelling at Hogan more. He wants to know why he has to fight for a title shot he already owns. That's a great question since he won a #1 contenders match about three weeks ago. Hogan says Anderson couldn't beat RVD like always. Hogan says do things the hard way or our way and he throws the cameraman out.

Time for Pope who is in a white suit. He says that miracles need to be performed and tonight there will be miracles happening. Pope says that Jesus can do this and so can he. He takes the "blind" man's glasses off and spits on his own hands, calling it holy oil. The man can see now. Next up is the lame man who he kicks in the legs and smacks him in the head. The man pops up and kind of dances a bit. Up last is

the chick in the fat suit. Pope grabs her...stomach I think and says that no one including Jesus could help her lose weight.

FINALLY Joe comes out to end this along with Okato. This feud couldn't be stupider if they tried to make it worse. Pope yells at Joe for ruining Pope's stuff. Joe is getting fatter by the second I think. Pope throws the people into it and pulls Okato out. He puts a knife to Okato's throat and in a funny bit keeps hitting Okato in the head for stepping on Pope's shoes. Pope kicks him in the cuts and throws him into the entrance area before jabbing his knife into his throat, showing that it's fake.

Back and Pope is beating on Okato who is tied up. Wait...where is Joe? He takes the mask off and says he doesn't like how Okato looks so put the mask back on. He beats on Okato forever with a stick or a pole or something until Joe FINALLY shows up. I guess they ran out of catering. Also he calls him Okada when he comes up. Joe is all mad or something.

RVD comes up to Anderson in the back and accuses him of joining Immortal. Nothing of note is said but Anderson denies it.

Velvet and Winter argue about who gets to team up with Angelina as we hit one hour into the show. Angelina leaves with Winter.

Here's are the Jarretts for MORE TALKING. Seriously, 60 minutes in, 19 seconds of wrestling. Jeff calls himself the Ultra Male now. I give up. He says he has nothing left to prove but gets stopped by a Jarrett sucks chant. There is nothing left for him to do to Angle so for the good of the kids, he's offering a truce. He says that they need to get along for the sake of their kids (are they breaking up or something?) and he'll let Kurt beg for forgiveness.

Angle comes out with the big gift from earlier. It's pretty good sized, probably about four feet long and two feet wide.

I'd die of laughter if it's an axe. Angle says that Jeff is the better man and the father/husband that Kurt never could be. He has a peace offering but Jeff is skeptical. Jeff opens the paper like it's Christmas morning and it's...another box. It's a guitar with an American flag on it. Naturally it winds up around Jeff's head. Karen tries to hit Angle in the balls butt there's no effect. I knew those steroids would catch up with him. Ah it's a cup.

He takes it out and smiles but then turns to yell at Jeff more. Hey Karen, HIT HIM NOW! Jeff is bleeding as Kurt says he'll go medieval on him. Kurt wants a match at Lockdown or he'll come and hurt both of them. Jeff, bleeding from the eye, says yes. Kurt says don't bother going to Hogan or Bischoff because he'll find Jeff and hurt him. Tell me that's the end of the feud.

Bischoff is talking to Gunner/Murphy/Terry in the back and we hear the WE MUST HAVE ALL THE TITLES speech again. Abyss has been stripped of the title (finally) and one of those three will win the title.

There's a six person street fight coming later.

Back with Karen wanting the police here and shouting into the phone about it. Jeff is mad at Kurt.

We get a video package about the TV Title match. Why in the world do we need a hype video for that?

TV Title: Rob Terry vs. Gunner vs. Murphy

Gunner has the tattoos. Got it. The tag team jumps Terry but then splits up soon. Hogan's wife and Brooke (looks JUST like Linda) are here. We split the screen for a bit to show that the cops are here for Angle. People keep trying to steal wins which gets them nowhere. Murphy and Terry slug it out with

Terry winning. Gunner pops up to spear him and then hits a modified F5 to win the title at 1:47. The match didn't even make it to two minutes. Wow indeed. Bischoff comes out to applaud.

AJ says he was trying to help RVD, not himself.

Back with the cops telling the Jarretts to chill. Karen mentions a restraining order.

### Hernandez/Sarita/Rosita vs. Matt Morgan/Winter/Angelina Love

Well I've always been a fan of mixing feuds like this. Also, oddly enough Sarita might look better in long pants which is surprising. Hernandez says welcome to Mexican America. He says they're taking over and whistles into the microphone. Winter's music is like a messed up lullaby which is pretty freaking awesome. She has the blindfold on again. This is a street fight.

Morgan hits the ring in jeans and the fight is on. Oh and it's one of those street fights where you have to tag. The guys start as the girls fight on the floor. The corner thing didn't last long. Morgan hammers away but the girls jump on him (lucky bastard). He throws them off and Winter/Angelina destroy them. A spinning backbreaker ends Rosita in 1:24.

Post match some Mexican guy (who appears to be Matt "Lowrider" Barela who was OVW Champion for the majority of last year) comes in but Morgan fights them off.

We come back with a recap video of the Anderson/RVD match at the PPV.

### AJ Styles vs. Bully Ray vs. Mr. Anderson vs. Rob Van Dam

It's 10:36 when these entrances start so there's a ton of time here. Surprisingly there's no bell before we start. Anderson vs. RVD and AJ vs. Ray to start. No tagging here and it's one fall to a finish which helps a bit. Ray runs over AJ who nips up and takes him down with a rana. Jumping forearm in the corner and AJ is in control.

Monkey flip is blocked and Anderson fights Ray. RVD vs. Ray as AJ and Anderson have been knocked to the floor. Van Dam gets Rolling Thunder but Anderson pulls Rob to the floor. AJ gets a sunset flip on Anderson for two. We're firmly into the formula here of having each guy dominate for a bit but no one is really moving towards a finish. At the moment it's Ray taking over.

RVD takes down Ray but the Five Star misses. Spinning Rock Bottom takes Anderson down but AJ gets a top rope cross body on Ray for two. Middle rope kick to AJ gets two. Neckbreaker to RVD gets two. AJ dives out at Ray to the floor but lands on the ground. Ray grabs a chair but Hebner pulls it away to save Styles. The chair goes into the ring and Anderson suplexes RVD onto it and it's a double pin at 5:55. Ray drills the referee before the finish can be announced. Are you serious? RVD wasn't on Anderson in any way at all.

**Rating:** C-. Decent match but dang it all GIVE US A CLEAN FINISH ALREADY!!! Why is that so complicated? I get that the triple threat at Lockdown is more or less a given, but dang it just announce that already. This is beyond annoying at this point and the main event not even going six minutes is just pitiful at this point.

AJ and Ray fight up to the stage and Flair comes out to save Ray. It's a HUGE sitout powerbomb off the stage to put AJ through something that resembled a table next to the stage. Everyone is out and we throw up an X. They have to turn straightedge now? We take a break with everyone down.

Back with Anderson and Ray having to be separated. AJ is put in a neck brace and taken out on a stretcher. So now their either first or second top face is doing an injury angle? This is how the show ends. We see replays and AJ is taken out. That's Impact for you this week folks. Enjoy it TNA fans. This is what you guys wanted right? Give me a break.

**Overall Rating:** F. We get three and a half minutes out of the first 95 for actual wrestling and then we get that finish to the show? Why does TNA always have to give us the "Thank you fans, but your #1 contender is on another show" finish every time? We had 9:25 of total wrestling tonight. I'm sorry but that's ridiculous. TNA had people paying attention after the Hardy fiasco and this is what we get? Are you kidding me? Terrible show where NOTHING happened. This is one of the worst TV shows I've seen in months if not years. Just awful.

### Results

Madison Rayne b. Alissa Flash – Rayne Drop

Gunner b. Rob Terry and Murphy – F5 to Murphy

Matt Morgan/Winter/Angelina Love b. Rosita/Sarita/Hernandez – Winter pinned Rosita after a spinning backbreaker

Rob Van Dam vs. AJ Styles vs. Bully Ray vs. Mr. Anderson went to a no contest