

City Championship Wrestling Episode 88: Who, What, When, Why?

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Location: L'Anse Creuse High School, Harrison Township, Michigan

Commentators: Paul Jones, Cat Daddy

I haven't done this in a long time and it's something I've been wanting to do more often. This is a show that popped up in my YouTube recommendations and I know nothing about it. From what I can tell, it's a small promotion out of Michigan and their weekly show is about half an hour long. In a question I'm sure I won't regret, how bad can it be? Let's get to it.

Keep in mind that I'm coming into this completely blind and have no idea about history or people involved etc.

An unnamed host hypes up an upcoming show featuring Alex Shelley (ok they have some connections) and brings in Shelley's opponent, a bald man named Gutter. Apparently Gutter has beaten Shelley before and wants to do it again tomorrow, but first he has two challenges to deal with tonight. What sounds like about 20 people (never shown) seem to approve.

Gutter vs. Nick Moss

Moss works on the arm to start as Cat Daddy (the interviewer from earlier) is VERY excited. Gutter takes over and goes for a leglock, sending Moss to the ropes. With that broken up, Gutter calls out Jason DeMilo (the other challenge he has tonight) and puts on some sunglasses to mock him. Cue DeMilo, whose distraction lets Moss get in a right hand. Moss misses a

slingshot legdrop though and gets sent into DeMilo, setting up a fisherman's neckbreaker to give Gutter the pin at 3:07.

Rating: C. Gutter was ok enough, but he feels like one of those homegrown stars where you have to have been around for awhile to get why he is interesting. He was just there for the most part and while he did win, I'm not sure why he wants to fight both Moss and DeMilo. Maybe letting us know that would help quite a bit, as Gutter's match was only ok.

DeMilo won't fight so Gutter goes to commentary to say DeMilo can't hide. Again, no reason why any of this is happening.

Commentary recaps what we saw when someone in sunglasses and holding a referee shirt tries to get in. He says he's ready to work but some referees get rid of him. Apparently his name is Straud.

Aaron Ashura is ready to face Darion Ultra, the leader of the Darion Nation.

Ultra isn't impressed and is ready to fight, including fighting the Cat Daddy (who seems interested).

Aaron Ashura vs. Darion Ultra

Ultra stomps away in the corner to start but Ashura grabs a headscissors to send him into the buckle. A backbreaker gives Ultra two but Ashura's kneebar sends him into the ropes. Ashura's running knee is countered into a powerbomb for two. The Darion Death Trap (DDT) finishes Ashura at 3:02.

Rating: C. Ultra showed more than either of the people in the first match and does seem to have something going for him. He didn't have much time to do much but I got the idea behind him more than anyone else on the show so far. Ashura came off as a speedster who was moving around as well as he could before falling in the end.

Ajon vs. Justin Fields

They go with the grappling to start with Ajon getting the better of things to start before they go to a standoff. Fields wrestles him down for two and then does it again, albeit for a waistlock this time. A rollup gives Fields two and it's time for a breather. Ajon takes him down this time as things are getting a bit more serious. Back up and Ajon manages a belly to back suplex for the pin at 5:56.

Rating: C+. This was rather different than the rest of the show and it worked out fairly well. What mattered here was changing things up, though it was a little strange to have almost all amateur stuff until the ending. It felt like something out of a different promotion and given what I had seen earlier in the show, that's not a bad idea.

Cat Daddy introduces the next match but gets interrupted by Jason DeMilo. He is tired of getting beaten up, including getting speared by Rhino. Tonight, he is taking down an MMA champion.

Ty Wilmo vs. Jason DeMilo

They go straight to the grappling to start with Wilmo taking over and driving in some elbows to the head. An ankle lock sends DeMilo over to the rope as this is one sided so far. Back up and DeMilo grabs a neckbreaker to take over, setting up a neck twist on the mat. The chinlock with a knee in Wilmo's back makes it worse and a suplex gets two. Wilmo is right back with a spinebuster and belly to belly but DeMilo gets his foot on the rope. DeMilo pulls out...something, which is taken away by the referee, allowing a low blow to take Wilmo down. The Rings of Saturn finishes Wilmo off at 5:42.

Rating: C. This was a weird match, but it made Wilmo look a lot bigger than DeMilo, who had the big focus to start the show. The match was set up a little bit oddly as DeMilo got beaten up to start but then came back, only to have to cheat to win. Wilmo was definitely better in the ring, though

DeMilo's promo before the match showed he had some personality.

Overall Rating: C. That's on a sliding scale as some of the action was ok, but this show really wasn't very good. After having watched a little over half an hour of the show, I have almost no idea of who these people are or why they're fighting. Gutter is coming up on a match with Alex Shelley but I don't know anything about him or why he's facing Shelley. It was acceptable enough wrestling and they did pack in a good amount of stuff into just over thirty minutes, but there is next to nothing about who these people are or why they're doing these things. Work on that and the show is a good bit better.

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