

AEW Dynamite – June 3, 2026: Buckle Up (In Which I Go On A Page Long Rant About AEW)

Dynamite

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Location: Siegel Center, Richmond, Virginia

Commentators: Excalibur, Tony Schiavone, Taz

We're less than a month away from Forbidden Door and that means we have a lot of the Owen Hart Tournaments to go. The tournaments will decide two of the bigger matches at All In and the finals will be taking place later this month at the pay per view. They both continue this week, including a mystery wildcard name so let's get to it.

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Rush is ready to win the World Title. MJF pops in to say he doesn't buy it and gets beaten up as a result. Somehow this leads to the match being No Countouts. You know, because that changes so much around here.

Andrade El Idolo comes up to Rush, telling him to do it for the family.

AEW World Title: Rush vs. Maxwell Jacob Friedman

MJF is defending and there are no countouts. Hold on though as MJF makes sure to point out that he beat Virginia's Hangman Page and that the fans put the virgin in Virginia. Rush hammers away to start so MJF spits in his face and gets in a poke to the eye. Back up and Rush sends him outside for the running flip dive. Rush whips him into the barricade a few times and chokes with the camera cable to make it worse.

The charge is countered with a drop toehold though and Rush is

sent into the chair. A charging MJF is backdropped over the barricade and through the timekeeper's table and Rush stomps away back inside. The turnbuckle pad is removed but the referee blocks the ram, allowing MJF to send Rush into it instead. MJF hits a better than expected spinebuster but gets sent face first into the exposed buckle.

Back up and a running knee gives the bleeding Rush two, followed by a running dropkick for two. MJF is right back with a powerbomb backbreaker for two and we hit the quickly broken Salt Of The Earth. Rush heads to the apron and cuts off MJF with a headbutt before planting him on the apron.

We take a break and come back with the Bull's Horns getting two, with MJF having to put a boot on the rope. A piledriver on the apron sees Rush's arm give out and another running dropkick misses, sending Rush crashing through the barricade. MJF Tombstones him onto the broken barricade and grabs a LeBell Lock back inside. Rush flips off the camera and then passes out to retain MJF's title at 18:34.

Rating: B. This was kind of a weird choice for the whole thing but it was nice to see Rush's never ending string of wins actually turning into something. I'm not sure why MJF needed this kind of a win but it's not like he has anything going on with Forbidden Door coming up. It wouldn't stun me to see him not defend the title, and right now it isn't like there is much to do there.

Post match MJF loads up a belt shot but Mark Briscoe runs in for the save. The Conglomeration is here to make sure MJF runs off.

Mark Briscoe vs. Lio Rush

The Conglomeration is still at ringside and freeze because Rush can't see them if they're not moving. Or something (your champions people). Rush says something in Briscoe's ear to start and then does his dodging to get in Briscoe's face.

Briscoe charges into a boot in the corner and they go to the apron to shout a lot.

Rush chases him around on the floor (running on all course because Rush is weird and creepy and stuff) until Briscoe gets in a Blockbuster off the apron. We take a break and come back with Rush hitting a suicide dive and then mocking the Red Neck Kung Fu. They strike it out until Briscoe hits an Iconoclasm for two but the Jay Driller is blocked. The Cutthroat Driver finishes Rush at 9:12.

Rating: B-. So the crazy man, who is likely the next in line for the World Title shot, was running away in fear from a man who makes weird faces and runs around the ring like a dog. This was after the same running man scared the Trios Champions so badly that their best solution was to stand there like statues. All for the sake of someone who hasn't won a match in AEW in over a year. But he's weird and wacky so it's all ok.

Post match Briscoe talks about his brother passing away and then having his own birthday a few weeks later. Instead of having birthday cake with his brother, he had to debut in AEW alone. Then he met some people who were down to conglomerate and it gave him some joy about being a wrestler again.

Then he crossed paths with MJF, who tried to take that joy away. Briscoe beat him once and MJF left so the joy was back. Now MJF is back again and Briscoe wants the World Title. MJF calls himself the Devil, but the book says the Devil loses. Heck of a promo. Maybe next time don't do it after he was running scared from a guy acting like a dog.

Video on Kevin Knight turning on Mike Bailey.

Here is the Triangle Of Madness, with Thekla explaining that she hates Stardom because they don't like how she treated their stars. She wants the rest of her team to win gold, but she's focused on Stardom. Thekla then climbs a ladder and spits on the Stardom logo.

The Death Riders work on Will Ospreay's neck before he faces Mark Davis again. Jon Moxley comes in to say this is a different Ospreay coming after Davis. Moxley says Ospreay's job tonight is to win, and he's starting to see something change in Ospreay.

Andrade El Idolo vs. EK Manning

Spinning back elbow and DM finish at 39 seconds.

Post match Andrade says MJF just beat Rush, but does MJF think he can beat him? This brings out Don Callis and Jake Doyle to interrupt, which seems to have Andrade confused. After some quick praise, Callis introduces the newest member of the Family: Kevin Knight. And...that's it. No explanation or anything. Just time for Knight's title defense.

TNT Title: Mike Bailey vs. Kevin Knight

Knight is defending. Bailey is so mad at Knight for turning on him that he starts with a lockup. They run to the floor where Knight blocks a kick and sends him into the steps. Back in and Knight misses a springboard clothesline but avoids another kick. A clothesline sends Bailey outside again but he's back up with a corkscrew moonsault. Back in and Knight avoids the Ultimate Weapon and hits a dropkick as we take a break.

We come back with Knight hitting a basement clothesline for two but Bailey finally connects with some kicks. Another kick sends Knight to the floor but he pops back up to shove Bailey's moonsault down. Knight gets in a dive of his own, only for Bailey to connect with moonsault knees back inside. A backbreaker gives Knight two but Bailey kicks him in the head again. Bailey takes him up top so Jake Doyle offers a distraction, allowing Don Callis to get in a cheap shot. A super spinebuster (or something) puts Bailey down and the Crash Landing retains the title at 12:54.

Rating: B-. The match was fine and hopefully ends the Jet

Speed stuff for good. That being said, way to take Knight, who felt like he could be a big deal, and put him in the Don Callis Family. I definitely look forward to him teaming with RPG Vice on Collision and being cannon fodder in whatever other feud Callis has that goes on for a year or so without getting to a point.

Post match Knight says that's how you do it. He had to get rid of the dead weight...so he joined the Don Callis Family. And he wants to be World Champion too. There is nothing here to suggest that he needs to be part of the Family whatsoever.

The Dogs continue to mock Adam Copeland and Christian Cage, complete with kazoos. The Young Bucks come in to call them stupid and mock Finlay for being the world Bullet Club leader ever. Now that we have our required New Japan reference out of the way, a match seems likely for tonight.

MJF says Mark Briscoe doesn't get a title shot.

Women's Owen Hart Quarterfinals: Alex Windsor vs. ???

The surprise entrant is...the returning Mercedes Mone. She takes Windsor down without much trouble to start and hits a dropkick to cut off an early comeback. A basement dropkick connects for Windsor but Mone pulls her into the Statement Maker. That's escaped so Mone grabs a Backstabber instead.

Windsor goes for the rope and knocks Mone to the apron, only for Mone to neckbreaker her to the floor. The Meteora off the apron puts Windsor down again and we take a break. We come back with Mone hitting Three Amigos but Windsor hits a running shot of her own. Windsor hits a running clothesline off the apron and blocks another Three Amigos back inside.

Mone gets planted but gets back up so they can head up top. Windsor is knocked down, setting up a top rope Meteora for two. The running Meteora in the corner only hits corner though

and Windsor gets two off a rollup. The Backstabber cuts Windsor off though and the Statement Maker finishes at 12:26.

Rating: B-. I'm not a Mone fan, but she absolutely does feel like a big deal to have back. While I don't want her to get right into the title picture, it's hardly a horrible travesty to have her beat Windsor, who has mainly been in the midcard picture. This was a good enough way to bring Mone back, though I did forget how annoying it was to see her spamming the Meteora over and over.

Video on Tay Melo and Anna Jay going to a time limit draw with Megan Bayne and Lena Kross on Collision, setting up their title match on Collision.

Don Callis, with Kazuchika Okada, is glad to have Kevin Knight in the Family. Then he's ready to see Mark Davis win the Owen Hart Tournament. Okada wants the International Title back.

Tommaso Ciampa takes credit for sending Chris Jericho home and says things have changed since Jericho had his big hiatus. Jericho can come back but it will only be worse, you stupid idiot.

Men's Owen Hart Tournament Semifinals: Mark Davis vs. Will Ospreay

Davis' National Title isn't on the line (makes sense as he hasn't actually defended it on an AEW show yet). Ospreay snaps off a running hurricanrana to start and hammers away in the corner, earning himself a rather big slam. Davis hits a running backplash and grabs an abdominal stretch, which doesn't last long. Instead Ospreay is back up with a handspring kick to the head and they head outside.

A kick to the head staggers Davis but he's smart enough to move away before Ospreay can dive. Ospreay tries a tornado DDT off the apron and gets caught with a Crash Landing onto the announcers' table. We take a break and come back with Davis

getting slammed off the top for two, allowing Davis to chop away. That fires Ospreay up and he kicks Davis in the face a few times, setting up the 630 kick for two.

A German suplex drops Davis again and Ospreay gets in a springboard stomp to the arm. Davis reverses an armbar into a powerbomb though, followed by the piledriver for two. Another piledriver on the apron is blocked and Davis clotheslines him back inside. Ospreay manages a hurricanrana out to the floor with Davis beating the count. He dives back inside and Ospreay comes in from off camera with a missile dropkick in a great visual.

The Styles Clash connects for two but Davis is back up with a kick...which accidentally hits the referee. We're 18 minutes into this match and 12 minutes into the overrun and now get a ref bump. There's the Hidden Blade but there's no referee so the Don Callis Family runs in for the save. The Death Riders make the save so Lance Archer is in to take them out.

Claudio Castagnoli, Brian Cage and Pac all get to run in for a save each until a springboard Oscutter hits Davis. Jake Doyle pulls the revived referee at two though so Marina Shafir jumps on his back. Doyle throws her down so Jon Moxley runs in to go after Doyle, allowing Pac to hit a big dive.

Then Kyle Fletcher runs in to break up the Stormbreaker but Konosuke Takeshita pulls him to the floor for a brawl. Davis grabs a screwdriver and gets hit with the Hidden Blade but there's still no referee. OH MY GOODNESS JUST FINISH THE MATCH ALREADY! Another referee runs in for two and Davis spins Ospreay into a piledriver for two. Back up and Ospreay spins him into the Death Grounds for the tap at 23:05.

Rating: C. Buckle up because I'm probably going to go for awhile. I'm sure that I'll be told that this was so awesome and such and yeah, the first two thirds or so were rather good. It was Davis getting to continue his awesome run and

feel like a big threat to Ospreay, who he has beaten before. They were clicking for the most part and having a good match. But that's not how things work around here.

No no, just having a good match isn't enough. Instead, we needed to bring in about 12 people with three different stories for a big old spectacle. Writing up all of the people running in made me feel like I was seven years old and writing down all the superheroes and TV characters I'd want to come to my birthday party. I'm sure it was fun to have all those people run in because the two stables have about 18 people between them, but that doesn't make for a good TV presentation.

But that's how AEW has to be. This was the semifinals of a #1 contenders match and the World Title match from this whole tournament isn't happening for almost three months. The semifinals had a dozen run ins, a ref bump and the return of the screwdriver. There was absolutely no reason for this match to be such a circus or go anywhere near this long. It was a spectacle for the sake of having all these people in there for STABLE WARZ (which is a totally original idea in AEW and not something they have driven into the ground over the years).

I'm sure this will probably tie into this year's Blood & Guts and that had to be built up here. It's not like there was any other place to do it outside of a tournament to go to another pay per view before we wait two months for the title match. This was just the semifinals too! What are they going to have for the finals? Nothing like this probably, because that's the finals, where the wrestling is allowed to sell itself.

No, instead we had to have this be a big stable fight because that's what Tony Khan thinks is good booking: throwing as much stuff out there as he can week after week whether it needs to be there or not. I liked most of this match and then it turned into something that felt like it belonged on a Vince Russo show. In short, just stop doing so much already, because

you're wasting what could have been a heck of a match.

Overall Rating: C. This show was one of the most frustrating things that I've seen in a very long time. As usual, the wrestling was good and I'm not taking any of that away from the wrestlers. They were out there working hard and some of the matches were rather nice, with the opener probably being the best on the show. That's not the issue here and it rarely ever is with AEW.

This show featured some entertaining action, a heck of an emotional promo from Briscoe, a big return in Mone (I'm far from a fan but she is absolutely a big star around here and I can see why she's in this spot so soon). It even set up a few possible options for World Title matches and got us closer to Forbidden Door.

You know what I'm going to remember about this show though? Mark Briscoe running away in fear from low level weird guy Lio Rush, who also scared the Conglomeration into standing still like statues. That's in addition to Kevin Knight, who was looking like a potentially strong heel, joining the Don Callis Family because they just aren't on the shows enough lately.

There's also "it's Forbidden Door season so you better know all these things about promotions from around the world because we get to have guest stars! This is totally different from when these wrestlers are here every month because crossovers are really important to the TV show for...they're just awesome ok? Oh and don't forget the main event, featuring more wrestlers than some pay per views, because an established story between two good wrestlers isn't enough. We just needed those run-ins and other stories to be involved.

This week was everything that I can't stand about Tony Khan's booking rolled into one show. It was a bunch of ideas that I'm sure made he and his friends laugh their heads off making it to television, him getting to bring in a bunch of wrestlers

from other promotions because he thinks that his e-fed ideas make for good shows, and, of course, MORE MORE MORE! Everything has to be more because that's just how things work in Tony's mind. Longer shows, more people, more action, more promotions, more everything.

I legitimately got annoyed at this show more than once, which is frustrating as AEW has been having some better efforts lately. Instead though, they revert back to form as Forbidden Door rolls around, because it's about getting in a bunch of stuff that is there because the calendar says so. Next week's show is about an hour and fifteen minutes from my house. I have the show written down on my things to do list and planned on going. This show might have convinced me otherwise, as the idea of paying to see something like this is almost scary. As usual, the wrestling was fine, but someone sedate Tony already.

Results

Maxwell Jacob Friedman b. Rush – LeBell Lock

Mark Briscoe b. Lio Rush – Cutthroat Driver

Andrade El Idolo b. EK Manning – DM

Kevin Knight b. Mike Bailey – Crash Landing

Mercedes Mone b. Alex Windsor – Statement Maker

Will Ospreay b. Mark Davis – Death Grounds

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AEW Dynamite – May 27, 2026: Cool For The Summer?

Dynamite

Date: May 27, 2026

Location: Liacouras Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Commentators: Taz, Excalibur, Tony Schiavone

We're done with Double Or Nothing and MJF got the World Title back from Darby Allin. That's the big story, but it wasn't the last part of the show. After the title change, Kevin Knight came to the ring and attacked Allin, turning evil in the process. Other than that, we are about a month away from Double Or Nothing and we need some Owen Hart Cup finalists. Odds are we're get closer to those this week, especially since we have another hour of Collision after this show. Let's get to it.

[Here is Double Or Nothing if you need a recap.](#)

Back at Double Or Nothing, Will Ospreay was happy with his win and ran into Kenny Omega. They get to the point, with Omega asking why Ospreay is hanging out with the Death Riders. Omega said Ospreay could have trained with him if he wanted the World Title, but Ospreay points out that Omega is barely ever here.

That leaves Omega without much of a defense but as a friend, he wants Ospreay to watch out for the Death Riders. Ospreay doesn't seem offended but here is Jon Moxley to say that's good advice. Moxley gives Ospreay a bag of ice and says the truck is outside. With Moxley gone, Omega says Ospreay can call anytime and they seem to part as friends.

Here is Kevin Knight for a chat. He knows everyone wants to know why he attacked Darby Allin. The answer is because Allin let them all down and even though they're in Philadelphia, he's not trusting the process. Knight was the last person to beat MJF but he didn't get a title shot.

Instead Knight was sitting on the bench even though he isn't a bench player. He wasn't wasting any time because he should be in the main event. This brings out Mike Bailey (in a less than nice jacket) who thinks Knight can turn around and apologize. Knight ignores the handshake and lays Bailey out. That's a smart move.

Ricochet, with the Demand, isn't worried about Chris Jericho tonight, even if everyone else is banned from ringside.

Chris Jericho vs. Ricochet

Everyone is banned from ringside. I take it that doesn't involve commentary or the production crew but I guess that's implied. Ricochet starts fast and kicks him into the corner but Jericho is up with a backdrop to the floor. Jericho hits a dive and loads up the announcers' table for the Walls on said table. With that broken up, Ricochet sweeps the leg off the apron and starts going after the leg as we take a break.

We come back with Jericho hitting a Death Valley Driver on the apron and they're both down on the floor. They get back inside where Jericho tries the Lionsault but has to switch to a springboard back elbow as Ricochet gets up. The threat of the Judas Effect sends Ricochet back outside and he snapmares Jericho over the top. The suicide dive and running flip dive connect, as does a springboard Phoenix splash to give Ricochet two back inside.

Jericho is right back up with another Walls but Ricochet goes after the banged up knee to escape. Ricochet uses the referee as a distraction and hits Jericho low but misses the 630. Jericho's Codebreaker gets two and there's the Judas Effect

into a not so clean Lionsault to pin Ricochet at 13:57.

Rating: B. This was the kind of match that Jericho needed as they didn't do any shenanigans and he won clean (well, mostly clean as the Lionsault landed on Ricochet's face) in the end. That's how this should have gone and it wound up being a good TV match. Jericho can still go in the ring when he has to, but the situation has to be set up right, as it was here.

Post match Jericho celebrates but Tommaso Ciampa runs in to jump him from behind. The running knee leaves Jericho laying.

Andrade El Idolo wants the world Title because he's that awesome and better than MJF.

Orange Cassidy vs. Lio Rush vs. Brian Cage vs. Rush

For the sake of simplicity, Lio Rush is "Lio" and Rush is "Rush". Cage sends Lio outside to start and Cassidy is tossed as well, leaving the power guys to go at it. Rush cuts off a charge with a shot to the face but they knock each other down, allowing Cassidy and Lio to come in and get two each.

Lio starts running the ropes to confuse Cassidy before sending him to the apron. A handspring kick to the head knocks Cassidy outside but Cage pulls a suicide dive out of the air. Back in and Rush hits the Tranquilo pose as we take a break. We come back with Cassidy dropping his top rope elbow on Cage, who muscles him up with an apron superplex. Lio is dropped with a Falcon Arrow for two more but Cassidy manages a Stundog Millionaire to send Cage outside.

The diving tornado DDT plants Cage again but here is Lance Archer to cut Cassidy off. Cue the returning Jake Doyle to go after Cassidy, with Roderick Strong running in for the save. The teams brawl off, with Cassidy being carried to the back. Lio hits a quick springboard Stunner on Rush but misses the Final Hour. Rush sends him into the barricade and chokes a

bit, setting up the Bull's Horns for the win at 12:10.

Rating: B-. It was little more than a showcase match and that's how it was described. Thankfully once two of them left, Rush didn't waste time in running through Lio, which is how this should have ended. It was a good enough match with Cassidy doing his thing and Cage and Rush beating each other up. If nothing else, Rush beating someone with some actual status is nice to see.

MJF runs into Kevin Knight and thanks him for the beatdown on Sunday. Knight says he's coming for the World Title, which doesn't sit well with MJF. Kyle Fletcher comes in to stare Knight down and Don Callis likes what he sees.

Video on Mark Briscoe, including some cool old Briscoe Brothers footage.

The Brawling Birds aren't happy with Jamie Hayter losing on Sunday but Alex Windsor is ready for whomever she is facing in the Women's Owen Hart Cup.

Here is MJF for some bragging. He's rather pleased with being a three time World Champion by the time he's thirty years old and they will talk about him for years to come. The banner and confetti fall but here is Mark Briscoe to interrupt. He calls MJF a stranger in a strange place here in Philadelphia, almost like he's a penguin.

Briscoe accuses MJF of thinking he's above everyone else, but Briscoe beat him not too long ago. So he wants a title shot and asks if MJF is going to man up. That's a firm "no" because this is a business and Briscoe isn't business. MJF goes to leave but gets cut off by Rush, who wants the title as well. MJF says no to tonight but actually agrees for next week. That sounds shenanigansy.

Jack Perry is on his bus and uses the loudspeaker to say he's ready for Mark Davis. Then he does a Rocky training montage.

Men's Owen Hart Tournament First Round: Claudio Castagnoli vs. Brody King

They fight over a lockup to start and neither can get anywhere so they stare at each other a bit more. A big running clothesline sends Castagnoli outside where King chops away and we take a break. We come back with the two of them slugging it out and hitting stereo clotheslines.

They forearm it out with Castagnoli getting the better of things but King knocks him into the corner. A forearm knocks Castagnoli into the corner for the cannonball but he's able to cut off a suicide dive. The Neutralizer is cut off so Castagnoli uppercuts away. Swiss Death is shrugged off though and King's big clothesline finishes at 12:02.

Rating: B-. This was about two big guys beating the fire out of each other and that's exactly what you knew it would be the second the match was announced. I do like King advancing as there is no reason to pretend that Castagnoli is going to make a serious run in the tournament. He's there for one purpose and he served that purpose right here.

Here are Adam Copeland and Christian Cage for a chat after winning the Tag Team Titles at Double Or Nothing. Cage loads up his catchphrase and says it wasn't that bad, because he didn't bang of the fans' mothers. Ok maybe he did. Either way, FTR was the top team but not the tippy top team. Copeland is so happy that he's bringing back the FIVE SECOND POSE!

Cage points out that there is no such thing as flash photography again, but Copeland whips out a bag of disposable cameras, which he stocked up on 25 years ago just in case. Cage is STUNNED (that's one of the funniest facial reactions I've seen in a good while) as Copeland hands them out and explains the concept but the Dogs attack them to break up the pose. The beatdown is on and Cage's bad arm is injured again. The Dogs do their own pose and promise to win the titles.

Swerve Strickland is happy with his first round win and is ready to take out Brody King in the second round.

Tay Melo/Anna Jay vs. Ava Everett/Allie Katch

After an insert promo from Lena Kross and Megan Bayne about how they aren't impressed by Melo and Jay, we're ready to go. Katch is sent into the corner and hit with some running shots to the face to start. Everett comes in and gets kicked down as well, setting up a Gory Bomb into Melo's knee for the pin at 1:13. Total squash.

Mike Bailey wants to face Kevin Knight.

Men's Owen Hart Tournament First Round: Mark Davis vs. Jack Perry

Non-title and Davis jumps him to start fast so the beating can ensue. Back up and Perry takes Davis' eye patch and sends him outside for the suicide dives. There's the running flip dive as well and we take a break with Davis in trouble. We come back with King fighting back and sending him hard into the barricade.

Perry can't piledrive him on the apron but can knock him put him on the ropes for a hurricanrana. Back in and top rope moonsault gets two, followed by a step up backsplash for two more on Davis. Perry sends him outside and hits a sliding wheelbarrow bulldog but Davis is fine enough to hit a suplex onto the apron.

We take another break and come back with Perry having lost his shoes but being able to hit a top rope DDT. They trade rollups for two each and Perry hits his own piledriver for two. The Snare Trap goes on until Davis makes the rope and is up with a huge clothesline. They go up top and Davis knocks him into a super piledriver for the pin at 17:25.

Rating: B+. These guys beat the fire out of each other and it

was fun to see Davis getting another win. If nothing else, it's good to see a champion get a pin rather than losing right out of the blocks. Perry is going to be fine and he lost to that big of a move so it's not like it's some quick upset.

Overall Rating: B+. They had a good followup to the pay per view here with enough action and storyline advancement to make for a fun show. MJF having to deal with a bunch of people makes sense, and it seems like we're well on the way to Ospreay getting the big title win in England. Good stuff here and I could go for seeing what they're setting up for the summer.

Results

Chris Jericho b. Ricochet – Lionsault

Rush b. Orange Cassidy, Brian Cage and Lio Rush – Bull's Horns to Lio

Brody King b. Claudio Castagnoli – Clothesline

Tay Melo/Anna Jay b. Ava Everett/Allie Katch – Gory Bomb into a knee to Everett

Mark Davis b. Jack Perry – Super piledriver

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AEW Collision – May 20, 2026: All Intense And Such

Collision

Date: May 20, 2026

Location: Cross Insurance Arena, Portland, Maine

Commentators: Excalibur, Tony Schiavone, Taz

This is a special one hour edition of the show and is taking place just after the regular Dynamite. That should make for an interesting show as some of these wind up going a bit differently than regular editions. It's also the last show before Sunday's Double Or Nothing so it's time to push towards the show. Let's get to it.

[Here is Dynamite if you need a recap.](#)

We open with Darby Allin getting up after retaining the World Title over Mike Bailey. Kevin Knight gets in the ring and says he's proud of Bailey, even in defeat. Knight praises Allin's success and tasks him with humbling MJF. If Knight can beat MJF, he knows Allin can do it, and everyone wants to see MJF get his head shaved. Bailey and Knight leave and here is MJF to jump Allin from behind. Somehow Bailey and Knight have no idea this is going on so MJF gets some hair clippers. Allin takes them away and goes for the hair, sending MJF running.

The Death Riders give Will Ospreay a pep talk.

Will Ospreay vs. Katsuyori Shibata

They immediately fight over a cross armbreaker attempt until Shibata grabs a front facelock. A suplex on the apron sets up a suplex on the floor and Shibata forearms away back inside. Ospreay fires right back with a Helluva Kick and another kick sends Shibata outside again. There's the big dive and we take a break.

We come back with Ospreay hitting his handspring kick to the head, followed by a Phenomenal Forearm for two. The Kawada Kicks are shrugged off and Shibata grabs a choke. Shibata sends him into the corner for a running dropkick but Ospreay hits a quick running forearm.

The Falcon Arrow gives Ospreay two but here is Anthony Bowens for a distraction. Shibata hits his own Hidden Blade so here are the Death Riders. Back in and Shibata low blows him into a cross armbreaker, which is reversed into a Styles Clash. The Hidden Blade finishes Shibata at 10:51.

Rating: B-. The big thing that stands out here is that while Ospreay has learned some things from the Death Riders, he is still doing his older stuff. That's a lot better than taking away the offense that made him a star for the sake of more submission stuff. He's doing some things that Moxley has taught him, but it's just a feature rather than the big focus. That's great to see and it's a rather nice surprise.

Post match Samoa Joe comes out to ask what we have here. Ospreay's new friends had to come out and save him, which Joe would have done for his friends too. Ospreay has made a choice though and Joe is going to put him to sleep. That sends Ospreay into a rant about how bad his neck was and he doesn't know how Joe is going to kill him when he's already died in the ring. All he wants to do is go to All In and wrestle in his home country's biggest stadium. The Death Riders have turned him into an assassin and he's ready to take Joe out. Heck of a promo from Ospreay here.

Adam Copeland recaps how he and Christian Cage got to know each other as kids (a ninja star was involved). The fans have seen them grow from kids into men and this is real. FTR wants to kill this and Copeland wants the best version of FTR to show up. Cage says FTR has made choices (second promo in a row with that statement) and that means they are going to get f***** up. Another intense promo here and it did more to sell

me on the match than what they've done otherwise.

Rush vs. TJ Crawford

Bull's Horns finish at 1:00.

Megan Bayne/Lena Kross vs. Elle Valentine/Kayla Lopez

Non-title five minute time limit match. Bayne powers Lopez into the corner for the running shoulders, with Lopez celebrating an escape. That earns Lopez some hard shots in the corner and Kross comes in for the rapid fire elbows. Valentine comes in and gets kicked in the face and some delayed suplexes have Valentine and Lopez in more trouble. Divine Intervention finishes at 2:50. Another total squash.

Video on Darby Allin vs. MJF.

Double Or Nothing rundown, with the Kickoff Show being hosted by the debuting Mick Foley.

Tag Team Titles: Conglomeration vs. FTR

FTR, with Stokely, is defending and jump Cassidy and Strong to start fast. The early spike piledriver is broken up so FTR go up the aisle. Strong cuts that off and beats up the champs as we settle down. A gutbuster looks to set up the Orange Punch to Harwood but Wheeler pulls him out to the floor.

We take a break and come back with Strong fighting out of a chinlock and hitting a backbreaker. Cassidy comes in with a top rope clothesline to Harwood and a sunset flip gets two. A suicide dive hits Harwood but he's back in with a spinebuster. Wheeler grabs a chinlock before handing it back to Harwood, who misses some elbows. Wheeler misses a charge on the apron and flies into the post but Harwood is right back up with a piledriver.

We take another break and come back again with Wheeler getting

crotched in the corner, allowing Cassidy to get over to Strong. Everything breaks down and Strong throws Cassidy at Harwood in the corner and hands it back to him. Strong gets posted on the floor, leaving FTR to give Cassidy the lazy kicks.

Stokely loads up Christian Cage's watch but misses a big swing, allowing Cassidy to get a rollup for two. Stundog Millionaire hits Harwood but Cassidy walks into the Shatter Machine. Strong makes the save and Cactus Clotheslines Wheeler out to the floor. That lets Stokely get in a shot with the watch to give Harwood the pin on Cassidy at 18:36.

Rating: B-. That ending wasn't exactly inspiring, as it makes FTR look kind of weak heading into a pay per view title defense. It was nice to have Stokely actually do something for a change, but that wasn't much of a finish. At least it clears out this feud so FTR can focus on Copeland and Cage, as there wasn't much of a need to have them fighting on two different fronts.

Overall Rating: B-. I liked this well enough, though that main event could have been a bit shorter to wrap up an already long night a bit earlier. The Ospreay match and promo were good and it makes me want to see he and Joe unload on each other. If nothing else, it's nice to have Collision dropped down by an hour for a week, as it makes for such an easier watch.

Results

Will Ospreay b. Katsuyori Shibata – Hidden Blade

Rush b. TJ Crawford – Bull's Horns

Megan Bayne/Lena Kross b. Elle Valentine/Kayla Lopez – Divine Intervention to Valentine

FTR b. Conglomeration – Watch punch to Cassidy

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AEW Dynamite – May 20, 2026: To Each Their Own

Dynamite

Date: May 20, 2026

Location: Cross Insurance Arena, Portland, Maine

Commentators: Excalibur, Tony Schiavone, Taz

We're getting another three hour block this week as Collision is taking place tonight in a one hour version due to this weekend's Double Or Nothing event. As has been the case with recent shows, Darby Allin is defending the World Title again, this time against Mike Bailey. That could be quite the showdown so let's get to it.

[Here is Collision if you need a recap.](#)

Earlier today, Chris Jericho and the Young Bucks were outside near a lighthouse to talk about tonight's six man tag match and the biggest Stadium Stampede of all time this weekend. They imply having a special team name too. It's going to be Bucks Of Jericho isn't it?

Chris Jericho/Young Bucks vs. Don Callis Family/Ricochet

Yeah it's Bucks Of Jericho. On the other side you have Andrade El Idolo/Mark Davis for the Family. Ricochet tags out

immediately (that has been done WAY too often lately and it could use a long break) so it's Andrade vs. Jericho to start things off. Naturally Andrade bails out to the floor for a photo with some women, earning chops from Jericho. Back in and Andrade gets taken into the corner, setting up a Risky Business/fish drop combination.

Matt gets driven into the corner as well but fights out rather quickly, allowing Nick to come in and clean house. The Bucks hit stereo dives and Jericho hits a top rope version of his own and we take a break. We come back with Nick fighting out of trouble and bringing in Jericho, meaning Ricochet bails again. Everything breaks down and Jericho and the Bucks hit a bunch of right hands on top, setting up three straight super hurricanranas.

Ricochet runs in to make a save so the Bucks start firing off the superkicks. Andrade is back up but gets low blowed into a step up Canadian Destroyer. Jericho knocks Ricochet to the floor for a baseball slide and they crash through some tables. Back in and More Bang From Your Buck is broken up by Davis. The Bucks take out Andrade but here are the Dogs to take Nick out. A foreign object shot knocks Matt cold for the pin at 13:58.

Rating: B-. This was the usual "here's everything going nuts and people doing all kinds of stuff", meaning it was entertaining but little more than a preview for Stadium Stampede. That makes sense and thankfully they didn't go too long or have too many people involved. I'm not wild on Stadium Stampede, but the preview version went well enough.

Post match the beatdown is on but Jack Perry makes the save with...a bag of onions. Yeah of course. Anyway the Hurt Syndicate comes in to help clear the bad guys out with some of the brawls going into the crowd. Jericho and company stand tall.

Video on Konosuke Takeshita vs. Kazuchika Okada.

Darby Allin says he keeps taking these title matches because he feels it. He basically says he can't wait to get to Double Or Nothing, more or less treating Mike Bailey as the nothing challenger that he really is.

Video on MJF vs. Darby Allin.

Tommaso Ciampa vs. Mark Briscoe

Anything goes. Briscoe throws in a trashcan full of weapons to start but Ciampa gets in a shot to the back to put him down. Ciampa goes under the ring to find his own trashcan full of weapons...including a mousetrap, which catches his own hand. A chair is sat up at ringside, with Ciampa being sat down for a Blockbuster. The Froggy Bow through the table is broken up and Ciampa sends him through the table instead. The cheese grater slices open Briscoe's head (ignore that his head seemed to be bleeding first) and we take a break

We come back with Ciampa covering a stuffed chicken but Briscoe pulls the referee out. Briscoe whips out a fire extinguisher to spray Ciampa (and the air around him) and then staples barbed wire to a table. Believe it or not, that takes WAY too long and Ciampa is back up to staple a piece of paper to Briscoe's head. Loading up a kneepad covered in thumbtacks takes way too long as well as Briscoe sends him into the ladder in the corner.

Briscoe uses a screwdriver for some stabbing but Ciampa suplexes him through the ladder for two. Back up and they slug it out, with the rather bloody Ciampa getting the better of things again. The super Air Raid Crash through some open chairs is broken up so Briscoe puts them back to back for an Iconoclasm onto their edges. A Jay Driller through the barbed wire table and the Froggy Bow finish Ciampa at 14:16.

Rating: C+. Yeah ok. This was just carnage for the sake of

carnage and they lost me a few minutes into it. Much like what I'm expecting from Stadium Stampede, you could pretty much picture the two of them mapping out the stunts. It was violent and intense, but it didn't feel like they were really fighting, which isn't a good sign.

Tony Schiavone is in the ring to talk about the Owen Hart Tournament but Prince Nana interrupts and says he has this. He brings out Swerve Strickland but here is Bandido to jump Strickland. Bandido goes after Nana though and Strickland gets in a shot to the knee. The Vertebreaker on the chair is broken up and Bandido gorilla presses him instead. Strickland bails from the threat of said chair.

Willow Nightingale talks about some of her great moments, including a recent title defense against Red Velvet. Unfortunately she injured her shoulder and is out of the Owen Hart Cup and has to vacate the TBS Title. GAH that's a bad one as she was having the run of her career. She doesn't know when she'll be back but she'll be back on top.

Jon Moxley vs. Kyle O'Reilly

Non-title eliminator match. O'Reilly goes after the arm to start and gets reversed into a headlock takeover. This lets Taz talk about leverage and control, which is what he does best. They get up and grapple again, with Moxley getting him into the corner to take him down. Moxley starts stomping on the fingers but wins another strike off. O'Reilly kicks away in the corner, followed by a snap suplex.

They strike it out again with Moxley getting in a body shot to put O'Reilly down. Moxley puts him against the ropes and hammers away but gets backdropped out to the floor instead. O'Reilly's ribs/body won't let him dive though and Moxley knocks him down again as we take a break. We come back with Moxley holding a bodyscissors until O'Reilly goes for the eyes to break it up. O'Reilly kicks the leg out and they trade some

running shots against the ropes.

Some knees to the face let O'Reilly flip him over and a running boot puts Moxley on the floor. They go outside and trade a bunch of kicks to the chest until O'Reilly goes up top. Moxley bites the head and rakes the back, setting up a superplex to leave them both down again. O'Reilly escapes a choke and grabs the ankle lock, which is reversed into the bulldog choke. The rope is reached for the break and O'Reilly gets to the apron to twist the arm down.

A running dropkick has Moxley in more trouble but Moxley is back with a cutter gets two. O'Reilly grabs a choke of his own, setting up a t-bone suplex. One heck of a PK drops Moxley again but he pops up and, say it with me, they trade forearms. We have less than a minute to go as Moxley misses a Stomp and gets ankle locked again. The grapevine goes on but Moxley manages to make it through the time for the draw at 20:00.

Rating: B. That's our Moxley. He's tapped to O'Reilly before but he won't do it again because he's this awesome tough guy who doesn't tap anymore because now he's just too tough. This is a rather basic way to set up a rematch at the pay per view and while I'm not sure why I'd want to see them do it again so soon after a twenty minute draw, it does make sense and I'll take that. Just imagine how many times they can trade forearms in a rematch!

Hold on though as O'Reilly says Moxley survived him so he wants a no time limit title match.

Kris Statlander is upset over Willow Nightingale but Hikaru Shida interrupts, saying they're here to watch and want the women to fight hard in their upcoming match.

Rush wants Darby Allin next week if he survives his next title defenses.

Athena/Triangle Of Madness vs. Thunder Rosa/Mina Shirakawa/Brawling Birds

Athena wins a wrestle off with Rosa to start and shakes a bit before handing it off to Blue. Windsor comes in and gets caught in a headlock but Hayter tags herself in and, after accidentally kicking Windsor, boots Blue down for one instead. Shirakawa comes in to take over on Thekla and hits a slingshot spinning splash.

We take a break and come back with Blue pulling Shirakawa down by the hair and a Tarantula in the corner. Hayter tries to make a save and gets caught in an Upside Down, leaving Shirakawa to get beaten up even more. Shirakawa fights out of the corner and brings in Rosa to clean house, including a running shot to Blue in the corner. Everything breaks down and Athena gets to clean house until she is the only one left standing. Shirakawa tornado DDTs Athena on the floor and Blue kicks Rosa down inside. Thekla's belt shot is cut off but Hart mists Rosa, allowing Thekla to roll her up for the pin at 9:43.

Rating: B-. There was a lot going on here and there is only so much you can do with that many people and a somewhat limited amount of time. Athena got to showcase herself while she could but as usual, she feels like someone who AEW tolerates rather than wants to push. Hopefully she gets to do something in the tournament, but I wouldn't bet on it. The match was pretty good as a preview for Sunday and the tournament, so at least it accomplished its goals.

Kevin Knight gives Mike Bailey a pep talk and wants a shot at the World Title. Works for Bailey.

The Death Riders do group pushups and he's ready for Kyle O'Reilly in their no time limit match at Double Or Nothing. Moxley thanks O'Reilly for giving him a chance to practice what he preached. O'Reilly survived tonight and on Sunday he

gets to try his odds and see if he can go double or nothing (thankfully Moxley does acknowledge that it's kind of a lame line).

AEW World Title: Mike Bailey vs. Darby Allin

Allin is defending and before the bell, here is MJF to join commentary. Bailey hits...I think a kick but the camera was on MJF as we start. The Tornado Kick connects less than fifteen seconds in and Allin has to go to the apron to avoid the Ultimate Weapon. The triangle moonsault hits Allin on the floor and Bailey slams him outside as well. That means a double knee drop off the steps but Allin crotches him on the barricade. The Scorpion Death Drop plants Bailey onto the barricade and we take a break.

We come back with the two of them still on the floor and Allin using the steps to crush Bailey's foot. They get back inside with Bailey knocking him down again but missing the Ultimate Weapon. The Coffin Drop connects but MJF puts the foot on the rope. Cue Kevin Knight to yell at MJF, who backs off and sits back down. Bailey kicks Allin the head a few times for two before the moonsault knees connect as well. The Flamenco Driver is countered into a Scorpion Death Drop but the Scorpion Deathlock sends Bailey to the rope. A Coffin Drop sets up another Deathlock to retain the title at 11:00.

Rating: B. The best thing here is they didn't go as insane with Allin surviving stuff. That has been an issue with some of his title defenses and thankfully it wasn't quite so badly. Bailey never felt like he was a real threat to win the title and they didn't spend nearly as much time on a match that didn't need it. Allin got beaten up, made a comeback and retained. Simple, yet effective here.

MJF storms off to end the show.

Overall Rating: B. This was a good example of a show where my bigger issues were more around the style being presented. The

main portion of this show felt like it was all about the insanity or violence and more the people just getting to do what they liked. That being said, the last two matches were better and Moxley vs. O'Reilly had some moments. I can accept that some of the things they did accomplished what they were trying but I'm just not a fan, as that's not the same thing as being bad. I didn't have a great time for a lot of this, but it did get better by the end.

Results

Don Callis Family/Ricochet b. Young Bucks/Chris Jericho – Foreign object shot to Matt

Mark Briscoe b. Tommaso Ciampa – Froggy Bow

Jon Moxley vs. Kyle O'Reilly went to a time limit draw

Athena/Triangle Of Madness b. Brawling Birds/Thunder Rosa/Mina Shirakawa – Mist to Rosa

Darby Allin b. Mike Bailey – Scorpion Deathlock

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AEW Dynamite – May 13, 2026: Three For Three

Dynamite

Date: May 13, 2026

Location: Harrah's Cherokee Casino, Asheville, North Carolina
Commentators: Excalibur, Tony Schiavone, Taz

We're on the way to Double Or Nothing and this week we find out if MJF is willing to put up his hair against Darby Allin and the World Title. Like doubling the stakes you might say. Other than that, we get to see the unveiling of this year's Owen Hart Classic brackets. Let's get to it.

[Here is Collision if you need a recap.](#)

Earlier today, MJF wouldn't answer a question about whether he would put his hair on the line. Then he passed a rather surprising number of bald men until running into the Demand. Ricochet says MJF will look good bald, but not as good as him.

FTR/The Dogs/Tommaso Ciampa vs. Adam Copeland/Christian Cage/Orange Cassidy/Young Bucks

Believe it or not, it's a brawl to start with everyone going out to the floor but we quickly settle down to Harwood and Cassidy in the ring. Harwood's top rope superplex connects but Cassidy is right back up with a Stundog Millionaire. Ciampa comes in and can't connect with a chop, instead getting kicked away. Nick gets the tag and picks up the pace until the Bucks take out the Dogs.

It works so well that they do it again before going after Stokely. FTR's save earns them some superkicks and it's off to Cage, who lets the Bucks hit another double superkick before getting two. We take a break and come back with Stokely on commentary and Cage fighting out of the corner.

The non-Harwood villains pull Cage's partners off the apron though until Copeland gets back up. Cage knocks Harwood down and brings Copeland in to quite the positive reaction. The Edge-0-Matic gets two on Connors and everything breaks down. Copeland hits an Impaler on Connors and his partners all come off the top for the big visual.

The Bucks hit dives and Cassidy and Cage put their hands in their pockets but Cage throws Cassidy over the top onto a pile. Cage hits his own dive but Copeland walks into a Shatter Machine with Cassidy making a save. We hit the parade of knockdowns and Connors spears Harwood by mistake. Connors gets triple superkicked into a spear from Copeland for the pin at 15:52.

Rating: B. This was your wild tag match to start the show and the fans were definitely into the whole thing and brought it up even higher. Copeland getting the pin is good, though it might have made more sense for him to win with the Grindhouse on the way to the I Quit match. That's a minor quibble though and it was an energetic way to start the show, which is a good idea.

We go to the Death Riders' training area (seemingly on a rooftop) where Will Ospreay trains his neck and Jon Moxley talks about how Ospreay used to fly like a bird. Because that's what birds do. Now he needs to be a bird of prey.

Video on Stadium Stampede.

The Demand and Mark Davis introduce Andrade El Idolo and the Dogs as their other team members. That might be a bit more effective if the Dogs hadn't just lost a match.

Mike Bailey vs. Westbrook

Bailey misses a kick and the standing moonsault but manages to knock Westbrook out to the apron. The Tornado Kick and Ultimate Weapon finish at 1:10.

Kevin Knight gets in the ring with Bailey and it's Open Challenge time.

TNT Title: Kevin Knight vs. ???

Knight is defending against...Brian Cage of all people and yes of course he's still part of the Don Callis Family (who are

here along with Mike Bailey). Knight's chop has no effect to start and some running shoulders do about the same. Cage sends him into the corner and then does it again, only to charge into a raised boot. Knight's dive to the floor bounces off of Cage though and he F5's Knight onto the apron as we take a break.

We come back with Cage grabbing a DDT into a swinging neckbreaker (that was nice) but getting his neck dropped across the top rope. Knight scores with a springboard missile dropkick and they're both down. Cage is sent outside and taken out with a big dive, followed by a hurricanrana into the steps. Back in and Cage grabs the apron superplex for two as Bailey and Lance Archer get in a fight on the floor. That leaves Knight to hit a springboard clothesline and a hurricanrana out of the corner. The UFO Splash retains the title at 10:45.

Rating: B-. Well Cage is back and he's losing again. I'm not sure how much he's going to help the Callis Family, but the point of the team seems to be to build up as many wrestlers as they can find. Either way, it's a fine power vs. speed match and that's something that is almost always going to work.

Post match Bailey congratulates Knight on his win and Knight welcomes Cage back. Bailey says Knight is a future World Champion and Bailey wants the next World Title shot.

Here are the Men's Owen Hart Cup brackets:

Samoa Joe
Will Ospreay

Mark Davis
Jack Perry

Swerve Strickland
Bandido

Claudio Castagnoli

Brody King

Joe vs. Ospreay and Strickland vs. Bandido will both be at Double Or Nothing. The finals are at Forbidden Door.

Jack Perry, holding a knife, talks about how Mark Davis needed a golf club to beat him. They'll fight at Double Or Nothing in Stadium Stampede and then it's back to basics, with Perry moving on towards the World Title.

Will Ospreay vs. Ace Austin

We do get a handshake to start before they take turns flipping out of wristlocks. Austin's standing armbar is countered into a seated armbar, which is broken rather quickly as well. Austin puts him down with a test of strength but can't break the bridge. A running dropkick to the back of the head hits Ospreay and Austin pulls him into a Muta Lock, sending Ospreay over to the ropes.

Austin Death Valley Drivers him for two and we take a break. We come back with Ospreay hitting a Phenomenal Forearm, setting up a standing corkscrew moonsault for two. Ospreay's handspring kick to the head sends Austin outside but he's back up to dropkick Ospreay through the ropes. Back in and the Oscutter gets two more but the Hidden Blade misses.

Austin faceplants him and grabs an ankle scissors to bring him off the top. Ospreay's legs get tied up for a rollup and a spinning Downward Spiral gets two more. A Cheeky Nandos misses for Ospreay but he pulls Austin into a sitout powerbomb for another near fall. Austin hits a springboard spinning kick to the head for two but Ospreay kicks him in the arm and grabs a cross armbreaker for the tap at 15:41.

Rating: B+. Dang I could go for more of Austin, as there is something about him that is just fun to watch. Of course he didn't have a chance here against the new and improved Ospreay

but they had a very entertaining match together. Ospreay is the same high flier he was before but now with a submission game, which doesn't fit him so well, but having him turn on Moxley and use that against him could work well.

Post match Ospreay shows some respect to Austin. This brings out Samoa Joe and the Opps, with Joe saying Ospreay could have had a first round bye but made his decision. Therefore, it's time for pain at Double Or Nothing. Tonight though, the rest of the Opps head to the ring but here are the Death Riders before things get violent. Ospreay looks at Jon Moxley and seems to think there might be some benefits to this.

MJF interrupts Konosuke Takeshita and praises him for what he has been doing. Takeshita is going to win the title tonight and MJF thinks he would be a great first challenger. With Takeshita gone, MJF gives Don Callis the Dynamite Diamond Ring. Andrade El Idolo comes in to stare MJF off and say he wants the title.

Here are the Women's Owen Hart Tournament brackets:

Persephone

Hazuki

Willow Nightingale

Alex Windsor

Mina Shirakawa

Athena

Skye Blue

Sareee

Nightingale vs. Windsor is at Double Or Nothing and the finals will also be at Forbidden Door. It's also good that Persephone is back and it must be time for Athena to lose on the main roster again.

The Conglomeration isn't sure which of them should get the Tag

Team Title shot. Willow Nightingale is going to win the Women's Owen Cup. Oh and Mark Briscoe is back and wants Tommaso Ciampa next week, which will be another three hour show.

Triangle Of Madness vs. Hikaru Shida/Brawling Birds

Everything breaks down to start with the fight heading outside. The Triangle gets beaten up on the floor, with Hayter taking over on Thekla in the corner. Thekla fights up and hits a big dive to the floor as we take a break. We come back with Hayter big booting her way out of trouble, allowing the tag back to Shida.

A suplex sends Hart into the corner and it's back to Thekla to kick Shida down. The double gordbuster and double superkick put Shida down, with the other two coming in for the save. Blue breaks up Two Birds One Stone and it's the Haytebreaker to Hart. Two Birds One Stone is loaded up again but Thekla comes in with a belt shot for the DQ at 10:03.

Rating: C+. I like the ending as Thekla would rather do damage than win the match, especially with her big title defense coming up. The Birds work very well together and got to showcase themselves a bit here, though the lack of Statlander was a bit odd. That being said, I'll take a regular team getting some ring time over a makeshift group of three women.

Post match the beatdown is on until Mina Shirakawa and Willow Nightingale make the save.

Video on Rush.

AEW World Title: Darby Allin vs. Konosuke Takeshita

Allin is defending and his early suicide dive is rammed into the post. They head inside with Takeshita sending him flying

into the corner, where Allin bites the face. A top rope shoulder doesn't do anything to Takeshita, who knocks Allin outside instead. The steps are loaded up but Allin scratches his way out of a suplex and dropkicks Takeshita off of said steps. A suicide dive hits Takeshita again and they get up to the apron.

Takeshita Blue Thunder Bombs him to the floor and we come back with Allin pulling him into a guillotine choke. That's reversed into a wheelbarrow suplex and a bridging German superplex (GEEZ) plants Allin hard for two. The running knee gives Takeshita two more and Don Callis gives him the ring. Takeshita doesn't want it though and gets small packaged for two more.

Allin Code Reds him off the top and the Last Supper gets two. Takeshita is sent outside and the Coffin Drop connects to a standing Takeshita on the floor. Back up and Takeshita goes onto the steps but gets his suplex reversed into a Scorpion Death Drop. Back in and Takeshita gets the knees up to block a Coffin Drop, only for Allin to grab a Scorpion Death Lock. Takeshita makes the rope but the Coffin Drop connects to retain the title at 15:30.

Rating: B. Another good match from Allin, though having him space them out a bit more might work better for him. At the same time, it was another case where there was basically no drama about who was winning as their Double Or Nothing matches were both set, though I'll take Takeshita over Okada. It's nice to have the World Champion around, though we've pretty much covered the "Allin fights really hard to keep the belt" stuff for the time being.

Post match Allin grabs the mic and wants MJF's decision right now, because starting a segment this far after the show was supposed to be over is fine. A table is set up and MJF comes out, with Allin wasting no time in signing the contract. MJF can't bring himself to do it though, instead talking about how

Allin always believes that making people happy matters. Deep down though, the people know that Allin is someone who got lucky.

At Double Or Nothing, MJF is going to become a three time World Champion at 30 years old. Allin promises to make MJF bald at Double Or Nothing and that's enough to get the signature. The brawl is on and MJF leaves him laying but Kevin Knight runs in to break up a super Tombstone to end the show.

Overall Rating: B. Dang that was long, with a seventeen minute overrun. Other than that though, this was a rather good show, with a pair of awesome matches. The MJF stuff was all but guaranteed so it was hardly a big change, but this was just about making it official. They added a bunch of stuff to Double Or Nothing here too and the card looks pretty good, so hopefully they don't change it too much before the pay per view.

Results

Adam Copeland/Christian Cage/Orange Cassidy/Young Bucks b. FTR/The Dogs/Tommaso Ciampa – Spear to Connors

Mike Bailey b. Westbrook – Ultimate Weapon

Kevin Knight b. Brian Cage – UFO Splash

Will Ospreay b. Ace Austin – Cross armbreaker

Triangle Of Madness b. Brawling Birds/Hikaru Shida via DQ when Thekla used a belt

Darby Allin b. Konosuke Takeshita – Coffin Drop

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AEW Collision – May 9, 2026: What Was That Fore?

Collision

Date: May 9, 2026

Location: SoFi Center, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

Commentators: Tony Schiavone, Nigel McGuinness

It's a live with a golf theme, which is certainly a way to go. The show is also only an hour long this week as the first half took place after Dynamite. Much like Dynamite, the World Title is on the line here, with Darby Allin defending against Pac this week on his way to Double Or Nothing. Let's get to it.

[Here is Wednesday's Collision if you need a recap.](#)

Well the venue is unique, with most of the arena taken up by a golf hole, complete with bunker.

National Title: Jack Perry vs. Mark Davis

Perry is defending and gets thrown out of the corner for daring to fire off some chops. Davis gets sent outside though and there's the moonsault to take him down. That just earns Perry a toss onto the apron and a big clothesline drops him right back. They get back inside with Davis throwing him around as the golf green behind the ring is throwing me off. Davis knocks him outside again for a big crash and we take a break.

We come back with Perry's running forearm staggering Davis and a sunset bomb getting two. They go to the apron, where Perry escapes a suplex attempt and snaps off a hurricanrana to the floor. A top rope elbow to the back gives Perry two and a

running hurricanrana gets the same. Davis' discus lariat into the piledriver gets two more so he takes Perry up top. The super piledriver is countered into a super hurricanrana. Don Callis gets on the apron so here is Ricochet with a golf club to Perry's back. The piledriver gives Davis the pin and the title at 14:18.

Rating: B. It was a messy finish but what mattered the most here was Davis getting a win. He has turned into one of the more consistent stars in AEW and I can go with seeing him get some success. I'm not expecting him to be some all time champion, but he won it once and that's all that matters at the moment. At the same time, how is Perry vs. Ricochet still going? It feels like it was long past done and yet here we seem to be again.

Nick Wayne will be in the Best Of The Super Juniors in New Japan for the second consecutive year.

Jack Perry is on the phone after his loss and wants to get his hands on Ricochet. Like say in Stadium Stampede, with the rest of the Elite. As in the Young Bucks and Kenny Omega. Assuming the Hurt Syndicate stay in, we could be in for a fourteen man match.

Don Callis is thrilled and of course the Family is in for Stadium Stampede. Ricochet approves.

Lena Kross/Megan Bayne vs. Ruthie Slay/Rachel Ley

Non-title with a five minute time limit. Kross shrugs off some kicks to the head and plants Ley down. It's off to Bayne for the German suplex, followed by one from Kross and another from Bayne. A double German suplex sends both of them flying and the double chokeslam finishes Ley at 2:17.

We look at the Women's Title picture in recent weeks, with the result being Thekla defending against Hikaru Shida, Kris Statlander and Jamie Hayter at Double Or Nothing. That's a bit

of a surprise.

The Owen Hart Tournament brackets will be announced on Dynamite.

Don Callis says the winner of tonight's World Title shot will be facing Konosuke Takeshita on Dynamite. That's different from the announced Kazuchika Okada match, with Callis saying Okada had to go back to Japan on personal business. Takeshita comes in to say he'll win.

We look at Kyle O'Reilly's recent successes. Well kind of recent.

Mike Bailey vs. Kiran Grey

Grey shoves him before the bell to start so Bailey kicks Grey out to the floor. That means the middle rope moonsault to the floor can connect and Bailey goes up again. Grey tries to cut him off but gets knocked down, setting up the Ultimate Weapon to give Bailey the pin at 1:49.

Post match Kevin Knight gets in to say he and Bailey should go to the top of the company together.

Video on Pac vs. Darby Allin.

AEW World Title: Pac vs. Darby Allin

Allin is defending and there are no countouts. The bell rings and Allin bails to the floor to head up to the golf hole. Pac follows him and they slug it out with Allin blocking a suplex. Instead it's a sunset bomb into the sand trap, followed by a running dropkick into another sand trap. Back up and Pac suplexes him into the sand trap and grabs the Brutalizer, with the referee breaking it up due to the lack of value. Or he just wants to get out of the sand. A gorilla press slam sends Allin into the sand again as we take a break.

We come back with Allin tied in the corner so Pac can kick him

in the face a few times. Allin is right back up with a Scorpion Death Drop for two but Pac crotches him on top. A top rope Falcon Arrow gives Pac two and Allin rolls outside. Naturally that means it's time for a table but the shooting star press misses, with Pac crashing hard. Back in and the Scorpion Deathlock goes on, with Pac crawling over to the rope. Pac knocks him down again and here are more Death Riders to load up a table.

A tombstone plants Allin onto the steps as the Death Riders are stacking up even more tables. Pac carries him towards the 2x2 tables and we take a break (already in the overrun). We come back with Allin fighting back in the balcony but getting thrown off through the pile of tables. That's only good for two back inside and the Death Riders are stunned. The referee takes a chair away from Pac so he grabs the belt. That's enough for Allin to get up, kick him low, and hit a belt shot. The Coffin Drop retains the title at 20:23.

Rating: B-. That was quite the long match, but the bigger issue here is how much Allin is surviving. It's one thing to be a tough fighting champion, but someone kicking out of not only a tombstone onto the steps but also being thrown off a balcony and through four tables is a bit much. It reaches the point of I'm not buying Allin being in danger and that kind of defeats the purpose of the whole thing. The match was more good than bad, but it felt like a few matches tied together into one, with the sand stuff feeling like it was from something totally different.

Overall Rating: B. For what was basically a two match card, this worked out rather well, with a surprise title change to start and a good (albeit too long) main event. The venue was also very unique and that's nice to see, as you can only have so many shows in the same kind of arenas. Trim the main event down a bit and the show is that much better, but what we got was solid enough.

Results

Mark Davis b. Jack Perry – Piledriver

Lena Kross/Megan Bayne b. Ruthie Slay/Rachel Ley – Double chokeslam to Ley

Mike Bailey b. Kiran Grey – Ultimate Weapon

Darby Allin b. Pac – Coffin Drop

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AEW Collision – May 6, 2026: Line Them Up

Collision

Date: May 6, 2026

Location: North Charleston Coliseum, North Charleston, South Carolina

Commentators: Tony Schiavone, Taz, Excalibur

This is one of those split shows as we're getting the first half on Wednesday right after Dynamite and the second half on Saturday (with a golf theme, hopefully featuring Barry Darsow and Kerw...never mind). The main event is a ten man tag and yes it does indeed feature the Young Bucks. Let's get to it.

[Here is Dynamite if you need a recap.](#)

We open with Sting helping Darby Allin up after Allin retained the World Title in the Dynamite main event. Sting gives Kevin Knight a nod of respect before leaving...and here is MJF to interrupt. Everyone is sick of seeing Allin with the title. It's been cute and all but give him the rematch already. Allin wants something on the line, so MJF offers his scarf and the Dynamite Diamond Ring but that's not enough.

MJF throws in a million bucks but Allin doesn't care about money. Allin wants MJF's hair on the line, even revealing that MJF flew to Turkey for a hair transplant. MJF has until next week to sign the contract or he never gets a rematch. MJF can't bring himself to say anything and leaves, so here is Kazuchika Okada to interrupt. Okada requests and received a title shot next week. Oh sweet. I was hoping we'd only have one champion get beaten on Dynamite this month.

Will Ospreay is told his neck is improving and if his MRI this week looks good, he'll be medically cleared. Ospreay won't really say what he's doing with the Death Riders but it seems to be a means to an end.

Mike Bailey vs. AR Fox

They go to the mat a few times to start for a standoff so Bailey gives him the bouncing kicks to the floor. Bailey avoids a charge to send Fox outside, setting up a springboard corkscrew moonsault. Back in and a missile dropkick connects for Bailey and we take a break. We come back with a battle over a suplex until Fox DDTs him out of the corner.

A spinning suplex gives Fox two and he hits a big dive out to the floor. Back in and a Swanton gives Fox two but he has to avoid a Tornado Kick in the corner. Bailey misses the Ultimate Weapon as well and blocks Lo Mein Pain, meaning the Ultimate Weapon can connect for the pin at 7:33.

Rating: B-. As usual, Fox was entertaining in the ring and can do some very impressive stuff. Unfortunately at the same time,

we are long past the point of believing that he has a real chance to win anything important. There are far worse choices to make others look good though and they had a nice, fast paced match.

Willow Nightingale issues another open challenge. How original.

Pac wants a shot at Darby Allin as he's beaten him before. If Allin is so good, prove Pac wrong and yes, you can consider that an invitation.

Jamie Hayter vs. Skye Blue

Hayter elbows her in the face to start and boots her out to the floor. Back in and Blue gets in a snapmare, followed by a basement superkick for an early two. That's shrugged off and a fall away slam sends Blue flying and Hayter hits a basement lariat for two of her own. Blue is back up with a Downward Spiral onto the apron and then sends her into the barricade.

We take a break and come back with Hayter suplexing her into the corner and then suplexing her right back out. They trade kicks to the head but Code Blue is blocked, meaning they get to trade headbutts for a double down. Hayter's choke in the corner is cut off and they both go up for an exchange of slaps. With that not working, a super Hayterade knocks Blue silly for the pin at 9:21.

Rating: C+. It's good to see Hayter getting a win, though I'm not sure what the endgame is supposed to be. She's already lost the big title shot against Thekla and yet the feud seems to be continuing. Maybe they'll run it back or do a triple threat or something, but for now it's a weird way to go.

The rest of the Triangle Of Madness is in the crowd so Hayter beats Blue up some more.

Don Callis brags about his Family and all the gold they're

going to win. Konosuke Takeshita isn't happy about Kazuchika Okada wanting the World Title and ignoring their upcoming match. On top of that, Andrade El Idolo wants the World Title as well and leaves. Calls seems to get annoyed but insists the team is going to win everything. Of note: Andrade has a new title on his shoulder which is never identified or even mentioned (yes I know what it is). While the last thing this company needs is more titles floating around, maybe tell us what we're looking at?

Rush vs. Manny Lo

Bull's Horns in 43 seconds. Rush's post match catchphrase almost takes up a third of the match time.

Jack Perry is in his bus but gets out to climb a mountain. The hills are alive with the sounds of Baltimora.

The Dogs/Death Riders vs. Young Bucks/Bang Bang Gang

The brawl starts in the aisle and they get inside for an eight man suplex. The bad guys are almost whipped into each other but walk into a quadruple atomic drop. The Bucks clear the ring and Nick hits a big running dive. Austin's dive is cut off though and Connors gives him a spear through the ropes.

The Riders stomp away on the floor and we take a break. We come back with Austin suplexing his way out of a chinlock but getting sent into the corner for a string of running clotheslines. Everything breaks down (I can't believe it took that long) and Austin knocks Castagnoli away, allowing the tag back to Colten. House is cleaned but Colten gets caught in the Dragon Tamer/Stomp combination for two.

Matt comes back in to hit the rolling northern lights suplexes, even hitting two at once and getting a rollup for a near fall at the same time. The Bucks bulldog the Bucks down and it's time to fire off the superkicks. The BTE Trigger hits

Finlay for two and Castagnoli is back in with a double clothesline to the Bucks. A bunch of clotheslines leave everyone down until it's Austin slugging it out with Yuta. Austin and the Bucks hit a triple superkick on Yuta and the Bucks nail stereo dives. The Fold gives Austin the pin on Yuta at 14:21.

Rating: B. This is pretty much all you would have expected and it felt very similar to all of the other versions of this kind of match AEW has done. It's entertaining and had the dives and flips, but that's kind of been done to death, especially with the Bucks. That's a good enough main event for Collision though, especially one going on this late. I will however take Austin getting a win, as he's starting to rack up some success around here. That's rather promising.

The winners (and Juice Robinson) celebrate to end the show.

Overall Rating: B-. Yeah that's Collision for you: basically a house show with people you do recognize showing up and having matches without much impact on anything. You had the MJF/Allin challenge (fair enough as that was important) Rush's latest push continues, some matches were set up for Dynamite and...yeah that's about it. The show was perfectly watchable as usual, but it's very little that you really need to see.

Results

Mike Bailey b. AR Fox – Ultimate Weapon

Jamie Hayter b. Skye Blue – Super Hayterade

Rush b. Manny Lo – Bull's Horns

Young Bucks/Bang Bang Gang b. The Dogs/Death Riders – Fold to Yuta

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Dynamite – May 6, 2026: It Had To Be There

Dynamite

Date: May 6, 2026

Location: North Charleston Coliseum, North Charleston, South Carolina

Commentators: Tony Schiavone, Excalibur, Taz

It's another double show this week as we have the usual two hours of Dynamite, plus the first half of Collision. As usual, the World Title is on the line as Darby Allin is defending against Kevin Knight in what could be a heck of a match. We're also getting pretty close to Double Or Nothing and that should mean some new things being set up. Let's get to it.

[Here is Collision if you need a recap.](#)

Tony Schiavone is in the ring for a dedication to Ted Turner, who started the network they're on and had a big hand in bringing wrestling to national television. Schiavone brings out Sting, who talks about how great it was to have an all in billionaire who loved wrestling. Back in the day, a lot of people wanted to get rid of wrestling but Turner would tell the wrestlers to keep doing what he was doing because he had deep pockets.

He and Darby Allin burned this place up for three and a half years and he's glad to see Allin defending the title tonight.

Schiavone talks about how the TNT and TBS Titles have plates honoring where Turner started wrestling in Atlanta. And now, three hours of wrestling! It was nice to see this kind of thing and given that they air on the Turner networks, it kind of had to be there.

We get a ten bell salute to Turner.

Opening sequence.

Jon Moxley vs. Juice Robinson

Non-title Eliminator Match. They go head to head and yell a lot before trading the forearms. Robinson headbutts him in the corner and a catapult sends Moxley out to the floor. The big flip dive off the apron connects and they go back inside, where Moxley (already bleeding) stomps on the hand. The fingers are split apart but Robinson is able to send him outside again, this time with a toss into the timekeeper's area. Back in and Robinson hammers away until we take a break.

We come back with Moxley working on the fingers again but Robinson gets up to slug away. That's cut off rather quickly and now it's Moxley getting to fire off the right hands in the corner. A super hurricanrana gets Robinson out of trouble and he reverses a piledriver attempt into a rollup for two.

The snap jabs just earn Robinson a bite to the face but he's right back with a high crossbody. They trade headbutts and forearms until Moxley misses a charge into the post. A mere thirteen seconds later, he's back with a bulldog choke and piledriver for two. The choke goes on again and Robinson is out at 14:34.

Rating: B-. This was Moxley in his Superman mode as he bounced up from charging into a post like it was nothing so he could do his big offense. That's the kind of ridiculous stuff he does every so often and it makes for some less than great matches. Also, nice job of having the Bang Bang Gang get its

momentum back on Collision and have their leader lose in the first match on the following Dynamite.

Will Ospreay trains with the Death Riders and Moxley says this is Death Ground (as in ground from which he can never escape) if his neck doesn't get stronger. Yeah of course this is hard. And no more cameras.

Orange Cassidy vs. Dax Harwood

The winner gets a shot at the loser's titles and Harwood has about seven people (including Tommaso Ciampa, RPG Vice, Cash Wheeler, the Dogs and Stokely dressed as Cassidy) with him. Cassidy brings out the rest of the Conglomeration, Adam Copeland, Christian Cage and the Young Bucks with him as there are probably fifteen people involved in this segment

Harwood armdrags him down to start but Cassidy kicks him off and grabs a headlock. Cassidy blocks the chops in the corner and hits an Orange Punch, sending Harwood outside. Another Orange Punch hits the post though and the hand gets wrapped around the post as we take a break. We come back with Cassidy being sent into the corner but blocking a superplex attempt. A top rope DDT gets two and Harwood goes outside, where he cuts off a suicide dive attempt.

Back in and a spinning DDT drops Harwood but Stokely offers a distraction and a cheap shot from the floor gets two. A big brawl on the floor looks to allow Harwood to bring in the ring bell, which is quickly taken away. Cassidy kicks him in the face but gets caught in a slingshot powerbomb for two more. Back up and the Orange Punch gets two so Harwood goes after the bad arm/hand again. That's reversed into a cradle though and Cassidy gets the pin at 12:01.

Rating: B-. Well that was...busy. This felt like a match that could have had about, I don't know, fifteen or so less people at ringside? I'm hardly thrilled with the idea of more people getting a chance to be a double champion again but it's just

another match before (I'm guessing) we get to Copeland and Cage getting their rematch at Double Or Nothing.

Post match everyone comes in and the good guys clean house.

Video on Rush.

Last week, the Demand jumped Chris Jericho.

This week, Jericho (not Chris Jericho but just Jericho) is in the back but wants to talk about the Demand in front of the people. He comes out to the ring and says he's done with the three on one beatdowns. Instead, he's going to DEMAND that Ricochet come out here and face him man to man right now.

Cue the Demand, with Ricochet mocking Jericho, who says that he can't hear over all of the booing. Ricochet is tired of this stuff and listening to these people in Charleston, North Carolina (Jericho: "It's South.") and brings up a challenge for Stadium Stampede. He's just not sure if Jericho can find four other partners because no one around here likes him. Jericho yells at him for getting the state wrong (Ricochet: "Same thing.") and is sure he can find someone. Otherwise he'll just do it himself.

The brawl is on and Jericho clears the ring...for a bit, only to get beaten back down. Cue the Hurt Syndicate to make the save. Schiavone: "I know they love Bobby Lashley and they love South Carolina native Benjamin Shelton." That's either a really odd reference to a Hulk Hogan interview from about a year ago, or Schiavone isn't very good at his job.

Mina Shirakawa gives Harley Cameron a pep talk and rips Cameron's shirt open. Shirakawa realizes Cameron is wearing her bra underneath rather than gear and has to apologize. Cameron doesn't seem to mind and is fired up.

International Title: Kazuchika Okada vs. Bryan

Keith

Okada is defending in your random title match of the week. In case you're wondering, Keith's most recent singles win on AEW TV was in October. Of 2024. Excalibur says Keith has been racking up wins in Ring Of Honor though, and that is true. I mean he hasn't actually won a singles match this year but the three he had in 2025 count right? Oh wait actually as Excalibur said that Keith has had success on the independent circuit. From what I can find, that success is a record of 1-1-2 this year. So I guess this is based on the ROH tag success? To get a singles title shot. Right.

Anyway, Keith kicks away to start and snapmares him into a knee drop for two. Keith goes up but gets dropkicked out to the floor, where Okada hits a DDT as we take a break. We come back with Keith not being able to get a Fujiwara armbar but he can knee Okada in the head. Keith hits a running DDT for two and they head outside again, where Keith gets in another DDT.

Naturally that doesn't do much and Okada gives him a slam into the dropkick. Another dropkick misses but Okada backdrops his way out of a tiger driver attempt. The next attempt works a bit better but Diamond Dust is countered into something like a sitout Tombstone. The Rainmaker retains the title at 10:16.

Rating: B. Keith made the most of his chance here and the match wound up being good. While it would be nice to see the choice of title challengers have a bit more logic, it was nice to see Keith getting a shot. Okada is on the way to his biggest match in AEW (or at least close to it) so call this a rather early warmup.

Post match Okada says he's coming for the World Title. Censored.

Video on Andrade El Idolo.

Mike Bailey gives Kevin Knight a pep talk before tonight's

World Title shot. Knight is ready to win another title.

Samoa Joe and the Opps, now with Anthony Bowens, wants Will Ospreay on his team. Either do that, or get his fist instead.

Mina Shirakawa/Harley Cameron vs. Hikaru Shida/Kris Statlander

Shirakawa and Statlander lock up to start, with Statlander giving her a slam and dancing a bit. A backslide gives Statlander two and it's off to Shida vs. Cameron. That doesn't last long as it's back to Statlander, who gets headscissored into the corner. A backbreaker puts Shirakawa down though and Shida comes back in for a running knee on the apron.

We take a break and come back with Shirakawa and Shida trading forearms until Shirakawa knocks her silly. Cameron comes back in with a tornado DDT and Shirakawa adds a missile dropkick to Statlander as everything breaks down. Statlander is back up with a fisherman's driver to Shirakawa but Shida's running knee hits Statlander by mistake. Cameron rolls Shida up for two but Statlander is back in to boot Cameron in the face. Shida's Falcon Arrow gets the pin at 12:43.

Rating: C+. At least Shirakawa didn't lose again. I'm not sure why Shida and Statlander's team is continuing as it isn't like they have much to do at the moment after losing their title shot. It's nice to have them actually doing something, but a team with issues despite having success is a bit played out.

Swerve Strickland wants power and that means going after the most wanted, Bandido.

Bandido, with Brody King, says he's not hard to find and King threatens Strickland for coming after his friends. Didn't we just see King vs. Strickland a month and a half ago? Also of note: neither Bandido, King, Strickland or commentary referenced Bandido being the Ring Of Honor World Champion whatsoever. Bandido had the belt, but no one mentioned it at

all. That was the case when Andrade El Idolo came after the title as well. It's not a good sign when the Defy World Title (as held by Bryan Keith) gets more discussion than the title held, and displayed, by an AEW star.

AEW World Title: Darby Allin vs. Kevin Knight

Only Allin is defending. They go with the grappling to start until Knight knocks him down and grabs a headlock. Allin reverses into one of his own and hits a springboard elbow to the face. Back up and they clothesline each other and Knight snaps off a heck of a super hurricanrana. A big dropkick sends Allin outside and we take a break.

We come back with Allin grabbing a Code Red for two and Knight goes outside. The suicide dive knocks Knight down again and Allin sits him in the chair. Knight pops back up and hurricanranas him off the top and out to the floor for the big crash. One heck of a springboard clothesline hits Allin on the announcers' table and they're both down for a bit. Back in and Knight dives into a Scorpion Deathlock, sending him over to the ropes.

Knight is able to catch him in the Tree Of Woe and hits a Coast To Coast, followed by the UFO Splash. The knee is too banged up though and it's a delayed cover for two. Allin kicks the knee out and grabs a guillotine choke before hanging him on the top rope. The Coffin Drop in the ropes sets up the regular Coffin Drop to retain the title at 15:36.

Rating: B. This was good again, with Allin's rather impressive string of title matches continuing. At the same time, it seems like they're setting up the idea of Allin giving it everything he has in these title matches, which could result in him having some trouble rather soon. Knight losing is acceptable enough as it's to the World Champion, but it shouldn't be happening again anytime soon.

Sting comes out to celebrate to end the show.

Overall Rating: B+. This was another strong show, though it was missing something to take it all the way to that higher level. It was a show built more around setting things up for later and building to things that we've already gotten set up. That's a fine way to go on occasion, though they really do need to add some more stuff to Double Or Nothing, as we only have three matches thus far. Anyway, this was more than good enough.

Results

Jon Moxley b. Juice Robinson – Bulldog choke

Orange Cassidy b. Dax Harwood – Rollup

Kazuchika Okada b. Bryan Keith – Rainmaker

Hikaru Shida/Kris Statlander b. Harley Cameron/Mina Shirakawa – Falcon Arrow to Cameron

Darby Allin b. Kevin Knight – Coffin Drop

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AEW Collision – May 2, 2026: Yeah That Was Great

Collision

Date: May 2, 2026

Location: Peoria Civic Center, Peoria, Illinois

Commentators: Tony Schiavone, Nigel McGuinness

We're firmly into the Darby Allin title reign now and that very well could have something tied into this week as well. Other than that, we're on the way to Double Or Nothing in a few weeks and that means the card needs to be put together. Some of the matches are either set or practically made so maybe we get some movement in that direction this week. Let's get to it.

[Here is Dynamite if you need a recap.](#)

Death Riders/The Dogs vs. Top Flight/Rascalz

The Rascalz and Top Flight jump the villains to start and the brawl is on the floor before the bell. The bell does indeed ring and Reed is right there with a big dive onto a pile at ringside. Back in and Connors misses a charge into the corner, allowing Wentz to strike away in the corner. Finlay comes in to stomp Wentz in the corner but it's quickly off to Darius to strike away at Pac.

That doesn't last long either as Moxley comes in to rain down right hands in the corner but Darius fires off some forearms. Darius gives him a suplex into Dante's slingshot hilo, allowing Reed to hit a springboard spinning dropkick. Castagnoli drops Reed on the floor though and we get a stream of knockdowns outside. Back in and Reed dives into Castagnoli's uppercut as we take a break.

We come back with Reed fighting out of trouble but getting taken right back down. Reed gets close to the tag but the other villains run in to knock his partners off the apron. The diving tag brings Xavier in a few seconds later and everything breaks down. Connors gets double stomped for two but the push moonsault is broken up. A spear gets two on Wentz but he knocks Connors down, allowing the tag back to Darius.

Everything breaks down and Pac gets taken down with a

springboard Downward Spiral for two more. Finlay gets caught in the wrong corner and pummeled with a string of strikes but he shoves Reed into Wentz. A high/low hits Xavier but the Rascalz are back in with stereo springboard Codebreakers. Moxley gets tornado DDTed for two, only for Pac's big lariat to drop Darius. The Brutalizer makes Darius tap at 16:23.

Rating: B. I mean, yeah it's a lot of fun and you could tell the people involved had a great time. The thing is, I feel like I've seen a version of this match or something really close to it dozens of times in AEW. That doesn't make it bad in any way, but if you want to get the "I can't believe I just saw a match like that" feeling, maybe don't have multiple versions of it every week.

Jack Perry, and his bus, are on the way.

National Title: Jack Perry vs. Mascara Dorada

Perry is defending and, after a handshake, goes for the wristlock. A headlock takeover works a bit better for Perry and he follows it up with a monkey flip. Back up and quite the headscissors drops Perry for a change and they trade very springboardy wristdrags. Dorada sends him crashing out to the floor and then into the crowd, where Perry comes up swinging. They slug it out on the barricade until Dorada hits a Canadian Destroyer.

We take a break and come back with the two of them trading flips until Perry superkicks him into a poisonrana. Dorada's Code Red drops Perry and they both need a breather. A Blue Thunder Bomb gives Perry two more and he sends Dorada outside for a moonsault. Back in and Dorada kicks his leg out and loads up an electric chair, which is flipped into a neckbreaker for a rather near fall.

The 450 gets two more and Dorada knees him out of the air. A Razor's Edge Dominator plants Perry for another near fall but the shooting star press hits raised knees. Dorada goes up top

again but gets pulled down with a super hurricanrana for the pin to retain the title at 14:20.

Rating: A-. This got rather outstanding by the end and that's no surprise given Dorada was in there. He shows up every so often and has become a remarkable treat around here. That fast paced style works so well for him and that was certain the case with this one. Perry is a lot better when he's firmly in the midcard where he belongs because he can do stuff like this. Very good stuff here as they kept pulling me in further, which doesn't happen often.

On Dynamite, Kris Statlander snapped on Hikaru Shida for costing them the Women's Tag Team Titles. Shida promised to make it up to her.

Conglomeration vs. MxM TV

Non-title. O'Reilly and Mansoor start things off with some kicks sending Mansoor over for the tag to TV. That's fine with O'Reilly, who hammers away in the corner to put TV in trouble. Cassidy takes too long to hit a single punch though and TV kicks him down, followed by a big dive to the floor. MxM poses inside and it's a side kick/German suplex combination to Cassidy.

Starship Pain gets two as everything breaks down. What looks like a double Doomsday Device is broken up and Mansoor gets crotched on top. Madden gets Angle Slammed and low bridged to the floor, with Cassidy sitting on O'Reilly's shoulders. Cassidy chokesoves Mansoor onto Madden and Cassidy's falling top rope elbow finishes TV at 4:29.

Rating: C+. Yeah this was fine, with the champs getting to show off a bit against an established team. It was nice to see the Conglomeration win a shorter match for a change and look dominant enough. After a pair of long, wild matches, this was a nice change of pace and it went well.

Post match Tommaso Ciampa comes out for the staredown.

We get a rather somber moment with commentary wishing Rebel the best in her health situation. That's a nice thing to see, but dang the whole situation is a punch to the gut.

We recap Will Ospreay seemingly joining the Death Riders.

TBS Title: Willow Nightingale vs. Anna Jay

Nightingale is defending in an Open Challenge and this is Jay's first match since November. Jay's early rollup attempt is blocked so she sits Jay on top instead. Nightingale wants Jay to show her fire, which apparently means a sunset flip for two. Some clotheslines in the corner have Jay in trouble but she avoids a backsplash. The running flipping neckbreaker gets two and Jay fires off the kicks in the corner. Nightingale sends her outside though and hits a flip dive off the apron.

We take a break and come back with Jay fighting back but getting sent into the corner again. A superplex drops Jay and a Death Valley Driver gets two. Jay kicks her in the face and grabs an X Factor for two, followed by the Queenslayer. Nightingale breaks that up though and grabs the Babe With The Powerbomb to retain at 9:45.

Rating: C+. It's good to have Jay back, as she is one of the long lasting members of the division. At the same time, it seems like nothing has changed for her as she continues to lose big matches. The good thing is Nightingale gets another win, though she's going to need a big challenger sooner rather than later.

Hikaru Shida's make up gift to Kris Statlander is...a match against Harley Cameron and Mina Shirakawa. Shouting ensues.

Death Riders vs. Bang Bang Gang

Yuta and Robinson start things off with the former quickly being taken into the wrong corner. That's broken up and a

rolling tag brings Austin in to fight back. A basement dropkick hits Yuta and Austin hits a kick from the apron. That means the handstand can ensue, only for Austin to get dropkicked to the floor. Back in and Garcia hammers away in the corner as we take a break.

We come back with Austin still in trouble, with the Riders hitting a string of running shots in the corner. Austin fights out of Garcia's front facelock and grabs a Death Valley Driver, allowing Robinson to come back in. House is quickly cleaned but Marina Shafir's distraction lets Garcia get in a cheap shot. That's shrugged off and Robinson hammers away on the now bleeding Yuta.

A lariat gives Robinson two as everything stays broken down. Austin is flipped over the top to the floor, meaning it's a Fastball Special for two on Robinson. Back in and Austin hits his springboard spinning kick to the head but walks into an Angle Slam. Robinson is back up with his forward DDT and actually pins Garcia at 12:07.

Rating: B-. Well dang man. I wasn't expecting that so well done on having a surprise result for a change. It helps when the Gang never wins anything of note so having them beat an established team is a good thing. The group still needs reinforcements, but a win is better than nothing.

Post match Jon Moxley freaks out and Robinson motions that he wants the Continental Title. That brings the Riders in for the beatdown but the Gunns are back to make the save. Yuta is laid out with the 3:10 To Yuma.

Megan Bayne and Lena Kross brag about their success.

Skye Blue vs. Nixi XS

Blue kicks her in the face at the bell and another boot sends Nixi out to the floor. A hanging swinging neckbreaker drops Nixi again and it's a Cheeky Nandos Kick back inside. The

running knee connects but Blue pulls her up at two. The Descent Into Madness finishes for Blue at 2:15. Complete squash.

Here's what's coming on various shows.

TNT Title: Hook vs. Kevin Knight

Hook, with Katsuyori Shibata, is challenging and takes Knight down by the leg to start. Back up and Knight gets in a shot to the arm before they fight over a lockup on the ropes. Hook flips out of a hiptoss attempt before avoiding a dropkick, leaving Knight frustrated. With nothing working, Knight slugs away in the corner and dropkicks him to the floor. The slingshot dive misses though and Hook suplexes him over the barricade.

We take a break and come back with Hook's northern lights suplex getting two. Knight makes the clothesline comeback and hits the spinning splash for two of his own. A super hurricanrana sends Hook flying and a running dropkick hits him in the corner. The referee gets distracted though and Shibata crotches Knight on top. A belly to belly superplex and a high angle suplex give Hook two but Redrum is countered. Knight takes Shibata out and hits a running DDT into the UFO Splash to retain at 12:06.

Rating: C+. The match was fine for an extended Knight workout, but that's about all it was. There was zero reason to believe that Hook was going to win the title, especially from someone who has been on a roll like Knight. As a result, the Opps, or at least half of them, were little more than some pests that had to be dealt with here. In other words, it's exactly what you would expect from the Opps if Joe isn't involved.

Overall Rating: B+. Any show with those first two matches is going to be a hit, even if the rest of the show was somewhat mediocre. This show felt like the usual Collision, but dang that Perry vs. Dorada match was awesome. The in-ring side of

things have been on a roll lately in AEW and if they can get their stories close to that level, the place will be hard to stop. Check out the first two matches here, as they're rather great.

Results

Death Riders/The Dogs b. Top Flight/Rascalz – Brutalizer to Darius

Jack Perry b. Mascara Dorada – Super hurricanrana

Conglomeration b. MxM TV – Top rope elbow to TV

Willow Nightingale b. Anna Jay – Babe With The Powerbomb

Bang Bang Gang b. Death Riders – Forward DDT to Garcia

Skye Blue b. Nixi XS – Descent Into Madness

Kevin Knight b. Hook – UFO Splash

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AEW Dynamite – April 29, 2026: Happy Days

Dynamite

Date: April 29, 2026

Location: EagleBank Arena, Fairfax, Virginia

Commentators: Excalibur, Tony Schiavone, Taz

We're back with more title matches, as MJF is trying to get

the TNT Title from Kevin Knight and Darby Allin is defending the World Title against Brody King. This seems to be part of Allin's idea to "get beaten up really badly every week" but his match last week was rather good. Hopefully that is repeated here so let's get to it.

[Here is Collision if you need a recap.](#)

We open with a quick preview of the show.

Video on MJF vs. Kevin Knight.

TNT Title: Maxwell Jacob Friedman vs. Kevin Knight

Knight is defending and we get the Big Match Intros, with MJF's including some shots at Fairfax. They go outside to start with MJF taking over, including a powerbomb onto the barricade. The chinlock goes on back inside but Knight is right back up, only to get elbowed in the face. They take turns flipping out of belly to back suplexes until Knight is flipped face first onto MJF's knee for two.

Knight escapes the Heatseeker though and hits a jumping DDT to leave them both down. A dropkick puts MJF down again and a running splash gets two. Knight sends him outside for the big running flip dive, followed by a heck of a springboard clothesline to the floor. Back in and they go to a pinfall reversal sequence, with MJF grabbing a cutter for two. MJF goes up but gets pulled down with a super hurricanrana, only for Knight to come up holding his knee.

A basement superkick and Panama Sunrise give MJF two and we take a break. We come back with MJF grabbing a half crab, which doesn't last long. Knight superkicks another Sunrise attempt out of the air but a dragon screw legwhip brings him down on the rope. An Alabama slam gives MJF two more and it's time to get mad. MJF grabs the belt, which is just a ruse to load up the ring. Knight hits him low though and a small package retains the title at 15:16.

Rating: B. This was good stuff, with MJF's downward slide continuing. He has a lot going on right now and most of it isn't going well, mainly due to trying to cheat too much and getting caught in the end. That's a good way to bring him down, as he can complain about losing all over again. Knight on the other hand gets a huge win, which is a good sign as he is rapidly improving his status around here.

MJF's stunned face is great as he can't believe that happened. MJF hits him in the knee and loads up the ring but Darby Allin descends from the ceiling and hits a Scorpion Death Drop. MJF gets the mic and says "YOU PEOPLE SUCK!" He insists that he was barely trying in the match so all he wants is his rematch for the World Title. Allin wants something on the line in return...but doesn't say what that is. Instead, if he beats Brody King tonight, he thinks Knight should get a title shot. Cue King to say he's taking Allin out tonight and then facing Knight next week.

Video on King vs. Allin.

Adam Copeland and Christian Cage are in for the I Quit match, with Copeland bringing up Cage quitting before. Cage: "I didn't say it!" Cage leaves. Copeland: "He totally said it."

Brawling Birds vs. Emily Jaye/Jordan Blade

In a nice touch, Windsor points out a sign to Hayter, saying someone waited years to see Hayter. She blows the fan a kiss before the match and we're ready to go (that's the kind of thing I love in wrestling: something that takes so little time from the wrestlers but means the world to that fan). Blade gets knocked into the corner and chopped down, setting up a clothesline from both sides (Taz: "Little Malachi Crunch action there." Hayter seems more like Count and Windsor is more Jumpy. Does that make Blade Pinky Tuscadero?). Two Birds, One Stone finishes Blade at 1:20.

Thekla would love to stop calling people dumb b***** but

there are too many dumb b***** in AEW. The Brawling Birds need to mind their own business and stick to the tag team. Skye Blue doesn't like them either.

International Title: Kazuchika Okada vs. Ace Austin

Okada is defending and Don Callis is on commentary. Okada backs him into the corner to start and stomps him down but Austin is back with a rollup. A dropkick has Okada in trouble and a Death Valley Driver (with a squat) makes it worse. Austin sends him to the floor and does a handstand on the apron, earning some applause from Okada. A DDT drops Austin on the floor though and we take a break.

We come back with Okada hitting a neckbreaker and flipping off the crowd. Austin sends him to the floor and hits a knee to the face, setting up the Fosbury Flop dive. Back in and a top rope spinning Fameasser gets two on Okada, who ax handles him down. Austin tries the springboard spinning kick tot he head but gets dropkicked out of the air. Another dropkick sets up the Tombstone and the Rainmaker retains the title at 11:15.

Rating: B. This was a relief as I was worried it would take Okada far too long to win here. Instead, Austin got in his offense, looked good in the process, and then lost to the better main in the end. That's how this should have gone and they made it work rather well, with Austin getting to hang with a bigger name before taking one too many chances.

Post match Konosuke Takeshita comes out for the staredown.

We go to the old west town for a Bandido vignette...but it's Swerve Strickland, who burns a Bandido wanted poster. Could he be wanted for not defending his Ring Of Honor World Title since December 5, or a cool 145 days?

Commentary explains what happened on Collision, as Jon Moxley basically offered Will Ospreay a spot in the Death Riders. Not

mentioned: Moxley handing Ospreay a chair and laying face first on the floor.

We see the Death Riders training, with Ospreay showing up. Ospreay is not cleared, but he's going to Japan for a big title match. Moxley says that's loyalty and Ospreay is too good to be true. Then he pokes Pac in the stomach and makes a noise like one does to a seven year old who would find it stupid.

Moxley says Ospreay needs to drop everything, including his anger and feelings about him, because they don't need excess baggage. He's not making any promises but when he makes a commitment to something, he sees it through to the end. Ospreay seems in but is surprised to hear that there is no ring. They're starting from the ground up and the camera is shoved out. This is certainly a thing going on, though Moxley's acting is....really not his strong suit.

Adam Copeland/Christian Cage vs. RPG Vice

FTR and Stokely Hathaway are here too. Cage and Romero start things off with Romero being backed into the corner. A dropkick puts Cage down and Romero stops to dance and it's off to Copeland. The big boot/Russian legsweep combination gets two on Romero before Beretta knees Copeland down for the same.

That just earns Beretta a big boot and it's back to Cage, who heads outside and gets his bad arm slammed into the post. The Conglomeration is in the crowd and throws popcorn on Stokely, triggering a brawl with FTR. They all fight off and we take a break with Cage still in trouble. We come back with Copeland getting knocked off the apron to cut off the tag attempt.

A sliding knee gets two on Cage and Romero grabs a cross armbreaker. That's broken up with a grab of the rope and Cage elbows his way out of the corner. The tornado DDT connects but bangs up Cage's arm again. Copeland gets the tag anyway and the Impaler gets two on Beretta, with Romero making the save.

Everything breaks down and Copeland misses a spear, allowing Beretta to roll him up. The referee sees the feet on the ropes though and Copeland tosses Beretta into Cage's spear for the pin at 12:44.

Rating: B-. This was a pretty standard formula tag match but it was a bit of a stretch to buy RPG Vice hanging with Copeland and Cage this long. Yes they're a successful team in Japan but not so much in AEW. Either way, it was hardly a bad match and Copeland and Cage get a win before their next title shot.

Post match Copeland puts Beretta in the crossface to make him quit. That's just violent.

Earlier today, the Demand beat up Chris Jericho again. Ricochet tells him to leave for good and Jericho tells him to eat s***. The beating gets even worse.

Women's Tag Team Titles: Kris Statlander/Hikaru Shida vs. Megan Bayne/Lena Kross

Statlander and Shida are challenging. Kross takes over on Shida to start and it's off to Bayne for the double shoulder. Shida's running knee is easily blocked so she goes to the eyes and grabs the kendo stick. Statlander isn't letting that happen but Bayne misses a charge into the post. Then Shida kicks Statlander in the ribs and suplexes her onto Bayne in the corner, which shockingly doesn't work very well.

Statlander is driven into the corner and it's back to Kross, who escapes Saturday Night Fever. Bayne kicks Statlander in the head and we take a break. We come back with Statlander hurricanranaing both of them at once, followed by a discus lariat to Bayne. Kross and Shida get the double tags and slug it out at everything breaks down.

Bayne sends Statlander flying (that's impressive) but Statlander gives her a standing Blue Thunder Bomb. Kross is

knocked down as well and it's a 450 to give Statlander two. Shida Falcon Arrows Kross for two but Statlander gets kicked down. The double chokeslam to Shida retains the titles at 13:31.

Rating: B-. They had a hard hitting and fast moving match, with the monsters getting to retain the titles. It's a nice win for them over a pair of former champions so it's hardly some pair of nobodies. At the same time, Shida and Statlander never felt like a long term team and that's not a bad way to go.

MJF interrupts Andrade El Idolo and Don Callis, blaming Andrade for Darby Allin being World Champion. Andrade seems to deny things but Callis calms it down.

Rush vs. Steven Fuerte

Rush knocks him outside at the bell and stomps away both on the floor and in the corner. Bull's Horns finishes at 1:39.

The Opps are ready to dominate again, with Hook going after the TNT Title on Collision. Samoa Joe wants Will Ospreay, who shouldn't be doing anything with the Death Riders.

Stokely has a challenge for Orange Cassidy: next week, Cassidy faces Dax Harwood and the winner gets a Tag Team or Trios Title shot, with Tommaso Ciampa popping up to be FTR's partner should Harwood win.

AEW World Title: Darby Allin vs. Brody King

Allin is defending. They shake hands to start and Allin tries a quick dropkick in the corner (King turned his back on him so it wasn't a cheap shot). King powers up and tries the Ganso Bomb, with Allin punching his way out. Allin goes up top and gets caught, only to come out with a super Code Red for two. That sends King outside but the suicide dive just bounces off of him.

Allin fights back again and puts King in the chair on the floor, with the missile dropkick knocking King out. We take a break and come back with King hitting a heck of a chop to knock Allin off the top and to the floor. King takes the announcers' table cover and leans it against the barricade, only for Allin to jump on his back. That's fine with King, who drives them both through the cover for the nasty crash.

They climb onto the table and King grabs his choke, which is countered with double thumbs to the eye. Another Code Red onto the table gets two and Allin is back up with a suicide dive. Back in and King ties him in the Tree Of Woe, followed by a hard clothesline for two (with Allin's face looking like his soul was knocked into the third row).

Allin gets thrown over the top rope and onto a cameraman, with King dragging him around, pulling the floor pad up. King's running Cannonball misses Allin and goes through the barricade for a nasty crash. Allin gets the rest of the floor pad up though and it's a sunset bomb to send King crashing onto the concrete. The Coffin Drop onto the floor connects as well and King manages to beat the count. That means two more Coffin Drops to retain the title at 16:29.

Rating: B+. As usual, this worked well with Allin fighting against the monster and managing to use his environment to beat King. It's a good case of Allin learning how to beat King after taking so many beatings over the years. At the same time, Allin has given King troubles before so it's hardly some ridiculous win here. Heck of a main event as Allin's title reign continues to work, though he's getting rather banged up here. That very well could catch up to him sooner than later and it probably will.

Post match respect is shown and Kevin Knight is in the crowd for the staredown to end the show.

Overall Rating: B+. This was another rather good show with the

opener and main event being more than good enough to carry the night. Allin seems like he's in for an energetic and exciting title reign, though I'm not sure how long it's going to last. At the same time, there are a lot of people coming after the belt so the next champion could be up in the air. That's enough to carry things at the moment and there is enough on the rest of the show to make it work. Rather easy to watch show here with a very good main event.

Results

Knight Knight b. Maxwell Jacob Friedman – Small package

Brawling Birds b. Emliy Jaye/Jordan Blade – Two Birds, One Stone to Blade

Kazuchika Okada b. Ace Austin – Rainmaker

Adam Copeland/Christian Cage b. RPG Vice – Spear to Beretta

Lena Kross/Megan Bayne b. Hikaru Shida/Kris Stalander – Double chokeslam to Shida

Rush b. Steven Fuerte – Bull's Horns

Darby Allin b. Brody King – Coffin Drop

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