

Maple Leaf Pro Multiverse: Let Them Unite

Maple Leaf Pro Multiverse

Date: April 17, 2026

Location: Pearl Theater At Palms Casino Resort, Las Vegas, Nevada

Commentators: Johnny Laquasto, So Cal Val

Maple Leaf Pro has gone from a promotion that doesn't exist about a year ago to a pretty consistently good independent company. That is a heck of an impressive feat and it's great to see them as part of the lineup around here. I'm assuming there are going to be a lot of guest stars here so let's get to it.

The opening video focuses on how worlds come together and how the greats will rise, but some will fall.

Subculture (Attack Wrestling) vs. Guy Cool/Vaughn Vertigo (UWN)

The sound mix is WAY off to start, as the theme music is drowning out everything, from the ring announcer to the commentary. Vaughn and Webster start things off with Vaughn taking him to the mat by the arm. Back up and Webster takes him down for an inverted flipping backplash. Cool ("confidently aloof") comes in and brings Vaughn right back in for a failed double suplex attempt.

Vaughn is quickly taken down by Subculture, who start in on the arm but manages to take Webster into the wrong corner. A cheap shot to the knee takes Webster down and a pumphandle backbreaker...seems to be a bad idea as Webster fights back. It's back to Andrews for the double Pele as everything breaks down. Webster gets sent outside and Vaughn's Swanton hits the standing Andrews. A Stundog Millionaire gets Andrews out of

trouble though and Fall To Pieces (shooting star press) finishes Vaughn at 8:21.

Rating: B-. Rather good choice to open the show here, with Subculture getting to show off their rather impressive talents. They're a team who have done well every time I've seen them in the ring and that was the case again here. Cool and Vaughn were fine as villains and held their own rather well, which isn't surprising given how much experience commentary said Vertigo had.

Commentary previews the rest of the show.

Steven Borden (Ring Of Honor) vs. Kiran Grey (Defy Wrestling)

They shove each other to start and Borden wrestles him down, followed by a backdrop and dropkick. Grey knocks him outside and takes over though and it's a running elbow back inside. The chinlock goes on and Grey cuts off a comeback rather quickly. A running neckbreaker gives Grey two and he goes up top, where Borden catches him.

The superplex is broken up but Grey misses a top rope splash. Borden hits a Stinger Splash and bulldog but a full nelson slam is blocked. A pump kick drops Borden and Grey tries his own Scorpion Death Drop. That's broken up as well and the full nelson slam finishes for Borden at 5:55.

Rating: C. The main thing to remember here is that Borden is still brand new in the ring. He's still certainly a work in progress and that's going to be the case for a long time. He has a good look and is very athletic. The good thing is that you can see a lot of his father in him. Get him in a good developmental program and there is absolutely a shot of him going somewhere.

We see Paul Hauser on Jimmy Kimmel, talking about his wrestling career.

Sidney Akeem (GCW)/Rich Swann (MLP)/Michael Oku (RevPro) vs. The Demand (AEW)

Ricochet and Swann start things off but it's off to Kaun before anything happens. Kaun tosses Swann into the corner and runs him over with a shoulder. Everything breaks down and Akeem and Oku go up, only to have the Gates pull them out of the air. That's reversed into a pair of hurricanranas to the floor, leaving Swann and company to hit three straight dives.

Back in and Kaun chops the heck out of Swann in the corner and it's back to Ricochet. Swann fights out of the corner and avoids a charge from Ricochet, allowing the tag off to Akeem. House is quickly cleaned and Oku comes in for a triangle dropkick. The Gates double team Akeem into a backsplash for two and Ricochet's springboard splash gets the same.

Open The Gates is countered into a double DDT and some trouble teaming manages to knock Liona down. A pair of top rope splashes gets two on Liona with Ricochet and Kaun having to make a save. The Gates are knocked to the floor but come back in to clear out Swann and Oku. Open The Gates and the Ricocsault finishes Akeem at 12:37.

Rating: B. While it was fairly obvious that Akeem was out there to take the pin, at least he got to showcase his impressive athleticism first. This was about four people flying all over the place and the two monsters...well being monsters really. It was a fast paced and flashy match and it did exactly what it was designed to do so well done.

We look at the announcement of MLP's upcoming weekly TV show. Yeah that's a big deal.

CMLL World Title: Jonathan Gresham (MLP) vs. Hechicero (CMLL)

Hechicero is defending and actually shakes hands to start. They start off rather slowly with neither getting very far on

while going for the legs. Hechicero twists the leg around and now Gresham isn't interested in a handshake. We pause for Gresham to tie his boot and they go back to trying for the leg again and it's a standoff.

Hechicero's boot is undone this time and Gresham uses the distraction to hit a quick dropkick. A not so great Figure Four has Hechicero in trouble but he flips Gresham off anyway. The rope is grabbed but Gresham won't let go as this is quite the evil side of him. Gresham dropkicks the leg out so Hechicero hits one heck of a chop to send him outside. Back in and Gresham's chops have no effect on Hechicero's rather large chest so it's a low blow to put Hechicero in trouble instead.

Hechicero is right back with a dragon screw leg whip over the rope, followed by a top rope elbow for two. The hammerlock backbreaker drops Gresham again but Hechicero's knee is banged up. An octopus doesn't last long for Gresham as he gets faceplanted down. Gresham reverses a surfboard into an ankle lock, with Gresham switching into a German suplex for two. A springboard hurricanrana sets off a pinfall reversal sequence until Hechicero knees him down. Hechicero's spinning sunset flip retains the title at 16:25.

Rating: B+. This turned into a chess match and I liked what we got here with Hechicero getting to be the hero for a change. It worked well for him with the technical stuff being so easy to cheer. On the other hand you have Gresham as a villain, which works out very well for him too. I liked this a lot and they had a great match.

We recap Paul Hauser vs. QT Marshall. They had a street fight in Ring Of Honor last year and they're running it back here.

Paul Hauser (Progress) vs. QT Marshall (Ring Of Honor)

Street fight with Hauser actually as the villain this time. They circle each other to start until Marshall starts sending

him into the corner. An early Diamond Cutter sends Hauser rolling out to the floor and Marshall knocks him over the barricade. Marshall spits an energy drink in his face and whips out a door but Hauser fights back.

A chair shot off the apron puts Marshall down but he's back with a DDT inside. More weapons are brought in, including a barbed wire board, though Hauser blocks a suplex onto said board. Instead Marshall is sent into the wire and Hauser hits him in the head with his Progress title.

Hauser stomps away and sets up a table, which of course is covered in thumbtacks. A superplex takes too long though and Marshall sunset bombs him through the tacks (and table) instead. Hauser low blows his way out of trouble and hits a spinebuster into a quickly broken half crab. Some kind of Sharpshooter variant makes Marshall tap at 12:30.

Rating: C+. Hauser isn't exactly a polished wrestler but he knows how to do a nice enough brawl. At the same time, he is absolutely playing with the house's money, as he loses nothing for doing this kind of thing and can gain another following. I was a bit surprised by the ending as it came out of nowhere, but it was a nice enough brawl.

Gisele Shaw is ready to retain her Women's Title against a bunch of opponents.

Women's Canadian Title: Gisele Shaw (MLP) vs. Persephone (CMLL) vs. Shotzi Blackheart (MLW)

Shaw is defending...and hang on as we're making this a four way.

Women's Canadian Title: Gisele Shaw (MLP) vs. Persephone (CMLL) vs. Shotzi Blackheart (MLW) vs. Killer Kelly (Wrestling Revolver)

Shaw is still defending and rolls Persephone up for an early two. Blackheart sends Shaw outside though, leaving Persephone

to roll Kelly up for two. Blackheart's high crossbody takes the two of them down and the reverse cannonball hits Kelly. Shaw is back in to superkick Blackheart and a hanging swinging neckbreaker gets two. Back up and Blackheart hits a rolling kick to the head and a legdrop connects as well.

Persephone pulls Blackheart to the floor though, only for Blackheart to get back up for a heck of a suicide dive. Shaw dives onto all three of them and the head back inside, with Blackheart hitting a Doomsday Dropkick to Persephone. Everyone is down and it's Kelly up first to crawl around a lot. Shaw spears the heck out of Blackheart and Kelly Death Valley Drivers Persephone for two. Kelly grabs a Tree Of Woe dragon sleeper on Kelly, which can only last so long. Persephone is back up with a Razor's Edge to Kelly...but Shaw steals the pin to retain at 12:21.

Rating: C+. This was another perfectly fine match, with Shaw not so much winning as much as surviving. That's how she should be going, as she has a big mouth but can back it up just well enough. Kelly as an addition was a surprise, though I'm not sure how big of a deal it was to have her in there. Good enough match, though nothing that hasn't been done before, especially the finish.

Rascalz (AEW) vs. Mistico (CMLL)/Mascara Dorada (CMLL)/Amazing Red (HOG)

Yeah this should work. Dorada and Xavier start things off and they trade wrist twisting. With that not being the most thrilling, Xavier flips over him and brings Wentz in to stay on the arm. Dorada fights back on both of them before handing it off to Mistico for a quick dropkick. Red kicks Wentz to the floor but Reed cuts him off, setting up a Dream Sequence for two on Dorada.

A flipping legdrop gets two on Dorada and we hit the chinlock. Mistico breaks that up and hits a springboard elbow before Red

plants Xavier with a tornado DDT. Back up and Reed and Xavier are tied up for a Boston crab/camel clutch, with Red adding a running dropkick. Wentz is back in for the save and it's a triple dropkick to Dorada. Red kicks Xavier into the corner but Mistico gets kicked down and we get a needed breather. The Code Red gets two on Wentz but Reed hits his running cutter to take Red down. Back up and Mistico La Misticas Reed for the tap at 11:32.

Rating: B+. I love a match where it's exactly what you're expecting it to be and that was the case here. This was a situation of "here are six high fliers, watch them fly the whole time". They did their job well, with one of the biggest stars in the world being there at the end for the show's main event. Heck of a main event.

Overall Rating: B. Maple Leaf Pro is rapidly developing an identity for itself: they might not do anything new or revolutionary (which is fine) but whatever they do is done well. That's all you can ask for in a promotion like this and I've yet to see them have a bad show. I'm curious about their upcoming TV show, as they're certainly making things work with these stand alone events.

Results

Subculture b. Guy Cool/Vaughn Vertigo – Fall To Pieces to Vertigo

Steve Borden b. Kiran Grey – Full nelson slam

The Demand b. Rich Swann/Michael Oku/Sidney Akeem – Ricosault to Akeem

Hechicero b. Jonathan Gresham – Rolling sunset flip

Paul Hauser b. QT Marshall – Leglock

Gisele Shaw b. Killer Kelly, Persephone and Shotzi Blackheart – Razor's Edge to Kelly

Amazing Red/Mascara Dorada/Mistico b. Rascalz – La Mistica to Reed

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Maple Leaf Wrestling Uprising: Canada's Finest?

Uprising

Date: March 28, 2026

Location: St. Clair College SportsPlex, Windsor, Ontario, Canada

Commentators: Don Callis, Ian Riccaboni

It's the second night of the Ring Of Honor/Maple Leaf Pro shows and this one has quite a great show to follow from last night. Odds are this one will deal with some fallout from last night, including another Deonna Purrazzo vs. Gisele Shaw title match and a four way for the Interim Canadian Title. Let's get to it.

The opening video more or less says this is the sequel to Global Wars.

Michael Allen Richard Clark (MLP)/Jake Crist (Wrestling Revolver) vs. Mascara Dorada (CMLL)/Bhupinder Gujjar (MLP)

Clark and Gujjar start things off with Gujjar picking up the pace into a dropkick. Dorada comes in and sticks the landing on Crist's headscissors. Some dropkicks put Crist and Clark on

the floor, setting up stereo dives. Back in and Clark knocks Gujjar to the floor for a dive of his own and Crist gives him a Russian legsweep back inside.

Clark comes in for the pushups (they're his thing) on Gujjar's back, which has Gujjar up for the high crossbody. The tag brings in Dorada to clean house and a spinning slam gets two on Crist. Gujjar's TKO drops Crist for two, only for Clark to come back in with a powerslam/sliding neckbreaker combination for two on Gujjar. Everything breaks down and Dorada dives onto Crist, leaving Gujjar to spear Clark for the pin at 11:04.

Rating: B-. Pretty standard fast paced tag match here and that's a good way to open the show. Clark is nice in the overly cocky heel style and Gujjar is fine as a middle of the road hero. As usual Dorada was the big star here and easily the flashiest thing in the match, though he didn't get a ton of focus. Either way, perfectly fine way to get things going.

Sheldon Jean, Bryce Hansen and Brent Banks are ready to take the Tag Team Titles, though Hansen is told to get a haircut. Hansen is annoyed and yells at some people so Daisuke Sasaki throws a chair at him.

Taylor Rising/Chris Chambers (MLP) vs. Evil Uno (ROH)/Alice Crowley (JCW)

The women trade legsweeps and covers for two each before it's off to Uno vs. Chambers. Uno can't get very far working on the arm so Chambers is up with a dropkick. It's back to Crowley to kick away at Rising, with a Saito suplex for two. Chambers pulls Crowley down from the apron though and Rising gets two off a victory roll.

It's back to Chambers to work on Crowley and Uno has to come in for a quick save. That just lets Rising choke on the rope but Crowley backdrops her way out. That's enough for the tag off to Uno for the house cleaning. Uno is sent into Rising,

allowing Chambers to grab a rollup for two. Crowley is back in with a suplex though, allowing Uno to piledrive Chambers for the pin at 8:50.

Rating: C. And we continue yesterday's issue of MLP not doing so well over this weekend. The best thing is that Alice continues to showcase herself well. She got my attention yesterday and kept it going today. There is something to her that makes her stand out, with Rising not being far behind. Not a thrilling match, but it was nice to see another Canadian get a pin, even if Uno doesn't work here.

The Swirl (ROH) vs. El Reverso/Mo Jabari (MLP)

Jimmy Jacobs is on commentary. Jabari and Johnson run the ropes to start, with Parker taking him down and then dropping Reverso on top. Reverso hammers away in the corner but gets taken into the wrong corner. That doesn't last long as Reverso escapes and brings Parker back in for the comeback. This time it's Parker being taken into the wrong corner, with Johnson stomping away and Christian adding a suplex. A double clothesline leaves both of them down though and it's back to Reverso as the pace picks way back up

Reverso's Canadian Destroyer gets two but Johnson powerbombs him into Christian's knees in the corner. Chasing The Dragon gets two on Reverso as Parker makes the save, leaving all four down. That's enough for Jacobs to get up and hand Parker a chair. Parker drops it but gets speared on the apron by Christian. Reverso gets kneed in the head, setting up a top rope double stomp/Death Valley Driver combination to give Johnson the pin at 11:35.

Rating: B-. The Swirl continues to be one of the better things about Ring Of Honor so it was nice to see them getting to do something on this show. You just want to see them get what's coming to them and that's a good feeling to have for some villains. Reverso and Parker were fine, but there was nothing

to them that especially stood out.

We recap Bishop Dyer vs. Kaito Kiyamiya. They were partners last night but had issues and lost the match. After it was over, Dyer turned on him.

Dyer is asked why he turned on Kiyamiya. Dyer: "Because I'm an a*****."

Bishop Dyer (MLP) vs. Kaito Kiyamiya (Pro Wrestling Noah)

Dyer shoves him down to start so Kiyamiya jumps on him to slug away. Some more right hands in the corner have Dyer in trouble but he shoves Kiyamiya down again. They go outside with Dyer chopping away against the barricade but hits the post by mistake. Back in and Dyer kicks the rope for a low blow, followed by the Deep Six for two. A hard whip sends Kiyamiya crashing over the corner to the floor and Dyer rams him hard into the apron.

Back in again and Dyer misses a charge in the corner, allowing Kiyamiya to hit a running clothesline. A nice dropkick puts Dyer down but the shining Wizard is countered into an AA. Dyer's brainbuster gets two and a chokebreaker has Kiyamiya in even more trouble. Another chokebreaker is countered with a kick to the head and Dyer's powerbomb is countered with a sunset flip to give Kiyamiya the pin at 13:01.

Rating: B-. It's fascinating to see someone like Dyer be a bit less than successful as a main event heel but absolutely thrive as a midcard star. This is the role he was perfect for and it worked great here. Dyer knows how to wrestle like a monster bully and ultimately he got caught as he tried to do too much. Fun match here, though say it with me: MLP loses AGAIN.

Post match Dyer knocks Kiyamiya cold and hammers on him, followed by the End Of Days.

We get the announcement that MLP is coming to TSN this July.

Rohan Raja, with Aurora Teves, wants the Canadian Title because he's already had the Champion's Grail for over 500 days. He'll win the title tonight anyway.

Daisuke Sasaki (DDT) vs. Bryce Hansen (MLP)

No DQ. Sasaki's chair shots misses and Hansen kicks him outside. Back in and Sasaki gets in the chair shot before wrapping said chair around Hansen's neck for a ram into the post. A running boot to Hansen, whose head is still in the chair, gets two and it's already time for a table. As usual that takes too long though and Hansen fights back, only to set up his own table on the floor.

Even Callis thinks this is taking too long and Sasaki proves him right by choking him down onto the table. Hansen is able to fight up and grab a gutwrench powerbomb from the apron through the table. That's only good for two back inside so Hansen grabs a kendo stick. Said stick hits the top rope though and bounces back onto Hansen's own head. The spear through the table sets up a top rope chair shot as Hansen has a seat right over there to give Sasaki the pin at 8:12.

Rating: C. This was pretty much exactly what it should have been, as Sasaki took Hansen apart and basically dismantled him in a few minutes. Hansen got in some offense, but this was about Sasaki destroying him without much trouble. It's a good example of "don't overthink this" and it wound up going perfectly well.

Stu Grayson is feeling the pressure going into the main event but Evil Uno comes in to fire him up.

MLP Tag Team Titles: Good Brothers (MLP) vs. Sheldon Jean/Brent Banks (MLP)

The Brothers are defending after becoming the inaugural

champions last night. Anderson chops the heck out of Banks to start and then takes him into the corner to do it again. Gallows comes in for his weird uppercuts and a fall away slam as the fans are ALL behind the Good Brothers here.

A big legdrop gives Gallows two but Banks gets in a shot of his own and ax handles away. It's off to Jean so Gallows clotheslines them both down and brings Anderson back in to keep up the pace. A backsplash gets two on Jean but a trip brings Anderson down. Jean hits a clothesline and the challengers take over for a change, with Banks getting some quick near falls.

Anderson is right back up to send Jean outside, followed by a neckbreaker to Banks. It's back to Gallows to clean house and the belly to back neckbreaker gets two on Banks. Jean breaks up the Magic Killer so Anderson grabs the spinebuster for another near fall. The Gun Stun is broken up though and Banks gets in a belt shot for the pin and the titles at 11:02.

Rating: C+. Hey MLP finally won something! I mean of course they lost at the same time but call it a step in the right direction. The Good Brothers being the inaugural champions give the belts a bit of prestige before another team won them, which is a tale as old as time in wrestling. The pesky heels get one over on the popular veterans and we move on to see who's next. Nothing wrong with that.

Gisele Shaw says Deonna Purrazzo beat her in Pure Rules, which isn't the same as pro wrestling. Purrazzo won on a technicality but tonight, everything will be different.

MLP Women's Title: Gisele Shaw (MLP) vs. Deonna Purrazzo (ROH)

Shaw is defending. They fight over a lockup to start and then trade headlocks to no avail. Purrazzo shoulders Shaw in the arm that was banged up last night, with the Fujiwara armbar sending Shaw straight to the ropes. The fight heads outside

with Purrazzo sending her face first into the apron, only for Shaw to come back with a posting.

Back in and Shaw grabs an armbar with some elbows to the head as a bonus. Purrazzo fights up and wins a test of strength, followed by a running knee. The Fujiwara is broken up though and Shaw grabs an anarchist suplex for two. A spear gives Shaw two more but Purrazzo fights right back to put her down again. The Fujiwara goes on again, with Shaw making the rope to save herself.

Back up and Shock And Awe gives Shaw two so they get up and slap it out. That turns into a slugout until they trade kicks to the face, with Shaw pulling the referee into the way of Purrazzo's boot. Shaw sends the bad arm into the post and then crushes it with the steps to make it worse. Purrazzo is back with a Fujiwara and Shaw taps but there's no referee. Since that isn't enough cheating, Shaw finds some brass knuckles to knock Purrazzo silly and retain at 17:25.

Rating: B. This got going with the submission attempts, though I did like Shaw just going full on villain. There's a good way to set up a rubber match down the line in there and that could make for a nice Multiverse match. Shaw has impressed me most of the time I've seen her and she hung in there with an established name, albeit by cheating in almost every possible way.

Interim Canadian Title: Elimination Challenge

It's a six man gauntlet match for the vacant title. Jay Lethal (ROH) is in at #1 and Michael Oku (RevPro) is in at #2. They trade some rather fast rollups to start and it's off to the exchange of forearms. Oku manages a dropkick to the floor and adds the running flip dive for the knockdown. Back in and Lethal gets in a knockdown of his own, with Oku's leg getting tied up in the ropes.

Oku has to beat the count back in so Lethal hammers away and

goes after the leg some more. The chinlock goes on for a bit but the Figure Four is blocked. A DDT gives Oku two but he can't get the half crab. Instead it's a Lethal Combination for two, setting up Lethal's Figure Four. That's reversed into another failed half crab attempt so Lethal goes up for Hail To the King...which is reversed into a rollup to give Oku the pin at 12:05.

Rohan Raja (MLP) is in at #3 and sneaks in to jump Oku, with a jumping Downward Spiral finishing for Raja at 13:04. Rich Swann (MLP) is in at #4 but Raja's manager Aurora Teves grabs his leg, meaning it's a jumping Downward Spiral for a near fall. A choke with a knee in Swann's back is broken up but Swann knocks him down for two. Raja heads outside and gets taken down with a running flip dive.

Swann actually puts him in a chair and gets a running start for some running boots to the face. He tries it once too often though and Raja is back up with a boot of his own. Back in and Swann superkicks him out of the air and they're both down. A frog splash gives Swann two more, followed by the middle rope 450 for the same. Teves offers a distraction though and another 450 misses. Raja's Backstabber into a jumping Downward Spiral finishes Swann at 20:23.

Stu Grayson is in at #5 and the cut open Raja bails out to the floor. Grayson goes outside to get him and nails a quick Pele. Teves breaks up a torture rack and is finally ejected, leaving Raja angry on the ramp. He slides back in and gets kneed in the face, setting up Knightfall (torture rack dropped down into a backbreaker) to give Grayson the pin at 24:41. Jonathan Gresham (apparently freelance) is in at #6 to complete the field but hold on though as Raja chairs Grayson down before leaving.

Gresham glares at Raja before getting in and lets Grayson get a breather before going after him. They grapple around to start and neither gets anywhere so let's shake hands. Grayson

takes him down for an armbar and Gresham gets over to the ropes in a hurry. Grayson's hurricanrana and dropkick have Gresham on the apron and the dive connects. Back in and a battle of the chops goes to Grayson, as Gresham wants a timeout. A sneaky low blow cuts Grayson down and they go to the mat, where Gresham can't force the arm down.

With that not working, it's a crucifix for two on Grayson before Gresham ties up the arms. Gresham pulls on one of the legs for some painful stretching before going back to the arm. They fight over a suplex until they both crash out over the top for a nasty double crash. Back in and Gresham goes after the arm again but Grayson sends him flying with some overhead belly to bellys.

A spinning Downward Spiral into a Lionsault gives Grayson two but Knightfall is blocked. Grayson settles for a springboard tornado DDT for two but Gresham is right back to the arm in a smart move. Gresham's crossface is broken up with a grab of the rope so it's off to an Octopus. With that broken up, Gresham goes up and gets superplexed back down, setting up a running knee. Knightfall gives Grayson the pin and the title at 42:27.

Rating: B-. This was a match where it felt like they were going for something epic and it really just felt long more than anything else. Grayson winning was pretty obvious once they got down to the final two as there was almost no way an American was winning the title in the end. It's a good enough main event, though anything involving an interim title feels kind of weak by definition. Still though, at least Grayson looked like a star in the end, as he did last night.

Grayson celebrates to end the show.

Overall Rating: B-. This show's problem is it came after Global Wars, which was great, while this one was just pretty good. It's certainly not a bad show and there are far worse

options, but nothing on here felt must see. At the same time. MLP still feels like a higher end independent effort and I'll absolutely take that every time. Good enough show here, though dang can the home promotion have a better success rate?

Results

Mascara Dorada/Bhupinder Gujjar b. Jake Crist/Michael Allen
Richard Clark – Spear to Clark

Evil Uno/Alice Crowley b. Taylor Rising/Chris Chambers –
Piledriver to Chambers

The Swirl b. Mo Jabari/El Reverso – Top rope double
stomp/Death Valley Driver combination to Reverso

Kaito Kiyamiya b. Bishop Dyer – Sunset flip

Daisuke Sasaki b. Bryce Hansen – Top rope chair shot

Sheldon Jean/Brent Banks b. Good Brothers – Belt shot to
Anderson

Gisele Shaw b. Deonna Purrazzo – Brass knuckles punch

Stu Grayson won an Elimination Challenge last eliminating
Jonathan Gresham

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Ring Of Honor x Maple Leaf

Pro Global Wars Canada – Home Field Disadvantage

Ring Of Honor x Maple Leaf Pro Global Wars Canada

Date: March 27, 2026

Location: St. Clair College SportsPlex, Windsor, Ontario, Canada

Commentators: Don Callis, Ian Riccaboni, Mauro Ranallo

This is a co-promoted show between the two promotions and that means it is time for some brand vs. brand matches. That can make for some interesting matches, hopefully with something to help make the Ring Of Honor booking a bit better than usual. There are some titles on the line as well so let's get to it.

Note that I do not follow MLP so I apologize in advance for any plot or character details I get wrong.

Adam Priest/Tommy Billington (ROH) vs. Eddie Kingston/Ortiz (ROH)

Kingston and Priest start things off with Priest grabbing a headlock takeover. That doesn't last long so Kingston takes him into the corner for a back rake from Ortiz. A double suplex drops Priest, who brings Ortiz over to the corner a double suplex with Billington. Ortiz is back with a flapjack for the break and it's back to Kingston, who is knocked into the wrong corner as well.

Kingston chops his way out of the corner but gets taken down, only for Ortiz to come in for the save. Everything breaks down and it's a Crossface and half crab to have Kingston and Ortiz in trouble. Those are broken up and it's a Doomsday bulldog to bring Priest down. Billington is legal though and snaps off some snap suplexes...but Kingston grabs an Oklahoma roll to pin Billington at 9:01.

Rating: C+. Perfectly nice opener here and the fans are going to be into pretty much anything Kingston does. At the same time, I really don't see the appeal of the team with Ortiz. Maybe they're hoping he breaks out like Mike Santana did in TNA, but putting a guy who was in a great tag team into a weaker tag team doesn't seem productive.

Josh Alexander was supposed to be in the ring at this show but he's hurt his knee and has to undergo knee surgery. The future of his Canadian Title isn't clear.

Ring Of Honor Women's TV Title: Alice Crowley (JCW) vs. Red Velvet (ROH)

Velvet is defending and Crowley is from Juggalo Championship Wrestling. Crowley kicks the offer of a handshake away and gets rolled up for some early near falls. Crowley shoves her into the ropes, where Velvet hits a pair of kicks to the back of the head. They head outside with Crowley getting in a knockdown, followed by a snap suplex for two back inside.

Velvet is back up to strike away in the corner, only to miss a charge into the corner. A sitout bulldog drops Crowley and Velvet hits the running crotch attack in the ropes. Crowley kicks her in the face though and a Saito suplex gets two. An Iconoclasm pulls Crowley off the top for two but she comes back with an Air Raid Crash for two more. Velvet is done with this though and hits a quick Chef's Kiss to retain at 8:24.

Rating: B-. This was a more physical match than the opener and they were starting to trade some good stuff in the end. Velvet's rise up has been rather impressive as she's a completely different kind of star than she was just a year or so ago. I could go for more of Crowley too as she showed some potential.

Deonna Purrazzo is glad to face Gisele Shaw tonight but Purrazzo has the edge because it's Pure Rules.

Lethal Twist (ROH) vs. Evil Uno/Bhupinder Gujjar/Psycho Mike (MLP)

Lethal struts away from Mike to start so the larger Mike shoulders him down. The threat of Mike's signature slam sends Lethal outside so Mike runs over the Swirl on the floor. Back in and the Swirl break up another slam attempt as Callis talks about Kyle Fletcher. Gujjar comes in for a running headscissors to Johnson, followed by a dropkick for two.

Back up and Gujjar gets knocked out of the corner as everything breaks down, with the villains clearing the ring. We settle down to Lethal giving Gujjar a DDT, setting up a double superkick from the Swirl. Gujjar fights out of the corner though and it's a high crossbody to Lethal. Uno gets the tag and cleans house but runs out of wind trying to hit some running corner clotheslines.

A brainbuster onto the knee gets two on Johnson and Uno neckbreakers Lethal as well. Mike comes back in and fires off the string of slams, including tossing Christian over the top onto the other two. The big dive follows but Gujjar's high crossbody hits Mike by mistake. A Lethal Injection drops Gujjar but he isn't legal. Instead Lethal has to escape Mike's slam and the Swirl is back in to strike away. Hail To The King finishes for Lethal at 12:34.

Rating: B-. Another pretty good match here with a lot of action, even though it's not the best night for the Canadians thus far. Lethal Twist has been a solid grouping in Ring Of Honor and it makes sense to put them on the show. If nothing else, this continues their momentum for what I'm sure will be the eventual showdown with Bandido over the World Title. As for the other team, while I can't imagine him becoming the top star, Mike has quite the charisma and the fans liked him a lot. Good for him for getting this popular.

Gisele Shaw knows what she's doing against Deonna Purrazzo and

she's going to do it her way.

Ring Of Honor Women's Pure Rules Title: Deonna Purrazzo (ROH) vs. Gisele Shaw (MLP)

Purrazzo is defending under Pure Rules (far more technical style, only three rope breaks as the main rule). Shaw takes her to the mat to start and works on the leg, followed by a quick curtsy. Purrazzo escapes just as fast and armdrags Shaw into an armbars. The Fujiwara armbars sends Shaw into the ropes for the break. The breather lets Shaw take her outside for a kick to the head from the apron.

Back in and Shaw hammers away but charges into a boot in the corner. They knock each other down and it's a double breather. Purrazzo goes after the arm again but Shaw goes for something like a Disarm-Her. That's blocked by Purrazzo so Shaw hits a hanging swinging neckbreaker, followed by another Disarm-Her. Purrazzo has to use her first rope break so Shaw grabs Shock And Awe (backbreaker into a Downward Spiral) for two.

A quick Venus de Milo sends Shaw to the ropes for the second time, followed by a piledriver to make Shaw use the third and final rope break. Shaw is back up with a Samoan driver into the Disarm-Her, with Purrazzo using the second break. Purrazzo counters something out of a full nelson and pulls Shaw into the Fujiwara. Shaw's rope grab means nothing but it lets Purrazzo pull her into the Venus de Milo to retain at 14:11.

Rating: B. Match of the night thus far as they were getting into a good rhythm with Purrazzo having enough of an edge with the technical prowess. She's good at this style, though I still don't quite know why she needed a championship to go with it. Shaw is someone who has done well every time I've seen her and it would be nice to see her getting a shot on a bigger stage in the future.

We look at Rohan Raja becoming the inaugural holder of the Champions Grail. Stu Grayson is coming for the title.

PWA Champions Grail: Stu Grayson (MLP) vs. Rohan Raja (MLP)

Raja is defending and this is a title recognized by three promotions at once. Grayson runs him over at the bell for an early two and sends Raja outside for the suicide dive. Back in and Grayson snaps off a standing hurricanrana, followed by a legsweep to send Raja outside. There's a big dive to drop Raja again and Grayson hits a suplex back inside. Grayson goes up but gets dropkicked out to the floor for a big crash.

Back in and Raja knocks him into the corner, setting up a hard whip to send Grayson falling out to the floor. Grayson is fine enough to hit a running clothesline but Raja shoves the referee at the ropes, allowing him to pull Grayson down. A nice kick drops Raja again and Grayson is back up to strike away. Grayson wins the battle of the clotheslines and snaps off a string of belly to belly suplexes.

A tornado DDT sets up a swinging Downward Spiral to drop Raja again and a Lionsault gets two. Raja slips out of a torture rack though and grabs a swinging Boss Man Slam into a quickly broken Rings Of Saturn. The pop up powerbomb drops Raja for two and a top rope superplex does it again. A running knee is loaded up but Raja reverses into a quick small package for the fast pin at 13:11.

Rating: B+. Grayson is someone who wrestles a certain style and that's not a bad thing at all. He is out there flying around with everything he has and doing everything at top speed, which makes for a fun match. He does a lot better on his own than he does as part of a team and this worked well. Raja didn't get to do much here, though his limited offense did work well. Very entertaining match here, mainly due to the energy from Grayson.

Ricochet is ready to beat Rich Swann. Yes they started off as a group of wrestlers who helped define high flying wrestling,

but the difference is Ricochet has leveled up and is the better man.

Michael Allen Richard Clark (MLP) vs. Jake Crist (Wrestle Revolver) vs. Daisuke Sasaki (DDT) vs. Brent Banks (MLP) vs. Ace Austin (ROH) vs. Michael Oku (RevPro)

One fall to a finish. Before the match, Clark talks about being tired of being treated with disrespect when he is in the Canadian Pushup Hall Of Fame (please let that be a thing). The ring is mostly cleared to start so it's Oku dropkicking Banks to start until Sasaki makes the save. Crist is back in to kick Sasaki in the face with Clark coming in to break it up. The parade of knockdowns continues with Austin getting his chance, followed by a superkick to Banks.

Clark is back with a dive to the floor to take Austin out so Sasaki hits his own dive. Crist hits a dive onto the pile before Oku can do his own so they fight onto the apron. Banks knocks both of them to the floor so Austin fireman's carries Sasaki and Banks at the same time. The squats let Austin show off a bit and it's time to keep knocking each other down. Sasaki Pedigrees Clark and Oku has to break up a double submission.

Everyone but Oku is down but Austin blocks a half crab attempt. Banks' top rope twisting crossbody hits Austin and a Michinoku Driver gets two. Oku is back up with a dive onto the floor but Crist cuts him off with a Death Valley Driver. Crist's Ki Crusher gets two so Banks is back in with a Blue Thunder Bomb. Crist cutters Banks but gets caught by Oku's Six Star Frog Splash for the pin at 10:27.

Rating: B. I'm not huge on these matches but this was pretty much exactly what it should have been. The match was all action with Oku getting to showcase himself well. I'm not sure how much a win really matters here as Oku seems to have just

been the one who got a fall first rather than being some dominant star. Either way, at least another ROH star didn't win, even if an MLP star didn't win.

Video on Athena, the crazy long running ROH Women's Champion, defending against Taylor Rising, who is ready to rise.

Ring Of Honor Women's Title: Taylor Rising (MLP) vs. Athena (ROH)

Athena is defending. They circle each other a bit to start and Athena backs her into the corner. A knockdown lets Athena smile and pose a bit but Rising is back with a headscissors. Rising's running dropkick sends Athena to the floor but Athena pulls a dive out of the air. Athena sends her hard into the barricade and then into the steps before they head back inside. Some forearm to the back have Rising in trouble and we hit the face pull.

Athena fires off some knees to the chest but Rising is back with a quick victory roll for two. The Codebreaker sets up a 619 and Rising faceplants her for two more. What looks like a Pedigree is blocked though and Athena knees her in the head. A Tombstone gives Athena two and she stops to yell at the referee. Athena teases the O Face but gets back down and beats on Rising a bit more.

Another O Face is broken up and Rising grabs a DDT for two more. Rising's sunset bomb gets two but Athena Saito suplexes her back down. Athena tunes up the band, only for her superkick to be blocked. Rising tries to pick her up but gets pulled into the Koji Clutch to retain the title at 12:31.

Rating: B. They were in a tough spot here as there was no reason to believe that Athena was going to lose the title on a show like this. That being said, Rising did everything she could to make it work and she had a heck of a performance. This was another good match, with Rising getting in some nice hope spots before falling short. It's hard to make it work in

this kind of a situation but they pulled it off.

MLP President Scott D'Amore announces...well actually introduces a video that announces a new weekly series, Mayhem, which will debut in July on TSN. Points for a huge announcement.

Rich Swann (MLP) vs. Ricochet (AEW)

Apparently they've had 75 singles matches over the years. Ricochet stalls to start before getting back inside, with Swann backing him into the corner. Swann spins out of a wristlock and we get another staredown. Ricochet pulls him down into a crossarm choke to slow the pace a bit. Swann quickly reverses into one of his own and they trade stereo dropkicks for another standoff. Swann snaps off a dropkick to the floor and adds a running flip dive off the apron.

Back in and Swann hammers away in the corner so Ricochet goes to the eyes...which just earns him a beating. Another poke to the eye cuts Swann off though and Ricochet gets in some stomping. They go outside, where Ricochet slams him face first onto the floor and heads back inside. Swann beats the count so Ricochet hits a running clothesline to the back in the corner. A running uppercut drops Swann in the corner but he's back with a rolling clothesline for a needed breather.

Back up and some dancing punches set up a neckbreaker to give Swann two. They head to the apron where Ricochet takes over again, setting up a Lionsault for two back inside. The kickout leaves Ricochet rather frustrated so Swann kicks him in the head on top. A super hurricanrana...doesn't work as Ricochet sticks the landing, only to get kicked in the head for two. Swann kicks away at the chest and they strike it out. The referee cuts Swann off though, allowing Ricochet to roll some suplexes (different types that is) for two. A Death Valley Driver gives Ricochet two and the Spirit Gun gives him three at 19:15.

Rating: B. This was a hard hitting match and it was

entertaining, though my goodness would it kill them to have an ROH/AEW star actually take a fall here? It's becoming a running joke here and that's not a great thing to see. What was pretty great was these two, who obviously know each other so well, getting a chance to do it again now that Ricochet is doing something different. Rather fun match here, though it never quite hit that next level.

Multiverse is taking place over Wrestlemania Weekend!

Supercard Of Honor is on May 15!

We run down the Uprising (Saturday night) card. Of note, Steve Maclin is announced for a match though that might not be happening after he was injured at TNA Sacrifice.

MLP Tag Team Titles: Bishop Dyer/Kaito Kiyomiya (MLP) vs. Bryce Hansen/Sheldon Jean (MLP) vs. Good Brothers (MLP) vs. Gates Of Agony (AEW)

For the inaugural titles and one fall to a finish. You might know Dyer better as Baron Corbin. The Gates jump the other teams to start and the brawl goes to the outside rather quickly. Jean and Kiyomiya hit some dives before Kiyomiya and Anderson get inside to slug it out. It's off to Gallows to strike away at Kaun in the corner and Anderson comes in to strike away.

Anderson drops Jean but it's off to Liona to clean house. Liona chokes Anderson on the ropes and we hit the nerve hold. Hansen comes in for a forearm to take Anderson down again and Jean gets to stomp away. It's back to Hansen for a chinlock before Anderson avoids a Liona charge. A cutter takes Kaun down and it's off to Gallows to clean house. Gallows Jackhammers Jean for two but Kiyomiya comes back in to strike away, including a running knee for two on Kaun.

Everything breaks down and we hit a parade of knockdowns with Anderson hitting a spinebuster and Gallows adding a chokebomb.

Kiyomiya makes a save with a knee to Gallows and everyone is down again. Liona throws Kiyomiya and Gallows at the same time (geez) but gets sent into the post. Dyer is sent into Kiyomiya (makes sense as it's their first match together) and a Magic Killer drops him to give Anderson the pin and the titles at 12:35.

Rating: B. Another fast paced match that wound up being rather entertaining, though it was similar to the scramble earlier in the night. The good thing is that an MLP team FINALLY won a match (and yes they have worked here a few times before). While that team might be the Good Brothers, I'll take it after watching Ring Of Honor and AEW lay waste to MLP all night.

Post match everyone else leaves and Dyer lays Kiyomiya out to end the show.

Overall Rating: A-. This was actually a heck of a show as the last stretch of matches is one good one after another. While I could have gone for MLP winning more often, the whole show was quite impressive with nothing close to bad and a bunch of quality stuff. MLP has been one of the better independent promotions I've seen in a good while, as they might not do anything revolutionary but they do things well. I'll take that over some ridiculous idea and it was a blast watching this one.

Results

Eddie Kingston/Ortiz b. Tommy Billington/Adam Priest – Oklahoma roll to Billington

Red Velvet b. Alice Crowley – Chef's Kiss

Lethal Twist b. Evil Uno/Bhupinder Gujjar/Psycho Mike – Hail To The King to Mike

Deonna Purrazzo b. Gisele Shaw – Venus de Milo

Rohan Raja b. Stu Grayson – Small package

Michael Oku b. Ace Austin, Jake Crist, Daisuke Sasaki, Michael Allen Richard Clark and Brent Banks – Six Star Frog Splash to Banks

Athena b. Taylor Rising – Koji Clutch

Good Brothers b. Bryce Hansen/Sheldon Jean, Gates Of Agony and Bishop Dyer/Kaito Kiyamiya – Magic Killer to Dyer

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Maple Leaf Pro Forged In Excellence (Night One): 0... . Canada

Forged In Excellence Night One

Date: October 19, 2024

Location: St. Clair College, Windsor, Ontario, Canada

Commentators: Don Callis, Mauro Ranallo

So this is Maple Leaf Pro, the new promotion from former TNA executive Scott D'Amore. The card has been built up well over the last few weeks and I might as well look at the first two nights. As you might expect, there will be a heavy Canadian influence on the show, but there are some outsiders as well. Let's get to it.

The opening video looks at some of the people on the show tonight and how they got here, with some classic Canadian wrestling clips thrown in. It's almost weird seeing TNA clips

in there given how D'Amore departed.

The production looks OUTSTANDING for an independent show, easily on par with TNA.

Josh Alexander/Stu Grayson/El Phantasma vs. Rocky Romero/Alex Zayne/Trevor Lee

Well you knew Romero was going to be on a show like this. What kind of a show? Every kind of a show. Alexander works on Romero's arm to start and elbows him down before handing it off to Grayson and Lee, the latter of whom has gotten a heck of a haircut. Grayson takes him down and hits a dropkick but Lee hands it off to Zayne.

Phantasma comes in to take him down, followed by a very springboardy armdrag. Alexander and company grab stereo Sharpshooters but they're quickly broken up, with Romero hitting the Forever Clotheslines on Phantasma. Lee gets kicked into Zayne though and it's off to Alexander to clean house. Everything breaks down and Alexander gets kicked down as Callis wants Alexander hurt before he faces Konosuke Takeshita tomorrow night.

Alexander fights up as well and hands it back to Grayson for a double clothesline. Phantasma hits a torture rack neckbreaker but Romero sens him into Alexander. Grayson's Nightfall (torture rack into a backbreaker) drops Zayne and Alexander hits a release German suplex on Lee. Romero's armbar is countered into another backbreaker though and Alexander nails the C4 Spike for the pin at 13:27.

Rating: B. Heck of a choice for an opener here, as they didn't overstay their welcome, kept the action up, and gave the fans a hot match to get things going. The Canadians winning is the most obvious result imaginable and they had a good one here, with Alexander feeling like a polished star. Rather solid match with this one and the show is off to a nice start.

Mike Bailey is ready for Konosuke Takeshita because we're on his own home country turf.

We run down the card.

We get a history of Maple Leaf Wrestling and various great wrestling in Canada, as narrated by Bret Hart. That's certainly a big get and there is some awesome classic footage in here.

Bhupinder Gujjar vs. QT Marshall

Gujjar is/was from TNA (he hasn't been around in a bit) and Marshall has AEW's Harley Cameron in his corner. Cameron mocks the Windsor fans and Marshall promises Gujjar the beating he deserves for thinking a cup of coffee in a major promotion matters. Marshall armdrags him to start and stops for some posing on the top. They fight over wrist control with Gujjar taking him down and hitting a nice dropkick for two. There's a clothesline to the floor and Gujjar follows him out with a slingshot dive.

Back in and Marshall pulls him off the ropes for a crash to take over again. A slap to the face wakes Gujjar up though and he hits a running forearm to put Marshall down for a change. Marshall is right back with a sitout powerbomb for two but Gujjar hits some jumping shots to the face. Cameron grabs the foot though and Marshall scores with a Diamond Cutter for the pin at 8:25.

Rating: C+. Not as good as the opener but it lets a named heel get a win off some simple yet effective interference. That's always been a standard for D'Amore's shows: they aren't going to reinvent the wheel, but they're going to give you completely competent wrestling with talented stars. That's what we had here, as it wasn't a classic or anything, but it was perfectly acceptable wrestling.

Kylie Rae is really excited to be here in Canada and was here

at 6am. She's ready to face anyone and everyone.

Kylie Rae vs. Aurora Teves vs. Laynie Luck vs. Taylor Rising

One fall to a finish. Rae shakes hands with Teves and Luck but Rising kicks her in the ribs to start fast. They trade rollups for two each and it's a four way standoff. Rising bails to the floor and it's Rae grabbing a crossface on Luck, with Teves making the save. Back in and Rae forearm away at Rising but Teves takes over with some rapid fire kicks. Rae takes Luck to the floor and gets hit in the face, setting up a big flip dive off the top for a massive crash. Back in and Rising gives Teves a Pedigree but Luck comes in with a top rope cutter. Rae pops up to superkick Luck and pin Teves at 6:53.

Rating: C+. As usual, you can only get so much out of a four way match with less than seven minutes as everyone is trying to get their stuff in as fast as they can. Rae is by far the biggest star in the match and it makes sense that the promotion would want to focus on her, but she doesn't have the best record when it comes to sticking around. Maybe this is the exception though, as she certainly has the talent to go somewhere.

Josh Alexander (after an interview with Konosuke Takeshita is accidentally shown) is glad to be back in Canada and Canadian wrestling is back too! He's ready for Konosuke Takeshita tomorrow as they make more history.

Now we get the Takeshita interview (fair enough as someone probably hit the button early by mistake), which is part of the WrestleDream press conference with Takeshita saying he's ready to face anywhere, anytime.

IWGP Junior Heavyweight Tag Team Titles: Jet Setters vs. Aiden Prince/El Reverso vs. Rogue Squadron vs. Brent Banks/Johnny Swinger

The Jet Setters (Kushida and Kevin Knight) are defending and

the Squadron are Rohit Raju/Sheldon Jean. The Squadron clears the ring to start but then runs off from the threat of violence. We settle down to Knight and Banks catching the others' kicks so Swinger comes in and gets punched out to the floor. The rapid fire changes begin until Prince rolls over to kick Knight in the face. Prince and Reverso hit stereo dives onto the champs on the floor but it's the Squad stomping away back inside.

Raju and Jean take turns working on Prince's arm but the champs crotch Raju against the post to cut him down. Swinger, the goof, comes in and is immediately glared back into the corner by Kushida. The Squadron takes him into the corner but Kushida rolls out and hands it back to Knight. It's back to Prince, who gets dropped by the champs, only for the Squadron to knock everyone down.

Swinger is the only one left standing so naturally he goes up, only to get crotched back own. A bunch of people are sent outside for the series of dives but Jean comes back in and strikes away. Banks clears the ring again until Reverso hits a springboard kick to the face. Knight is back up to kick various people down until Swinger grabs a rollup for two on Kushida. That's enough for the champs, as it's a neckbreaker/high crossbody combination to finish Swinger and retain the titles at 16:09.

Rating: B-. Another fun match with all kinds of action, but also another match with so many people floating around that it was hard to keep track of everything. It doesn't help that the teams aren't the most familiar and it is already tricky enough to remember who is who. This was fun while it lasted, but it would have been better with fewer teams.

Video on the Champion's Grail, one of the promotion's titles. Apparently it's a cross between Riki Choshu and Kenny Omega. That's a heck of a mixture.

PWA Champion's Grail: Rohan Raja vs. Jake Something

For the inaugural title and no word on what the PWA is. Raja is a former member of the Desi Hit Squad in TNA, where Something currently wrestles as well. The bigger Something powers him into the corner to start and then runs him over with pure strength. Raja gets in a shot of his own though and some forearms to the back have Something in trouble for a change. Back up and Raja starts in on the arm, with a knockdown setting up an armbar.

Raja's neckbreaker gets two but Something uses the good arm to hit a clothesline. What looks to be a powerbomb doesn't work so Something settles for a spinebuster for two instead. Back up and a hard forearm rocks Raja again and a one armed powerbomb (cool) gives Something two more. Into The Void (boss Man Slam) is broken up and Raja hits a Backstabber into a brainbuster. Something misses a charge and Seek And Destroy (jumping Downward Spiral) gives Raja the pin at 13:31.

Rating: C+. Nice enough power vs. non-power match here but I'm still not entirely sure what the title is supposed to be. Given the people involved, I would assume it's a midcard title but the whole PWA deal wasn't exactly well explained. Perfectly fine match here, though nothing that stood out in the slightest, even with someone who with as good of a look as Something.

Post match Raja says he's defending the title around the world and wants to face the best. He's hungry for competition, so he'll be called Ravenous Rohan Raja. Uh sure.

Bully Ray takes credit for the house because he is the biggest star in this company (well, kind of). He doesn't know why Raj Dhesi (formerly known as Jinder Mahal) would sign up for a tables match with Ray, but it won't go well for him.

Bully Ray vs. Raj Dhesi

Tables match. Before the match, Ray complains about being listed as only being in the WWE Hall Of Fame rather than WWE and TNA. Oh and he's half of the greatest team of all time. And he's Calzilla. And handsome. The fans chant for Dhesi, which has Ray threatening to leave for the United States. Ray promises that Dhesi will never put him through a table so Dhesi strikes away, including a jumping knee to the face. Dhesi knocks him out to the floor but Ray gets in a mic shot to the face.

Back in and Ray rakes at the eyes before grabbing a kendo stick to keep up the beating. Ray calls a fan an "old bag" and gets in a low blow but stops to yell at the referee. That's enough for Dhesi to get in some kendo stick shots before sending the referee up to play D-Von in What's Up. The table is brought in but the referee gets bumped, meaning Dhesi putting Ray through the table doesn't matter. Cue QT Marshall to drop Dhesi and put him on the broken table...which is enough to give Ray the win at 8:52.

Rating: C-. This was more about the What's Up spot than anything else, which wasn't anything overly special. Ray has a longstanding tendency to get wins like this for the sake of heat from the crowd, but it's rare that he gets any kind of comeuppance. Now he already has a minion in Marshall and that isn't boding well for the rest of his time around here.

Post match Ray loads up a chair but Bhupinder Gujjar makes the save.

Ad for TNA Bound For Glory.

We preview next week's AEW Dynamite, because Tony Khan's stuff has to be in everything.

Gisele Shaw is ready to face Miyu Yamashita before her ROH Women's Title shot tomorrow.

Gisele Shaw vs. Miyu Yamashita

If Yamashita wins, she is added to the Ring Of Honor Women's Title match on Night Two. Feeling out process to start, with Yamashita working on the arm but getting reversed into a hammerlock. Back up and Shaw misses a charge so Yamashita can kick away in the corner. Shaw knocks her out to the floor but Yamashita manages a posting for a needed breather.

Back in and Shaw ties her in the ropes for some knees to the ribs, setting up the chinlock. That's broken up so Shaw settles for two off a sitout powerbomb instead. Yamashita is back with a springboard enziguri but Shaw backbreakers her into a Downward Spiral for two more. They strike it out with Shaw getting the better of things, only for Yamashita to tell her to bring it. That's fine with Shaw, who hits a running knee for the pin at 12:35.

Rating: B-. This was one of the better matches on the show and it was good enough for the spot. Shaw had long since felt like she was ready to become the next star in the TNA women's division but it never went on to the next level. Beating Yamashita gives Shaw some momentum on the way to tomorrow's title shot, but it's probably going to take more than that to get the title off of Athena. For now though, good match.

Video on Athena, the longest reigning champion of any kind in Ring Of Honor history.

We run down the Night Two card.

Video on Konosuke Takeshita vs. Mike Bailey.

Konosuke Takeshita vs. Mike Bailey

Takeshita runs him over to start but Bailey pops up and fires off some kicks. A running hurricanrana sends Takeshita outside and there's the running hurricanrana through the ropes. The triangle moonsault drops Takeshita again and the bouncing kicks have him in more trouble back inside. They're already back on the apron, where Takeshita catches him with a Death

Valley Driver to leave both of them on the floor.

Back in and we hit the chinlock until Bailey fights up, only to get planted with a DDT for two. Bailey fights up again and fires off the kicks, setting up the running shooting star press for two of his own. The standing moonsault hits raised knees though and Takeshita hits a crazy release German suplex. They both miss kicks and counters until Bailey scores with some moonsault knees for a breather. Bailey fires off more kicks but Takeshita pulls him up for a rather devastating forearm.

Takeshita misses a running charge to crash out to the floor, allowing Bailey to hit a big springboard corkscrew dive. Back in and Bailey misses the Ultimate Weapon, allowing Takeshita to launch him face first into the middle buckle. A powerbomb out of the corner puts Takeshita down and a shooting star legdrop (just go with it) gets two. Bailey knocks him out to the floor but Takeshita is right back with another huge forearm.

Back in and Bailey's hurricanrana staggers Takeshita, who counters the tornado kick into a very spinny Blue Thunder Bomb for a near fall. A wheelbarrow suplex into a hard clothesline gives Takeshita two more but Bailey kicks him into the corner. The tornado kick sets up the Ultimate Weapon for two but the Flamingo Driver is countered into a kneeling tombstone for two. Takeshita hits his running knee or two and Raging Fire is finally enough to put Bailey away at 24:31.

Rating: A-. I'm not a big Bailey fan but he knows how to have some rather entertaining matches, which was the case here. These guys beat the living daylights out of each other until Takeshita put him away, which is all you can hope to see. It's the kind of main event that people will notice and for the first big match the promotion has ever presented, that's more than enough.

Josh Alexander comes out for a staredown with Takeshita before their title match tomorrow.

Overall Rating: B. The opener and the main event are both good and the stuff in the middle is mostly acceptable. The one match that doesn't work very well is the tables match but you kind of know what you're getting into with that. Otherwise, I had a good time with this show as they didn't do anything insane. There was no big angle or storyline as they focused on the wrestling instead, which is a smart move. I'll be checking out the second night as well and they'll be coming in off a nice start with this part.

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