

Pro Wrestlers vs. Zombies

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R0H Dropping iPPV, Possibly Losing Briscoes

For you R0H fans out there, here's a rare post about them. As you may have heard, R0H had yet another disaster when they tried to run an internet PPV with almost no one being able to see the feed. From now on the shows will be available as video on demand the next day.

Also the Briscoe Brothers had a real life fight after the show on Saturday with Mark being sent home and Jay being sent home after the TV tapings. Jay happens to be the reigning R0H World Champion so this is a major problem for the company. It's also pretty stupid considering Jay had a title defense at the tapings and retained the belt.

Smackdown – September 4,

2009: Smackdown Used To Be AWESOME

Smackdown

Date: September 4, 2009

Location: Quicken Loans Arena, Cleveland, Ohio

Commentators: Jim Ross, Todd Grisham

This is on the request list for one reason: Mysterio vs. Morrison. Mysterio had been wellnessed while still being the Intercontinental Champion, so a match was thrown together and was a match of the year candidate. Other than that I have no idea what's coming here. We're approaching Breaking Point which means Punk is about to defend the title against Undertaker. Let's get to it.

We open with a recap of Punk winning a loser leaves the WWE match against Jeff Hardy recently. This transitions into a pretty awesome career highlight reel for Hardy.

In a great opening, CM Punk comes out in a nearly perfect Jeff Hardy outfit to Jeff's music and nailing Jeff's mannerisms. The kids in the audience exploded when they heard Hardy's music but once they figured it out they looked furious. Punk talks about how this is the last time you'll ever see a trace of the Charismatic Enabler (great nickname) which is a good thing because the people that cheer for him are too weak to have Hardy around. Now they have a champion they can look up to and he'll never fail a test or miss a show because of an incident.

This brings him around to the Undertaker because Punk is now an icon on Smackdown as well. He's won back to back Money in the Bank ladder matches as well as sent Jeff Hardy packing. Punk says if Undertaker wants to come out here right now that's cool with the champ. There's no Taker so Punk runs down the Dead Man a bit before bashing the fans for being so easily lead to believe anything. At Breaking Point, it's one on one and Punk has no breaking point, which is why he can't lose.

Punk says he's stronger than any alcohol and straighter than any line you

can shoot up your nose. He does however have one vice, which we don't get to hear because here's Matt Hardy. Matt charges at Punk and the brawl is on quickly. Neither guy really gets an advantage so they break it up.

Taker is back tonight.

Punk yells at Teddy so Teddy makes Matt vs. Punk non-title tonight.

Finlay/Great Khali vs. Mike Knox/Kane

Kane is all psycho and evil here (no really) and has a Singapore Cane match coming up with Khali at the PPV. Finlay and Knox get us started with Finlay being dropped face first on the buckle. Kane misses the clothesline and it's off to Khali, sending Kane running away. Khali puts the Vice Grip on Knox who bails to the floor. We take a break and come back with Khali clotheslining Kane down and chopping him in the corner.

Back to Finlay vs. Knox with Finlay hitting the running earthquake drop for two. Apparently Finlay is afraid of Knox for some reason. Finlay is sent shoulder first into the post and it's off to Kane to work over the arm. Knox works on an armbar followed by a crossbody of all things for two. Back to Kane who gets low bridged by Finlay. Khali has to save his brother/manager Runjin Singh and in the distraction, Finlay hits Knox with the shillelagh for the pin.

Rating: D+. This didn't really work and was longer than it needed to be. Knox vs. Finlay was a feud but it was barely explained here. At least with Kane he's naturally evil and therefore it's easy to plug him into a story. Other than that there wasn't much here and the match wasn't that interesting as a result.

Vince comes in to see Teddy and it's a plug for the Rise and Fall of WCW DVD. Vince talks about the title match between Punk and Taker and his jacket a bit. Not sure what the point of this was but that's the case with most Vince segments.

Eve and Maria are in the back. Eve wants to beat up Natalya and Maria is overly perky. Michelle McCool comes in on crutches and makes fun of them, saying that Ziggler is going to dump Maria. Melina comes in and it's a

big argument that goes nowhere.

Intercontinental Title: John Morrison vs. Rey Mysterio

Mysterio is defending. They shake hands and we're ready to go. Both guys try fast rollups but it's a standoff. They go to a test of strength grip and Mysterio fires some kicks to the legs, only to have Morrison get on top of him for some two counts. A headlock gives Morrison control on the mat as we're still in the feeling out process so far.

Commentary goes away for a bit and comes back with Morrison rolling up Rey for two. Rey gets his first big move in and hits a rana to send both guys to the floor. They're going in slow motion so far due to a lack of a reason for them to fight which is the constant problem you can have in a match like this. Back in and Mysterio charges into the corner and his shoulder CRACKS off the post. That sounded great. Or awful. I'm not sure which.

They finally speed things up with Rey snapping off a big headscissors to fire up the crowd and for two. Morrison starts making Mysterio miss him before getting kicked in the face and splashed for two. Rey hooks a chinlock to give both guys a chance to breathe. The fans seem to be far more behind Morrison which is kind of strange. Morrison fights up and hits a front flip into a dropkick for two in a sweet counter.

Standing shooting star gets two for Morrison before things speed up again and Rey is sent flying out to the floor. That gets two back inside as does a spinning legdrop from Morrison. We hit the chinlock again for a bit before Rey hits a pair of rollups for two. Morrison gets out of the 619 and they both try crossbodies at once.

We take a break and come back with both guys still down and Morrison getting two. Morrison puts on a bodyscissors which doesn't get him anywhere. Rey sends him to the apron and out to the floor followed by another hurricanrana to the outside. A springboard legdrop gets two but the sitout bulldog is countered into a mat slam by Morrison for two. A running knee to the face of Rey gets two as does a spinning cross body from Mysterio.

Mysterio goes up but jumps into a dropkick which gets another near fall. Starship Pain misses and Rey hits the 619 out of nowhere. The springboard splash misses and the Flying Chuck (think Cody's Disaster Kick) gets a very close two. John goes up and after countering a rana attempt, hits a middle rope Starship Pain for the pin and the title.

Rating: B. I haven't seen this match before actually and the only thing I can think of to say is that's it? It was good and the ending had some solid near falls, but if this was a match of the year candidate the this was one of the weakest years ever for wrestling. It was a good match and entertained me, but man this just didn't fire me up other than once or twice near the end. I don't get the hype here and I think it's one of those situations where people confuse length of a match with the quality of the match.

Here comes R-Truth but Drew McIntyre jumps him. McIntyre says that he's going to keep ruining our parties until he gets the respect he deserves.

Maria/Eve Torres vs. Layla/Natalya

Apparently this is the fallout from a six person tag last night where Eve had Natalya beaten but Tyson Kidd cost her the fall. Nattie and Maria start things off. I don't know if it's my thing for redheads or what but Maria has always been gorgeous. Layla distracts Maria and Nattie takes her head off with a clothesline to take over.

Off to Layla who hooks her reverse Tarantula and hits a shot to the back of Maria for two. The evil ones (Layla/Natalya) take turns beating up Maria until it's finally off to Eve. She comes in and fires off some kicks before getting kicked in the face by Layla for two. Everything breaks down and eve hits a cartwheel into a moonsault to Layla for the pin.

Rating: C-. I say this a lot but it's amazing how much more interesting the girls used to be like a year ago. I can't quite put my finger on it but they come off as much stronger and more serious characters here instead of the girls today where they come off as cute and perky. The older ones come off as serious and tougher and more like wrestlers than Divas, which is a good thing.

Matt Hardy says he's out for revenge tonight, rather than the world title or his soul.

CM Punk vs. Matt Hardy

Non-title here. Matt goes right after him and Punk bails to the floor almost immediately. Back in and Punk gets rammed into the buckle a few times and clotheslined down for no cover. This is Matt's return match from an injury apparently. Punk gets the not too bright Matt to chase him around the ring and the champ gets in some shots, only to get caught in a swinging neckbreaker for no cover again. That makes sense as Matt is here for revenge, not a quick win.

The Side Effect is countered and Punk goes up, only to get superplexed back down. This has been almost all Matt so far. Punk drapes Matt over the top rope and knocks him to the floor as we take a break. Back with Matt caught in an abdominal stretch and Punk firing off kicks to the bad ribs. Off to a body vice followed by a whip into the corner for two. Punk fires off his strikes and the champ is in full control.

Matt tries to fight back but gets rammed into the buckle to slow him right back down again. Back to the abdominal stretch which is Punk trying to prove that he's a master of submissions. Matt counters with a kind of Samoan Drop for two and avoids a charge, sending Punk's shoulder into the post. A bulldog gets two for Matt as does a middle rope legdrop to the back of the head.

Twist of Fate is countered but Matt gets two off a small package instead. The high kick gets two for the champ and Punk is frustrated. Punk tries a springboard clothesline but gets caught in a Side Effect for two. They head to the floor and Matt jumps into a kick to the ribs to put Punk right back in control. Punk grabs a chair to blast Hardy in the ribs and back, which somehow doesn't draw a DQ. Punk wraps the chair around Matt's throat....and the lights go out. The match ends here for all intents and purposes.

Rating: B-. I was getting into this at the end, even though you knew Taker would be involved somehow. To be fair though, the match could have ended before he showed up so it wasn't a lock that it would end out in a

no contest. Matt was game here and the story wrote itself given the issues with Jeff lately. Matt was always on the brink of jumping forward and then always started being crazy again.

Taker chokeslams Punk through the table to end the show.

Overall Rating: B+. I was digging this show. We had two good matches, good looking women having a competent match where they looked like they knew what they were doing, a solid promo from the champions, and an entertaining show overall. It's amazing how much better things are here when they take the show seriously and not as a Raw supplement. Good show and I enjoyed it.

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EOTY Awards – News Story of the Year

This one should be a bit arguable. I'm going to go with the downward spirals of the Hardy Boys. Jeff went from being a heel (seriously, WHO THOUGHT THAT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA???) to Victory Road and Matt made him look like a pillar of stability by comparison. These two were at one point considered the future and now they're running jokes. And Jeff will be world champion by Mania.

Your picks/thoughts?

Unforgiven 2005 – Cena Vs. Angle

Unforgiven 2005

Date: September 18, 2005

Location: Ford Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Attendance: 8,000

Commentators: Jonathan Coachman, Jim Ross, Jerry Lawler

This is the return of the Unforgiven series and we have a match that people would be drooling over today in the main event: Cena vs. Angle for the title. The idea is simple: Cena is champ, Angle went on a tear as the best in the world and the question is can Cena beat him. Why we're in Oklahoma City for a PPV is beyond me but I guess it's a JR thing. Let's get to it.

The opening video is exactly what you would expect: no one is forgiven, tonight we're all unforgiven, whatever.

Intercontinental Title: Ric Flair vs. Carlito

They gave away the ending of this weeks in advance, talking about how this was the one title Flair had never won. Carlito spat apple on Flair to set this up. Feeling out process to start and Flair takes him over with a headlock. Coach and Lawler argue hair and Carlito struts a bit. Flair really likes that hammerlock as he's used it three times now. DANG that was a loud chop.

Flair chops away some more and this really isn't that entertaining of a match. Could it be that one of the people in it was born in the 40s? Carlito sends him to the floor and goes after the arm. The shoulder goes into the post on the floor as we're told Flair left dinner last night at 9pm. Hey I need something to fill in this space. Back in the ring it's more arm work and Carlito pounds away with left hands.

There's the backdrop and Flair lands on his shoulder as always. Single arm DDT gets two. Flair fires back and drops the knee. There's another LOUD chop and Flair goes up. Dude, seriously, you're smarter than this. IT ACTUALLY WORKS!!! Flair hits the chop (JR calls it a clothesline for some reason) and the fans give him a standing ovation. That's hilarious. Flair goes up again and gets caught in a dropkick to keep the universe from exploding. Carlito goes off and gets the apple and we get a unique ending. Flair punches Carlito, making him choke on the apple so that the Figure Four can give him the title.

Rating: C-. Not a horrible match here and the majority of it was fun, but Flair winning a title at 56 or however old he is here isn't something I can really get behind. There are so many people that could have won it but instead we get a tribute to him for...what exactly? It's not horrible but I really don't get this decision at all.

Flair gives an acceptance speech. He says it means as much as any of the 16 world titles. He gets two plants out of the audience to party with him.

Carlito has nothing to say and Flair gets more women.

Lita is in the back with Edge and they talk about how long she was cheating on Matt. Sex is implied.

Torrie Wilson/Victoria vs. Ashley Massaro/Trish Stratus

Torrie and Victoria are in some stupid Diva heel stable with Candace Michelle who would hook up with Vince for like 5 minutes. Trish is returning from an injury that kept her out for five months. Naturally they let her keep the title that whole time. Ashley is making her PPV debut here and we start with Trish vs. Victoria which is easily the best possible pairing. Off to Ashley and things get bad quickly.

Torrie and Candace cheat and Victoria hits a slingshot

legdrop. Thankfully we're letting Trish get the hot tag later which is by far the best possible idea. Off to a chinlock for a bit and then it's time for Torrie vs. Ashley, which I don't think anyone wants to see. Well, no one under the age of 22 that is. The nice girls do the unseen tag thing and Victoria beats on Ashley a bit more. She goes up and gets crotched before it's hot tag to Trish. Trish does her usual stuff but throws in a spinebuster to mix things up. The Chick Kick ends Victoria.

Rating: D-. Trish in shorts is always a good thing but the match was just worthless. Ashley just wasn't any good but was here because someone thought she looked good or whatever. The match was nothing and I'm sure everyone knew that was going to be the case. The heel Diva team never did anything and again, I don't think anyone expected them to do anything.

Flair, who hasn't even had a shower, has a bottle of champagne and is getting into the limo with the girls. They get in but Flair stays behind and pulls out some pills, and yes....Naitch has discovered Viagra.

ZZ Top is here.

Big Show vs. Snitsky

One of the dangers of doing these reviews is running into matches like this one with zero backstory at all. I'm really hoping we get an explanation here because I don't think I'm going to be able to make myself care about it otherwise. Ok so apparently Snitsky jumped Show with the bell but we get cut off by a brawl so we have to stop the flashback. Show throws him around with ease so Snitsky tries to walk.

Show does the SHHH bit and Snitsky is in trouble. Well it worked well the first time so let's do it again. Show's charge into the post misses and he clotheslines the steel. We actually go to the flashback while Snitsky has a hold on Show. It's an armlock so at least he's thinking. Snitsky manages a

belly to back suplex which was pretty impressive. It only gets two but still it looked good.

Snitsky can't keep him down so he goes back to the arm because that's worked so well thus far. Ok so that is actually good psychology but it's a little boring, especially when we know Snitsky has about as much chance as I do of beating Big Show. Show grabs a spinebuster out of nowhere and both guys are down. Show NIPS UP (holding the rope but still) and I think you know what's coming now. Splash in the corner sets up the chokeslam for the pin.

Rating: C. This was under seven minutes and that's the best thing that could have happened to it. They just did power stuff and the arm worked helped it a little bit. It's not a good match or anything but it could have been a lot worse, which is why the keeping it short was a great thing. Snitsky was pretty worthless after his debut feud with Kane though.

Show clocks Snitsky with the bell post match in a pretty heelish move. Then he does it again.

There's steam on the windows of Flair's limo.

We recap Masters vs. Michaels. Masters was new at this point and did the Masterlock Challenge and Michaels couldn't break the hold.

Shelton Benjamin vs. Kerwin White

White is Chavo Guerrero who is a golfer and I kid you not, a guy that is very proud of being a middle class white guy. His theme song is about picket fences and soccer moms. He would soon get a caddy named Nick Nemeth who is currently known as Dolph Ziggler. Kerwin's catchphrase during this period: "If it's not White, it's not right." I mean....WOW. Also, I kid you not, he's fighting Shelton because Shelton isn't white. Are you starting to get why people weren't thrilled with this era?

Shelton rips the sweater off White and the beating is on for the blonde Guerrero. Yes he's blonde here. Nothing going on to start until Shelton misses a shot and White goes after the knee. Kerwin hooks what we would call the Brock Lock and we intentionally cut to Spanish commentary for some reason. More leg work gets a two count and a Chavo Sucks chant. White charges into a Samoan Drop and both guys are down.

A slugout is won by Shelton who gets two on a backbreaker. Shelton's leg is ok enough to go up now but he gets crotched. Even the announcers point out how stupid going up there was. Kerwin hits a superplex for two. There's a half crab to eat up a few seconds. Shelton rolls through into a catapult and White grabs the golf club (wasn't this a PG show?) but walks into Shelton's T-Bone Exploder suplex for the pin.

Rating: C-. Shelton was awesome at this point and was probably on the roll of his life but would get lazy and stuck in the midcard forever. Not bad here but the White gimmick was just freaking horrible. I have no idea who thought it was a good idea but they need to be dragged outside and put into that gimmick themselves. That'll teach them.

Matt says mean things about Lita and recaps the feud with Edge. Matt and Lita dated in real life and she had a real life affair with Edge, setting up this feud. It's pretty easily the high point of Matt's singles career and this is probably his biggest match ever. He kept running in on Edge in the back and beat him up, even mentioning Ring of Honor on Raw once as he was being arrested.

A video says what I just said.

Matt Hardy vs. Edge

This is a cage match. You can win by pin, submission or escape. Edge is Mr. Money in the Bank at the moment. They lock it up to start and slug it out with Edge almost going into the cage. Edge takes over with right hands and this feels epic. He

goes for the top of the cage quickly but Matt makes the save. Edge goes for the door but Matt takes him down and hooks a headlock. In a cage match?

Edge takes over with a bunch of right hands and Matt is in trouble. Another escape attempt fails and a clothesline puts Edge down. Twist of Fate is countered into the Edge-O-Matic for two. Escape attempt #4 in less than 5 minutes doesn't work and Matt almost hits a Side Effect from the top rope. Instead Matt is shoved off and a missile dropkick puts Matt down. The idea is that in their previous match at Summerslam, Matt took so many shots to the head that he couldn't continue.

Edge works on the back of the head and mocks Matt with the V.1 hand sign. Matt looks out of it but that's a normal day for him so maybe there isn't much to worry about. There's a DDT and Matt is in trouble. Edge powerbombs him into the cage and then drops him on his back. This is domination at this point. There's a Buckle Bomb and Matt looks like he ate some bad fish. Edge adds a big boot and Matt is looking a little dead.

Matt gets in a shot and tries for a quick escape, but gets caught in a top rope powerbomb to kill him even further. This has been a great beating so far. Edge crawls over for two and the fans are shocked. Matt tries whatever he can think of, this time in the form of biting the hands of Edge. Gee Matt I know you like eating but come on now. Matt drops him on the top buckle and dodges a spear, sending Edge into the middle rope. A Side Effect gets two.

Edge goes again but Matt saves one more time. Lita slides in the briefcase but Matt ducks and Edge is tied in the ropes. Matt GOES OFF and the fans erupt. There's a slingshot into the cage and there's a bulldog onto the case. Edge gets rammed into all four sides of the cage and is busted open. Lita tries to climb in and Matt shoves her off to the floor. The blood is flowing out of Edge.

Matt picks up the MITB case and goes up but Edge shoves the referee into Matt to crotch him. A spear puts Matt down and Edge climbs. Matt pops up and hits a HUGE Side Effect off the top to put them both down. Lita tries to get in with a chair but Jack Doan keeps her out. Matt covers but Lita comes in anyway and breaks things up.

With Edge down, Matt gets the big shot in on Lita with a Twist of Fate. Edge pops up with a spear for two and the place goes NUTS. Edge goes up but Matt makes the save. He climbs to the top and like a true Hardy, gets way too high and messes up his push while blaming everyone from his employer to his butcher for his problems.. Or he drops a leg on Edge from the top of the page to pin him. You pick which it really was.

Rating: A. Like I said, it's Matt's best match ever. By that I mean it's his best match ever, not the best match he's ever been in (translation: TLC 2 doesn't count because it was a tag match). Great storytelling here but it still wasn't the blowoff as they had a ladder match on Raw that Edge won to send Matt to Smackdown. If this had ended it though, Matt would have been a world title contender.

Cena is getting taped up when Bischoff, Angle's boss/whatever, comes up and says Angle will win tonight. The idea was Eric kept trying to find his guy to screw Cena over while WWE tried to find a way to recreate Austin vs. McMahon. Cena tapes Eric's mouth shut.

Edge tries to stagger out but can't quite do it.

Raw Tag Titles: Lance Cade/Trevor Murdoch vs. Rosey/The Hurricane

Earlier today the southern boys say they've beaten the champions before and they'll do it again. Cade and Murdoch are a brand new team, forming like ten days before this. Naturally they're the #1 contenders. You can see a bunch of fans going to get popcorn during this one. Hurricane vs. Cade gets us

going and the champs clear the ring quickly. Hurricane headscissors Murdoch to the floor as we talk about country music.

Hurricane hits a missile dropkick and it's off to Rosey. Lawler points out the stupidity of having a place that loves country music asked to boo a pair of country boys. Cade takes over on Rosey as Murdoch goes to hit on Lillian. Well to her credit she looks great tonight. Hurricane saves her but Murdoch gets a SICK elevated DDT to the floor on storm boy.

Rosey takes over but misses a splash in the corner to put him down. We finally get a trainer down here as the match falls apart. Cade cheats some on the floor as Hurricane is carried out. Like an idiot he comes back and tags in, only to get clotheslined a few seconds later for the pin.

Rating: D. Isn't this what Raw is for? The tag titles were far less valuable back then than they are now and the country boys would break up like a month later. This was nothing but that DDT on the floor looked great. This was probably better than most tag title matches around this time, but it was still terribly uninteresting which might as well be printed on the belts.

The girls get out of the limo in Flair's robe. She flashes him and gets back in.

Maria can't get Chris Masters' name right but he says it's because he looks like something made by Michaelangelo. And yes, that draws a rendition of the TMNT theme song from her.

Shawn Michaels vs. Chris Masters

Masters is undefeated here. Shawn does his in ring entrance but Masters grabs him in the Masterlock (full nelson) before the bell rings. See, why don't more people get that idea? The bell rings and Shawn counters this time. Shawn takes over and dives to the floor, hitting a bunch of right hands after a

plancha connects. Masters is sent into the steps as the idea is he's shaken up from never being tested before.

Shawn grabs a chair but gets it taken away, allowing Masters to get a shot in to take over. Masters is put into a powerbomb position and rammed back first into the post twice. Back in the ring Masters takes over and drops a leg for two. A delayed vertical gets two. Michaels can't get anything going because of his back and the power of Masters. Off to a backbreaker but Masters holds Shawn over the knee for a submission attempt.

Shawn tries a crucifix but Masters counters into a full nelson attempt. Instead here's a torture rack and the referee goes old school by checking the arm. Shawn counters into a sunset flip for two. Masters is bleeding from the nose. Here's the Masterlock but Shawn goes rudo and kicks Masters low while he's got the referee distracted. A slugout is won by HBK and there's the forearm (called the Flying Burrito by JR) followed by the nipup.

The top rope elbow hits and it's time to stomp the mat loudly to let my opponent know that his finisher is coming. Like clockwork Masters ducks and hooks the Masterlock. Shawn fights to the corner and gets over the top rope somehow, forcing a break. Masters tries the hold again but Shawn escapes and there's the superkick for the pin. Shawn collapsing after getting the pin is always a nice touch.

Rating: B. Good stuff here as Shawn does his usual stuff but still pulls out a good match. He knew timing, which is what so many wrestlers have no clue about. He knew how to make his comebacks mean stuff and played everything to perfection. Good stuff which you never see from most young guys because it's not important to learn in the eyes of the trainers today.

Flair gets out of the limo with his tights half down. He tilts his head back for the WOO and collapses in a Flair Flop. Funny stuff.

We recap Auscena vs. McBischoff. Cena had already beaten Jericho to get rid of him so Bischoff brought in Angle next. Angle destroyed Cena time after time and this is the big showdown.

Raw World Title: John Cena vs. Kurt Angle

Cena has a bad ankle coming into this. Angle takes over to start but Cena grabs a hip toss to send Angle to the floor. Angle takes it to the mat which is exactly what you would expect. Off to a headlock to fill in some time. Kurt bails again and the fans are getting into this. Back in Cena gets a slam and two elbows for two. Sidewalk slam gets two. Angle wakes up and snaps off a release German to take over.

There's a camel clutch by Angle but Cena fights out and gets most of a sunset flip for two. Angle grabs a belly to belly and Cena is in trouble. Kurt goes with a waistlock and then a body scissors to work over the ribs. A DDT gets Cena out of it and both guys are down. They slug it out which is won by Cena. That makes sense as they've been pushing the fighter vs. the wrestler here.

A suplex gets two for the champ. Angle rolls through the FU into the ankle lock but Cena rolls through into a spinebuster for two. The FU is countered into a belly to back suplex but it's called the Angle Slam because Kurt spun about 80 degrees. That gets two and it's time for the ankle lock. Cena rolls through again and there's the ProtoBomb. The Shuffle gets two.

Angle gets sent into the referee and the FU gets no count as a result. Kurt kicks Cena low and hits Cena with the medal. Instead of covering he hits Cena in the ankle with the gold and hooks the ankle lock as Eric comes out. Eric puts the title in Cena's face and Cena gets to a rope because he's kind of stupid at this point. Anyway Cena rolls through and sends Angle into Eric as Eric is about to call for the bell. Cena clocks Angle with the belt and it's a DQ win for Kurt. Weak.

Rating: B-. The match was ok but the ending hurt it. Also at this point Cena just wasn't ready for a match this big. He was really young and he just wasn't good enough to hang with a guy like Angle yet. In a year or so he would be but at this point it just wasn't there yet. The ending hurt it a lot too as it was weak. Kurt vs. Cena would happen two more times with Cena finally winning the feud at Survivor Series.

Post match Eric says it doesn't matter what the rules says because...and there's an FU as Cena shrugs off being in the ankle lock for about two minutes. Angle attacks Cena but Cena gets the better of it and puts Angle through the table with an FU.

Overall Rating: B-. Nice surprise here as these B shows are usually awful. We got a good show out of it though with a great cage match and some other good stuff. A lot of it is your usual dreck on these single branded shows though so if you watch it, make sure you have a remote in your hand to skip some of the really dull stuff, of which there's a good deal. The big matches are good though, which is all you can ask for.

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Impact – April 21, 2011 – Another Decent Show

Impact

Date: April 21, 2011

Location: Impact Zone, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Mike Tenay, Tazz

Episode Title: Two Horses for Sister Karen

We're past Lockdown now which means we can move on from some of the stuff we had been building to. Sting is still world champion and AJ is back. Not a lot really changed at the PPV which is kind of odd but it is what it is. Anyway, tonight we begin the road to Sacrifice which doesn't quite have the same ring to it as Road to Lockdown. Let's get to it.

We open with a recap of the Lockdown including all three major matches. Jarrett vs. Angle resulted in multiple injuries. Why do I have a feeling this feud is going to continue? Karen says it's over. We also recap Lethal Lockdown with AJ's return after....17 days of being gone. Also Sting wants to fight Hogan.

Cue AJ to open the show, repelling down from the ceiling into a cage full of weapons. He talks about Bully Ray and his big return at Lockdown. The only reason AJ was there was to get his revenge but he's not done. He wants Ray in the cage tonight. AJ rips off his shirt and is ready to fight. Here's Ray for his reply.

Ray talks about putting AJ in a hospital for a month. Uh....not quite. Ray says that he'll do it again and do it even worse this time. Then he'll go AJ's house and take care of his wife and kids. The wife part doesn't sound that bad apparently. AJ is waiting in the ring instead of going after Ray for some reason, perhaps due to not wanting to be jumped by Immortal.

Rey comes to the cage but stops early. Ray has nothing left to prove since he's already taken AJ out once.

He turns to leave but Daniels jumps the Bully in the aisle. Daniels throws Ray into the cage and the beatdown is on. Ray is sent into the cage a few times and takes a Pele to put him down. Big trashcan shot to the head and Ray is down. Gunner comes out to try to make the save but is picked off by Daniels. They fight up the ramp and AJ puts Ray on the table. Is the rest of Immortal just busy or something? Ray has a BIG knot on his forehead. With Ray on the table, AJ goes to the top of the cage, only for Ray to get off the table and head out the door.

We recap Lethal Lockdown and are told that Flair had a torn rotator cuff due to the armbar by Roode. He's been hurt for awhile so that's the angle to get him off TV. That's probably the best thing for him really.

Rob Terry and Murphy come out to the cage and run off the guys clearing out the weapons. They're here to get payback on Beer Money for hurting Flair so they're going to take the tag titles right now. Beer Money comes out and says cool. The match starts after the break.

Tag Titles: Beer Money vs. Murphy/Rob Terry

The match has started during the break apparently as Roode is in trouble when we come back. Terry gets a World's Strongest Slam for two. There are weapons hanging around the ring as well. Off to Murphy who works on the back a bit more. Terry sends him into the cage and a clothesline gets two. Roode finally gets in a shot and both guys are down.

Hot tag to Storm who hammers away on both guys. Codebreaker takes Murphy down as does a DDT and superkick to Terry. Everything breaks down and the AA Spinebuster to Terry puts

him down. Double suplex to Murphy and it's time for a double taunt. DWI ends Terry at 4:03 shown.

Rating: C-. Run of the mill throwaway tag match here but Beer Money looked good. It also advances Immortal vs. Fourtune which helps a bit. Beer Money is in desperate need of challengers at this point and with various teams being dismantled they need to find some new ones very quickly.

The Jarretts take a carriage ride and Jeff praises Karen a lot. It's her night apparently. Since Jeff is King of the Mountain, she gets crowned Queen of the Mountain tonight. This is going to trump the royal wedding apparently. We look at the horses which I guess is what the episode title is referencing.

Hogan is on his way to the ring, pipe in hand.

Here's Hogan after a break. He says he's awesome and wants RVD here now. Hogan says everyone knows RVD is a few fries short of a Happy Meal. Not quite as 90s as bad mamma jamma but close. RVD asks if Hogan remembers the time before he was a heel. He turned his back on everyone for ratings though. Hogan says nothing has changed and RVD says now everyone wishes Hogan would just go away.

RVD says he accomplished everything he's accomplished with respect. I'm not touching that one. A leg drop isn't enough anymore because things have changed, but RVD won't. Hogan says RVD has always been a big fish in a small pond. Uh....what? As long as Hogan is around, RVD will only be in the midcard apparently.

Cue Sting who says he invited himself. RVD is a main eventer apparently because he'll be in the main event at Sacrifice thanks to the Network. Hogan: "Are you high too Stinger? Because if you are give me some!" Apparently the Network says that Sting gets to pick his opponents now. Hogan says he runs the show but Sting says the executives are coming soon. Hogan

says RVD has a problem tonight against Abyss with Hogan in Abyss' corner. Also Sting vs. Matt Hardy as a chance for revenge for Matt's brother. No word on if the main event is a title match.

Kurt is looking for the Jarretts and someone saw them in the parking lot.

Madison and Tara argue in the back because it's apparently Tara's fault Madison lost the title. There's a Knockouts Tag Title match tonight also.

Eric is feeding the horses which he names Mongo and Sid, apparently the best Horsemen of all time. I give up. Young is feeding them beans. Angle says go get some buckets. Kurt has evil ideas about buckets apparently.

Knockouts Tag Titles: Sarita/Rosita vs. Madison Rayne/Tara

Matt vs. Sting is for the title apparently. Mexican America looks like they want to let the flag come down but it doesn't show up. Anarquia runs down America a bit. Ah there's the flag. The match starts after the break. Just like earlier we come back with the match in progress. Tara slaps Madison on the arm to tag her and they almost come to blows. Sarita dances and hits a dropkick.

Madison slams her into the mat and adds a big boot so she can yell at both chicks again. Now she yells at Tara. Some of you might be noticing a pattern here. The guys distract the referee so Rosita can throw Madison into a clothesline to end this at 1:54 shown. Yes, Madison kept the Knockout Title for 6 months and here she loses to a clothesline. Too short to grade.

Time for Karen to be crowned. Jeff talks about how awesome Karen is for awhile. They're both in pure white too. She's

officially the Queen of the Mountain. And of course there's manure in the crown. Kurt comes out and hits an Angle Slam on Jarrett to a chair. Angle says he has a mistress that will hurt Karen for him and she'll be here soon.

Hogan gives Abyss a pep talk in the back. Hogan goes over to Anderson and asks if Anderson knows who the Network person is. Anderson makes fun of Hogan, saying that this has to be a rib. Hogan says Anderson is the only person that he hates in wrestling and he hates being in the same room with him. Then why does Hogan keep going to talk to him? Hogan says if this was about 10 years ago this would end differently for Anderson. Anderson says he's bored so he has to go annoy someone else.

Back and we recap what we just saw. The manure came from the ceiling, not out of the crown. I thought there was a lot of it to fit in the crown.

Abyss vs. Rob Van Dam

They start the brawl almost immediately and Abyss goes down. Big boot puts RVD down and we hit the neck crank almost immediately. This is far more of a brawl than a match which is what it should be. RVD lands a kick which apparently knocked out two of Abyss' teeth. RVD makes his comeback and Hogan distracts the referee. It's a ruse though for him to slide the pipe in to Abyss who pops Van Dam in the ribs with it. Black Hole Slam ends this at 3:51.

Rating: C. Just a quick match here to set up the post match stuff. I believe this is the first time since the attack with Janice in the fall/summer of last year but I'm not sure. Either way, nothing too bad here but it was way too short to be great. Granted if it hadn't been we couldn't have shown Karen having horse manure dropped on her head again so they clearly made the right choice.

Hogan and Abyss set to attack RVD but Crimson makes the save.

Sting says he can't wait to wrestle because that's what he does.

Matt has Jeff's title belt and we reference him a bit. Matt is COLD BLOODED!

Here's Matt Morgan to talk about wanting the world title. He's tired of waiting and wants the title right now. Cue Scott Steiner of all people. He talks about Morgan being the DNA of TNA. If Steiner had Morgan's DNA he'd kill himself then hang himself. The line for world title shots starts behind Steiner apparently. Steiner says Morgan is beneath him, just like Morgan's girlfriend was last night.

Morgan says Steiner was an inspiration to him and talks about Steiner bringing athleticism back to this art form. Don't misinterpret the respect for weakness though because there's nothing weak on him. They make the obvious match. They shake hands and Steiner kicks him low. Steiner Recliner goes on and Morgan is left laying.

Tessmacher is back. Ok then.

Velvet and Winter have their usual moment of the week. Velvet is going to go to the authorities with this. Angelina destroys her.

TNA World Title: Matt Hardy vs. Sting

Matt has Jeff's world title, making it the third world title belt currently being worn by someone in TNA. Immortal is waiting on Sting in the aisle but Fournune runs out for the save. Sting never got touched if that's not clear. As Sting gets in the ring, Gunner gets a shot to the knee with a pipe. Matt takes over on a one legged Sting and a second rope leg drop gets two.

Moonsault misses though as Sting manages to roll out of the way. Scorpion is attempted but Matt kicks him off at the last second so he can go after the knee again. Chop block gets two. We take a break with Sting avoiding an elbow drop. Back with Matt working over Sting who is in the t-shirt again this week. The injured leg has changed to the right one now but I guess left and right is hard to keep track of. Back to the left one now. Sting makes a comeback but misses the Splash. Hot shot into snake eyes sets up the Scorpion Death Drop to keep Sting's title at 9:30 total.

Rating: C+. Not a bad match here for the most part as Matt was just a midcard guy getting a title shot. I like that actually as it allows you to have both guys lose nothing. Sting beats a guy he's supposed to beat and Matt loses nothing because he shouldn't beat Sting. The leg work stuff was fine too as it added a little story to the match. Not bad at all here which was a nice surprise.

Anderson comes out and hits Mic Checks on both guys, saying to Sting that he's not going away yet.

Karen FREAKS over the Angle thing and yells at Jeff even though he can barely move. Jeff wants to know how many times he has to beat Angle. Karen is REALLY annoying here, which she's supposed to be.

Hogan says Anderson is done. He says the Network is coming at him like a double fisted kangaroo. Has he been chilling with JR or something?

Anderson says they had that coming to them.

Sting says who cares about whatever happens as all that matters is what Anderson did. He wants revenge.

Overall Rating: C. I liked this again for the most part. They were kind of in a holding pattern here which is perfectly fine. Something that you notice about TNA is that there are a

lot of people that miss the show some weeks because of a lack of time to fit everyone in, such as Mickie, Pope and Joe. That's not a bad thing as they do what they have to do with just two hours a week but it's something that becomes a bit of an issue as it can get hard to keep up with stories.

No Bischoff this week which helped a lot. Too many authority figures hurts things a lot and that's a problem TNA needs to address. You have Hogan, Bischoff and the Network plus various people making matches at a whim it seems. Sting vs. Van Dam is fine for a PPV main event and it helps a lot here to see a random world title match that made a bit of sense. More wrestling please though.

Results

Beer Money b. Rob Terry/Murphy – DWI to Terry

Rosita/Sarita b. Madison Rayne/Tara – Clothesline to Rayne

Abyss b. Rob Van Dam – Black Hole Slam

Sting b. Matt Hardy – Scorpion Death Drop