

205 Live – February 5, 2021: The Hogan vs. Andre (Anniversary) Show

205 Live

Date: February 5, 2021

Location: Capitol Wrestling Center, Winter Park, Florida

Commentators: Nigel McGuinness, Vic Joseph

Things should be back to normal around here as we are almost all the way up to Takeover: Vengeance Day, meaning we are not going to have many more Dusty Classic matches to go around here. I'm not sure how much of an improvement that is going to be around here but we should be back to the usual cruiserweight action. Let's get to it.

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Opening sequence.

Ariya Daivari/Tony Nese vs. Sunil Singh/Matt Martel

Well it's certainly different. This is the official burying of the hatches between Ever Rise and the Bollywood Boyz. Singh and Nese go to the mat to start until Singh armdrags him into an armbar. Nese powers up into a fireman's carry but gets small packaged for two instead. Singh gets taken over to the corner so Daivari can come in. That doesn't go well either as the tag brings in Martel...who hits Singh by mistake.

It's already back to Singh, who gets taken into the corner and then suplexed down for two. Nese works on a waistlock but Singh fights up and rolls under Daivari's clothesline. Martel gets to clean house in a hurry, including throwing some suplexes. Everything breaks down and Sunil drops a top rope elbow on Daivari with Nese making a save. Daivari drops Martel

so Singh has to make a save so it's time to bring in the chain. The referee throws that out but the distraction lets Nese hit the running Nese on Martel to give Daivari the pin at 7:51.

Rating: C-. I'm not sure how much of a difference there was in mixing the teams here but at least they did something different. If there is one major problem around here, it is having everything feeling so repetitive so just mixing it up a little bit like this can help a lot. Not a very good match, but at least it wasn't something we have seen before.

We look at Legado del Fantasma's success on NXT...until Karrion Kross took them out.

August Grey vs. Jake Atlas

They go to the mat to start with Grey grabbing a headlock as we hear about Jordan Devlin as the NXT UK Cruiserweight Champion. They trade armbars until Atlas drives him up against the ropes and puts on a cravate. Atlas even holds on as Grey slams him down but they get back up to fight over a backslide. With that not working, things get a little more serious with a slugout until Grey snaps off a hurricanrana.

Another right hand puts Atlas down again but he's back with a big boot. Some kicks to the chest set up a standing moonsault but Grey is up before a count. It's way too early for the cartwheel DDT though, meaning Atlas has to settle for a clothesline. Grey sends him outside for a suicide dive and then heads back in, with a spinning high crossbody finishing Atlas at 9:31.

Rating: C. That ending came so out of nowhere that I'm not completely sure it was the planned finish. You could see the referee talking to Atlas after it was over so maybe there was something wrong. Either way, it came at the end of a match that was ok at best, but that's about what you would expect from the completely passable wrestlers in there.

Post match Daivari and Nese run in to beat down Atlas and Grey.

Overall Rating: C-. Yeah you could feel the lack of interest this time around and I'm thinking that is going to be the case around here going forward again. It was nice to have a few weeks with something different but now it is back to the same stuff that we have been seeing for years. This show keeps cycling through the same people and it has taken them about as far as it can. Get some fresh names in there, or at least try a bit harder.

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205 Live – July 17, 2020: That's Not The Point



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205 Live

Date: July 17, 2020

Location: WWE Performance Center, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Vic Joseph, Drew Gulak

I'm cautiously optimistic about this show as they have started treating it as something a little more important than filler. That being said, you can only expect so much out of a show supplementing the division that is usually filler for the developmental show. Last week's show was pretty good though so let's get to it.

[Here are last week's results if you need a recap.](#)

Opening sequence.

Tehuti Miles vs. Mansoor

Rematch from last week. Miles throws his jacket at Mansoor to start and stomps away in the corner, followed by a heck of a whip into the corner. Mansoor comes back with a backdrop for two and a suplex with a floatover gets two. The chinlock goes on but Miles fights up and dropkicks him to the floor.

Some whips into various things have Mansoor in more trouble and they head back inside. Miles gets two off a neckbreaker and we hit the bodyscissors. A flapjack gives Miles two more but he misses a dropkick and gets caught with the slingshot neckbreaker. The electric chair Death Valley Driver finishes Miles at 7:22.

Rating: C-. Mansoor continues to improve while Miles continues to be someone who should feel like a breakout star but just never comes off as one. What we got here was fine enough, but it wasn't exactly a match that I needed to see twice in a row. The wrestling wasn't much, but I could go for more Mansoor.

We see the Legado del Fantasma segment from NXT, with the trio talking about wanting to bring back the real lucha libre.

We look at Isaiah Scott and Tony Nese joining forces to take out Ever Rise.

Tony Nese vs. Chase Parker

Matt Martel is here with Parker. Nese throws him down with ease and strikes the double bicep pose to play to his strengths. Some takedowns into an STF and then a reverse Figure Four with his legs (best way I can put it) have Nese even more in control. Martel's distraction attempt doesn't work as Parker gets taken down by some legsweeps and kicks to the chest.

The second distraction causes Nese to go outside after Martel, allowing Parker to get in a shot from behind. A bulldog gets two and we hit the armbar. Another bulldog attempt doesn't work though and Nese is back with the Lionsault for two. Martel tries to interfere again but Nese shrugs it off and kicks Parker in the face for the pin at 6:53.

Rating: C-. Why yes, Ever Rise does lose again, as they always do. They're adequate in the ring but they're a couple of losers who I don't recall ever winning a match outside of a quick squash. That's not exactly worthy of a feud anywhere, including here on this show. Nese feels like he could beat them on his own, let alone with a partner.

Post match Ever Rise beats Nese down but Isaiah Scott runs in for the save to end the show.

Overall Rating: D+. Well they do have stories again, but egads they aren't exactly thrilling. The wrestling is fine enough but when you go from Scott facing Johnny Gargano and teasing a match against Santos

Escobar, it's a little dull to see him against Ever Rise. Again though, the show is only 27 minutes long so how annoying can it be?

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NXT – September 4, 2019: Checking All The Boxes



IMG Credit: WWE

NXT

Date: September 4, 2019

Location: Full Sail University, Winter Park, Florida

Commentators: Mauro Ranallo, Nigel McGuinness, Beth Phoenix

We're running out of hour long shows around here with just two weeks to go before the big move to USA. Since NXT likes to cover a lot of things, we're getting one more NXT Title match out of the old format as Adam Cole defends against Breakout Tournament winner Jordan Myles. Let's get to it.

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We open with a quick recap of the Breakout Tournament and Myles challenging Cole.

Opening sequence.

Breezango vs. Matt Martel/Chase Parker

Breezango has the full on Fashion Police gear and entrance here and Martel/Parker are better known as 3.0. Martel takes Fandango over to the corner for the tag to Parker but a hip swivel gets Fandango out of a sunset flip attempt. Breeze comes in for a snap suplex as we hear about Nigel possibly getting a fashion ticket. Breeze has a rest over the corner, where he nods to a question of "YOU THINK YOU'RE FUNNY???"

It's back to Martel, who sends Breeze hard into the corner to set up an armbar. That doesn't last long and it's quickly off to Fandango for the chopping. Everything breaks down and the Fashion Faux Pas (Backstabber/slingshot elbow combination) finishes Martel at 4:06.

Rating: C-. Just a step above a squash for Breezango here and that's what they need. They haven't been in the ring together all that long since Fandango's return so some ring time to get the chemistry back is a good idea. 3.0 is a fine team so adding them to the division is going to make things a bit better as well. That's one of the great things about NXT: they can restock the shelves very easily.

Myles arrives with Keith Lee and says he's a bit nervous. Lee says he's got this.

We cut to the other part of the parking lot where Io Shirai is attacking

Candice LeRae with a kendo stick. She's been listed as banged up lately so that might be a way to let her have some time off.

Cameron Grimes is annoyed at not winning the Breakout Tournament. All he wanted was to come in and go straight to the top but now he's at the very bottom. His goal is to get back to the top and be the champion. He said a lot of those lines several times and it made him sound desperate, which is a good way to go.

Velveteen Dream vs. Kona Reeves

Non-title and Dream seems extra into his entrance this week. They run the ropes to start with Reeves leapfrogging him a few times before turning into a dropkick. Reeves gets in his own kick to the face and knocks Dream down into the ropes. That's it for Dream getting beaten up though as he punches away and hits a top rope ax handle. Back to back superkicks set up the Dream Valley Driver for the pin at 4:00.

Rating: D+. Thank goodness Reeves seems locked into the jobber to the stars role as the push was not working in any sense. He's one of the few truly failed experiments around here and thankfully NXT picked up on that in a hurry. Dream continues to be one of the best things about this place as you can feel the charisma no matter what he does.

Post match here's Roderick Strong on the screen to say Dream told him to get his attention. The camera pans back...and Dream's couch is on fire.

We look back at Rhea Ripley returning last week and coming after Shayna Baszler and the Women's Title. They meet next week but there is no word on it being a title match.

Taynara Conti vs. Bianca Belair

Conti goes straight at her to start but a cross armbreaker is countered with a deadlift. Belair runs her over with a shoulder but gets sent face first into the middle buckle. The chinlock goes on for a bit, followed by a bicycle kick for two on Belair. Some hard knees make it even worse for Belair and she gets pulled to the floor with something like a triangle choke over the ropes. Conti's dive is caught in a fall away slam though

and it's a handspring moonsault for no cover. The KOD finishes Conti at 5:40.

Rating: C+. Conti was as aggressive as she has ever been in this one and it made for a rather entertaining short match. Belair needed to go away for a little bit and then reestablish herself and her athleticism is always impressive. I liked this a lot more than I was expecting to and this worked quite well.

Johnny Gargano is back next week.

William Regal announced a triple threat match for the #1 contendership to the Women's Title on September 18 with Bianca Belair vs. Io Shirai vs. Mia Yim.

NXT Title: Jordan Myles vs. Adam Cole

Cole is defending and headlocks Myles down to start with that cocky grin on his face. It works so well that Cole does it again but Myles reverses this one into a hammerlock. Back up and Myles hits a big dropkick, meaning it's time to head outside. That means a whip into the barricade and Cole takes over back inside.

Another whip sends Myles throat first into the middle rope and it's off to the figure four neck lock. Back up and Cole yells at how Myles doesn't belong in the same ring as him. They slug it out with Myles getting the better of it and knocking Cole outside. A German suplex gives Myles two back inside but Cole's Backstabber gets the same.

Cole grabs a Figure Four until Myles makes the rope, so it's the brainbuster onto the knee for two. That leaves Cole befuddled so Myles sends him outside for the PK from the apron. One heck of a frog splash gets two on Cole but the Midnight Star hits knees. The Last Shot misses and Myles rolls him up for two so Cole superkicks him in the head a few times. Now the Last Shot can retain the title at 14:38.

Rating: B. This was a weird match as I don't think the point was to tease a new champion and they never really came close. The point of this felt more like proving that Myles could hang at this level and he did that

well enough. They weren't about to change the title so soon before the NXT move but this accomplished a lot in a good match.

Myles gets the big hero's sendoff to end the show.

Overall Rating: B-. These shows are starting to feel like one off editions as we're just beyond a holding pattern with the USA move coming so soon. That's not the worst thing in the world though as even an average NXT is better than most shows and they're still setting stuff up. The main event accomplished a goal and they've set up Dream vs. Strong. Another good show this week as the era ends next time.

Results

Breezango b. Chase Parker/Matt Martel – Fashion Faux Pas to Martel

Velveteen Dream b. Kona Reeves – Dream Valley Driver

Bianca Belair b. Taynara Conti – KOD

Adam Cole b. Jordan Myles – Last Shot

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