

# Impact Wrestling – October 24, 2024: Get Ready For Glory

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Commentators: Matthew Rehwoldt, Tom Hannifan

We're two days away from Bound For Glory and the show is pretty much set. There are still some matches that could use a final push towards the show though and that is what we will be seeing here. Other than that, there is still the chance that we could be seeing something added to the show at the last minute so let's get to it.

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Opening recap.

Jake Something vs. Frankie Kazarian vs. AJ Francis vs. Sami Callihan vs. Laredo Kid vs. Jason Hotch

One fall to a finish, the winner is #20 in the Call Your Shot gauntlet match and the person who loses the fall is #1. Kazarian wants his special introduction but gets dropkicked outside for his efforts. Kid and Hotch are left in the ring with Kid flipping him around. Something comes back in but Francis knocks him down to take over.

Francis teases the dive but stops instead, only for Callihan to take him out. Kid breaks up Callihan's dive so Callihan throws him onto the pile and a triplebomb puts Francis down for two back inside. Hotch hits a tornado DDT on Something but Kazarian is back in with the slingshot cutter for two. Callihan Stunners Something and hits the Cactus Driver 97 on Kazarian...but Francis steals the pin on Kazarian at 6:57.

**Rating:** C+. What do you want from something like this? It's supposed to be a random scramble match with one person stealing the pin. That's exactly what we got here with the people getting in their stuff until Francis stole the pin. Francis makes sense, though Kazarian being there at the beginning and already having a spot at the end of the pay per view in the World Title match is scary.

Jonathan Gresham is ready to prove he's the best in the world and he'll start against Josh Alexander.

Mike Santana is walking through his childhood neighborhood and talks about how tough they made him. He's ready for Moose.

It's time for a launch party, with Ash By Elegance and the Personal Concierge coming out around a champagne and punch table. We meet the new Heather Reckless, who looks quite a bit like Ash. Fans: "BASIC WHITE GIRL!" The women toast the champagne but here is Xia Brookside to say the excitement is almost as fake as the two of them. She doesn't like what they did to Brinley Reece so here is Reece to help send the women into the beverages.

### Josh Alexander vs. Jonathan Gresham

The Northern Armory is here with Alexander. They take their time to start before grappling to a standoff. Alexander works on the arm and Gresham can't quite flip his way to freedom. An armdrag to the floor works a bit better and Gresham posts him for a bonus as we take an early break.

Back with Alexander getting in some cocky kicks to the head but Gresham scores with an enziguri. A springboard armdrag sends Alexander outside, setting up four straight dives, followed by a middle rope moonsault. Back in and Gresham slips on a springboard, setting up an exchange of rollups for two each. The C4 Spike is blocked so Alexander settles for an ankle lock. That's broken up as well so Alexander grabs something from his headgear and knocks Gresham silly. The C4

Spike finishes Gresham off at 12:48.

**Rating:** B-. This was the kind of match that boosts Alexander up on his way to a big showdown at Bound For Glory. Gresham has enough status left over from his time in Ring Of Honor and he's not going to be hurt by losing to a multiple time World Champion. The action was good enough too and that's all it should have been.

Post match the beatdown is on so Steve Maclin runs in with a chair for the save, only to get beaten down. The villains zip tie him to the ropes but some wrestlers run in to cut off a big chair shot to the head.

Mike Santana is still in New York and still from the streets. He was on the way to jail or the morgue but he got in the ring instead. These vignettes have been great.

#### Wendy Choo vs. Jody Threat

Rosemary is here with Choo. They go with some grappling to start before heading out to the floor. Choo gets in a posting to take over and Threat is slammed off the top back inside to make it worse. The chinlock doesn't last long as Threat comes up for the double clothesline. Threat's German suplex and clothesline get two but Rosemary gets on the apron for a distraction. The half nelson slam finishes for Choo at 7:04.

**Rating:** C. Rather to the point here as we have a match that helps set up a less than interesting showdown on Saturday. Choo and Rosemary as the creepy team is better than nothing as challengers for the Knockouts Tag Team Titles but it's still only so good. Thankfully they didn't waste time here and got to the point, even with Dani Luna not here for some reason.

The System is ready to win their matches at Bound For Glory.

Bound For Glory rundown.

#### The System vs. Hardys/ABC

ABC clears Moose out to start and the rest of the System is sent outside as we take a break. Back with Jeff slugging away at JDC and suplexing Edwards. Myers comes in for a cheap shot though and we hit the chinlock. That's broken up and it's Matt coming in to clean quite a bit of house.

It's off to Bey, who gets distracted by Alisha Edwards, meaning a four way stomping can ensue on the floor as we take another break. Back again with Myers suplexing Bey for two but the Roster Cut is blocked. Austin comes back in to pick up the pace and we hit the parade of finishers. The 1-2-Sweet finishes JDC at 12:09.

**Rating:** C+. This was a way to get everyone in the ring before the three way tag match on Saturday, with JDC being the designated jobber. I'm still expecting the Hardys to take the titles in the "feel good" moment at Bound For Glory, but ABC getting the titles back is certainly not out of the question. For now though, a nice preview and that's all it needed to be.

Post match the villains take out the winners, with Mike Santana's save attempt not exactly working.

Santino Marella is here to moderate the contract signings for the Knockouts and World Title matches. After all four come to the ring, Slamovich says she's said everything there is to say and promises to win the title. Slamovich signs and Grace says we know how this will go. Nothing will change from their first match and she signs.

That leaves Hendry, who talks about playing a lawyer the first night he saw Nemeth. That night, no one knew his name but everything has changed, because now they are chanting his name. On Saturday, they will be chanting WE BELIEVE and he signs. Nemeth wants Hendry focused on Bound For Glory, because he doesn't plan on losing. He signs as well, leaving Marella stunned that this worked, but cue Frankie Kazarian to interrupt.

Kazarian went to the Earl Hebner Referee Academy and went over Marella's head to get the referee spot. Marella means nothing at Bound for Glory because he is the law. Nemeth drops Kazarian and it's a Cobra to put him down again. Everyone but Santino puts him through the table, setting up the four way staredown to end the show. Kazarian is going to be a factor, but him being in the Call Your Shot and still being there in the end needs to be a red herring, as another cash in title change to end the show would be terrible.

**Overall Rating:** C+. This was one of those shows that is always hard to pull off, as the show was all but set and they only had to put on the finishing touches. The good thing is they did a nice job of reinforcing what was already set up and didn't make me lose any interest in the pay per view. Saturday is what matters the most though and now we should be ready for the big show.

### Results

AJ Francis b. Jake Something, Frankie Kazarian, Sami Callihan, Laredo Kid and Jason Hotch – Cactus 97 Driver to Kazarian  
Josh Alexander b. Jonathan Gresham – C4 Spike  
Wendy Choo b. Jody Threat – Half nelson slam  
ABC/Hardys b. The System – 1-2-Sweet to JDC

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# Impact Wrestling – October 17, 2024: Bound To Get Ready

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We're coming up on Bound For Glory and the card has started to take shape. The main event will see Nic Nemeth defending the World Title against Joe Hendry but we'll also be seeing a ladder match for the Tag Team Titles. You know, because we have to do that at some point in every promotion. Let's get to it.

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

In Memory Of Joe Koff, former Ring Of Honor executive.

Opening recap.

Digital Media Title/International Heavyweight Title: PCO vs. Rhino

PCO is defending both titles. They slug it out to start until Rhino sends him outside and grabs a chair, as this is apparently No DQ. Some cookie sheets to the head rock PCO and it's time for the trashcan. That takes too long though and PCO chokeslams Rhino onto it for the big crash. Rhino goes back out to the floor but grabs the trashcan to cut off a big dive. The table is brought in but Rhino Gores it by mistake. The PCOsault retains the titles at 8:02.

**Rating:** C. I'm not sure why this was a hardcore match but it was as run of the mill of one as you could have gotten. They used all of the regular hardcore tropes and there was nothing that went outside of the norm. PCO gets a nice win, but Matt Cardona is the real opponent for him in the near future so this was only going to go so far.

Nic Nemeth is ready to face anyone as a fighting champion so tonight he's facing Matt Cardona. He wants to see the special Cardona rather than whatever he's been lately.

Here is Arianna Grace to introduce this week's NXT guest star.

### Brinley Reece vs. Ash By Elegance

Ash's kick to the ribs off a handshake is broken up and Reece takes her down for a wipe of the lipstick. We pause for some fresh makeup before Reece starts cranking on the arm. A pose off goes to Reece so Ash does some pushups, only for her running shoulder to have no impact. Reece knocks her down and does her own pushups but gets kicked out to the floor for her efforts. Back in and Ash hammers away before grabbing the quickly broken chinlock. Reece's flipping clothesline gets two but the Personal Concierge offers a distraction, allowing Ash to drop her. Rarefied Air finishes Reece at 5:17.

**Rating:** C. This is the kind of NXT cameo that offers very little as Reece doesn't mean much over there in the first place. It isn't that Ash beat someone important but rather someone from another promotion, which only has so much value. Ash is likely going to get into a bigger story soon, so call this a glorified warmup for whatever is next.

Post match we're going to be seeing a makeover, but for now it's just some fresh makeup to Reece. Xia Brookside makes the save.

Rosemary and Wendy Choo torment/stalk Spitfire.

## X-Division Title: Mike Bailey vs. Leon Slater

Bailey is defending. They both miss dropkicks to start and it's an early standoff with Bailey doing his martial arts stance. Slater knocks him to the floor but his dive is knocked out of the air and Bailey gets in a posting as we take a break. Back with Slater's arm giving out on a handspring attempt so Bailey kicks him down, only to miss a running shooting star press. Slater kicks him right back down as the fans want them to fight forever.

Bailey goes back to the arm but Slater snaps off a flying mare to the floor. The big dive is cut off though and Bailey's moonsault knees have Slater down again. Slater sends him to the apron, only to miss a dive and get caught with an Asai moonsault. Back in and the tornado kick is cut off by a leg lariat, with Slater sending him outside for the big dive. Bailey goes after the arm again but gets planted off the top. The Swanton 450 misses though and Bailey grabs a chickenwing suplex. The Ultimate Weapon into the Flamingo Driver retains at 15:03.

**Rating:** B-. Maybe it's just been seeing him with the title for what feels like ever but I am completely sick of Bailey in almost anything he does. He has a certain style to him that might be impressive but it's feels so much like a performance rather than trying to win a match. It doesn't help that he's also rather active, which makes what he does feel all the more repetitive. Just not my guy and it becomes less interesting every time he's out there.

Respect is shown post match.

El Hijo del Vikingo will be at Bound For Glory and Bailey seems interested.

Video on the three way match for the Tag Tam Titles at Bound For Glory. Ladders ahoy.



ABC praises the Hardys for being an inspiration but neither of them like the System. An eight man tag is set for next week, but the Hardys promise to win the Tag Team Titles at Bound For Glory.

Here is Steve Maclin, who wants Josh Alexander out here right now. Cue Alexander, flanked by Sinner & Saint, now known as the Northern Armory. Alexander doesn't know where this change of attitude comes from because he knows what it takes to try and make these fans cheer you. He is the longest reigning World Champion of all time, so why would they believe in a failure like Maclin.

That doesn't work for Maclin, because Alexander was the first guy to take him under his wing. Maclin thought they could be a team but they're nothing alike. The Armory comes in and Maclin gets beaten down, with his arms being zip tied behind his back. A C4 Spike leaves Maclin laying.

Santino Marella and Arianna Grace are getting ready for the Call Your Shot gauntlet when an annoyed Frankie Kazarian comes in to draw his number.

#### Mike Santana vs. Brian Myers

The rest of the System is here too and Santana knocks Myers cold with a chain before the bell. Spin The Block with the chain drops Myers again and Santana calls out Moose. That doesn't happen so the hunt is afoot. No match.

Post break Santana goes after Moose, who hits him with something made of metal to leave Santana laying.

We get a sitdown interview between Masha Slamovich and Jordynne Grace. Slamovich has been a good friend and doesn't know why Grace hasn't helped her up. Grace talks about how hard she has worked to get here and the same thing that happened at Bound for Glory two years ago is happening again this year. Slamovich doesn't think so.

## Matt Cardona vs. Nic Nemeth

Non-title, Frankie Kazarian is on commentary and Cardona has security here to protect him from PCO. Cardona takes him into the corner to start but Nemeth fights out and drops the ten elbows for two. Back up and Cardona hammers away before sending Nemeth shoulder first into the post. They head outside where Cardona's piledriver attempt is blocked, only for him to send Nemeth into the steps.

We take a break and come back with Nemeth breaking up a superplex attempt. Cardona hits the running boot in the corner for two but Radio Silence is countered into a DDT to give Nemeth two. An implant DDT hits Nemeth for two but he's right back with a superkick for two more. The Fameasser hits Cardona for another near fall, only for Cardona to sneak in a low blow. Cue PCO to break through security, which is enough of a distraction for the Danger Zone to finish for Nemeth at 12:57.

**Rating:** B-. Cardona has had a total career renaissance since leaving WWE and in that whole change, his in-ring abilities have been kind of forgotten. For so long he was known as little more than a comedy guy but he can wrestle a completely fine match, which is what we saw here. Cardona was hanging with an established star like Nemeth and never felt like he was out of place or trying to keep up. That's a side of him that is overlooked and it's kind of a shame.

PCO drags Cardona away so Kazarian jumps Nemeth, with Joe Hendry coming in for the save. Kazarian grabs a referee shirt and says he's the guest referee for the title match at Bound For Glory to end the show.

**Overall Rating:** B-. We're at the point where everything at Bound For Glory is either set or all but set and that means the shows can have a tough go. There is only so much let for TNA to do before going to Detroit and they had to make it work here. What we got did hype up the show a bit more and I want

to see most of what they're offering, though the Tag Team Title stuff still isn't doing it for me. Other than that though, they're set up well and we should be in for a good biggest show of the year.

### Results

PCO b. Rhino – PCOsault

Ash By Elegance b. Brinley Reece – Rarefied Air

Mike Bailey b. Leon Slater – Flamingo Driver

Nic Nemeth b. Matt Cardona – Danger Zone

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