

Maple Leaf Pro Multiverse: Let Them Unite

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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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