

Genesis 2013 Preview

This is the last regular PPV for TNA until March and I'm not wild on the card in the first place. Let's get to it. We'll start with the title matches.

Hardy will keep the title. It looks like we're heading for Aries vs. Hardy at Lockdown so Hardy would need to keep the belt here. There's a chance Aries wins here but I don't see it happening.

We'll say the tag titles change and leave it at that. Thinking of these teams more than that makes my head hurt.

As for the X Title, I can picture King winning the belt but not York. Therefore, the question is who wins the match between the two of them to qualify for the title match? I'll go with King but I don't have much confidence in it.

Doc is in Aces and 8's so he loses.

I'll go with Storm to win my hopeful pick of the month. Storm needs a big win as his push continues to stall and Daniels can bounce back with ease because of his comedy.

D-Von has to beat Park. I mean....he HAS TO.

As for the Knockouts gauntlet.....Velvet. Makes as much sense as anyone else.

Overall Genesis looks like most other TNA B shows: not much interesting other than on top of the show while the next episode of Impact seems more important. The show might surprise us and absolutely will be better than Final Resolution. It's impossible to be less interesting than that nonsense was. There isn't much else to say about this and then we'll get a few months of build to Lockdown.

Thoughts/predictions?

Bound For Glory 2012 Preview

It's that time of year again as TNA has their Wrestlemania tomorrow night. Let's get to it. We'll start with the big matches.

Aces and 8's going over Sting and Ray is pretty obvious. What is not obvious is how this is going to happen. The smart money is on Bubba turning on Sting and being a member of the gang, and I think that's what they're going to go with. I've heard talk of Ray not turning being the swerve, which would be pretty creative, but I don't think they'd go with it.

As for the leader, assuming he's revealed tomorrow, my money

would be on Jarrett. I'll talk about this more later on.

For the second biggest match on the show, I'll take Hardy to win and send the fans home happy. They have to give the winner of the BFG Series the title because if they don't, the Series starts to look pointless as the winner would be 0-2 at BFG. Hardy has been good since the debacle of Victory Road 18 months ago, so hopefully he can be good again. Also it would set up Ray as the challenger for the title down the road, which I can't believe I'm saying, but he deserves.

I think Chavo and Hernandez get the belts here. I can't picture Daniels and Kaz keeping them, but they can cry shenanigans and stay together which is good for everyone. I don't see AJ and Angle getting them, which will likely lead to another feud between them. That leaves Chavo and SuperMex to pick up the belts in the meantime. I'm not wild on that but I won't hate it either. It's not like the division exists anymore.

Storm has to go over Roode. He has to. Storm was looking like the biggest star on the planet back in April (Ok that's not true but he was the hottest thing in TNA) and they stopped it dead at Lockdown. Then he loses the BFG Series and both were because of Roode. This is the blowoff to the feud, but I wish it wasn't happening. Storm should have gotten the title at Lockdown and then go from there, because I think Storm would have been better on top than Aries. Maybe not, but I would have liked to see it. King Mo can go fall in a hole. He adds nothing but a distraction to this match and isn't needed here.

Now on to the stuff that fills in the card.

Ryan over Snow. No reason for anything else to happen at all.

Tara gets the title. As for the identity of the boyfriend, the only name I've heard that makes sense is Jessie Godderz. Who is that you ask? He's from Big Brother, which is all you need to do to be a celebrity in this world anymore. He signed with TNA last year and has been in OVW since then. Godderz is mainly a tag team guy and not a great one at that, but he's been on mainstream TV before so he's clearly better suited here than a guy who is talented in the ring right?

Joe keeps the title, even though Magnus had a good promo Thursday.

Give me Ion to keep the title, because I want to see how far he can bring the title down with him.

Overall, this show doesn't feel nearly as big as 2010 and not as big as last year's either. Aces and 8's has bogged the company way down over the last few months and the world title comes off as a complete afterthought. They're running the risk of Wrestlemania 18, which is basically what happened last year also. The problem with this show is that it doesn't feel big at all. It feels like a somewhat big show with a big match on it, and I don't mean the world title. The other problem with the tag match is that it feels like another point in the story, not a big conclusion or anything like that.

This brings me back to the leader reveal, which we're assuming is happening tomorrow. The problem that I see happening with this is there has been about a dozen people suggested as the leader. We've heard Hogan, Brooke (good lord help us all), Sting, Abyss, Ray, Bischoff, Garrett (give us Brooke please), Jarrett, John Morrison (why? Good guy to bring in but not in this role), Matt Morgan and others that I'm likely forgetting. The problem is EVERYONE who could be the leader, barring a big surprise, has been suggested and it'll likely be someone we've heard of. If it is, that doesn't mean it's a bad thing, but that's how people will perceive it, which is bad. Just because something was guessed doesn't mean it's bad.

Overall, it should be a fun show but I'm not expecting to be blown away.

Predictions/thoughts?

Night of Champions 2012 Preview

The show is tomorrow and it feels like we could spend another month building it up. Starting with the preshow and the match that it sets up, there's no way to know what's going on. The obvious answer is it depends on who wins the battle royal, and since we don't know who's in the battle royal, there's no way

to know who is getting the shot and therefore if I think they'll win. My guess is that it'll be Kidd or Brodus and I can't see Kidd getting the title. Brodus.....I can't quite see that either but the match would be a tossup. Other options would be Christian or Big Show but I can't see it being the Canadian. If it's Show....yeah they'd likely give him the belt.

Kane and Bryan winning the tag titles is the only logical ending to the tag title match. There is zero reason to have Kofi and Truth keep the titles while Kane and Bryan are doing the most entertaining stuff in the company by miles and miles. If there's anything that should be a layup for the bookers, it's this.

As for the IC Title, the usual way of thinking would say Miz retains the title because he sneaks in and steals the pin, but for some reason I don't see that happening. Cody winning the title and setting up a mask vs. title match against either Rey or Cara would work fine, or either masked guy could take the title. It would possibly give the fans a reason to care about Cara, but I don't think it would do much good. Rey has no need for the thing other than to feud with Cody more, but I think if it's going to change it goes to Cody. Odds are it'll stay with Miz though and that's probably the right idea. One other thing: I love the combination of the title and the established feud. That's an old school booking move and the current product could use more of those techniques.

Kaitlyn vs. Layla. The coin came up heads so we'll say Layla retains.

Ziggler vs. Orton. This is one of those matches I'm not sure where they're going. Orton is leaving to film the movie so he doesn't need the win, but at the same time Ziggler is Mr. MITB which means he's hardly ever allowed to win a major match. My instinct would be that Ziggler wins and takes Orton out somehow so Orton can go film the movie and then perhaps Ziggler wins the title in the meantime, setting up a rematch later on for the title.

I've been watching wrestling for a very long time and honestly I can't think of a world title feud that interests me less than Sheamus vs. Del Rio. Sheamus is one of my favorite guys but sweet goodness this feud isn't doing anything for anyone. Del Rio is such a boring and uninteresting character and he's lost clean(ish) to Sheamus every single time. What in the world is the point in seeing this AGAIN? Yeah Sheamus can't use the Brogue Kick, but he has like 3 other finishers so it doesn't mean much at all. Sheamus to retain and PLEASE let that be the final time these two fight ever again.

That leaves the main event with Punk vs. Cena and they really could go either way with this. At the end of the day, Punk is living in Cena's shadow and it's driving him crazy. All roads lead to January and the Rumble match with Rock, which likely sets up the rematch with Cena at Mania 29. Based on that, I'll go with Punk to retain here, but I don't know if he'll survive all the way until January. Either way the reign isn't lasting until my birthday in February. Punk to retain but not by much.

Overall, this is a show that has the potential to be good on paper but the build for it hasn't quite worked. The whole company is running at half speed at the moment and they need a shot in the arm. The stories aren't bad but they're not doing a good job of making people care. It's like they're running with an anchor and they need something good to light a fire under them. Maybe that's this show.

No Surrender 2012 Preview

I don't even remember last year's show so hopefully this one has a bit of a bigger...ahem...Impact on me. Getting the unimportant ones out of the way, I'll take Zema and Tessmacher to retain.

Magnus winning over Van Dam is all that makes sense so we'll go with that. I'm actually giving TNA a chance with logic here. Don't screw me over.

Tag titles will stay on Daniels and Kaz. Angle is legit injured so expect AJ to do most of the work, which is fine.

Aries will take out the Aces and 8's guy. That should be obvious.

Now for the real meat of the show: the BFG Series matches.

I think it comes down to Storm vs. Joe with Joe taking it. There's really no wrong answer here but Joe vs. Aries has been talked about as the main event of BFG. Ray is a possibility with the new deal that may or may not have been signed, but I can't see it happening. Hardy is the guy you have to have in there but who doesn't seem very likely to me at all.

Overall, this show is one that won't need to be seen but should be a decent show anyway. Nothing really happens here as it's a build up to BFG which is fine, but it does make for less drama outside of the final three BFG Series matches. The show should be fun though, which is what TNA is doing best right now.

Thoughts/predictions?

Hardcore Justice 2012 Preview

I haven't done one of these on here in awhile. Time for a PPV Preview. The show on paper has the looks of a good show which isn't really a shock for TNA anymore. I can't believe I'm saying this but this has the potential to be a better show than Summerslam.

For the world title, I'll go with Roode getting it back. It's pretty clear that Roode vs. Storm is coming again, but I can't see Aries defending the title against anyone in the BFG Series for the title. Also with there being no rematches, it's a way to get Aries out of the title picture easily.

In the falls count anywhere match, I'm going to play a hunch and say Anderson. I can't imagine Magnus will win as he's basically one of the jobbers of the Series which is fine. Van Dam is the other likely candidate and Pope is just Pope. They might throw it to Pope to shake things up a bit but I'd be surprised.

AJ to win the ladder match. He's behind in the standings and this would rocket him up as we close in on No Surrender.

I think I'll take Hardy to win the tables match. It'll be either him or Ray, as there's a chance that Aces and 8's count help Ray win to further confuse things. That would be an interesting twist.

Tessmacher to retain and King to win the title and Chavo/Hernandez to win, in the three filler matches on the card.

Overall this looks like a good looking card and I'm so glad they added different gimmicks to the fourways to keep them interesting. This is the last show before we get into the BFG cycle which is a good thing as No Surrender is only kind of interesting most of the time.

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