

Dynamite – May 19, 2021: The Moving Day Show

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Commentators: Excalibur, Jim Ross, Tony Schiavone

We have two shows left before Double Or Nothing and that means it is time to start hammering home the card. This time around we have a Tag Team Title match with the Varsity Blonds challenging the Young Bucks. Other than that, we are likely getting some more matches set for the pay per view. Let's get to it.

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

Opening sequence.

Christian Cage vs. Matt Sydal

Taz is on commentary and it's a feeling out process to start, with Sydal's grab of a leg being reversed into a headlock. Sydal slips out for a standoff but gets sent outside for a crash. Back in and a backbreaker sets up a top rope elbow to the face for two on Sydal. There's a headbutt to the back and a stomp to make it worse, as Christian is wrestling a bit more villainish here.

Another backbreaker is countered with a headscissors though and Sydal's jumping spinning kick to the face gives him a breather. The Meteora gives Sydal two and there's a clothesline for the same. Christian misses a charge and gets taken down with a spinwheel kick to the face, followed by a running knee in the corner. Christian's spear is countered into a sunset flip for two and he misses a high crossbody as well. Now the spear can connect for two but Sydal pulls the

knee out. A backslash hits knees though and the Killswitch finishes Sydal at 9:15.

Rating: C+. I'm not a big Sydal fan but he was making it work here with Christian looking better than he has so far in AEW. I'm curious to see him being more aggressive, as it certainly seemed to suit him better. Christian still isn't the star he was before, but he can still do things like this well enough.

Post match Taz yells at Christian but here is Ricky Starks to interrupt. Starks is his own man and he is right here. He isn't going to be on the sidelines like these flunkies, so he and Christian have some business to handle. Cue Team Taz to jump Christian and Sydal for the beatdown. Hangman Page comes in to go after Cage, but Hook gets in a chop block. Cage powerbombs Page down hard.

Here's what's coming tonight.

The Varsity Blonds talk about Brian Pillman, who was not Brian Pillman Jr.'s inspiration to get into the business. All he knew was the dark side of the ring, but then he was inspired by the Young Bucks. Griff Garrison talks about running the Young Bucks' merchandise table at an independent show, but the Bucks of today are not the Bucks of those days.

Jon Moxley and Eddie Kingston aren't sure about what they're facing with the Acclaimed (Kingston: "One's a rapper, the other is the rapper's friend."). They also don't get why they're going to a superkick party when neither of them throw superkicks. Oh well. They'll just beat up the Acclaimed.

The Acclaimed promises to stomp Moxley and Kingston's a**** and that is a mic drop.

Jon Moxley/Eddie Kingston vs. Acclaimed

Moxley and Kingston come out to the Major League version of Wild Thing, because AEW thinks Cleveland and Cincinnati are

close enough. Caster says that Kingston looks like a pack of Newports and Moxley's wife is trying to get him for an oral session (Caster: "What? She just wants me to be on the podcast!"). Moxley knocks Caster silly with a right hand and we start with a double shoulder to put Caster down again.

Kingston plants with an STO but gets caught with a super dragon screw legwhip as we take a break. Back with Kingston getting over for the hot tag to Moxley to clean house, but he gets caught in a suplex/high crossbody combination. Kingston makes the save and sends Bowens into the barricade but Moxley gets sent outside as well. Caster throws Bowens the chain for a distraction so he can bring in the boom box. Moxley breaks that up though and hits Caster with the boom box instead, setting up a wheelbarrow into a Paradigm Shift for the pin at 10:25.

Rating: C. This was a way to get Moxley and Kingston a win over a name team before they get their title shot. There is nothing wrong with building a team up, even if the Acclaimed is better known for their talking. Moxley and Kingston are turning into a pretty good team in the ring and their showdown with the Bucks very well could steal Double Or Nothing.

Chris Jericho and Dean Malenko reminisce about the number of holds they know.

Scorpio Sky and Ethan Page are in the ring to talk about Sting. Sky always wanted to be like Sting, but then he grew up and is now a grown man. Sting isn't the man he used to be and now Sky is his own man. Page talks about Darby Allin loses and promises to be the nail in his coffin. Cue Sting and Allin to clean house, including Allin with some skateboard shots. The Scorpion Deathlock goes on but Page gets away, only to have the Dark Order cut off...well some of their exits at least.

The Pinnacle is at a nice dinner with MJF talking about how unfunny Chris Jericho is. Dax Wilder goes on a rant about how

they have to deal with Jericho even after thirty years. Last year's Stadium Stampede was a dog and pony show but this year it's going to be serious. Shawn Spears attacks a waiter for making a mistake and smashes a bottle, so Tully Blanchard throws him some money. MJF says if the Inner Circle agrees to Stadium Stampede, it will be their last match, because when you're in the Pinnacle, you're always on top.

Hikaru Shida vs. Rebel

Non-title and Britt Baker is here as well. Rebel fakes an early injury but then snaps off some jumping jacks. Shida doesn't take kindly to her dancing and puts on her own glove before trying the Lockjaw. Baker grabs the Women's Title, allowing Rebel to hit Shida in the back with a crutch. A toss suplex gets two on Shida but she is right back with a knee breaker. The Stretch Muffler makes Rebel tap at 2:01.

Post match Baker comes in and drops Shida onto the belt.

Last week, Kenny Omega and Don Callis came in to see Orange Cassidy in the trainer's room after he got dropped on his head. They need Cassidy to be the AEW mascot instead of challenging him for the title, so they have a contract for him to sign, saying that he can have his match later when he is a little healthier. Cassidy doesn't even look at it and rips it up (rather slowly). Omega talks about how bad it could be if Cassidy takes the One Winged Angel and they offer him another copy of the same deal, which he can think about.

Here is the Inner Circle to respond to the Pinnacle. Ortiz promises violence and Sammy Guevara says this is never over, no matter what he ever does. He promises to douse the Pinnacle in a Little Bit Of The Bubbly and make them flop around like fish if he has to, but they have to have this match. Jake Hager is in too, which just leaves Jericho's opinion. Jericho talks about being done with Blood & Guts and how they left a piece of their souls.

They aren't sure if it's worth it, but Jericho can't stop thinking about MJF looking down at him as he came crashing down. MJF scared his family and his children, and he will never forget it. So was it worth it? Of course it was, because it has given him the fire to end MJF once and for all. Stadium Stampede is on and if the Pinnacle wants to beat him, they'll have to kill him and they are still alive. So yeah, the match is on, and Pinnacle is going down. Very fired up promo here from Jericho, assuming he can back it up in the match.

Jade Cargill is asked about her decision on a manager but MJF's former agent comes up to say he wants to work for her instead of vice versa. Why is Cargill getting an interview with Schiavone instead of a sitdown with JR? Cargill tells him to leave and gets what she wants.

NWA Women's Title: Red Velvet vs. Serena Deeb

Deeb is defending and hammers away to start, including some uppercuts. A fisherman's neckbreaker gives Deeb two and she stomps away in the corner. Velvet is right back with a dragon screw legwhip though and we take a break. Back with Velvet hitting a high crossbody for two, followed by a standing moonsault for the same. Velvet shoves her off the apron to break up a neckbreaker attempt, setting up a moonsault to drop Deeb again.

Back in and Just Desserts misses but Velvet counters a sunset flip into a cradle for two more. Serena powerbombs the heck out of her for two and we hit the Serenity Lock. Velvet can't get to the rope but doesn't tap, meaning Deeb lets go and tries a Figure Four. That's reversed into a small package for two so it's back to the Serenity Lock, with Deeb driving the knee into the mat a few times to make Velvet tap at 9:36.

Rating: B-. Probably Velvet's best match to date and that is a good thing to see. She looked smoother in here than usual and I bought her as having a chance to pull it off in here at

times. Granted some of that might be due to being in there with Deeb, who can work with just about anyone.

Pac is glad to have his title shot because there is nothing Don Callis or Kenny Omega can do about it. Who is betting against him now?

Anthony Ogogo vs. Austin Gunn

A bunch of people, including an American flag clad Cody Rhodes, is here. Gunn dropkicks him down at the bell and Ogogo is starting to protect his bad eye. A gut shot puts Austin down and he is in big trouble. Back up and Ogogo does it again, meaning Gunn has to stop the referee from calling for the bell. Gunn is bleeding from the mouth and a pop up right hand knocks him silly for the knockout at 2:15. More baby steps for Ogogo and that's a wise way to go.

Post match Ogogo grabs Cody's American flag and throws it away, which is too far for Cody.

Christopher Daniels won't say anything about SCU splitting up last week. Daniels whispers something to Kazarian and walks away. Kazarian says he can't explain what Daniels means to him, but Kazarian knows what is next. Last week, he lost something very important to him and he blames the Elite for what happened. He is hunting them down and he is a bomb you cannot defuse and a gun you cannot unload. Kazarian as a singles star is an intriguing way to go.

Here is Miro for a chat. He thanks Jesus Christ for giving him the talent to hurt people, like he did to Darby Allin last week. Miro took what Allin said could not be taken and now everyone knows that it doesn't matter who you are. If you have what he wants, it's done. The fans want Allin, so Miro holds up the title and says here he is. Next week, he'll be defending the title against someone and will destroy him on his way to Double Or Nothing.

Cue Lance Archer, who says he has been the beast of AEW since Miro was trying to get a day to himself. Last year he lost in the first ever TNT Title match, so nothing is stopping him from winning at Double Or Nothing. Miro is going to be his Bulgarian b****, which Miro says he has never heard before. As Archer has said, everyone dies, but Miro is going to make sure Archer dies first. Miro was showing the fire here like he has yet to do in AEW.

Here's what's coming next week, with Dante Martin getting the TNT Title shot. We are also getting a celebration of the Inner Circle's greatest moments, plus Jade Cargill's open challenge (Since EVERY SHOW NEEDS AN OPEN CHALLENGE THESE DAYS!).

At Double Or Nothing: Sting/Darby Allin vs. Ethan Page/Scorpio Sky.

Tag Team Titles: Young Bucks vs. Varsity Blonds

The Bucks are defending, Julia Hart is here with the Blonds and Don Callis is on commentary. Garrison and Nick run the ropes until a boot to the face drops Nick in a hurry. Matt comes in and gets one of his own, allowing Pillman to come in for some stereo dropkicks to the champs. We settle back down to Pillman armdragging Nick and working on the arm but Nick gets over for the hot tag to Matt.

That means Pillman gets sent outside for a crash onto the ramp, leaving Nick to walk the ropes and jump down onto him. A neck snap across the top rope has Pillman down again and we take a break. Back with Pillman hitting a crossbody and getting over for the hot tag to Garrison. House is cleaned in a hurry and Garrison hits a slingshot crossbody onto both champs. It's back to Pillman, who gets suplexed down so Nick can dive onto Garrison.

Some kicks to the back keep Pillman in trouble but he sends Nick's kick into Matt and hits a superkick of his own. Matt is right back with the Sharpshooter and Nick adds the cold spray

to the eyes. Garrison makes the save but Nick hits a couple of superkicks. Matt gets another can of spray but Hart calls him out for it. That's fine with Matt, who has a third can to spray her as well. The Sharpshooter goes on and Nick adds the slingshot X Factor to knock Pillman silly. Pillman taps at 11:55.

Rating: B-. I like the Blonds more each time I see them but there was never a bit of drama here. As usual, this was the Young Bucks Show as they are smarter than anyone they face, which goes along with being more athletic because we need to be reminded of how great they are every chance we have.

Post match here are Jon Moxley and Eddie Kingston to choke out the Bucks and steal their expensive shoes. And the socks too!

We run down the Double Or Nothing card, with Tony making it clear that Sting/Allin vs. Page/Sky will NOT be a cinematic match. Also, Moxley/Kingston are now the #1 contenders and get their title shot.

Overall Rating: B. This was a promo heavy show and that's what mattered most here. Since this is the last regularly scheduled Dynamite before the pay per view, they had to rush the build this week and get things ready for Double Or Nothing. That worked out rather well as I'm a good bit more interested in seeing the show than I was coming in. The wrestling here was good to quite good, but this was all about the talking and they were feeling it this week.

Results

Christian Cage b. Matt Sydal – Killswitch

Jon Moxley/Eddie Kingston b. The Acclaimed – Wheelbarrow Paradigm Shift to Caster

Hikaru Shida b. Rebel – Stretch Muffler

Serena Deeb b. Red Velvet – Serenity Lock

Anthony Ogogo b. Austin Gunn via referee stoppage

Young Bucks b. Varsity Blonds – Sharpshooter to Pillman

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Revolution 2021 Preview

It has been a few months now and in AEW's world, that means it is time for another pay per view. There is something very, very refreshing about that as I don't need a pay per view every month and given that AEW's worst ever pay per view was still completely watchable, we should be in for something good here. The card isn't the strongest but they know how to execute so let's get to it.

Pre-Show: Riho/Thunder Rosa vs. Britt Baker/Rebel

I'm still trying to wrap my head around the fact that Baker was eliminated from the #1 contenders tournament like it was absolutely nothing, but then again the women's division has been kind of a mess. I can't picture a world in which Baker is not Women's Champion before the end of the year though and I

think that road might be starting sooner than expected.

That being said, I'll go with Riho/Rosa here, as AEW is likely going to want to reheat Riho after her tournament loss. Baker needs it too, but I'm not sure I can picture them going with her over some of the other options. Baker is going to be over no matter what because she is so awesome at so many different things, though I don't think that equals a win here. Riho and Rosa win, hopefully pinning Rebel if they have to.

Women's Title: Hikaru Shida(c) vs. Ryo Mizunami

This is the result of the weeks long international #1 contenders tournament (because reasons) and the big result is a match that was set up years ago...in another promotion...in Japan. That's about all of the explanation we have been given, as Mizunami has barely been around the company, but what does that matter when she has done some great things elsewhere that we might not have seen or even heard of in the first place?

I'll take Shida here, even though her title reign is LONG overdue and she needs to drop the thing already. However, I'm not sure Mizunami is the best choice as we don't know anything about her other than she and Shida were once partners. This match should be fine, but it isn't something I'm going to have that much interest in given what we have had to build it up so far.

Miro/Kip Sabian vs. Orange Cassidy/Chuck Taylor

This feud has been going for a few months now and I'm still not quite sure I get the appeal. Miro has lost any momentum he had on the way into the company, Sabian has pretty much disappeared, Taylor is Taylor and Cassidy was upset that someone was forced to say they weren't friends. How that sets up an important pay per view match is beyond me, but that's what we have here.

For the sake of hope, I'll go with Sabian/Miro here, as the

two of them really need a win to build up some momentum. It helps that they have gotten away from the gaming thing for the most part but that doesn't exactly leave them with much to go on. This feud has been a rather dull way to go but AEW seems to love all of them (some are a good bit more valuable than others) and here we are. Miro and Sabian win, as they certainly need it more.

Casino Tag Team Royale

What is with this company's gambling obsession? Anyway, this is basically a tag team Royal Rumble for a future title shot and they have fifteen teams announced so far. Battle royals (and they have a lot of them around here) are hard to predict as you can get anyone into the title shot in a hurry, which makes them kind of hard to predict. That means you can go a lot of different ways so it's kind of a guess as to who is winning.

I'll take Rey Fenix/Pac to win, as that squash on Wednesday was more than enough to make me think they are next in line for a shot at the titles. If nothing else, watching those two beat each other up with the dives can be rather entertaining television and it isn't like a lot of the teams have a realistic chance in the first place. Pac and Fenix win, but this could go in a lot of different directions.

Tag Team Titles: Young Bucks(c) vs. Chris Jericho/MJF

This started off as an interesting feud but then fell apart in a hurry. The whole thing with the Bucks' father (and their insult to Jericho that makes them sound rather dumb once you think about it) wasn't good but it's all they have. You would think Jericho and MJF could talk anything into being interesting but for some reason they haven't been able to make it work. It could be the Bucks being the least likable faces in a long time, but the match should work out better than the build.

Of course the Bucks win here, as it's hard to imagine them losing those titles for a very long time to come. The Bucks are major stars in AEW and it makes sense to have them in the title picture. Jericho and MJF seem destined to be on a collision course somewhere down the road and I can't imagine them winning or even needing the titles to make that story work. The Bucks retain here, as they should.

Face Of The Revolution Ladder Match

This is for a TNT Title shot because, much like kidnappings, battle royals, tournaments and gambling, this company loves ladder matches for title shots. The big question here is who fills in the final spot and I have no idea who that might be. Christian seems to be the fancy pick at the moment, but I don't want to see someone with a history of concussions in a match this violent.

As for a winner, I'm going with some instinct and picking Scorpio Sky, though you never know with something like this. It's hard to predict a match when you don't even have the full field but this makes for a nice build for the drama alone. I'm not overly sure about Sky winning, but he certainly makes for an interesting option and I'll go with that for the win here.

Hangman Page vs. Matt Hardy

This is for the loser's income for the first three months of the year and my goodness I cannot bring myself to care about Hardy. The character is interesting enough but as soon as I hear the Hardy name attached, all of the positives are overshadowed. The match itself should work as Page is charismatic enough to get around anything, but fighting over money with Hardy sounds like the result of a bad lawsuit instead of an angle.

Again for the sake of my sanity I'll hope for Page to win here, as there is little reason to go with Hardy. Page having some more money and Hardy being broke or needing more clients

is a better story, though I'm not sure how far anything is going to take these two. Hardy doesn't need to win here but I'm a bit scared that he might anyway, just due to his star power and name value. Still though, Page should win.

Sting/Darby Allin vs. Team Taz

It's cinematic time and that is the best thing they could do with Sting. I know he handled the powerbomb well enough (as in he was perfectly fine a week later) but he really doesn't need to be in a full on match. The cinematic matches aren't my favorite but if they have to have Sting wrestle (and it is hard not to), this is absolutely the right way to go about doing it.

I'm actually not sure who to pick here, as Team Taz needs the win more, but you don't want to have either the debuting legend or the champion losing. It really could go either way but I'll take Sting and Allin to win as they make for the better story. Sting can put someone over later and Allin is going to have a new #1 contender so he isn't going to need to deal with taking a loss here.

AEW World Title: Kenny Omega(c) vs. Jon Moxley

When Omega announced this as the Exploding Barbed Wire Deathmatch, I completely expected him to laugh and say "nah I'm kidding, it's a cage match". This is as over the top as you can get and feels like they are doing it because Tony Khan looked at his tape collection and decided what he felt like doing today. I get the reason for the stipulation in the end, but there are a bunch of ways to get there without going this direction.

Omega wins here, as the entire point of the match would seem to be to blow Moxley up so he goes away while his wife has their baby. That's all well and good and the match will probably have some good drama/violence/action, but I'd be curious to know how many people aren't going to watch or pay

or pay for the show because of how ridiculous the stipulation is. I know it isn't a majority, but there are going to be some out there because this is pretty insane and not in the best way.

Overall Thoughts

AEW has done an excellent job in their first year and a half because this show isn't very appealing match by match but it's an AEW pay per view and therefore it has my interest. They have done rather well at pay per views over their lifespan and the reputation is enough to carry this thing. That's a rare place to be and if things here even exceed expectations by a little bit, everything should be more than fine.

Oh and the big signing. Eh play it safe and go with Kurt Angle.

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Impact Wrestling – March 22, 2016: A Microcosm Of TNA

Impact Wrestling

Date: March 22, 2016

Location: Impact Zone, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: D'Angelo Dinero, Josh Matthews

It's a new era in TNA (yes another one) as Drew Galloway won the World Title last week from Matt Hardy. Other than that we're near the beginning of the final taping cycle for Eric Young and Bobby Roode so it should be interesting to see what happens to them before they leave. Let's get to it.

We open with a recap of the events that led to the new World Champion last week.

Here's Drew for his first speech as World Champion. He's worked a long time to get here and now he wants to be the kind of champion who brings this company back to where it once was. Drew doesn't care what it takes because he'll use this title to bring honor back to TNA. Cue Matt Hardy with Rockstar Spud and Reby to call Drew a cheating thief. Drew talks about being at a great after party last week after winning the title. He didn't steal a thing because he took the title by capitalizing on the chaos.

Matt promises that the Matt Hardy Brand (Is that the stable name?) will destroy Drew. The champ is ready to fight so here is Jeff to say he's at the front of the line for the first title shot. That's just fine with Drew who says Jeff can have a title shot if he'd like one. Matt wants Jeff to get back on his dirt bike and break the rest of his limbs. Cue Eric Young and Bram (because of course) to beat Jeff down. The Matt Hardy Brand (yes that's the official name it seems) works on Drew. A table is loaded up and we take a break.

Back with the villains still in control and beating on the good guys until Ethan Carter III makes the save with a chair. Carter says we're not

having a punch party without inviting EC3. Drew gets up and Carter says he's definitely a deserving champion, but he (Ethan) was never pinned for it. The challenge is laid out and Drew immediately accepts. This brings out Mike Bennett and Maria with Bennett saying he pinned Drew last week and deserves the shot. Drew is willing to fight them all so here's Dixie to announce a gauntlet match between the Hardys, Bennett, Carter and presumably Young.

Beer Money lists off various former teams who might be answering their open challenge tonight. The shots at Pacman Jones are kind of funny.

It's time to draw for the gauntlet match order. Bennett goes first and promises to beat the best TNA has to offer to become World Champion. He seems happy with his number.

Here's Beer Money to issue an open challenge for the Tag Team Titles with a surprise team answering.

Tag Team Titles: Beer Money vs. BroMans

Sure why not. Robbie runs Roode over to start but it's quickly off to Storm as the announcers talk about the BroMans by mentioning the World Title Series. Jesse comes in for some lockups with Storm as the challengers (and heels I guess) take over on James in the corner. A clothesline is enough to bring in Roode for the house cleaning, including a spinning Rock Bottom for two as everything breaks down. The Bro Attack (formerly known as the BroDown) gets two on Roode but a Last Call into the DWI is enough for the pin on Robbie to retain at 5:38.

Rating: C. Match was fine but it's very telling that with the Wolves out and Decay defeated for the time being, it's already time to start putting old teams back together. This division hasn't actually been a division for years now and it's getting clearer and clearer every single month. Hopefully this lasts more than one week.

Decay says.....something about hurting Davey Richards.

Eric Young says Bram's spot is by his side and both guys seem happy about their numbers. Young again thinks someone is stalking him.

Eddie Edwards vs. Crazy Steve

No DQ. It's a brawl in the aisle to start with Eddie getting the better of it until Abyss offers a distraction so Steve can get in a few shots from behind. A running Cannonball against the steps crushes Eddie again and it's time to actually head inside. Rosemary sends in a bunch of chairs for a Raven drop toehold into the steel. More chairs are wedged into the corners but Steve is sent head first into several of them. Rosemary finally pulls the referee out at two so Eddie sends Steve into her, setting up a rollup for the pin at 6:49.

Rating: D+. I get the idea behind the Decay but they really don't do much for me. Yeah they're the latest creepy stable and that's fine but it's really nothing I'm going to get excited about. Eddie needs to move on to the X-Division to breathe some life into it so hopefully this Decay feud doesn't go anywhere.

Maria talks about how Gail Kim as Knockouts Champion hasn't changed a thing. A revelation is promised.

Dixie Carter seems to put Lashley in the gauntlet match.

Jeff Hardy is ready to draw when Ethan comes in. Ethan draws #1 but we don't see what Jeff's number is.

Knockouts Title: Maria vs. Gail Kim

Maria is challenging but before the bell she talks about how she's been granted something by TNA management. Before that's announced though, she has some special guests: the Dollhouse. Maria talks about how the Dollhouse has had a bunch of leaders over the months but nothing special has ever come of it. That means it's time for the Dollhouse to split up because only little girls play with dolls. Marti Belle gets in her face and says no way but Maria offers a title shot to the winner of a triple threat between the Dollhouse. Gail is fine with this and just leaves.

Marti Belle vs. Jade vs. Rebel

The match starts after a break with Maria on commentary. Rebel gets double teamed in slow motion before getting kicked down in a High/Low. As

expected the other two get in a fight over who gets the fall before putting on a double half crab. Maria continues her borderline creepy talk about reaching potential as Rebel gets knocked down again, allowing Jade and Marti to take over. Marti electric chairs Jade off the top and all three are down. Then, in something we haven't seen yet, Rebel gets laid out so the other two can fight. Jade Rock Bottoms Marti onto Rebel for the pin at 6:29, though that should be Marti pinning Rebel.

Rating: D. This felt like it went on forever though it did a good job at making Maria look like the most interesting Knockout in years. There's something about her that just gets your attention and that's exactly what the division has been lacking. Gail really isn't interesting and it's LONG past time for something fresh.

The Matt Hardy Brand draws their numbers as Matt claims conspiracy. He winds up with the best number though.

We recap Grado winning the ladder match last week.

Grado is excited about a party next week but Mahabali Shera is annoyed that Odarg left without paying him back \$50. Grado accidentally pulls out an Odarg mask but Shera is too stupid to notice.

Gauntlet Match

Before the match, Drew says there's too much talking tonight. A-freaking men brother but what do you mean tonight? With him as champion, you can expect a lot more action because he's heading to the back so we can have this match. This brings out Lashley to congratulate Drew, drawing a NO MORE TALKING chant. Lashley is in the gauntlet match because he wants that title shot too. Ethan Carter III finally cuts them off as entrant #2.

This is basically a mini Royal Rumble with over the top eliminations which at least saves us from some bad falls. Feeling out process to start with neither being able to get a hiptoss so Carter nails a running shoulder. There's the Stinger Splash in the corner and Carter hammers away until Spud comes in at #3. The heels start double teaming Carter for a few minutes until Bennett comes in at #4 (complete with Maria back in

the same dress she was in earlier and not the pink outfit she was in during the match).

Carter goes right after Bennett but gets taken out by Spud as Eric Young is in at #5. There are still no eliminations as they mostly stand around and do little shots to each other. Tyrus is in at #6 to give us five heels at once. Unfortunately he takes so long getting to the ring that Spud gets tossed by Carter as we take a break.

Back with Bram in as well and Lashley spearing Bennett down to be the only man left standing. Tyrus is tossed to clear the ring a bit, followed by Bram kneeing Young by mistake to get rid of him. Lashley spears Bram and throws him out, leaving Lashley, Carter and Bennett in the ring. This brings Pope off commentary to throw Lashley out, which of course counts. Carter saves Pope from Lashley and clotheslines him over the top for a more legitimate elimination. That allows Pope to fight Lashley up the ramp until Matt Hardy is in at #8.

Bennett and Hardy start double teaming Carter until Jeff Hardy comes in at #9. The fans chant for Hardy, which may or may not be a very sudden shift in support for Matt. These are the final four, which we're told a few moments into the fight because there was no indication that Jeff was the final entrant. Carter backdrops Bennett out but Bennett grabs his hand, allowing Matt to get the elimination.

We're down to Hardy vs. Hardy with Matt taking over and dropping a bunch of legdrops. The Side Effect has Jeff in more trouble but he comes back with a whip into the corner and the slingshot dropkick. Matt gets in a Twist of Fate but can't send Jeff to the floor, allowing Jeff to backdrop him out for the title shot at 23:50.

Rating: C+. This match is a microcosm of TNA in a nutshell: they have all these interesting stories and ideas with potential to do something new but it's all about the Hardys. Whether you like it or not, it has been determined that you're getting Matt vs. Jeff and that's all there is to it. Not a bad match or anything but Matt vs. Jeff really isn't interesting and I can't imagine that's the last we'll be seeing of it.

Drew applauds Jeff to wrap things up.

Overall Rating: C. Not the worst show in the world here but the key is the potential. Drew Galloway and Maria Kanellis seem like the real deal but that's been the case far too many times in the past for me to get my hopes up. The other problem is of course TNA's taping cycle and how they're going to replace all this departing talent. They need some new signings in a hurry or this could get a lot worse very fast. Good building show this week, but those Hardys need to be kept apart.

Results

Beer Money b. BroMans – DWI to Robbie

Eddie Edwards b. Crazy Steve – Rollup

Jade b. Marti Belle and Rebel – Rock Bottom to Marti

Jeff Hardy won a gauntlet match last eliminating Matt Hardy

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