

Impact – October 14, 2010 – Bound For Glory Fallout

It's been about six months since this show and I thought it would be interesting to look back and see how things have gone since then.

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Well this is it. After four days of waiting we can finally get to the explanation from Jeff as to WHY he did what he did. This is something that is very important because you have the entire THEY angle riding on it. The importance of this show can't be overblown as we begin the next chapter in TNA's history.

The opening is likely to be about Jeff and THEY as well as set up the fairly obvious RVD vs. Jeff match, although I could see them postponing that one if need be. I'd also be interested in knowing how much actual wrestling we'll have tonight but we'll see. Let's get to it.

We of course open with the recap of the ending of Bound For Glory.

Dixie's attorney is here and as everyone thought we're told that Dixie signed the contracts but they weren't the ones she thought they were.

Hogan (still on crutches) and Bischoff are here to a MASSIVE pyro display. Of course Hogan is acting just like he did as a face. Tenay explains that Hogan and Bischoff now have the majority share of TNA...despite the fact that the attorney

never said that.

Naturally Hogan gets a big face reaction with like two signs against him in the whole audience. Oh wait three fat chicks are booing. Well there's a Hogan sucks chant so there's something I suppose. Hogan wants Dixie here now. Apparently she promised him everything, much like Ted Turner did in 96. Hogan gets a text or something as he has his phone out and is messing with it.

Here we go: the explanation. It started with Abyss apparently and the Hall of Fame ring. Bischoff and Hogan knew why he randomly turned on Hogan. We bring him out and Hogan declares Abyss his son. THEY'RE HERE! Ok now that my pizzas are here we can get back. What did you think I meant by they?

None of the fans believed Abyss but they are now in control. The fans want RVD. Abyss follows them as Hogan and Bischoff's soldier now. Hogan declares that Abyss will live forever and is now immortal. I think The Immortals might be the name. Eric brings out Jarrett. Wait was there an actual explanation in there for abyss? If there was I missed it.

Yeah this was no real surprise: he wanted control of his company back. I think that was the easiest of all to understand. And here's FOURTUNE! Ok this just got good.

Flair talks to Hogan and says that Fourtune runs this company, not Hogan. LOUD Fourtune chant. One of them have to leave apparently. Hogan suggest him vs. Flair and it's....not on as they hug. Flair bows down to Hogan and it's a massive Hogan orgy more or less. The explanation here makes sense though as Fourtune was mad at Dixie for bringing in EV. That actually makes sense. We get a reference to Flair's five former ex wives and here comes Jeff!

No face paint here either. The fans think Jeff sold out. You can barely see the ropes with so many guys in there with him. He didn't sell out but sold in. He blames the fans and doesn't

care about popularity. The fans drove him to this because he did everything with all those injuries for what?

And now it's on to RVD. He's the whole F'N reason Abyss took RVD out because RVD had to be gone for this to work. They are Immortal. Sting and Nash are watching in the back. Eric and Hogan offer them spots on the team. We go to a break 22 minutes into the show with them coming to the ring.

Security escorts Dixie...somewhere.

Nash and Sting come out and Sting is in street clothes which isn't something you see that often. Tenay is already annoying. Eric says this is about money and all that jazz. Nash whispers to Sting and says this is perfect for him because it's always been about money and him in his career. He's gotten wiser though and quotes the Bible of all things, saying gray hair is a sign of wisdom. He's passing on the money and if THEY want to run the company into the ground, they can do it without him. I'm surprised.

Sting says this isn't what he came here for and says he's here because he loves TNA. He's shouting the whole time mind you. Sting points to Hogan, Bischoff and Flair (I think) and says this is a no win situation, turning them down. Allegedly both of these guys are leaving TNA with Nash being permanent and Sting possibly being permanent. Bischoff says they can come back anytime. Hogan's music plays the segment to an end at 9:32.

We cut to the back where Sting and Nash leave but Pope isn't happy with it. They offer him a place in the car out with them but he's staying to fight the fight which they're cool with. Dixie comes up to them and says they can't leave her. Sting says what everyone thought: if she had listened this wouldn't be happening. She says he was cryptic. Dixie, he sent crows down at the NWO to demand a title match one night. He's a weird guy.

Hogan and Bischoff come up to Dixie and she slaps the heck out of Bischoff. She tells Hogan to look her in the eye and tell her he didn't screw her. He says we'll talk about this in HIS office as we go to another break.

In the office we have MORE talking. Bischoff smokes a cigar and Hogan flat out tells her that he screwed her out of the company. This is a big Hogan ego trip of course. Hogan and Bischoff both say this is their company. Hogan has had enough and so has Dixie. She tells her security guards to get rid of them but they work for Hogan too. Dixie's husband SURGE gets knocked out and we take ANOTHER break.

Some hot chick in a BMW shows up. And we're just not going to talk about this at all. Ok then. Ah ok it's the Jersey Short chick.

Madison comes out with a referee as I'm guessing this is going to be about Tara. She yells about how Tara has HER title. She wants a match RIGHT NOW. Here's Tara, looking GOOD. Madison says they had a deal and apparently we're getting a match...at 9:50pm.

Knockouts Title: Tara vs. Madison Rayne

And Tara lays down so Madison can pin her. I kid you not.

Madison celebrates and here's Mickie to talk some more. She wants a title shot RIGHT NOW but Madison sends Tara after her. Mickie sends her running and stares her down.

J-Woww from Jersey Shore comes in and talks to the Beautiful People. Apparently she's an honorary BP tonight.

Back from break and they're still looking for Cookie. This results in Eric Young freaking out about J-Woww. Jordan comes up and nothing of note happens.

And here's Angle for MORE talking. No music, no intro, nothing like that. He talks about how he's all banged up but wants to

know why Hogan and Bischoff screwed him before he officially retires. Angle says what we all expected him to say: he didn't win but he didn't get pinned either. Cue Jarrett's music and here he is.

Jarrett more or less calls bull on what Angle is saying. He takes a jab at Angle being an ex-husband (the real meaning being that Jarrett literally married Angle's wife and not in kayfabe). Angle says he put TNA on the map. Uh, not quite Kurt. He says Jarrett held down everyone but couldn't hold Angle down.

Kurt Angle, the man that held the tag titles, X-Division and World titles at the same time is talking about holding others down. Jarrett says taking Angle's career meant more than destroying his life. Angle goes for him and the security guards take him down and handcuff him. The beatdown is on. Uh, Joe anyone?

TAZ of all people comes out of the broadcast booth and calls off Jarrett and says that he has a censored up (censored of course) neck. Old school Taz chant takes us to another break.

70 minutes in, 6 seconds of "wrestling."

Joe talks (shocking isn't it) about Jarrett on a tape from Monday, still in Daytona. He's coming for Jarrett of course.

GOOD NIGHT IT'S A MATCH! And it's Abyss. Oh joy.

Abyss vs. Samoa Joe

Yeah they're officially called Immortal. Well ok then. Joe beats the heck out of him first and beats him into the corner. Chokeslam takes him down and Joe is in trouble. He goes to get a chair but Joe hits a suicide dive into the chair which more or less didn't hit Abyss's head at all but he stays down anyway. Sure why not? Bell to the head and we're done in two minutes. No rating. RVD comes down for the save.

Wait, why didn't Joe come down and massacre Jeff like 5 minutes ago?

Hey look RVD wants to talk. It's about Hardy which makes sense. Jeff pops up on the screen and says it was an illusion as he brought RVD as close to him as he could and then destroyed him. Well ok so he told Abyss to destroy him. Hardy says he's the Anti-Christ of wrestling. WOW.

Bischoff comes out and says if RVD wants Hardy at Turning Point he has to beat Anderson tonight, winner gets the shot.

Back from a break Tessmacher is propositioned by Bischoff for "a meeting later at his place". He snaps on her and calls her easy. Bischoff knows about Nash and Pope apparently. She's fired from the Knockouts authority job and can either wrestle or leave. Anderson comes up and declares Bischoff a douchebag and squeezes his hand really hard saying that Bischoff won't win this war.

D'Angeol Dinero vs. Fournune

Yep it's 1 vs. 5 here. Morgan and Flair aren't in this. Total dominance here of course but it's better than more talking I suppose. AJ misses the Pele and kicks Kaz which Pope gets two off of. DWI hits him and Kaz gets the pin. Another short match so no grade.

Ad for Turning Point where Angle is named specifically as being there. Nice one guys.

Here's The Shore to get on my nerves and be booed out of the building. They point out that this is on at the same time as Jersey Shore because that's how TNA works. Cue up the Beautiful People and J-Woww. Cookie and J-Woww argue as usual and Cookie says go back to the hole you came from. You know, the same one she's from. Catfight, Shore bails. 15k for a minute long segment and an EY joke.

We recap things to kill time so we can run over into ReAction as always.

Mr. Anderson vs. Rob Van Dam

No mic time for Anderson here as he's mad. The bell rings at about 11pm as we just HAD to have a commercial as RVD made his entrance. Make that 11:01. Naturally to see the main event of Impact you have to watch ReAction. So would that mean the winner got the win on Impact or ReAction? Winner gets Hardy at the PPV mind you.

Basic stuff to start as Van Dam hits a moonsault off the apron to kick Anderson in the head, which might have been how he injured his head and Impact is OVER! And now REACTION has started and we didn't miss a thing and it serves no purpose but screw that who cares? If you want to see the Impact main event, don't watch Impact!

After I have a psychotic episode over the stupidity of some of the things this company does, it's still a boring match. Rolling Thunder is countered into a fireman's carry and the split legged moonsault gets two. Five Star eats knees and both guys are down. And here's Bischoff to screw us over. He tells the referee to come with him and here's Hardy, holding his ribs with a chair.

Chair to RVD. Chair to Anderson. Pillmanizer on the arm of Anderson. Anderson curses a lot and rolls to the floor. That's your ending by the way.

Rating: D+. Match was pretty weak due to the crowd knowing the ridiculous ending was coming. This match never really got off the ground or anything but it could have been worse. The guys knew the ending was coming and clearly didn't get going until the very end as they were just going through the motions. Nothing bad really, but nothing particularly good.

Overall Rating: D+. This is a VERY subjective grade to put it

mildly. This show can be looked at their get out of jail free card. It was the first show after their biggest show ever and a huge angle. The show as a stand alone show was atrocious. However, this was a show where a lot of talking was actually required.

The explanations that they gave needed to be done. I can understand that and I'm mostly ok with it. However there comes a point where you need some wrestling to get you through a show. Having the show revolve around one angle is fine and makes sense, but you really need some wrestling to go with it. As was said in the LD, even a 4 minute throw away match would have helped tremendously. One or two of those thrown in somewhere and this show goes WAY up.

As for doing what needed to be done tonight, they got a lot out of the way. Jarrett, Dixie, Hogan and Bischoff are all explained. Nash and Sting are written off TV, Pope has a new thing to do, Anderson's loyalty is pretty clear and RVD and Joe will fight on their own. Hardy was explained but to say it felt rushed is an understatement. Abyss wasn't explained at all but did we really need to hear about him? All you really get from that is the beginning of the story and we can live without that.

This show did explain some things and kind of got things going for the angle, but at the same time this is showing signs of turning into one massive soap opera much like the NWO angle. The problem with that is back then you had some amazing matches on the side to compliment the drama. You're not getting that in the first week.

That being said, it's the first week and I can understand a ton of talking here. However if this is now the status quo, there are REAL problems for this company. This was kind of a disappointment but to say it was horrible isn't fair. They got through a lot tonight, but what scares me are the weeks to come. There has to be some wrestling out there, and I'm not

seeing it here so far. I'm neither thrilled nor optimistic, but I'm also not convinced this is bad. Definitely interested in next week's offering, but I'll be less lenient on it to say the least.

Impact: February 3, 2011 – Since When Do They Air PPV Reruns?

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THEY arrive tonight. After so much speculation, we finally find out who THEY are. Also we see Mr. Anderson vs. Jeff Hardy vs. Kurt Angle for the world title. It's good to finally have a champion since RVD was attacked. This should be...oh wait hang on I put in the wrong review. Be right back.

Ah here we are.

THEY arrive tonight. After so much speculation, we finally find out who THEY are. Also we see Mr. Anderson vs. Jeff Hardy for the world title. Yes, TNA is more or less running the same story three months later which isn't as bad as it sounds, but it doesn't bode well. Allegedly THEY were the returning Main Event Mafia but that doesn't seem to be the case now, due to the departures of Booker T and Kevin Nash. Anyway, let's get to it.

We open with a recap of Steiner coming back last week and what probably was the Mafia angle, despite what Bischoff wants you to believe apparently. We get a ton of quick interviews ala ReAction saying nothing of note.

In the arena we open up properly with Bischoff and Immortal in the ring. The fans chant we want Flair. I hear he's too busy to be here but he'll show up for an advance in pay. Bischoff calls out Steiner who he isn't happy with. First things first: Hogan isn't here tonight. Yes, the guy they've hyped for weeks on this show, the biggest draw in the company (allegedly), STILL isn't here. He was last seen on a TNA show on Thanksgiving.

According to Eric, there is no THEY. Bischoff tells Steiner that he told Nash to leave and take the money. Sting isn't coming back and no one cares about Booker. Yeah nonsense on it never being the Mafia until right now. Eric offers Steiner a spot on the team and says his options are join or get beaten up. Steiner takes option 3: he beats up Bischoff instead.

Scott says Bischoff is making the same mistake everyone does and assumes he knows Steiner when he doesn't. He says call him sir or he'll snap Bischoff's neck. This brings out Crimson and Angle. All three are in suits mind you. Angle says THEY are indeed here and it's real. Bischoff looks a bit nervous as we take a break.

Back with Jeff Hardy being worried about tonight but Bischoff says it's ok. He wants Flair though and Angle/Crimson/Steiner pop up to say THEY'RE HERE!

Ink Inc vs. Gunner/Murphy

Big brawl to start us off with the security guys in control. We get down to business with Neal vs. Murphy. Off to Gunner quickly though as the security guys are moving quickly. Ink

Inc has had nothing yet. Off to a chinlock by Gunner. Moore finally gets the tag and fights them both off for a bit. Heel miscommunication sets up the Mooregasm to Murphy to end it.

Rating: C-. This was really short at just barely over three minutes. That being said they still managed to keep things fast paced. I think they were trying to play up the idea of Immortal being shaken up, but I'm not sure this was an actual upset like the announcers would like you to believe.

Angle, Steiner and Crimson are in the back. Crimson says THEY haven't touched base yet. He also calls Angle boss which means he's the leader I guess. Kurt gets a phone call and is told we're still on. They leave to go over the plan.

Christy Hemme is in Dallas apparently where she says that the judge issued a continuance until March 3, which is when we'll hear the ruling. Great way to earn that paycheck and trip to Dallas Christy! Also nice job of hyping Hogan for a month and then not delivering him.

In the same shot Eric Young pops up and says Angle is a cyborg and he knows who THEY are. This is another one of those insane bits that makes no difference at all for the most part. Apparently he thinks they're off air.

We get a video of the Jarretts' house including the kids. This is about what you would expect.

Anderson wants to talk to Hardy before the match, out in the ring.

Back with Bubba Ray (I will not refer to him as Bully Ray unless I have to) in the ring with Pope who is apparently his partner. Ray talks about how he beat up D-Von last week and was the real star of the team. The fans want D-Von. Pope says that it's Joe vs. Pope at the PPV.

This is one of the three storylines going on in TNA at the

moment and it's probably the best one. The reason for that: it's basic. This isn't something that is supposed to be huge. It's been built up over a few weeks and months and they haven't gotten in the ring yet. That's how you build a feud. I'd like to see them fight actually.

D'Angelo Dinero/Bully Ray vs. Samoa Joe/Brother D-Von

I didn't hear a bell so I'm assuming this was an official match. The respective feuds break off with the Dudleys in the ring and the other two in the aisle. Pope tries to run but Okada stops him in the aisle. Who is Okada you ask? Well he's the guy that Joe had filming Pope. Well ok, that's fine and good. However, this is a great example of TNA asking the fans to do too much.

Okada has never appeared on Impact until he popped up in this. He's been on Xplosion, but since that show is referenced maybe once every six months on Impact, unless you pay really close attention to TNA or know him from his Japan days, this guy is a totally random addition that you've never seen before but apparently you're supposed to be familiar with.

It confuses the viewer because the viewer is guided by the announcers. The announcers treat Okada like someone they're completely familiar with rather than someone that has never been seen on Impact before. This makes fans think they've forgotten someone or even confuses them because they try to figure out why they don't know who he is.

What that does is distract them from what's going on in the story. This is another shining example of a very easily solved problem that TNA just lets happen. Here's how you fix it. Tenay: "Ladies and gentlemen that man's name is Okada. He's been a member of TNA's roster for a few months now and has been appearing on our syndicated program Xplosion."

Bam ten seconds and you accomplish two things. You establish this guy isn't a stranger to TNA and does have a connection to the company. You also let people know there is more TNA wrestling out there if they're interested. See? Instead, we got this. Tenay: "It's Okada."

Ok, who's Okada? Why should I care that he's here? Should I be surprised? Is this a twist? Is this expected? Does he have a history with Pope? With Joe? Is he a wrestler? A businessman? A mercenary? All we know about him is that his name is Okada and he's done some work for Joe and he dresses like Kato from Green Hornet. It's confusing and it doesn't have to be. That's not good and it happens way too much in TNA.

Back in the ring, Ray has a chain but gets dropped with a clothesline. If there was a bell I missed it completely. There's a referee in there so I'm assuming this is a match. D-Von hammers away and we hit the floor. They're having a street fight at the PPV. D-Von drills him with a chair and Ray is in trouble. Tenay says it was a scheduled match but security is pulling D-Von off Bubba so I guess it was thrown out. Bubba spits on D-Von's kids as D-Von is being held back.

Mickie vs. Sarita in a taped fist match later.

Jay Lethal vs. Jeremy Buck vs. Douglas Williams

This is another of those X-Division qualifying things. Max Buck, the one that has already qualified, is at the announce table. Great to see guys like Williams and Lethal staying in the upper midcard like they got pushes to isn't it? Buck gets on both other guys and manages to get out of the way before they massacre him, resulting in Lethal nailing Williams.

Jeremy sends Williams to the floor and lands a sweet Asai Moonsault. He gets taken out by a suicide dive by Lethal

though as they're moving out there. Jeremy gets a DDT on Lethal but at the same time Williams gets a Russian Leg Sweep on Jeremy. With everyone in trouble, Max determines that Jeremy's shoe is untied so he heads to the ring. Tower of Doom has Buck in trouble.

Williams gets a small package for two. Next week it's Robbie E vs. Suicide vs. Kendrick for the last spot in the #1 contenders match. Buck is on the floor for a long while Lethal and Williams do the work. Williams hits Rolling Chaos but gets kicked low by Jeremy who steals the pin on Lethal to advance.

Rating: D+. I wasn't impressed here at all. The spots were nice so points for that but this went by really quickly. Somehow this was four and a half minutes long which blows my mind. Either way this wasn't much as this flew by. These matches are getting more spottish every week, which isn't a good thing at all.

Bischoff is talking to Flair's attorney and doesn't know where Flair is. Beer Money says it's ok. Fourtune leaves but AJ says not to worry about anything. AJ says WE are in the driver's seat.

Sarita says she doesn't have a strategy for her match with Mickie because she doesn't need one. Her cousin Rosita is here next week.

We get some quick promos from Anderson and Hardy about their match tonight. This is some of Jeff's best talking in a long time as you can understand him perfectly well.

Anderson calls out Hardy and here he comes. Hardy looks exactly like he did "last week in Germany" as the promos were from. There is literally water/sweat dripping from Jeff's hair. You can see it and it looks like a leaky faucet. Anderson asks how many jerks there are here and gets a nice reaction. He asks the same about the Creatures of the Night.

Not so good of a reaction, which translates to me that there aren't many Taker fans tonight.

Anderson makes fun of the title belt but says that he's worked for 11 years to win what it represents. Both guys don't respect authority and he talks about the gum chewing thing again. Anderson can't seem to decide if this is a serious promo or a comedy one. Ken wants a fair match tonight. Hardy talks about how he doesn't need Immortal to win here so the fans of course keep talking and ranting about things that don't need to be chanted about.

Mickie is taping up her fist.

Back to the Jarretts and in this case it's about their kids and family life. Apparently they're going to have a talent show.

Mickie James vs. Sarita

This is the taped fist match which means you can tape your fists. Shouldn't this be Velvet instead of Mickie though? Apparently Mickie's title shot is in a Last Knockout Standing match. Seated dropkick puts down Sarita and Mickie adds in some splits. You have to win by knockout apparently. We head to the floor and Mickie might have punches the post. Sarita works on the hand, because that's clearly the easiest way to knock someone out right?

Hand goes into the steps and it's all Sarita. This is rather boring indeed. Sarita keeps dancing and locks in an armbar, in a match where you have to win by knockout. Are they even trying here? In the cheapest of cheap endings, Mickie dodges some shots and gets a single left hand in to end it. So let me get this straight. A single shot with one of those fists can end it? THEN WHY DID WE NEED TO SPEND SIX MINUTES GETTING HERE??? Whatever just end this.

Rating: F. Can someone, anyone, tell me what the freaking point to the tape was? It's a classic example of a gimmick match not being needed and being there for the sake of a gimmick. This was boring as heck and I absolutely hate the lazy booking of one person is beaten down the whole time and then a single shot ends it. Bad booking and I hate it.

Madison blasts Mickie with the cast and stands over her all evil and such.

Bischoff tells Hardy that he's a bit worried while Jeff says he's ready. Hardy says no one from Immortal can be out there.

The Jarretts are going to renew their wedding vows. This of course is absolutely sickening. Oh and it'll be on Impact of course.

TNA World Title: Mr. Anderson vs. Jeff Hardy

Hey look it's the match that they should have built up for weeks but instead hot shotted it on a PPV for shock value! Hardy jumps Anderson during his intro and the fight is on as we're still on the ramp. Since this is a title match that is scheduled, a bunch of referees pull them apart and we get swearing. Anderson had some kind of arm hold on Hardy that apparently worked a bit.

The match hasn't started yet either. We take a break before we start which is a bit stupid but not bad. Here's the bell. Let me clarify that: I have no problem with a break before the bell which is probably the best idea. I don't get the point in having a big brawl instead of just starting the match. Anderson controls to start and gets some elbow drops for two.

Hardy fights back and takes over. This is the complete opposite of epic as we knew that Anderson would win the first time but it still felt big. We talk about THEY because the

world title match isn't interesting enough I guess. Off to a choke/chinlock by Jeff. Hardy gets a leg drop as this is needing to pick up a lot. Now Hardy wants to work on the leg for no apparent reason.

Anderson's balls go into the post and Hardy works on the head. Wow that sounded very bad indeed. Back to the chinlock now. Whisper in the Wind takes Anderson down but of course here comes Anderson. They slug it out from their knees and are now back up with some nice sequences still of punches. Anderson gets a spinning neckbreaker for two.

Mic Check can't hit but Anderson gets a double spin kick (not joking) much like the one Red hits on Lethal in the package from the New York house show that they air every week. That was kind of awesome. Front suplex by Hardy gets two. Dueling chants here. Great job of getting Hardy over as a heel there Hogan/Bischoff. Twist of Hate is reversed and down goes the referee of course.

Here's the Twist of Hate and here comes Immortal. Terry kills Anderson with a clothesline and the beatdown is imminent. AJ hands Anderson to Hardy and throws up the Fourtune sign. And then Fourtune beats up Immortal and it's a Styles Clash for Hardy. The fans are liking this a lot as Anderson gets the pin on Hardy to retain.

Rating: D+. This just did not ever get off the ground. We knew that something was coming and while the ending is good, there's no big pop here. THIS should have been Hardy dropping the title to Anderson rather than at the PPV, but since that would be logical booking and TNA doesn't want that at all, this was what we got and it was just ok. It's pretty clear this was supposed to be epic and that the company thinks this is their big feud, it's never clicked for me. Match wasn't terrible to be sure, but it was nothing great at all.

After a break, AJ says look what we have here. Fourtune isn't

taking a back seat to anyone and this is on Eric's head. Fournune is THEY of course. Eric comes out to call AJ an ungrateful son of a gun. Fournune was nothing without Hogan and Bischoff and all that jazz. Angle, Crimson and Steiner are in there now too but this is AJ vs. Bischoff.

AJ yells about how Eric and Hogan changed everything and how they messed up a ton of stuff. The fans of course decide that they need to speak up and let us know they want six sides.

Hogan is back on March 3rd. Really. We mean it this time. Hogan WILL be here this time unlike tonight when we promised he would be here. He hasn't been seen since Thanksgiving and is somehow the #2 or #3 heel in the company. The big staredown ends the show.

Overall Rating: D-. There's a lot to get to here so let's get started. First the good: Fournune. This is exactly what TNA needs at this point: TNA originals (kind of) vs. the outsiders. That's the perfect story given how they've set all this up. I'm very happy with that. Now for the bad.

Number one: This should have happened FOUR MONTHS AGO! Fournune has been the popular faction in TNA for MONTHS. There was never any need at all for them to join up with Immortal and again, IT MADE NO SENSE! Flair wanted to tick off Dixie and did that and then his boys were far more powerful than Immortal but kept the alliance anyway to be lackies. THAT MAKES NO SENSE!

So now it's Fournune/Angle/Steiner/Crimson/Anderson/probably Morgan vs. Gunner/Murphy/Hardys/Jarrett. That doesn't exactly sound riveting as you have the titles and the power with Fournune who are supposed to be the underdogs as the, you know, good guys. Here's where you see the criticisms of Bischoff and Russo shining through.

This is, once again, the NWO vs. WCW and the Millionaires Club vs. New Blood. It's a faction war with the heels being led by

the corrupt leader and the good guys being all about keeping things like they were before. Like I said, this is the right choice but it's not like this is something we're going to be riveted by as we've seen it before. That's not good but it's what Russo and Bischoff do: they have one idea and that's all you see out of them.

One last good thing I forgot to mention: AJ. This is what TNA needed to have months ago (notice that I'm kind of harping on that). AJ Styles is the golden boy in TNA and represents everything that the company is about. FINALLY he's standing up to fight off these guys that have wanted to change everything about the company and while it's not exactly interesting, AJ belongs as a face in this company and that's all there is to it.

Other than this, the show is worthless. There isn't a good match to be seen, the whole thing is thrown together around the basic premise of THEY coming back. The BFG show did such an incredible job of building up the tension and atmosphere before the reveal that even I, one of TNA's harshest critics on here, was dying to know who THEY were. This time though, there was nothing. It happened and that was it.

The show was just bad overall with only AJ and the reveal being the good parts. I'm curious as to where this will go but only to an extent. Hogan coming back on March 3rd does nothing for me. He can't wrestle, he can barely walk, but he's supposed to be a big deal? Just get to the destruction of Immortal and let it go. Bad show this week but there was a somewhat redeeming quality to it.oganglaksj

Results

Ink Inc b. Gunner/Murphy – Mooregasm to Murphy

Samoa Joe/D-Von vs. Bully Ray/D'Angelo Dinero went to a no contest

Jeremy Buck b. Jay Lethal and Douglas Williams – Buck pinned Lethal after Rolling Chaos Theory

Mickie James b. Sarita by knockout

Mr. Anderson b. Jeff Hardy – Pin after a Styles Clash from AJ Styles