

Thought of the Day: Samoa Joe Lives On His Reputation

This came from a discussion on WrestleZone and me watching the latest One Night Only show. Samoa Joe might be the most overrated guy in TNA at the moment. Think about this for a minute.

Joe owned the world in 06/07, didn't win the world title until WAY after his peak and had a forgettable world title reign in the summer of 2008. What of note has he done since then? Here are his accomplishments since losing the world title at Bound For Glory 2008, or roughly five years ago:

X-Division Title (50 days)

Tag Titles (91 days)

Television Title (70 days)

Joe also won the Maximum Impact tournament, which was held entirely on Xplosion and was for a world title shot also on Xplosion. Oh and he won the Deuces Wild tag tournament with Magnus.

On the other hand, here's another set of accomplishments in roughly the last three years:

Television Title (126 days)

X-Division Title (30 days)

Tag Titles (14 days)

These numbers belong to Robbie E. Robbie E., the epitome of the comedy jobber, has numbers comparable to Samoa Joe over the last three years, and very easily could surpass him if this tag title reign lasts awhile. Think about that for a minute. Robbie E. > Samoa Joe in success.

What has Joe done lately to keep him at the elite level in TNA? From what I can tell, very little.

More On The Ending To Raw And Problem With Big Show vs. Orton

This isn't something that has me on my toes. Coming out of Raw, it appears that the title feud going forward will be Big Show vs. Randy Orton, with the two fighting at least at Survivor Series. The idea is supposed to be that Big Show has lost everything, including his home and has nothing left to lose. However, now he's right back where he was, challenging for the world title and likely in the main event of a major PPV. Let's pause here for a minute and jump back to the 80s, in particular 1984 in Georgia Championship Wrestling.

Around this time, the top feud over the NWA TV Title was between Jake Roberts and Ron Garvin. Roberts defeated Garvin for the title and Garvin of course wanted a rematch. For weeks and weeks he begged Roberts for the title shot but Roberts kept saying no. Finally Roberts agreed if Garvin could come up with \$10,000. Garvin didn't have that kind of money so he mortgaged his home and came up with the money. Ronnie won the title back in an emotional moment and was able to fix his financial situation.

Now compare this to the Big Show story. We were told that Big Show lost everything, told that HHH bought Big Show's house and told that Big Show was suspended. Now Big Show is back, still with music, still coming down the entrance, still with new merchandise, and apparently still fighting at house shows and presumably at Survivor Series. Where's the heartache? Where's the reason for us to care about him?

The key difference between Big Show and Garvin: we saw Garvin being hurt by the loss and we've been told about Big Show being hurt. Secondly, Big Show lost his house what, a month ago? He's been back with nothing to lose and hasn't once even seemed sad. There's no reason to feel his pain and therefore, the story isn't quite working. It's just Big Show saying he's had problems but having it not change anything at all. That doesn't work.

TNA Dropping TV Title

For the time being at least. The idea is there are too many competitions at the moment with stuff like Gut Check and the BFG Series so having another title isn't worth the effort. The title likely will be back someday, but there's no need to have it around at the moment. Can't say I disagree with the idea at all. This is the second title dropped in a few weeks as the Knockout Tag Titles were de-activated recently as well.

D-Von Apparently Finished With TNA

That's the word at the moment. Odds are this means we'll have a new TV Champion or the title will be vacated. It's not like D-Von was doing much with it anyway though.

Thoughts on this?

D-Von won the TV Title

It's official: the apocalypse is upon us.