

# AEW DYNAMITE 12/2: WINTER IS HERE



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How nice is it that AEW falls within the same company as Warner where they can borrow this tagline? Hopefully, it didn't bring bad memories of the polarizing season eight of **Game of Thrones**. CEO **Tony Khan** stated that this show would be structured like a PPV. They were trying to fit as much as they could before the championship match, but a LOT of things happened.

**Diamond Battle Royal and The Inner Circle Is In Disarray**:: This battle royal went the way as many AEW battle royals go — to further storylines and highlight a particular wrestler. **Scorpio Sky** and **Shawn Spears** continued their feud. **Miro** was made to look like a powerhouse. They also tried to highlight **Jungle Boy** a bit. **The Dark Order** continues to be the friends that **Adam Page** might need.

However, the main story is **MJF's** continued antics within The Inner Circle. It was a cool touch for **Orange Cassidy** to win, but there will be ramifications with Miro next week — no doubt. MJF eliminated **Sammy Guevara** and put him in a bad spot with the towel in the Jericho match. The Inner Circle has been together since the inception of AEW Dynamite. Not all heel factions stay the same — sometimes, you need a shakeup. MJF's inclusion is only making that process faster. I see Sammy Guevara being ostracized in some way and turning face given Jericho's ultimatum next week.

**The Man They Call Sting**: After 18 years, **Sting** returns to TNT television. The last time he was on the network, it was a farewell match between **Ric Flair** and right before **Shane McMahon** came on screen and shocked the world. Before we get into that, the tag match was fine. **Powerhouse Hobbs** was showcased to keep his momentum going. **Cody** got the hot tag and came in like a house of fire because that's what Cody does. I was surprised that Rhodes and Allin got the win — if they lost and **Team Taz** did the beat down afterward, the Sting reveal would make even more sense.

Was it good to see Sting? It was? What is his role going to be because with him, Allin, Rhodes, **Arn Anderson**, and **Dustin Rhodes** — they have Team Taz outnumbered. Perhaps he'll serve as a mentor to Allin as there were teases to this with Allin sitting in the rafters a couple of weeks back with the title. Maybe Sting gets physical, but a full-fledged match? Not sure given his recent injury history.

**Britt vs. Leyla**: **Britt Baker** gave a lot to **Leyla Hirsch** here. It made Hirsch look like a formidable opponent to the point where she counted the lockjaw. **Rebel** endured a lot of physicality in this match, so maybe she fights Hirsch on the show this week. Obviously, the build is between **Britt Baker** and **Thunder Rosa** — presumably whoever wins will go after Hikaru Shida. I'm for it. AEW has to make consistent women feuds to strengthen their division and this could be one.

**Omega vs. Moxley make an Impact**: Much of this match has the pacing of a New Japan championship match. The chair sitting with strikes. Each guy building up the offense on each other until they both drop. As a callback to their hardcore match, this was as brutal as it could be without using that crazy barbed wire contraption they did last time. I had a feeling that **Mox** not pinning **Omega** after the Paradigm Shift on the belt would come back to bite him.

Let's talk about the end of this match. Yes, **Don Callis** and Omega have a connection — he was his biggest advocate at NJPW. Yes, Omega utilizing a heel tactic to gain the advantage serves to protect Moxley in some way and further Omega's heel turn. When Tony Khan was telling people that Moxley was not going to Wrestle Kingdom, I don't know if anybody really bought that. I mean poor **KENTA** has been carrying around that briefcase for months now.

If you were going to take the title off Moxley, you could do it this way, then after his commitments have him come back like a bat out of hell. Let's briefly address the elephant in the room — an AEW/IMPACT partnership. Right off the top of my head, I'm thinking of how this could benefit, and here it goes. The women's division. Yes, AEW is a bit of a cluster because they are trying to feature their wrestlers and NWA wrestlers with their title. (lord knows they still have things to work out). A lot of mixing and matching.

I think to the Knockouts Tag Tournament that's going on right now and wrestlers like **Diamante** and **Ivelisse** who fight as a tag frequently. That could be a thing. Also, IMPACT has a huge amount of talent in their women's division and could only help AEW find some stability — hopefully. As on the men's side, Omega already has enough dance partners in AEW to challenge for the title say if Moxley is gone for a month. When **Don Callis** said to tune into Tuesday, I got RVD showing up as Mr. Monday Night on WWF Raw vibes.

IMPACT Wrestling on Tuesday is probably going to have the most eyes on it since — I don't know...Joker Sting? If there is a potential partnership at play, with Callis being in a power position, let's hope they don't mess it up as they did with the NJPW partnership. That was surely an interesting way to end the show — I'm intrigued.

## Random Musings:

- What was that **Hikaru Shida** promo? Why do they keep putting her in those situations as the champ? Not knowing that the promo is live? The cosplay reference was cool because you want her to invoke some sort of confidence as AEW Women's champion. However, you also want to show Abadon's 'supernatural' character in a better way. Make the lights flicker. Maybe a scary image of Abadon. A random metal object falling on the floor isn't the way to do it.
- The random **Eddie Kingston/Lance Archer** call out as we went off-air — what?

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