AEW Dynamite/ August 5th Post Show Notes



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AEW DYNAMITE REVIEW

AEW Dynamite has some good, some so-so, and some entertaining things tonight. The episode furthered some storylines and put some wrestlers over. However, there is something I wanted to write about before we get into the big points of the show.

The AEW Women's division has been a point of contention amongst many wrestling fans. Today, the company unveiled <u>All Elite Heels</u>. It's noted as being a safe haven for female wrestling fans that includes meet and greets, custom merch, and seminars. It's all for the price of \$50 a year. Looking at the recent happenings of the #SpeakingOut movement and continued harassment of female wrestling fans and performers, we can all agree that there needs to be a better environment. There's still a very long way to go.

However, we are within a pandemic and many have lost jobs. \$50 might be a steep price for fans who are already struggling to make ends meet. There are things like Discord servers you can make already. Perhaps, you can make tiers of this and it would be more cost-friendly. Point blank — there needs to be a better emphasis on the women's division. Hikaru Shida, the women's champion is not on the show tonight. Who will be her challenger come All Out? She's stated that she wants to be a fighting champion — give her something or someone to fight. Make the title mean something. Shida is a full-time AEW wrestler. It's different than when Riho first held the belt and she went back and forth from Japan.

The AEW Women's Tag Team tournament was put on Youtube. Right now, it stands at 452,714 views which is great, but I don't recall this being referred to once on AEW Dynamite tonight. Especially, because they had brought in Taynara Conti. A lot of people raved about her debut and her potential. Capitalize that on Wednesday. There was one women's match on the broadcast tonight. (I feel like we can say this all the time). It was a quick match between Big Swole and Reba (Rebel). Reba's last match was in 2019 on NXT in a tag team against Kairi Sane and Io Shirai.

I realize that there have been injuries in the division and travel is cumbersome because of the pandemic. There is still talent in the female division present. I feel that before you ask your female fans to make that type of monetary commitment, you have to show that you are committed to them. Both in creative and showing them by making the women's division more of a priority before you ask for more of their hard-earned dollars.

Santana and Ortiz Show Some Fire: Before their match with Best Friends, commentary noted that Santana and Ortiz had not been in the top five of the rankings since February. (Their last win as a tag team was on an AEW Dark episode on May 28th). The tag team cupboard is extremely full within the AEW spectrum. When they were known as LAX, there was a lot of buzz on where they would go. Would it be AEW or WWE? Since then and their initial feuds, many could agree that they have cooled off considerably. Even though they lost against the Best Friends tonight, they showed some fire after the match (too bad for Momma Sue's car). With the Inner Circle, it feels like Jericho and Guevara are the only ones that win. That needs to change and hopefully, this is a new start for Santana and Ortiz to get some juice back.

The Jericho/Cassidy Debate: Eric Bischoff being the moderator was spoiled on the internet. It was good to see him back on TNT, but for the most part, this was about Jericho and Orange Cassidy. I thought that OC was just going to be mute while Jericho insulted him, but they turned this into a good segment. OC had the intelligent answer about global warming and cut a great, fiery babyface promo. Very much looking forward to their second match next week.

He's Got No Quit In Him: Jon Moxley did service to Darby Allin in his promo earlier in the show. It's as if Moxley was looking at a younger version of himself. Allin got beat up in the match as we all thought he would. As the

story goes on in his experience with big matches, you always think Allin has a chance to win. Because of MJF's interference, he almost does. Allin is just a move or a second away from having his big moment. I believe that he will be their next babyface champion down the road.

You see a match like this — it's brutal, bloody, and rough. Then you look at MJF who is the complete antithesis of Jon Moxley. He wrestles more like an 80's classic heel. This feud is the most intriguing going into All Out. How is Moxley going to cope with MJF's heelish tactics and Warlow at his side? Everybody that Moxley has faced thus far plays his game. They go directly to him. It won't be the case this time. Where does this leave Ricky Starks and Brian Cage? The campaign continues.



uick Bites: The tag match with Matt Cordova and Cody was designed to get Cordova over. Cody took most of the punishment from Reynolds and Silver. Cordova gets the hot tag and we are on our way home. On AEW Dark, Scorpio Sky cut a promo about his win streak on the show and how he wants more. Remember, he did pin Jericho. It will make for a good matchup with Cody for the TNT Title next week.

I hope that Dax isn't hurt for real, but if it is in storyline purposes, it adds another wrinkle into 'As The Hangman Turns." He leaves to help FTR to the back, thus leaving The Elite behind. Hangman comes back, he's on a roll, but The Dark Order numbers game is just too much. We might see a Brodie Lee vs. Hangman Page singles match in the very immediate future. Hangman is getting pulled in different directions. The Dark Order is in his head and there's an obvious friendship with FTR. The threads with his tag team partner, Kenny Omega continues to break — one strand at a time.

They hinted at Matt Hardy and Sammy Guevara feuding before Guevara's suspension occurred. As Hardy tries to become serious and more of a

mentor (did anybody really buy that?) — I think that with happened tonight, we'll get more of the three personalities of Matt.



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