



### Standing Eight Count #3 (July 2-5) + Atlantis: Meltdown Preview

Donny Harrison here once again, folks! Mexico City has already experienced the rising stars of OWT in all their splendor and now with Atlantis and Boiling Point ready to rock the cradle of Lucha Libre, we take a quick look back to award Standing Eight Count awards from the most recent show window with a condensed format so we can squeeze in a preview of Atlantis: Meltdown before tonight's broadcast. Enjoy!

#### 1. Rising Star of the Week Lira Lawson (Odyssey)

While most of the eyes of Odyssey fans have been focused on the likes of Morrighan McDonnell and Gwen Harper as it comes to rising stars, but Lira Lawson is making waves as well, especially after beating McDonnell in an entertaining contest on the latest edition of Odyssey. Definitely someone to watch in the Battle Royal for a shot at the OWA Openweight Championship and going forward could easily find herself in the mix for the Goddesses Championship.

#### 2. Segment of the Week Jonetta Stone vs La Llorona Confrontation (Odyssey)

Maybe one of the most intense moments in OWA history with these two young women verbally sparring before Llorona pulled out a damn switchblade and held it to Jonetta's throat, who refused to cower at the attack. Lines were certainly crossed in this instance, but you can't deny it didn't make for gripping television and definitely makes the Athena's Cup final worth checking out.

### 3. Match of the Week

TIE: Maelstrom vs Michael Bishop (Kingdom) / GRIME vs Chaos Elite (Olympus)

Was just too hard to pick just one between these two sensational bouts. Maelstrom vs Bishop was a brutal bloodbath that definitely took a lot out of both men. Bishop picked up the brutal stoppage victory but Maelstrom definitely put the world on notice. Grime vs Chaos Elite was an outstanding tag team bout that ended in a draw. These two teams have effectively (along with the champions of course) put tag team wrestling back to the forefront in OWA.

### 4. Champion of the Week

OWA Outlaw Champion Aria Jaxon

We may have to rename this award to the Aria Jaxon Award of Championship Excellence. The OWA Outlaw and SSW Puroresu Champion battled back and withstood a merciless challenge from April Song on Atlantis (though April was very quick to argue that Stephanie Matsuda played a part in that despite "Cloud" not getting physically involved). Special mention for Alyssa Grace, the Goddesses Champ, who beat one half of the current tag champs (Nobi) in a sensational bout on the same program.

### 5. Promo Artist of the Week

Michael Bishop (Kingdom)

The veteran talked the talk and walked the walk when it came to his brutal encounter with MAELSTROM. He didn't buy the demented brawler's mind games and gave icily candid details of his past. Bishop is such a menace in the ring that sometimes it's this writer's opinion that people forget just how great a talker he truly is.

### 6. Beef of the Week

Moongoose McQueen vs Everyone (Kingdom)

If you have not watched the closing segment of Kingdom featuring Moongoose addressing his opposition within the dangerous confines of the Steel Asylum and the

chaotic aftermath, do yourself a favor and watch it. This match has so many subplots and features maybe the hardest hitting lineup of competitors in any match that OWA has ever sanctioned. Special bonus points to Revy for being Revy at the end of it all.

#### 7. Show of the Week Atlantis

An outstanding segment with JD Damon, Aria doing Aria things against the Killer Bee in the main event, Darkane, Nyx and Havoc having a wild contest. Even the AK 47 vs Apu/Bapu match was entertaining. Atlantis has quickly become a melting pot for all three OWA brands, giving talent time to shine away from their respective shows.

#### 8. Alpha of the Week Alyssa Grace (Odyssey/Atlantis)

The Goddesses Champ geared up for her title defense at Boiling Point with a win over Nobi (as mentioned earlier). Turning away a familiar and friendly face in the Indonesian star was one thing, beating arguably the most dangerous member of the Void not named Eris will be quite another. OWA's favorite redhead made sure she was in top form heading to Estadio Azteca and she will very much need it to retain her title.

And NOW, A quick Rundown of tonight's Atlantis: Meltdown card and some picks:

The Nice Guys (c) vs. GRiME vs. Chaos Elite - Lucha Rules Match for the OWA Tag Team Championships

What's on the Line: The OWA Tag Championships of course, but also control of what's suddenly become a wide-open tag division. Ever since the Dollhouse were ousted by Keelan and Carlos, the division has seen extraordinary growth and an evergrowing pool of competition. The winning team not only claims the titles but has the keys to the divisional car so to speak and could reign for some time.

X-Factor: Lucha Rules. Not often seen on US soil, Lucha Libre's far more liberal rules could play a part in deciding who leaves Mexico with the gold. Who adapts best?

OUR PICK: We'll go with our gut and pick the champions to retain. Look for the Nice Guys to take advantage at just the right moment to save themselves.

Azumi Goto vs. Jessy Saxon

What's on the Line: Respect. Plain and simple, this match seems to really come across not as a grudge match, but a match of two drastically different wrestling philosophies and lifestyles. Also, it has to be noted if Jessy emerges victorious she almost certainly is in line for an OWA Women's World title match.

X-Factor: Jessy's desire. She has waived in crucial moments in the past, but she has shown consistently when she's focused there are very few better.

OUR PICK: Jessy Saxon. Goto is one of the finest women's wrestlers arguably of all time, but Jessy is looking to get on one of those once-in-a-career rolls if she snags a victory here.

#### Morrighan McDonnell vs. Dulce Torres

What's On the Line: Momentum. Both women suffered tough losses during the semifinals of the Athena's Cup tournament. A win here may salvage something and frankly neither can afford a loss, especially Dulce Torres who has gone from dominant world champion to slowly fading out of the World Championship picture.

X-Factor: Morrighan's potential. One of OWA's rising stars, Morrighan has been able to elevate her game when necessary at times, her win against Stephanie Matsuda being the best example to date. She will have to find another gear to best Dulce.

OUR PICK: Dulce picks up the win here. We love the Banshee and think she will be a force to be reckoned with on Odyssey for a long time to come, but we are still confident in Torres.

Ryo Sakazaki, Theodor Pavel, Oliver Harpe, Bada Dik Baap, Maelstrom, Azurine Vebbins, Devi Krysis, Gwen Harper, Liara Lawson, Rebecca Brookes, Alexander King, Daniel Horror, Revy, Mizuko Nishiyama, Jacob Nighttime, Jack Dio, Mark Michaels, The Udy - Battle Royal, Winner Becomes #1 Contender to the Openweight Championship

What's on the Line: The #1 Contendership to the OWA Openweight Championship.  
Enough said.

X-Factor: AK47. Revy and Mizuko are the only tag team involved in this match and could use that team dynamic to their advantage. Of course only one of them can WIN the battle royal, but they may cross that bridge when they get to it.

OUR PICK: MAELSTROM. The big man has talked and talked, but at some point action has to come. He's only had two matches in OWA, both losses, yet still manages to instill fear into his opponents. A win here could truly bring about "Distortion World"...and a win is what we expect.