

= Genesis ( 2005 ) =

Genesis ( 2005 ) was a professional wrestling pay @-@ per @-@ view ( PPV ) event produced by Total Nonstop Action Wrestling ( TNA ) promotion that took place on November 13 , 2005 at the TNA Impact ! Zone in Orlando , Florida . It was the first event under the Genesis name and eleventh event in the 2005 TNA PPV schedule . Seven professional wrestling matches and two pre @-@ show matches were featured on the event 's card , one of which involved a championship .

The main event was a Six Man Tag Team match pitting the team of Rhino and Team 3D ( Brother Devon and Brother Ray ) against the team of Jeff Jarrett and America 's Most Wanted ( Chris Harris and James Storm ) . Rhino and Team 3D won the encounter . The TNA X Division Championship was defended by then @-@ champion A.J. Styles against the challenger Petey Williams at the event . Styles defeated Williams to retain the championship . A No Disqualification match between Abyss and Sabu was held at the show . Abyss won the contest . A match to determine the number @-@ one contender to the NWA World Heavyweight Championship took place at Genesis , in which Monty Brown defeated Jeff Hardy for a future title match .

Genesis is remembered for the debut of Christian Cage . It was also dedicated to World Wrestling Entertainment wrestler Eddie Guerrero , who died the day of the show . Cage 's debut was ranked by TNA as the 5th greatest moment in the company 's history . Corey David Lacroix of the professional wrestling section of the Canadian Online Explorer rated the show an 8 out of 10 , higher than the 2006 edition of 5 out of 10 by Bob Kapur .

= = Production = =

= = = Background = = =

Genesis was announced in early @-@ August 2005 on TNA 's official website . It was planned for November 13 at the TNA Impact ! Zone in Orlando , Florida . This event caused a change in TNA 's PPV schedule , as the November 2004 PPV event was titled Victory Road . This was a small change as TNA intended to stick with the other names used for PPVs throughout 2005 . A promotional poster for the event was released prior by TNA featuring Jeff Hardy . TNA created a section covering the event on their website . A thirty @-@ minute pre @-@ show was slatted to take place prior to the telecast featuring two wrestling matches : Shark Boy versus the debuting Nigel McGuinness , and The Diamonds in the Rough ( David Young , Elix Skipper , and Simon Diamond ) versus Lance Hoyt and The Naturals ( Andy Douglas and Chase Stevens ) . TNA promoted the debut of a newly signed wrestler to occur at Genesis , which the promotion called a " major acquisition . " Genesis was dedicated to World Wrestling Entertainment wrestler Eddie Guerrero , who died the day of the event .

= = = Storylines = = =

Genesis featured seven professional wrestling matches and two pre @-@ show matches that involved different wrestlers from pre @-@ existing scripted feuds and storylines . Wrestlers portrayed villains , heroes , or less distinguishable characters in the scripted events that built tension and culminated in a wrestling match or series of matches .

The main event at Genesis was a Six Man Tag Team match pitting the team of Rhino and Team 3D ( Brother Devon and Brother Ray ) against the team of Jeff Jarrett and America 's Most Wanted ( Chris Harris and James Storm ; AMW ) . This match was promoted for Genesis by TNA on their official website , and later announced on the October 29 episode of TNA 's television program TNA Impact ! . The storyline behind this match began the October 1 episode of Impact ! , when Team 3D made their TNA debut . On the October 8 episode of Impact ! , AMW and Jarrett assaulted Team 3D to the point they were left covered in blood . Afterwards , Team 3D were not seen due to a scripted injury , with Jarrett , AMW , and Team Canada ( A @-@ 1 , Bobby Roode , Eric Young , Petey

Williams , and Coach Scott D 'Amore ) hosting a segment where they buried Team 3D 's careers on the October 15 episode of Impact ! . Meanwhile , then @-@ NWA World Heavyweight Champion Jarrett was involved in a feud with Kevin Nash which was to lead to a title defense at TNA 's Bound for Glory PPV event on October 23 . However , Nash was rushed to the hospital the night before and was not cleared to wrestle . Rhino took Nash 's place in the match , where he defeated Jarrett to win the NWA World Heavyweight Championship . The same night Team 3D made their return from their scripted injury , coming to the aid of Rhino after the main event . Later , Jarrett reclaimed the title on the November 3 episode of Impact ! .

The predominate bout on the card was for the TNA X Division Championship , in which then @-@ champion A.J. Styles defended the title against the challenger Petey Williams . At Bound for Glory , Williams competed in a Three Way Ultimate X match to determine the number @-@ one contender to the TNA X Division Championship along with Chris Sabin and Matt Bentley . The match had technical difficulties , but in the end Williams won the bout . On the October 29 episode of Impact ! , a rematch from Bound for Glory was promoted for the November 3 episode of Impact ! due to the issues regarding the previous contest . Despite the rematch , Williams won this encounter as well , remaining number @-@ one contender . After his victory , TNA began to promote Styles versus Williams in a title match at Genesis .

Several other bouts were planned for Genesis , of these the most significant were a No Disqualification match and a match to determine the number @-@ one contender to the NWA World Heavyweight Championship . The No Disqualification match was between Abyss and Sabu . This was a rematch from TNA 's Unbreakable PPV event on September 11 , which Abyss won . Abyss and Sabu also fought in Monster 's Ball II at Bound for Glory , which Rhino won . TNA advertised Monty Brown versus Jeff Hardy to determine the number @-@ one contender to the NWA World Heavyweight Championship heading into Genesis . This was a continuation of a storyline in which Brown sought to become NWA World Heavyweight Champion . Both of these encounters were advertised on TNA 's website following Bound for Glory .

= = Event = =

= = = Pre @-@ Show = = =

Prior to Genesis , TNA held a thirty @-@ minute pre @-@ show . Two matches were held during the broadcast . The first pitted Shark Boy against Nigel McGuinness , lasting 5 minutes and 30 seconds . Shark Boy won the encounter by using a roll @-@ up pin . The second was a Six Man Tag Team match between The Diamonds in the Rough ( David Young , Elix Skipper , and Simon Diamond ) and the team of Lance Hoyt and The Naturals ( Andy Douglas and Chase Stevens ) . The duration of the contest was 5 minutes and 48 seconds . The Diamonds in the Rough won after Skipper and Young crashed into Stevens simultaneously and followed with the pinfall .

= = = Miscellaneous = = =

Genesis featured employees other than the wrestlers involved in the matches . Mike Tenay and Don West were the commentators for the telecast . Jeremy Borash and David Penzer were the ring announcers for the event . Andrew Thomas , Rudy Charles , and Mark " Slick " Johnson participated as referees for the encounters . Shane Douglas handled the interview duties during the show . Besides employees who appeared in a wrestling role , SoCal Val , Larry Zbyszko , Cassidy Riley , Coach Scott D 'Amore , Christian Cage , Traci , James Mitchell , and Gail Kim all appeared on camera , either in backstage or in ringside segments . During the broadcast , Christian Cage made his TNA debut , revealing himself as the major acquisition which TNA promoted for the event .

= = = Preliminary matches = = =

The first match of the event pitted Raven against P.J. Polaco . This match occurred because Raven refused to quit the company , which was something NWA Championship Committee member Larry Zbyszko had requested in the storyline . Since Raven refused to quit , Zbyszko forced him to wrestle Polaco . Cassidy Riley interfered in the match by attempting to aid Raven . The duration of the bout was 5 minutes and 45 seconds . Raven won the contest by forcing Polaco 's head into the mat with his signature Even Flow DDT maneuver .

A Six Man Tag Team Hockey Stick Fight with Kip James as Special Guest Referee between 3Live Kru ( B.G. James , Konnan , and Ron Killings ) and Team Canada ( A @-@ 1 , Bobby Roode , and Eric Young ) followed . In this match , hockey sticks were hung above each of the turnbuckles in the ring , with only the legal men allowed to use them . The only way to win was by pinfall or submission . Killings pinned Young after a top rope leg drop onto a hockey stick that laid across Young 's groin to win the match for his team at 10 minutes and 23 seconds . After this bout , Christian Cage made his debut , announcing he wanted to become NWA World Heavyweight Champion . Coach Scott D 'Amore and Bobby Roode came out and offered Cage a spot in Team Canada , which Cage said he would consider .

The third match was between Monty Brown and Jeff Hardy to determine the number @-@ one contender to the NWA World Heavyweight Championship . Hardy scored a two @-@ count on Brown by slamming the back of Brown 's head and neck into the mat with a reverse neckbreaker . Hardy then climbed to the top rope and jumped off with a somersault toward Brown , who was laying on his back in the ring , to attempt his signature Swanton Bomb maneuver . Once Hardy jumped , Brown moved out of the way and then performed his signature Pounce maneuver by crashing into Hardy . Brown followed by pinning Hardy at 8 minutes and 43 seconds to win the contest and become number @-@ one contender to the NWA World Heavyweight Championship .

TNA held a Four @-@ on @-@ Four Tag Team Elimination X match pitting the team of Alex Shelley , Christopher Daniels , Roderick Strong , and Samoa Joe against the team of Austin Aries , Chris Sabin , Matt Bentley , and Sonjay Dutt . Matt Bentley was accompanied by Traci to the ring . The duration of this bout was 23 minutes and 15 seconds . Daniels took over the leadership role of his team , naming them Team Ministry . In this match , each person from each team had to be eliminated by pinfall or submission until all members of one team were gone . The wrestler ( s ) that remained won the bout for their team . Strong was the first eliminated after being pinned by Aries following a 450 ° aerial splash . Aries was eliminated soon @-@ after by Daniels , who pinned him with a roll @-@ up while he was distracted by Joe . The third elimination was Dutt , who submitted to Shelley 's signature Border City Stretch submission hold . Not long after , Shelley was pinned by Bentley after being kicked in the face . Joe forced Bentley to submit with his signature Coquina Clutch submission hold , bringing the match down to Daniels and Joe versus Sabin . Daniels won the bout for his team by pinning Sabin after slamming Sabin face @-@ first into the mat with his signature Angel 's Wings maneuver . An argument ensued between Daniels and Joe after the contest , with Joe angry in the storyline that Daniels eliminated Sabin when he wanted to instead . This led to Joe attacking Daniels and bashing him over the head with a steal chair . Joe followed up by slamming Daniels into the mat with his signature Muscle Buster maneuver and then a second time on a steal chair . This left Daniels bloodied in the center of the ring with TNA 's medical crew tending to his injuries .

= = = Main event matches = = =

The fifth match of the show saw Abyss face Sabu in a No Disqualification match . Abyss was accompanied by James Mitchell . In a No Disqualification match , weapons are legal , as well as outside interference , with a victor determined only by pinfall or submission . Abyss slammed Sabu into a pile of thumbtacks to earn a two @-@ count during the match . Near the end , Sabu tried to hit Abyss with a steal chair wrapped in barbed @-@ wire , but Abyss countered the maneuver . This led to Abyss slamming Sabu back @-@ first onto the barbed @-@ wire wrapped steal chair with his signature Black Hole Slam maneuver to win the encounter at 10 minutes and 48 seconds .

The TNA X Division Championship was defended by A.J. Styles against Petey Williams next .

Williams was accompanied by A @-@ 1 . The duration of the contest was 18 minutes and 20 seconds . Early in the bout , Styles jumped over the top rope to ringside aiming to land on Williams , he instead overshot and crashed into the guardrail . Mid @-@ way through the contest , Styles attempted to perform his signature Styles Clash maneuver , but Williams countered . Afterwards , Williams attempted to perform his signature Canadian Destroyer , but this time Styles counter . Williams held Styles in his signature Sharpshooter submission hold during the encounter . Styles fought out of it by grabbing the bottom rope and forcing it to be released . Samoa Joe interfered in the bout by distracting Styles . Near the end , both men fought on the top rope with Styles getting the advantage . He then set up Williams for his Styles Clash maneuver and jumped off , slamming Williams face @-@ first into the mat from the top rope . Styles followed with a pin , thus winning the match and retaining the TNA X Division Championship .

The main event was a Six Man Tag Team match pitting the team of Rhino and Team 3D ( Brother Devon and Brother Ray ) against the team of Jeff Jarrett and America 's Most Wanted ( Chris Harris and James Storm ; AMW ) . The latter was accompanied by Gail Kim . Various weapons were used by both teams throughout the match without the referee disqualifying either . Some weapons used included trash cans , cheese graters , and tables . Rhino tackled Jarrett with his signature Gore maneuver late in the match , but the pin was broken up by AMW . This led to Team 3D throwing Harris out of the ring and performing their signature 3D tag team maneuver , slamming Storm onto the mat . They followed with the pin to win the contest at 15 minutes and 48 seconds . After the contest , Jarrett attacked Rhino by bashing him over the head with a guitar . Jarrett , AMW , and Team Canada then proceeded to assault Rhino and Team 3D until Christian Cage came out to the ring . Cage attacked Coach Scott D 'Amore and aided Rhino and Team 3D is fighting off Jarrett , AMW , and the result of Team Canada .

= = Reception = =

A total of 900 people attended Genesis . Canadian Online Explorer writer Corey David Lacroix rated the entire event an 8 out of 10 , which was higher than the 2006 edition with 5 out of 10 from Bob Kapur . The Genesis ranking was lower than Bound for Glory 's rating , which received a 9 out of 10 from Bob Kapur . TNA 's next PPV event Turning Point was ranked lower than Genesis ; it received a 7 out of 10 from Bob Kapur . Genesis was ranked higher than TNA 's Victory Road held the previous November . Victory Road was given a 5 out of 10 from Jason Clevett . Compared to rival World Wrestling Entertainment 's ( WWE ) Survivor Series PPV event , Genesis out @-@ performed it , as it was given a 6 @.@ 5 out of 10 by Dale Plummer and Nick Tylwalk .

Lacroix rated the main event Six Man Tag Team match an 8 out of 10 , while the No Disqualification match was given a 7 @.@ 5 out of 10 . The TNA X Division Championship match and the Elimination X match each received the highest rating of Lacroix 's review with a 9 out of 10 . He gave the Monty Brown versus Jeff Hardy bout a 6 out of 10 , while the Raven versus P.J. Polaco match a 4 @.@ 5 out of 10 , the lowest rating of his review . He also gave Christian Cage 's debut an 8 out of 10 .

James Caldwell of the Pro Wrestling Torch Newsletter reviewed the event , commenting that the main event was the " usual shortcut main event match involving Jarrett or anyone with an ECW background . " He said the TNA X Division Championship match was a " solid match " and was the " match of the night so far , although not a typical standout X Division PPV match . " Caldwell 's called the No Disqualification match the " usual trainwreck hardcore match between two wrestlers who have wrestled the exact same match several PPV 's in a row . " He felt the Elimination X match was a decent wrestling match " and that the segment after the match helped to establish " Joe 's character and gave him some definition as an assassin . " As for the Brown versus Hardy match , he stated that it was a " better match than the previous two , but there wasn 't enough time for the match to develop a nice pace and cadence to be a solid PPV quality match . "

TNA released a DVD counting down the top 50 moments in their history in 2007 , with Cage 's debut being ranked at number 5 on the compilation .

= = Aftermath = =

After the show went off the air , Christian Cage , Rhino , and Team 3D ( Brother Devon and Brother Ray ) joined together to create a chant in honor of Eddie Guerrero .

Rhino and Jarrett continued their rivalry after Genesis . A rematch between Rhino and Jarrett for the NWA World Heavyweight Championship was announced on the November 19 episode of Impact ! for Turning Point . TNA aired a series of video packages focusing on Rhino and his title match heading into the show . Jarrett defeated Rhino at the event to retain the championship .

Team 3D fought AMW in a Tag Team Elimination Tables match at Turning Point . The Tables match was announced on the November 19 episode of Impact ! to take place at the show . Team 3D won the encounter at the show .

A.J. Styles went on to defend the TNA X Division Championship against Samoa Joe at Turning Point . This defense was due to Styles accusing Joe of violating the unwritten X Division code . Styles then challenged Joe to a TNA X Division Championship match at Turning Point which Joe accepted on the November 19 episode of Impact ! . Joe defeated Styles at the show to become the new TNA X Division Champion . After the bout , Joe attempted to assault Styles in the same manner he did with Daniels until Daniels returned from injury to save Styles . This continued a rivalry between the three wrestlers as Joe went on to defend the title against Daniels at TNA 's Final Resolution PPV event on January 15 , 2006 , which Joe won to retain the title . At TNA 's Against All Odds PPV event on February 12 , 2006 , Daniels , Joe , and Styles competed in a Three Way match for the TNA X Division Championship ; Joe gained the pinfall to retain the title . The three competed again , but this time in a Three Way Ultimate X match for the championship at TNA 's Destination X PPV event on March 12 , 2006 . Daniels won the bout , thus becoming the new TNA X Division Champion . The rivalry ended on the April 13 , 2006 episode of Impact ! when Joe defeated Daniels to win back the championship .

After Monty Brown became number @-@ one contender to the NWA World Heavyweight Championship , he face Christian Cage at Turning Point in another bout to determine the number @-@ one contender to the title . Cage requested this match on the November 26 episode of Impact ! from NWA Championship Committee member Larry Zbyszko , which he was granted . Cage won the contest to become the new number @-@ one contender NWA World Heavyweight Championship .

TNA held the first @-@ ever Barbed Wire Massacre at Turning Point between Abyss and Sabu . TNA advertised the Barbed Wire Massacre between Abyss and Sabu on the November 19 episode of Impact ! . The reasoning behind the match stipulation had to do with Abyss fearing barbed wire in the storyline . Abyss challenged this fear on the December 3 episode of Impact ! , by bashing Sabu over the head with a barbed wire wrapped steal chair . Sabu defeated Abyss at the event to end their rivalry .

= = Results = =

Elimination X match

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