

= No Surrender (2005) =

No Surrender (2005) was a professional wrestling pay @-@ per @-@ view (PPV) event produced by the Total Nonstop Action Wrestling (TNA) promotion , which took place on July 17 , 2005 at the TNA Impact ! Zone in Orlando , Florida . It was the first under the No Surrender chronology and the seventh event in the 2005 TNA PPV schedule . Nine professional wrestling matches and one pre @-@ show match were featured on the card .

The main event was a No Surrender Dog Collar match for the NWA World Heavyweight Championship , in which then @-@ champion Raven defended the title against Abyss . Raven won the match , thus retaining the NWA World Heavyweight Championship . The TNA X Division Championship was defended by Christopher Daniels against Petey Williams . Daniels retained the championship in the encounter . On the undercard , A.J. Styles defeated Sean Waltman with Jerry Lynn as the Special Guest Referee . Monty Brown and The Outlaw defeated the 3Live Kru (Konnan and Ron Killings) in a Tag Team Street Fight also on the card .

No Surrender is marked by the debut of Rhino in TNA . Jason Clevett of the professional wrestling section of the Canadian Online Explorer rated the show an 8 out of 10 , equal with the 2006 event 's ranking of 8 out of 10 also by Clevett .

= = Production = =

= = = Background = = =

TNA announced in late @-@ April 2005 that they were planning to host a PPV titled No Surrender on July 17 at the TNA Impact ! Zone in Orlando , Florida . Prior to No Surrender , TNA 's television contract with Fox Sports Net ended . This left TNA without a broadcaster for several weeks . As a result , TNA began airing weekly episodes of their television program TNA Impact ! on their official website in order to build storylines and promote the No Surrender PPV event . In an article by TNA columnist Bill Banks , it was reported that some " new talent " could debut at No Surrender . TNA released a poster promoting the event featuring A.J. Styles , Chris Harris , Christopher Daniels , and Jeff Jarrett at some point beforehand .

= = = Storylines = = =

No Surrender featured nine professional wrestling matches and one pre @-@ show match that involved wrestlers from pre @-@ existing scripted feuds and storylines portraying villains , heroes , or less distinguishable characters ; these scripted events built tension and culminated in a wrestling match or series of matches .

The main event at No Surrender was a No Surrender Dog Collar match for the NWA World Heavyweight Championship between then @-@ champion Raven and the challenger Abyss . On the June 24 episode of Impact ! , James Mitchell returned to the promotion in a backstage segment with Abyss . Mitchell propositioned Abyss on the idea of an NWA World Heavyweight Championship match , which Abyss agreed to , creating a partnership between the two . With Mitchell as Abyss ' new manager , Abyss attacked Raven later during the show , setting up a match between the two at the PPV . Raven challenged Abyss to a Dog Collar match with " No Surrender " rules in which the only way to win was by pinfall at No Surrender on the July 1 episode of Impact ! , which was accepted . During the July 15 episode of Impact ! , Cassidy Reilly pledged his allegiance to Raven for past experiences in which Raven had saved him , going on to state he would be there to help Raven anytime he needed it .

The TNA X Division Championship was defended in another high profiled match on the card . Then @-@ champion Christopher Daniels was pitted against Petey Williams in the contest . On the July 1 episode of Impact ! , Terry Taylor held an interview with Daniels . During this time , Daniels announced he had defeated the best Mexican Luchador in Shocker and the best American wrestlers

in Chris Sabin and Michael Shane to retain the X Division Championship . At this time , Canadian wrestler Petey Williams entered and challenged Daniels to a title defense at No Surrender , which Daniels accepted .

A.J. Styles challenged Sean Waltman with Jerry Lynn as the Special Guest Referee in another encounter promoted for No Surrender . At TNA 's previous PPV event Slammiversary on June 19 , then @-@ champion Styles defended the NWA World Heavyweight Championship in a King of the Mountain match against Abyss , Monty Brown , Raven , and Waltman . Waltman and Styles created an alliance during the match , which ended when Waltman turned on Styles , costing him the championship as Raven went on to win the match . Styles and Waltman had a confrontation on the July 1 episode of Impact ! , which was stopped by Lynn . Styles asked for a match against Waltman from NWA Championship Committee member Larry Zbyszko on the July 8 episode of Impact ! . Zbyszko granted Styles his request only after making Lynn the Special Guest Referee .

A Tag Team Street Fight pitting the 3Live Kru (Konnan and Ron Killings) against the team of Monty Brown and The Outlaw was promoted for the undercard . On the June 24 episode of Impact ! , Brown and The Outlaw attacked Konnan and Killings during an interview with TNA commentator Mike Tenay . Brown and The Outlaw proceeded to parody Konnan , Killings , and 3Live Kru member B.G. James leading up to No Surrender . Following a fight between Konnan , Killings , Brown , and The Outlaw on the July 15 episode of Impact ! , Tenay announced the two teams were scheduled for a Street Fight at No Surrender .

= = Event = =

= = = Pre @-@ Show = = =

TNA held a thirty @-@ minute pre @-@ show prior to the event , during which Shocker was pitted against Jerrelle Clark . Shocker won the bout at 4 minutes and 16 seconds with a roll @-@ up pin .

= = = Miscellaneous = = =

No Surrender featured employees other than the wrestlers involved in the matches . Mike Tenay and Don West were the commentators for the telecast . Jeremy Borash , for main event only , and David Penzer were 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 for the event . Besides employees who appeared in a wrestling role , Jeff Jarrett , Jimmy Hart , Traci , James Mitchell , and Rhino all appeared on camera , either in backstage or in ringside segments .

= = = Preliminary matches = = =

The event opened with a tag team match between America 's Most Wanted (Chris Harris and James Storm ; AMW) and the team of Alex Shelley and Michael Shane , who were accompanied by Traci . The duration of the bout was 11 minutes and 47 seconds . At one point , Storm lifted up Shane , so Harris could dive off the top rope and bash him in the chest with his forearm . Later , Storm was thrown out of the ring but held on to the top rope . He attempted to pull himself back in , however , Shelley dropkicked him from inside the ring , knocking him to the outside . AMW won the match after Storm pinned Shelley following a kick to the chin .

TNA held a Four Way match for the last spot in the 2005 TNA Super X Cup Tournament between Elix Skipper , Mikey Batts , Shark Boy , and Sonjay Dutt . The competition lasted 8 minutes and 22 seconds . Elix Skipper performed his signature maneuver the Sudden Death on Batts near the end . He attempted a cover but was stopped by Shark Boy . Shark Boy then went for a cover , who was stopped by Dutt . Dutt then performed his signature aerial maneuver the Hindu Press , landing on Batts to gain the victory and enter the 2005 TNA Super X Cup Tournament .

David Young and Simon Diamond fought Apolo and Sonny Siaki in the third encounter . It lasted 5 minutes and 32 seconds . Close to the end , David lifted up and slammed Siaki back @-@ first into the mat with a Spinebuster . The referee refused to count the pin , deeming that David was not the eligible man . This allowed Apolo to lift up and slam David face @-@ first into the mat to win the match .

In the fourth match , Samoa Joe was pitted against Chris Sabin . Joe performed his signature Muscle Buster maneuver and then placed Sabin in his signature submission hold the Coquina Clutch . Instead of submitting , Sabin instead passed out in storyline , with the referee lifting and raising his arm three times before giving the victory to Joe at 14 minutes and 2 seconds .

A Six Man Tag Team match between Team Canada (A @-@ 1 , Bobby Roode , and Eric Young) and the team of Lance Hoyt and The Naturals (Andy Douglas and Chase Stevens) , who were accompanied by Jimmy Hart , was next . The match duration was 14 minutes and 44 seconds . Douglas scored a near @-@ fall after Hoyt slammed Eric back @-@ first to the mat . The Naturals set up for their Natural Disaster tag team maneuver on Eric , however , Roode entered and bashed Douglas and Stevens with a megaphone . Eric then covered Douglas for the win .

= = = Main event matches = = =

The sixth contest was a Tag Team Street Fight pitting the team of Monty Brown and The Outlaw against the 3Live Kru (Konnan and Ron Killings) . A Street Fight is fought under no disqualification rules , which is won either by a pinfall or submission . The Outlaw requested to be called by a new name before the contest , Kip James . The Outlaw was busted open during the bout . Multiple referees had to be replaced for the match , due to reoccurring attacks on them by The Outlaw . Brown won the encounter after performing his signature Pounce maneuver on Killings , knocking him across the ring onto the mat , at 5 minutes and 20 seconds . After the contest , B.G. James entered the ring where The Outlaw offered James a chair to hit Konnan with , which James declined .

Jerry Lynn was Special Guest Referee for the next encounter between A.J. Styles and Sean Waltman . Styles bleed from the nose during the match . Styles gained a near @-@ fall on Waltman after performing his signature Styles Clash maneuver and slamming Waltman face @-@ first into the mat . Waltman also gained a near @-@ fall following his signature X @-@ Factor maneuver and forcing Styles face @-@ first into the mat . Later , Styles jumped from the ring apron over the top rope and Waltman in a sunset flip . Waltman held onto the ropes , trying to prevent a pin attempt , until Lynn kicked his hands off the top rope . Styles then rolled through and lifted Waltman up to perform the Styles Clash at 14 minutes and 37 seconds to win the competition .

The TNA X Division Championship was defended by Christopher Daniels against Petey Williams , who was accompanied by A @-@ 1 . The duration was 16 minutes and 24 seconds . During the match , Williams put Daniels in his Sharpshooter submission hold , which Williams was forced to released when Daniels grabbed the bottom rope . A @-@ 1 tossed Williams a chain to bash Daniels with . However , Daniels had his own chain which he used to punch Williams with and followed by performing his signature Best Moonsault Ever maneuver , splashing onto Williams , to retain the championship .

The main event was a No Surrender Dog Collar match for the NWA World Heavyweight Championship between then @-@ champion Raven and the challenger Abyss , who was accompanied by James Mitchell . The encounter lasted 19 minutes and 17 seconds . In a Dog Collar match , both competitors are tied together at the neck by a long steel chain that is attached to a dog collar . The match is fought under no disqualification rules ; in this case the only way to win was by pinfall . Abyss crashed through a table at ringside after Raven pushed him off the stage . Abyss removed the collar during the match and retrieved a bag of thumbtacks . He then poured them over the mat and ripped Raven 's shirt off , before attempting to slam him into them . Cassidy Reilly interfered in the contest stopping Abyss . Later , Cassidy was shoved off the ring apron by Abyss and he crashed through a table . Raven followed by slamming Abyss back @-@ first into the tacks with a powerbomb and covered for a near @-@ fall . Abyss also gained a near @-@ fall on Raven

after slamming him into the mat back @-@ first with his signature Black Hole Slam maneuver . Raven finally won the contest following forcing Abyss head @-@ first into thumbtacks with his signature Raven Effect DDT maneuver to retain the championship . Following the bout , a segment took place between Raven and Jeff Jarrett , which ended when Rhino made his TNA debut and tackled Raven with his signature Gore maneuver .

= = Reception = =

A total of 775 people attended No Surrender . Canadian Online Explorer writer Jason Clevett rated the entire event an 8 out of 10 , which was equal with the 8 of 10 given to the 2006 No Surrender by Clevett . No Surrender 's rating was higher than TNA 's previous event Slammiversary , which was given a 7 out of 10 by Clevett . Compared to rival World Wrestling Entertainment 's The Great American Bash PPV event held on July 24 , No Surrender was rated higher , as Bob Kapur gave The Great American Bash a 5 out of 10 . Clevett felt that No Surrender proved that " when everything clicks they [TNA] can put on a fantastic show that gives fans their money 's worth . " A.J. Styles versus Sean Waltman , Samoa Joe versus Chris Sabin , and the X Division Championship match were signaled out by Clevett as three " fantastic matches on a solid undercard . " Clevett gave his highest match rating of 9 out of 10 in his review to the Joe versus Sabin bout . He gave his lowest rating of 3 out of 10 to the Tag Team Street Fight . The main event , Styles versus Waltman , and the X Division Championship matches were all given an 8 out of 10 by Clevett . Regarding the Dog Collar match , Clevett thought it was a " bloody and violent encounter , as one would expect with those two in the ring . " When commenting on the Styles versus Waltman encounter , Clevett thought it " was undoubtable Waltman 's best match in years " .

Wade Keller of the Pro Wrestling Torch rated the main event , Styles versus Waltman , and Joe versus Sabin all 3 and a half stars out of 5 . However , the X Division Championship match received a 3 and a three @-@ fourths stars out of 5 , his highest rating of the review . He gave the lowest ranking to the Tag Team Street Fight , at a half of a star . Keller commented on the main event as being " what you 'd expect , and that 's not a bad thing " . Keller thought the Styles versus Waltman bout was a " very good match , the best from Waltman in years " . James Caldwell , also of the Pro Wrestling Torch , published a review of the show . In his review he stated that the main event was a " good car wreck match " , which " told a good story based on the storyline entering the match " . Regarding the X Division Championship bout , Caldwell thought that " both men worked a solid match " . " A good wrestling match that showed Waltman still has it . " , said Caldwell as he commented on the Styles versus Waltman encounter . Caldwell believed that Joe versus Sabin was a " damn good match " . TNA released a DVD counting down the top 50 moments in their history in 2007 , with Rhino 's debut listed at number 36 .

= = Aftermath = =

Following No Surrender , Raven went on to feud with Jeff Jarrett and Rhino . Jarrett and Rhino attacked Raven on the July 22 episode of Impact ! , claiming he had no allies to help him . On the July 29 episode of Impact ! , Jarrett and Rhino attacked Cassidy Riley as well , until Raven announced he had chosen a partner to team with him in a Tag Team match to face Jarrett and Rhino at TNA 's next PPV event Sacrifice on August 14 . Sabu then appeared attacking Jarrett and Rhino with Raven . At Sacrifice , NWA Championship Committee member Larry Zbyszko added a stipulation to the encounter , in which if Jarrett pinned Raven he would earn a future NWA World Heavyweight Championship match , however , if Raven pinned Jarrett then he would not garner one for an entire year . The team of Jarrett and Rhino won the contest at the event , with Rhino gaining the pinfall victory .

Abyss began a feud with Lance Hoyt after No Surrender , when Abyss attacked Hoyt on the July 22 episode of Impact ! . In return Hoyt attacked Abyss on the August 5 episode of Impact ! , setting up a match between the two at Sacrifice . Abyss won the match at the event .

TNA held the 2005 TNA Super X Cup Tournament in the weeks following No Surrender leading up

to Sacrifice . It was a single @-@ elimination tournament which involved eight men , A.J. Styles , Alex Shelley , Chris Sabin , Michael Shane , Petey Williams , Samoa Joe , Shocker , and Sonjay Dutt . The winner of the tournament would become number one contender to the TNA X Division Championship held by Christopher Daniels . Daniels provided commentary to each of the encounters on the July 22 , July 29 , August 5 , and August 10 episodes of Impact ! , as well as the Finals at Sacrifice . Daniels unofficially named the tournament the Christopher Daniels Invitational . The tournament came down to Joe and Styles in the Finals at Sacrifice , which Joe won after interference from Daniels .

Sean Waltman and Jerry Lynn sparked a rivalry after No Surrender due to Lynn 's interference in Waltman 's bout against Styles , with the two facing at Sacrifice . The storyline revolving around this match began on the July 22 episode of Impact ! , where Waltman accused Lynn of trying to steal his spotlight in a backstage segment , while Lynn took credit for Waltman 's success in the industry for helping Waltman get his start . Lynn defeated Waltman at the event .

The 3Live Kru (Konnan and Ron Killings) and the team of Monty Brown and The Outlaw fought at Sacrifice , this time with B.G. James as Special Guest Referee . Due to The Outlaw attacking several referees during the Street Fight at No Surrender , TNA officials refused to referee a rematch between the two teams at Sacrifice . As such , this forced Zbyszko to name B.G. as the Special Guest Referee on the July 29 episode of Impact ! . The 3Live Kru were the victors at Sacrifice .

= = Results = =