

= Turning Point ( 2005 wrestling ) =

Turning Point ( 2005 ) was a professional wrestling pay @-@ per @-@ view ( PPV ) event produced by the Total Nonstop Action Wrestling ( TNA ) promotion that took place on December 11 , 2005 at the TNA Impact ! Zone in Orlando , Florida . It was the second event under the Turning Point name and the twelfth and final event of the 2005 TNA PPV schedule . Nine professional wrestling matches and one pre @-@ show match were featured on the event 's card , two of which featured championships .

The main event at Turning Point was for the NWA World Heavyweight Championship , in which then @-@ champion Jeff Jarrett was pitted against the challenger Rhino . Jarrett won the match to retain the title . A.J. Styles defended the TNA X Division Championship against Samoa Joe at the event . Joe defeated Styles to become the new champion . Team 3D ( Brother Devon and Brother Ray ) fought America 's Most Wanted ( Chris Harris and James Storm ; AMW ) in a Tag Team Elimination Tables match at the event , which Team 3D won . TNA held the first @-@ ever Barbed Wire Massacre at Turning Point between Abyss and Sabu . Sabu was the victor in the contest . Christian Cage defeated Monty Brown also at the event .

Turning Point is remembered for the first @-@ ever Barbed Wire Massacre , the announcement of TNA 's signing of the wrestler Sting , and Samoa Joe 's title win which was ranked by TNA as the 34th greatest moment in the company 's history . Bob Kapur of the professional wrestling section of the Canadian Online Explorer rated the show a 7 out of 10 , as he had for the 2004 installment .

= = Production = =

= = = Background = = =

The second installment in the TNA Turning Point chronology was announced in September 2005 . The date for the show was revealed in late @-@ September on TNA 's official website as December 11 , with it to be held at the TNA Impact ! Zone in Orlando , Florida . A promotional poster for the event was released by TNA featuring Team 3D ( Brother Devon and Brother Ray ) . A thirty @-@ minute pre @-@ show was slotted to take place prior to the telecast featuring one wrestling match . TNA advertised that a major announcement would take place at Turning Point that would " change the face of TNA in 2006 " .

= = = Storylines = = =

Turning Point featured nine professional wrestling matches and one pre @-@ show match 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 Turning Point was for the NWA World Heavyweight Championship , in which then @-@ champion Jeff Jarrett defended against the challenger Rhino . The storyline behind this match began at TNA 's Bound for Glory PPV event on October 23 , 2005 , where Jarrett was to defend the title against Kevin Nash . 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 . Later , Jarrett reclaimed the title on the November 3 , 2005 episode of TNA 's television program TNA Impact ! . This led to a Six @-@ Man Tag Team match pitting the team of Rhino and Team 3D ( Brother Devon and Brother Ray ) against the team of Jarrett and America 's Most Wanted ( Chris Harris and James Storm ; AMW ) at TNA 's Genesis PPV event on November 13 , 2005 . Rhino and Team 3D were the victors of the encounter . A rematch between Rhino and Jarrett for the title was announced on the November 19 , 2005 episode of Impact ! for Turning Point . TNA aired a series of video packages focusing on Rhino and his title match heading into the show .

The TNA X Division Championship was also defended at Turning Point , with then @-@ champion A.J. Styles facing Samoa Joe . This rivalry started at TNA 's Sacrifice PPV event held on August 14 , 2005 , where Joe defeated Styles in the final round of the 2005 TNA Super X Cup Tournament . By winning the tournament , Joe was entitled to a TNA X Division Championship match against then @-@ champion Christopher Daniels . Daniels had interfered in the match , leading to Joe 's victory . As a result , Styles was added to Joe 's title match with Daniels , making it a Three Way match at TNA 's Unbreakable PPV event held on September 11 , 2005 . Styles won the bout at Unbreakable becoming the new champion , thus leading to a defense against Daniels at Bound for Glory in a Thirty @-@ Minute Iron Man match which Styles also won .

Styles went on to defend the championship against Petey Williams , while Daniels and Joe competed in a Four @-@ on @-@ Four Tag Team Elimination X match at Genesis . Styles retained the title at the event , while Daniels and Joe 's team were the victors in their contest . After Daniels and Joe won their match , Joe assaulted Daniels by bashing him over the head with a steel chair and slamming him on a steel chair back @-@ first . Daniels was sidelined with an injury in the storyline as a result of these action . Thereafter , Joe proceeded to carry around a blood stained towel from the attack . Joe 's action at Genesis angered Styles in the storyline , as Styles accused Joe of violating the unwritten code of the TNA X Division . Styles followed by challenging Joe to a match at Turning Point for the TNA X Division Championship on the November 19 , 2005 episode of Impact ! , which Joe accepted . On the December 3 , 2005 episode of Impact ! , Joe attacked Styles , claiming he did not care about the X Division code .

Team 3D fought AMW in a Tag Team Elimination Tables match at Turning Point . The storyline behind this match began on the October 8 , 2005 episode of Impact ! where AMW and Jeff Jarrett violently assaulted Team 3D leaving them covered with 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 , 2005 episode of Impact ! . Team 3D made their return from injury at Bound for Glory , attacking Jarrett and AMW . At Genesis , Team 3D teamed with Rhino to defeat AMW and Jarrett in a Six @-@ Man Tag Team match . A Tables match between Team 3D and AMW was announced on the November 19 , 2005 episode of Impact ! to take place at the show .

The number @-@ one contender to the NWA World Heavyweight Championship was determined at Turning Point , with Christian Cage being pitted against Monty Brown . At Genesis , Brown defeated Jeff Hardy to become number @-@ one contender to the NWA World Heavyweight Championship . Also at Genesis , Christian Cage made his debut in the company , proclaiming he came to TNA to win the NWA World Heavyweight Championship . On the November 19 , 2005 episode of Impact ! , Cage reiterated his statement from Genesis , which angered Brown in the storyline . Brown said that Cage would have to go through him in order to get a title shot before the segment resulted in a fight between the two . Cage requested the match against Brown from NWA Championship Committee member Larry Zbyszko on the November 26 , 2005 episode of Impact ! , which he was granted .

TNA held the first @-@ ever Barbed Wire Massacre at Turning Point between Abyss and Sabu . This match was the result of a long @-@ standing rivalry between the two that began at Unbreakable . There , Abyss defeated Sabu in a No Disqualification match . Abyss and Sabu competed in a Monster 's Ball match at Bound for Glory alongside Jeff Hardy and Rhino , which Rhino won . At Genesis , Abyss defeated Sabu in another No Disqualification match . TNA advertised the Barbed Wire Massacre between Abyss and Sabu on the November 19 , 2005 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 steel chair .

= = Event = =

= = = Pre @-@ Show = = =

Prior to Turning Point , TNA held a thirty @-@ minute pre @-@ show . During the broadcast , the team of Lance Hoyt and The Naturals ( Andy Douglas and Chase Stevens ) faced the team of Buck Quartermain , Jon Bolen and Joe Doering in a Six Man Tag Team match that last 7 minutes and 11 seconds . Hoyt pinned Bolen after dropping Bolen face @-@ first with his signature Blackoutmaneuver .

= = = Miscellaneous = = =

Turning Point featured employees other than the wrestlers involved in the matches . Mike Tenay , Don West , and Bobby Heenan ( for the Basebrawl only ) 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 , Major League Baseball ( MLB ) outfielder Johnny Damon , James Mitchell , Traci , Larry Zbyszko , Cassidy Riley , Coach Scott D 'Amore , and MLB catcher A. J. Pierzynski all appeared on camera , either in backstage or ringside segments .

= = = Preliminary matches = = =

The show opened with Sabu versus Abyss in the ( first @-@ ever ) " Barbed Wire Massacre " , in which the ring ropes were replaced with barbed wire , and the only way to win was by pinfall or submission . James Mitchell accompanied Abyss to the ring . The duration of the contest was 10 minutes and 59 seconds . Early in the bout Sabu was pushed face @-@ first into the barbed wire ropes as a result of Abyss kicking out of a pin attempt . Later , Abyss lifted up and dropped Sabu face @-@ first into the barbed wire ropes . After this Sabu used a sharp weapon , which he had hidden under his belt , to stab Abyss in the arm repeatedly . Abyss was next to fall into the barbed wire after Sabu tripped him as he ran . A barbed wire wrapped steel was introduced in the match , which Sabu used to bash Abyss over the head . A barbed wire covered board was pushed into the ring after this by Sabu , which Abyss used to lift up and drop Sabu on . Another barbed wire covered board was introduced following this , with Sabu causing Abyss to run into it . He then pushed Abyss onto the other one and covered him for the pin to win the encounter .

The team of Austin Aries and Matt Bentley fought the team of Alex Shelley and Roderick Strong in the next match , spanning 8 minutes and 4 seconds . Bentley was accompanied by Traci to the ring . Bentley won the match for his team by pinning Shelley after kicking him in the face .

The third match of the show was between Raven and Chris K. This match occurred because Raven refused to quit the company , which was something NWA Championship Committee member Larry Zbyszko had requested in the storyline . Raven pinned Chris K after slamming Chris K 's head into the mat with his signature Raven Effect DDT maneuver at 5 minutes and 45 seconds in .

Next , Team Canada ( A @-@ 1 , Bobby Roode , Eric Young , and Petey Williams ) were pitted against the 4Live Kru ( B.G. James , Kip James , Konnan , and Ron Killings ) in an Eight @-@ Man Tag Team match . Coach Scott D 'Amore accompanied Team Canada to the ring . The duration of the encounter was 7 minutes and 18 seconds . Despite the match being contested under disqualifications and count @-@ outs , Konnan used his shoe as a weapon during the match . Roode won the bout for his team by pinning Kip after Konnan betrayed his teammates and bashed Kip over the head with a steel chair . After the match , Konnan also bashed B.G. over the head with the chair before leaving the ring .

TNA held a Six Man Tag Team match in which the team of Chris Sabin , Sonjay Dutt , and Dale Torborg faced The Diamonds in the Rough ( David Young , Elix Skipper , and Simon Diamond ) . This was promoted as a " Basebrawl " , since Torborg was a baseball coach and MLB catcher . A. J. Pierzynski accompanied Sabin , Dutt , and Torborg to the ring . Near the end of the match , Pierzynski pulled the referee out of the ring as he was counting a pin for Diamond . This led to announcer Bobby Heenan characterizing Pierzynski 's actions to the referee as ignorance , while Johnny Damon handed Pierzynski a home plate . Pierzynski then entered the ring and bashed

Diamond over the head with it . Sabin then slammed Diamond neck @-@ first into the mat with his signature Cradle Shock maneuver , while Dutt followed by performing his signature Hindu Press aerial maneuver against Diamond . Dutt then pinned Diamond at 7 minutes and 57 seconds in , to win the bout for his team .

= = = Main event matches = = =

Christian Cage fought Monty Brown next to determine the number @-@ one contender to the NWA World Heavyweight Championship . This bout lasted 12 minutes and 32 seconds . In the beginning the two fought at ringside , until Cage jumped from the top of a padded turnbuckle onto Brown with an aerial splash . After this , Cage removed the padding from one of the turnbuckles . Brown gained a two @-@ count on Cage after slamming him against the mat with his signature Alpha Bomb maneuver and covered for the pin , but the referee had a delayed reaction . Later , Cage caused Brown to run into the exposed turnbuckle , he then followed by forcing Brown 's face into the mat with his signature Unprettier maneuver . He then pinned Brown to become the number @-@ one contender to the NWA World Heavyweight Championship .

The seventh match of the event was a Tag Team Elimination Tables match between Team 3D ( Brother Devon and Brother Ray ) and America 's Most Wanted ( Chris Harris and James Storm ; AMW ) . In this type of match , there are no disqualifications and no count @-@ outs , with the only way to win being to eliminate both members of the other team by forcing them through a table . Storm was the first eliminated , with Team 3D using AMW 's signature Death Sentence tag team maneuver to drive him through a table back @-@ first . Harris was the next eliminated , with Team 3D performing their signature 3D tag team maneuver on the entrance ramp , forcing Harris through the table face @-@ first . With Harris eliminated at 9 minutes and 40 seconds , Team 3D were named the victors of the encounter .

The TNA X Division Championship was defended by A.J. Styles against Samoa Joe next . Styles ' mouth was busted open during the bout . The two wrestlers fought at ringside during the opening minutes before entering the ring . Back in the ring Joe and Styles fought back and forth with each trading near @-@ falls . Finally , Styles slammed Joe face @-@ first into the mat with his signature Styles Clash maneuver . Joe kicked out of the following pin , leading to an exchange which allowed Joe to place Styles in his signature Coquina Clutch submission hold . After a brief period of time , Styles passed out and the referee awarded Joe the victory and thus became the new TNA X Division Champion at 18 minutes and 58 seconds in . After the match , Joe bashed Styles in the face with the TNA X Division Championship belt and then set up to slam him on a steel chair in the ring but was foaled by Christopher Daniels coming to Styles ' defense . A brawl ensued between Joe and Daniels , leading to security breaking it up .

The main event was for the NWA World Heavyweight Championship , in which then @-@ champion Jeff Jarrett defended against the challenger Rhino . The duration of the match was 17 minutes and 30 seconds . Jarrett was busted open during the contest . Despite this being a standard wrestling match , Jarrett and Rhino used weapons throughout and primarily fought outside of the ring . Jarrett hit Rhino with a chair while the two stood on a scaffolding , causing Rhino to fall off and crash through a table . Rhino attempted to tackle Jarrett through a table set up on the entrance ramp . He succeeded , but the table did not break . Team Canada interfered afterwards , trying to stop Rhino from getting to the ring before the referee counted both Rhino and Jarrett out . They failed as Rhino came rushing back into the ring before the count finished . Jarrett pinned Rhino after slamming Rhino face @-@ first with his signature Stroke maneuver onto several steel chairs . As such , Jarrett retained the NWA World Heavyweight Championship . After the title match , the lights went off with the logo of the wrestler Sting appearing on the screens in the arena , thus being the major announcement advertised for the show .

= = Reception = =

A total of 900 people attended Turning Point . Canadian Online Explorer writer Bob Kapur rated the

entire event a 7 out of 10 , which was the same rating he had given to the 2004 installment . It was higher than the 6 @. @ 5 out of ten the 2006 event was given by Chris Sokol . The Turning Point ranking was lower than Genesis ' rating , which received an 8 out of 10 from Corey David Lacroix . TNA 's next PPV event , Final Resolution , was ranked lower than Turning Point ; it received a rating of 6 @. @ 5 out of 10 from Kapur . Compared to rival World Wrestling Entertainment 's ( WWE ) Armageddon PPV event , Turning Point was ranked higher as Armageddon was given a 6 @. @ 5 out of 10 by Chris Sokol .

The highest rating given by Kapur went to the TNA X Division Championship bout , with a 9 out of 10 . The Barbed Wire Massacre received an 8 out of 10 , while the Christian Cage versus Monty Brown and the Tables match were both rated 7 out of 10 . The lowest rating assessed was a 6 out of 10 , given to the main event and several other matches on the card .

James Caldwell of the Pro Wrestling Torch Newsletter reviewed the same and stated he felt the main event involved the " usual shortcuts , " the " usual outside interference , " the " usual illogical finish , " and the " usual compromise of rules . " Though Caldwell commented that he could not say the " match wasn 't exciting , because it was . " When discussing the Cage versus Brown bout , Caldwell said it " never reached a second gear . " Caldwell said the Barbed Wire Massacre was " well developed " but was " below expectations . " Regarding the Tables match , Caldwell believed that Team 3D were not " mentally prepared for the match . " He also said that TNA should " demand a better return on investment when Team 3D can ? t show up to the PPV in a decent shape to wrestle . " He also discussed the TNA X Division Championship bout , commenting that it was " state of the art " and that " the two men saved a downer PPV with an outstanding performance . " He praised Joe 's performance saying that " Joe is the most dynamic wrestler the company has , " and that his character was " TNA ? s ticket to success . "

TNA released a DVD counting down the top 50 moments in their history in 2007 , with Joe 's X Division Champion victory ranking at number 34 on the compilation .

= = Aftermath = =

Several wrestlers were injured at the show . Abyss suffered several serious cuts to his left arm , while Sabu had cuts on his arms , legs , and face . Both wrestlers required several stitches after their match . A.J. Styles busted his lip during his title defense , requiring stitches , while Samoa Joe dislocated his jaw . Raven busted his lip but no stitches were required . Jeff Jarrett suffered a bad cut to his forehead during the main event . Lastly , James Storm was diagnosed with a neck stinger .

The BaseBrawl bout at Turning Point was featured on a variety of news outlets after the show , including ESPN 's SportsCenter .

Sting made his TNA wrestling debut at Final Resolution on January 15 , 2006 , teaming with Christian Cage to face Jeff Jarrett and Monty Brown . This match was announced on the December 31 , 2005 episode of Impact ! . The team of Cage and Sting won the match at the event . This led to Cage facing Jarrett for the NWA World Heavyweight Championship at TNA 's Against All Odds PPV event on February 12 , 2006 . Cage won the encounter to become the new champion .

Samoa Joe defended his TNA X Division Championship against Christopher Daniels at Final Resolution . TNA promoted this match for Final Resolution on the January 7 , 2006 episode of Impact ! . Joe won the contest after A.J. Styles threw in the towel for Daniels due to Joe beating Daniels senseless in the storyline . The rivalry continued at Against All Odds , where 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 at TNA 's Destination X PPV event on March 12 , 2006 , but this time in a Three Way Ultimate X match for the championship . 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 .

Team 3D continued their feud with AMW at Final Resolution . Due to their victory at Turning Point Team 3D were number @-@ one contenders to the NWA World Tag Team Championship , thus earning a championship match . TNA advertised Team 3D versus AMW for the tag team

championship to take place at Final Resolution . AMW defeated Team 3D to retain the championship at the show .

Abyss started a rivalry with Rhino after the event . This started on the December 31 , 2005 episode of Impact ! when Abyss attacked Rhino after Rhino defeated A @-@ 1 in a match . Afterwards , TNA promoted a match between the two at Final Resolution . At the event , Rhino pinned Abyss to win the encounter .

Raven and NWA Championship Committee member Larry Zybysko continued their feud after Turning Point . On the December 17 , 2005 episode of Impact ! , Zybysko announced that at Final Resolution he would choose a new opponent to challenge Raven . He added a stipulation that if Raven won he gained a future NWA World Heavyweight Championship match , but if Raven lost , he would be fired from TNA . Raven faced Sean Waltman at the show in a Raven 's Rules match . Raven lost the match after interference from Zybysko . Due to the stipulation attached , Raven was fired in the storyline .

The 4Live Kru broke up as a result of Konnan 's actions at Turning Point . This led to B.G. James and Kip James forming The James Gang tag team and Konnan creating The Latin American Exchange alliance with Homicide and Apolo . The two teams fought at Against All Odds , which The James Gang won . Ron Killings chose not to be involved in the rivalry in the storyline , instead facing Bobby Roode at Final Resolution in a losing effort .

= = Results = =