

= Against All Odds ( 2008 ) =

Against All Odds ( 2008 ) was a professional wrestling pay @-@ per @-@ view ( PPV ) event produced by the Total Nonstop Action Wrestling ( TNA ) promotion , which took place on February 10 , 2008 at the BI @-@ LO Center in Greenville , South Carolina . It was the fourth event under the Against All Odds chronology and the second event in the 2008 TNA PPV schedule . Nine professional wrestling matches were featured on the event 's card , four of which involved championships , while two matches were held prior to the event .

The main event was for the TNA World Heavyweight Championship with Samoa Joe as Special Outside Enforcer between then @-@ champion Kurt Angle and the challenger Christian Cage . Angle ended up winning the bout , thus retaining the championship . Jay Lethal and The Motor City Machine Guns ( Alex Shelley and Chris Sabin ) fought Johnny Devine and Team 3D ( Brother Devon and Brother Ray ) in a Six Man Tag Team Street Fight on the card . Lethal and The Motor City Machine Guns won the encounter . A Barbed Wire Massacre between Abyss and Judas Mesias was held at Against All Odds , which Abyss won . Booker T fought Robert Roode to a double countout in another highly promoted match for the event .

This is the first event to have matches featured from different arenas air on the same show . This event also marked the second time the Barbed Wire Massacre match type was used by TNA . Chris Sokol of the professional wrestling section of the Canadian Online Explorer rated the event a seven and a half out of ten , higher than the six out of ten given to the 2007 event 's ranking by Chris Sokol .

= = Production = =

= = = Background = = =

The next installment in the Against All Odds chronology was announced in late @-@ November 2007 to take place on February 10 , 2008 at the BI @-@ LO Center in Greenville , South Carolina . Tickets for the event went on sale December 7 , 2007 . In January 2008 , In Demand listed a preview regarding Against All Odds , which advertised the event would hold the second @-@ ever Barbed Wire Massacre . The South Carolina Athletic Commission originally gave TNA permission to hold Barbed Wire Massacre , however they receded their blessing prior to the event . Due to this , TNA were forced to change the location of the bout from the BI @-@ LO Center to the TNA Impact Zone in Orlando , Florida . TNA taped the match between Abyss and Judas Mesias on January 22 , 2008 at the tapings of the January 31 and February 7 , 2008 episodes of TNA 's television program TNA Impact ! . Consequences Creed taking part in a match prior to the show was promoted by TNA on their website . Due to poor ticket sales , it was reported TNA gave away several tickets for free . TNA released a poster featuring Abyss sometime prior to help promote the event .

= = = Storylines = = =

Against All Odds featured nine professional wrestling matches and two matches prior to the event 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 into a wrestling match or series of matches .

The main event at Against All Odds was for the TNA World Heavyweight Championship with Samoa Joe as Special Outside Enforcer between then @-@ champion Kurt Angle and the challenger Christian Cage . On January 6 , 2008 at TNA 's previous PPV event Final Resolution , Angle defeated Cage to retain the championship after Cage 's alliance A.J. Styles attacked Cage , aligning with Angle and The Angle Alliance . On the January 10 , 2008 episode of Impact ! , Management Director Jim Cornette announced that Cage , Joe , and Styles would compete in a Three Way match on the January 17 , 2008 episode of Impact ! . Stipulations for the match were

that the winner would get a TNA World Heavyweight Championship match against Angle at Against All Odds , however if Styles won he could choose instead of the title match to allow Angle to not have to defend his title for two months . Cage ended up winning the contest , thus becoming the number one contender . On the January 24 , 2008 episode of Impact ! , Cornette announced that Joe would be the Special Outside Enforcer at Against All Odds due him being controversially disqualified during the match . Also connected to the storyline was the allegiance of former Christian 's Coalition and The Angle Alliance member Tomko to either Cage or Angle . Heading up to the match , Tomko explained he was not on either 's side , despite being one @-@ half of the TNA World Tag Team Champions with Styles . On the January 31 , 2008 episode of Impact ! , Tomko defeated Angle after interference from Cage . This resulted in Tomko and Cage seeming to be on the same page on the February 7 , 2008 episode of Impact ! .

The main storyline in TNA 's X Division revolved around Team 3D 's ( Brother Devon and Brother Ray ) attempt to eliminate the X Division . This feud began on the October 18 , 2007 episode of Impact ! when Team 3D attacked The Motor City Machine Guns ( Alex Shelley and Chris Sabin ; MCMG ) and proclaimed they were going to eliminate the X Division . MCMG went on to defeat Team 3D at TNA 's Genesis PPV event on November 11 , 2007 . At the same event , Team 3D attacked and stole the TNA X Division Championship from then @-@ champion Jay Lethal . On the November 15 , 2007 episode of Impact ! , Johnny Devine turned on the X Division and joined Team 3D in their quest . Team 3D and Devine went on to defeat Lethal and MCMG in a Six Man Tag Team Tables Match at TNA 's Turning Point PPV event on December 2 , 2007 . The two teams then faced again at Final Resolution in a Six Man Tag Team Ultimate X match , which Team 3D and Devine won . On the January 10 , 2008 episode of Impact ! , Devine and Team 3D challenged Lethal and MCMG to a Street Fight at Against All Odds , with the stipulation that if Team 3D won the X Division would disband , but if Lethal and MCMG won they would regain possession of the TNA X Division Championship and the X Division would continue to exist . On the January 17 , 2008 episode of Impact ! , Lethal and MCMG accepted the agreement but only after including that Team 3D would have to weigh less than 275 pounds in order to compete in their matches in TNA . On the January 24 , 2008 episode of Impact ! , Devine defeated Lethal to become the new TNA X Division Champion .

The second @-@ ever Barbed Wire Massacre was promoted for Against All Odds between Abyss and Judas Mesias . The feud for this match began in mid @-@ 2007 when Abyss ' former manager Father James Mitchell returned and began a storyline with Abyss . Mesias made his debut on the September 13 , 2007 episode of Impact ! attacking Abyss at the request of Mitchell . After months of inactivity , Mesias returned on the December 13 , 2007 episode of Impact ! attacking Abyss . At Final Resolution , Mesias defeated Abyss with help from Mitchell . On the January 24 episode of Impact ! , Mitchell finally announced his reasons for feuding with Abyss , that he was Abyss ' father and Mesias was Abyss ' half @-@ brother in the narrative . TNA promoted a Barbed Wire Massacre match between Abyss and Mesias at Against All Odds sometime after this .

At Final Resolution , the team of Robert Roode and Ms. Brooks fought the team of Booker T and Sharmell . The storyline behind this encounter involved Sharmell coming to the defense of Roode 's manager Ms. Brooks , who Roode verbally abused on the December 13 , 2007 episode of Impact ! . After the encounter , Roode accidentally punched Sharmell in the face , resulting in a storyline fractured jaw which sidelined her from appearing for the promotion and upsetting her real @-@ life husband Booker T. Following the event , Roode fired Brooks and higher her replacement Payton Banks on the January 10 episode of Impact ! , setting up a match between the two at Against All Odds . TNA promoted a match between Booker T and Robert Roode heading into Against All Odds .

Two matches taking place at Against All Odds revolved around the Feast or Fired cases won at Turning Point by B.G. James , Petey Williams , and Scott Steiner . On the December 13 , 2007 episode of Impact ! , James was revealed to hold a future TNA World Tag Team Championship match with a partner of his choice , Williams ' case was shown to hold a future TNA World Heavyweight Championship match , and Steiner 's case held a future TNA X Division Championship match . During the segment , Steiner switched his case with Williams prior to the contents being

revealed . This created a storyline between the two leading up to the January 31 , 2008 episode of Impact ! when Steiner teamed with Williams to face The Rock ' n Rave Infection ( Jimmy Rave and Lance Hoyt ) . During the contest , Steiner stole Williams ' case , bashed Williams with it , and left the arena . On the February 7 , 2008 episode of Impact ! , Cornette announced that Steiner and Williams would face at Against All Odds in which the winner would gain both cases . In the weeks following the December 13 episode , B.G. ' s Voodoo Kin Mafia tag team partner Kip James inquired on when B.G. would announce his tag team partner . Finally , on the January 17 , 2008 episode of Impact ! , B.G. announced his choice was his real @-@ life father Bob Armstrong . On the January 24 , 2008 episode of Impact ! , B.G. and Armstrong announced they would use their title shot at Against All Odds . TNA later promoted A.J. Styles and Tomko versus B.G. James and Bob Armstrong for the TNA World Tag Team Championship for the event .

= = Event = =

Two matches were held prior to the event . The first was a tag team match pitting Jackie Moore and newly named Traci Brooks against WTPT disjockeys The Rise Guys ( Skip and Mattman ) , which Moore and Brooks won when Moore gained the pinfall . The second was also a tag team match , in which the team of Sonjay Dutt and Consequences Creed defeated The Rock ' n Rave Infection ( Jimmy Rave and Lance Hoyt ) after Creed gained the fall on Rave .

= = = On @-@ air employees = = =

The event 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 ring announcers for the event . Andrew Thomas , Earl Hebner , Rudy Charles , and Mark " Slick " Johnson participated as referees for the encounters . Crystal Louthan , Scott Hudson , and Borash were used as interviewers during the event . Besides employees appearing in a wrestling role , Jackie Moore , Raisha Saeed , Jim Cornette , Father James Mitchell , Sonjay Dutt , SoCal Val , and Karen Angle all appeared on camera , either in backstage or ringside segments .

= = = Preliminary matches = = =

A.J. Styles and Tomko defended the TNA World Tag Team Championship against the team of B.G. James and Bob Armstrong in the opening match . It lasted seven minutes and forty @-@ five seconds . B.G. and Armstrong were accompanied to the ring by United States Military officers . B.G. was injured in storyline after Styles hit him in the leg with a dropkick during the contest . Tomko and Styles won the match after they performed their signature tag team Tornado ? Plex maneuver forcing B.G. into the mat to retain the TNA World Tag Team Championship .

Traci Brooks fought Payton Banks in the second bout , lasting five minutes and seven seconds . Brooks won the bout after gaining a pinfall with a schoolgirl pin . After the match , Banks attacked Brooks .

The TNA World Heavyweight and TNA X Division Feast or Fired Title shots were fought over in the match between Scott Steiner and Petey Williams . Its duration was nine minutes and twenty @-@ four seconds . Williams gained a near @-@ fall during the bout by using a schoolboy pin . Near the end an unknown woman entered the arena and stood on the ring apron to distract Williams . This allowed Steiner to perform a powerbomb on Williams , thus winning the encounter and both cases .

Eric Young defended the TNA World Beer Drinking Championship against James Storm , who was accompanied by Jackie Moore , in the fourth encounter . Moore interfered in the bout helping Storm twice . The first ended when Young performed a suplex on Moore and Storm at the same time . The second involved Moore distracting the referee , at which time Rhino made his return from an injury and entered the ring to perform his signature Gore maneuver on Storm , giving Young the victory at seven minutes and forty @-@ nine seconds to retain the TNA World Beer Drinking Championship .

The TNA Women 's Knockout Championship was defended by Awesome Kong , who was

accompanied by Raisha Saeed , against ODB in a match lasting six minutes and fifty @-@ four seconds . During the match , Kong was positioned on the top of a padded turnbuckle which allowed ODB to lift her off and perform a powerbomb gaining a near @-@ fall . Afterwards , Saeed stood on the ring apron to distract ODB , allowing Kong to perform her signature Awesome Bomb maneuver and gain the pinfall to retain the TNA Women 's Knockout Championship .

= = = Main event matches = = =

The second @-@ ever Barbed Wire Massacre was the sixth match on the card between Abyss and Judas Mesias , who was accompanied by Father James Mitchell . Its duration was fourteen minutes and fifty @-@ one seconds . It was featured from the TNA Impact ! Zone in Orlando , Florida , because the city of Greenville , SC refused to allow a match that violent to take place live . In Barbed Wire Massacre , the ring ropes are switched with strands of barbed @-@ wire and several weapons are featured wrapped in barbed @-@ wire . The match falls under no disqualifications rules and is won by either a pinfall or submission . Mesias bashed Abyss over the head with a barbed @-@ wire wrapped chair , which caused Abyss to bleed from the forehead . Abyss performed his signature Black Hole Slam maneuver on Mitchell after he interfered in the bout . Abyss won the contest after using the Black Hole Slam to drop Mesias onto a barbed @-@ wire wrapped board .

The next match pitted Booker T against Robert Roode , who was accompanied by Payton Banks , in a bout lasting nine minutes and seventeen seconds . Near the end , Booker T began to bash Roode 's leg against the ringpost . Afterwards , Roode began walking to the backstage area as Booker T followed continuing the fight as the referee counted out both men , ending the contest in a draw . Booker T and Roode fought throughout the backstage area into the parking lot , where Roode pulled Banks from the driver 's seat of a car before making his own get away leaving Booker T and Banks behind .

The Six Man Tag Team Street Fight between the team of Jay Lethal and MCMG ( Alex Shelley and Chris Sabin ) and the team of Johnny Devine and Team 3D ( Brother Devon and Brother Ray ) . The stipulations were if Lethal and MCMG won then Team 3D would be forced to work with a weight limit , while if Devine and Team 3D won the TNA X Division would disassemble . Another added stipulation before the contest was whoever gained the pinfall would win the TNA X Division Championship . It lasted twelve minutes and thirty seconds . A Street Fight is fought under no disqualification and no count @-@ out rules , with weapons legal and provided for the match . During the final minutes , both Sabin and Shelley were scripted to appear unconscious at ringside , which caused Lethal to have to fight off Devine and Team 3D alone . Near the end of the match Team 3D set up a table ; Lethal followed by sending both out of the ring and laying Devine over the table . Lethal then stood on the top of a padded turnbuckle and jumped off to perform an elbow drop on Devine through the table to win the match . With the victory , Lethal won the TNA X Division Championship , prevented the X Division from disbanding , and forced Team 3D to work with a weight limit in the company .

The main event was for the TNA World Heavyweight Championship with Samoa Joe as Special Outside Enforcer between the champion Kurt Angle , who was accompanied by Karen Angle , and the challenger Christian Cage . The duration of the encounter was twenty minutes and forty seconds . Angle attempted to use a steel chair during the contest , but was stopped and it was taken away by Joe . Cage performed his signature Unprettier maneuver , resulting in a near @-@ fall . In the final minutes , A.J. Styles interfered in the bout to attack Cage , but was stopped by Joe . Angle then grabbed a steel chair from ringside and bashed Cage with it . Tomko came down to the ring where he threw the chair out of the ring and proceeded to grab Angle . He then released Angle and lifted Cage up to perform an Argentine Neckbreaker to slam Cage into the mat back first . Angle followed by pinning Cage to retain the TNA World Heavyweight Championship .

= = Reception = =

3 @,@ 500 people attended the event . Canadian Online Explorer writer Chris Sokol rated the

entire event a seven and a half out of ten , which was higher than the six out of ten given to the 2007 Against All Odds event by Chris Sokol . Against All Odds rating was higher than TNA 's previous event Final Resolution , which was given a six out of ten . It was also higher than the six given to TNA 's next event Destination X. Compared to rival World Wrestling Entertainment 's No Way Out PPV event held on February 17 , 2008 , Against All Odds was rated higher as No Way Out was given a six out of ten by Dave Hillhouse . Sokol gave the main event his highest rating of the review a nine out of ten . The Six Man Tag Team Street Fight was given an eight out of ten . The Barbed Wire Massacre and Booker T versus Robert Roode bouts were both ranked with a six out of ten . The lowest rating of Sokol 's review was given to the TNA World Tag Team Championship match with a four out of ten . Sokol felt the main event was an " instant classic " , while the Street Fight was a " great match . " Regarding the Barbed Wire Massacre , Sokol believed it was a " decent match overall . " The Booker T and Roode contest he thought was " more of a brawl " than a match . Wade Keller of the Pro Wrestling Torch rated the main event three and a half stars out of five , his highest rating of the review , and believed there was just " too much interference at the end . " Keller gave the Street Fight three stars out of five , while the Barbed Wire Massacre was given two and a quarter stars out of five . Booker T versus Roode was given one and three @-@ quarter stars out of five , while Payton Banks versus Traci Brooks was ranked with half of a star out of five , Keller 's lowest rating . Keller thought the Street Fight was a " good chaotic brawl , " while the Roode versus Booker T bout had " good intensity " but was " short for a grudge match with an unsatisfying finish . " Keller felt the Barbed Wire Massacre " largely delivered " on what people " expected based on the build up . " James Caldwell of the Pro Wrestling Torch also reviewed the event , giving the main event his highest rating of four and one @-@ quarter stars out of five and the Roode versus Booker and Barbed Wire Massacre his lowest rating with one star each . Caldwell gave the Street Fight three stars out of five . Commenting on the main event , Caldwell said it was a " really strong main event " and " easily top match on the show . " Caldwell felt the Street Fight qualified for " best match of the show " up to that point . The event was released on DVD on April 22 , 2008 by TNA Home Video .

= = Aftermath = =

There were no major issues suffered from the Barbed Wire Massacre . It was reported after the event that there were issues ordering the show in the Australian market .

On the February 14 , 2008 , episode of Impact ! , Tomko announced he attacked Christian Cage at the event because he no longer wanted an alliance with Cage and felt he could become a star on his own . Tomko then joined The Angle Alliance later on the same episode . On the February 21 , 2008 , episode of Impact ! , it was revealed a Six @-@ Man Tag Team match pitting the team of Cage , Samoa Joe , and Kevin Nash against The Angle Alliance ( Kurt Angle , A.J. Styles , and Tomko ) was planned for the Destination X PPV event on March 9 , 2008 . At Destination X , Cage , Joe , and Nash under The Unlikely Alliance moniker defeated The Angle Alliance .

Following Against All Odds , Team 3D were forced to weigh in before each contest , which created a feud with the team of Curry Man and Shark Boy , leading to a Fish Market Street Fight between the two teams , with the stipulation that if Team 3D could not make weight they would be fired from TNA . At the event , Management Director Jim Cornette announced that if Team 3D made weight that night they would not have to abide by a weight restriction henceforth . Team 3D marked in below the mark prior to the contest ; however eventually lost the encounter .

At Destination X , Robert Roode fought Booker T in a Stand By Your Man Strap match . Cornette announced on the February 14 episode of Impact ! , that Booker T and Roode would face in another match at Destination X. On the March 6 , 2008 , episode of Impact ! , Cornette announced that Booker T and Roode would face in a Stand By Your Man Strap match , in which if Booker T won then Traci Brooks would be allowed to beat Payton Banks with a strap ten times and vice versa . Roode won the bout at Destination X. After the contest , Sharmell returned from injury attacking Roode and Banks . This resulted in an Intergender Tag Team Six Sides of Steel Cage match at TNA 's Lockdown PPV event on April 13 , 2008 pitting Roode and Banks against Booker T and Sharmell ,

which the later team won .

TNA held the second @-@ ever Elevation X match at Destination X between Rhino and James Storm . On the February 14 episode of Impact ! , Rhino challenged Storm to the contest at the event . On the February 28 , 2008 , episode of Impact ! , Storm defeated Young to win the TNA World Beer Drinking Championship in a Ladder match . Rhino stole the championship belt on the March 6 , 2008 episode of Impact ! and destroyed it by bashing it against a ring post , thus ending the storyline over the title between Storm and Young . Rhino was the victor in the encounter at the event .

After winning the TNA X Division Championship at Against All Odds , Jay Lethal went on to defend the title against Petey Williams at Destination X. Lethal retained the title at the event . However , the storyline between Steiner and Williams continued after Against All Odds , with the two creating a partnership , in which Steiner gave Williams the TNA X Division Feast or Fired Title shot , which Williams used on the April 17 , 2008 episode of Impact ! to win the title . Meanwhile , Steiner went on to use the TNA World Heavyweight Feast or Fired Title shot at TNA 's Sacrifice PPV event on May 11 , 2008 , in a losing effort against then @-@ champion Samoa Joe and Kaz in a 3 @-@ Way Dance .

After Against All Odds , the feud between Abyss and Judas Mesias ended , with Abyss disappearing from TNA after the February 14 episode of Impact ! , when he removed his mask and left the arena . Abyss returned at TNA 's Slammiversary PPV event on June 6 , 2008 in new attire still wearing a mask .

= = Results = =