

= Victory Road ( 2004 ) =

Victory Road ( 2004 ) was a professional wrestling pay @-@ per @-@ view ( PPV ) event produced by Total Nonstop Action Wrestling ( TNA ) , which took place on November 7 , 2004 at the TNA Impact ! Zone in Orlando , Florida . It was the first event under the Victory Road chronology , which became an annual event in 2006 . Nine matches were featured on the event 's card .

The main event was a Ladder match for the NWA World Heavyweight Championship , in which the champion , Jeff Jarrett , defeated the challenger , Jeff Hardy , by climbing a ladder and retrieving the championship . America 's Most Wanted ( Chris Harris and James Storm ) defeated Triple X ( Christopher Daniels and Elix Skipper ) in another featured match contested under Elimination Last Team Standing rules . The event 's undercard featured different varieties of matches . One match on the undercard was contested for the TNA X Division Championship , in which Petey Williams successfully defended it against A.J. Styles . Also a match that was held under no disqualification rules called a Monster 's Ball match was won by Monty Brown by defeating Raven and Abyss .

The event is remembered as being TNA 's first monthly three @-@ hour PPV event . Before Victory Road , TNA only hosted weekly two @-@ hour PPV events . The professional wrestling section of the Canadian Online Explorer website rated the entire event a 5 out of 10 , lower than the 2006 event 's rating of 5 @.@ 5 .

= = Background = =

The event featured nine professional wrestling matches that involved different wrestlers from pre @-@ existing scripted feuds , plots , and storylines . Wrestlers were portrayed as either villains or heroes in the scripted events that built tension and culminated in a wrestling match or series of matches .

The main event at Victory Road was a Ladder match for the NWA World Heavyweight Championship between the champion , Jeff Jarrett , and the challenger , Jeff Hardy . In a Ladder match , two or more participants fight to climb a ladder to retrieve a contract , championship belt , or some other type of object to win . Jarrett was scripted to defend the championship against Hardy on the October 15 episode of TNA 's primary television program , TNA Impact ! , after Hardy won a tournament to become number one contender . Jarrett defeated Hardy to retain the championship once before , on September 6 at TNA 's final weekly PPV , which set up the rivalry between the two . On the October 22 episode of Impact ! , Hardy challenged Jarrett to contest their bout under Ladder match rules , which Jarrett accepted .

The highest promoted match , second only to the main event in importance , scheduled for Victory Road was between the tag team pairings of America 's Most Wanted ( Chris Harris and James Storm ) ( AMW ) and Triple X ( Christopher Daniels and Elix Skipper ) ( XXX ) , with them competing in an Elimination Last Team Standing match . In this match , the teams fought each other until both members of one team could not stand up before the referee counted to ten . The build up to this match began on the previous weekly PPV , when Storm was not cleared to wrestle so XXX took AMW 's place in challenging for the NWA World Tag Team Championship . Daniels was injured early in the evening after a scripted assault by The Naturals ( Andy Douglas and Chase Stevens ) . Harris was written into the plotline to replace Daniels in challenging and defeating The Naturals for the tag team championship at the PPV . On the September 24 episode of Impact ! , Daniels and Storm were forced to team together and challenge Skipper and Harris for the championship , which they were successful in winning . Storm and Daniels later lost the championship to Team Canada ( Bobby Roode and Eric Young ) on the October 15 episode of Impact ! . Harris and Storm then re @-@ joined together to continue as AMW , while Daniels and Skipper did the same as XXX . After a few brawls between the two teams on Impact ! , AMW challenged XXX to a Last Team Standing match at Victory Road on the October 29 episode of Impact ! .

In TNA 's X Division , the TNA X Division Champion Petey Williams was scripted to defend the championship against A.J. Styles . The narrative plot assigned to their rivalry began when Williams assaulted Styles after he defeated Kid Kash in a Tables match on the previous weekly PPV .

Williams and the alliance he was associated with at the time , Team Canada , repeatedly attacked Styles following the event on Impact ! . Styles become the number one contender to the X Division Championship by winning a match involving six other men on the October 1 episode of Impact ! , setting up a match between the two at Victory Road for the championship .

TNA held the first ever Monster 's Ball match , featuring Monty Brown , Abyss , and Raven , at Victory Road . There were no disqualifications and pinfalls and submissions were counted anywhere in this match . Brown , Abyss , and Raven were all involved in a tournament to challenge Jarrett for the NWA World Heavyweight Championship at Victory Road which set up a rivalry between the three . On the October 29 episode of Impact ! , Raven challenged Brown and Abyss to a Monsters Ball match at Victory Road , which was later booked for the event without Brown nor Abyss accepting the challenge .

The TNA Director of Authority ( DOA ) was voted on at Victory Road . The candidates were the current DOA , Vince Russo , and Dusty Rhodes . After weeks of arguing between the two over how TNA should be run , Russo stated on the October 15 episode of Impact ! that the fans would decide at Victory Road , per an online vote held on TNA 's official website .

= = Event = =

= = = Preliminary matches = = =

The first match at Victory Road to air live on PPV was a twenty @-@ man Gauntlet match , consisting of wrestlers who compete in TNA 's X Division . In this particular match , wrestlers were eliminated by being thrown over the top rope and down to the floor until there were two left in the ring . Those two men had a standard match until one was pinned or made to submit . The final two participants were Kazarian and Héctor Garza . Kazarian tried to pin Garza with a Cradle , but Garza countered the maneuver with a roll @-@ up for the win .

The second match was an Eight Man Tag Team match consisting of the team of Ron Killings , Erik Watts , Johnny B. Badd and Pat Kenney against the team of Kid Kash , Dallas , and The Naturals ( Andy Douglas and Chase Stevens ) . After various offensive maneuvers between the two teams , Killings pinned Stevens after a double underhook DDT .

The third match was a lucha libre midget match between Mascarita Sagrada and Piratita Morgan . Sagrada won the match when he pinned Morgan with a small package .

A Tag Team match for the NWA World Tag Team Championship between the champions , Team Canada ( Bobby Roode and Eric Young ) , and the 3Live Kru ( B.G. James and Konnan ) ( 3LK ) followed . The match went back and forth between the two teams with each taking advantage of the pace multiple times . The 3LK won the match and the championship by pinfall after Konnan lifted Roode up in the air , sitdown , and forced Roode 's face into the mat .

Trinity , who was accompanied by The New York Connection ( NYC ) pairing of Johnny Swinger and Glenn Gilberti , fought an unknown opponent in an open challenge by Trinity in the fifth bout . Jacqueline Moore made her TNA debut and answered the challenge . During the match , NYC interfered on Trinity 's behalf by distracting Moore to allow Trinity to perform the Fall from Grace from the top rope to gain the pinfall victory .

TNA hosted the first ever Monster 's Ball match , involving Monty Brown , Abyss , and Raven . Throughout the match , the competitors used many different types of weapons , such as thumbtacks , chairs , and tables . Brown became the victor by pinning Raven after a Pounce .

= = = Main event matches = = =

Petey Williams , who was accompanied by Coach D 'Amore , defended the TNA X Division Championship against A.J. Styles in the following bout . Williams retained the championship in the match by jumping off of the top rope and landing on his feet with Styles ' head between his legs , connecting with the Canadian Destroyer . Williams followed by pinning Styles to win the encounter .

America 's Most Wanted ( Chris Harris and James Storm ) ( AMW ) fought Triple X ( Christopher Daniels and Elix Skipper ) ( XXX ) in an Elimination Last Team Standing match in the next encounter . Though the match was billed as a Last Team Standing match , it was held under Texas Death match rules . A Texas Death match is similar to a Last Team Standing match , however , the competitor must pin or make his opponent submit before the referee begins his count . Daniels pinned Storm following hitting him in the knee with a steel chair to begin the ten count , which Storm failed to make . Daniels was the second to be eliminated , failing to reach the ten count after being pinned following a top rope legdrop by Harris . With the outcome of the match down to the competition between Harris and Skipper , Harris hit Skipper with the Catatonic onto a steel chair . Harris then pinned Skipper to begin the ten count ; Skipper did not get to his feet , giving the win to AMW .

The poll results were announced for the Director of Authority between Dusty Rhodes and Vince Russo . Rhodes won the position over Russo with 55 @. @ 6 % of the popular vote .

The main event was a Ladder match for the NWA World Heavyweight Championship , involving the champion , Jeff Jarrett , and the challenger , Jeff Hardy . Scott Hall interfered with the match by hitting Hardy with the Outsider 's Edge . While Hardy and Jarrett were both at the top of a ladder trying to grab the belt , Kevin Nash , an ally of Hardy 's , entered the arena with two guitars over both of his shoulders and handed a guitar to Hall . The two men then began to bash Hardy with the guitars until Jarrett broke a guitar over Hardy 's head . Jarrett then retrieved the championship belt from the holder above the ring to win the match . Following the match , Jarrett , Nash , and Hall challenged the TNA roster to fight them . A.J. Styles and the 3Live Kru ( Ron Killings , B.G. James , and Konnan ) answered their challenge , but failed to win the fight . The video feed changed from the ring to a black limousine outside of the venue that showed a man in a black coat step out and walk into the arena . Randy Savage then made his debut in the company and walked to ringside as the event came to a close .

= = Aftermath = =

Following the event on the November 19 episode of Impact ! , Randy Savage , Jeff Hardy , and A.J. Styles challenged the newly dubbed Kings of Wrestling ( Jeff Jarrett , Kevin Nash , and Scott Hall ) to a Six Man Tag Team match at TNA 's next and December PPV event , Turning Point . Savage , Hardy , and Styles won the match at Turning Point .

America 's Most Wanted ( Chris Harris and James Storm ) ( AWM ) and Triple X ( Christopher Daniels and Elix Skipper ) ( XXX ) continued their rivalry at Turning Point in a match that was contested inside a 16 foot ( 4 @. @ 9 m ) high steel structure with six sides known as a Six Sides of Steel . The match was announced on the November 19 episode of Impact ! with the added stipulation that the losing team would have to disband forever . AMW won the match and as a result XXX had to disband .

After winning the NWA World Tag Team Championship , The 3Live Kru ( B.G. James and Konnan ) fought Team Canada ( Bobby Roode and Eric Young ) once again at Turning Point , however , Team Canada defeated The 3Live Kru to win the championship .

= = = Reception = = =

The Canadian Online Explorer 's writer Jason Clevett rated the entire event 5 out of 10 , which was lower than the 2006 event 's rating of 5 @. @ 5 out of 10 . The Elimination Last Team Standing match was rated a 0 out of 10 , while main event match for the NWA World Heavyweight Championship was rated a 5 out of 10 . Clevett stated in his review of the event that he thought the Elimination Last Team Standing match was " horrible " . He also felt that the NWA Championship match was a " sloppy ladder match " . TNA later released a DVD counting down the top 50 moments in their history , with Victory Road being ranked number 25 . The debut of Scott Hall , Kevin Nash , and Randy Savage were ranked higher than the event itself , with that moment ranking in at number 19 . The event was released on DVD on September 20 , 2005 by TNA Home Video in a boxset

which also included TNA 's April 2005 PPV event , Lockdown , and the 2004 Turning Point event ; the boxset was called the " TNA Anthology : The Epic Set "

= = Results = =

= = = Gauntlet entrances and eliminations = = =

= = = Elimination Last Team Standing match = = =