

= Lockdown (2005) =

Lockdown (2005) was a professional wrestling pay @-@ per @-@ view (PPV) event produced by the Total Nonstop Action Wrestling (TNA) promotion , which took place on April 24 , 2005 , at the TNA Impact ! Zone in Orlando , Florida . It was the first event under the Lockdown chronology and the fourth event in the 2005 TNA PPV schedule . Eight professional wrestling matches and one pre @-@ show match were featured on the event 's card . Every match took place inside a six sided steel structure known as the Six Sides of Steel . As a result , Lockdown was the first @-@ ever all steel cage event held in professional wrestling .

The main event was for a NWA World Heavyweight Championship match at TNA 's Hard Justice PPV event between A.J. Styles and Abyss . Styles won the match , thus earning his title shot against then @-@ champion Jeff Jarrett at Hard Justice . TNA held the first @-@ ever Lethal Lockdown match during the event . It pitted Team Nash (Diamond Dallas Page , Sean Waltman , and B.G. James) against Team Jarrett (Jeff Jarrett , Monty Brown , and The Outlaw) , which Team Nash won . Kevin Nash was originally supposed to take part in the match but was removed due to sickness and was replaced with James . The TNA X Division Championship defense by Christopher Daniels against Elix Skipper was another highly promoted match for the event . Daniels won the bout and successfully retained the title . Jeff Hardy versus Raven in a Six Sides of Steel Tables match was featured on the card , which Hardy won .

This event marked the introduction of the Lethal Lockdown and Xscape matches , which became annually held matches at future Lockdown events . During the event , Chris Candido received an injury during his tag team match with Lance Hoyt against Apolo and Sonny Siaki , which later led to Candido 's death from a blood clot as a result of surgery for the injury . Jason Clevett of the professional wrestling section of the Canadian Online Explorer rated the event a 6 out of 10 , two marks lower than the 2006 event 's ranking by Chris Sokol .

= = Production = =

= = = Background = = =

TNA announced in a January 24 , 2005 , press release that they planned to host a PPV titled Lockdown on April 24 , 2005 at the TNA Impact ! Zone in Orlando , Florida . In late @-@ February 2005 , In Demand ran a preview and stated that there would be two steel cage matches held at Lockdown . A Six Man Tag Team match that featured Sean Waltman was thrown around prior to the event . TNA created a section for the event on their official website before it started . On the April 8 , 2005 episode of TNA 's television program TNA Impact ! , Director of Authority (DOA) Dusty Rhodes announced that all matches at Lockdown would be held inside a six sided steel structure known as the Six Sides of Steel . TNA followed up with a press release through their website that confirmed this . TNA issued a parental advisory a few days after the announcement due to violence associated with steel cage matches . A thirty @-@ minute pre @-@ show was planned before the spectacle that featured a Three Way Tag Team match between 3Live Kru (Ron Killings and Konnan) , David Young and Lex Lovett , and The Naturals (Andy Douglas and Chase Stevens) .

= = = Storylines = = =

Lockdown featured eight 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 that culminated into a wrestling match or series of matches . Every match was contested inside the Six Sides of Steel .

Before the announcement that all matches be held inside the Six Sides of Steel , TNA advertised that only two would be under such rules . These two matches later became the headlining bouts for

the card . The first was announced on the March 25 episode of Impact ! as Team Nash (Kevin Nash , Sean Waltman , and Diamond Dallas Page) versus Team Jarrett (Jeff Jarrett , Monty Brown , and The Outlaw) . Abyss versus A.J. Styles for a future NWA World Heavyweight Championship match was the second announced on the April 1 episode of Impact ! , which became the main event of the gathering . The storyline behind Styles versus Abyss began at TNA 's Against All Odds PPV event on February 13 , where Abyss defeated Jeff Hardy in a Full Metal Mayhem match to earn a future NWA World Heavyweight Championship title shot . During a backstage segment on the February 18 episode of Impact ! , Abyss gave the title match contract to Traci , wanting it given to DOA Dusty Rhodes as she was trying to become Rhodes ' personal assistant at the time . On the March 25 episode of Impact ! , Abyss tried to retrieve his contract from now co @-@ assistant to Rhodes , Traci . This led to a brawl with Styles as he tried to defend Traci and co @-@ assistant Trinity as they fled in fear from Abyss . The match was then announced on the April 1 episode of Impact ! . Rhodes announced on the April 8 episode of Impact ! that the winner of the bout would get their title shot at TNA 's Hard Justice PPV event on May 15 .

Team Nash versus Team Jarrett began on the March 18 episode of Impact ! when Nash requested a six man tag team cage match at Lockdown from Rhodes . The following week , Rhodes granted the request and officially announced it for the Lockdown card . On the April 8 episode of Impact ! , Rhodes proclaimed that the encounter was now a Lethal Lockdown match , in which weapons were legal and one wrestler from each team started the match . Afterwards , members from each team entered at time intervals until all wrestlers were involved in the bout so a pinfall or submission could occur . The storyline behind this encounter revolved around Jarrett and his reign as NWA World Heavyweight Champion . At Against All Odds , Jarrett successfully defended the title against Nash , which Waltman and The Outlaw interfered with by aiding Nash and Jarrett , respectively . At TNA 's previous PPV event Destination X on March 13 , Jarrett defended the title against Page , in which Brown turned on Page by helping Jarrett retain the title .

Elix Skipper challenged Christopher Daniels for the TNA X Division Championship at Lockdown . The build to this encounter began on the March 18 episode of Impact ! , when Skipper interrupted Daniels after a match and hinted at a future encounter . On the March 25 episode of Impact ! , TNA commentator Mike Tenay announced that a four way elimination match involving Chris Sabin , Michael Shane , Skipper , and Petey Williams would be held on the April 1 episode of Impact ! to determine Daniels ' opponent for the title at Lockdown . Skipper went on to win the match the following week , earning the opportunity to challenge for the title . The main surrounding storyline was that Daniels and Skipper used to be tag team partners as part of the group Triple X , which disbanded after losing a Six Sides of Steel Cage match against America 's Most Wanted (Chris Harris and James Storm) at TNA 's Turning Point PPV event on December 5 , 2004 . Jeff Hardy fought Raven in a Six Sides of Steel Tables match at Lockdown . On the March 25 episode of Impact ! , Raven offered Hardy an alliance , which Hardy turned down . On the April 1 episode of Impact ! , Raven attacked Hardy during an incident between Hardy and Abyss . Rhodes announced that the two would face at Lockdown in a Six Sides of Steel Tables match on the April 8 episode of Impact ! .

= = Event = =

= = = Pre @-@ Show = = =

Prior to the event 's commencement , TNA held a thirty @-@ minute pre @-@ show . It featured a Three Way Tag Team match between the 3Live Kru (Ron Killings and Konnan) , the team of David Young and Lex Lovett , and The Naturals (Andy Douglas and Chase Stevens) , who were accompanied by Chris Candido , which lasted 6 minutes and 34 seconds . 3Live Kru were the victors in the contest after Killings gained the pinfall by forcing Young 's face into the mat .

= = = 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 , Rudy Charles , and Mark " Slick " Johnson participated as referees for the encounters . Besides employees who appeared in a wrestling role , Kevin Nash , Coach D 'Amore , A @-@ 1 , Traci , Trinity , and DOA Dusty Rhodes all appeared on camera , either in backstage or in ringside segments . TNA announced via their official website a few days prior to the event that Kevin Nash would be unable to appear in the Lethal Lockdown match due to a staph infection . This was explained at the start of the telecast , and DOA Rhodes would announce Nash 's replacement later during the event .

= = = Preliminary matches = = =

The show opened with a Six Sides of Steel Tag Team Cage match that pitted the team of Apolo and Sonny Siaki against Chris Candido and Lance Hoyt , which lasted 6 minutes and 58 seconds . This was originally promoted as a bout between Hoyt and Apolo but was changed at the event . During the opening minutes , Candido suffered a bad fall and was helped to the backstage area . Siaki and Apolo won the contest after Siaki performed a splash from the top of a padded turnbuckle on Hoyt .

Dustin Rhodes fought Bobby Roode , who was accompanied by Coach D 'Amore and A @-@ 1 , in what was billed as a Prince of Darkness match next . The duration of the bout was 15 minutes and 20 seconds . In this contest , there would be three falls , but the third fall would be contested under blindfold match rules , in which both wrestlers wore hoods over their heads . Roode earned the first fall with a roll @-@ up pin , and Dustin earned the second one when he forced Roode face @-@ first into the mat from the top rope . During the third fall , both wrestlers wore black hoods that impaired their vision , causing Dustin to accidentally knock the referee unconscious in storyline terms . Due to this , D 'Amore opened the cage door and passed Roode a steel folding chair . Roode then attempted to bash Dustin with it but instead mistakenly struck D 'Amore . Dustin then grabbed the chair and struck Roode with it , which gave him the pinfall as the referee came to .

TNA held the first @-@ ever Xscape match between Shocker , Michael Shane (who was accompanied Trinity) , Sonjay Dutt , and Chris Sabin in the following bout . It lasted 15 minutes and 42 seconds . In this match , the four competitors fought until two were eliminated by pinfall or submission ; the two remaining wrestlers then fought to escape from the cage , with the first to do so the winner . Dutt was the first wrestler eliminated after Shocker slammed him into the steel cage . After this elimination , Trinity climbed up to the top of the cage and performed a backflip off the top onto the three wrestlers below . Traci then entered the arena and forced Trinity to the backstage area . The second eliminated was Shane , after Sabin forced him back @-@ first into the mat with his signature maneuver the Cradle Shock . Sabin and Shocker remained as they both fought to escape the cage , which Shocker did first to win the contest .

The fourth encounter was a Six Sides of Steel Tables match between Jeff Hardy and Raven , which lasted 11 minutes and 51 seconds . In a tables match , two opponents fight until one is forced through a table by the other . At one point during the contest , Hardy laid Raven on a table then ascended to the top of the cage . Hardy followed by jumping off and performing a front @-@ flip towards Raven , who moved out of the way and caused Hardy to crash through the table . Due to not being forced through by Raven , the match continued until Hardy laid Raven on a stack of four tables . Hardy then jumped off the top of the cage onto Raven in a seated position , forcing him through all the tables and winning the encounter .

America 's Most Wanted (Chris Harris and James Storm) defended the NWA World Tag Team Championship against Team Canada (Eric Young and Petey Williams) , who were accompanied by A @-@ 1 , in a Six Sides of Steel Strap match next . It lasted 14 minutes even . In a strap match , wrestlers are attached by a strap for the duration of the match , but they mainly used it as a weapon . AMW retained the titles after forcing Williams into the mat by performing their signature maneuver , the Death Sentence .

= = = Main event matches = = =

The TNA X Division Championship was defended in a bout that lasted 15 minutes and 28 seconds between then @-@ champion Christopher Daniels and Elix Skipper . During the encounter , Daniels performed his signature backflip , the Best Moonsault Ever , on Skipper , which earned him a near @-@ fall . Skipper later jumped off the top of the cage and bashed Daniels in the back of the head with his forearm . This also gained Skipper a near @-@ fall . Daniels went on to perform his signature maneuver , the Angel Wings , on Skipper , which forced him face @-@ first into the mat and allowed him to gain the pinfall and to retain the title .

Team Nash (Diamond Dallas Page , Sean Waltman , and an unknown member) fought Team Jarrett (Jeff Jarrett , Monty Brown , and The Outlaw) in the first @-@ ever three @-@ on @-@ three Lethal Lockdown match , which ran 15 minutes and 35 seconds . Waltman and Jarrett started the match by fighting through the crowd before entering the cage . After five minutes , The Outlaw joined the match and helped Jarrett attack Waltman . Diamond Dallas Page entered the match two minutes later and attacked Jarrett and The Outlaw with a cane . Following another two minutes , Brown joined the fray , finished out Team Jarrett , and threw Waltman into the cage wall . The final member of Team Nash was revealed after the final two minutes , as B.G. James was thrown into the mix that allowed a pinfall or submission to occur . Brown gained a near @-@ fall for Team Jarrett on James after forcing him into a trash can with his signature maneuver , the Pounce . Eventually , Waltman performed a move called a hurricanrana on Brown , leading to the pinfall and victory .

The main event was between A.J. Styles and Abyss , in which the winner received an NWA World Heavyweight Championship match at Hard Justice . Its duration was 18 minutes even . The match began on the outside as Styles performed a front @-@ flip onto Abyss , who was standing in the doorway of the cage . Later , as Styles was about to enter the cage , Abyss slammed the door twice into Styles , while the second door slam the second hit him in the face and caused him to crash to the floor and to bleed from the forehead . During the contest , Abyss used a steel chain as a weapon to help open up Styles ' wound more . At one point , Abyss opened a bag and poured a large number of thumbtacks onto the mat , then proceeding to try to slam Styles into them . Styles countered and slammed Abyss face @-@ first into the tacks instead with his signature maneuver , the Styles Clash . Near the end of the contest , Styles climbed the steel cage and stood on the top , but Abyss grabbed and threw the referee into the cage wall , causing Styles to fall and barely hang on . Abyss then followed by climbing the cage and by hanging Styles by the neck for a brief time with the steel chain . Then , Styles performed a sunset flip powerbomb and slammed Abyss into the tacks back @-@ first . He followed by covering for the three count , winning of the encounter and earning his future title match .

= = Reception = =

A total of 775 people attended the event . Canadian Online Explorer writer Jason Clevett rated the entire event a 6 out of 10 , which was lower than the 8 out of 10 given to the 2006 Lockdown event by Chris Sokol . A rating was not given to TNA 's previous event Destination X , but Clevett gave a rating of 7 out of 10 in his review of TNA 's Against All Odds . Compared to rival World Wrestling Entertainment 's WrestleMania 21 PPV event held on April 4 , Lockdown was rated lower , Dale Plummer and Nick Tylwalk gave WrestleMania a 7 out of 10 . Regarding the overall event , Clevett felt the all cage match format was " too much of a good thing " . He went on to state that by the end of the event he " was tired of seeing the cage " , but that Styles and Abyss " quickly brought my interest back with a brutal and fun bout that ended off the show on a positive note " . When speaking of the TNA X Division Championship match , Clevett wrote that he felt it " was technically a very good match " , but he " expected more considering the talent involved " . However , he felt that the psychological aspect was " excellent " regarding the two former Triple X partners ' counters of each other 's moves . Clevett gave the highest match rating of 8 @.@ 5 out of 10 to the main event , while he gave the lowest rating of 2 out of 10 to the Prince of Darkness match . He gave the Lethal

Lockdown match a 5 out of 10 , while he gave the X Division Title match an 8 out of 10 .

Wade Keller of the Pro Wrestling Torch rated the main event and the X Division Championship match 3 and a half stars out of 5 , while he rated the Lethal Lockdown match a 2 and three @-@ fourths out of 5 . He gave the lowest ranking to the Prince of Darkness match , at a fourth of a star . Keller commented on the main event as not being " bad at all , but not quite at a four @-@ star level " . He felt that if there had not been " any other cage matches or stunt bumps , it might have been four @-@ stars @-@ plus " . Regarding the Lethal Lockdown match , Keller believed the bout " felt rushed " . As for the X Division Championship defense , Keller stated that it was a " good match " . When speaking on Candido 's injury , Keller stated it was " absolutely brutal looking " and felt it was an " obvious full snapping of his ankle bone " . 411Mania 's Ronnie LaFianza rated Lockdown an overall 8 out of 10 . The main event was given 4 and three @-@ fourths stars out of 5 , the Lethal Lockdown match 2 and a half stars , and the X Division Championship defense 3 and a half stars . LaFianza felt the event " just seemed to get better and better as it went on " , but felt it was a " pretty average PPV leading up into the main event " . On August 19 , 2005 , the event was released on DVD by TNA Home Video . A DVD boxset called " TNA Anthology : The Epic Set " , including Lockdown , TNA 's November 2004 Victory Road PPV event , and the 2004 Turning Point event was also released on September 20 , 2005 . TNA released a DVD counting down the top 50 moments in their history in 2007 , and Lockdown was the first all steel cage PPV listed at number 23 .

= = Aftermath = =

After Lockdown on the April 29 episode of Impact ! , DOA Dusty Rhodes announced that A.J. Styles would face Jeff Jarrett for the NWA World Heavyweight Championship at Hard Justice with Tito Ortiz as the Special Guest Referee . Styles went on to Hard Justice to defeat Jarrett and win the championship . Styles held the title until TNA 's Slammiversary PPV event on June 19 , where he lost the title in a five @-@ man King of the Mountain match to Raven , which also involved Abyss , Sean Waltman , and Monty Brown . Raven continued his feud with Jeff Hardy following Lockdown . On the May 13 episode of Impact ! , it was announced that Raven would face Hardy in a Clockwork Orange House of Fun match at Hard Justice . Hardy ended up not appearing at the event ; Raven instead faced and defeated Waltman in the encounter . Raven then replaced Jarrett in the King of the Mountain match at Slammiversary , where he won the NWA World Heavyweight Championship .

TNA held a Twenty @-@ Man Gauntlet for the Gold at Hard Justice to determine the number one contender to the NWA World Heavyweight Championship . The match was announced on the April 29 episode of Impact ! . Abyss , Bobby Roode , Zach Gowen , Eric Young , Cassidy Riley , Elix Skipper , Shark Boy , A @-@ 1 , Chris Sabin , Petey Williams , Sonny Siaki , Lance Hoyt , Michael Shane , Jerrelle Clarke , Mikey Batts , The Outlaw , Trytan , Ron Killings , Apolo , and B.G. James all participated in the bout . Abyss pinned Killings to win the contest .

Following Lockdown , Shocker was named number one contender to the TNA X Division Championship . On the April 29 episode of Impact ! , Christopher Daniels ' defense of the TNA X Division Championship against Shocker was promoted for Hard Justice . Shocker failed to win the championship at the event . America 's Most Wanted lost the NWA World Tag Team Championship on the April 29 episode of Impact ! to The Naturals , who were aided by Chris Candido . On the May 6 episode of Impact ! it was announced The Naturals would defend the tag team championship against AMW at Hard Justice . The Naturals retained the titles over AMW at the PPV event .

= = = Death of Chris Candido = = =

Besides Chris Candido suffering a leg injury during his tag team match , Abyss also suffered a dislocated shoulder during the main event against A.J. Styles . Abyss ' injury was taken care of backstage after the event , but Candido was diagnosed with a dislocated ankle , broken tibia , and a broken fibula that required surgery . Candido had an operation on April 25 to have a plate , screws , and pins placed in his ankle to fix the problem . Candido was reported to be sidelined for 2 to 3

months . According to reports , Candido suffered the injury from taking a dropkick by Sonny Siaki and landing on his leg improperly . After the surgery , he hoped to be recovered in 6 to 8 weeks . On April 28 , Candido was rushed to the hospital after he collapsed where he died a short time later . Cause of death was released by his brother Johnny afterwards as a blood clot due to the surgery a few days prior . TNA released a public statement on April 29 regarding the subject . TNA paid tribute to Candido on the April 29 episode of Impact ! as well as at TNA 's Hard Justice PPV event . The April 29 episode of Impact ! opened and ended with a memorial to Candido . At Hard Justice , a ten @-@ bell salute was held while a photo of Candido , a pair of boots , and one @-@ half of the NWA World Tag Team Championship positioned on a steel chair sat in the center of the ring . In TNA 's 50 Greatest Moments DVD , Candido 's aiding The Naturals to win the NWA World Tag Team Championship was listed as number 10 . A portion of the Lockdown DVD sale profits were donated by TNA to the Chris Candido Memorial Fund . TNA originally planned to remove Candido 's match from the DVD , but were given the blessing of his family to include it on the publication . A tribute to Candido was included on the DVD by TNA .

= = Results = =

Xscape match

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Lethal Lockdown entrances

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