

= Destination X (2005) =

Destination X (2005) was a professional wrestling pay @-@ per @-@ view (PPV) event produced by the Total Nonstop Action Wrestling (TNA) promotion , which took place on March 13 , 2005 at the TNA Impact ! Zone in Orlando , Florida . It was the first event under the Destination X chronology . Nine matches and two preshow matches were featured on the event 's card .

The main event was a Ringside Revenge match for the NWA World Heavyweight Championship between the champion , Jeff Jarrett , and the challenger , Diamond Dallas Page (DDP) , in which Jarrett retained the title . Another featured match was an Ultimate X Challenge for the TNA X Division Championship involving A.J. Styles , Christopher Daniels , Ron Killings , and Elix Skipper . Daniels was declared the winner of the contest , thus winning the championship from Styles . The Outlaw versus Kevin Nash in a Taped Fist First Blood match and Abyss versus Jeff Hardy in a Falls Count Anywhere match were two matches also featured on the card . The Outlaw and Hardy won their respective encounters .

This event is the only time the Ultimate X Challenge variation of the Ultimate X match has been used . Chris Sokol of the professional wrestling section of the Canadian Online Explorer website felt the event was a " tremendous PPV " . The event was down by 10 @,@ 000 from previous TNA PPV events .

= = Production = =

= = = Background = = =

Destination X was announced in early 2005 to be taking place on March 13 , with the location unknown but anticipated to be the TNA Impact ! Zone in Orlando , Florida . On January 24 , 2005 a TNA press release confirmed that the event would be held in Orlando . Sometime prior to the event , TNA released a promotional poster for the event featuring Diamond Dallas Page . An idea considered during the planning stages of the PPV , was to host a one @-@ night X Division tournament similar to the Super J @-@ Cup held by New Japan Pro Wrestling . Holding an Ultimate X match was also planned . After TNA 's previous PPV event , Against All Odds , TNA created a section about Destination X on their official website . In early @-@ March 2005 TNA announced they would be holding a 30 @-@ minute pre @-@ show prior to the event featuring two matches : Chris Candido and Andy Douglas versus Lex Lovett and Buck Quartermain ; Kid Kash and Lance Hoyt versus Cassidy Riley and Jerrelle Clark .

= = = Storylines = = =

Destination X featured nine professional wrestling matches and two pre @-@ show matches 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

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Rhodes announced the match would be held under a stipulation ? the ringside would be occupied by wrestlers who had previously been attacked by Jarrett .

TNA play @-@ by @-@ play commentator Mike Tenay announced on the February 11 episode of Impact ! that TNA were planning to host an Ultimate X match at their March PPV event . On the February 18 episode of Impact ! , Tenay announced that the Ultimate X match at Destination X would be contested for the TNA X Division Championship , TNA would be hosting qualifying matches to fill the remaining spots leading up to the event , and that the match would be contested under special rules : The match would follow a series of stages ; stage one being a tag team match until a pinfall or submission eliminates a competitor ; stage two being a Three Way match until another pinfall or submission eliminates a competitor ; and in stage three the match would fall to standard Ultimate X match rules , with the two remaining wrestlers having to climb the structure to retrieve the championship belt which hung above the ring . On the March 4 episode of Impact ! , Styles defeated Kid Kash to retain the X Division Championship and earn his spot in the Ultimate X match . On the March 11 episode of Impact ! , it was announced that Ron Killings and Elix Skipper were slated to participate . Christopher Daniels earned the final spot by defeating Chris Sabin later in the same episode .

Several matches on the undercard were promoted for the event . Build to Jeff Hardy versus Abyss in a Falls Count Anywhere match began at TNA 's Final Resolution PPV event on January 16 , where Abyss attacked Hardy after his match with Scott Hall . This led to a match at Against All Odds , in which Abyss defeated Hardy in a Full Metal Mayhem match . On the February 18 episode of Impact ! , Rhodes announced their match at Destination X. Set @-@ up for the bout between Nash and The New Age Outlaw (NAO) started at Against All Odds , where Nash faced Jarrett for the NWA World Heavyweight Championship . During the contest the debuting NAO interfered aiding Jarrett . On the February 18 episode of Impact ! , Nash and NAO was involved in a small brawl . Later in the episode , Tenay announced that Nash and NAO would face in a No Disqualification match at Destination X. Another encounter promoted prior to the event was the Bullrope match between Raven and Dustin Rhodes . The pair previously met in a match at Against All Odds , which Raven won . On the February 18 episode of Impact ! , Dustin announced a rematch for Destination X in a Bullrope match .

= = Event = =

= = = Pre @-@ Show = = =

Prior to the event 's commencement , two matches were held during the 30 minute pre @-@ show . The first match pitted the teams of Chris Candido and Andy Douglas against Lex Lovett and Buck Quartermain . It lasted 7 minutes and 58 seconds , which Candido and Douglas won after Candido performed a diving headbutt from the top of a padded turnbuckle onto Buck and covered for the pinfall .

The second lasted 8 minutes and 45 seconds , pitting the team of Kid Kash and Lance Hoyt against the team of Cassidy Riley and Jerrelle Clark . Kash and Hoyt came out the victors in the contest following Kash gaining the pinfall after slamming Clark into the mat by performing his signature maneuver the Money Maker .

= = = 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 . Besides employees appearing in a wrestling role , Coach D 'Amore , Johnny Devine , Andy Douglas , Chris Candido , Traci , Trinity , Dusty Rhodes , Larry Zbyszko , Dirk Diggler , Jonny Fairplay , Shocker , Buck Quartermain , and Lex

Lovett all appeared on camera , either in backstage or ringside segments . Jimmy Hart was reported to have been backstage during the show . It was reported following the event , that TNA wrestler Petey Williams performed with an injury during the eight man tag team match which he had sustained the night before .

= = = Preliminary matches = = =

The opening contest was an eight @-@ man tag team match pitting the teams of the 3Live Kru (B.G. James and Konnan) and America 's Most Wanted (Chris Harris and James Storm) against Alex Jerrell , Bobby Roode , Eric Young , and Petey Williams , who were accompanied by Coach D 'Amore and Johnny Devine , collectively known as Team Canada . The match lasted 8 minutes and 52 seconds before concluding following Roode hitting the back of Konnan 's head with his forearm then covering for the pinfall .

Chris Sabin fought Chase Stevens , who was accompanied by Andy Douglas and Chris Candido , in the following match . The duration of the bout was 6 minutes and 18 seconds . Sabin won the contest after countering a roll @-@ up pin attempt by Stevens , into one of his own for the three count . After the bout , Stevens , Douglas , and Candido proceeded to attack Sabin until Shocker made his TNA debut , coming to the aid of Sabin .

A bullrope match was held between Dustin Rhodes and Raven , which lasted 6 minutes and 10 seconds . In a bullrope match , both competitors are tied together during the duration of the match by a bullrope with the only way to win being pinfall or submission . Dustin won the encounter following slamming Raven face @-@ first into a steel chair and covering him for the pinfall .

Don and Ron Harris , known as The Disciples of Destruction and representatives of Traci , were pitted against Phi Delta Slam (Bruno Sassi and Big Tilly) , representatives of Trinity , in a tag team match . The pre @-@ match stipulation for the contest was that whoever the winning team represented would become the personal assistant of Director of Authority Dusty Rhodes . The two teams fought for 10 minutes and 18 seconds before a pinfall occurred , as a result of Ron kicking Big Tilly in the face .

The fifth encounter was Monty Brown versus Trytan ; its duration was 5 minutes and 26 seconds . Near the end of the bout , the lights went off in the building . When they came back on Trytan had left the ring , replaced by an unknown masked man . After a few seconds , Brown gained the upperhand and performed his signature maneuver the Pounce then covered the masked man for the pin , as the referee began to count . After the bout , Trytan was shown standing on the entrance ramp watching Brown , leaving the match with an unknown outcome .

= = = Main event matches = = =

Abyss fought Jeff Hardy in a Falls Count Anywhere match next , lasting 15 minutes and 48 seconds . Mid @-@ way through the match , Hardy placed Abyss on two wooden tables , climbed up to the rafters ten feet above , then performed a somersault onto Abyss through both tables . Hardy claimed victory in the contest after slamming Abyss into a ladder by using his signature maneuver the Twist of Fate . After the contest , Abyss attacked Hardy , covered the ring in thumbtacks , and used his signature maneuver the Black Hole Slam to drive Hardy into the tacks back first . Reported after the event , Abyss sustained an injury during this match , in which he dislocated a finger .

Kevin Nash faced The New Age Outlaw , now simply The Outlaw , in a Taped Fist First Blood match , originally advertised as a No Disqualification match . A First Blood match is fought until one of the competitors bleeds . The match lasted 11 minutes and 20 seconds . The Outlaw was the first to bleed after Nash dropped him face first into an exposed turnbuckle , however the referee had been knocked unconscious , in storyline terms , and did not see this occur . As Nash tried to revive the referee , Jeff Jarrett ran down to ringside and bashed Nash in the face with the NWA World Heavyweight Championship belt , causing him to bleed . When the referee awoke , he saw Nash was bleeding and gave the victory to The Outlaw , who had been aided by Jarrett 's lawyer Dirk Diggler and a doctor in wiping away the blood on his face .

An Ultimate X match was held , promoted as an Ultimate X Challenge match , for the TNA X Division Championship , in which then @-@ champion A.J. Styles defended the title against Christopher Daniels , Elix Skipper , and Ron Killings . It lasted 25 minutes and 19 seconds . The match began with the tag team match stage , in which the team of Styles and Skipper faced the team of Killings and Daniels . Killings was the first eliminated , as a result of Skipper using his signature maneuver the Sudden Death to slam Killings into the mat . The second stage was a Three Way match between the remaining participants . During this stage , Daniels climbed up the Ultimate X structure and performed a backflip off the center onto both Skipper and Styles . Skipper was later eliminated by Daniels using a roll @-@ up pin . Due to this elimination , stage three began with the match falling to standard Ultimate X rules . Near the end of the bout , Styles and Daniels fell from the structure and crashed into the referee , causing him to be knocked unconscious in the storyline . Afterwards , Styles climbed and retrieved the belt . With the referee down , Daniels attacked Styles and performed his signature maneuver the Angel 's Wings . Then grabbed the title belt , fell to the ground , and draped it over his chest as the referee came too . The referee then awarded Daniels ' the victory upon seeing him with the title belt .

The main event was a Ringside Revenge match for the NWA World Heavyweight Championship between defending champion Jeff Jarrett and the challenger Diamond Dallas Page . The wrestlers who appeared at ringside were Konnan , Ron Killings , Monty Brown , B.G. , Larry Zbyszko , Dirk Diggler , Chris Candido , Andy Douglas , and Chase Stevens . The bout lasted 21 minutes and 40 seconds , ending when Brown interfered and Pounced DDP , then pulled an unconscious Jarrett over DDP for the pinfall .

= = Reception = =

A total of 775 people attended the event , however , TNA were forced to turn away 600 people . It was said that the buyrate was down by 10 @,@ 000 from previous PPV events . Canadian Online Explorer writer Chris Sokol felt the event was a " tremendous PPV " . Going on to conclude that it was the " best one of the year thus far " . Regrading the main event , Sokol felt it " was a given that Jarrett would retain " , however felt it was " still very exciting " . James Caldwell of the Pro Wrestling Torch stated in his review that he felt the Ultimate X Challenge match was " absolutely amazing " . He also felt it had " plenty of psychologically sound factors mixed in with the high spots " . Caldwel referred to Daniels ' blackflip from the Ultimate X structure represented " what athleticism and amazing pro wrestling is all about " . Caldwell stated in his review that he felt that Abyss ' attack on Hardy after their encounter was " amazing " . As for the match , Caldwell believed it was a " great match " . Wade Keller of the Pro Wrestling Torch rated the Ultimate X Challenge 4 and a fourth stars out of 5 , while the main event 2 and three @-@ quarter stars out of 5 . The Falls Count Anywhere match was given 3 and a fourth stars out of 5 , 1 and a half stars more than the Taped Fist First Blood match . His lowest rated match during his review was the encounter between The Disciples of Destruction and Phi Delta Slam , which he gave three @-@ quarters of a star . The event was released on DVD on November 15 , 2005 by TNA Home Video .

= = Aftermath = =

TNA 's next PPV after Destination X was Lockdown held on April 24 . All matches held at Lockdown were conducted inside a six sided steel structure known as the Six Sides of Steel .

Following Destination X , Jeff Jarrett teamed with The Outlaw and Monty Brown under the name Team Jarrett to face Team Nash (DDP , Sean Waltman , and B.G. James) in a Lethal Lockdown match at Lockdown . The match was announced on the March 25 episode of Impact ! by Director of Authority Dusty Rhodes by request of Kevin Nash . Nash was originally slated to be in the match but was removed due to an injury and replaced by B.G. James . Team Nash ended up winning the contest .

A.J. Styles fought Abyss at Lockdown in the main event . The match was announced on the April 1 episode of Impact ! with the stipulation being the winner got a future NWA World Heavyweight

Championship . On the April 8 episode of Impact ! Rhodes announced that the winner would get their title match at TNA 's May PPV event Hard Justice . Styles was the winner of the encounter at Lockdown . Styles went on to Hard Justice to defeat then @-@ champion Jarrett to win the title .

Christopher Daniels went on to defend the TNA X Division Championship against Elix Skipper at Lockdown . Skipper won a four way elimination match to become the number one contender on the April 1 episode of Impact ! . Daniels successfully retained the title against Skipper at the event .

A Six Sides of Steel Tables match was held at Lockdown between Raven and Jeff Hardy . It was announced on the April 8 episode of Impact ! . Raven ended up on the losing end of the bout .

Destination X later became an annual event , with the second installment taking place on March 12 , 2006 in Orlando , Florida at the TNA Impact ! Zone . The main matches promoted for the event were Christian Cage defending the NWA World Heavyweight Championship against Monty Brown and Samoa Joe defending the TNA X Division Championship against Christopher Daniels and A.J. Styles in an Ultimate X match .

= = Results = =