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Introduction

Welcome back to IN THE ZONE -- live from The WrestleZone at Universal Studios: Orlando!

John Phillips: Good evening, everyone! I'm John Phillips, and joining me as always is Mark Bravo.

Mark Bravo: Thanks, John--it's great to be here. Tonight's card is absolutely stacked.

John Phillips: We're kicking things off with a straight-up brawl: Aaron Shaffer takes on Angel Perez in a singles match.

Mark Bravo: Then Eric Dane Jr. finally steps into the ring against Jacob Clark--after his ambush by a masked attacker, Dane's looking for answers and revenge.

John Phillips: Next up, four of our biggest men--Brandon Henderson, Gerald Moore, Cristian Santos, and Rico Vance--collide in a fatal four-way to crown the first ever WrestleZone Champion.

Mark Bravo: After that, last week's runner-up Gabrielle Davis challenges Angela Hall for the Florida State Women's Championship in a one-on-one showdown.

John Phillips: And to close the night, newly minted Florida State Champion Jarvis Valentine puts his title on the line against a mystery opponent--no one knows who's stepping up to face him.

That's tonight's lineup--and plenty more surprises to come--right here on IN THE ZONE #2!

Aaron Shaffer vs. Angel Perez

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John Phillips: Aaron Shaffer had stormed out first, wind machines blasting as his hair whipped behind him. The crowd was electric.

Mark Bravo: Angel Perez followed next, flames dancing on the titantron as he sprinted to the ring in his red-and-gold gear, eyes blazing with intensity.

John Phillips: They locked up immediately--Perez drove Shaffer into the corner with a tight headlock, but Shaffer used his balance to flip out into a perfect hurricanrana that sent Perez crashing to the mat.

Mark Bravo: Shaffer kept up the pressure, hitting a Cyclone Clothesline and then launching himself off the ropes for a Gale Force Dropkick that left Perez reeling.

John Phillips: Perez battled back with a blistering Blaze Barrage--running forearms that staggered Shaffer--then planted him with a Scorching Spinebuster as he looked to set up his tilt-a-whirl powerbomb.

Mark Bravo: But Shaffer fought out, ducking a Flame Whip Kick and countering with a Whirlwind DDT right in the center of the ring. Perez was down and dazed.

John Phillips: Shaffer climbed to the top rope and hit his Storm Surge Moonsault, only for Perez to roll away at the last second--Shaffer crashed hard to the canvas.

Mark Bravo: Both men staggered to their feet and traded stiff strikes. Shaffer landed a thunderous uppercut; Perez replied with an Inferno Dropkick that sent Shaffer to his knees.

John Phillips: Perez locked in the Lava Lock submission, wrenching Shaffer's arm back, but Shaffer powered out--reversed into a Twister Slam that left Perez slumped in the corner.

Mark Bravo: Seizing the moment, Shaffer hit his Stormbreaker finisher. He hooked the leg...

Referee: One... Two... Three!

John Phillips: Shaffer emerged victorious, his blend of aerial artistry and seam-wrestling proving decisive.

A spectacular opener to set the tone for IN THE ZONE #2!

Eric Dane Jr. vs. Jacob Clark

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John Phillips: Eric Dane Jr. made his UTA debut tonight, walking out under a cascade of silver confetti and wearing his father's coveted UTA Championship robe. The crowd buzzed with anticipation--could the cocky newcomer live up to the Dane name?

Mark Bravo: Jacob Clark answered with a chilling wolf's howl echoing through The WrestleZone. He charged Eric into the corner and opened with a thunderous Feral Spinebuster that rattled Dane Jr.'s bones.

John Phillips: Clark kept the pressure on, hitting a Running Bomber in the center of the ring and following up with a brutal Jawbreaker Headbutt that left Eric staggered on his knees.

Mark Bravo: But Dane Jr.'s overconfidence paid off--he countered Clark's next Claw Strike with a sudden Springboard Shooting Star, landing flush and sending Clark crashing face-first into the mat.

John Phillips: Sensing momentum, Eric unloaded his trademark Shooting Star Knees in rapid succession, each one landing with pinpoint accuracy. Clark fought back with a savage Lariat, but Dane Jr. absorbed it and hit a Space Driving Tiger Flop for good measure.

Mark Bravo: The finish came when Dane Jr. set up the SD2--he blasted Clark with a rope-assisted turnbuckle brainbuster that echoed across the arena. He hooked the leg...

Referee: One... Two... Three!

John Phillips: Eric Dane Jr. picked up a decisive victory in his UTA debut! He celebrated with his arms raised, soaking in chants of "Dane! Dane!" from the crowd.

Mark Bravo: But the celebration turned to chaos--an unhinged masked man leapt from the crowd, stormed the ring, and blindsided Eric with a steel-to-the-head blow. He drug him to the center of the ring and delivering a rapid-fire barrage of stomps.

John Phillips: Security flooded the ring as the masked attacker stood over Dane Jr., breathing heavily and shrieking incoherently before disappearing into the crowd. Eric lay motionless--his debut ended in controversy and unanswered questions.

The identity of the masked man remains unknown, but one thing's clear: Eric Dane Jr.'s arrival in UTA has only just begun.

Brandon Henderson vs. Gerald Moore vs. Cristian Santos vs. Rico Vance

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Segment 4: Fatal Four-Way -- WrestleZone Championship Recap

John Phillips: The ring was electric as Brandon Henderson, Gerald Moore, Cristian Santos, and Rico Vance all charged in for the very first WrestleZone Championship!

Mark Bravo: Henderson set the tone early, hoisting Moore into a Cumulonimbus Suplex, then firing off a Lightning Bolt Lariat that left Moore staggered in the corner.

John Phillips: Santos answered with a savage howl and unleashed a Running Bomber on Rico Vance, flooring the former reality star before tagging in Moore with a chain reaction of chaos.

Mark Bravo: Vance rallied with a flashy Flash Frame flying forearm on Henderson, then hit a Pop-up Back Elbow on Moore--only for Moore to explode back with a Fuse Cutter Knee that rocked the ring.

John Phillips: The pace never let up--Henderson and Santos clashed center-ring, trading strikes. Henderson went for a Stormbreaker Splash, but Santos rolled through and answered with a devastating Feral Spinebuster.

Mark Bravo: All four men collided as the action spilled outside. Henderson hit a Tempest Powerbomb on Moore through the ropes, while Rico launched Moore off the apron with an Apron Hangman DDT.

John Phillips: Back in the ring, Santos scavenged the moment--he cornered Rico, delivered a Bonecrusher Knee setup, then followed with his Hell's Gate finisher, hooking the leg...

Referee: One... Two... Three!

Mark Bravo: **Cristian Santos is the FIRST EVER WrestleZone Champion!** He roared in triumph, embodying raw, untamed fury.

Santos's victory cements his place in UTA history as the inaugural titleholder!

Angela Hall vs. Gabrielle Davis

John Phillips: The atmosphere was electric as defending champion Angela Hall made her entrance--blue

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lightning flashed on the tron, and she strode to the ring with steely determination.

Mark Bravo: Gabrielle Davis followed, clipboard in hand, trailing blueprint sketches across the titantron. You could see the focus in her eyes--she was ready to dismantle Hall's offense piece by piece.

John Phillips: They opened with a lock-up--Davis landed a Planned Precision Kick that stunned Hall, then quickly transitioned into a Measured Armbar, wrenching Hall to the mat. Angela powered to the ropes and forced the break.

Mark Bravo: Hall retaliated with explosive speed--she sprang off the ropes and nailed a Storm Surge Moonsault, flooring Davis in the center of the ring!

John Phillips: Not to be outdone, Davis used her technical prowess. She locked in the Foundation Lock near the apron, wrenching back until Hall nearly tapped--but Hall's grit prevailed as she rolled through and broke free.

Mark Bravo: Momentum swung back to Hall--she hit a Cyclone DDT, then delivered a Thunderclap Spear that rattled Davis against the turnbuckle.

John Phillips: Davis fought off a Twister Slam attempt, reversed into an Architect's Edge reverse DDT, and nearly stole the match with a swift cover--only for Hall to kick out at two!

Mark Bravo: Sensing the end, Hall climbed to the top rope and unleashed a second Storm Surge Moonsault, then set up Davis for a double powerbomb. Hall drove her down and immediately followed with the Hurricane Hammer.

Referee: One... Two... Three!

John Phillips: Angela Hall retains the Florida State Women's Championship! She barely broke a sweat delivering that devastating finisher.

Hall's combination of speed and power proved too much for Davis's precision--but what a technical showcase from both women!

Jarvis Valentine vs. Mystery Opponent

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John Phillips: The lights dimmed and "American Flags" thundered through the arena as Jarvis Valentine made his entrance--red, white, and blue pyrotechnics exploded while he paused to form that iconic Q with his hand.

John Phillips: From the moment the mystery opponent was announced, speculation ran wild--and it turned out to be none other than Graham Keel from the UTA main roster, making a surprise appearance in Orlando.

Mark Bravo: Keel's entrance matched his reputation: a stark white spotlight, a brief silence, then that haunting orchestral theme as he marched down with surgical precision. The crowd buzzed at the sight of a true UTA veteran stepping into The WrestleZone.

John Phillips: They began with Keel targeting Valentine's right arm--he hit a crisp Arm Drag and cranked on a Kneeling Armbreaker, looking to dismantle the champion piece by piece.

Mark Bravo: Valentine powered out, retaliating with a German Suplex that echoed through the ring, then drove Keel down with a Sidewalk Slam, refusing to give an inch to this main-roster threat.

John Phillips: Keel answered with his precision style--European Uppercut, Backbreaker, and he tried to set up his devastating Corner Pull-to-Back Suplex in the corner, aiming to claim the title in his first Orlando outing.

Mark Bravo: But Jarvis wouldn't be denied. He reversed the pull into a picture-perfect DDT, then climbed the ropes and delivered his Patriot Plunge, crashing Keel chest-first into the canvas!

John Phillips: With Keel reeling, Valentine struck with a corner Clothesline, hoisted him onto his shoulders, and hit the Q Drop finisher right in the center of the ring.

Referee: One... Two... Three!

Mark Bravo: Jarvis Valentine has successfully defended the Florida State Championship against the surprise main-roster challenger! Keel's calculated assault almost stole the night, but Valentine's heart and power prevailed.

The reveal of Graham Keel as the mystery opponent added legitimacy and intrigue--and Valentine's victory cements his standing as Orlando's top star.

Closing Thoughts & What's Next

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What a night here at The WrestleZone -- high-octane action, championship defenses, and even a shocking post-match ambush in our opener.

Mark Bravo: Angela Hall and Jarvis Valentine both stood tall, retaining their Florida State titles, while Cristian Santos made history as our first WrestleZone Champion. And Eric Dane Jr.'s debut may have ended in controversy, but it certainly left us wanting more.

John Phillips: We've seen athletic showcases, brutal brawls, and the main-roster's finest invade Orlando. The future of UTA's expansion into WrestleZone has never looked brighter--or more unpredictable.

Mark Bravo: That's right, John. Make sure you mark your calendars, because IN THE ZONE returns on July 9th with even bigger matchups, more title defenses, and the next chapter in these rivalries.

Until then, I'm John Phillips...

...and I'm Mark Bravo. Thanks for joining us, and we'll see you on July 9th for another explosive episode of IN THE ZONE!

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