

BLACK TERRY VS. PSYCHO KID

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Unlike the Negro Navarro vs. Dragon Lee match on the same card, the Psycho Kid vs. Black Terry match from Chilanga Mask's April 12th show was a rather clear cut case of one guy carrying the other.

Psycho Kid brought little to this match, which was a fact that was apparent from the get-go. His timing was off and he was out of place more often than not. Terry led him through some rather basic stuff at the beginning but even that wasn't clicking. The Chilanga Mask crowds tend to get behind the local indie workers no matter how terrible they are so Psycho Kid had some level of support at the onset. These crowds also seem to enjoy the veterans like Terry and Navarro so it wasn't like this was a match that the crowd had little interest in seeing. The work in the first few minutes, however, left them kind of dead. As the wise old veteran that he is, Terry realized that things weren't working in the ring and brought things up a notch on the outside.

Outside the ring, Terry pulled off Psycho Kid's shirt and they chopped each other back and forth which at least got the fans right in front of them to react. Terry really laid everything in. If there was one thing an indie worker named Psycho Kid was going to be good for, it was going to be the ability to take a beating. He took everything Terry gave including a nasty headbutt, although that move probably did more damage to Terry than it did Psycho Kid. Terry was busted open and the combination of the delivery and the blood led to that headbutt being the standout high spot of the match.

Back in the ring, it was a mixed bag of action; good when Terry was beating on Psycho Kid and generally less good when Psycho Kidd was on offense. His offense and general movements were pretty bad, but the first tope he hit was kind of nice. He immediately followed up with a second one that nearly ended in disaster as he got his feet stuck in the ropes, causing Terry to have to basically catch him by the head. He shouldn't have pressed his luck. There was a lung blower exchange at the end where Psycho Kid more or less popped right up from a Black Terry lung blower/back cracker to deliver one of his own. It was very much the kind of thing you'd expect

to see in a bad lucha indie match and not necessary in a Terry match. The back cracker spots were interesting because you could tell Terry put some thought into how to set his up and pull them off in a convincing manner, while Psycho Kid simply hit his whenever he felt like it.

Terry probably got the most out of Psycho Kid that he possibly could, given the fact that they weren't likely to work this totally one-sided. Psycho Kid is a Chilanga Mask regular who wins far more often than he losses, so Psycho getting some offense in was unavoidable. Terry wrestled the match around that about as well as could be expected and this was fun – though not anything special – as a result. I thought this served as a nice contrast to Navarro/Dragon Lee. This match was a carryback job through and through while Navarro & Dragon was more of an example of a veteran having a good match with a youngster in a situation where both brought something to the match.