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Interview with TNA's Daniels

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Daniels, a man synonymous with TNA's X Division, is ready for this Sunday, when he will be in an Ultimate X match against Homicide, Suicide, and The Pope, D'Angelo Dinero. The winner of this match will become the number one contender for the X Division title, currently held by Amazing Red. Daniels and I had a phone conversation where I asked him a few questions about his match and Bound for Glory as a whole.

Question: The Ultimate X has been a main attraction of TNA for years. Having competed in this match before, what is your favorite experience?

Winning it was awesome. Tagging with AJ Styles and jumping across the structure to grab the tag team titles was a huge moment. Nobody had done anything like that. I was terrified at first, but now it is something that I'm very proud of. From time to time they (TNA) show replays of it and it puts it all in perspective.

Question: You have been a major part of the X Division in TNA for a long time. Do you see anyone was the future of the X Division?

Well two of the guys who are in the match with me this Sunday. Suicide has been in TNA for less than a year and has already been X Division champion. D'Angelo Dinero is another guy. Having wrestled him, I know how good he can be. Both of them have only been in a TNA for a little while and have already been getting this kind of reaction. A guy who gets glossed over is Amazing Red. Now that he's the champ, he's in everyone's sight so he has to step it up if he wants to remain on top.

Question: You have had to make the transition from The Fallen Angel Christopher Daniels to Daniels. Did you find this fairly easy or hard?

It was pretty easy. I mean I'm always myself and I do the same thing no matter what the marquee reads. I'm going to perform to the best of my ability and try to steal the show.

Question: TNA has been building Bound for Glory around Sting's possible retirement. If indeed Sting does lose to AJ Styles this Sunday and his career is over, what would this mean for the landscape of TNA?

It would mean a lot for AJ Styles. He would be wrestling Sting in his last match. He would have done something that nobody else has been able to do, retire Sting, one of the greats. All of the attention would then be focused on AJ Styles. It raises the worth of AJ and the world championship.

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Question: Bound for Glory for TNA is comparable to the Superbowl for NFL or the World Series for MLB. What is your favorite moment from such a grand stage?

The first Bound for Glory in 2005, I was wrestling AJ in an ironman match. My son had just been born. I wore the bracelet, that they give you in the hospital, in the ring to celebrate his birth. It was a great moment for me. Although I didn't win, knowing that I went out there and came that close to winning is good.

Question: If I was to say that I was undecided on ordering this event and your match was the deciding factor for me, how would you sell it to me?

Ultimate X has always been seen as the pinnacle of the X Division. The X Division is head and shoulders better than a lot of the wrestling today. It isn't just about wrestling. It is about getting to the goal and becoming number one contender. In this kind of match, people have grown accustomed to seeing bodies flying around. TNA stands for Total Nonstop Action and this is the match that is going to have to most of it.

Question: Do you have anything that you would like to say to your fans?

Thanks for the support over the course of my 16 year career. We would be nowhere without you. Fans that have shown their allegiance to me, my career has been built around you. This Sunday, at Bound for Glory, I'm not going to disappoint.

Daniels gave you reasons to order this unbelievable event on October 18, 2009 at the Bren Events Center in Irvine, California and live on pay per view. I'll will be posting my thoughts, predictions, and a preview later in the week. Stay tuned. Leave your questions, comments, thoughts and concerns.

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