

THE FRIDAY WRAP UP – SYTYCD RETURNS, HK'S CHARITY NIGHT

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We wrap up the week with some of TV's happenings (Wednesday and Thursday). Let's go:

Wednesday

So you Think You Can Dance (FOX)



(E! Online)

SYTYCD is back for its 11th Season with more dancing (of course) and **more Cat Deeley**, but for the first time it brings with it a separate group competition (groups were introduced by Justin Bieber) which will crown a winner depending on viewers' votes via Twitter.

New Orleans

(Judges – Nigel Lythgoe, Mary Murphy, Wayne Brady)

First Timers

First dancer featured was New Orleans native Shelby Rase, and she started it off with a very stunning piece. She got a ticket to California.

Tanisha Belnap, one of 12 children, did a number of jobs in order to support her dancing, including being a janitor. She did a very sexy ballroom number. California bound.

Megan Marciano, who went through hardships as a child – being on her own since she was 12 due to a mother on drugs and abusive stepfathers – gave the judges a solid audition. Ticket.

Trevor Bryce did a very animated, funny and interesting number. Nigel named it one of the greatest solo dances on So You Think You Can Dance. He's right. Very entertaining.

Very colorful dancer, Courtney Barnes took the stage and as much as they enjoyed his presence, they weren't impressed with the routine. Nigel suggested that he do comedy. Mary and Wayne sent him to do choreography. He didn't make it.



Despite his fears, Novien Yarber impressed the judges. (metro.us)

Novien Yarber who professed to be his own worst critic and was even emotional about it (he broke down on stage), thoroughly impressed the judges and got his ticket.

Ballroom dancers Brooklyn Fuller and Marquet Hill also got tickets to Cali.

Repeaters

Two Hip-hop dancing brothers, Shelby and Shane Skipper returned (from Season 6) to dance together for the first time. Even though they had some fun choreography, only Shelby (Skip) made it through to the choreography round. But during the choreography he decided to bow out.

Another SYTYCD repeater Caleb Brauner was a dancer who many remembered dancing on the stage in the auditions with his father. This time around is very different. His father passed away due to illness. His routine

touched the judges, especially Mary, who was brought to tears. He was sent to choreography. He didn't make it through.

Chicago

(Judges – Jenna Elfman, Nigel, Mary)

Close Miami friends Nick Garcia and Rudy Abreu audition. Nick went up first and did ballroom...very well too. He got his ticket. Rudy, who's been through medical issues as a baby (hole in his diaphragm and blood disease), bases his dances on his scar...emphasising it. A very strong performance. He also got a ticket to Cali.



Rudy Abreu uses his scar (on his stomach) as inspiration. (FOX)

But look, Caleb Brauner is back after “falling apart” in New Orleans...with a much darker tone this time around. He based the performance off of the **last voicemail message from his father**, which was a part of the song he danced to. Yes to choreography. He made it through.

Oh, and there was a **strip tease**.

Thursday

Hell's Kitchen

"10 Chefs Again"

Some people aren't feeling too happy with the switch, but the show must go on. In this challenge, the chefs have to rely on their sense of touch, picking out five ingredients...in the dark. They have a minute to do so. Whatever they pick, they have to cook. In the second part of the challenge, they are given 30 minutes to cook their dishes.

Rachel (one of the chefs who got switched) wins it for the Blue Team. Their prize? A nice relaxing spa day.

But tonight, the kitchen is closed to the public. It's a special night. It's a night of charity for 12 contributors and fundraisers of UNICEF seated at two tables. Each team was tasked to cook a five course meal. Actress **Angie Harmon** hosted the event.



Ramsay prepares the teams for the charity dinner. (zap2it.com)

As usual, it's not smooth sailing at dinner service. Gabriel from the Blue team seemed to have a little problem with counting, Kashia (Red team) was having problems with heating her food, and Sandra (Blue team) was having trouble cooking her lamb.

Up for Elimination

Red Team: Kashia and Scott

Blue Team: Sandra and Gabriel

Eliminated: Sandra



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