

9th May 2012 'The Voice' Recap: A Winner is Crowned

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#### Jermaine Paul takes home the top prize

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It began with Jermaine assembling the motley crew of James Massone, Pip, and Jamar Rogers for the Jackson 5 hit "I Want You Back." It was fun and all, and certainly trumped what followed -- the FloRida/Juliet Simms duet and the downright horrible "Chris Mann Trio" (Lindsay Pavao and Katrina Parker in tow) -- but that ain't sayin' much.

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After what some producer decided was a blooper reel but really wasn't aired I began watching the clock.

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9:43 p.m.: Was that Hall & Oates doing "Rich Girl" with Jermaine, Chris Mann, and Tony Lucca handling background vocals? Why? On earth?

9:51 p.m.: Four female cast-offs butcher Stevie Wonder's "Superstition," which has been happening on "Idol" for years.

9:59 p.m.: An admittedly funny but oddly out of place "Parks & Recreation" sketch, featuring Amy Poehler. Couldn't they have just announced the winner at the outset of this week's episode of that underrated NBC comedy?

10:01 p.m.: Juliet, RaeLynn (yay!), Jamar, and Erin Willett plod through "With a Little Help From My Friends." I begin to worry about Juliet.

10:04 p.m.: Balloons descend from the rafters, a faux finale!

10:09 p.m.: A tribute to "Purrfect," Cee Lo's cat. Not kidding. Though I wish I were.

10:21 p.m.: Tony Lucca brings Jordis Unga back and they roar through Fleetwood Mac's "Go Your Own Way." I ponder if Lucca pulled this whole thing off after all.

10:30 p.m.: Lethargic SNL sketch about Cee Lo. Then Carson plugs this week's SNL, with Will Ferrell as host. He'd be a sight for sore eyes right about now.

Then there was Justin Bieber, and his performance of new song "Boyfriend" was a nice injection of energy and slickly produced/choreographed. He's merged Usher and Justin Timberlake nicely, and built a sweet bridge with this tune from 8th graders to...well...high schoolers.

Off to the Sprint Lounge where the pleasant Christina Milian (who'd be a nice replacement for Aguilera, BTW) has gathered the "Final Four." The tension and anticipation is palpable.

Carson announces 4th place, Chris Mann, and I was actually surprised it wasn't Jermaine, thinking Mann would be 3rd. But, wait, Tony Lucca is? Stunned! Still, I think, it's obviously Juliet Simms. But, no, Jermaine Paul took the title.

Unexpected. Unbelievable. Hey, America made the calls....I bet they won't buy his CD, though.