

Breaking Point 2009 – Cena Gets Tortured! Tons of Fun!

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Submission. That's whole point of this show. Ok not really but that was the idea of some of it. WWE was I suppose trying to reach out to the MMA fans here which makes sense I guess but at the same time is annoying. The three main matches are submission matches, including Taker vs. Punk on one for the Smackdown Title.

Other than that we have Orton vs. Cena...again, for the Raw Title. The third major match is DX vs. Legacy so there we are. This show is hit or miss for most people so there we are. Let's get to it.

Also, in case you're wondering what the point of this review is, I'm trying to get caught up with the recent shows so I can have a point to cut off at, as in having all of 2009 forward reviewed or something like that, so expect more recent ones to start popping up.

The video more or less says what I just said to you. It should be noted that it's only the main event matches that have the submission stipulation.

Unified Tag Titles: Big Show/Chris Jericho vs. Mark Henry/MVP

This was the feud of the month and no one with intelligence thought team Red had a chance. Jericho tried to denounce being Canadian on Raw to keep the face pop down but if I remember

right Quebec wants to secede anyway, so it made the reaction better. MVP is a fair bit sloppy. Crowd is hot by the way. Fans are totally behind Big Show.

More or less this is Henry shows off his strength without actually doing anything worthwhile. Henry is likely going to be in the match for the most part. Oh dear. Ok scratch that thank goodness. Oh how I hate the Ballin Elbow. Lawler says a spear literally cut MVP in half. No King, it didn't.

Henry comes in to make the save after a LONG time of beating on MVP. Henry cleans house and counters the Codebreaker. And of course a single right hand knocks him out for about 25 seconds so Jericho can get the pin to retain.

Rating: D+. This was a long Raw match and just flat out not interesting. There was no way the belts would change here or anything like that and everyone knew it. That can work at times but the problem here is that the match itself has to actually be good. That simply isn't the case here and it hurt the match really badly.

Legacy says that tonight it's a fight and DX is over.

US Title: Kofi Kingston vs. Miz

Lillian isn't human. That's all there is to it. This was added to the card the day before this show which is rather cool when you think about it. No idea why it is but I thought I'd throw out something that sounds cool like that so I wouldn't have to explain it. This is fairly recently after Miz did the AWESOME (pun intended) feud with Cena. That was too brilliant for words.

Kofi is getting beaten up here as the push of the Miz continues. Lawler and King argue about nothing in particular. This is a really slow paced match and I'm not sure how well it's working. Miz does the intelligent thing and moves out of the way of the Boom Drop. They crank it up and do a nice

pinfall reversal sequence. Miz goes for the Reality Check but Kofi counters the neckbreaker to kick the heck out of him for the pin.

Rating: B. This started slow but became a very solid match by the end. At the time it aired I wasn't sure who was going to win which is something that hardly ever happens to me in matches. What I mean by that is this looked like a glorified squash on paper and that got switched up. I've always liked both of these guys and this was no exception. Very fun match with a solid ending.

Lynyrd Skynyrd did the theme song. Good to know.

We recap DX vs. Legacy. In essence, Legacy is tired of DX hogging the spotlight. In other words, Legacy is portraying Rated RK0.

DX vs. Legacy

This is submissions count anywhere. We get the obligatory Montreal reference from DX which makes sense as we're in Montreal tonight. HHH says it was all Shawn's fault in a rather funny bit. There are in essence no rules in this to speak of. Shawn is famous for the figure four? Since when? We're already into the crowd so at least they're not trying that hard to make this look like a normal match. That's always a perk.

Shawn has DiBiase in a choke on a railing in the audience and HHH and Rhodes are back in the concourse I think. We were in the ring for all of 8 seconds in case you were wondering. They're brawling all over the place but of course we're heading back to the ring now. Rhodes is put onto a chair and HHH gets a Boston Crab at the same time that Shawn gets a camel clutch. Good to know. After that is broken up we get a crossface from HHH.

I'm not sure if this is a good match or not. Rhodes hooks a

Gory Special of all things. The formula of this match more or less is one guy puts a hold on another and the partner makes the save. It's ok but there's not much to it really. HHH and DiBiase are in the ring and Rhodes and Shawn are fighting in the production area. They fight into the stands and Shawn falls from there down to a perfectly placed empty area.

Basically HHH has to fight both guys off to keep them away from Shawn. Hmm...HHH having to face very big odds and do something no other normal person could pull off? Where's the challenge? They're in the back and beating the tar out of HHH. The crowd reaction would suggest Shawn is up. Oh wait it's Montreal so maybe he died or something. Never mind. He's up. It's back to 1-2 now though as HHH got smacked in the head and is down.

Rhodes busts out an ankle lock on Shawn. You know, the guy with a bad back that just hurt his back a few minutes ago. I can't stand stupid wrestlers at times. So Shawn was down for maybe two minutes from FALLING OFF A BALCONY and HHH is down much longer from a garbage can shot? Good freaking night.

Shawn gets that reverse figure four that he used like twice but he's a master off all of a sudden anyway. Rhodes just goes off on Shawn and hooks the figure four on the post. DiBiase adds in the Million Dollar Dream. And Shawn taps out with HHH crawling on the floor. Talk about an EPIC win. Match kind of sucked but kind of didn't.

Rating: B-. I liked it, but there were a LOT of problems here. For one thing, it got to the point where it was just the same stuff happening but with different people. That's rather boring indeed. However, VERY happy that Legacy won as they actually needed a win as opposed to DX all over again. It was good but far from great. I'll give it the benefit of the doubt though.

Oh and amazingly enough, people still complained about DX

hogging the spotlight after this match. Go figure.

Josh Matthews comes up to Randy Orton who says he wants to talk. Orton has no reaction to Legacy winning. Orton says that's enough questions so he talks about Cena. Orton has the voice for his character down to a T, I'll give him that much. I love the WWE Title just sitting in the background there like that's perfectly normal.

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Singapore Cane Match: Kane vs. Great Khali

Uh, point to the stipulations? Singh's sideburns are alive I think. There's a basket of canes at each corner. There's the required duel between the sticks. Can we just push Kane as a monster heel? Please? Is it that much to ask? Khali got a world title reign and Kane doesn't. That makes such a lack of sense I can't even fathom it.

The fans are already chanting boring and they're right. Naturally they don't get it and keep going. Khali gives Kane a head massage which is apparently a vice grip or something. Khali does his other move, the chop, and that's all he's got. Kane gets a shot off the top with the cane and that gets two of course. A good (bad on anyone other than Khali) ends it to a BIG pop, despite Kane being 100% heel here.

Rating: F. This was awful in every sense of the word. It was short if nothing else but for the love of coconuts, give Kane something serious to do rather than just having him beat up random big men. Yes I'm a big fan of Kane.

Punk says he's ready for Undertaker. He makes great points of course but it's Taker so he has to lose. Punk mentions the Hardy arrest which is just freaking awesome. Dang Punk is epic. The lights go out and it's Jimmy Yang messing with Punk. Guess what happens to his cowboy sefl.

We recap Christian vs. Regal, which more or less was Regal got beat in 10 seconds at Summerslam and then his boys beat him up. Naturally a ten second loss warrants a rematch right?

ECW Championship: Christian vs. William Regal

This is 5 days after the ECW is Leaving announcement was made so there we are. Naturally Christian gets a huge pop being the Canadian. The monsters are sent to the back. This is more of a technical match which is what Regal is a master of. This is an intense match if nothing else. The fans are as into this as they've been into anything all night long. Regal avoids the Killswitch three times and then gets it on the fourth. Well that was abrupt. Somehow this was ten minutes long.

Rating: C-. This wasn't much at all. It could have been a main event on any ECW TV show and it wouldn't have been anything special at all. This was pretty weak.

Batista is coming back to Raw to leave for Smackdown.

Pat Patterson comes out for no apparent reason. He talks about nothing in general until Dolph Ziggler comes out. They talk, Ziggler pushes him, gay jokes abounded in the LD as Morrison came out for the save.

We recap Cena vs. Orton. They don't like each other. The end. On the show you get a five minute version of that.

Raw World Title: John Cena vs. Randy Orton

Remember, this is submission only. Orton is champion here in case anyone is interested. Starting with the package, we have ten minutes go by before the opening bell. Cena starts out hot and gets in some nice throws on the reptilian one. The fans are kind of into it but I think they know they're in for a long one here.

Orton of course gets the advantage as he is known to do. The weapons are in already and Cena is experiencing head trauma.

Naturally we get a mixed reaction from the crowd because it's Cena in Canada. The RK0 onto a chair is countered because we're 5 minutes into this. We're on the floor and Orton is in control of course.

He puts Cena's head on the step and stomps on it. That looked awesome to say the least. When that doesn't work he busts out handcuffs and the key which goes around his neck. And Cena is attached to the top rope. Yep, he's going to win anyway. So Orton unties him and puts him on the post with the cuffs over his arm. Orton proceeds to beat him in the chest and stomach with a kendo stick.

This has to be some Vince sex fantasy. There's no other possible explanation. I don't know if that's makeup on his ribs or what but it looks awesome. Orton freaking KILLS Cena with a chair shot. This is freaking violent. After more chair shots and Cena being cuffed again he manages to get the key. And great, now they're cuffed to each other. Is this a bad buddy comedy pilot or something? It still looks better than 12 Rounds.

The people are booing this, I guess because HE WAS FREKAING TORTURED AND NOW HE'S BEATING UP THE WORLD CHAMPION! Orton gets an RK0 out of nowhere. And of course Cena hooks the STFU on Orton with the cuffs for the submission. Because you know, that's perfectly reasonable right? A ton of replays and celebrating follows.

Rating: B-. I'm really not sure on this one as it became a messed up torture video halfway through. This is a match that some people are going to love and others are going to just flat out hate and I can see both perspectives. It's not for everyone and the intensity is WAY over the top, but it played up Cena won't quit as well as possible so there we go.

We recap Punk vs. Taker. More or less it was Taker is back and wants the title. Good to know.

Smackdown World Title: Undertaker vs. CM Punk

Taker has never surrendered so there we are. Naturally it takes forever to start because it's an Undertaker match. And of course Punk is getting his face kicked in. Did you expect anything else? This goes on for awhile until some chair shots get us back to something resembling even.

They trade strikes and Punk actually puts him down with a solid as stone kick to the head. And there's the Hell's Gate for the tap out. Yeah, in the most predictable ending you could ask for, Taker gets the title back to end the show. Screw you WWE.

OR DOES HE???

Teddy Long comes out to say that the Hell's Gate is still an illegal move and the match is still going, even though it's a No DQ match so that rule means nothing but why should I pay attention to something stupid like that?

Anyway, Taker just beats the tar out of him and then we get the part of the match that I still shake my head at: Punk counters the Last Ride and hooks an Anaconda Vice and, say it with me, Taker doesn't tap but the bell rings anyway. Punk stands next to the stoic Long to end the show. Care for an explanation? So would I. It never really came, so whatever right?

Rating: D+. This just wasn't that good. The match was boring and while they did use the surprising ending, it's still Montreal. I have far more tolerance here than in TNA though, as this isn't an alternative to WWE or anything like that. Either way, the match sucked and not much was going to save it. Nice twist though.

Overall Rating: D. The idea is ok but in reality this just didn't work at all. Three of the seven matches could be on any TV show and while them being title matches helped a lot,

they're still just not very good other than the US Title match which isn't great or anything. There's some ok stuff in here, but at the same time all of the matches being the same thing takes away from it.

I'll go with the same example I would go with from Cole at No Way Out one year when there were two chambers: "This is such an intense match. How long has it been since you saw something like this?" About 25 minutes Michael. That's the thing: these matches are supposed to be about being way intense and stuff like that, but when you have three inside of two hours it just doesn't work.

There's some ok stuff in here but by the end you just want it to be over which is never a good sign. Check it out if you're a fan of the modern product, but overall this was a failed experiment, meaning it'll be back this year.