

Smackdown – September 30, 2011 – Henry Is Still Awesome

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Commentators: Michael Cole, Booker T, Josh Matthews

It's the go home show for Nigh...oh I'm sorry I seem to have gotten the wrong review. It seems like only a little while ago that it was a go home show and it can't be another one so soon. Only a bunch of idiots would have two PPVs for 45 bucks with one off week in between them. I mean you would have to be crazy to think that would be a good idea. Since there's no way this can be another go home show so soon, I'm curious as to what happens. Let's get to it.

Do you know your enemy? Mine is the Cleveland Indians who can't win one game to finish .500.

Rhodes vs. Sheamus for the title and Christian vs. Orton 10 later.

Here's Booker to open the show and he's going to interview Henry. Booker says he was a fan of Henry since the beginning and that since he's a 6 time champion, he knows what it takes to get there so congratulations. Henry wants to know if that means Booker thinks he's six times better than he is. Henry yells a lot and says he could put Booker through that announce table but he's here for Orton, not Booker.

Night of Champions was about the World Heavyweight Championship. He talks about how at home he has the heads of Lawler, Kane and Big Show mounted on his wall (I guess being future endeavored erases your head from existence) and there's a special place on the wall for Orton. Booker wants to know why it's all about the violence and pain. Henry says lower

your tone and that for fifteen years he did the good things and took pictures and kissed babies. Now he wants to be dominate.

Booker asks about Sunday (wow they really are that stupid) and if Randy can hit the RK0...but Henry cuts him off saying that won't happen because it can't happen. Orton can't beat him and everyone knows it. Henry is going to beat down Khali tonight like he did on Monday so bring him out right now so we can do it. Henry won't shake Booker's hand to end this.

Mark Henry vs. Great Khali

Khali pounds away and Henry is staggered. It's a heavyweight slugfest and Henry is in trouble. Two chops put Henry down for two and here comes Henry's comeback. He pounds away and puts Khali down where two splashes only get a two count. I'd have thought that was it. There's the Slam and we're done at 2:51. This was a lot more fun than I was expecting but battles of the giants are an old standard and they almost always are worth at least a glance.

Post match Henry Pillmanizes Khali's leg.

Khali is being taken out on a stretcher and Mahal comes up to yell at him.

Evan Bourne vs. Jack Swagger

Bourne gets the big hometown boy pop. Swagger comes out to Ziggler's music to annoy me. I'm really liking these guys being on both shows as it lets you keep these stories going. Swagger takes over early as is his custom. Bourne fires off some kicks but Swagger catches a headscissors into a side slam.

Vader Bomb misses and Bourne fires off some offense, including that double knee to the neck thing he does. Ziggler interferes but the powerbomb is countered. Bourne sets for the Shooting

Star but Vickie breaks it up and the ankle lock ends this at 2:32. Another fast paced match that sets up the probable tag title match at the PPV.

We get a video on the Sin Cara vs. Sin Cara feud and the match at the PPV is announced.

Sin Cara vs. Heath Slater

Slater has a boring southern rock song as his theme music now. At least it's supposed to be southern rock. It sounds like bad country. It took me longer to say that than the whole match which ends in 42 seconds with a Swanton Bomb.

The other Sin Cara pops up on screen and takes off his mask to reveal a new black one. He says the other Sin Cara stole his identity as Mistico so now it's time for him to do the same thing. Cool to hear an actual reason for what's going on.

Video on HHH and how things are going crazy in the company at the moment. He's not here tonight.

The group that wants to sue HHH is in the back and there are a lot of them: Team Vickie, Johnny Ace, Rhodes, Christian and Otunga as the lawyer. Otunga has an idea put together that could work. Christian says he's cool with Otunga doing this. It goes down Monday.

Kelly Kelly vs. Natalya

Well at least Kelly is in the white shorts. No entrance for Nattie. Beth sits in on commentary. Kelly goes off on her to start and hits a Thesz Press off the ropes but Nattie pounds away and hooks a chinlock. A victory roll gets the pin at 1:25. Can we get a match that breaks three minutes?

Post match Beth hits the Glam Slam and Natalya puts her in that freaky submission she used on Monday. Beth talks trash and Kelly screams a lot.

Intercontinental Title: Cody Rhodes vs. Sheamus

This is happening because Christian cost Sheamus the battle royal Monday. Cody says he's being discriminated against by the WWE, referencing being put in a battle royal after having his head injured by the bell. They slug it out to start and guess who gets the better of that. Sheamus tries his forearms in the ropes but Cody escapes. Sheamus is like ok then and beats Cody down a bit and then hits them the second time.

Cody gets in a mask shot and the Beautiful Disaster for two as we take a break. Back after a video about the Cell and Cody has a hammerlock on. Sheamus fires back but a single arm DDT gets two for the champ. This is a pretty boring match. Sheamus gets sent into the post for two.

Cody keeps working on the arm which is kind of stupid since one of Sheamus' big moves and the easier of his big moves to hit is a kick. Now Cody goes into the post and Sheamus makes his comeback with power moves and the the shoulder block. Brogue Kick misses but he breaks up the Beautiful Disaster for a close two. He sets for the Celtic Cross but here's Christian for the DQ at 8:37 shown of 12:07.

Rating: D+. The ending was a little better but man the ten minutes it took to get there were boring. I like both of these guys but this was a very boring match all around. The arm work was really slow and it didn't add anything to the ending of the match as his arm wasn't really hurt all that badly (or maybe he's just bad at selling it) and the match just went on and on. Not horrible, but nothing interesting at all.

Video on HHH's movie. No one cares.

Zack Ryder vs. JTG

I know I've been liking NXT more but I don't want to see JTG anywhere else! Cole makes fun of JTG who wants to take over the WWE. Ryder is in the Fave Five which is currently at about

28 members. JTG takes over to start and makes fun of Ryder at the same time. Off to a chinlock and Booker has four nicknames for JTG already (and Cole makes fun of them all). Ryder starts his comeback and the Broski Boot gets two. Rough Ryder ends this at 2:56. Just a way to get Ryder on TV as his push continues.

Johnny Ace is texting someone when HHH comes up. HHH wants to know what's up with the meetings Ace has been having. Ace says he's behind him but HHH says it's about trust. Future endeavors are implied.

The same video that we've seen a million times on the Cell airs and we run down the card.

Orton says he's crazy and evil and isn't afraid of Henry. He doesn't regret hurting Orton last week.

Randy Orton vs. Christian

Feeling out process to start which is odd since they've spent more time with each other this summer than is healthy. A clothesline gets two for Orton but Christian hits a middle rope dropkick to take over. Spinebuster gets two and we take a break. Back with Christian having a neck crank broken so he hits a neckbreaker for two instead. Oh this is Orton's hometown too. I forgot about that.

Orton comes back for a few seconds but Christian smacks him down (nice touch) again and keeps the advantage. Orton comes back with his usual stuff including that awesome dropkick. WWE developmental can teach a pretty awesome one of those. Orton hits that powerbomb into a neckbreaker which is a favorite of mine and it gets two. In a nice bit of psychology, Christian escapes the DDT and goes to the corner for the sunset flip out of it. Orton jumps for the RKO but Christian fakes him out. Orton counters Christian's fake out though and gets a fast rollup for two. NICE.

Orton hits his powerslam but Christian misses a cross body. RK0 is countered and Christian sets up for the spear. I'm so over the spear that I cant fathom it anymore. It hits this time but it only gets two because Christian is an average sized guy hitting a power move so it doesn't work as well. Killswitch is countered into the elevated DDT and Orton is all fired up. Christian hits the floor and runs but Orton catches him. He sends the Canadian into the steps and stalks him long enough for the double countout at 10:56 shown of 14:26.

Rating: B-. Not exactly Over the Limit but this is a different kind of match. I did like the incorporation of older stuff into this match as it's good psychology and stuff you rarely get to see in WWE. The ending hurts it a lot too but these two have very good chemistry together and Christian brings out the best in Orton which is hard to do.

Orton goes after Christian post match and loads up the announce table. Cody comes out to beat down Orton but Sheamus makes the save and chases Christian through the crowd. Here's Henry and the Slam puts Orton down in just a few seconds. Henry goes to get a chair to Pillmanize him but Orton grabs an RK0 out of nowhere to put Henry down and stand tall to end the show. They needed to do that before the PPV.

Overall Rating: B-. Pretty good show here as they had a lot of wrestling on it and a lot of stuff got TV time (take notes TNA). Orton getting in the RK0 on Henry is a great thing as they need to give fans a reason to think Orton can beat him. I'm hoping Henry keeps the title but it's hard to say as WWE might get nervous that a guy is actually over as a heel. Anyway good show, although they needed to add in some new matches for the PPV and they didn't get much in that area.

Results

Mark Henry b. Great Khali – World's Strongest Slam

Jack Swagger b. Evan Bourne – Ankle Lock

Sin Cara b. Heath Slater – Swanton Bomb

Kelly Kelly b. Natalya – Victory Roll

Sheamus b. Cody Rhodes via DQ when Christian interfered

Zack Ryder b. JTG – Rough Ryder

Randy Orton vs. Christian went to a double countout

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