

# Smackdown – October 14, 2011 – A Big Battle Royal And That's About It

## Smackdown

Date: October 14, 2011

Location: American Airlines Center, Dallas, Texas

Commentators: Michael Cole, Booker T, Josh Matthews

We have our main event set for the PPV and in short, this has to be better than Raw. I mean, I don't think it's possible for it to actually be worse. Expect one of the final two remaining pushes to go to the PPV and probably more of Cody vs. Orton. Also with this show, allegedly this is the second longest running episodic television show in history or something, so I'll set the over/under on mentions of that at 7,000. Let's get to it.

We open with a recap of the events with Show and Henry last week and Show beating up the champ. He has his title shot at Vengeance.

Do you know your enemy? Mine is being told I have to be somewhere at the very last second. Very annoying.

Here's Teddy to open the show. Johnny Ace comes out too despite having no power on this show. Teddy says that to celebrate tonight, we're having the largest battle royal in WWE history. The winner will get a title shot at any champion of his choosing tonight on Smackdown.

## Battle Royal

There are 41 people in this and I'm not going to bother listing everyone off. Basically if they're on the active roster, they're in this. Cody Rhodes is the first person out.

I'm really only going to list off people's names as they're out and I'll only list big names. There's almost no room to move in the ring so it's almost impossible to see anything or call it. Striker is in there. We're about two minutes in and only a handful of people are out.

O'Neil and Bateman are gone as is Striker. Booker: "I really thought Striker could do something special in this." Cole: "Booker you're an idiot." Josh: "Everybody in the ring is in Booker's Fave Five." We take a break and the ring has cleared out a little bit. Josh says there are 32 people left in this so it's still bigger than most Rumbles. Regal is gone. I don't see Big Show out there but I don't think he was there in the first place.

Morrison goes out with no theatrics and Ziggle is out immediately thereafter. The title match has to be against Henry or Del Rio. Some of the ring has cleared out a bit now and you can see some of the mat. Blue Cara wasn't in this either for some reason. An Uso is out and we have 27 left. Orton and Punk fight which sounds like a very boring feud at this point. DiBiase and Kidd are out.

After a break we see Bryan tossed. You can see most of the people still in the match at this point. Mason Ryan puts out Hawkins and Reks at almost the same time. Miz and Truth have worked together almost the whole time. There go Drew and Gabriel as well as Ryan to get us down to 19. Of all people, Primo is still in there until Punk kicks his head off. We get some minor eliminations (Santino and Riley) before Swagger manages to dump Kofi. Rider is out too and we have about 13 or so.

Otunga is done and so is the other Uso. Sheamus puts out Jackson and is the only one standing. A big old Brogue Kick eliminates Slater to get us down to ten. Black Cara is powerbombed out as Sheamus has put out like 5 in a row. Christian tries a spear but gets caught in a high cross. That

doesn't work and there goes Captain Charisma. Punk puts out Truth but Miz puts out Punk but Sheamus Brogue Kicks Miz to the apron.

Ok so we're down to Miz, Barrett, Orton, Christian, Swagger and Mahal. As I typed that Christian put Sheamus out. Punk and Truth are brawling on the floor and Orton puts out Barrett and Swagger. Mahal takes an RKO and is gone but Miz sneaks in and almost puts Orton out. They're the final two. Orton starts up his finishing sequence but both finishers are countered. They go to the apron and slug it out and Orton is sent into the post. He manages to grab an RKO on the apron and wins at 15:50 shown of 19:20. Orton hit also but Miz clearly hit first.

**Rating:** C. This was a battle royal with a lot of people in it. I know a lot of people don't rate them and I find it very hard to do as well. There wasn't really anything bad here and nothing was all that great either if that makes sense. It's just a battle royal for the most part and there isn't anything else to say.

Orton of course picks Henry.

Del Rio and Rodriguez are leaving but Teddy pops up. They say they're leaving because Henry is defending tonight. Teddy says not so fast because he has to face Sheamus. Non-title I'd assume.

### Beth Phoenix vs. Kelly Kelly

Kelly goes nuts to start but gets caught in a backbreaker out of the screaming headscissors. They're the Sisters of Salvation now. Tornado DDT gets two as Booker says Kelly makes few mistakes in the ring. No wonder Andy hasn't done anything yet in WWE. Kelly misses a charge and the Glam Slam ends this clean at 1:51. Remember when no one could beat Kelly? I don't either.

### Sin Cara vs. Justin Gabriel

It's the blue one but in the back the black one jumps him and takes the mask. The black one takes his mask off and puts the blue one on after saying it's his. Cole explains the backstory of Cara vs. Cara and while it makes sense, I'm not sure how great of a storyline it's going to be with blue not being able to speak English. Cara (black in blue's mask) takes over and dropkicks a jumping Gabriel down for two. Justin goes up again but gets dropped one more time and the Swanton ends this at 1:34.

Air Boom is with Teddy and Evan can't wrestle due to the powerbomb from Swagger. Vickie comes in and demands a tag title match tonight. Teddy says no and here's Rider to a big pop. He volunteers to replace Bourne and Vickie calls him the Little Woo Woo Woo Boy. The match is made.

#### Sheamus vs. Alberto Del Rio

Sheamus takes over early and hits the ten forearms to the chest. The fans are counting along with him now too. Alberto gets a shot in to the arm and let the psychology begin. The Codebreaker on the arm gets one. Sheamus fires back and I don't think this is going to be very long. They're moving way too fast for it to be a short one. There's the Irish Curse backbreaker and that name is back on now. Sheamus goes up but Ricardo distracts the referee. Here's Christian to shove Sheamus off the top and a kick to the head ends Sheamus at 3:55.

**Rating:** C. Not much here but while it lasted it was pretty good. They were in a rush and it hurt things but they were having a coherent match so it balances out pretty well. I think it's better that they kept this short as these guys don't seem like they would have had the best match in the world. This wasn't bad but it was just kind of ok, which is primarily due to how fast they had to work.

Christian spears Sheamus post match. He gets up so Christian

spears him again.

Vickie introduces her guys for the next match.

### Kofi Kingston/Zack Ryder vs. Dolph Ziggler/Jack Swagger

Ryder's music now starts with Woo Woo Woo You Know It. Ryder vs. Swagger to start us off. Off to Ziggler who has a bit more luck. So is it Ryan or Rider that is going to be the #1 contender for Ziggy? Kofi gets the hot tag very quickly and he hits a bunch of dropkicks to take over. He loads up Trouble in Paradise but Ziggler rolls to the floor. Why would you roll to the floor with a member of a team called Air Boom in the ring? Kofi hits a dive to both heels as we take a break.

Back with Kofi in trouble thanks to some commercial interference by Vickie. Kofi takes him down eventually and there's the hot tag to Rider. They're flying through this match. The Broski Boot gets two on Ziggler. Rider gets a knee to the face but can't hit the Rough Rider. Off to the sleeper but Rider sends him into the post shoulder first. Swagger breaks up the tag but when the referee is getting him out, Kofi kicks Dolph's head off and Rider gets another pin at 7:07 shown of 10:37.

**Rating:** C-. Where is this going? I mean, they've been going on with this thing for weeks now and we're at the same place: the champs or some variation of them never lose to Swagger and Ziggler (fairly that is) and Rider keeps pinning Ziggler. When are we getting somewhere with this? The match wasn't that great either.

Sheamus tells another Irish story about Christian and it's something about a bull being bitten by a troll.

Video on Show vs. Henry.

### Smackdown World title: Mark Henry vs. Randy Orton

Henry is in trouble early but just shoves Randy away. Orton

gets sent into the railing and his shoulder goes into the post. Henry works on the neck and kind of the shoulder so I can't complain about that. Orton fights back and Henry just runs him over. An elbow gets two and we take a break. Powerslam gets two when we're back. A splash gets two. This is really boring so far. A Vader Bomb misses and Orton starts his comeback....and here's Cody for the DQ at 7:05 shown of 10:35.

**Rating:** D. This felt like the main event of a weak house show. It just wasn't interesting and it didn't do anything at all. I really was bored by this and I didn't see anything at all in it. Orton gets beaten up and then we have the required run in because that's how house show matches end right? Bad main event.

Show comes out for the save and chokeslams Henry again to end the show.

**Overall Rating:** D+. This is by far the weakest Smackdown I've seen in months. I mean NOTHING interesting went down here. There's a big battle royal and the top face wins it. Then the top face has a house show-style main event against a guy he was feuding with a few weeks ago. I have no idea what we gained on this show so just like with any other big milestone show, this was a disappointment.

### Results

Randy Orton won a battle royal last eliminating The Miz

Beth Phoenix b. Kelly Kelly – Glam Slam

Sin Cara b. Justin Gabriel – Swanton Bomb

Alberto Del Rip b. Sheamus – Kick to the head

Kofi Kingston/Zack Ryder b. Jack Swagger/Dolph Ziggler – Trouble in Paradise to Ziggler

Randy Orton b. Mark Henry via DQ when Cody Rhodes interfered

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