

History of Survivor Series Count-Up – 1994: Mr. Bob Backlund And Chuck Norris

Survivor Series 1994

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Attendance: 10,000

Commentators: Vince McMahon, Gorilla Monsoon

Given that commentary team, I'm a bit worried. Your main match here is Taker vs. Yoko in a rematch of the Rumble's casket match where something like 10 guys beat up Taker and caused him to be taken out of the company for about three or four months. Tonight the guest referee is Chuck Norris. Nope I'm not making that up and I guarantee there will be a ton of jokes about it.

Other than that we have Bret Hart vs. Bob Backlund for the WWF Title which is an I Quit match where someone has to throw in the towel for you, which is how Backlund lost the title back in the early 80s. Other than that we have three Survivor Series matches which don't look very appealing.

I think they finally got the balance right here with two singles matches that were huge and the rest were traditional matches. It looks ok on paper and since this is my second time reviewing it, I know it's at least pretty good. Let's see if it's as good as it was four days ago.

We open with clips of all the teams getting pep talks from their leaders. Shawn is very cocky, which would come into play later on. Lawler is the only captain that doesn't want a camera on these meetings. Since we're in Texas, everyone is wearing a cowboy hat. Oh how I love these theme PPVs.

The announcers run down the card with Gorilla not being able to get a word in. Yep it's going to be one of those kinds of nights. As Fink introduces the first team, he's really hard to understand. If I didn't know what to listen for I'd be completely lost here.

Teamsters vs. Bad Guys

Teamsters: Shawn Michaels, Diesel, Owen Hart, Jim Neidhart, Jeff Jarrett

Bad Guys: Razor Ramon, 1-2-3 Kid, British Bulldog, Fatu, Sionne

Sionne is the Barbarian replacing Samu. Your feuds line up like this: Razor vs. Diesel, since Razor took the IC belt from him about a month or so prior to this. That's about it really. Oh Bulldog is there because of Owen and Neidhart. Other than that, yeah there's no feuds or drama going on at all that I can remember. On the way to the ring, Shawn dives in front of Diesel to be in the spotlight. They're tag champions at the time. Oh that's right.

They took the belts from the Headshrinkers so that's at least most of the team. Vince says that Survivor Series only comes once a year. Well yeah so does every other day of the year but we don't have a freaking PPV for it. Although I have a feeling that if Vince could get away with it he'd try to. Gorilla trying to sound like a cowboy is rather amusing. Vince and Gorilla argue over who the captain is. Shawn is really turning into the heel that he would become famous as.

Gorilla is once again glad he retired. Did this guy hate his career or something? In a running story of this match, Fatu is having trouble with his new boots. He was barefoot for years and apparently wearing boots is a plot point to a match now. Yep that makes great sense. They mention that they can't find Jarrett's new CD anywhere as Gorilla continues his love affair with kayfabe.

You know, Barbarian really wasn't that bad of a worker. He had more or less the same gimmick with a few minor tweaks for his entire career and he always managed to find work. Sure he's generic but he stuck with his stuff and he got steady work out of it. That's really all you can ask for isn't it? We get Owen vs. Bulldog which is of course great. Owen is now the Rocket King. Yeah that's not a weird name at all.

If there has ever been a match of two guys that could have been world champion but never could pull it off, this is it. Bulldog does that delayed suplex on Anvil which is rather impressive. The faces have momentum so naturally, they stop things dead for another foot issue with Fatu. Jarrett and Razor go at it for awhile, which was a very good feud actually.

Shawn's hair is ridiculously short here. He almost looks like Rick Rude if that tells you anything. Jarrett really was good in the ring. For some reason people never took to him as a superstar. I think it was the singing thing. It's sad to hear Gorilla not be able to get more than a few lines in at a time. Vince insists that he is the best commentator of all time and he's going to make sure you know it too.

The heels do a lot of harmless standard stuff on the Kid that isn't really interesting at all. Diesel finally comes in and within two and a half minutes he's eliminated everyone but Razor. It's three jackknives and a shot that leads to a count out. That makes it 5-1 with Razor being the only guy left. As you can tell Diesel is an absolute freak at this point in time. Shawn yells at Diesel to stay in the match.

Razor is beating Diesel who to be fair is worn out at this point since he can't buy a tag. Diesel hits the jackknife and Razor is dead. Shawn gets in for the first time and he wants Razor held up for the kick. You know what's coming here and yep, Shawn kicks Diesel. Now the cool part: Diesel doesn't go down. He goes to one knee, but the kick doesn't knock him

completely down. Diesel is TICKED. He goes after Shawn who runs.

The rest of his team tries to calm him down with Owen and Jarrett screaming that they need to get back before they lose. Shawn gets counted out and apparently that's enough to eliminate all five guys and yes, Razor wins like that. Ok, let's see why this is stupid. Number one, only Shawn was legal. If he's the only one legal, then another ten count should have started up. Now if no one else got in before that, then sure it's a count out.

Also, if Jarrett and Hart were so worried, why didn't one of them run back? That would at least have made sense. This was just an odd ending. No scratch that. It was a freaking stupid ending. What was the plan here? Was this supposed to be intelligent?

To be fair though, this really did look cool and was a good face turn as this was I think the third time that this had happened. The people were getting behind Diesel at the time and they pulled the trigger on him at the perfect time. Even the fans don't sound thrilled about Razor, the biggest face in the match, winning like this though. That's just never a good sign.

Rating: C-. It was ok at best before Diesel got in there but then he stole the show. This was a rollercoaster of a match with no eliminations for 13 minutes then four in less than three then five at once. That's a bit too much over the top stuff for my taste. The in ring work was solid, but this was just for Shawn and Diesel and the face turn, so that's all fine and good I guess. It wasn't bad, but this could have been better. I'm just not sure how.

Todd is in the back with Pettingill as he's leaving the arena. He says that he made Diesel and that he got stabbed in the back. He throws down the belt thereby vacating them and drives

off as Vince tells Todd that Diesel is on the way. Ok wait. First of all, why is Vince telling Todd this? Couldn't it just have gone to Todd?

I know Vince likes to be involved in everything but this is ridiculous. Second, Shawn had time to get his bag, stop to talk to Todd, walk with Todd, get in his car, talk to Todd more, and Diesel was just on his way? Did he stop to have a taco or something?

Royal Family vs. Clowns R Us

Royal Family: Jerry Lawler, Cheesy, Queasy, Sleazy

Clowns R Us: Doink, Dink, Wink, Pink

Yes this is a midget match. They have three guys that look like them and yeah, that's about it. Lawler is borderline abusive to his guys though. Since this match completely sucks, here's the short version: Doink and Lawler do maybe a single move and then the small guys run in for a comedy spot. It's high class stuff like running over and making faces at the other team and then running back to their corner. Yep it's one of those kinds of matches.

The commentators imply that the kings are kids, despite them having FACIAL HAIR. To prove the stupidity of this match, the announcers point out that when one of the big guys is pinned, the guy that pins him is in essence eliminated too since it can only be big vs. big and little vs. little. This comedy stuff goes on for about ten minutes. That's just freaking stupid. The holds and moves they do are things like armbars and wristlocks too.

While they're on the mat, the guys run back and forth and all six run over Lawler. I wish I had a gun so I could shoot either myself or the screen. And now the six all run over Doink. All this is done to make faces at each other. Yes I hate this match quite a bit. Why do we always have to have these comedy matches? There's never a point to them and only

Vince likes them. I hate this so much. Oh look, it's a Burger King crown. This is just so funny. How did Lawler get here? He had a career.

Dink wants to fight Lawler, so he gets on Doink's shoulders. Lawler counters by getting on one of the small king's shoulders. I'll give you two guesses as to how this goes. It's been only the two big guys the whole match. We get a random Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade ad as apparently the WWF has a part of a float. I don't care either. As we get a test of strength, it's a double criss cross by the midgets. Take me now.

One of them gives Lawler an object and he nails Doink. You would think that would be the pin but nope, it's time for more comedy. I feel like I'm at a bad circus. Instead Doink goes on offense and it takes a reversed cross body to eliminate him. Over the next five minutes it's the clowns getting beaten after cheating from Lawler. Of this whole thing, only Dink is actually entertaining.

His offense makes sense, he's energetic, he plays to the crowd and he's not boring. That's such a nice change of pace. Of course Lawler's team gets the clean sweep. Afterwards he takes credit for the whole thing and all six guys come after him which is just rather stupid. To end this awfulness, Doink comes back and pies Lawler. Yep, that's how it ends.

Rating: G. That's below an F. That sums it up I'd think. Dink gets a passing grade. He was actually really fun and entertaining. That might be because it was actual wrestling, but I could be wrong.

We hear about the Women's Title change three days ago in Japan where Alundra Blayze lost to Bull Nakano. I haven't seen it but from what I've heard it was a great one. Wouldn't it be great to either see the match or a rematch or something instead of what we just sat through? Nope apparently that

wasn't good enough though, so instead we have Lawler getting pied by a clown. Nakano is here, so why can't we have the match? I hate Vince at times.

WWF Title: Bret Hart vs. Bob Backlund

The deal here is that Backlund says that since he never gave up in 83, he never should have lost the title and therefore has had a 13 year title reign (he had the belt for two years when he lost it). He also says there's no counter for the Cross Face Chicken Wing while Hart says that everything has a counter. Owen and Bulldog are the respective seconds and one of them have to throw in the towel to get the win.

Both have sworn they won't do it. By those rules, regular submissions don't count so you can give up all you want and it won't count. That...is kind of stupid. They start out rather hot and fast which would be the peak of that aspect of the match. Bret uses a heabutt a lot. Has he ever gotten hurt using one of those? Not that I remember at least. We're already on the mat as they actually compare the resumes of these two, and I think Backlund is slightly in the lead.

Six years as world champion is very hard to ignore. They mention a poll that was taken and 79% say that the Chicken Wing is the better hold? Gorilla, much like myself, refuses to believe that. They're doing a very slow start here as Stu and Helen are watching from ringside. This is a bit odd as Bret will do...HOLY CRAP! Bret put on the abdominal stretch and Monsoon DIDN'T COMPLAIN!

That has never happened before and will likely never happen again. Dang I need a stiff drink after that. Orange juice will do fine. Anyway, as I was saying before I had my heart attack, Bret is doing a bunch of submission stuff and then Backlund will go for the chicken wing. That's a bit of a cool idea I think with Bret being the master of all submissions and Bob being the guy with one big home run hitting move that he knows

will win him the title if he can get it.

The impressive thing here though is that Bob is not only hanging with Bret here but at times flat out beating him. That's saying a lot for someone that wasn't a regular wrestler for years on end. Vince says that Bret doesn't know how to submit. How amusing is it that he says this about Bret at the Survivor Series? Apparently Vince is right here though since Bret never did give up.

It never ceases to amaze me how much a few years can change things and how ironic so many of these lines would eventually become and now are in hindsight. Now for a nice change of pace, Backlund does a lot of mat work on Bret. He works over his arm, which makes sense for a change. Bret hits the post shoulder first in one of the most time honored bumps ever. That's been used for years and it still works to this day.

Bret keeps trying to make his comebacks but Bob keeps taking him down, seemingly with ease. That's the mark of a great wrestler: he can do his stuff and make it look easy. Now we get to what is likely the stupidest part of the match as Bret makes his traditional comeback and puts on his other submission hold: the figure four. Now this is fine, but Backlund gives up. However, the match doesn't end because Owen refuses to throw in the towel.

So in other words, Bret has won the submission match, but he didn't do it properly? Yeah that just sounds stupid. IN other words, you could just get some jerk to be the towel guy and then break your opponent's leg or something, but since the towel isn't thrown in it means nothing? Yeah that makes great sense.

I have to give the fans this: for a match that's about 90% mat work, they're staying interested. Hopefully this Sunday at Breaking Point (this is Thursday, three days before that), that's what happens too. Backlund manages to reverse it for

all of a minute. Bret gets ready for the Sharpshooter but Bob is back in it. Oh never mind no he's not. Gorilla is finally able to talk a bit as Backlund actually wins a fist fight here. He's quite underrated.

He follows it with a piledriver as I'm impressed by this guy. Bob works on the arm even more and the selling from Bret is great as he looks like he's in agony. The fans are actually still in this too, which makes me feel better than they could actually get into very old school style like this. This is practically out of the 50s or 60s. Anyway, after another three minutes or so of getting beaten on, Bret makes probably his third comeback and gets the Sharpshooter, but Owen runs in for the save.

Bulldog chases him and we get the bit spot of the match as he freaking LUNGES at Owen but Rocket moves out of the way and Bulldog smacks the steps hard. He's out cold, and Owen doesn't know what to do now. As Bret looks down at this, he gets locked in the Chicken Wing. Now what follows is something you'll hardly ever see again; Bret is in the hold for over nine minutes straight. Yes that's correct, nine minutes. How many Raw main events don't even get that long?

Now imagine Hart being in the same hold that long. The thing is, the fans are going to be rather bored when you think about it. Actually maybe not. Two things are going to happen here. First of all, people are going to start thinking that there's no way that Bret is going to lose. Second, with every passing second that goes by, the people start thinking that any second now it's going to happen, and that build up even more tension.

That is actually something close to brilliant when you think about it. After the first four minutes or so, Owen begins pleading with his family to save Bret and saying that he didn't mean for this to happen. Ok wait a minute. If Owen is trying to get his parents to throw in the towel, doesn't that mean that it doesn't have to be the predetermined towel

thrower?

Ok that's all fine. However, if that's the case, why can't Owen just throw it in himself? Wouldn't that make a lot more sense? Maybe because he's the other thrower he can't do that? That actually makes sense because if that was allowed then it would be like a Vince Russo match with one person having to throw in the other towel first to lose. But wait, if anyone can do it, why not just have a big gang come out and take the towel from Davey and throw it in?

See why I'm not a fan of this era's booking? It has holes in it that you could drive a truck through. Anyway, Stu keeps saying no way while Helen is on the verge of screaming. Owen begs and begs, eventually getting down on his knees. As a credit to Bret, even though he's been in this thing nearly ten minutes, the whole time he's been trying to roll around and move a bit so that it's not just him laying there.

That's the mark of a great worker: the main story is on the floor because as evidenced earlier, the wrestlers can give up all they want but the towel has to be thrown in to end the match. Bret could literally lay there forever and it would have fit the rules of the match perfectly.

However, he realized that it was better to at least look like he was trying, which makes the match more believable, despite the focus not being on him at all. That's a very nice little touch and another reason why Bret is better than you, along with getting to screw 20 year old Sunny. That makes him divine.

While this is all happening, including the pleading from Owen, Bulldog is still out like a light. He hasn't moved in like 10 minutes and no one has come to help him. You can see him laying there out cold behind Stu while Owen is freaking out. Only in the WWF could an employee lay on the floor for that long and have no help given to him at all. Also, I think Stu

has lost some age in the past year.

He looks MUCH better than he did the year before. Last year he looked like he was about 90. Now he could pass for 60 or so. That's rather impressive. Dang he's 79 years old at this point. I'm impressed indeed. Anyway, Helen can't take anymore and snatches the towel away from Stu to throw it in and give Backlund the title as the fans are a combination of stunned and MAD, but more of the former.

Bob freaking Backlund just won the world title. However, the more important thing is that as soon as they throw the towel in, Owen jumps to his feet cheering before sprinting to the back pumping his fist, revealing it was the greatest acting job since a diva had to act like Vince was hot. Bret deserves an award here for the selling. It's amazingly great. We now get the awesomeness that is the celebration of Backlund's victory.

He is euphoric over winning here, holding his hands up in the air and with the belt around his waist. It's so simple but his facial expressions shove this to such a high level of awesomeness that it's insane. Since it goes with it, I'll include Owen's interview as part of this. As we cut to the back, the look on the face of Owen is amazing as well.

See what happens when you give the best workers the best storylines? You get great material. Anyway, Owen admits that it was all a setup and that this is the greatest day of his life, since he's going to get all of the titles and that he'll never quit. His face here is mind blowingly awesome. That whole thing was epic.

Rating: A. The only thing keeping this from an A+ is some of the holes in the booking, but this was magnificent. However, I could very easily see how some people wouldn't be into this. It's very hit or miss and while I and most of the other old school fans would love this, a lot of people wouldn't get why

it's great and for once, I'm perfectly fine with that. It's not something that everyone can get into and that's fine.

It's a very different style than any of us are used to since it's such an old school style. It's the epitome of hit or miss with people likely either loving it completely or wanting a hatchet to cut out their eyes so they will be less bored. However, the stuff at the end is almost impossible to love. The emotions and acting here are top notch and the whole 45 minute plus (yes it's that long) segment is just amazing to me, but like I said, if you disagree here, I understand for a change.

Now since I doubt most of you remember Backlund's reign, I thought you might like to see how it ends. This is four days after Survivor Series in Madison Square Garden.

Backlund then crawled up the aisle to leave. He made Nash look like a god and it worked beautifully. However, later on he complained about how Nash took the celebration too far and didn't show him enough respect. Dude, you're 45 years old and more or less a novelty act who got beat in 8 seconds so that they could save Nash vs. Hart. Get over your hall of fame self.

Vince and Gorilla can't believe it. Vince booked it, why couldn't he believe it?

Guts N Glory vs. Million Dollar Team

Guts N Glory: Lex Luger, Mabel, Adam Bomb, Smoking Guns

Million Dollar Team: King Kong Bundy, Tatanka, Bam Bam Bigelow, Heavenly Bodies

Bundy isn't really the captain. He's just listed first here. I don't think there actually was one here. This was the tail end of the awesome Tatanka vs. Luger feud, which kick started at Summerslam. The idea was simple: Tatanka and just about everyone else on the planet thought Luger had sold out to

DiBiase, but there was no concrete proof. Basically DiBiase kept helping Luger, but there was never anything for sure.

Tatanka kept saying Luger did it, but Luger denied it. This led to a match at Summerslam, where in reality Tatanka was the one that had sold out all along. It was a lot better than it sounds here and that's your main basis for this match. It's really more DiBiase vs. Luger, but Luger had to get his army of lower midcard faces to help him out so here we are. Have I ever mentioned that I absolutely hate Men on a Mission? I absolutely loathe them.

Mo isn't here for this, but we still get Mabel and Oscar, making M.O. out of them, so in a weird way we have all three of them. Yeah that was stupid. Luger and Tatanka start here as Vince recaps everything I just said. I beat Vince to it. Take that you old man. While Luger is getting chopped, Mable raises the roof on the apron, showing the cutting edge intellectual capacity he brings to this team. They somehow botch a clothesline where Luger hits him in the back of the head.

Pritchard comes in but before Luger kills him we get Mabel vs. Bundy. Please take me now. Wait apparently no we don't. Ok so wait, Mabel came in and challenged Bundy, then stepped out just to come back in. Yeah I hate this match already. The crowd chants Whoop there it is. Bundy is out in less than ten seconds and Pritchard comes back in. Since he's tiny and Mable has his own gravitational pull, this is going to be quick.

He goes to the second rope and hits a freaking CROSS BODY BLOCK onto Pritchard to kill him completely. Vince botches the call by saying that the Gigolo calls himself Del Ray. Is anyone else getting a migraine? I know I am. Somehow for the third time in four minutes we have Bundy vs. Mable.

Yep I'll have that image in my head for the rest of the show, and somehow it's less stupid than this. Amazingly, this showdown is awful. Let's go to Bigelow. He has that pesky

thing called talent though so he just doesn't fit in here at all. He goes for an enziguri which misses but Mabel tries a spin kick. I would say hits, but he literally misses by at least 10 inches. I mean this was awful. The fans loudly groaned at the sight of it.

I have to finish it. I have to finish it. I have to finish it. This HAS to improve. I don't think it can actually get worse. They both go to the floor so they can lay there for awhile since it's past their nap times. They have to stop for one an hour after they eat. They take a lot of naps.

Mabel gets counted out as Bigelow beats the count. Somehow that fat tub of goo would be the King of the Ring and top heel within 8 months. Vince must have been on the REALLY GOOD crack at this time. Or maybe he didn't have any in him at all and that's what caused all this. So now we have Del Ray vs. Billy Gunn. Somehow, this is better. Read who's in there, and think about that for a minute.

Now we shift to Bomb vs. Bigelow and Adam hits that SWEET slingshot clothesline of his. Dang I love that move. He dominates just like he would do against Mabel at In Your House but after one shot from Bundy, Bigelow puts him down and moonsaults him out of it. I've always hated when a guy gets hit with one shot and since it's from behind, it's a knockout shot. What's the deal with that? Del Ray hits two sweet superkicks that do nothing at all.

However, after a standard illegal elbow, he's gone to Luger. Good to see that some things never change. The Guns beat on Tatanka for the better part of ever and it's just barely interesting. They were just such a worthless team. You can tell they're real cowboys though. They're wearing khakis. Yep the Beautiful People match is certainly more interesting, especially with those shots of Velvet's figure. Dang.

Anyway, Bart goes for a crucifix and gets caught in the End of

the Trail, which is apparently the name of Tatanka's finishing move. Forget that it's the Papoose To Go. We're 4-2 now with the excellent team of Billy Gunn and Lex Luger against the four heels. Oh this isn't going to be pleasant. I really can't stand Vince saying YES NO! Is he really that impatience? A splash ends Billy, making it AMERICA vs. four. Oh boy I can barely contain my excitement.

As I look at my clock, we've been at this beatdown for six minutes now. Oh joy indeed. Why do I need to see Luger get beaten up that long? Wait, that might mean an injury which means him off TV. BLAST HIM WITH EVERY FREAKING THING YOU'VE GOT PEOPLE! Our ot nowhere Luger rolls him up for the pin and then literally lays there on the ground while Bundy gets ready for the splash.

It was without a doubt the worst looking thing I've ever seen in a match like this. That's the end and the heels celebrate before beating on Luger forever. The faces finally run out for the save. I guess they wanted to see the annoying one get beaten on too. This segment just went on forever.

Rating: C-. I know I blasted this match a lot, but for some reason by the end it wasn't horrible. I think it was the faces losing clean that fixed a lot of this. That's what the match should have been: the heels getting a clean win which is something that hardly ever happens. It's a match where the pieces don't add up to what you get at the end, which is a good thing.

Backlund has a press conference to talk about how he'll be a role model. Yep for all of three days.

Undertaker vs. Yokozuna

Before this, we have the debut of the deity himself, Chuck Norris. He's the guest referee tonight, which shouldn't be a problem for him. He can certainly count to ten. He counted to infinity twice, so ten is easy. He's there to keep people from

coming out to beat up Taker. That's a good idea, since he's so strong that he never does push-ups. He simply pushes the world down. After two of the slowest intros ever, it's time to go.

Before the match even begins, we can already see the problem here: no one believes Yoko has a chance, and he doesn't. Yoko can't really do anything to Taker so Taker starts beating on him. The managers interfere to turn the momentum over. Yeah that doesn't work. Momentum implies movement, and I don't think they've actually moved in this match. They're just so freaking slow. Now with Taker it makes sense, but with Yoko it's just due to fatness.

He took some time off after this match and came back even bigger. That can't be good. Anyway, Norris is mostly just window dressing for the majority of this match. He's shown a few times standing there. Dang I ran out of jokes for a minute. I'll make up for it later. Eventually Bigelow and Bundy come out and yell at him, leading to IRS running in and nailing Taker then putting him in a sleeper.

Taker would feud with DiBiase's team until I think the following Summerslam, so yeah that went on way too long. The fat guys don't do anything to Norris, and I can't blame them. After all when the Boogeyman goes to bed at night he checks the closet for Chuck Norris. I'd be afraid too. So yeah, the rest is rather predictable, as has been the first part of the match. Yoko keeps trying but at the last second Taker rises up. The lack of drama is freaking killing this match.

It's clear that no one believes Yoko has a chance. It's fine to want to send the fans home happy, but at least try to build some drama. At least make Yoko look like he has a snowball's chance out there. For no good reason, Jarrett comes out and Norris kicks him in the chest. Well that was rather pointless.

Yoko gets kicked into the casket to end it. I know that's really lackluster, but seriously there was just nothing else

to say about it. It was just as you would expect it to be: not that interesting, slow, and completely lacking in drama. This was pretty bad.

Rating: D+. Yeah this was bad. As I've said a million times, the best thing a match can do is have you guessing who is going to win. There was absolutely zero doubt here who the winner would be. It's a great sign when you know who the winner is going in and they get you caught up in it anyway.

For a great example, see Taker vs. Shawn. We knew Taker would win, but it got us going anyway. As for this, Norris was the big celebrity of the show and he did what he was supposed to do: beat up a midcard guy. It was ok for a pointless main event, but this wasn't interesting at all.

Overall Rating: C-. This is about as back and forth of a show as you're ever going to find. The first match is ok, the second is beyond awful, the third is great, the fourth is ok, and the last is awful. Also, a LOT of people will disagree on the title match, and like I said before I'm fine with that. It's a tricky one to call and it really depends on your taste as a fan. I loved it, and for me it almost carries this show. Overall, the show is certainly watchable, but it's forgettable.

The title change that mattered was the following weekend so this one meant little. Other than that, it's a very forgettable show. Taker won the feud as he always did, there was an awful match, Luger managed to blow another one, and there was an ok opener. Seriously, nothing here stands out. It's ok if you're really bored and just want to kill about 3 hours, but don't go out of your way.

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