

Monday Night Raw – February 8, 1999: I Can't Remember The Card After The Go Home Show. That's Bad.

Monday Night Raw (Saturday Night Raw)

Date: February 13, 1999

Location: SkyDome, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Attendance: 41,432

Commentators: Jerry Lawler, Michael Cole

This is yet another go home/special show which feels like all I do in 1999. Due to something airing on USA on Monday, Raw was pushed back to Saturday, which is the day before the PPV. The main event tonight is a gauntlet of some kind with Austin having to face the entire Corporation for some kind of prize. I've also done the Raw after this and the link is at the end. Let's get to it.

We open with a recap of the Rumble where Austin was ambushed by the Corporation.

Here's Austin to open the show to a HUGE pop. He can't wait until tomorrow night to get his hands on McMahon, who better have his track shoes on so he can run for as long as he can. After that, he's going to walk over Vince's body and head straight to Wrestlemania. Austin guarantees bloodshed, and it's not going to be his. Cole: "That means it's going to be the boss'!" Seriously, he was the BEST they could do? REALLY?

Cue Mankind who likes the sound of the word bloodshed. He says that he might have to go get some of Vince's blood on his new white shirt tomorrow night. That's a bit morbid wouldn't you say? Anyway Mankind says

that he's ready for Wrestlemania, but tonight one of the two of them is going to take a beating. He reminds Austin that he's the WWF Champion until he isn't anymore. See, when Foley says things like that he can get away with it. When Cole says it, he sounds like an idiot.

Here's the Corporation with Rock saying that he needs to clear a few things up. He gives Mankind directions to the Smackdown Hotel, but says instead of checking Mankind in, he's going to bash Mankind's brains in. Rock calls himself the chosen one which isn't a name that ever stuck. As for Austin, Vince says that Steve has no chance, just like he had at the Rumble. He loved hearing himself announced as the winner of the Rumble, and he'd like to hear it again on Sunday.

Vince guarantees that none of the Corporation will interfere in the match. If they do, he'll fire all of them and they'll all be out of jobs. After Sunday, nothing will be the same for Austin. Also tonight, Austin will be facing Mankind in a non-title match with Vince as guest referee. Vince's face was AWESOME here as he looked downright maniacal.

Mark Henry stares at Debra.

D'Lo Brown vs. Jeff Jarrett

Before the match, Brown has a surprise for Henry. To make sure Henry stays focused, here's someone nice he can look at. Brown introduces the debuting Ivory, basically as Henry's love slave. Jarrett jumps Brown to start and hits a DDT onto the arm. Brown comes back with a spinwheel kick as Henry hits on Ivory. Jeff puts on the Figure Four but Ivory's distraction lets Brown escape and hit the Sky High. Nothing here.

Post match we get a catfight.

Earlier today, Val Venis and Ryan Shamrock were spotted at a hotel.

We recap Val and the Shamrocks, which has ticked Ken off to no end.

Here are Val and the very good looking Ryan. Kevin Kelly asks them about about why they're doing this and sex lines ensue. Ken runs out and beats up Val. He beats up some referees too because he's insane.

Val says he's going to take care of Ken tonight.

Goldust vs. Gillberg

Goldust gets some blue roses before the match. Gillberg tries the spear and is shoved away with ease. Goldie stomps away and hits a clothesline followed by the Curtain Call. Here's Blue Dust who is shown on the screen with just some grapes covering him up. Gillberg rolls up Goldust for the pin.

Gillberg gets Shattered Dreams as a reward, followed by Goldust getting a Blue Bath, meaning he's covered in blue paint.

Earl Hebner says that none of his referees will officiate Shamrock's match Sunday. If a replacement can't be found, Shamrock has to forfeit the title. Couldn't that be used by corrupt referees to cost someone a title?

Here's DX with something to say. Apparently on Sunday it's HHH/Pac vs. Chyna/Kane. HHH tells Chyna that she can't even draw a walk in the game because she doesn't have any balls. Pac wants Kane as well and says bring it. Road Dogg says there's not going to be a third fall in the 2/3 falls match with Snow. He moonwalks here a bit for no apparent reason.

Gunn takes off his shirt off and reveals his referee shirt. Dogg: "You want a job at Foot Locker?" Billy is going to referee the IC Title match and that's it. Nothing more to this segment than that: everyone talking about their matches and setting them up a bit better. Why don't we get

this more often today? Oh that's right: we need 958 recaps and to have the GM talk for an hour a night anymore.

Steve Austin vs. Mankind

Vince is guest referee and this is non-title. He has the two guys come to the middle and says that anything goes here. The use of assorted furniture is acceptable and kicks to the groin would be appreciated. Austin says someone is taking a beating, but it's not himself or Mankind. Vince stares Austin down and turns around into Mr. Socko and the Claw. The Corporation runs out for the save but are easily beaten down. No match of course.

Post break, Vince puts Austin in the Corporation Gauntlet, minus Rock.

Godfather vs. Viscera

Mideon sits in on commentary and has an eyeball in a jar. Godfather pounds away on the fat man and gets a boot up in the corner to block a charge. Godfather gets Viscera down with a suplex but Mideon runs in for the fast DQ.

Val and Ken are fighting in the back and Billy Gunn is dragged into it.

X-Pac vs. Kane

Let it continue. Pac fires off kicks to start but a spinwheel kick is caught in a spinebuster for two. Kane throws him around even more before sending Pac to the floor. The big man tries to crush Pac with the steps but hits the post instead. A dropkick sends Kane off the apron and we head back inside. Chyna comes in for the lame DQ.

HHH saves Pac from a Chyna Pedigree.

Road Dogg is out cold in the back and bleeding from behind the ear. Medics look at him but he says to find Billy, who didn't do this to him.

Here's Al Snow with something to say. He says that he's going to take his Hardcore Title back and claims that Roadie stabbed him and Head in the back. Snow wants a hardcore match and issues an open challenge, but no one answers. His answer is to have one with himself, so he beats himself up with weapons. We have a referee for no apparent reason as Snow puts himself through a table. Bob Holly comes out to help Al but gets punched for his efforts. They brawl into the crowd and I guess this is a match. Back to ringside quickly and they hit each other with chairs. Referees pull them apart so this wasn't really even a match.

Droz beats up Kevin Kelly for calling him a punk.

Steve Blackman vs. The Rock

Rock pounds away to start but Blackman comes back with his usual kicks. Steve pounds away but gets caught in a DDT for a big pop. Rock heads to the floor and FINALLY tells us that he's cooking a nice Rockwich with extra Rock Sauce. Back in and Blackman gets in some kicks, only to miss a bicycle kick. Rock Bottom and Elbow end this.

Rating: D+. Total squash here which is exactly what it was designed to be. Not everything has to be some big and epic match, and this is a good example of that. Rock would go on to be world champion again very soon, but he just fought a midcard guy. The thing is: it worked fine. Try this and I think you'll be ok modern WWE.

Steve Austin vs. The Corporation

It's a gauntlet match and Shamrock is up first. Slugout to start of course with Shamrock taking him down. The fans tell Vince that he screwed Bret. Austin escapes the ankle lock and hits the Stunner, but here's Test

for the DQ. He's the next man as well and is Stunned in less than a minute, but Kane runs in for the seconds DQ. Kane chokes away in the corner but gets caught by the Thesz Press.

Austin pounds away but Kane gets a boot up to stop Austin. There's the chokeslam but Austin kicks out at two. The Tombstone is countered into a Stunner but Chyna comes in for the DQ. I think the match only ends in a pinfall which is why they keep running in. Chyna comes in and takes a Stunner so here's Boss Man. Austin hooks a sleeper but Boss Man escapes and gets the nightstick for the DQ. Austin is dead so Vince comes in and pins him.

Rating: D. You can barely call this a match as it was really just a way for Vince to get one up on Austin. The longest of the falls lasted about 80 seconds, so what are you expecting this to be? Nothing to see here but Vince's charisma is incredible when he's out there with Austin which makes up for some of the flaws. Also it's less than seven minutes long so how annoyed can I get?

Vince talks trash to end the show.

Overall Rating: C-. Definitely not their strongest show, but they set up the cage match pretty well. The world title match was glossed over though, which is pretty annoying in general. I don't even think the stipulation (last man standing) was mentioned here at all. After those two matches though, the level of interest fall off a cliff. I had to look up the rest of the card and I just watched the go home show. That's a bad sign.

Here's St. Valentine's Day Massacre if you're interested:

<http://kbwrestlingreviews.com/2011/03/16/st-valentines-day-massacre-austin-vs-mcmahon-one-on-one/>

Here's the February 15th Raw if you're interested:

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