

Lockdown 2013 Preview

It's arguably the second biggest show of the year and I can't say I'm thrilled for it. The show is at the Alamodome which had over 60,000 people in it for the 1997 Royal Rumble, but I don't think they're going to get that many this time. Let's get to it. To begin with, we'll look at the world title match, which has one major problem:

Why are they fighting? It's been made clear that the only reason Ray has gotten this shot is because he's Hulk's son in law. Ray didn't win a big match, he hasn't beaten anyone in a singles match lately (his last televised one on one win was against Jesse Godderz. Before then, his last singles win on TV was in SEPTEMBER when he beat Aries, as in the guy he lost to on PPV in December), he and Hardy have no personal issue, and Ray has barely been around him due to feuding with Aces and 8's. Hardy was gone for a month and is just now back in action but he hasn't had much interaction with Ray either.

At the end of the day, Ray hasn't earned this shot and hasn't won anything of note lately, Hardy hasn't done anything to Ray, and they don't hate each other. What is the interest in seeing them fight?

For a prediction I'll take Hardy to retain, as all signs point to Bully winning and turning heel. Since that would make sense, we'll say it won't happen. Also it would make Hogan look stupid and we can't have that.

Next up is Lethal Lockdown which brings us to Aces and 8's. Let me try to get through this as fast as I can so I don't have to think about them. Aces and 8's is probably the worst major stable in company history. From taking FOREVER to reveal a member to having D-Von and Anderson as their top names to having D'Lo Freaking Brown revealed as their second in command, they have nothing going for them and they haven't

in the NINE MONTHS they've been around. At the end of the day, we have no idea why they're doing what they're doing and there's no sign that such information is coming anytime soon. The whole story is a disaster.

The ONLY chance they have at salvaging it is to win Lethal Lockdown while revealing a big name as their boss. The problem with that is all signs point to either Jeff Jarrett or Eric Bischoff being the boss, which doesn't do much good. The problem is we've seen them both lead massive stables before so it would be the same warmed over stuff we've seen before with lower level names and far more damage coming in.

As for the match, I'll take the bikers but given how things have been going, I'll expect them to lose.

Kurt Angle beats Wes Brisco despite a ton of help from Aces and 8's. If that happens, the bikers win Lethal Lockdown.

I'll take Roode and Aries to keep the belts. It's way too early for them to lose. Either way, for the love of all things good and holy, PLEASE don't put them back on Chavo and Hernandez. I can't take that again.

Velvet keeps her title. I can't take more Gail Kim on top either.

Robbie T destroys Robbie E of course.

I'll take Kenny King to retain and Joseph Park to beat Joey Ryan. You haven't heard of these matches? Most people haven't either, but that's because TNA is awful at setting up a PPV card and they added these matches in at the last second to fill in some time.

Overall Lockdown is a very uninspiring show. Between the lackluster world title match and Aces and 8's dragging things down, This isn't a show that I'm thrilled with watching but

TNA has surprised me before. Granted they've also had some of the worst shows I've ever seen but hopefully that won't be the case here.

Thoughts/Predictions?