

On This Day: March 18, 2006 – Saturday Night's Main Event 32: It's Back!

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And the show is back. What used to be the biggest show of the weekend when it was on is now back! And no one cares at all. It got hype but no one watched. There's even a main event tonight: Shawn vs. Shane. Yeah I don't care either. It's a build for Mania and that's all there is to it. Let's get this over with.

The McMahons say they're ready for Shawn.

Shawn is ready for Shane and says a few bad words.

HHH says he's ready for Cena at Mania. They're using the old style of interviews to open the show which is smart. Cena, HHH's partner tonight, runs in to make fun of it.

JBL imitates My Name is Earl. He has a drinking contest with Austin tonight.

Boogeyman acts creepy.

HHH/John Cena vs. Randy Orton/Rey Mysterio/Kurt Angle

This is Raw's main event vs. Smackdown's main event. That's not terrible but there's no realistic way that Smackdown can lose. Cena gets some hearty boos for his troubles. The remix of Rey's music SUCKS. Cena and Orton start us off. Feel the shock! There's a ton of smoke in the arena which makes it kind

of hard to see. HHH and Angle is a big match that I would have liked to see get more time.

More or less this is just a way to get each combination of all five guys including arguing between each other. The crowd boos the heck out of Rey vs. Cena which is kind of odd. HHH and Cena argue their way into a commercial. HHH and Mysterio fight WAY too long for a multi-man match. Cena makes the Superman run and the fans openly boo.

As he goes off, naturally HHH Pedigrees him. He does the same to Rey though just to be fair. And Orton takes out Angle. No one seems to care about any of this mind you. We're left with Cena and Orton and Cena rolls him up for the pin. That was the definition of a mess at the end there.

Rating: D+. This wasn't interesting at all in practicality but to be fair the concept was kind of decent. Seriously though, they beat three world champions without a ton of issues and HHH leaving. How in the world does that even begin to make sense? Oh yeah it's Cena in 2006.

We talk about the Hall of Fame inductions and list everyone off. It's Hart and Guerrero as the headliners even though Guerrero doesn't belong in the Hall of Fame but he died so he's automatically great I guess.

Teddy Long checks on Booker who says he's injured. He's faking and doesn't want to fight Boogeyman. I can't blame him. I'd rather hear Sharmell shout instead. On second thought give me the worm guy.

We come back for the Cutting Edge with Foley as the guest. This was leading up to the big hardcore match that made Edge seem more legit at Mania. He of course calls Foley a coward because that worked so well in the past. Foley shows up with tacks and winds up in them. He smiles and Edge panics. It ends with Edge getting a conchairto and Foley being happy. Not bad at all and it sets up the match even more which is all I can

ask for in the end I guess.

Booker was faking. Boogey is hanging upside down in his locker room and Booker runs away screaming. Now tell me what's wrong with this. You got it. Booker is wearing the wrong colored socks. Always gray Booker. Remember that.

It's time for the beer drinking contest between JBL and Austin. Something tells me I know how this is going to end. JBL dances for awhile. There is a TON of beer set up in the ring. Apparently Taker is going to get called out by Mark Henry. Good to know I suppose. He runs down Detroit sports and says that they couldn't win an inter squad game. Don't you always lose those technically? He runs down the whole city and it's a bit stupid indeed.

He talks about Benoit and their match at Mania and he needs to just shut up already. Finally the glass shatters and we're ready to go. There's actually a story here as Austin gave his list of best wrestlers from Texas and left JBL off. So they're having a beer drinking contest. That's completely pointless but they're trying I guess. Austin is so smooth on the mic that it's scary. Thankfully they point out the Texas thing. JBL says that if he didn't have a broken hand he's stomp a mud hole in Austin. He stomps with his hand. That's rather stupid.

Apparently Austin has been practicing his drinking: 24 cans and 15 pitchers. Wouldn't that like, kill him or something? It would have to bust his stomach or something. Both guys have 25 beers (Canadian apparently) and it's the most they can drink in a minute. JBL thinks they should stand back to back and Austin doesn't want to and JBL turns it into a Brokeback Mountain joke of all things. Austin is just destroying him here on the mic.

JBL is cheating by going early and then pouring it down his tie. Austin's reaction is great but he gets beer thrown on him. That's just dumb man. Benoit throws JBL back in and Austin...ok if you don't know what he does, you have no business

reading this review.

After a commercial, we're ready for this.

Victoria/Candice Michelle vs. Mickie James/Trish Stratus

Mickie was a lesbian stalker that was hot as could be back then, including a kiss and a shower issue. Candice is on the cover of Playboy at this point also. And it's a two and a half minute match. It's all Trish, literally. I think the point is that they won't let Mickie in. And Trish wins on her own anyway, only to get smacked by the hot crazy lady.

Rating: N/A. The girls looked amazing if nothing else.

Henry calls out Taker. The Druids bring out a casket and Taker beats up Henry and Daivari. Their Mania match made Henry look bad. Think about that for a minute.

Shawn Michaels vs. Shane McMahon

This is a street fight since Shane is in it. Oh I forgot to mention how amazing Lillian looks with her hair pulled back. Lillian looks amazing with her hair pulled back. Glad I got that done. We start in the aisle and Shawn is on fire. The fans want tables. Oh joy indeed. ECW is on at the moment so that makes sense I guess. Shane sends Shawn into the post to bring us to even. Vince is at ringside also.

And we have a ladder two minutes in. Well at least they're not wasting any time with it. And Shane gets suplexed from the top of the ladder through two tables and everyone is out cold. We're 4 minutes in mind you and it's commercial time. Back from the break and Shawn is dominating. He goes up a ladder and Vince gets the two worst cane shots I have EVER seen. They barely made any noise!

More or less it's a handicap match here. I was at the handicap match these guys had at Backlash and it was pretty bad. Could Ross be any more ridiculous about his insulting of Vince? It's

always freaking stupid. He has no soul and no god apparently. Yeah that's not too far at all. More or less it's all Shane at this point. Screw the more or less part actually. The Coast to Coast misses and Vince takes it in the face.

Never mind that it wouldn't hurt very much at all the way they did it but whatever. Shawn makes his comeback and hits the chin music but the referee is pulled out by Vince. And then, and I can't believe I'm typing this, Shawn is put in the Sharpshooter and Vince says to ring the bell. That's how it ends. Yep, that's really it.

Rating: C+. There were some good bumps but the ending made me shake my head very hard. They're referencing it 9 years later, even though they used it a few months ago too. Anyway, other than that this was pretty good I guess but nothing masterful. Shawn can bump as well as anyone in the world and that helped a lot, but the ending was just idiotic.

Overall Rating: C+. There was one good match here and two good segments. Other than that there wasn't much to talk about. The show tanked beyond belief so after this they more or less stopped trying to make this a big deal at all and that was likely the best thing they could have done. Not a great show, but far better than some of the others they would come out with in the future.

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