

On This Day: March 29, 2012 – Superstars: Another Wrestlemania Commercial

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It's the go home show for Wrestlemania here as we're just three days away from one of the biggest shows ever. Since this is Superstars there's almost no telling what the matches are going to be. You know unless you looked up the card or something like that. Anyway this is usually a pretty entertaining show but odds are it's going to be nothing but Mania hype, which is completely understandable. Let's get to it.

Alex Riley vs. Heath Slater

This is when Slater was still just a One Man Band instead of part of Three. The announcers immediately start talking about Mania and how it's Once In A Lifetime...until next year of course. Slater sends him into the corner but Riley comes back with some right hands. A big running clothesline gets two on Heath but Slater kicks out the leg to take over.

It's chinlock time and Slater hits a kind of STO to stop an escape attempt. Back to the chinlock followed by a neckbreaker for two for Heath. Slater misses a charge in the corner and there's Riley's big spinebuster. The A-Bomb (falling DDT out of the corner) only gets two and Slater immediately hits his jumping sleeper drop for the pin.

Rating: C-. I'm a fan of Riley but this match wasn't their best work. There wasn't a good flow to the match and they felt like they were just going from move to move with nothing in between. I still don't get what

happened to Riley. He was getting a push and was regularly beating Miz but then he just disappeared. I've heard of some backstage issues, but with the talent he has it could be overlooked to a degree.

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We recap Punk vs. Jericho which is over who is the real Best in the World. Punk had been saying it for months but Jericho returned. He had been saying it for years and then brought in Punk's family history of substance abuse.

Video on the End of An Era, which was the tagline for Undertaker vs. HHH in the Cell. I'm still not sure what era ended as both are scheduled for matches at this year's Mania. We get nice history packages of both guys here. It's set to Memory Remains by Metallica.

We recap the setup for the Divas tag with Maria Menounos.

Trailer for Edge's movie Bending the Rules.

Tensai is coming. Now if only he would go.

We get a video on what Rock vs. Cena means to both Rock and Cena. This is from the Once in a Lifetime special. I remember watching this and getting more fired up for a match than I ever have before. I HAD to see it.

Justin Gabriel vs. Tyson Kidd

The high fliers take it to the mat to start and it's a standoff. Apparently this is over a disagreement over who is the better high flier. They speed things up with both guys hitting some leg trips until Kidd is

sent to the floor. Justin follows, only to get caught in a Russian legsweep to send him into the barricade. Apparently Kidd is a heel here.

Back inside and Gabriel catches him in an STO for two. Justin misses a spinwheel kick but counters a rana into a powerbomb for two. A top rope Lionsault misses Kidd but he can't hook the Sharpshooter either. Another attempt at a rana by Kidd is countered and it's a rollup by Gabriel for the pin.

Rating: C. Given the nature of this show, did you really expect the last match to be anything of note? This was here to set up a match on Wrestlemania as the pair would team up and somehow get a tag title shot despite never having teamed together before this point. You know, because that's how tag wrestling works anymore.

Kidd and Gabriel shake hands post match. See what I mean?

Overall Rating: C. That's for commercial, because that's what this show was. Not that I'm complaining mind you because everyone should know what you're getting into during Wrestlemania week. That being said, not a single mention of Sheamus vs. Bryan here. Bryan wasn't seen at all and Sheamus was only used for a soundbyte in the Rock vs. Cena video. Not that I'm surprised or anything, but man alive it's A WORLD TITLE MATCH. Come on people. The show wasn't bad though and I want to watch Wrestlemania again so points for that one.

Here's Wrestlemania if you're interested:

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