

Wrestlemania 29 Preview: Ryback vs. Mark Henry

At least it isn't called the Colossal Jostle. There isn't as much to say about this one. At the end of the day this is one of those matches that is there to give us a cool visual rather than have a competitive match. I don't think it's any secret that the odds say the match ends with a big old Shell Shock on the big old Henry, and that's the right call for this match. It shouldn't run more than seven minutes tops, as you don't want to expose either of these guys as being as limited in the ring as they actually are.

Ryback NEEDS this win far more than Henry does. Mark is old and banged up and likely doesn't have much more time in the company. Ryback on the other hand has a good chance of being one of the top stars in the company for a few years to come. A win over Henry would have meant a lot more a year ago, but here it still means a lot and the Shell Shock can be the signature spot for him for a long time to come. Big moves like that at Wrestlemania have done a lot for guys in the past, so why not do it again here?

As for the match, if it's somehow not clear yet, Ryback wins with the Shell Shock. He definitely needs this match more than Henry, as Ryback hasn't had a big win since....before the Cell? The big question is can he pull the move off without botching it badly? Henry is another guy like Jericho who can do as many jobs as you ask him to do and he's still going to be a solid threat because of how big and powerful he is. He'll also look good here because Ryback can throw him around like the monster that he is. These matches can work wonders for someone and I think that's what's going to happen for Ryback.....assuming he can hit the Shell Shock.