

Money in the Bank 2013 Preview

We've arrived at one of the biggest shows of the year and for once I'm excited. The card is STACKED and the feuds have all been well built. Let's get to it. We'll start with the pre-show. I'll take the Shield to retain. I'm a fan of the Usos but come on. It's been two months since Shield won the belts and they're not about to lose them to a team who was release fodder for the majority of last year.

Cena to retain of course. This is the WWE's bread and butter: take a superhero and put him against a big old monster, enjoy the crowd reactions. Well in most cities but you get the idea. Cena wins here and I don't think there's a cash-in yet.

Del Rio keeps his belt but it likely sets up another match in this feud. Ziggler is popular and will be a god in Philadelphia, but WWE seems obsessed with keeping the title on Del Rio for some reason. The match should be good but I have zero interest in Del Rio whatsoever.

In the surprise of the show, AJ keeps the belt via interference from Layla. It's not a surprise that AJ wins, but that I actually care about the match. They've done a great job at actually setting up the feud and giving us a reason to care about Kaitlyn getting her revenge on the evil AJ. Those INSANE spears that AJ sells so well help a lot too. This should be entertaining though, which I can't believe I'm saying.

Axel beats Miz. I don't think this needs an explanation.

Ryback over Jericho. Ryback hasn't won a PPV match since last year's MITB, yet WWE still wonders why no one is interested in him. It appears that Ryback is going to hook up with Vickie which might make people care about him a little bit so at

least he has some hope. The match should be good and there's no need for Jericho to win. This is a classic case of putting two guys in a match because they have nothing else to do and there's nothing wrong with that thinking at all.

Now for the important matches.

I'll go with the seemingly obvious choice and say Bryan wins the Raw MITB match. RVD will be RVD, Sheamus and Orton would seem to cancel each other out, Christian just isn't winning this match, and Punk will likely be taken out by Brock or Heyman to set up the Summerslam match. There are rumors that Bray Wyatt will be replacing Kane but for the life of me I can't see that happening.

That leaves us with the BIG wildcard of the show: the Smackdown MITB match. However we do have a major clue: Ambrose hasn't interacted with the other participants for the majority of the buildup, and in WWE terms that's the cue for him to win. Looking at the other contestants, we can immediately eliminate the Scholars for obvious reasons. Fandango simply isn't ready and has cooled WAY down since his concussion. The Real Americans intrigue me but I could only put Cesaro at a distant second best option. Barrett is interesting as well as WWE has been ready to pull the trigger on him for years now and it's normal for them to job a guy to death before giving him something like MITB. That leaves Ambrose which would be the right move.

Overall MITB looks very good for the most part. There isn't a match I'm not interested in other than the IC Title, the crowd is going to be white hot all night and the ladder matches are always entertaining. WWE has turned it way up in the last few weeks and the shows have been the most fun they've been all year. This should be a solid way to keep the summer rolling before we get to the important stuff at Summerslam.

Thoughts/predictions?