

2013 Awards: Moment of the Year

This one took some time. There are a lot of options to go with here so let's look at some of the possibilities.

Dolph Ziggler cashes in MITB. The pop for this is absolutely amazing with the New York fans going insane for the smark hero of the day winning a world title. The problem with this is it doesn't really mean anything long term as Ziggler was having a musical instrument match with Sandow seven months later. Still though, awesome moment.

Rhodes Brothers get their jobs back. This is one of the rare stories that connected with people on an emotional level. You have Cody who gets fired because he dared to stand up to the boss and had to fight for his job while Goldust needed a job as well. This was about standing up to the man and the fans bought into it. The match was awesome as well and the celebration with Dusty was a great moment.

Orton cashes in. This is one of those ideas where people knew it was coming but it was still awesome. That slight delay after Bryan wins the title before Orton's music hit made me wonder what was going to happen. That's what makes a moment work to perfection and the shock was great. HHH turning heel makes it even better and sets up the next four months worth of stories. It was much more about the surprise than anything else and that's a good thing.

Undertaker's tribute to Paul Bearer. I don't think this really needs an explanation.

That brings us to the winner.

John Cena selects Daniel Bryan. This promo was the culmination of Daniel Bryan having the year of his life and being rewarded for it. Cena comes off looking like the people's champion, the fans feel like their influence meant something and we got a classic match to close out the best show of the year as a result. When a moment is awesome as well as sets up months worth of stories and an awesome match, what more can you ask for?

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