

Elimination Chamber 2014 Preview

Wrestlemania is six weeks away and tomorrow will determine a lot of what we'll be seeing at the biggest show of them all. The kickoff match is a meaningless tag between Cody Rhodes/Goldust vs. Ryback/Curtis Axel. It's kind of amazing that the Brothers have fallen as far as they have in just a month. They were the hottest act the tag division has seen in months and then it's been thrown away for the sake of the New Age Outlaws. In 2014. Anyway there is zero reason for Ryback and Axel to win, which is why I think they will so we can get closer to Goldust vs. Cody which is allegedly a match everyone needs to see.

We'll start the main card with the most obvious win ever: Batista beats Del Rio and you really shouldn't need an explanation why. One thing though: We're supposed to cheer a guy who put Del Rio in a neck brace and then attacked him while he was still injured after Del Rio was angry that Batista hadn't earned any of his recent success. Why is WWE surprised people aren't interested in Batista?

I'm going with the Outlaws to keep the titles. I have a bad feeling they'll keep them on the old guys until Wrestlemania where they'll be in some multi team match where the Usos will get them, because a team like the Outlaws just couldn't lose a clean one on one match. Perish the thought. Sidebar on the Outlaws: I have no idea where the team is supposed to be going. The idea was supposed to be HHH pushing his friends, but the Outlaws won the match and rematch clean and have acted like faces the entire time. How does this benefit anyone but Gunn and Road Dogg?

Langston should beat Swagger, but I have a feeling he won't. The Real Americans should be splitting, but there has to be a

way to get Colter on Swagger's side and away from Cesaro. Having Jack win a title while Cesaro comes up short would be a decent enough way, but I don't want Cesaro being wasted on Swagger at Wrestlemania. We'll go with Langston retaining to keep things from getting too messy.

Titus over Darren. Young is a decent enough wrestler, but there's just nothing interesting about him. It's refreshing to get a basic heel turn and blowoff match as a result though.

The big match of the evening is inside the Chamber and the most anticipated could be as well if there was ever a rematch. The Wyatts vs. Shield has the potential to steal the first half of the year and the build has been excellent. Bray vs. Reigns could be an outstanding collision which goes to show you what happens when you take two guys and build them up to the point where neither could conceivably lose. I'll go with the Wyatts here in what should be more obvious than it is. One more note that I've been saying for the previous week: Bray vs. Reigns at Wrestlemania. Any takers?

That brings us to the big one. I think we can safely write off Sheamus, Cesaro and Christian (more on this later). Cena isn't a likely winner due to the Wyatts as Bray vs. Cena seems to be set in stone. That leaves us with Orton vs. Bryan and Daniel is coming in with a bad shoulder courtesy of the Authority. Couple that with Orton losing most of his matches leading up to it and Orton is almost a layup to win.

However there's one thing to remember: the Network launching on Monday. That leaves the door open for the very rare one night title reign or a surprise title change on Raw. I don't think it's going to happen, but if it does I'll go with Cesaro on a very long shot.

Overall Elimination Chamber has the chance to be a solid show with the six man tag looking to be as easy of a great match as you'll find. That being said, the show also has me worried

about where things are going. For the life of me I cannot imagine Batista getting a one on one title shot against Orton at Wrestlemania. There's a chance we might see that match on Monday instead, but something has to stop that match from happening. Bryan doesn't have to be in the title match and facing HHH would be fine, but man alive Orton vs. Batista is just not going to do it for the main event of Wrestlemania. We'll find out a lot tomorrow, but we'll find out even more on Monday.

Thoughts/predictions?

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