

More In Depth Thoughts On Elimination Chamber 2014

This is a bit late but it's been a busy few days.

The pre-show match was nothing special but it was nice to see Cody and Goldust get a win. They're too talented to be wasted jobbing to guys like Ryback and Axel. Their run at the top of the division is long over but at least they can still do stuff like this.

Swagger vs. Langston was WAY better than I was expecting. Jack needs to change something up though as his character is just so damaged. It's almost impossible to shake that stigma when you're the same character with the same moves and look every single night. It also doesn't help that he's in there with Cesaro who is getting a huge push at the moment and looking like a star. There's talent in Swagger but he needs to be repackaged like two years ago.

Langston looked good and there's always going to be a spot for someone who can just run people over and throw them across the ring.

I'll look at all the Bad News Barrett bits at once. The idea is good but the execution hasn't worked for me. Just telling people that they're fat and that Europeans are better isn't going to get him anywhere. Have him do actual bad news like "chant all you want, Bryan isn't getting the match" or "the fans don't care about you" and the character serves a purpose other than just randomly appearing for ten seconds.

The Outlaws retaining the titles is fine if they actually drop the things at Wrestlemania. At the end of the day though, it doesn't help that they keep winning the matches clean, thereby looking better than the challengers. The Outlaws got over by using every possible method of cheating known to man and then inventing some of their own back in the 90s. Since then the power of nostalgia has made them into great workers and people are acting like that actually happened. It would work for the Hardy Boys or a team like that, but this is getting more and more bizarre every week.

Titus vs. Darren was exactly what I thought it would be. The crowd didn't care for most of the match so thankfully the guys went home in a hurry. Titus will be good when he gets a better opponent. I feel sorry for Young as he's not terrible but there's just nothing special to him and it's showing.

I don't know what I can say about Shield vs. the Wyatts. The match was amazing and everyone looked like a star. The booking was great too with Reigns getting caught 3-1, thereby protecting him from taking a big loss. Yeah he got pinned, but no one is going to look down on him for not being able to fight off all three Wyatts at once.

AJ vs. Cameron was what it was. Cameron looks good in the shorts and tight top but there's just nothing there in the ring. Thankfully it looks like we're moving towards AJ vs. Tamina who can go in the ring.

That brings us to one of the more interesting match of the night. Batista had his first singles match since his comeback and looked pretty horrible. The match was basically a squash until the very end, but the more interesting part though was the crowd. They flat out do not care about Batista at all and do not want to see him in the ring. A heel turn

will help, but he needs to do something more than that at this point.

Del Rio wasn't bad out there but he might as well have been anyone on the roster. He looked fine in the ring like he always did, but he was little more than Del Rio being sacrificed to Batista to set up a match that almost no one wants to see. The wrestling was fine but the crowd was the story here and it's a story that needs to be fixed sooner rather than later.

The Chamber was about what everyone was expecting but it was still very entertaining. Sheamus and Cesaro having a brawl throughout the entire match worked very well and I could see the two of them having a match at Wrestlemania as a result. Sheamus never had a chance to win but that Brogue Kick through the pod was as good looking of a spot as you were going to get. Cesaro didn't really get to show off that much but the win over Orton and showcase match against Cena were more important than looking good in a match he wasn't going to win anyway.

The rest of the match was fine as well with Orton taking a beating but surviving long enough to keep the title. Kane and the Wyatts interfering was predictable but it still worked quite well. Bryan getting screwed over sets up HHH vs. Bryan at Wrestlemania (in theory) and Cena vs. Bray is ready to go as well. Good match to end a very good show.

The main story coming out of Elimination Chamber was that WWE being on the road to Wrestlemania. Things have cranked up again this year and the next six weeks are going to be a very fun time. I could even live with the Network stuff as it's certainly a huge moment that deserves the hype it received. Great show here with Shield vs. Wyatts being must see stuff.

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