

Summerslam 2014 Preview

It's time for the biggest party of the summer and it feels like we've been getting here for the last nineteen years or so. The card has been set for the last several weeks now and we've had to sit through a long stretch of Raws and Smackdowns where almost everything was filler. Hopefully it's been worth the wait. Let's get to it.

RVD vs. Cesaro has been announced as the pre-show match. Neither guy has anything going right now but I could see RVD being the American version of Jericho to Cesaro's Bray Wyatt and give the guy on a losing streak a win. The match should be entertaining, although it's likely going to be short.

We'll start the full card with the main event of Brock Lesnar challenging John Cena for the World Title. I've heard people say that Lesnar could win by DQ and Rollins cashes in, but I just can't see it happening. There's no reason not to put the title on Brock as a payoff from the Undertaker win. No he won't be defending a lot, but that could open up the door for some more people to make a splash. I could even see this holding out until Wrestlemania where Reigns can punch Lesnar in the jaw to win the title. I don't see it happening, but it wouldn't be the worst thing in the world.

The other major match is Ambrose vs. Rollins, but I don't think it's time to pull the trigger on Dean's win yet. This thing is destined to go to a match for the briefcase, which would almost have to be in the middle of a big brawl. The lumberjacks are an interesting idea but it's not what I would have picked for the stipulation. Still though, it's going to be entertaining to see Dean hammer on Rollins for eighteen minutes. The match will be a lot better if I don't have to listen to Cole try to get "lunatic fringe" over as the new catchphrase.

Bray Wyatt beats Jericho and there's zero reason to think anything else is logical. Granted the same thing could have been said about their Battleground match.

I think Nikki turns on her sister to cost Brie the match, because the world is clamoring for the Bellas to go at it. This story hasn't been interesting most people and I can't imagine there would be any real desire to see the story continue. Therefore, you can pencil in another match at Night of Champions.

Rusev should beat Swagger in the Flag Match, but I'm still not clear what the rules are. I've heard it's basically a flag on a pole match and I've heard a regular match with the winner getting to wave their flag. If it's the former, I'd be far more likely to believe Swagger could win. Either way, Rusev is the guy here and should head on to winning the US Title after this.

AJ Lee retains against Paige but has to cheat to do so. I'm not sure why they think she should turn heel but that's where they've been heading recently. The match has potential but I can't imagine it's anything great.

Reigns beats Orton. Is there really any other possible option?

Miz isn't going to lose the title this soon, especially not when he's actually nailing the character as well as he has been lately. If they play it right, this could wind up being a very successful title reign for him and a way back up the card for Miz.

Overall Summerslam looks good on paper and I'm pretty sure the big matches are going to deliver, but I'm not sure if it's going to be worth all the build we've had to sit through. I'm not sure where we're heading for the fall, but it has to be more interesting than the last few months of 2013. Lesnar vs. Cena is going to rock and the lumberjack match won't be too far behind. Summerslam should be solid but I can't see it

coming close to last year's show.

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