

2014 Awards: Feud Of The Year

These were supposed to start on Sunday but as anyone who frequents my site knows, I can't keep track of anything to save my life. I'll be catching up with four awards today and then do one a day every day until the end of the year. We'll start with one of the more popular ones with Feud of the Year. This year isn't one of the stronger set of choices as there were some good feuds but nothing that felt really epic. One of the first options that comes to mind is Ambrose vs. Rollins, who had some AMAZING promos and good but not great brawls. The ending here hurts it as it was more about Wyatt being introduced for no apparent reason than the feud itself. This can be done perfectly (see 1997 with Undertaker vs. Kane), but Wyatt came out of nowhere and the match was nowhere near HBK vs. Undertaker in the Cell. This is probably the clubhouse leader but not by much.

Shield vs. Evolution was good and the matches were excellent but I'm not sure I'd call it the best of the year. It felt more like a way to turn Rollins heel and end the Shield than to have a big moment, which is fine but a bit anti-climactic. That's kind of a running problem this year and something we'll see again.

The same is true for the Wyatts vs. Shield. They had what might be the Match of the Year at Elimination Chamber but the feud just kind of stopped instead of having a big conclusion. I'd put Shield vs. Evolution ahead of this as it actually had a conclusion, albeit not a great one.

AJ Lee vs. Paige deserves some appreciation due to making the Divas Title actually matter, but it went on so long that it really stopped meaning anything to me after awhile.

TNA actually makes the list with the Wolves vs. Hardys vs. Team 3D and their outstanding series, but I'm not sure it was

so much a feud as much as a rivalry. There was never a personal issue between the teams and that hurts it to me. That being said, there's a case that they had the best series of matches all year, including Shield.

That really leaves us with one option, which while short met every issue that I listed here. Of course it's Bryan vs. the Authority, which was a rollercoaster of emotion with the fans screaming for what they wanted until it FINALLY delivered in one of the best one night performances you'll ever see at Wrestlemania XXX. They set the stage and gave us the payoff with some great matches. What else can you really ask for in a feud? Yeah it was short in this year, but it ran about eight months from beginning to end. The moment Bryan made Batista tap was worth everything and the energy in the Super Dome that night was amazing.