

Payback 2015 Preview

I know I'm not the biggest fan of the current product, but this show actually gives me hope. I didn't expect anything the first two years they ran this show and they were both excellent surprises. It's way too soon after Extreme Rules and way too close to Elimination Chamber, but maybe they can pull off something good for a good show. Let's get to it.

We'll start with the preshow and the match that makes me want to go on a hatchet rampage: the Meta Powers (yes seriously) vs. Ascension. Now let's pause for a second here. I like to consider myself a patient man. I've sat through some of the dumbest ideas I've ever seen and managed to survive. I got through every original episode of Monday Nitro and Thunder (and now I'm doing it AGAIN). I even made it through the Ruthless Aggression Era on Monday Night Raw.

But now I think I've reached my breaking point (which may or may not include Randy Orton torture material). After a year of the Ascension being one of the coolest tag teams of the year in NXT and seeing them debut as a pretty cool throwback idea, I'm going to have to watch Curtis Axel and Damien Sandow imitate great wrestlers beat them in an unfunny comedy match because Vince and Dunn will laugh at it.

Ascension may be the greatest travesty in wrestling in years and now it's time to put this thrown together team over them for the sake of a lame comedy act. Remember when Charlie Haas did this and it got old in like two months? This isn't even getting two months, at least not from me. It's two guys with nothing better to do than imitate legends because WWE decided to have Miz win the blowoff and then run off to go make a movie, leaving Sandow around to flounder because they don't think more than an hour ahead at any given time. I can't stand this idea and it's going to make me want to hurt someone. Maybe Repo Man.

Oh yeah there's a full pay per view to go.

Cena over Rusev, even though Rusev somehow getting the title back would be more interesting. However, I'll take Cena retaining as we can get more of the Open Challenges, which are pretty easily what I look forward to

the most on Raw every single week. Even the fans in the arena are catching on. Notice how strong a reaction Cena has been getting lately. Let a good wrestler have good matches and people will cheer. Yes, it really is that simple. What isn't simple is HOW HAVE THESE TWO NEVER HAD A FLAG MATCH? If there has ever been an easier layup for a gimmick I don't know what it is, but we've never seen one.

Rollins to reta....I'm sure about this aren't I? WWE has actually made me think about this one more than once and I can't believe I'm saying that. The key here is Elimination Chamber, because there's the slightest chance they'll pull the trigger on a two week title reign for someone and then get it back on Rollins. Unfortunately I think they'll keep the title on Rollins here and set up his defense against Kane at the nothing pay per view. At least that keeps it quick I guess. Yeah Rollins to retain and no one turns.

I think they'll go with Barrett over Neville. Despite winning King of the Ring earlier this month, somehow he needs the win more. It's very sad to say but that's actually the truth. Neville is going to be over because of his awesome flips and the fact that he busts out a different move every now and then to keep things going. The fact that this guy debuted like six weeks ago and is basically a coin toss against the King of the Ring is astounding.

Sheamus beats Ziggler to even the series, setting up a blowoff at Money in the Bank because they'll both be inside the Chamber for the Intercontinental Title because WWE keeps the same people in the same spots on the card for like ever.

And now.....wait....I think I.....I THINK I CAN FEEL THE POWAH! Yeah I still love that intro. If this isn't the match of the night by about 18,000 miles, I'm going to be shocked. I think New Day holds the titles in the 2/3 falls match over Kidd/Cesaro and then drops them inside the chamber, which might be best as you don't want them to lose their heat. This is going to be amazing and I can't wait to see how they handle the Elimination Chamber match. I can't believe it but dang this is the best thing going today.

Ryback vs. Wyatt is happening too. That's about the extent of my thoughts about it at this point even though I think about it more than any feud going on right now. It's such a weird feud as they really don't have a reason to be fighting. Bray just picked Ryback and is feuding with him, but the match has the potential to be very entertaining with two guys beating the tar out of each other for about fifteen minutes. I'm actually not sure if this needs more development or not. Bray isn't the kind of guy that needs a reason to do anything and if the matches are good, who cares?

Tamina and Naomi to beat the Bella Twins so Naomi can get into the title hunt, whatever that means. You have like eight activeish Divas (Bellas, Naomi, Tamina, Fox, Cameron, Natalya and Summer. Yes I left off Rosa and if you can't figure out why, I've failed at educating you) including the champion and her partner. Who isn't in the title hunt?

Overall, I'm actually looking forward to this show. This has the potential to be a really, really strong card (when is the last time I didn't say that actually?) with only the Divas doing nothing for me. Yeah there's another show in two weeks, but this could be a really fun outing, especially with such low expectations.

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