

Money in the Bank 2016

Preview

It's another big time pay per view but more interestingly it might be the last pay per view of this era with the Brand Split changing everything a month after this show airs. They're building this up as the greatest Money in the Bank of all time and while I have a really hard time believing they can top the 2011 edition, it could be interesting to see what they could do here. Let's get to it.

The card has actually undergone a few changes so we'll start with the new pre-show matches, beginning with Golden Truth vs. Breezango. I know it's not the most popular feud in the world but I've been digging this story as it's gone on for months. The interesting thing here though is I'm not sure who wins goes over. They could finally have Golden Truth get a win but that kind of wraps up the feud. On the other hand they could go with Breezango winning and further the split between Truth and Goldust.

I actually think Breezango goes over as Golden Truth doesn't exactly have much of a future while Breezango could actually be built into a low level team of some value. Yeah I'll take Breezango but I wouldn't be surprised if I was wrong. Either way, this is a good example of how to get WAY more than should be gotten out of a stupid comedy story and I could actually go with these teams going somewhere else.

The other pre-show match is the definition of "here's a match thrown together for the sake of making this show even longer" as the Dudley Boys face the Lucha Dragons. It's really sad to see the Dragons thrown back together after Kalisto lost his US Title and the writers threw him out of their crib like they do with all of their new toys.

I guess we'll go with the Dragons here because....well because they were heads when I flipped a coin in my head. There's really no reason for either team to go over the other so yeah we'll pick the Dragons with at least a 50% confidence rate. This really feels like background noise while you're getting your pizza ready for the main show and that really

doesn't need to happen, especially when you already have a pre-show match with so little importance.

Now on to the main card and we'll start with the four way for the Tag Team Titles as New Day defends against the Vaudevillains, the Club and Enzo Amore/Big Cass. In theory this is the Club's match to lose but the more I think about it, the more I think that they're going to let New Day break the record for the titles, which they would by the time Battleground rolls around.

So yeah I think New Day escapes here to set up the big showdown with the Club, though again Club could wind up pulling it off here. I think we can forget the idea of Enzo/Cass or the Vaudevillains getting the titles here though I can go with the idea of the other two teams being added on to save the big showdown for later. As easily as I could see the Club getting the belts, I'll go with New Day surviving one more month and getting the record before dropping them at Battleground.

I'm sorry for being so back and forth with the picks here but it's that kind of a card. That's not a bad thing either.

In another match that doesn't need to exist, we have Baron Corbin vs. Dolph Ziggler yet again because this is what you do with a young name after you bring him up and give him a big win at Wrestlemania: give him the exact same match over and over again with no one getting anywhere as a result.

In theory this should go to Corbin in what better be this final match of the feud. I can barely remember why they're fighting at this point because they're in the horrible trap of "well we've been fighting for a long time now so let's just keep fighting". Ziggler has nothing to lose at this point but Corbin could move on to fighting for a midcard title after this feud so there's really no reason to not go with Corbin. Yeah Corbin and I'm moving on to the next match before I can change my mind again.

Next up we have what should be a squash in a title match with Rusev beating the barks out of Titus O'Neil. I know he's like the best father ever or whatever that nothing award they gave him was and the show is on

Father's Day but I can't imagine they put Titus, who hasn't actually won a match on Raw or Smackdown since February. Of course that's enough for a title shot, mainly because Jack Swagger is too busy in theory.

So yeah, Rusev wins here and absolutely crushes Titus while Lana stands around looking hot. I'm not looking forward to this but it's better than watching Rusev squash Kalisto all over again. They really need to actually have someone built up to challenge him instead of just picking someone off the roster and letting Rusev crush them on pay per view. Still though, at least Titus' energy should help carry some of the match.

In a match I'm actually looking forward to, Apollo Crews will be facing Sheamus in his first major match in the company. This is your standard "I'm big and you're small" match and that's a style that is almost always going to work no matter what you do. Again there's no reason for Crews to lose as Sheamus has the ability and the resume to pop back up after anything that happens to him. Crews wins here and there's no reason for Sheamus to even be considered.

One more match before we get to the big stuff as we look at the women's tag match. What in the world has happened to this division since Wrestlemania? The triple threat there was an absolute spectacle but this never ending Charlotte vs. Natalya feud while the fans are just waiting for Sasha to come out there and take the title has completely burned through all of the momentum they had built up. The wrestling is definitely better and it's a lot more entertaining than it was but there's no fire to the matches and that's not a good thing.

I'll go with Charlotte/Dana over Becky/Natalya because the latter two are just not allowed to win a big match no matter what they do. There's no need for this feud to continue but it seems like we're waiting for August to actually have Sasha come in and win the title she should have gotten at Wrestlemania in the first place. Either way it's time for some fresh energy (not blood, which is a different thing) in the division, which shouldn't be the case after one of the best women's matches in American history just two and a half months ago.

Now we get to the important stuff and we'll start with probably the least

important of the three main events as Seth Rollins faces Roman Reigns. To say this one is confusing is an understatement as Rollins was built up as the sympathetic face with the big documentary and returned to the big face pop at Extreme Rules. On the other hand you have Roman Reigns who certainly does have his fans but is being pushed as one of the awkward faces in history despite being a natural heel while getting booed out of several buildings around the country.

The thing is, there's almost no way this is going to be the last match between the two, but possibly more importantly it's going to be the last time they might be on pay per view on the same brand. I'm almost sure there's not going to be a cash-in but I'd bet on a DQ or countout finish here with Reigns holding onto the belt. Rollins will probably need some more seasoning before being put back on top of the card, but this should be one heck of a match as Reigns is always good to great once the bell rings.

Next up we have the namesake match with Dean Ambrose, Cesaro, Sami Zayn, Kevin Owens, Chris Jericho and Alberto Del Rio in the Money in the Bank ladder match. In another instance of me having almost no idea who is winning here, this match is basically a pick em save for Alberto who should have as much chance of winning this match as I do of winning Miss Nevada 1973.

I think I'm going with Owens, who would be the best choice for the briefcase long term for the promos alone. Ambrose is a real option too but I can't really picture them going with him actually winning a big match. The same is true of Cesaro and it's too early for Sami. There's a slight chance to get it on Jericho, who they've talked about as never winning the match he's created. Of course that would be ridiculous and not really help anyone but that didn't stop them at Wrestlemania. I'll stick with Owens here but Jericho is a dark horse. Oh and one last thing: well done on keeping it at six. For once I can remember everyone involved.

That leaves us with the main event and sweet goodness this should be fun. There aren't many actual dream matches out there but AJ vs. Cena really is one of them. The buildup has been excellent with that contract signing

more than pushing me over the top, which really wasn't hard after the setup.

I'm not sure what else there is to say here as it's AJ Styles vs. John Cena in a featured match on a WWE pay per view. I'll take AJ to win in a masterpiece to set up a bunch of rematches down the line which is fine. Yeah Cena would lose in his big comeback match but it makes the most sense here, meaning it's more than likely to be wrong. The thing is there's no wrong answer here and that's a good sign going into tomorrow night.

It's a rare thing but I actually got more excited for the show going through the preview. This really is one of the most stacked cards I've seen in a very long time and it has the potential to be some incredible stuff. Maybe not the best Money in the Bank ever but it's going to be a heck of a night of wrestling and that's what these shows should be. Pay per views are almost always awesome these days and I see no reason why that trend won't continue here.

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