

Monday Night Raw – November 6, 1995: Bret vs. Diesel Hygiene

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Location: Keystone Arena, Brandon, Manitoba, Canada

Attendance: 2,000

Commentators: Vince McMahon, Dok Hendrix

We've jumped ahead again and now it's time to get ready for the mostly forgettable Survivor Series 1995. The company is still running on Diesel Power as he's held the title for nearly a year at this point but has a re-energized Bret Hart breathing down his neck and gunning for the belt. Let's get to it.

We open with a clip of Ahmed Johnson slamming the nearly 600lb Yokozuna last week to make him a much bigger deal than he already was.

Opening sequence, featuring most of the roster in a fight on the roof of a very tall building. It's certainly different.

Marty Jannetty vs. British Bulldog

Bulldog has Jim Cornette with him and this is due to Bulldog mocking Marty last week. Jannetty starts fast and smacks Bulldog in the face to set up a wristlock. It's off to an armbar so we go to a chat with Cornette's lawyer, who says Bulldog will get a shot at the winner of Bret vs. Diesel at Survivor Series. Bulldog comes back with the delayed vertical suplex and it's time for the chinlock. Back up and Bulldog turns him inside out with a clothesline to send us to a break.

We come back with Bulldog slapping on another chinlock before sending him outside. Bulldog grabs a fourth chinlock in less than ten minutes to kill even more time. Thankfully it doesn't last long as Marty misses a charge...to set up the fifth chinlock. Marty comes back again with a

middle rope flipping cutter of all things (cool move too) and a DDT for two. Not that it matters as Bulldog hits the powerslam for the pin.

Rating: D-. Five chinlocks in a match that only ran about ten minutes. I don't think I even need to go on at this point. Marty was actually the better of the two here as he seemed like he was trying but what are you supposed to do when you have someone who is clearly just there because he has to be?

A fake Bill Clinton will be at Survivor Series.

Bulldog is ready for his title shot.

Barry Horowitz and Hakushi talk strategy.

We look at Bam Bam Bigelow challenging the newcomer Goldust, which would happen at the pay per view.

Henry Godwinn vs. Terry Richards

Henry is finally face though no one cares yet. Richards on the other hand is better known as Rhyno. Some forearm to the back don't have much effect as Henry throws him to the ground and rips at his face. The Slop Drop is good for the easy pin. Just a squash.

Cue HHH to jump Henry from behind and give him a Pedigree on the floor. With some white gloves on, HHH even pours the bucket of slop over Henry's head.

It's off to the Survivor Series control center with Undertaker promising to bury King Mabel and company and Diesel loving the rules of his match with Bret (No DQ/No Countout).

Kama vs. Tony Roy

Kama is part of the Million Dollar Team. Since this is just another squash, we get a phone call from Shawn Michaels to talk about his upcoming Wild Card Survivor Series match where the teams were "random". Kama throws the jobber around like he's nothing at all before finishing with a big right hand.

Rating: D. Kama was supposed to be this MMA style fighter but that's not exactly what you can expect from the future Godfather. His punching and kicking were fine at the time but when you look back at it with a modern perspective of MMA etc., the whole thing looks more like a joke than anything else.

Jerry Lawler/Isaac Yankem vs. Hakushi/Bret Hart

The good guys have Barry Horowitz in their corner for reasons that aren't important enough to explain. Bret and Yankem get things going with the future Kane pounding away in the corner and grabbing an early bearhug. It's quickly off to Hakushi for the handspring elbow in the corner as I think I'd like to see a full Hakushi vs. Yankem match. Back to Bret to work on the arm as we're waiting on Lawler to come in and take his beating. A sunset flip gets two on Isaac but he clotheslines Hakushi in the back of the head to take over.

Hakushi goes back first into the post and it's finally off to the mulleted Lawler for two piledrivers. There's no cover though as it's off to Isaac for a whip into the corner as we take a break. Back with Isaac grabbing a Boston crab with Bret making the save. Jerry dives into a right hand to the throat and the hot tag brings in Bret. House is quickly cleaned and Bret gets the Sharpshooter on Yankem. Barry steals a chair away from Lawler but gets caught for the DQ despite not touching anyone.

Rating: C. Stupid ending aside, this was actually a nice tag match. Hakushi was one heck of a worker who just needed someone to do the talking for him. The idea of him hammering away on a big man like Isaac and trying to chop down a giant is rather intriguing but he wouldn't be around much longer.

A preview for next week's Raw, a commercial and another preview of next week's Raw end the show.

Overall Rating: D. This was your standard horrible Monday Night Raw of its era as you could see the company really needing to get away from Diesel and get on to something fresh. The wrestling here was just above a disaster with that Bulldog vs. Jannetty match being a huge waste of time. They're very lucky Nitro was starting to catch some steam at this point

as they needed something to challenge them.

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