

Monday Night Raw – May 29, 1995: Get The Flashlight!

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Location: Broome County Arena, Binghamton, New York

Commentators: Vince McMahon, Jerry Lawler

We're wrap up the month here as the company is just getting worse and worse as the weeks go by. The Undertaker is back tonight though so maybe we can get a little relief. Unfortunately he's facing Jeff Jarrett, who could somehow bring him right back down to reality. This tournament is showing how weak the heel side of this roster really is. Let's get to it.

Jeff Jarrett is in the ring to say he's ready to face Undertaker but he panics when the lights go out. Jeff: "GET THE FLASHLIGHT! GET THE FLASHLIGHT!" Funny line, but what's even funnier is Vince and Jerry making little comments about Jeff's promo but you can see them sitting there in silence.

Opening sequence.

Sid vs. Mike Khoury

Sid has Tatanka and Ted DiBiase in his corner. Isn't that a bit excessive for a squash? Powerbomb ends this in about a minute.

We look at Diesel injuring his elbow at In Your House and having surgery to fix it up. He should be back soon and won't miss any significant time.

Adam Bomb vs. Bob Cook

Vince mentions that there will be a broadcast version of Wrestlemania this weekend and says he's proud as a peacock about it. I'm not sure why he can't say it's on NBC (whose logo is a peacock) as they're willing to air it but won't let him market it? Bomb starts in on the arm and punches away before scoring with the top rope clothesline to end it quick. He never recovered from that Mabel match.

King of the Ring Control Center with Diesel and Bigelow promising to bankrupt and close the Million Dollar Corporation.

Hakushi vs. John Snakowski

Hakushi comes out with a bag containing.....A BRET HART HEAD. You can hear the crowd freak out over that and I can't blame them. That was actually creepy. Hakushi chops a lot, hits a Vader Bomb and finishes with a running flip splash.

Antonino Rocca, Ernie Ladd and Ivan Putski will be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Alundra Blayze wants to fight Bertha Faye. For some reason this takes three minutes.

Men on a Mission vs. Aaron Ferguson/Gary Scott

Scott fires off kicks to Mo's fat gut to start but Mabel comes in and destroys him as you would expect. Aaron comes in to start on Mo's arm but gets punched in the face for his efforts. It's back to Scott so Mabel can splash him in the corner, setting up another splash for the pin.

Rating: D-. I'm running out of ways to describe these squashes. Mabel is huge and crushes people and Mo is just there because Mabel needed a partner. For the life of me I don't know what Vince saw in Mabel to push him like he did but maybe he thought it was another Yokozuna. You know, without the talent, intimidation factor or anything else positive.

We look at the incomplete King of the Ring brackets.

King of the Ring Qualifying Match: Jeff Jarrett vs. Undertaker

As you might expect, Jeff is terrified but tries some right hands to start. That earns him the jumping clothesline and Old School. Just like last time, Roadie's interference doesn't work and Jeff has to avoid an elbow drop. Another Roadie distraction actually does work though and Jeff starts stomping away with a dropkick getting two. Jarrett starts in on the leg and we take a break. Back with the Figure Four going on until Jeff gets caught holding the ropes. A swinging neckbreaker keeps

Undertaker in trouble but he grabs Jeff out of the air for a chokeslam. The Tombstone sends Undertaker to the tournament.

Rating: C. For once I'm ok with a champion losing clean because despite not being a champion, Undertaker is a much bigger deal than Jarrett could ever hope to be. This was a totally watchable match as Jarrett is more than capable of wrestling a simple match and making it look fine. The problem is when he's asked to be interesting out of the ring because he's just boring otherwise.

A preview for next week's show and Bob Backlund raging against modern music wrap us up.

Overall Rating: D+. It's really interesting how much one match not being horrible can help a show. Jarrett vs. Undertaker certainly isn't great but it kept the show from leaving a bad taste in my mouth and that's more than you usually get from any given episode. The King of the Ring is starting to take shape and that's probably why I'm desperate to get out of this month.

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