

Main Event – February 2, 2017: It Almost Rocks

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Location: Laredo Energy Arena, Laredo, Texas

Commentators: Tom Phillips, Austin Aries, Byron Saxton

We're officially on the Road to Wrestlemania and hopefully that means Main Event ups its talent for a change. It's hard to say what we'll be getting here as it almost always the case, which makes for some interesting shows. Some star power, even in the short term, would be nice around here. Let's get to it.

Opening sequence.

Sin Cara vs. Bo Dallas

Aries says he's feeling bo-tivated. I'll just leave you with that one and move on to Cara armdragging Dallas out of the corner for the first real offense. That earns Cara a neckbreaker and some knees to the back of the head, followed by a chinlock. Back up and Cara sends him to the floor for a suicide dive, followed by a springboard moonsault press for two back inside. The Swanton Bomb gives Cara the pin at 3:49.

Rating: D+. Just a quick match here and there's nothing wrong with that. Cara winning over a heavyweight, even one who doesn't do much, is a good idea as there's no reason to suggest that someone who has been around for several years would have an issue just because he's fighting someone a bit heavier than he is.

Video on Roman Reigns vs. Kevin Owens from Royal Rumble.

From Raw.

Universal Title: Kevin Owens vs. Braun Strowman

Owens is defending and I'll put the over/under for Reigns interfering at four minutes. Jericho is on commentary and for some

reason, Strowman goes over and chokeslams him through the table. Owens bails to the floor at the bell and some right hands have no effect. A dropkick puts Strowman on the floor but he runs Kevin over with ease back inside.

Kevin is knocked into the barricade and this is one sided so far. The way too long charge sends Strowman head first into the post though and Owens adds a Cannonball against the barricade. A backsplash and frog splash give Owens two but Strowman comes back with the powerslam. Cue Reigns though and it's a DQ at 4:40.

Rating: D+. Yeah what else were you expecting here? This might as well have been a big countdown to Reigns coming out and going after Strowman, which is probably one of the top matches at Fastlane. It's not the most interesting match in the world but if Strowman goes over, it could mean something.

Roman Superman Punches and spears Strowman but Braun pops up.

From Raw again.

Here are Lesnar and Paul Heyman for a chat. Heyman talks about how every legend has an asterisk next to his name because there's always an exception. Andre the Giant was undefeated for fifteen years until Hulk Hogan beat him. Ronda Rousey was undefeated until she met Holly Holm. People like John Cena and Kurt Angle have amazing legacies but BROCK LESNAR. That leaves Goldberg as the argument against Brock and that must be eradicated. We get to the point: Lesnar wants one more fight with Goldberg at Wrestlemania.

New Day vs. Shining Stars/Titus O'Neil

This is certainly an upgrade. The trio takes over on Epico to start with Kofi kicking him in the chest to set up Big E.'s Warrior splash for two. All six wind up in the ring and New Day puts on a triple abdominal stretch with spankings. Back from a break with Titus coming in off a blind tag and suplexing Woods. It's off to Primo for a slingshot splash and armbar but Woods enziguris Titus down and it's Kofi time. The SOS gets two on Primo and everything breaks down. Epico hits the Backstabber on Kofi but a quick Midnight Hour

puts Epico away at 10:36.

Rating: C-. Standard six man here and I can even forgive having to sit through Titus against New Day again. It really does help to have someone that the fans care about in a match on this show after all the weeks of Darren Young. The Shining Stars are fine enough in the ring and there's nothing wrong with being jobbers to the stars.

Video on Seth Rollins' return from injury.

We'll wrap it up with this.

Here's HHH to talk about Rollins. HHH goes over his history with Rollins and takes credit for most of his success. With HHH by his side, Rollins would become the man and the face of the WWE. All Rollins had to do was hold up his end of the bargain but then his knee gave out, which was like spitting in HHH's face.

Rollins was a failure when he came back because he didn't take any responsibility for everything falling apart. HHH is the one that deserves an apology because Rollins tried to blame him for everything being a big mess. The reason HHH doesn't come out here anymore is because he doesn't want to be the guy that ends careers anymore.

Every day he puts on this suit and ties this tie while trying to be a creator. Every day he tries to create the next Seth Friggin Rollins but now he's done trying. The jacket and tie come off, drawing a HHH chant. HHH calls Rollins out so here we go...but SAMOA JOE makes his debut and lays Rollins out from behind. Joe annihilates Rollins as HHH leaves. The fans are very happy with Joe as he Koquina Clutches Rollins out to end the show, wrenching Seth's knee in the process.

Overall Rating: C. I can't emphasize enough how much it helped to have someone like New Day on this show. They weren't in any danger and their match didn't mean anything but it helped so much to have them on the show and doing something instead of the usual old acts. The stuff from Raw helped a lot too, making this one of the better episodes in a long time.

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