

Main Event – March 16, 2017: Another Forgettable Show

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I'm hoping that things pick up a bit as we get closer to Wrestlemania but there's a good chance that it's just not going to happen. Main Event continues to be one of the most difficult to predict shows around as it seems to be the same thing, only to have a curve thrown in every so often. Let's get to it.

Opening sequence.

Bo Dallas vs. Curtis Axel

Do you think these people get tired of facing each other in these nothing matches? Axel takes him into the corner to start but is quickly put over the top rope for the swinging neckbreaker. It's off to a cravate until Dallas forearm him in the face for two. We go to a wide shot for some reason as Bo gets two off a clothesline. That earns him a clothesline from Curtis but the PerfectPlex is countered into a small package for two. Not that it matters as the PerfectPlex gives Curtis the pin at 4:23.

Rating: D+. Standard match between these two and that's not the best thing in the world. You're only going to get so much out of these guys with the same matches over and over, which is kind of the point of this show: keep them doing something to validate their employment without actually having them do anything important. I like both guys so that's a bit frustrating but at least they're around.

To Raw!

Here are Paul Heyman and Lesnar to open things up. Heyman can't believe that something happened last week because Goldberg was supposed to be unstoppable. In twenty nights at Wrestlemania, Lesnar is going to prove the world wrong and destroy Goldberg in short order. Heyman teases Goldberg being here but says the champ isn't in

the arena. Every time Lesnar has run into Goldberg it's been spear, Jackhammer, Goldberg. Last week though it was F5, Lesnar. At Wrestlemania, it's an F5 to end the great comeback because the F5 means Goldberg goes down.

To Raw again!

Roman Reigns calls Undertaker out and we take a break. Back from a break with Reigns still in the ring and Shawn Michaels coming out. Reigns says it's nice to see him but he wanted to see the Undertaker. Shawn says he saw Reigns get distracted by the gong and that can't happen going into Wrestlemania. We're twenty days from Wrestlemania and Undertaker is already in Reigns' head. At Wrestlemania, Undertaker is going to eat Roman alive.

Reigns says that's not happening because Undertaker needs to be wondering what it's going to be like to be in the ring with him. Shawn says he's in Reigns' yard but Roman needs to get his head on straight. That's not enough for Roman, because he remembers Undertaker retired Shawn at Wrestlemania. Come Orlando, Reigns is retiring Undertaker. Reigns goes to leave and gets run over by Braun Strowman, who earns himself a THANK YOU STROWMAN chant.

Jack Gallagher vs. Noam Dar

Gallagher quickly takes him to the mat for a leglock before they fight over arm control. The headstand in the corner confused Dar until a kick to the chest puts him on the floor. Back from a break with Dar still working on the arm until Jack easily pulls him down to the mat by the leg. The headbutt into the corner dropkick is good for the pin on Dar at 7:08.

Rating: C-. Not much here other than Gallagher being amused by Alicia Fox's level of craziness. I'm glad that Gallagher is back to being his normal self but they need to do something with Dar. The guy is talented but the whole Fox story hasn't done much for him. Maybe it'll be interesting when we find out who is sending her stuff (Gallagher would be an amazing choice) but until then, there's not much to go on.

Here's Stephanie to introduce Foley for the firing announcement. Foley hadn't been able to think of anyone all night but in the last ten minutes, someone's name came to him and he knows what to do. After thanking Stephanie, he announces.....Stephanie should be fired. Stephanie isn't pleased (of course) and rips into Foley, who talks

about how Stephanie lied to him six months ago when she said she had nothing to do with HHH interfering.

Foley goes on about how HHH makes an army for himself but Stephanie cuts him off mid-insult. Cue HHH to say Foley can say this to his face. Foley says that's fine but he didn't think HHH really existed. HHH laughs him off and they go back and forth about how Foley doesn't need this job and HHH uses his position to abuse his power. HHH says Foley needs to leave and go around the world again telling his sad story, but if he does, his kids can forget about working for WWE.

What Foley needs to do is go backstage and have an epiphany about how much he loves his job before doing whatever Stephanie tells him to do. Foley turns to leave but stops as Stephanie rants against the people for not respecting their bosses enough. HHH goes after Foley and gets Mr. Socko for his efforts. Stephanie makes the save with a low blow and HHH unbuttons his sleeves. Cue Seth Rollins on a crutch but it's quickly thrown to the side. Rollins comes in and hammers away but HHH grabs the crutch and hits him in the bad knee. HHH even busts out a reverse Figure Four to make Rollins scream to end the show.

Overall Rating: C-. This was your usual skippable show but as is almost always the case around here, Main Event is the easiest thing in the world to sit through. There's no time spent on the original matches (most of which we've seen multiple times) so you can get the big Raw segments in a hurry, which makes for an easier time than three hours with commercials.

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