

Monday Night Raw – January 10, 1994: Marty Does It Again

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Location: Richmond Coliseum, Richmond, Virginia

Commentators: Vince McMahon, Randy Savage

It's the first anniversary and that's almost hard to fathom when we're used to the show being well over twenty years old. I can't imagine we'll have a ton of highlights or memorable moments as there were only so many things to pick from at this point. We do however have a Tag Team Title match with the Quebecers defending against Marty Jannetty/1-2-3 Kid. Let's get to it.

We open with a recap of the title match with the Quebecers helping Johnny Polo beat Marty a few weeks back. Marty and the Kid want revenge and maybe some titles.

Polo and the Quebecers are sure they'll win.

Opening sequence.

Savage comes out to do commentary.

Tag Team Titles: 1-2-3 Kid/Marty Jannetty vs. Quebecers

The Quebecers are defending of course. Marty starts with Jacques and an early victory roll almost gives us new champions. Pierre comes in and tries his luck with the Kid, who sends him outside again as we get a long 1-2-3 chant. Everything breaks down and the champs are sent together, setting up a meeting on the floor. Marty comes in and launches Kid into a dropkick on Pierre as the champs bail again. The Quebecers go to leave but come back almost immediately like the teases they are.

Back from a break with footage of a false finish during the break as Marty pinned Jacques, only to see a foot on the ropes. We settle down to Marty vs. Pierre and some heel miscommunication has the champs in trouble. It's off to the Kid, who drops both champs with a spinning kick and a flip dive from the top.

The referee is checking on a downed Jannetty and the champs shove the Kid off the top to take over for the first time. We take another break and come back with Jacques scoring with a jumping back elbow. The Quebecers do a lame looking clothesline/legsweep combo before Jacques adds a piledriver for no cover.

Instead it's the Cannonball (assisted Swanton) but they STILL don't cover. They load up a second so Marty comes in for the save, drawing some swearing from Savage. The hot tag brings in Marty for the house cleaning, capped off by a suplex/high crossbody combination for the pin and the titles.

Rating: B. This was a bit longer than it needed to be but the pop for the title change was worth it in the end. Marty and the Kid weren't exactly long term champions as they would lose the belts back a week later at a house show but this was exactly what it was supposed to be. And remember, even though Marty won the Tag Team Titles before Shawn and had previously beaten Shawn for the Intercontinental Title, his name should be used as an insult when talking about split up tag teams. For the life of me I still don't get why it's not "he's the Jim Neidhart of the team". Anyway, good match and a fun moment.

We look back at the 1-2-3 Kid beating Razor Ramon about nine months ago.

Jim Ross does the Royal Rumble Report so we go over the rules and look at all 30 entrants. The rest of the card gets a look and thankfully the Quebecers still have their belts in the graphic.

Last year, Jerry Lawler tormented Tiny Tim. This wasn't funny in 1993 and it still isn't now.

Ludvig Borga vs. Brad Anderson

Joined in progress with Borga destroying the jobber and shrugging off some clotheslines. Lex Luger calls in to talk about the Rumble as Borga scores with a side slam. The torture rack ends Anderson in a hurry.

We look at Yokozuna winning a squash but getting scared by Undertaker building a casket to reveal the stipulations.

Back in September, Doink threw water on Bobby Heenan to officially turn face

Undertaker vs. Ray Hudson

Snake Eyes, chokeslam, Tombstone. There might have been some uppercuts scattered in between.

We look back at Bastion Booger vs. Bam Bam Bigelow, which is fallout from Luna Vachon rubbing Booger's hump.

Macho Man has a Happy Anniversary Raw cake and just happens to be facing IRS next week. Either the next match is running a long time or there's something planned for the end of the show.

Bastion Booger vs. Bam Bam Bigelow

Bam Bam beats him down to the mat to start as I have to hear far too much about hump rubbing. Booger ducks a charge and sends Bigelow outside so Luna blows Bastion kisses. The distraction lets Booger hit him from behind and drop the headbutt for the pin. At least it was short. Fat but short.

Bigelow beats him up even more post match.

Polo and the Quebecers are distraught but they have a rematch at Madison Square Garden in a week.

Kamala turned face in 1993. This would lead to bowling.

IRS comes out and gets thrown into the cake to end the show.

Overall Rating: C-. It's so weird to see Raw having almost no big moments to look back on when you're used to the show having a greatest hits list dating back nearly twenty five years. The title change was a nice way to commemorate the anniversary but that's about all there is here. You might think they would spend more time on the World Title match at the upcoming Royal Rumble but we had humps to rub.

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