

# Monday Night Raw – June 27, 1994: Money Can't Buy Happiness, But It Can Buy Goons

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Date: June 27, 1994

Location: Westchester County Civic Center, White Plains, New York

Attendance: 3,400

Commentators: Gorilla Monsoon, Randy Savage

It's time to start the long term build towards Summerslam and barring a major surprise, that's going to be Bret vs. Owen Hart for the title. With Owen winning the King of the Ring so recently, there's no reason to go with anything else. Other than that, Ted DiBiase is trying to lure Lex Luger to the dark side. Oh please. Like Luger would EVER turn all of a sudden with little warning. Let's get to it.

We open with a recap of last week's King's Court with Jerry Lawler attacking Duke Droese with a trashcan, which they actually don't show here in a nice bit of living up to their word of not showing it again.

Droese is ready to follow up on whatever the WWF decides to do to him.

Lawler goes on a rant about how it was Droese's fault until a producer reminds him why he's here. He gives a rather forced apology but asks for a fine instead. He finally apologizes while looking like a four year old being told to take medicine. Apparently this was more legit than you would think as the trashcan spot was improvised and USA was REALLY mad. How in the world did they survive the Attitude Era?

## Mabel vs. Bam Bam Bigelow

Bigelow forearms him down and actually gets a snapmare to put the bigger man down. Mabel gets up and stares at him before kicking Bigelow in the

face. The legdrop to the back of the head draws Luna to the apron but Bigelow sends Mabel into the ropes, sending Luna crashing to the floor. A big crash knocks Mabel down again so Bigelow goes out to chase Oscar off, setting up the big brawl on the floor. Mabel drops Bigelow and beats the count for the win.

**Rating:** F+. That was supposed to be the big draw of the show. The very short length helped but my goodness is this really the best thing they could do? Mabel would somehow get much worse as he was pushed even harder and harder in the upcoming months, which somehow led to him headlining Summerslam about thirteen months later.

Bigelow and Luna argue until DiBiase comes out to recruit Bam Bam.

We go to two weeks ago where DiBiase introduced the "original" Undertaker, meaning Brian Lee (who was notably shorter) in Undertaker gear. One very nice touch here is the voice is the real Undertaker in a pre-recorded bit to add some realism. You know, to the zombie wrestler.

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### IRS vs. Rich Myers

On the way to the ring, IRS says it's not his job to pay for your healthcare so pay your taxes. An early abdominal stretch sets up a suplex and we hit the chinlock. I'm going to assume you know who did the moves to whom. IRS' STF (the Penalty) finishes Myers in a hurry.

It's King's Court time with Lawler talking about the Hart Foundation and bringing out Jim Neidhart as the founder of the team. Lawler thinks Bret should have been thanking Neidhart over and over for all the times he saved Bret's career. Neidhart says Bret has called him for advice many times over the years but after all those times he won the "Belt. Championship. Title.", Neidhart never got a thing. Then it was time to face Diesel and Bret called him again. Gorilla: "THAT'S A LIE!" Neidhart did what he did so Owen could become the champion as he deserves to be.

This brings out Owen in full on King attire, which looks so goofy in a 90s kind of way. Owen loves all this attention and you can feel the

inferiority complex here for a good bit of storytelling. Neidhart is the only family member he can trust (Monsoon and Savage talk over the promo AGAIN, confirming that the two of them are brothers-in-law.) and he's going to help Owen win the WWF World Title. Owen has done everything he's said he'd do and now he wants Bret's title. Savage and Monsoon really dragged this down as they probably talked over Owen and Neidhart five or six times.

### Headshrinkers vs. Executioners

Non-title. Fatu and Agony (as it says on his tights) start things off with the Executioner getting powerslammed early on. A double noggin knocker makes things worse for the masked men (Savage: "I used to use a single noggin knocker!") and the squash is strong with this one.

Fatu gets two more off a clothesline as Gorilla talks about his network of backstage sources: the Gorilla Vine. A middle rope DDT (picture someone going to the middle rope for right hands but Fatu DDTed him backwards instead) gets no cover as we hear about DiBiase doing something backstage. The double faceplant sets up the Superfly Splash to end Agony.

**Rating:** D. This is a good example of how the commentators can use a squash to help build a match. Savage was hyping up the Headshrinkers but it turned into a discussion of how good the Heavenly Bodies were. You have two talented teams and the announcers weren't sure who would win. Let's have a match and find out. That's how you build a match but for some reason that ended somewhere along the line.

DiBiase is talking to Bigelow but gets annoyed upon seeing the camera.

### Kwang vs. Mike Moraldo

A big boot drops the jobber but he ducks the mist. The squashing continues as Savage reads the ad for the upcoming USA movie. No that doesn't mean anything but it's not like I have anything else to talk about in a match like this. The spinwheel kick in the corner (which Kwang would do almost every time as Savio Vega) and another kick are good for two. We hit the chinlock for a bit before another spinwheel kick finishes Moraldo.

**Rating:** D. Nothing to see here of course, save for the good looking spinning kicks. Well that and the snickering at all the usage of the word Kwang, which sounds like another word for...I think you get the joke. Kwang was your run of the mill martial arts guy and that's the kind of gimmick you can always have in wrestling for a low level gimmick.

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### Lex Luger vs. Mike Bell

Luger shoves him around and misses a shoulder that Mike sells anyway. DiBiase comes out to watch as Luger gets two off a rollup and a clothesline (barely made contact) before finishing with the Rack.

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DiBiase has signed Bigelow and says Luger is next to end the show.

**Overall Rating:** F. Really bad way to end the month with a horrible show. This was a bunch of squashes and almost no angles, save for the obvious Owen challenge to Bret. DiBiase buying people up for his stable has potential but it's not like the Million Dollar Team is all that interesting in the first place. Bad show, but what else are you expecting from June 1994?

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