

# On the Big Royal Rumble Matches

We're almost to one of my favorite matches of the year as the Royal Rumble is almost upon us. Well the double Royal Rumble in this case but you get the idea. The interesting thing this time around is either Royal Rumble could go in multiple directions and that makes things a lot more fun. So what to do with each one? Or the title matches for that matter?

We'll start with the men's Rumble, which is probably the hardest of the four top matches to pick. You really could go in several different ways, but the best option would [seem to be either Roman Reigns or Shinsuke Nakamura](#), who are the favorites on at least one betting site. The more I think about it the more I'm leaning towards Reigns, as you can imagine WWE wanting to "get it right" in Philadelphia this time around.

As for the women's Rumble...dang again. While it's hard to imagine anyone not named Asuka winning this, the fun part [might be guessing who is going to be in the thing](#). We already know eighteen names announced, leaving twelve in the air for either legends or NXT talent. I can't imagine we see Ronda Rousey but after this week's Raw, Trish Stratus and the Bella Twins are all strong possibilities. Asuka will win, but the fun part is seeing who she defeats to get there.

Then we have the World Title matches with one of them being a little easier to predict than the other. That would be the WWE Championship match as I can't imagine Sami Zayn and Kevin Owens taking the title from AJ Styles and becoming the co-champions. AJ should retain here, and then we can figure out an opponent for him down the road (likely at Fastlane).

Finally there's the Universal Title match and really, there isn't a ton of doubt here either. Roman Reigns vs. Brock Lesnar is all but chiseled into stone for Wrestlemania XXXIV in New Orleans. With Kane around, they can easily keep the title on Lesnar without taking anything away from Braun Strowman. That's especially important with Strowman [having a pretty big match on the Wrestlemania card](#).

The show should be a lot of fun, but those Rumble matches alone should make the card worth seeing. They're much more interesting than the two World Title matches, mainly due to the wide open fields. It's one of my favorite nights of the year and this time around the best part is doubled.