

Monday Night Raw – November 14, 1994: Thank Goodness For Other Options



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Location: Fernwood Resort, Bushkill, Pennsylvania

Attendance: 1,500

Commentators: Vince McMahon, Ted DiBiase

We've had a big match announced for this week's show as Bob Backlund is facing the 1-2-3 Kid. That's an odd match but it sounds oddly interesting for some reason. Bret Hart, who will be defending the WWF World Title against Backlund at the upcoming Survivor Series, should be watching that one so let's get to it.

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For some reason the opening match isn't included on the Network. Thank goodness for other options though.

Opening sequence.

1-2-3 Kid vs. Bob Backlund

Backlund goes straight for him at the bell, which really isn't what you expect from him. In something a little more predictable, Kid fires off the kicks and grabs a short arm scissors to keep Backlund down. Backlund of course does the power lift to put Kid on the top (because that's his spot), meaning it's time to start in on the arm.

Back from a very early break with Kid's arm being sent into the buckle, only to reverse the Crossface Chickenwing into one of his own. Bob slips out but can't get the real thing on, instead going with more standard arm work. Kid kicks away some more but misses a top rope splash. The Chickenwing goes on and Kid is done in a hurry.

Rating: C. That's the kind of win that Backlund needs as it makes him look like he can beat someone smaller and faster. It makes him look like a killer and that's the kind of thing he needs to do going into Survivor Series. The Kid isn't going to lose anything by losing here so everything comes out fine.

Post match Bret comes in for the save but Backlund grabs the Chickenwing. He lets go immediately though and says it can be that easy. Bret charges him and slaps on the Sharpshooter in the aisle. He lets go as well, saying there won't be any releasing at Survivor Series.

New Generation ad with an old lady babbling about Shawn Michaels cleaning up the streets. I have no idea how that makes me want to watch wrestling.

Mabel vs. The Blue Phantom

Mabel and Oscar rap about how they're going to dominate at the Survivor Series with DiBiase telling Vince to sit down. The Phantom is all in black, making me think they have no idea how colors work. Mabel powers him into the corner to start and sends the Phantom flying with a hiptoss. The big elbow misses and Phantom kicks away in the corner, only to get caught with the Boss Man Slam for an easy pin.

We go to the Survivor Series Report with Todd Pettengill and unfortunately without his sweet shirt from last week. This week looks at

the submission and casket match as there's not much left to say on these things. We see a clip of the first casket match between Undertaker and Yokozuna, spliced in with Chuck Norris talking about how he won't let it happen again. Tatanka promises to test Norris because he doesn't like Texas. We hear about the Survivor Series matches to wrap things up.

Jeff Jarrett vs. Gary Sabaugh

The announcers start talking about Sonny Bono becoming a Congressman as it's time to discuss the news, which was never funny and I never got the point. Jeff hiptosses him down and let's hit that strutting. Choking on the ropes sets up the running crotch attack before it's off to the leg. The Figure Four is good for the win.

Rating: D. I know Jarrett is now a Hall of Famer but that doesn't make him the most interesting wrestler in the world. He wrestles such a simple style but he's far from someone I'd want to see him wrestle. The country music stuff isn't good either and it's not getting any better with time.

IRS has no issues with stealing Undertaker's headstone because EVERYONE, either living or dead, has to pay their taxes. Being six feet under is NOT a tax shelter.

It's time for the King's Court and after some general insults to the crowd, Lawler brings out Owen Hart as the guest. Owen has the towel for the submission match (the same one thrown in to cause Backlund to lose the title in 1983) and can't wait to see Bret in the Crossface Chickenwing. He promises to never throw the towel in, meaning the only one going into the ring will be pink and black. They take their sweet time explaining the rules (they're really not that hard) and Lawler thinks Backlund is still rightfully champion.

This brings out British Bulldog (Bret's towel holder) to say Bret is champion today and will still be after Survivor Series. Owen wants Bulldog to let Bret be in pain for some time before throwing in the towel. They argue over whose hold is better and it just kind of ends after the rambling exchanges.

Aldo Montoya vs. Brooklyn Brawler

This is Aldo's debut and let's talk about Celebrity Jeopardy! Aldo avoids an early elbow drop but gets pulled down by the hair. Instead it's a dropkick to send Brawler outside, followed by the required dive. DiBiase reads an ad for an upcoming movie and Vince really doesn't seem pleased. Brawler gets two off a backbreaker as Vince reads it all over again. A hurricanrana into some right hands have Brawler in trouble and a spinning high crossbody is good for the fast pin. I'm not sure I see the appeal here, but Paul Heyman certainly did...whatever it was.

Post match DiBiase offers Montoya a spot in the Million Dollar Corporation but gets shot down, both in Portuguese and English.

Alundra Blayze gives a quick plug for her upcoming title match in Tokyo.

Overall Rating: D. I'm interested in some of the team matches but this was almost all built around the World Title match. The problem with that is while it makes for a good match, it really doesn't make for interesting TV. The fact that most of the talking is about throwing in a towel makes things even worse. Couple that with the Montoya stuff being even less interesting and this was a rough sit.

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