

787 Talk: Women Are No Longer Just A Division



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It feels like it was a long time ago, but just less than 4 years ago, women on Raw and Smackdown were not exactly treated the way they are today. Nowadays, they are a normal part of the program. Treated like a full division of talent. Better handled than the tag team & Cruiserweight divisions. But problems do arise. While the Women since the start of the fabled "Women's Revolution" have grown to the point of headlining Pay-Per-Views and having special matches for them (Money In The Bank, Royal Rumble, Elimination Chamber) but we are starting to run into a bit of a pickle lately.

The Women are no longer just a division on each brand. Let me explain. In wrestling, you have your regular roster of people. You have your tag team division, your Jr. Heavyweights or Cruiserweights and then Women and others. But the women on Raw and Smackdown have grown a bit too much. You now have layers to that one division. It becomes very evident when WWE doesn't Money In The Bank or Elimination Chamber for women. They aren't all exactly on a steady level. You'll have clear top

starts like Asuka, Charlotte & Becky Lynch, but then to fill out the ranks you get clearly out of place women like Lana, Dana Brooke or Peyton Royce. To draw a parallel, you now have main event women, midcards and lowercarders but because of the brand split, WWE still has to mix them together.

The women have been established to the point that it gets pretty ridiculous when the likes of Nia Jax & Carmella win the titles and there's a vast assortment of women that are far more fit for the role. It feels like they take a step back with these as Champions rather than a step forward.

Rumors of Tag Team titles have been circulating for months but then you run into another problem. While the women's divisions are bigger than ever, they are still pretty short in number and one set of tag team titles requires another in these brand split days. If the rosters were not split a secondary Women's title would help greatly as it would help ease the gap between the female midcard and main event field. We see glimpses of that nowadays with the Raw & SD Women's titles but because of the roster divide, both titles need to be treated as equal rather than one above the other and that results in things like trying to sell us on Asuka vs Carmella as a viable main program for a PPV.

At the rate the women continue to grow in WWE, in a matter of two years, the rosters would probably be very big and you could theoretically solve the issue of needing women to fill spots like in the Royal Rumble, but that still does not fix the widening gap between the top and bottom of the female talent food chain. The division has grown too much to have another Naomi vs Lana scenario like last year did this time around and Asuka vs Carmella is quite close to it.

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