

Main Event – September 20, 2018: Hopefully His Crews Is High



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You know, in a weird way I enjoy watching this show and seeing what they have in store. The highlight packages are often fine, but every now and then you get an actually good original match like last week with Zach Ryder vs. Apollo Crews. Oddly enough, the last good match also featured Ryder. But he doesn't have the right look so no WWE Title run for him. Let's get to it.

[Here are last week's results if you need a recap.](#)

Opening sequence.

Zack Ryder vs. Mike Kanellis

Hopefully Kanellis feeling the Crews tonight. Kanellis wastes no time in stomping away in the corner because that's the only way he's going to get noticed around here. Some running clotheslines and a big boot get two, followed by a Side Effect for the same. Ryder is back up for a middle

rope missile dropkick, only to get his neck snapped across the top rope to cut him down again.

Kanellis' superkick gets two but Ryder throws him off the top, setting up the Rough Ryder for two. Back up and Kanellis grabs a sitout Michinoku Driver for two but makes the eternal mistake of loading up the Broski Boot. You don't do that to Ryder, who ducks away and hits the Rough Ryder for the pin at 5:34.

Rating: C. Another perfectly watchable match here with Ryder continuing to look good. Kanellis is someone dying for a character or a gimmick, because being the whipping boy who is waiting for his wife to get back has crippled the limited impact that he could have had in WWE. Not a bad match here and hopefully this gets some attention at some point.

From Raw.

Here's Undertaker to respond to HHH about Super Show-Down. During his very well received entrance, Cole says many consider Undertaker the best of all time. Those people would be wrong. Undertaker talks about how no one can spin a web of lies like someone with a broken soul and no one has a soul as broken as HHH. The delusion will be HHH's downfall because his new battlefield is the board room.

HHH can no longer decipher truth and can't see his own demise. Undertaker doesn't care what anyone thinks and only cares about what's coming: HHH going six feet under again and Game over. HHH can have his delusion and his best friend Shawn Michaels, but Shawn is going to be at ringside. Therefore, Undertaker will bring Kane to even things up. Undertaker already took Michaels' career and he's going to do the same to HHH. As a bonus, he's going to take HHH's soul.

This didn't sound like an Undertaker promo as it felt like someone cutting a promo while in Undertaker gear. It certainly wasn't bad or anything, but Undertaker talking at a normal pace and speaking about board rooms was just a bit off. You can see the big tag match coming from here and...my goodness I don't really care if it's not at Wrestlemania.

From Smackdown.

Here's Paige to introduce Becky Lynch for the Championship Celebration. Becky is glad that she's finally getting the recognition that she deserves but wants Charlotte out here. Charlotte comes out and says Becky was the better woman on Sunday. The thing is Becky gave up a lot to become champion and Charlotte is coming back for it at Super Show-Down.

Becky: "I'm sorry, I stopped listening after you said I was the better woman." Becky wants Charlotte to put the title around her waist but she'll settle for being called queen. Becky: "B****." The fight is on with Charlotte being thrown over the announcers' table and the Disarm-Here going on. The Bexploder leaves Charlotte laying to end the show.

Apollo Crews vs. Mojo Rawley

Mojo starts with the trash talking and runs him over a few times. With the power not working, Apollo dropkicks him down and hits an armdrag to the floor. Crews follows him out and that's just never a good idea as Rawley runs him over with a clothesline. Back in and we hit the chinlock, allowing Crews to fight up with an enziguri and the standing shooting star press. The Toss Powerbomb is broken up but so is Rawley's sitout Alabama Slam. Another enziguri sets up an enziguri into the frog splash to finish Rawley at 6:39.

Rating: C-. While not quite as good as the opener, this was still perfectly fine and there's nothing wrong with that. Crews is still more than good in the ring but I can't believe that Rawley has already fallen back to the nothing that he was before his quick Raw push. He's good enough to be a low level heel but it's back to the dregs that is Main Event.

From Raw again.

Universal Title: Roman Reigns vs. Baron Corbin

Reigns is defending and is banged up after last night. Corbin goes right for the ribs to start and gets two off a rollup. They head outside with Reigns hitting the apron dropkick but getting clotheslined down as we take a break. Back with Corbin holding a chinlock, followed by a chokebreaker for two.

That's enough non-chinlocking so we hit it again to keep Reigns in trouble. Reigns fights up for the corner clotheslines as the announcers are STUNNED that he can do this. Dude he had a 24 minute match last night where nearly ten minutes was spent laying down. Rollins and Ziggler had a 25 minute match and then FELL OFF THE CELL and wrestled for ten minutes tonight. Reigns isn't that impressive.

The Samoan drop gives Reigns two and there's the Superman Punch off the steps. Corbin has finally had it and throws a chair at Reigns and yeah I'm not falling for this. There's the restart with No DQ. Back in and the Superman Punch gives Reigns two. Reigns goes for the chair but here's Strowman to take Reigns down. Strowman misses a charge into the post but Corbin grabs Deep Six for two. Now it's Ziggler, McIntyre, Rollins and Ambrose running in for another fight, including double suicide dives to put Ziggler and McIntyre down. The spear retains the title at 16:53.

Rating: D. Well duh. I can get behind the idea of a champion having to overcome the odds and still retain the title in an obvious finish but Corbin is one of the least threatening heels in years. When your big move is "I'LL CALL STEPHANIE!", I'm not going to buy you winning the title. All the run-ins didn't offer any help either and the match was just boring as we waited for the inevitable spear. Reigns can carry things, but he's not a miracle worker yet.

Overall Rating: C. The original stuff was better than usual here but the show didn't exactly make me interested in seeing the multiple shows that are coming up. That's the case with almost every Monday night anymore though and that's not exactly the best thing to be said about one of the busiest seasons of the WWE year. Watchable show, but that's about it.

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