

Main Event – November 29, 2018: It's Amazing What Lying The Awful Can Do



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I'm not going to bother wasting your time with blind hope this time. Raw was terrible this week and Smackdown was a little bit better. Hopefully they flood this show with Smackdown highlights because otherwise they'll manage to make it even worse than it was on Monday. Ok maybe not that bad but still terrible. Let's get to it.

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

Opening sequence.

Titus O'Neil vs. Mojo Rawley

They fight over a lockup to start with neither being able to get very far. A shoulder drops Rawley and Titus hits some chops in the corner to keep him in trouble. Rawley is right back with shoulders of his own and it's off to the chinlock. Some chops set up some posing which sets up another chinlock, because two of them are needed in a short match. Titus

fights up and hits some clotheslines, followed by a big boot for two. The Clash of the Titus puts Rawley away at 4:11.

Rating: D. Dude you're jobbing to Titus O'Neil. What exactly does that say for your future career prospects? I still like Rawley but it's clear that WWE doesn't think too much of him. The heel turn looked to be a good sign for him but at this point, what exactly is there left for him to do? Lost to Jinder Mahal?

From Raw.

We open with Baron Corbin, Bobby Lashley, Lio Rush and Drew McIntyre in the ring. They talk about how great their Thanksgiving was, though they didn't indulge themselves like these common people. They're all thankful for everything they do, including what they did to Braun Strowman last week.

We see last week's attack that put Strowman on the shelf and then go to Birmingham, Alabama where Strowman says he'll be on the shelf for a while. His surgeon has never seen an injury like this before nor worked on an arm this size. He'll be back though and what happened last week will look like a paper cut compared to what he's doing to the three of them.

From Raw again.

Finn Balor vs. Baron Corbin

Balor goes straight at him but gets hit in the jaw. Just to get the self parody going. Corbin has a chinlock on less than thirty seconds in. Corbin gets sent outside for a kick to the chest and we take a break. Back with Corbin holding another chinlock and sending Balor into the corner. That means ANOTHER chinlock, followed by a clothesline, followed by the fourth chinlock in less than ten minutes. This isn't the kind of thing you want in a featured match.

Deep Six looks to set up the End of Days but Balor is right back with the shotgun dropkick. The Coup de Grace misses though and Corbin grabs a mic, making it a 2-1 handicap match with Drew McIntyre joining him. Balor flip

dives onto McIntyre and dropkicks Corbin into the timekeeper's area but McIntyre jumps him from behind. The Claymore is good for the pin on Balor at 13:25.

Rating: D-. Corbin is just so bad in the ring and this was more of the same heel abuse of power stuff that we've seen for the better part of forever. Balor was just cannon fodder here and the match was bad because they let Corbin run things instead of doing anything exciting. Terrible main event.

Post match Lashley comes out for the triple beatdown to end the show. At least McIntyre seems to be away from Ziggler now and that's some of the only good news on this show.

From Smackdown.

Here's AJ Styles for his first comments since losing the title. The 14 days since he lost the title have felt like a lot more than the 371 days he held it. He hates losing, but it was the way he lost. After a clip of the loss, AJ talks about the aftermath being what bothered him. We see a clip of Bryan's speech about being a new man last week and AJ talks about how Bryan has been nowhere to be seen over the last week. Bryan better come out of his little chamber and show up at TLC. Make sure to bring the title though, because it belongs to AJ. Good fire from Styles here and the match should be great.

Tyler Breeze/Ascension vs. Zack Ryder/B-Team

Now a clever story here would be to say that Breeze doesn't like what the Ascension is doing but is working with his former friends. That's not what they're doing here, but it would make more sense than having him do a random match as a heel. Viktor and Dallas start things off with Bo's headlock going nowhere but everything breaks down in a hurry. The good guys clean house and Konor has to save Viktor from the Broski Boot. The distraction lets Viktor hit the jumping knee to the face and we take a break.

Back with Viktor throwing Breeze into Ryder in the corner. Konor comes back in for some elbows and a chinlock, followed by dropping Breeze on

top for two. Viktor adds his own stomping and a chinlock, because of course he does. I don't remember the last time there were this many chinlocks in a company but it's getting really old. The Woo Awakening gets Ryder out of trouble and it's off to Axel to clean house. The Axhole gets two and it's off to Breeze, who gets caught in a neckbreaker from a blindly tagged in Dallas for the pin at 10:10.

Rating: D+. Perfectly watchable six man as I question the logic of having Breeze take the pin when he's teaming with THE ASCENSION, as in the team that exists solely to take falls and put people over. This is a fine role for the B-Team as well as they're entertaining and a fun act, especially as a warm up act like they were here.

From Raw.

Here are Nia Jax and Tamina for a chat. Nia says she has a lot to be thankful for this year, mainly being breaking Becky Lynch's face. That brings her to Ronda Rousey, so we see Jax beating Rousey up at Money in the Bank. Then it was Charlotte beating her up at Survivor Series, leaving Ronda to talk about how hard a champion has to fight. Nia is now on top of the mountain but here's Rousey to interrupt.

Rousey yells at her about how Nia is from a warrior culture who likes to hit people in the face. She could fight the champ right now, but Jax just got done washing Becky's crusted blood off her hand. The double teaming seems imminent but Natalya runs in...and gets jumped by the Riott Squad. Rousey makes the save.

And from Raw again.

Intercontinental Title: Seth Rollins vs. Dolph Ziggler

Open challenge and I actually collapsed a bit when I heard the record scratch. Ziggler says he's going to get back to being the best in the world by becoming champion again. They hit the mat to start and Ziggler can't quite keep up. Instead Rollins sends him outside and we take a break.

Back with Rollins in trouble and Ziggler ripping at his face. The

chinlock goes on, Ziggler chokes on the ropes, and the chinlock goes on again. Ziggler puts on a third chinlock before throwing him outside for a second break. Back again with Rollins making a comeback and hitting the Sling Blade. An enziguri rocks Ziggler and Rollins heads up, only to get crotched back down. He shoves Ziggler down but misses the frog splash, setting up the Fameasser to give Ziggler two.

Ziggler's jumping DDT is blocked so he settles for two off a small package instead. The sleeper goes on but Rollins drops him back and hits the low superkick for two. Rollins misses the Stomp and walks into the Zig Zag for another near fall. After looking at some fans being excited, Ziggler heads up top but Rollins catches him with the superplex into the Falcon Arrow to retain at 22:45.

Rating: B. It was a good match and I'll give them some big points for the non-finisher ending, but egads I never need to see these two fight again. The match took a long time to get going but things picked up a lot after the break. I was starting to get into it at the end and that's the best thing I can say about something on this show. As usual, Rollins is one of the more entertaining people, even if he was out there with Ziggler.

Overall Rating: D+. You know, it's kind of amazing how much better Raw seemed without the stupid Drake Maverick thing. That absolutely killed the show and is one of the dumbest things they've done in a long time. Now that being said, the rest of Raw was mostly garbage but they got the best part in here with the Rollins vs. Ziggler match. It's not worth watching of course, but this could have been a lot worse.

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