

Ranking The Shows

So this is something kind of interesting. A few weeks ago, someone asked me to rank the current wrestling shows that I watch from most to least enjoyable. I've heard of worse ideas so let's take a look. Keep in mind that these are only the current shows and the only ones that I watch, so you won't see many surprises in here.

1. NXT

Like it was going to be anything else. This show is the most enjoyable thing that happens to wrestling fans and one of the best weekly TV shows ever. They never get boring, their worst show is still better than almost anything anyone else produces, and it somehow keeps getting better. They've figured out exactly how to do the one hour a week wrestling TV show and I look forward to seeing it every time. This was #1 by a few laps and nothing is in its universe.

2. Smackdown

The more I think about Smackdown, the more frustrated I get at Raw. This show is proof of what WWE is capable of doing and how well they can still put together a big show. While it's certainly not great, it's a show that is both entertaining and well done, which is a rare sight on the main roster. The wrestling is good, the promos are better, and there's a fun feeling here that you don't get on Monday. Smackdown is very good, and evidence that WWE still knows what it's doing.

3. 205 Live

If Mustafa Ali was still around, this would have been second. What used to be a terrible show that was little more than a chore to watch has turned into one of the best things going in WWE today. The action ranges from solid to great and it has the best non William Regal boss in WWE with Drake Maverick (must be a British thing). They bring in new talent and have a formula that works very well. Plus Maria Kanellis and that's never a bad thing.

KEEP GOING!

4. Fusion

I know I talk about this show a lot but it's become a well done wrestling show. It's nothing that's going to blow you away but for about fifty minutes a week, you get a nice blend of action in front of an entertained crowd with some talent you might have be overly familiar with. They've put something together in just a few months and it's a perfectly enjoyable show. Check these guys out if you haven't, as their show goes up on YouTube every Saturday night.

5. NXT UK

This place gets a hard time, but it's really not that bad. The problem is the way the show is scheduled rather than what they actually do, and that's not their fault. The other main issue is calling it NXT, which comes with a very heavy burden. It doesn't offer anything that a show like Progress doesn't do better, but the WWE production helps a lot. This is far from bad and cutting it back to an hour a week is going to do wonders for them.

6. Impact Wrestling

Yeah seriously. I know the show has the worst reputation in wrestling and a lot of that is justified, but they've gotten a lot better in the last year and a half. It's still not a masterpiece or even a great show most of the time, but it's watchable and the stories make sense. That's a fine place for them to be and if they can continue taking the little steps forward, they might be able to rewrite some of their legacy. Just find a way to make the main events feel epic and they're well on their way.

JUST AROUND THE BEND!

7. Ring of Honor

This show is the definition of feast or famine. When they're on, they're very on and can produce some of the best shows around. When they're off though, it feels like a low rent promotion took a TV station hostage and ran their show. The women's division is still a disaster and some of their other stuff isn't that much better, but they know how to do the wild matches and athletic displays quite well. It's a watchable show, but not something I really look forward to most of the time.

8. Main Event

Yes a recap show is somehow not on the bottom of the list. This show actually offers a nice service by showcasing the shortened version of the WWE week. The original wrestling occasionally will be entertaining but this is all about giving you a quick look at Raw and Smackdown. It's fine for what it is, and that's all it's supposed to be.

9. Monday Night Raw

What is there even to say here? I've literally never missed an episode of Raw and I don't remember a time when it felt this hopeless (not bad, but hopeless). It's like they're always content with not trying anything and would rather just coast until Wrestlemania season, do the Shakeup, and then get back to coasting again. Feuds go on forever with few people getting elevated, and that leaves you with a bunch of uninteresting people fighting for nothing, because the Intercontinental Title is the top title on the show. Without getting into another Lesnar rant, his absence is killing the biggest wrestling show in the world. That shouldn't happen, and we're almost to year three of it being the case. Fix that already, because it's Raw and not Main Event.

What could be lower than this?

Yeah there's nothing else here. Nine shows a week is enough and nothing is beating Raw.