

Some More On A Few Things From Raw

So earlier this week on Raw, a lot happened. Like, a lot happened. As in Wrestlemania season of stuff happened. With so much stuff going on it deserved a better look at things but since I did an In Other News column last week, I complained about Wrestlemania instead. Therefore today, I'll take a quick look at some of the things that happened this week on Raw.

Bobby Lashley Wins The Intercontinental Title Back

In what was quite the surprise, Lashley won the title back after losing it to Finn Balor just three weeks earlier. I'm going to assume that this is going to be setting up a rematch at Wrestlemania, which really makes me cringe if that's the best they can come up with for Balor. That being said, I'll take it over some big multi-person match, which is all but guaranteed to be coming.

The big problem here is another title change in short order. Out of the last eight title reigns, a grand total of one (Seth Rollins' second reign) broke three months. Changing the title over and over again doesn't make the title any more valuable, meaning that I'm not likely to be thrilled or interested if/when Balor gets it back. It's just another month long title reign that doesn't help anything, which has worked so well for the title in recent...decades?

Alexa Bliss To Host Wrestlemania

Works for me. I mean, how can you not like watching Bliss do whatever a host is supposed to do on Wrestlemania? She's gorgeous, she plays an awesome character, she can talk and she can work with just about anyone. What more could you possibly ask for out of the host? I mean, aside from not having a host because they're not needed of course.

At the moment it seems that Bliss isn't going to be wrestling, at least not full time, anytime soon so giving her something like this makes sense. She was working very well as the boss of the Raw women's division

but since we need more and more McMahons randomly giving themselves powers, Bliss can't do that anymore. Letting her be on camera over and over is a good thing, even if she's not likely to do much on the show.

HHH vs. Batista No Holds Barred

Well yeah. Were you expecting anything else out of the whole thing? Batista has wrestled for like three months out of the last ten years and HHH is barely going to be medically cleared in time for the match. Letting them do a garbage brawl is the right call as it seems that they've actually learned from Wrestlemania XXV (I'm as shocked as you are). It also fits with HHH being furious at Batista over the Ric Flair attack....which is still a problem.

Apparently Batista attacked Flair to get HHH's attention for the match. That's not a surprise, but why Batista wanted to have the match wasn't exactly well explained. He just wanted to have one more match with HHH and this was the best way he could do it? I mean, it worked but I'd like something better than "I wanted a retirement match". The brawl will be fine and while the story is shaky, it's better than nothing and I can go with what we're getting.

Kurt Angle's Retirement Match

Angle is FINALLY going to hang up the boots at Wrestlemania and I think we're all the better for that. He's not exactly good in the ring anymore and he's likely to explode during a match one day. The big deal here is Angle getting one retirement match at Wrestlemania, with the question now being who he'll face. There are a few theories out there, but one makes sense.

Chad Gable. He's basically a mini Angle (complete with being an Olympic wrestler) and since Jason Jordan's career seems to be over, this is about as good as it's going to get for him. It makes as much sense as anything else...but it's going to be John Cena, which is about as good of an idea as you're going to get. It's the whole Cena debut to Angle retirement and that's a perfect way to do something at Wrestlemania. Also, who else would you want to walk Angle through a match at this point?

So yeah, a lot happened on Raw and I'm sure I missed something. It's cool to see WWE actually putting forward some effort and it made the show that much better. Just go through with some of these ideas and stop doing so many Intercontinental Title changes, because those aren't helping anyone.