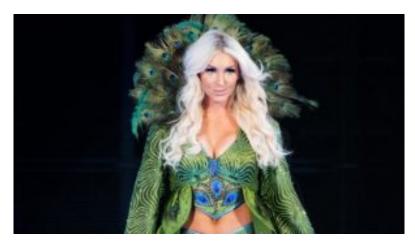
Main Event — March 28, 2019: I Need Three Square Meals



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Location: TD Garden, Boston, Massachusetts

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We're long since in the home stretch towards Wrestlemania and that means we have a lot of recapping to do. I'm not sure what the point is in having these original matches when there is more stuff that could be done, but why mess with what....well I guess it's worked somewhat over the rest of the year. Let's get to it.

Here are last week's results if you need a recap.

Opening sequence.

EC3 vs. Tyler Breeze

Breeze has gotten a haircut and hits a dropkick into an early chinlock. That's reversed into a seated full nelson which is reversed with a jawbreaker as Renee seems to approve of EC3's physique. There's the EC3 Elbow but a powerbomb is countered into a superkick for two. Breeze's hurricanrana gets the same but it's the 1%er for the pin on Breeze at 4:48.

Rating: D. What else were you expecting here? For the life of me I can't get my head around the idea that EC3 is already banished to this show. How much trouble can you possibly get into in all of two matches? There must be some kind of backstage issue with him as otherwise it's just a waste of a talented performer.

We look at the announcement of the Raw Women's Title match main eventing Wrestlemania. That's still so weird to say.

From Smackdown.

Smackdown Women's Title: Asuka vs. Charlotte

Asuka is defending and the announcers are rather stunned. They fight over wrist control to start until Asuka grabs a headlock. A shot to the ribs puts Charlotte on the floor and we take a break. Back with Asuka getting two off a sunset flip but getting kicked in the knee. Asuka shrugs off the kicks and hits a hip attack in the corner, followed by a sliding basement dropkick for two. Another hip attack misses and Charlotte kicks her in the face. Charlotte's moonsault is countered into the Asuka Lock with a rollup getting Charlotte out of trouble.

Back from a second break with Asuka getting two more off another kick to the head. Asuka heads up top but gets caught in a super Spanish Fly for a rather near fall in a spot you almost never see on the main shows. The followup takes too long though and it's a triangle choke from Asuka, which is reversed into a sitout powerbomb (What else would it be?). The Figure Eight gives Charlotte the title at 15:52.

Rating: B. Another very good match from these two as they work well together, but that's quite the curve ball for the main event. Odds are this leads to a unified title, which is the best thing for everyone right now. You have Asuka, Rousey, Becky and Charlotte at the moment and if Rousey is leaving, there's no need for two titles between three big stars. Let the rest of the division fight over the Tag Team Titles and go with the traveling champion, as it's best for everyone.

From Raw.

Here's Drew McIntyre with a clip from two weeks ago when he attacked Roman Reigns. Then last week he challenged Roman to a match at Wrestlemania. Back in the arena, Drew says he hopes someone got through to Reigns because he's already beaten Dean Ambrose and Seth Rollins. Now he's going to appeal to Joe the man, the husband and the father. Reigns has already been through enough because they've already watched their dad fight for his life. Do they want to see him go through it again at Wrestlemania when he's going to lose this time?

This brings out Reigns to say that he accepts, but this is coming from Joe: don't ever run your mouth about his wife and kids. The fight is on with Reigns getting the better of it until a low blow and Claymore take Roman out. Just in case you didn't get the idea, we see a replay of the high points a few seconds after.

Wrestlemania rundown. I'd recommend packing breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Heavy Machinery vs. Ascension

Tucker and Konnor start things off with Konnor driving him into the corner so Viktor can come off the top with a sunset flip. That's fine with Otis, who comes in for the double running knee to Viktor's head. Otis slugs away in the corner but another blind tag to Viktor lets him low bridge Otis to the floor to take over.

Back from a break with Konnor dropping a knee for two and bringing Viktor in (this time minus the blind factor) for some shots to the ribs. The chinlock lasts all of five seconds before Konnor goes with right hands in the corner. A double clothesline gets Otis out of trouble and it's back to Tucker for the spirited comeback. Everything breaks down and Otis busts out the Caterpillar to a very strong reaction. So that's over at least. The Compactor finishes Viktor at 11:17.

Rating: D. Now Heavy Machinery being on this show makes some more sense as the fans are going to react to them, just due to that weird charisma they have. Well that Otis has at least. Ascension is long past being a lost cause so this was just a Heavy Machinery showcase. That's fine, but it doesn't work when they're beaten down for most of the match.

We wrap it up with clips of the falls in the tag team gauntlet match from Smackdown, finishing things up with Vince McMahon saying that Kofi Kingston is going to Wrestlemania. His wording here is a little weird and it wouldn't shock me to see them change things up yet again, because WWE doesn't like fans being happy for some reason.

Overall Rating: C+. This one is going to depend on how you liked this week's big stories and those were good enough to make me want to watch Wrestlemania just a little bit more. The problem with that is the show is going to include so much more stuff that wasn't even touched on here. In other words, as always, the problem comes down to the show being way too long.

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