Monday Night Raw — October 10, 1994: Well That Didn't Work



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Location: Memorial Auditorium, Utica, New York

Attendance: 4,500

Commentators: Vince McMahon, Randy Savage

We're still on the way to getting ready for Survivor Series though you can see where most of the card is heading. Bret Hart is fighting two different fronts as crazy Bob Backlund wants another shot at the title but there's also Owen Hart/Jim Neidhart coming from the other way. Other than that, Undertaker and Yokozuna are fighting each other on a well publicized house show tour, which sounds like a preview of Survivor Series. Let's get to it.

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

Opening sequence.

Bam Bam Bigelow vs. Lex Luger

Bigelow has Tatanka, Nikolai Volkoff and Ted DiBiase with him. They get together and offer a distraction so Bigelow can jump Luger to start,

proving that they're not actually worthless. I mean, their worth is about as low as you can go but it's there. Bigelow forearms and stomps him down, followed by some shoulder blocks for the same result. An elbow to the jaw and a right hand knock Bigelow to the floor because Luger is really strong. Back in and we hit the armbar on Bigelow, followed by a wristlock as the announcers rip on Tatanka for selling out.

Bigelow makes the rope and hits a powerslam but misses the top rope headbutt. That means the armbar can go back on as King Kong Bundy comes out to watch. Back from a break with Luger in trouble as Adam Bomb and Mabel come out to even things up a bit. Bigelow gets two off a DDT with Savage saying what a fantastic technician Bigelow is. Can we take away Savage's drugs already?

Luger is staggered so Bigelow jumps into the air for what looked like a hurricanrana but he just kicked Luger in both sides of the head (on purpose). That sets up a chinlock as this just keeps going. Back up and Bigelow finally charges into some boots in the corner to give Luger a comeback. The clotheslines put Bigelow down but a DiBiase distraction lets Tatanka grab the leg. Bigelow knocks Tatanka off the apron by mistake and Luger gets the rollup for the pin. Mabel and Bomb didn't do a thing.

Rating: D. WAY too long here as they went nearly fifteen minutes counting the commercial. DiBiase and company vs. Luger isn't a good feud but it seems like all Luger can do without screwing something up. They did the basic face vs. monster formula here which is fine in theory but doesn't quite work when it's Lex Luger vs. Bam Bam Bigelow.

Tatanka, Bigelow and DiBiase argue all the way to the back.

We look at Bob Backlund on the Heartbreak Hotel where Shawn Michaels and Diesel approved. Backlund doesn't seem interested, but he did issue a challenge to Bret Hart because he never lost the WWF Title ten years ago.

Mabel vs. Reno Riggins

In case you didn't get enough Mabel earlier tonight. Riggins gets shoved around to start and stops for the test of strength for some reason. A

slam puts Riggins down but he avoids the big elbow. Mabel doesn't seem to mind as it's a belly to back suplex into the legdrop for the pin. Vince is too busy talking about Larry King and Marlon Brando to notice.

Randy Savage was on a float in the Columbus Day parade.

Owen Hart vs. John Crystal

Feeling out process to start with Owen not being bothered by a hammerlock. Crystal gets armbarred as the fans want Bret. Vince talks about George Lucas writing three more Star Wars movies and Roseanne, which isn't great on a show that already feels like it's going on for years now. A missed dropkick keeps Crystal in trouble and it's a belly to belly into the Sharpshooter for the win.

Rating: D. Totally standard squash with Vince calling Crystal "a non-entity", which is one of the best dismissals of a jobber that I've ever seen. Owen was on fire at this point and while the great feud with Bret was over, he still had a lot left to do and could make anyone else look good, even an apparent non-entity like this guy.

Undertaker and Paul Bearer are ready to make Yokozuna pay for his crimes on the Hart Attack Tour.

Hart Attack Tour lineup.

King Kong Bundy vs. Mike Khoury

Khoury tries some early right hands and is thrown outside like a bad chicken leg. Bundy splashes him in the corner for two as the announcers talk about Sylvester Stallone and Sharon Stone. The Avalanches gives Bundy the five count pin.

We look back at Dink the Clown making Jerry Lawler sit on a pie on Superstars. Kill it. Kill it with fire.

It's time for the King's Court with Lawler ranting about how much he can't stand short people. That turns into a rant about Dink as we see Lawler breaking Dink's tricycle back in September. Now though, Lawler has an idea for what to do with Dink, so meet Queasy, the mini King. Queasy

promises to take care of Dink with promises of forced foot kissing. And so begins one of the dumbest things they've ever done.

Action Zone is coming. That show was AWESOME! For like two weeks!

Headshrinkers vs. JS Storm/Corey Student

This would be Sione (Barbarian) and Fatu for the Headshrinkers with Student getting thrown all over the place. Storm comes in for a bunch of ineffective right hands as we hear about Shawn Michaels writing a love advice column in WWF Magazine. Sione kicks Storm's head off for the fast pin. Total squash.

Razor Ramon confesses to a priest about attacking a man over breaking his toothpick. Priest: "Who do you think you are? Razor Ramon?" This has been an ad for the new WWF Generation, which is just weird a lot of the time.

Doink and Dink bring out Burger King crowns for Savage and McMahon. They're not worried about Queasy to end the show.

Overall Rating: D-. Well this didn't work. This was a bunch of slow, boring matches with the eternally terrible Doink vs. Lawler feud to wrap it up. It's a terrible time for the company as we get closer to Survivor Series, which isn't going to make things that much better. Bad show here, and I don't see that changing anytime soon.

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