

Monday Night Raw – October 3, 1994: Crazy Bob's Wrestling Show



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Location: Memorial Auditorium, Utica, New York

Attendance: 4,500

Commentators: Vince McMahon, Randy Savage

We're in between Summerslam and Survivor Series here that means the big story is Bret Hart, who successfully defended the WWF World Title against his brother Owen back in August. However, after the match the British Bulldog and Jim Neidhart got involved and it seems that we're moving towards a tag team feud. I'm not sure where that's going to lead us at the moment but it's almost time to start up the Survivor Series build. Let's get to it.

We open with a recap of Neidhart challenging Bulldog for tonight.

Earlier today, Neidhart and Owen arrived to call Bulldog a mud dog.

Opening sequence.

Jim Neidhart vs. British Bulldog

Owen is here with Neidhart but Bulldog is all alone. Some help Bret is.

An early Owen distraction lets Neidhart jump him from behind but Bulldog nails a flying shoulder to send Neidhart outside. Back in and the power lockup (expect a few of those) goes nowhere so Neidhart grabs a headlock. That's reversed into an armbar, followed by the fully expected test of strength. Neidhart kicks him in the ribs but gets suplexed down, meaning it's time to go to the mat. I really didn't think I'd say that, but I did think it would be pretty messy looking.

Neidhart chokes a bit and sends him hard into the buckle to really take over. The chinlock goes on for a bit until Bulldog fights up and tries a jumping knee...which bounces off Neidhart for some reason. Neidhart grabs a shorter form chinlock so Owen low bridges Bulldog as he gets up. That's finally enough to bring Bret to the ring as we take a break. Back with Neidhart choking on the rope and Bulldog favoring his knee. A rake to the eyes and some choking set up a bearhug as Neidhart won't go near the knee.

Bulldog finally breaks the thing so Neidhart goes after the knee. A clothesline gives Bulldog two but Neidhart takes the straps down and cranks on the knee again. A camel clutch changes Neidhart's focus again but he lets go again (dude stick with something) and misses a middle rope splash. Bulldog manages the delayed vertical suplex for two but here's Bob Backlund to go after Bret, leaving Owen to come in for the DQ.

Rating: D. In case you never needed proof of why Neidhart mainly wrestled as part of a tag team. This was really boring with Neidhart using one lame hold after another and not being able to decide if he wanted to work on the back or the neck. If nothing else this makes me want to see a great tag match between these four, which does exist and is of course awesome.

Baseball is on strike but wrestling isn't. Good for them?

Doink the Clown vs. Barry Horowitz

Barry headlocks him down as we hear about Doink's issues with Jerry Lawler. Egads I had tried to forget about that mess. They keep exchanging technical stuff on the mat as Vince and Savage are incensed that Jerry turned Dink's tricycle into a unicycle. Barry gets in a shot to the ribs

but misses a charge. Doink grabs a powerslam and hits the Whoopee Cushion (complete with sound effect) for the pin. Well at least it was short.

The Undertaker wants Yokozuna and will find him on the upcoming Hart Attack Tour. It's better than Road To or *insert show here* Revenge.

House show ads.

It's time for the King's Court with Lawler making fun of Doink and Dink. Imagine, someone dressing up in a silly costume just to get attention (Savage explains the joke.). He doesn't believe the lies from the commentators, which brings him to someone who needs to set the record straight. People have been saying that Yokozuna is scared of Undertaker so here he is to explain things. During Yokozuna's entrance, Vince runs off celebrity birthdays and Savage talks about Roseanne.

Jim Cornette explains that the fear story is a smear campaign put out by Undertaker and Yokozuna, because Undertaker is the scared one. There are going to be some casket matches on the Hart Attack Tour, though Jim refuses to say the word casket. Lawler says it and Yokozuna's head snaps around.

Cornette asks Lawler not to say that again so Lawler promises to not say "casket" again. Undertaker has good reason to be scared, because Yokozuna is the only man to ever beat him in his own game. It's time for Undertaker to prove that he's not scared, though let's pause for Lawler to say casket again. Anyway, Yokozuna will destroy Undertaker soon enough.

Action Zone is coming. That show was awesome for....oh a good three weeks or so.

Bull Nakano/Luna Vachon vs. Heidi Lee Morgan/Alundra Blayze

Morgan was a minor name in the 1980s/90s and is really just a warm body here. Luna misses an early charge on Morgan to start and gets rolled up for an early two. Morgan gets taken into the corner for a beating, including a middle of the rope Vader Bomb from Vachon. It's off to Nakano, who gets taken down with a victory roll for two. With Vince being

astounded that Nakano didn't break his hair, Savage says he's attracted to her.

I'm not sure what to say there so we'll move on to Morgan dropkicking Vachon down but missing a standing splash, as she dove forward three feet despite her feet touching Vachon. You can hear Vince's disgust on the miss. Anyway it's off to Blayze for the showdown with Nakano but everything breaks down. Morgan, not realizing that this isn't about her, comes in to try a double suplex but Nakano suplexes both of them down instead. Vachon dropkicks Nakano by mistake though and it's the German suplex from Blayze for the pin.

Rating: C. I liked this one as it was a good example of how the women's division could have worked back in the day. These were four women who could work and had a perfectly fine match. There were problems like Morgan being in the ring for too long and not realizing that this was supposed to be about Nakano vs. Blayze but it's a far cry from the disasters that this division would become.

King Kong Bundy is back next week. I know that sounds like it's out of a different era, but it's no different than Tajiri or Rhyno showing up late in their careers. You know exactly what you're getting and Bundy is perfectly fine at what he does.

New Generation ad with a woman confessing to a priest about having "thoughts" about people like Razor Ramon, Shawn Michaels and Bret Hart. "The New WWF: Put your faith in us." I...kind of liked that one.

Bob Backlund vs. Gary Scott

This is crazy Bob who thinks he should still be WWF Champion because he didn't give up in 1983. Backlund armdrags him down to start and does his little dance. Savage talks about using a thesaurus and dictionary as Backlund gets taken down as well. They get into a technical sequence and Bob takes over without breaking a sweat. A leg trip sets up the crossface chickenwing.

Bret thinks Backlund is insane and points out that he beat Backlund a few weeks back. He had his shot and it's time to move on.

Overall Rating: C. Not the worst show and it's amazing how much more of a focus this show feels like it has compared to earlier in the year. The wrestling isn't great, but they're telling some stories and I want to see where some of them go. You don't get that enough in this era and a confident Bret on top is a huge help. Not a great show, but far better than most of what we get from 1994.

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