

Smackdown – May 19, 2005: Two To One



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Location: Tyson Events Center, Sioux City, Iowa

Attendance: 3,000

Commentators: Michael Cole, Tazz

It's the go home show for Judgment Day and most of the card has been set. We could be in for a good show on Sunday with the two biggest matches looking solid, though there isn't much underneath them. I'm not sure what to expect from this week's show but I don't exactly have my hopes up outside of Eddie Guerrero's rapid fire loss of sanity. Let's get to it.

[Here are last week's results if you need a recap.](#)

The opening recap looks at Kurt Angle invading Sharmell's dressing room last week and attacking Booker T. who failed in a rescue attempt. Cole asking what Angle did to Sharmell behind closed doors doesn't bode well.

Opening sequence.

It's Carlito's Cabana to get things going. Carlito recaps last week's edition, including Big Show turning down his offer and eating a poison apple as a result. Back in the arena, Carlito talks about having trouble

getting the stains out of the Cabana's carpet. Now though, Big Show has challenged him to a match on Sunday, which Carlito has accepted.

However, he isn't coming into the match alone because he has a new bodyguard: Matt Morgan. Cue Morgan, who stutters so much that he can't really say yes. Carlito: "You want some water?" The joke is so funny that he tries three times before going with a simple ok. So yes, he's officially Porky Pig. Anyway here's Big Show for the brawl but Morgan chairs him down and gets out with Carlito.

JBL goes to the inner city to explain to some kids why John Cena, and various rappers, are all about. Rappers belong in jail because they are thugs, just like Cena. JBL lists off some lyrics, which even approve of premarital sex. JBL is taking the title on Sunday and helping America.

John Bradshaw Layfield vs. Scotty 2 Hotty

JBL kicks him in the face at the bell and drops the elbows. A swinging neckbreaker gets two but JBL charges into a boot in the corner. Scotty hits a superkick but JBL bounces off the ropes with the Clothesline. That's not enough for JBL so he hammers away in the corner and that's a DQ.

Post match JBL says he doesn't care because nothing can stop him in three days. For tonight though, Scotty has the chance to quit but refuses to, meaning JBL punches him even more. JBL finds a belt and whips Scotty on the announcers' table, eventually choking Scotty into saying he quits.

John Cena threw out the first pitch at a Red Sox game.

Booker yells at Theodore Long about what Angle did last week. There won't be a match with Angle tonight though because he has been banned from the building. Instead, Booker can face Mark Jindrak, but that isn't cool with him. Angle will apologize tonight, but that's not enough for Booker.

Post break, Jindrak comes up to Sharmell and talks about Angle having a fetish for....you know....gutter sl***. This turns into an argument over whether or not Jindrak thinks she is one, so here's Booker (who is rather lax about his wife being alone after last week) to beat him up. Booker

knocks him into the arena and busts Jindrak open....as the match is starting now.

Booker T. vs. Mark Jindrak

Booker hammers away in the corner and hits the scissors kick. The referee tries to pull Booker off, allowing Jindrak to get in the big left hand. That's enough for Booker, who comes back with the Book End and the ax kick for the pin.

JBL tells the Bashams to beat up John Cena tonight and promises to be out there with them. Long comes in and says he can't get involved with the threat of a fine. Short, to the point, explained the situation. Why is that so hard to do so often?

Video on the awesome Eddie Guerrero vs. Rey Mysterio feud. Eddie's face and eyes last week were outstanding.

Here's Eddie, still carrying Rey's mask, for a chat. It takes a little time for Eddie to say anything so he stares at the mask, throws it down and stomps on it. He leaves without saying anything in another good segment.

Clips from the Judgment Day press conference.

Heidenreich vs. Orlando Jordan

Non-title and COME ON ALREADY. Hang on though as Heidenreich has to find a new friend. His quest includes a song and a quick dance, which is more charming than it should be. Jordan says hang on because you don't keep the champ waiting. No one likes Heidenreich and after he loses, no one will want to be his friend.

Jordan stomps away and hits a clothesline to start, followed by a knee to the head. The hammering continues as Heidenreich pulls himself up, only to get stomped back down. We hit the chinlock until Jordan lets go to shout about it, allowing Heidenreich to get up and do his fist pump dance. A big boot gives Heidenreich two so Jordan pounds him down again. That's about it though as Jordan charges straight into the Boss Man Slam for the fast pin.

Rating: D-. This one is bad just due to the people involved, though Heidenreich is FAR better in this role and the march could have gone somewhere in the long term. He just needed to stop being so serious and have his wrestling time cut down by about 80% and things get a little better. Why was that so complicated?

We look at Angle vs. Booker/Sharmell over the last few weeks.

Judgment Day rundown.

Joey Mercury vs. Hardcore Holly

Half of Sunday's title match so Johnny Nitro and Charlie Haas are here too. Mercury hiptosses him down a few times to start so Holly goes with the chops in the corner. A neckbreaker (complete with a camera motion) gives Mercury two and we hit the neck crank. Mercury lets that go and gets crotched on top, setting up the top rope superplex. The backdrop into the dropkick sets up a full nelson slam but Holly won't cover. Instead it's a top rope clothesline for two and the Alabama Slam for the clean pin to put Mercury away.

Rating: D+. This is the kind of win that you need to give Holly from time to time and before the title match made it even better. The team has no chance of winning the titles on Sunday so giving them a win could help a little bit. I mean, it can only get so far but it's better than not trying.

Raw Rebound.

Nelly thinks Cena is a talented rapper.

Kurt Angle is at WWE Studios in Connecticut where he has to give an apology to the fans, Booker and Sharmell. Last week was a mistake but you have to understand. He was on fire after Wrestlemania and it should have been a formality before he was WWE Champion again. Booker stopped that so Angle needed to get revenge but he went too far. So yeah he's sorry.

Now that they have what they've wanted, it's about what he wants. Angle wants Sharmell to admit that she is a gutter sl**, because he saw proof last week. He and Sharmell kissed last week when the door closed and she

liked it. Sharmell molested and fondled him...and they both loved it. This Sunday, Angle is going to make Booker scream for a different reason. Then after dominating Booker, he'll dominate Sharmell and show her how to do a real Spinarooni.

Booker superkicks a TV with Angle's face on it. That promo was so uncomfortable that it damaged a television.

John Cena is reading JBL's financial book, which includes chapters on diversifying your portfolio, making Orlando Jordan's hair stand up (Cena: "THERE'S A PICTURE!") and how to say I Quit when John Cena is beating you up. Cena says he isn't a wrestling god but he is....Josh Matthews: "A prophet! A street prophet!" Cena takes the mic and sends Josh away, saying it was as sad as JBL's sex life. See, Cena can respect JBL for his success but on the streets, you never quit, and Cena won't quit on the people.

John Cena vs. Bashams

Non-title and JBL is at ringside. Cena takes over on Doug to start by grabbing a headlock and running him over. Danny comes in but Cena is smart enough to bail to the floor before some cheating can ensue. Things settle back down with Doug hammering away but getting taken into the corner for choking from Danny and yelling from JBL. Another knockdown sets up the chinlock so JBL grabs the mic and demands that Cena quit.

Doug gets in a cheap shot to cut Cena down again and more JBL shouting ensues. A belly to back suplex gives Danny two but Cena fights up and grabs the rope to block a DDT attempt. JBL shouts more and more as some suplexes put Cena down. Cena blocks a double version though and slugs away, setting up the ProtoBomb on Doug. The FU finishes Doug for the pin after a bit more sweat than you would expect.

Rating: D+. JBL's shouting was annoying but it was also the only thing that mattered in the match. The Bashams were nothing more than lackeys here and that's a good role for them. The match wasn't anything of note because it wasn't like there were many options other than this or JBL running in for the DQ. Not a good match, but it was fine for a short form build.

Cena stares JBL down to end the show.

Overall Rating: C. This was a show built around the stories and the good outweighs the bad 2-1 with Eddie being incredible, the battle of the John's being better than expected and Booker vs. Angle just being creepy. The wrestling wasn't great though as a Hardcore Holly match and a Heidenreich match is a little too much. It made me want to see Judgment Day more than I did earlier though so they're going in the right direction. Just do more of the good and less of the bad, which is pretty much a universal rule.

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