

Quick Live Thoughts From Raw

It was the last night and that might be for the best.

There were several areas tarped off tonight, including most of the upper deck on the hard camera side and most of the top of the end zone seats. There were certainly a lot of people there, but it was closer to Smackdown than Survivor Series for empty/covered seats.

No Way Jose and Eric Young had a rather nice match on Main Event which got the fans interested. Well done for bringing that one to life, which is as difficult as it gets.

The Rollins heel turn had to happen as there was nothing he could do to get people to cheer him. It's WWE listening to the audience for once and going with what makes sense, which is quite the relief all things considered.

Rusev got a nice reaction because he was finally fighting back.

The AOP...not so much, but it was a fine squash.

I was rather surprised at Matt Hardy showing up. It was nice to see him again and he can put people over rather well. Aleister Black is a great example of "how did they manage to mess him up so far?"

I was almost dreading the Humberto Carrillo match as the guy is talented but a barren wasteland of charisma. The four way was fine and it was a very nice surprise to have the title match take place immediately thereafter. Mysterio got a huge reaction on the win and the fans were way into the match, giving it the reaction of the night.

Charlotte vs. Asuka was good, and the chase through the crowd got people's attention again.

The AOP ending was hated by the live crowd, though fans chanting WHAT'S THE POINT made my head hurt. Are these people just new at wrestling or something?

After the show ended, Drew McIntyre came out and Claymored Owens in the aisle. He challenged the Fiend in a cage and...yeah I think you know what happened.

Overall, a fun night and a better Raw than I have seen in a bit, save for the NXT Invasion show. It was the end to a rather entertaining weekend in Chicago and I would absolutely do this again, especially given the layout and how close I was to the arena every night. It's certainly better than driving around New Orleans and getting lost in all those turns.

I'm flying back home early tomorrow so I should be back to my normal schedule tomorrow night. I've started Takeover so with some luck, that should be up Tuesday. I'll catch up on Survivor Series and Raw by the end of the week.