

Best Of the 2010s: Worst Major Show Of The Decade



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There are a lot to pick from here but I think you can remember the worst of the worst. Sometimes you see a show where you know just how bad it is and there's no way around it. These shows are the worst of the worst and it could be due to one or two individual things or just an overall terrible nature. There's a nice mix this time around and some of these might bring up some bad memories.

Honorable Mention

Royal Rumble 2015 – This is a show where the big featured match had to be bailed out by the World Title triple threat but even Cena/Rollins/Lesnar can only do so much. The Rumble was so bad and such a disaster that it sank the rest of the show. And then it only got worse later on.

Greatest Royal Rumble – It's the first time the company had done one of its big Saudi Arabia shows and the card was as stacked as it could have been. There were all kinds of title matches and a huge main event...and I can barely remember anything about it. This was such a nothing show that it wasn't so much bad as unnecessary, though that would change later.

Victory Road 2011

This is the one where you might only remember a single match (and I use that word loosely) from it because the main event is such a legendary disaster. I guess you can call it a main event as technically it was a match, but only in the loosest of terms. This would be the one where Jeff Hardy was bombed out of his mind and the "match" lasted about thirty seconds with Sting holding him down as the fans called it out for being BS. And yeah, that's exactly what it was, but so was the rest of the show.

The rest of the card featured Tommy Dreamer vs. Bully Ray, Matt Hardy vs. AJ Styles with Matt in his COLD BLOODED deal, a First Blood match that ended in fake blood, Mr. Anderson vs. Rob Van Dam in a terrible match and wacky shenanigans on Jeff and Karen Jarrett's honeymoon. Yes the ending is the worst part, but look at what it came after. This is an all time bad TNA show and it's best that the rest of the card is forgotten.

Super Showdown 2019

Yeah imagine that: we're back in Saudi Arabia. It's another case where there was a lot on the card but it still felt like nothing happened. That's the summary of the problems in general: with so many things going on, you would think that something could be good, but instead it feels like a big collection of house show matches that have been reheated out of the refrigerator (where you keep house show matches of course).

Then there's the main event and while it's bad, the injury forgives a lot of the negatives. Goldberg was knocked silly at one point and you can see the match change from a decent power match to a disaster. I can always forgive a match going badly for the sake of an injury, but when it comes at the end of this nothing of a show, there's only so much that forgiveness can do.

Hardcore Justice 2010

I love One Night Stand 2005. It's one of my favorite shows ever, even though I wasn't much of an ECW fan (even less so after watching it back later). However, there was something so special about the reunion show because it felt like a real reunion. The wrestlers were (mostly) there, it felt chaotic and the ending was as perfect as you could have gotten.

Now take everything I just said and throw it out the window for this garbage, which felt like the biggest WAY too late cash-in ever. The wrestling was barely there, the arena looked terrible with the dark lighting, and it made TNA feel like a company years behind the times. It's like they were trying to be WWE but didn't realize that five years had passed. Not only was this show terrible, but it was sad. That's not what you want out of a reunion special and TNA made it worse than expected.

Battleground 2017

Just seeing this on the list of possibilities made me mad all over again. This was one of the worst one two punches of horrible that I can remember in years, with the Rusev vs. John Cena flag match followed by the Punjabi Prison match between Jinder Mahal and Randy Orton (which ran nearly half an hour). I don't think I can give you a worse two match series to end a show, leaving this one in rare company.

It takes a special night to have AJ Styles vs. Kevin Owens and the Usos vs. the New Day in a pair of very good (if not great) matches completely overshadowed with two horrible matches. That's what they did here though and it remains one of the worst regular WWE pay per views that I've ever seen. A lot of the modern pay per views run together for me, but this one stands out as an all time mess.

But then, there's this one and it is on another level of horrible.

Crown Jewel 2018

I didn't actually get to watch this one live as I had to take my wife out of town for an appointment. I got to see the first hour or so before we left so a lot of it I got after the fact. On the way back home, I had her look up the results and read them off to me. As she read them off one by one, I rolled my eyes harder and harder. Then we got to the big one and things changed.

This was the show where Shane McMahon won the Best In The World Tournament without actually being entered. When I heard that result, I actually laughed harder than I had in months. It was as dumb of an idea as WWE could have had and I was wondering if the results were a parody. That's their big idea for this show? More SHANE MCMAHON? Well of course it was, because that's how WWE worked in 2018. It was so bad that the Shawn Michaels return match with DX vs. the Brothers of Destruction barely warrants a mention (Do you even remember that happening?). This was the runaway winner and it's not getting topped for a long time.

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