

Takeover: WarGames 2020 Preview



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We're already back to Takeover but this time around we have a special attraction which is all you need to sell the show. This time around it's WarGames, with a pair of the show's namesake matches. That should make for some awesome stuff in its own right, but there are some other things in there to help fill in the gap. I have a good feeling of where this one is going so let's get to it.

Dexter Lumis vs. Cameron Grimes

Let's get this one out of the way first. This is a strap match as Grimes keeps trying to run off so now they're tying him to the monster. I would be scared of Lumis as well, as he is the kind of guy where I really don't get what WWE sees in him but that hasn't stopped them yet. Lumis continues to be just kind of there (literally in some cases as he just stands there a lot of the time) but Grimes is a national treasure, so it balances out a bit.

I'll take Lumis to win here because that's how NXT works with him, though Grimes is the kind of guy who can stay over without ever winning a single thing. All I can hope for here is to have Grimes steal the show and do whatever he can,

because that's the best thing that I can hope for here. Lumis is absolutely not the worst thing in the world, but he isn't someone I want to see in a spot like this. Grimes loses, and I shake my head a bit more.

North American Title: Leon Ruff(c) vs. Damian Priest vs. Johnny Gargano

So we have the big culmination of Gargano messing around with Ruff and losing the title to him, though Ruff has decided to stand up for himself and fight both of them at once. This sounds like something where Ruff should get destroyed so one of them will win the title...and yeah that's probably exactly what we are going to be seeing here, as we should be getting.

I'll take Gargano to win here, even though him winning a third time seems to be a little bit much. Ruff does not need to hold onto the title to keep the gag going any longer and the point has already been made. Gargano barely got to hold the title and Priest already had a decent reign (though I could go for more of him holding the title in the future). Go with what was planned before we took the detour, meaning Gargano wins.

Tommaso Ciampa vs. Timothy Thatcher

This is much more of a grudge match, as Ciampa went after Thatcher, who doesn't take kindly to that. Therefore, let's have a match. That's about as easy of a plot as you can get and the rest is dressing everything else up to make the whole story work. They have good chemistry here too and I want to see where it goes. You don't get that very often in a grudge match and it should work out.

As much as I want to go with Thatcher here, Ciampa needs to get back on the winning track and I can't imagine Thatcher beating him. Unless Thatcher's student interferes, it would make the most sense to have Ciampa go over here. If nothing else, you need a nice moment for one of the winners here as there might not be many other things for them to get behind

here. Ciampa wins, because he kind of has to.

Women's WarGames

This has been a little bit of a weird one as it seems to stem from Candice LeRae destroying Shotzi Blackheart's tank. That is quite the forced reason to start up a WarGames match, but...well ok I haven't heard many worse, but at least there is a reason to have this one. Granted the teams have been thrown together and I'm not sure how much of a reason they have to be here other than there need to be some people on the teams, but WarGames is better than nothing.

I'm sure Blackheart is going to have her new tank here but I think I'll go with Team LeRae for the win here. They have a stacked lineup and seem to have a bit more chemistry, though I'm not sure who they have who is going to take out Rhea Ripley. I'm probably wrong on this one, but I really don't know if I can see Blackheart and her merry band winning here, so we'll go with LeRae.

Men's WarGames

Now this is a much more traditional WarGames matches you have two teams ready to fight each other. Believe it or not, one of them is the Undisputed Era, who has been in one of them every year so far. That does not exactly bode well for their futures, but at least they are the established name in the match ala the Horsemen. It gives them some more possibilities, and I think we are going to get to the important one.

I'll take Pat McAfee and Company (their official name as far as I'm concerned) for the win here, because they have nowhere to go with a loss and the Undisputed Era doesn't need to win a thing at this point. If nothing else, the main event of the next Takeover almost has to be Pete Dunne taking the NXT Title from Finn Balor (unless Karrion Kross is ready again, though I'm not sure I can imagine going with him again as champion) and this is a good way to get him there. McAfee and Company

win, as the Undisputed Era...oh of course they aren't going up yet, because that's just not what they do.

Overall Thoughts

This is the first time in a long while that I have felt interested in a Takeover just by looking at the card. The show is looking like it will hit on every point, which is where Takeover tends to shine. There is always the chance that things could go slightly beneath expectations, but just putting WarGames on the card should be more than enough to carry the whole thing. I think.

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