

# Wrestlemania Count-Up – Wrestlemania XXIV (2015 Redo): The Awesome Freak Show Match

## Wrestlemania XXIV

Date: March 30, 2008

Location: Citrus Bowl, Orlando, Florida

Attendance: 74,365

Commentators: Jim Ross, Jerry Lawler, Michael Cole, Jonathan Coachman, Joey Styles, Tazz

We're really entering into a different era around this time as Cena and Orton are steps ahead of everyone else and Edge is on the rise. This was an interesting time though as a lot of the people from the last few years are now firmly on top of the company, showing that you actually can rise up the ranks. If you're a chosen one when you start of course. Let's get to it.

## Pre-Show: Battle Royal

Jim Duggan, Shannon Moore, Jimmy Wang Yang, Val Venis, Cody Rhodes, Hardcore Holly, Jesse, Festus, Stevie Richards, Jamie Noble, Tommy Dreamer, Kofi Kingston, Brian Kendrick, Kane, Great Khali, Miz, Mark Henry, Deuce, Domino, Elijah Burke, Lance Cade, Trevor Murdoch, Chuck Palumbo, Snitsky

There's actually something on the line here as the winner gets an ECW Title shot during the regular show. Yang is a cowboy, Cody is Dusty's son, Jesse is a country boy and his partner Festus is a vegetable until the bell rings, Kendrick is a high flier, Deuce and Domino are greasers (leather jackets, white shirts, slicked back hair like they're from the 1950s), Miz is one half of the Smackdown Tag Team Champions and Palumbo is now a biker.

No Raw vs. Smackdown this year. Festus starts fast and throws out Deuce and Domino in the first minute. Khali gets rid of Duggan and Burke does the same to Richards. That earns Elijah a chokeslam to the floor from Kane. Miz is out a few seconds later but Cody is able to skin the cat to save himself. Henry backdrops Yang and Moore out at the same time. There goes Jesse, Murdoch, Festus, Kendrick and Cade in less than 45 seconds.

Kofi, Venis and Rhodes are gone in even less time, leaving us with Noble, Kane, Henry, Palumbo, Khali, Snitsky, Dreamer and Holly. Noble gets kicked to the floor and Khali chops Palumbo out a second later. Everyone left gets rid of Khali and Holly is out soon after. Dreamer follows him out and we're down to Snitsky, Kane and Henry. Mark quickly throws out Snitsky but Kane kicks him in the head to win at 6:45.

**Rating:** D. That's one of the fastest battle royals I've ever seen and I can barely tell you who was in it. Kane winning is a good choice as you can plug him into whatever you need and have him look good due to his size and power alone. At least this was short, which might have to do with it being streamed live on WWE.com. They might not have wanted it to go long in case something went wrong which makes thing easier on me.

We open with a military fly over which takes advantage of the unique venue.

John Legend sings America the Beautiful. There's a big canopy over the ring for a pretty cool look. There are palm trees around the stadium for some atmosphere.

The opening video again focuses on Wrestlemania moments and how the entire year leads to this night. Flair caps it off by saying you never know when it could be your last. The second half of the video talks about how many things can happen in a year, which leads into the stories that are dominating this show.

### Finlay vs. John Bradshaw Layfield

This is a Belfast Brawl, meaning street fight. This is part of a long story where Hornswoggle was revealed to be Vince's illegitimate son so Vince tortured him with a bunch of matches he had no chance of winning.

One such match was against Vince, but JBL (far slimmer after taking time off due to his back injury) beat Hornswoggle within an inch of his life instead. It was then revealed that Finlay was Hornswoggle's father to make this especially personal.

Hornswoggle makes his big (work with me here) return and the fans are....well it's hard to say given how big the stadium is. They start brawling on the floor and it's already time for some standard weapons. A string of trashcan lid and cookie sheet shots put Finlay down so JBL brings in some steps, only to have Finlay backdrop out of a powerbomb attempt. JBL kicks him in the face and grabs a garbage can, only to have Hornswoggle hit him in the back with a kendo stick to save his papa. The shillelagh to the head sends JBL outside and it's table time.

Finlay loads one up in the corner but JBL slaps Hornswoggle, knocking him out cold. This was a good example of the weird way they treated Hornswoggle as he seemed to be a kid at times, despite having a beard and being in his early 20s. Finlay beats JBL up for the son abuse and loads up a suicide dive, only to go head first into a trashcan lid. To be fair that dive was going to be a foot short anyway.

JBL throws a trashcan at Hornswoggle because he knows how to be a great villain. Back in and Finlay hammers away with a trashcan lid and drives him through the table for two. Finlay loads up the steps but takes a kendo stick to the knees, driving his face into the steel. JBL's Clothesline ends this at 8:37.

**Rating:** C+. I had a much better time with this than I probably should have but this was a fun match. JBL is an under appreciated heel as knows how to drive a crowd crazy and then takes a beating when he needs to. The Finlay story didn't really go anywhere but it was cool to see someone as talented as he was getting a story for a change. Fun brawl too, though you would think Finlay goes over here.

Special guest host Kim Kardashian (just get through it) previews Money in the Bank until Mr. Kennedy comes in to say he's going to win his second in a row. Kim looks terrified, because this is SO beneath the stuff on her shows.

John Morrison vs. Carlito vs. Shelton Benjamin vs. CM Punk vs. Mr. Kennedy vs. MVP vs. Chris Jericho

Money in the Bank. Morrison is Miz's partner in the Smackdown Tag Team Champions, Shelton now wears gold and has yellow hair because he's the gold standard (guess how well this went), MVP is US Champion (having won it the month after last year's Wrestlemania) and Jericho, the Intercontinental Champion, came back in November. This would become a trend of the midcard titles not being defended at Wrestlemania.

Kennedy goes for a ladder before the bell but MVP pulls out a small ladder to clean house. Jericho knocks him down with a regular one so Morrison picks up the small ladder and throws it at Jericho to take over. In an awesome spot, Morrison takes the small ladder to the top and moonsaults down onto four people in a huge crash.

Kennedy goes up but Morrison rides another ladder out of the corner to land on the one in the middle. Kennedy loads up a superplex on Morrison but Shelton dives over the ladder to add a sunset bomb for a HUGE crash. Back up and Shelton tries the springboard onto the standing ladder but it topples over, leaving Punk to take Benjamin out with the GTS. Carlito has to deal with MVP by taking out his knee with another ladder. That's a smart move that most people don't think of for some reason.

Benjamin is back up with a spinwheel kick to drop Carlito but Kennedy and Carlito shove the ladder over, knocking Shelton through a ladder that was bridged between the apron and barricade ala Edge last year. Morrison and Jericho go up and John gets caught in the Walls on top of the ladder. Kennedy, Jericho and Punk climb at the same time but Carlito springboards onto the ladder as well. Not as high as Shelton got last year but it still looked good.

Kennedy pulls Punk down and Carlito gives Jericho a huge Backstabber to leave everyone down. MVP is left all alone but Matt Hardy makes his return through the crowd and takes him down with a Twist of Fate off the ladder. Morrison is put in the corner and a ladder is bridged over him, followed by the top of another ladder being wedged into the bottom rung of the first ladder, making a big V shape.

Morrison shoves the V forward and climbs the standing ladder thanks to the power of physics but the ladders are shoved down a few seconds later. Carlito goes up and spits apple in Jericho's face, only to get pushed into another ladder in the corner. It's Punk back in with the little ladder but Jericho takes him down with a Codebreaker onto the ladder. Punk gets back up in a hurry and both guys climb, only to have Punk trip Jericho, tying him into the rungs of the ladder and allowing Punk to win at 13:54.

**Rating:** B-. Another good match here as they had a bit more time, though again there were WAY too many people out there. Punk winning really was a big change of pace and a sign that there might be someone new coming up the ranks. The fans were behind him and he was getting over with pure hard work and a cool character. What more can you ask for than that?

Video of last night's Hall of Fame ceremony with highlights of Rock inducting his father and grandfather and Flair's induction.

Here's the full Class of 2008 presentation for the live audience: the Brisco Brothers (Jack and Jerry), Gordon Solie (represented by his family), Rocky Johnson, Peter Maivia (represented his family), Eddie Graham (represented by his son Mike), Mae Young (who of course tries to strip until Mike Graham stops her) and Ric Flair (represented by his children, including future Divas Champion Charlotte). This was a VERY Championship Wrestling From Florida heavy show for a nice touch.

Snoop Dogg, the master of ceremonies for the Playboy match later tonight, is having a great time tonight. He's found a friend in Festus because they like the same cars and movies. Santino Marella, still a villain, comes in to ask Snoopy where Charlie Brown is. Snoop isn't interested and rings a bell to make Festus go nuts. Mick Foley comes in to say have a nice dizzle. Snoop came off as the most natural celebrity in years and someone who was actually enjoying himself.

### Batista vs. Umaga

Battle for brand supremacy because that's still a thing. Raw GM William Regal and Smackdown Assistant GM are in the ring for the entrance. As is his custom, Regal calls Umaga "Youmanga". This is one heck of a drop for

both guys as this is as much of a throwaway match as you can have on a show this big.

Batista hammers away and shoulders Umaga out to the floor for some Samoan shouting. Back in and Umaga simplifies things by kicking Batista in the face and splashing him for two. The slow stomping begins and we hit the nerve hold as the fans chant "000-000-UMAGA!" I think you can say Batista has lost a little bit in the last year or two.

Batista avoids a middle rope headbutt but his back gives out on a slam to give Umaga two more. Back to the nerve hold and the fans start up with that chant again. Umaga drags him to the corner but Batista gets to his feet and slugs away, drawing amazing boos. The Samoan Spike is blocked and Umaga goes head first into the post. Batista's spinebuster sets up the Batista Bomb (with Batista falling down) for the pin at 7:07.

**Rating:** D-. Well that's taken care of at least. They kept it short to help things out a bit but this was a waste of time. The fans clearly didn't care because again, the brand supremacy thing is a bad idea. Why do I care if Raw or Smackdown is better, and above all else, how does this prove that one of them is better? It wasn't even a good match as Umaga just beat him up for about five minutes and then Batista made his comeback with his finishers to win. Bad idea and lame match.

The announcers preview Floyd Mayweather Jr. vs. Big Show in an anything goes match.

Mayweather and his entourage are ready.

We recap Kane winning the battle royal on the pre-show.

ECW Title: Chavo Guerrero vs. Kane

Chavo is defending. Kane comes out of the crowd to sneak up on Chavo and it's bell, chokeslam, pin and a new champion in 11 seconds.

Here's a vignette of Maria and Carlito at dinner. A seagull attacks him and is probably beaten to death. Maria is disgusted as you would expect. This is a commercial for...the show we're already watching. Ok then.

Actress Raven-Symone is here for Make-A-Wish. She gets in the ring, shouts about the kids here REALLY LOUDLY, and then leaves. Remember how calm and laid back Snoop Dogg was? That's not what happened here.

We recap Shawn Michaels vs. Ric Flair. Shawn announced Ric as the first member of the Hall of Fame Class of 2008 and Ric challenged him for a career ending match here. If Flair can't beat Shawn, he doesn't want to keep going. Shawn said he was bringing Flair his best but called Flair Old Yeller. That wasn't cool with Flair, though this is 95% about respect. Like I said, pretty much everyone knows what's happening here and there isn't much of an effort to hide it. The video turns into a career highlight package on Flair, which is always cool to see.

Ric is asked about his game plan for tonight. Flair: "Game plan? To be the man."

### Ric Flair vs. Shawn Michaels

Flair's career is on the line. Shawn reaches for his hands but Ric pulls them away and slicks back his hair for the strut. We're in for a greatest hits match here and that's all it needs to be. They trade hammerlocks to start until both guys go to the mat. Back up and a hiptoss annoys Shawn so Flair shoves him and shouts "OLD YELLER HUH?" That earns him a slap to the face and a bloody lip as things get a bit rougher.

Shawn stops a charge with a raised boot in the corner, only to get slammed off the top. Ric goes up this time and actually hits the cross body. Lawler: "IT WORKED!" Once every twenty five years is fine. The Figure Four is broken up and Flair is kicked to the floor, only to sidestep an Asai moonsault, sending Shawn ribs first into the edge of the table. That landing made me cringe and legitimately cracked Shawn's ribs.

A belly to back gets two for Flair and JR points out that Charles Robinson, a lifelong Flair mega fan (called Little Naitch back in WCW) is refereeing. What a thrill that must be for him. Flair gets two more off a butterfly suplex but Shawn grabs a swinging neckbreaker to get a breather. They go back to the floor and Shawn, ever the crazy one, actually tries a moonsault to the floor, which only bangs up his ribs even more.

Back in and the ribs give out again but Shawn goes up top for the elbow anyway. The Band is tuned up but Shawn can't do it, allowing Flair to sweep the legs and put on the Figure Four to one of the best reactions of the night. The hold is reversed and broken so Shawn gets two off a sunset flip. It's time to get into Flair's wheelhouse with a chopblock and now we get the long Figure Four. Ric blocks a counter attempt but Shawn is in the ropes soon.

A superkick out of nowhere gets two and Shawn doesn't think he can bring himself to do it again. Flair blocks another superkick with a low blow but Shawn comes right back with a reverse Figure Four of all things. Flair makes the ropes again but pokes Shawn in the eye just in case. They chop it out from their knees until Shawn scores with a superkick out of nowhere. No cover though as they both very slowly get up. Flair puts up his fist and says come on, setting up the line of "I'm sorry, I love you" before the third Sweet Chin Music ends Flair's career at 20:25.

**Rating:** B-. This is a really tough one to grade as while it's full of emotion, it's really not all that great. The ending being obvious and both guys respecting each other made this more of a countdown until the big superkick to end it. It's definitely good and the ending was as close to perfect as you could get (though I would have gone with a hot ending sequence where Shawn's instincts take over and he wins with a rollup before realizing what he did because a wrestler is supposed to go for the win).

This led to the tear jerking retirement ceremony the next night which was worth every bit of this match. Finally, this was going to close the show but Flair said absolutely not because the show should be about the World Title. It's very cool to see someone do something selfless like that, because this is a far more emotional moment than either of those matches. Flair was way past being past his prime so this was about as good as it was going to get, which is sad but a fact of life.

Flair gets the big emotional sendoff (with nothing from the announcers, a trait they need to relearn today), walks up the ramp, and takes one last bow.



Smackdown World Champion Edge talks about being in the crowd at Wrestlemania VI where his hero Hulk Hogan lost. That loss took away his innocence, but tonight he can't wait to take away the innocence of all the Undertaker's fans when he takes out their hero.

Here are some fireworks to bring the fans back to life.

### Beth Phoenix/Melina vs. Maria/Ashley

This is the Playboy lumberjill match (Maria was the new cover girl) with Snoop Dogg as...I guess you would say host. Either way he comes out in a golf cart with the other Divas around him. Snoop does the introductions and Maria's theme music "With Legs Like That" continues to be one of the catchiest songs WWE has ever had. Beth, a very strong and talented wrestler, is Women's Champion and Melina has big feathers in her hands that make her look like a peacock. Maria's ex-boyfriend Santino is with Beth and Melina because he doesn't like her being in Playboy.

Beth and Ashley get things going with Beth tossing her around like it's nothing. Maria comes in to help on a double hiptoss and it's just sad. Melina is sent to the floor and the lumberjills kind of beat her up before throwing her back inside. Ashley does a bad headscissors and something like a facebuster out of the corner. Melina sends her to the floor for a beating and it's off to Beth for a bearhug.

In a unique move, Beth puts Melina on her shoulders and flips her back into a moonsault for two. Ashley kicked out but Maria dove in for the save anyway. Ignore the fact that she was two seconds later. Maria comes back in and there go the lights. I know the match is bad but that's a bit drastic. We get a spotlight back as Maria "bulldogs" her way out of the Glam Slam (double chickenwing slam).

Everything breaks down and Ashley dives onto some lumberjacks, leaving Maria to come off the top with a clothesline. Santino breaks up the cover so Lawler goes over to break him up (They've been having issues since Santino stole Lawler's Subway sandwich. Just go with it.). In the melee, Phoenix takes Maria out with a fisherman's buster for the pin at 5:58.

**Rating:** D-. Same problems in a different year. At the end of the day,

Ashley and Maria just are not very good in the ring because they're models with almost no experience. The match did its job of calming the fans down while the fans were still emotional and gave a lot of them good looking women to stare at so it worked on that end but good grief the match was bad.

Post match Santino goes after Maria but Snoop makes the save and kisses Maria.

We recap the Raw World Title match. Orton is defending, HHH earned a title shot inside the Elimination Chamber and Cena returned WAY early from an injury to win the 2008 Royal Rumble. Cena lost his title shot at No Way Out 2008 but beat Orton in a match on Raw to get another shot.

#### Raw World Title: John Cena vs. Randy Orton vs. HHH

Orton is defending and Cena's big entrance this year is a marching band and drum majorettes. We even get some big match intros. Orton grabs the belt and hits HHH to get it down to one on one early on. Cena takes over but HHH is back up to take Orton to the floor for a beating against the announcers' table. Back in and HHH goes with a devastating sleeper, only to have Cena pick them both up at once for a double FU.

HHH slips off and kicks Cena low, leaving the champ to hit a backbreaker on HHH for two. They head up top but HHH pulls Cena off and gets him on his shoulders. Orton comes back with a high cross body, followed by his elevated DDT to both guys. He goes into the crouched position but the RKO to Cena is shrugged off with Orton landing on HHH. The top rope Fameasser looks to set up the STFU on the champ but Orton sends him into the post instead.

HHH gets back up and starts in on Orton's knee but walks into a quick RKO. It's Cena back in with the STFU on the champ but just like he did with Shawn four years ago, HHH grabs the arm to block the tap. The Indian Deathlock puts Orton in trouble again until Cena breaks it up and sends HHH over the corner. There's another STFU on Randy until HHH makes yet another save by pulling the arms apart and putting HHH in the Crossface.

With Orton down, Cena wins a slugout against HHH and initiates his

finishing sequence. The FU is countered into the Pedigree which is countered just as quickly. HHH comes back with a facebuster and spinebuster (that's a lot of busting) but has to take Orton's knee out again. Now the Pedigree connects but Orton runs in with the Punt (running kick to the head) to pin Cena at 14:10.

**Rating:** B. They kept it moving out there but there's no way you could have these three put together a match that was going to live up to the expectations of having the three top stars on Raw together in one match. It's still entertaining and the match flew by as they didn't bother trying anything aside from hitting big move. That's not the easiest style in the world to work but it was solid enough here. Good match, though it didn't feel like a big time Wrestlemania match.

We recap Mayweather vs. Big Show. Mayweather was at No Way Out and jumped the barricade for a fight with Show, who got down on one knee to compensate for the height. Show laughed at him so Mayweather threw punches so fast that Big Show couldn't even see them, breaking Show's nose. A match was made with the fighter vs. the wrestler, though it's really not clear who is good and who is bad. Mayweather is the small guy but he's been a huge jerk the whole time. Show on the other hand has been a bully who is talking about defending wrestling's honor. It was really confusing, though I think Mayweather is the good guy.

#### Floyd Mayweather Jr. vs. Big Show

Anything goes. Money rains down during Mayweather's entrance for a cool visual, even though it was done last year. They circle each other for most of the first minute until Mayweather gets in a body shot. Show is annoyed so Floyd gets in a few extended shots to the jaw. They head to the corner and Mayweather drinks water from a chalice. Show gets annoyed and decks part of Mayweather's entourage as this is already falling apart.

Now the big man gets smart by trying to stomp on Mayweather's hands. An attempt at a chokeslam is much dumber though as it puts Mayweather at eye level with him, allowing him to get in a right hand and sleeper. It works better than most wrestlers' sleepers do on Show but he eventually flips

Mayweather to the mat and stomps on the hand. There's a BIG overhand chop in the corner and Show steps on Floyd's back (Entourage member: "YOU CAN'T DO THAT!").

Show plants him with a side slam and steps on the ribs, followed by playing to the fans like the hero. Again, Show, as in the guy a foot and a half taller and THREE HUNDRED POUNDS heavier is the good guy? Floyd tries to leave but gets caught with ease because a beaten down boxer can't outrun a giant. Back in and another entourage member breaks up a chokeslam, only to take it himself. Floyd gets the chair and chops Show down a bit, followed by a low blow. Three chair shots to the head put Show on one knee and some brass knuckles to the jaw gives Mayweather the knockout win at 11:40.

**Rating:** B. This is old school insanity that you can only get in wrestling. Mayweather was a big draw here and the match was so much fun. Of course the quality isn't there but what are you expecting from these guys? There's no way you can have this be a competitive match as Show would just have to get his hands on him once to win so there wasn't much else they could do here. Fun stuff here if you remember that it's a show and not a competitive match.

Another commercial for the show we're on.

Kim Kardashian (I forgot she was here) comes out to announce the attendance and clearly doesn't want to be there.

We recap Undertaker vs. Edge, which is fallout from the previous year where Edge used Money in the Bank to take the title from Undertaker but then got hurt for most of the second half of the year. Undertaker won the Elimination Chamber (one of two that year) to get a spot here. Edge wants to break the Streak as well as defend his title.

Smackdown World Title: Edge vs. Undertaker

Edge is defending and here come the druids. Smackdown GM and Edge's perpetually injured girlfriend Vickie Guerrero is wheeled out to the stage. Edge goes right after him to start but that's just fine with Undertaker, who hammers away in the corner. Old School is broken up but

Undertaker throws Edge back into the corner for more choking. A running jumping knee of all things smashes Edge in the face. He gets the better of it though as Undertaker crashes out to the floor and might have hurt his back and/or arm.

Edge stays in control with a swinging neckbreaker across the top rope, followed by a running shoulder in the ribs. They're slowing things up a bit now and it fits the match better. Edge tries to go up top but gets shoved all the way down to the floor for a crash. Is it any wonder that he retired due to all of his injuries? The Taker Dive makes things even worse for Edge and Undertaker scores with the apron legdrop (called a dropkick by Coach, who never was a very good commentator).

Back in and Undertaker's back won't let him use the Last Ride so Edge knocks him to the floor and drops him back first across the barricade and right next to what looks like a pulled pork sandwich. The champ throws on a half crab and puts a knee in the back to make it even worse. The hold stays on for a good while but they keep struggling instead of just laying on the mat. That's something you don't see enough these days as holds are often spent just laying around. Undertaker trying to fight out of it isn't the most interesting thing in the world but it's showing effort instead of resting.

Edge loses a slugout and takes Snake Eyes but stops the big boot with a dropkick. The Impaler gets two but the spear hits knee, setting up a chokeslam for two. Old School is broken up as well and a top rope superplex gets two more for the champ. There are the required right hands in the corner to set up the Last Ride but Edge is smart enough to slip out and grab a neckbreaker for two.

Edge can't counter another Last Ride though so he has to kick out instead. You don't see that very often. We're not done with the counters as the Tombstone is reversed into the Edge-0-Matic (reverse X-Factor). Undertaker kicks Edge in the face but tries a second one and takes out the referee by mistake. With no one watching (save for 74,000 people), Edge gets in a low blow and a shot with a camera.

No referee though so Edge tries a Tombstone and is of course reversed

because EVERYONE (not named Kane) IS REVERSED. Another referee runs down the LONG ramp to count a very delayed two but here come Curt Hawkins and Zack Ryder (the Edgeheads, some of Edge's cronies) for a distraction, allowing Edge to hit the spear for two. The spear connects again but Edge poses too long, allowing Undertaker to pull him into Hell's Gate (modified triangle choke) for the tap at 23:48.

**Rating:** A-. This is a forgotten classic which would be trumped by even better matches between the two later in the year. All of the counters were a great idea until Edge got just a bit too cocky until Undertaker caught him in something he couldn't get out of. Great match here and Undertaker's amazing Wrestlemania resume somehow gets even longer. Three World Titles is a great career and he's done it at the same show. That's nuts, especially when he's been around over seventeen years at this point and is still having great matches.

A lot of fireworks and the highlight package wrap it up.

**Overall Rating:** A-. People only remember the Flair match here but it's actually a heck of a show with only Batista vs. Umaga and the Divas being bad. There's emotion, great action, a good Money in the Bank and a big title change to close it out. That's a really good Wrestlemania but for some reason people don't talk about this one too much. Like I said, the main event is a forgotten classic and you have a lot of other good stuff backing it up. Great show and one of the better ones of this era.

### Ratings Comparison

John Bradshaw Layfield vs. Finlay

Original: C+

2013 Redo: C+

2015 Redo: C+

Shelton Benjamin vs. CM Punk vs. Carlito vs. Chris Jericho vs. MVP vs. Mr. Kennedy vs. John Morrison

Original: B

2013 Redo: B

2015 Redo: B-

Batista vs. Umaga

Original: F+

2013 Redo: D-

2015 Redo: D-

Kane vs. Chavo Guerrero

Original: N/A

2013 Redo: N/A

2015 Redo: N/A

Ric Flair vs. Shawn Michaels

Original: A

2013 Redo: B

2015 Redo: B-

Beth Phoenix/Melina vs. Maria/Ashley

Original: F

2013 Redo: F+

2015 Redo: D-

John Cena vs. HHH vs. Randy Orton

Original: C+

2013 Redo: B

2015 Redo: B

Floyd Mayweather vs. Big Show

Original: D-

2013 Redo: C+

2015 Redo: B

Edge vs. Undertaker

Original: A-

2013 Redo: A

2015 Redo: A-

Overall Rating

Original: C-

2013 Redo: A-

2015 Redo: A-

Dang that Mayweather vs. Show match got a nice bump.

Here's the original review if you're interested:

<http://kbwrestlingreviews.com/2011/03/31/583/>

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<http://kbwrestlingreviews.com/2013/04/02/wrestlemania-count-up-wrestlemania-xxiv-the-underrated-classic/>

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