

Monday Night Raw – May 2, 1994: Change

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Date: May 2, 1994

Location: Memorial Auditorium, Burlington, Vermont

Attendance: 2,500

Commentators: Randy Savage, Vince McMahon

It's time for another new month as I keep trying to finish up 1994. This time around we are in between Wrestlemania X and King of the Ring, putting us halfway between an all time classic and one of the worst shows in recorded history. I'm not sure what that is going to mean at the moment but maybe we can get something good out of this one. Let's get to it.

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

Last week, Captain Lou Albano was WAY too excited over the Headshrinkers getting a Tag Team Title shot this week. Johnny Polo (soon to be known as Raven) came out to yell so Randy Savage held him for a shot from Albano. The Quebecers ran out and it was such a mess that we had to go to the opening sequence. Did seem like a fairly hot ending though.

Opening sequence.

Tag Team Titles: Quebecers vs. Headshrinkers

The Quebecers are defending and have Johnny Polo here to balance out Afa and Albano. Pierre and Fatu start things off in a match that would be incredibly different today. Fatu runs him over without much effort and then drops Pierre with a headbutt. Jacques comes in and gets headbutted by Samu as everything breaks down. The champs are clotheslined out to the floor in a heap and it's time to walk to the back with Polo. Hold on though as we get the old "either come back and fight

or lose the titles" announcement, which Savage calls the ONLY decision. Savage doesn't quite know what ONLY means and we take a break.

Back with Fatu slamming Pierre for two and a big chop lets Fatu pose a bit. A clothesline Fatu outside though and Jacques sends him into the steps. That shouldn't hurt but a clothesline/STO combination seems to. Pierre is slammed onto Fatu for two and we take another break.

Back again with Samu coming in off the hot tag to clean house but misses the charge and gets his head caught in the ropes. The piledriver plants Samu and for some reason Vince thinks that would work. Instead of covering it's the Cannonball though, with Samu rolling out of the way. Afa and Albano beat up Johnny Polo as Jacques hits Pierre by mistake. Pierre hits Jacques back and it's back to Fatu for the double Stroke. Fatu's top rope splash connects for the pin and the titles at 20:14.

Rating: C. The match was a lot longer than it needed to be but I've always liked the Headshrinkers so it was good for a smile. They were never going to be the next big thing (though they held the titles until September) but this was still in the early days of Raw when a title change was still a big deal.

King Of The Ring report, with Todd Pettengill explaining the tournament and talking about how hard it is to win. There are some qualifying matches starting this weekend with only eight spots available. The show is going to be even better with Art Donovan making a special appearance. I don't think special is the right word.

Chief Jay Strongbow talks about how Tatanka is on the warpath. He sounds like he's reading announcements at the local library.

Tatanka vs. Derek Domino

Make your own Eric Clapton jokes. Tatanka starts fast by ramming him into the corner a few times and snaps off a belly to back suplex. Domino hits a loud chop, which just annoys Tatanka again (you NEVER annoy Tatanka). IRS calls in to explain that he destroyed Tatanka's headdress because there were gift taxes due. A head fake sends Domino down and a middle rope chop drops him again.

Some whips into the corner rock Domino again and a suplex has him falling over like a row of...never mind. Commentary does its pop culture stuff before moving on to Doink wanting revenge on Jeff Jarrett. We hit the armbar, because this match needs an armbar almost four minutes in. Domino gets in a few more shots but Tatanka goes on the war path to start the comeback. The Papoose To Go finishes Domino at 5:18.

Rating: D. This was a good bit longer than it needed to and it isn't like Strongbow means very much in Tatanka's corner. The armbar in the middle made me wonder how in the world this could have kept going, but that's 1994 WWF for you. The jobber didn't do much good either, as Domino didn't have much of an effect.

House show rundown.

It's time for the King's Court, with Jerry Lawler running down Piper's Pit to start. Piper isn't around anymore but he does have a new hobby: collecting dust. Speaking of relics, you have Razor Ramon, who is living life in the PAST lane. That brings us to his guest, the man who defeated Ramon for the Intercontinental Title: Diesel.

Lawler asks about the lack of Shawn Michaels, but apparently Shawn sacrificed himself to help Diesel win the title. We see a clip of Diesel knocking Shawn off the top rope (by mistake) in the title match but he'll be back soon. As for Razor Ramon, he wasn't quite bad enough to hold onto the title. Diesel needs something else to do though, so he wants Bret Hart and

the WWF Title at King of the Ring.

Fans have been seeing the Undertaker in various places.
Like....outside on a slide!

Yokozuna vs. Mike Davis/Scott Taylor

Yokozuna has Jim Cornette and Mr. Fuji with him as usual. Yokozuna knocks Davis down to start and drops the leg as Savage reads a copy about a "world premiere movie encore". A swinging Rock Bottom plants Taylor (the future Scotty 2 Hotty) and he gets sent outside, which Cornette says is the Yokozuna Delivery Service. Yokozuna throws Davis in the general vicinity of the rope instead of over it, leaving Taylor to get planted with a belly to back. Back in and commentary talks about wacky things in baseball because this isn't exactly going anywhere. A double Banzai Drop wraps it up.

Rating: D+. It could have been worse, but this was a rather slow paced squash with Yokozuna being a bit beyond the point where this was impressive. It was hardly terrible but you're only going to get so much out of a match like this. At least Cornette was there for a good line with the delivery service.

Post match Davis gets his own Banzai Drop, with Yokozuna sitting on him for a bit longer. There's another for Taylor as well, with Savage begging for someone to get Yokozuna a chair. Cue Earthquake to clear Yokozuna out.

Post break Earthquake is sick of hearing about being asked when he'll face Yokozuna so the challenge is on.

Overall Rating: D+. The opener helped a lot as it was a fairly decent match with some time to go along with the title change. We're on the way to the King of the Ring, which is going to be a long haul because a lot of the show can't be advertised, though Earthquake vs. Yokozuna in a total freak show match could be a bit of fun. The rest though....egads this could be rough.

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