

Monday Night Raw – February 1, 1993: The Heavy Stuff

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Location: Manhattan Center, New York City, New York

Attendance: 1,000

Commentators: Vince McMahon, Randy Savage, Rob Bartlett

We're on to the second month and that means we are slowly making our way to Wrestlemania. This week will be the first show taped after the Royal Rumble so we should be able to focus on the fallout quite a bit more. Other than that, we could be in for anything in the early days of the show. Let's get to it.

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

Opening sequence.

Tatanka vs. Damien Demento

Tatanka starts fast with a small package and some slams, setting up a clothesline to the floor. Demento yells at no one in particular and gets chopped some more, both on the outside and in the corner back inside. A clothesline gets Demento out of trouble so he can talk to the ceiling some more, setting up an elbow for two. We hit the chinlock as Bartlett says he used to have Tatanka Trucks as a kid. The fans aren't thrilled so we get a WE WANT FLAIR chant, but they'll have to settle with Tatanka fighting up. It's time to go on the war path and the Papoose To Go finishes Demento at 4:10.

Rating: C-. Not much to see here, but it's not like they know what to do with Raw so far. Tatanka was still a solid midcarder if not upper midcarder at this point and still had the undefeated streak. Demento was such an odd guy that it

made sense to keep putting him out there in spots like this. Not a great match, but it could have been worse.

We see Bret Hart presenting the Red Cross with a \$100,000 check at the Headlock On Hunger show over the weekend. It's weird to see the wrestlers around the ring.

Here is Brutus Beefcake, who has been out of action for over two years after a horrible parasailing accident. He wants to make a comeback, because it has been a long time away. Right before the accident, Beefcake had to bury his mother and father, then his wife left him. THEN he got hit in the knees by a woman parasailing, and his entire face was crushed. The next thing he remembered was being in the hospital and they weren't giving him much of a chance. He couldn't even have an aspirin for an hour and was ready to put himself in God's hands.

Beefcake reached out his hand and it touched the hand of Hulk Hogan. It was Hulk who was there for him after he came out of surgery with his face barely held together. The red and yellow were the first things he saw when the bandages came off and now he has nothing left. That's why he went to Hogan again and was told to go for it one more time. Beefcake is back and ready to go for it again. This was a heck of a speech and a lot more emotional than you would have expected from Beefcake.

High Energy vs. Von Krus/Iron Mike Sharpe

High Energy is Owen Hart/Koko B. Ware and Von Krus would be better known as Vito. Sharpe shoves Owen away to start and high fives Krus, which doesn't count as a tag for no logical reason. Owen takes Sharpe right back down with an armbar and Ware comes in for a wishbone split. Krus comes in and gets taken down, setting up a spinebuster/middle rope dropkick combination into a jackknife pin at 1:32. Total squash and High Energy was...well there were worse teams.

We recap Doink the Clown attacking Crush a few weeks ago.

Doink the Clown vs. Typhoon

Doink takes him down by the leg without much trouble to start before grabbing a front facelock. Typhoon powers up and shoves him away without much effort, only to be taken down in another hurry. The reverse chinlock goes on as Vince no sells Bartlett's (very long and detailed) Clowns Anonymous jokes about Doink. Doink rides him to the mat again but Typhoon Hulks Up and hits a powerslam. Typhoon misses a charge in the corner though and Doink hits a middle rope clothesline for the pin (with tights) for the pin at 3:13.

Rating: D. I had forgotten just how bad Typhoon could be when he was asked to do much of anything on his own. It seemed like all he had was the ability to hit a splash, but that doesn't mean much when Doink is taking you down without any effort. Doink was far more interesting here as he actually had something to do, but egads this was rough and most of it was due to Typhoon not doing much of anything.

Here's what's coming on WWF Mania, including GIANT GONZALEZ!

We get a special tribute, including the ten bell salute, to Andre the Giant, who passed away last week. That's one of the all time important ones.

Yokozuna vs. Bobby DeVito

The bell rings and Bartlett is complaining about not having his own action figure. Yokozuna runs him over to start as we get a phone call from Jim Duggan, who knows he can knock "Yakazuma" off his feet. The running splash in the corner sets up the Banzai Drop to finish DeVito at 2:03 as Duggan praises America as much as he can in such a short amount of time.

Here is Money Inc. for a chat. Ted DiBiase talks about Humpty Dumpty, who crashed just like Brutus Beefcake's face. That was such a sad story but now Beefcake wants to get back in the ring. He can come back and face a champion, so we'll flip a

coin to decide if it's Ted DiBiase or IRS. Cue manager Jimmy Hart to say this is a waste of time because if one of them gets hurt, the team is over. DiBiase says it's just a workout and neither of them are getting hurt. IRS talks about how Beefcake is VERY LATE ON HIS TAXES but Hart says we have business to tend to.

Lex Luger vs. Jason Knight

This is Luger's in-ring debut and he has a mirror in the ring to admire himself. Cue a ring card girl who is rather large in her own right, much to Luger's annoyance. Hold on though as we need to see Mr. Perfect throwing passes to a Minnesota Vikings tight end. That's good enough, but Perfect makes it even better by passing the ball...and catching it himself. With that theme song behind him, I'd believe he can do it. Vince isn't sure what to make of that but he certainly knows what to make of Luger. An armdrag takes Knight down and Luger gets the chance to pose. Knight manages to send him into the corner but charges into a boot to the face, setting up a heck of a clothesline. There's the powerslam and the forearm finishes Knight at 2:39.

Post match Luger goes old school with a giant swing of all things.

Vince lets us know that the show is pre-empted by the Westminster Dog Show next week so we're back on February 15.

Overall Rating: C-. This was much more of a storyline based show than a wrestling one as the Beefcake/Money Inc. deal was by far the biggest part. That worked out well, as Beefcake had a rather emotional story and I could go for seeing if he can do anything in the ring to back it up. Unfortunately there wasn't much else on the show worth seeing, but at least they seem to have a big story in place at the moment.

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