

Wrestlemania XXXVIII Night Two Preview

Dang it feels like we only did one of these things yesterday. It is time for the second night of Wrestlemania XXXVIII and they're actually going to have their work cut out for them to do better than the first night. While I doubt anything is approaching Steve Austin actually having a match, there is a major main event that is going to have a lot behind the whole thing. Let's get to it.

Johnny Knoxville vs. Sami Zayn

This is an Anything Goes match so Knoxville and his friends can get together and do a variety of wacky things to Zayn. That isn't the most interesting way to go if you aren't a Jackass fan, but this is a celebrity appearance that might work out. The point of Jackass seems to be seeing things happen to its cast so having Knoxville in a match is as good as anything else.

I'll take Knoxville to win for the "feel good" moment, as Zayn has long since proven that he can take a loss like few others. I'm not sure how well the match is going to be but it should be a heck of a spectacle, all things considered. Now just find something else for Zayn to do after this, as he deserves something a bit more serious. This should be a one off, but it is going to be a weird one.

Bobby Lashley vs. Omos

In the non-existent tradition of the Colossal Jostle, we have a battle of monsters. Omos is the unstoppable force and Lashley is the thing that can stop an unstoppable force. Therefore, they have a big showdown here with the two clashing in a match with all of six days' build. Omos seems to be the next project monster though and that should give you an idea

of what is coming.

Alas, I'll take Omos here, though I have no idea how much long term potential he really has. What bothers me here is the fact that Lashley is going to lose after coming back from his injury, all for the sake of pushing Omos as the new monster. That might not be the worst idea in theory, but does it really have to be Lashley putting him over here? There was nothing else for Lashley to do?

AJ Styles vs. Edge

Now this one has my attention based on name value alone. I haven't exactly cared for how Edge has been portrayed coming into the match, but come on. It's Edge vs. Styles at WrestleMania with a personal story. That is about all you are going to need and the match should be a potential show stealing contender. I can buy these two as having a classic and that is a nice feeling to have.

I'll go with Edge to win here, as he seems to have more going on at the moment than Styles. I'm sure Styles will give this everything he has, but this is Edge's to win as he seems likely to move on to something bigger. You can probably expect a lot out of this match though and that should make for one of the best things about the show, which makes me interested in this one.

Women's Tag Team Titles: Carmella/Queen Zelina(c) vs. Liv Morgan/Rhea Ripley vs. Natalya/Shayna Baszler vs. Sasha Banks/Naomi

To recap, we have some thrown together challengers facing off with champions who can't get along, but one of them has a reality show to promote. This is where you throw out any and all wrestling logic because almost anything ridiculous is probably going to take place, like it or not.

I'd like to say Morgan and Ripley win the titles here, but

this is probably heading towards the champions retaining. It is basically what happened in the NXT Women's Title match and WWE likes to use the same idea over and over. These titles continue to mean very little but you know WWE isn't dropping the things, leaving us with kind of a big mess to cover, though odds are this sees the champs retain. Lucky audience.

Raw Tag Team Titles: RKBro(c) vs. Alpha Academy vs. Street Profits

This is another situation where an entire division is put into a single match. RKBro got the titles back only a few weeks ago and now there is a strong chance that they lose them again. That does make things a bit more exciting, but I don't know if it is time for them to lose the titles. The Profits are also freshly heel, which means almost anyone is in play to leave with the titles.

While RKBro retaining would be the people's choice, I'm going with the Profits winning here. They are the only one of the trio not to get the belts during this story and that means they are overdue. It helps that they are having good matches at the moment as the heel turn continues to take hold. This could be a rather exciting match though and that is about all you can ask with so many people involved.

Pat McAfee vs. Austin Theory

This is probably the most confusing match on the whole show. So Vince McMahon sets Theory up, but then doesn't have much to do with Theory after. At the same time, Theory is regularly beating the Intercontinental and United States Champions yet hasn't been able to do anything about it because of McAfee. That is a weird way to set this up and WWE hit it on all points.

WWE loves to push the celebrities but McAfee is already in the tent so WWE will probably need to have him take a loss, meaning I'm taking Theory. As for Theory, he needs to win here

and move on to take either the United States or Intercontinental Title in the next month at most. He has already done well against the champs so far but for reasons of WWE, the title matches haven't gone yet. Let that happen after Theory takes out McAfee here.

WWE Title/Universal Title: Brock Lesnar(c) vs. Roman Reigns(c)

Yes it's Winner Take All, for at least the next few weeks or so. Again, WWE wants to unify the titles, because that worked so well the last time they tried it and Lesnar happened to be involved. This is the undisputed main event of the night and probably the weekend, though I don't think it quite lives up to the hype that WWE has been giving it. Now if only they can live up to the pressure.

Despite it being a year and a half long, I don't think it's time to take the title off of Reigns yet, meaning he gets the undisputed moniker. That being said, I don't expect the undisputed aspect to last more than a minute, maybe five at most. Lesnar has been very entertaining in recent weeks, but I don't know if he is going to be around long term like he has been in recent weeks. Now just make it work here.

Overall Thoughts

There is some potential on this card, assuming you don't mind celebrities wrestling and multiple teams getting Tag Team Title shots at the same time. Neither of these make for the most interesting moments, but that has never stopped WWE before. Hopefully the show winds up working, as it certainly has its work cut out for it coming off a pretty sweet first day. It's Wrestlemania day though and that's a great thing.

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