

Money In A Bank 2022 Preview

It's time to climb. We have reached another of WWE's major pay per view events and this time it is mostly going to be about becoming something close to #1 contender. As usual, there is a men's and women's version, both of which should have quite the collection of major spots. These shows tend to be a lot of fun, even if the build could use some work. Let's get to it.

Smackdown Women's Title: Ronda Rousey(c) vs. Natalya

Let's get this one out of the way before it puts me to sleep. This hasn't been an interesting feud as Natalya is by definition not interesting. Rousey hasn't been much better, but WWE has been trying to turn Natalya into something bigger than she is and it hasn't quite been working. That is what they are trying to do again here though, apparently due to Sasha Banks' latest meltdown.

Of course I'll go with Rousey winning here, as the story of "I ALMOST made her tap to the Sharpshooter in a non-match" isn't enough to sway me to the Natalya side. I'm sure the match itself will be fine as Natalya can get a decent one out of anybody but my goodness the story hasn't worked. Just get us on to Summerslam and a bigger opponent for Rousey...assuming they have one somewhere.

Raw Women's Title: Bianca Belair(c) vs. Carmella

Here is the other side of Banks and Naomi walking out, as Carmella gets this spot instead of, well, anyone who might be a better option. I know they're going with the MELLA IS MONEY stuff but come on. Carmella hasn't meant a thing as a singles wrestler in the better part of forever and there is little reason to believe that is going to change against one of the biggest stars in the division.

Belair retains here and she does so after some token control

from Carmella. There is no reason to believe that Carmella is getting the title from Belair, especially about three months into Belair's reign. This match is even more proof that there does not need to be Women's Tag Team Titles, as Carmella is somehow important enough to go after one of the singles belts. Maybe it is time to merge them, but for now, Belair retains and does so pretty handily.

Tag Team Titles: Usos(c) vs. Street Profits

This is the first title match where I have to pause for a second to think about the results. While it would make all the sense in the world for the Usos to retain, the Profits are just good enough that they could be a threat. The Usos are a great team, but someone is going to have to take the titles from them. While I'm not sold on the idea of it being the Profits, it wouldn't be the biggest upset in the world.

That being said, yeah the Usos retain here, as this isn't the right spot to take the belts off of them. The Profits will possibly be champions again someday, but they're up against a buzzsaw here. Let Ford get in another star making performance before the team ultimately falls, because it is going to take a major victory to get the titles off of the Usos. The Profits are capable of doing that, but I don't think they do it here.

US Title: Theory(c) vs. Bobby Lashley

This one has my interest because I could see it going either way. Theory is the new hot star in WWE and I could see him going over Lashley for a big win. At the same time, Lashley doesn't lose very often and it wouldn't shock me to see him get the title here. Lashley needs something to do though and there is a chance that someone interferes here and costs him the match.

I think I'll take Theory to win here, as WWE has put a good deal into him already and it would be a pretty big surprise to see him drop the title here. Lashley getting the win wouldn't

be the worst idea or a major shock, but Theory getting a win over a former WWE Champion would look good for him. Odds are there are some shenanigans, but Theory leaves with the title in the end.

Women's Money In The Bank Ladder Match

This is an interesting one as I'm not sure where they're going, though in this case that's due to no one really standing out. There are seven participants here and I think we can eliminate Alexa Bliss, Asuka and Shotzi. Bliss doesn't feel right for it, Asuka has been done and Shotzi isn't there. At the same time, I'll write off Lacey Evans because she has been back for all of a cup of coffee.

That leaves us with three, and I think I'll actually take Liv Morgan. I know it's a long shot as WWE has refused to pull the trigger on her for the better part of ever, but more or less handing her a win could be a way to go. Morgan is at the point where she pretty much has to win something at some point and a stolen title is better than no title at all. Becky Lynch is always an option and I wouldn't ignore Raquel Rodriguez, but I'll take Morgan in my prediction sure to be wrong.

Men's Money In The Bank Ladder Match

Now this one is a little more interesting as we have a few options for the winner. First of all, we'll drop Madcap Moss, Sami Zayn, Omos and Sheamus. They're not winning and there is no reason to believe that they will. I'll also drop Riddle, as it seems like he is destined for some big losses in the major matches. That leaves us with two options and I think I know where it is going.

The idea from WWE has been that the winner will cash in on the winner of Roman Reigns vs. Brock Lesnar at Summerslam, but I'll go with the second option and say Drew McIntyre. I could absolutely see McIntyre cashing in at Clash At The Castle for a regular title match instead of the surprise and that is

something that fits well for him. It would make sense for him, and hopefully that is where they go.

Overall Thoughts

You never can tell what you are going to get from these shows as the ladder matches can be rather hard to predict. The good thing is the matches should be fun and there is enough intrigue running around to make things fun, but it doesn't matter if WWE doesn't follow through on the good. Have a good show, but also have a follow through, which is often the more difficult part.

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