

# Monday Night Raw – October 2, 1995: As 1995 As It Gets

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Date: October 2, 1995

Location: Grand Center, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Attendance: 1,500

Commentators: Vince McMahon, Jerry Lawler

I'm back to Raw as the WWF is on the way towards In Your House: Great White North. In this case, that means WWF Champion Diesel will be defending against the British Bulldog, which is as In Your House of a main event as you can get. Other than that, we are in that weird period between Summerslam and Survivor Series so this isn't the hottest stretch. Let's get to it.

We open with a recap of Yokozuna accidentally splashing Owen Hart last week, allowing the Smoking Gunns to take the Tag Team Titles from them.

Here's a quick clip of Lawrence Taylor beating Bam Bam Bigelow on the Wrestlemania Special from over the weekend, as we look at a match from about six months ago.

## Razor Ramon vs. 1-2-3 Kid

This is billed as the last match between the two and that isn't the most out there of possibilities. Two weeks ago, Dean Douglas helped 1-2-3 Kid beat Razor (which Kid didn't see) so tonight it's a fair fight. Razor sends him outside to start but Kid is right back in with the rapid fire kicks in the corner. The fall away slam gives Razor two, only to have Kid come back with another kick for two of his own.

Cue Douglas to watch in the aisle as Razor punches Kid down but he leaves as Kid makes the comeback. Razor hits one heck

of a clothesline for the pin and yes it's as out of nowhere as it sounds. Hold on though as Kid slaps Razor in the face and I guess we're just going to keep going. Razor chops him in the corner and grabs the abdominal stretch. A charge in the corner hits Kid's raised boot though and we take a break.

Back with apparently a third fall, as Razor powerbombed him for the pin during the break, only to have Kid want to keep going. The belly to back superplex sets up the Razor's Edge, but Razor lets him go and grabs a small package to pin Kid, who is already out cold thanks to the superplex.

**Rating:** C-. This was a weird one as Razor more or less squashed him three times in a row with Kid only managing a few kicks. Commentary kept hyping up the idea of it being about respect, which worked well enough as Kid wouldn't stay down despite clearly being outclassed. Odds are there is more to this in the future, even with this one sided beating.

Respect is shown post match but Kid grabs a rollup for two, with the referee just going with this. Kid tells him to hit the Razor's Edge but Razor shakes his hand instead.

We look back at British Bulldog and Yokozuna wrecking Undertaker last week until Shawn Michaels and Diesel made the save.

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### Hunter Hearst Helmsley vs. Barry Horowitz

Horowitz is fresh off beating Skip a few times so it's pretty much the hottest time of his career. Helmsley takes him down into something like a cross armbreaker, allowing for a kick to the face. A takedown has Helmsley bailing to the ropes as Vince brags about last week's Raw being the most watched in history. Helmsley's curtsy sets up a suplex as Lawler talks

about the Simpson case.

Back up and Horowitz grabs a sunset flip for two, which just seems to annoy Helmsley. As expected, this leads to a discussion of the Pope coming to the United States, and Vince would love for him to come to the charity show at Madison Square Garden. Horowitz gets an elbow to the face into an abdominal stretch rollup for two (Patterson and Brisco's back grapple special in No Mercy) but the Pedigree finishes him off out of nowhere.

**Rating:** C-. This went a bit long but the good thing is that Horowitz felt like he could pull off the upset. That is what you get out of the wins over Skip, as Horowitz goes from a total loser to someone who just won a few weeks ago. At the same time though, Helmsley was still new and undefeated at this point so he wasn't about to be in any serious jeopardy to anyone, let alone Horowitz.

#### PG-13 vs. Al Brown/Sonny Rogers

PG-13's (they're white rappers from Memphis) USWA Tag Team Titles aren't on the line but they want the Smoking Gunns' WWF Tag Team Titles. Rogers works on Ice's arm to start but it's a running dropkick/Russian legsweep combination to take him down. Wolfie D knocks Rogers down and dances a lot as Lawler talks about the Simpson case gain. Rogers gets away and brings in Brown to clean house as Vince still can't remember which one is PG and which one is 13. The illegal Wolfie uses a distraction to hit a middle rope bulldog for two on Brown before an assisted splash finishes for JC Ice.

**Rating:** C. PG-13 looked decent in there for a team who was far better known for their gimmick than anything they did in the ring. It isn't like they were ever going to be anything important in the company but the annoying rapping deal will always work to some degree. If they can have an ok squash at the same time, that's even better.

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### Bret Hart vs. Jean-Pierre LaFitte

Rematch from Bret's victory at the most recent In Your House. LaFitte pounds him into the corner to start and a hard clothesline drops Bret again. A missed charge in the corner sends LaFitte crashing out to the floor, where Vince sends him into the steps. This lets Vince call the match a "demolition derby" for about the fifth time in less than three minutes.

Back in and Bret gets dropped throat first onto the ropes, setting up the chinlock. A heck of a clothesline keeps Bret in trouble and a top rope headbutt gets two. LaFitte's Stinger Splash sets off the LET'S GO BRET chants but another clothesline cuts off another comeback (that's working for LaFitte).

We take a break and come back with LaFitte missing the Cannonball but running Bret over for two more anyway. They head outside again with Bret being whipped hard into the steps, sending Lawler into euphoria on commentary (Lawler's hatred of Bret was always funny). Back in and Bret is fine enough to start the comeback, with the Russian legsweep getting two. LaFitte grabs a Regal Roll but the Cannonball is cut off again. Bret superplexes him down and puts on the Sharpshooter for the win.

**Rating:** B-. The match got some time and while it wasn't quite as good as their In Your House match, there is still something to be said about any Bret match going almost fifteen minutes. Not exactly a hidden gem, but Bret being able to get something out of a pirate in 1995 is pretty impressive. Good enough here, but Bret needs to move on to something more important.

Post match Lawler yells at Bret, who goes after him until Isaac Yankem jumps Bret from behind.

Post break Vince announces a cage match between Hart and

Yankem at some point in the coming weeks.

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The fans say OJ Simpson is not guilty by a margin of 51-49.

**Overall Rating:** C. This wasn't the best show but the main event and setup for the cage match worked well enough. Bret going from fighting a pirate to fighting a king to fighting a dentist is about as 1995 as you can get but at least we didn't have to deal with King Mabel. The rest of the show wasn't much to see, though Razor vs. Kid was certainly something different.

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