

Over The Limit 2010: When Punk Gets Mad

Note that this was written live in 2010 and the quality is far, far below what I would have today. I apologize in advance.

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Location: Joe Louis Arena, Detroit, Michigan

Commentators: Matt Striker, Jerry Lawler, Michael Cole

It seems like we're STILL on the same angles as we were on at Mania. I'm not sure if that's good or not. Allegedly tonight is Batista's last or one of his last appearances with WWE. I'm not so sure if that's the case or not but with the gimmick match tonight, it's certainly possible. Also on the card tonight we have Swagger vs. Big Show in a match I truly can't predict but on instinct it's Swagger. That all being said, let's get to it.

We have a Spanish announce team. That's rather odd for this day and age.

Intercontinental Title: Kofi Kingston vs. Drew McIntyre

Could Drew's music be sweeter? So remember the idea here is that Drew got stripped of the belt and Kofi won a tournament for it. Drew got it put back on him because Vince likes him. This is the big showdown for it I guess. Drew jumps him early as Striker thinks we need to know that it's been eleven years since the title has changed hands in Detroit. Ok then. The fans are all over Drew who is dominating early.

Apparently most people don't like working with him which is odd. I guess you can tell more when you're in the ring though. That makes more sense at least. Smackdown has definitely been

having the better in ring stuff lately and this shouldn't be an exception. Drew does one of those idiotic spots where he jumps into Kofi's feet when he puts them up. What the heck was that supposed to be? The set might look cool but I can't tell.

There's this weird kind of spotlight thing going on from the end of the arena behind the announcers. It's rather odd and looks like 6 lights coming off of it. Boom Drop in the corner of all places hits. Ok then. Trouble in Paradise misses and the SOS gets a clean pin. Wow did not see that one coming.

Post match Drew gets on the mic and says the show doesn't keep going until he's declared champion by Teddy Long. Instead we get Matt Hardy to an ERUPTION. Seriously it's been like two weeks not 4 months. Twist of Fate puts Drew down.

Rating: B-. Not bad for an opener I guess. Kofi winning is kind of a surprise but I'd bet on Drew being pushed higher up on the card or into something against Christian or someone like that. Anyway, Kofi doesn't need the title really, but then again neither does McIntyre. This worked well enough I guess and wasn't bad at all. Not up to their TV stuff but not bad at all.

Punk is looking in a mirror and says he's awesome. Tonight Mysterio goes straightedge. Luke hugs him which is kind of awkward.

We recap Ted DiBiase vs. R-Truth. This is a simple but effective feud. What more can you ask for? In short, Ted wanted Truth to be his Virgil.

Ted DiBiase vs. R-Truth

Truth's entrance is awesome. I'm not a fan of him but I have to give him that one. The real Virgil is here with him instead. You can't beat that for old school guys. Striker says rich people are better. Amen to that brother man. We even get a Virgil chant. WOW. Cole says that DiBiase paid a couple of

guys a few weeks ago to take out R-Truth. One was Carlito. That's rather amusing.

We get a Harley Race impression from about 1983 and the bounty to take out Flair. I love obscure references like that. Truth busts out a Downward Spiral. I hate that move. Virgil looks more or less exactly the same as he used to. That's either really impressive or bad. This is really sloppy. Truth...kind of hits the Lie Detector (spinning forearm) for the clean pin. That was bad. Virgil gets the Million Dollar Belt and tries to wake up DiBiase, despite the forearm grazing him at best.

Rating: D. Not very good and just SLOPPY. The stuff came off as weak looking and just all over the place. I didn't like what I was seeing and the Truth pin just came off as from out of nowhere, which isn't bad I guess.

Drew goes into Teddy's office and says change the decision. Drew destroys the office and a picture of Martin Luther King. Never mind as he doesn't wreck the picture.

We recap the Punk/Rey feud. More or less, Punk wants Rey in the SES. Rey says they're hypocrites. This is one of the matches I have no clue on, which is the point I guess.

CM Punk vs. Rey Mysterio

All outside parties are banned here, which makes me think Masked Man messing things up somehow. Rey is in yellow tonight which makes him look stupider than usual somehow. Punk jumps him to start. That's my boy. We get into a semi-Master/Slave dialectic from Lawler. That was bizarre but an essay on that got me through a college class. In a SICK spot, Rey gets thrown into the barber's chair at ringside. That seriously HURT.

Punk is cut open too so they have to stop the blood flow. Can we get Linda in the Senate already? Rey looks at something under his wrist tape for some reason. The match stops for like

three minutes because of this. We get an EPIC boring chant and Punk goes off. Seriously, a trickle of blood is ok. Stopping a PPV for that long because of a cut like that is idiotic. I've never seen Punk snap like that and I loved it.

Rey hits a sunset flip powerbomb for two. They crank it up and they both get a bunch of near falls. We get some weird dueling chants that I can't quite make out. GTS of course doesn't work. Punk gets a corner powerbomb though. Nice one. Punk kicks Rey's head off. GTS is reversed again and Rey hits the 619. Springboard Splash misses though and this is a good match.

And then we get the same pin that HHH beat Jeff Hardy with at some PPV where Rey rolls him up off a sloppy pin. I hate Vince. Punk is busted open again. Here comes Gallows and Serena and I hope I don't know what's coming. They have handcuffs. And here's....KANE? What the HECK? Punk is handcuffed and gets his hair cut. I hate WWE sometimes. I truly do.

Rating: B+. I really liked this match. I hate the booking, but the in ring stuff was great. There were all kinds of great back and forth things going on here with the great near falls. I can't blame them for the cut thing as that's a company decision. Also Punk just going OFF after that was great.

Ad for Fatal Fourway with all championships being in the title of the show style of matches.

Jericho makes fun of Show and Miz sneaks up on him which doesn't work. Show threatens to know Jericho out, wake him up and knock him out again. This was funny.

And now let's have a trailer for Prince of Persia.

Unified Tag Titles: Hart Dynasty vs. Chris Jericho/The Miz

There's not much to say here at all. It's not bad but it's ok I guess. Natalya is solid as a manager. They say that on

Monday when Hart won the US Title he was in his homeland. They make it sound like he came from an island nation with like four people on it. It's a very standard tag match which is both good and bad I suppose. Kidd takes the Walls and the Codebreaker off a springboard. It just wasn't a very good one. Somehow that only gets two. Wow.

Jericho goes off and yells at Kidd to stay down. That was kind of amusing. We're getting a lot of near falls here. Miz and Jericho yell at the referee A LOT. Natalya trips Jericho and Smith hits the powerslam for the LONG two. This started slow but has gotten a lot better.

Skull Crushing Finale is blocked but Miz gets a rollup and the tights for two. VERY good match here. I'm very surprised. Miz does his running clothesline into the corner but Smith catches him to set up the Hart Attack. NICE match with a SWEET ending.

Rating: B. I liked this a lot more than I expected to. Like I said it started slow but it picked WAY up soon after that. The clean retaining surprised me very much actually but it's certainly a good thing. They needed that for some credibility and I've very glad they didn't do the switch to another random tag team. Nice match and a very pleasant surprise.

We recap Edge vs. Orton which is just that Edge turned heel again and had a great segment on Raw to set this up. This is the most hyped show on the card. Not sure if it's going to live up to it. I doubt it will actually.

Edge vs. Randy Orton

They try to talk down the pop that Orton gets for no apparent reason. Orton goes for no tape again which is his new look I guess. Nothing wrong with that. Orton dominates early as would be expected I guess. Edge takes over and the match is decent enough I guess. Edge hooks a body scissors and the fans think it's boring. Orton reacts and counters with elbows to get a HUGE RK0 chant going. Orton hits the elevated DDT to a huge

pop.

The lack of tape thing is working for me. Spear is blocked by a kick. This crowd is NUTS for Orton but his arm is hurt from earlier. Hey we got some psychology in there! Orton might be legit hurt. Yeah he must be. We go to the floor and Edge misses a spear. This has to be legit. At least I think it is. Oh dear.

Rating: C-. What we got is what I'm grading it on as it's pretty clear that wasn't the planned ending. Orton was doing his mat slap thing and just stopped dead. Also no way that was going to end in a double count out. Until then it wasn't that good but it did ok.

We recap Swagger vs. Show which you can read the Smackdown review if you want the story on.

Smackdown World Title: Jack Swagger vs. Big Show

This is another one where I don't know how it's going to end. Show uses some wrestling here and Swagger's look is great. SHOW DOES PUSHUPS! Somebody get that boy a Twinkie before he passes out! Swagger goes for the leg and that doesn't work. Show keeps coming back. After some boring stuff, Show sets for the chokeslam....and Swagger blasts him in the head with the belt for the intentional DQ. WOW.

Well they went old school with that so I can't complain. Two belt shots and Show gets up. A chair shot doesn't work either and Swagger takes a chokeslam. So the world champion can't put a guy down with two belt shots and a chair. Right. Show drops him with a punch again. Pay no attention to Swagger opening his eyes to make sure things are going right.

Rating: D. It was short and the ending completely sucked. Swagger looks weak after losing to Kofi on Monday. He's also lost to Morrison and Orton. Is there a point to him being champion? Yes he's champion, but he's another weak champion.

It's a good bit annoying but that's WWE for you. They've been awesome lately so I can't complain much I guess.

We recap Batista vs. Cena and Batista says he'll make Cena say he quits.

Raw Women's Title: Maryse vs. Eve Torres

This is better than I'd expect it to be actually. This has gotten some great build over the past few weeks and due to a lack of matches they have to give it a lot of time. Maryse randomly starts crying for no adequately explained reason. We actually get some near falls. Eve hits some messed up face plant into a rollup for the pin. Cole, Striker and Lawler make jokes about Eve and just lose it on commentary.

Rating: C-. For what you had to work with here and given what Divas matches tend to be, this was actually decent. I tend to start most Divas matches at a D or so, meaning this was pretty good. There was some actual drama and Eve won with a nice finisher. Solid little match.

We recap Batista vs. Cena which is about 3 months old now. Mainly it's about Batista being mad about getting Duct-Taped to the post to lose last time.

Raw World Title: John Cena vs. Batista

Batista has a mic and asks Cena if he wants to quit right now. Batista says the words I Quit but for some reason that's not the end of the match. Cena of course blasts him with the mic. He has a chair within seconds. Some hero eh? Cena gets the split chants again. You can't argue the guy gets people talking. The problem here is you don't have to watch the first 20 minutes or so here as nothing is going to happen.

Batista hits the spear if you want to call it that. The fans are awesome tonight. Batista hooks his Rings of Saturn kind of thing but puts far less pressure on it. Cena stands up to get

out of it and there's the STFU. Ropes don't count for breaks here. Batista passes out in the hold. Some animal indeed. In Austin vs. hart that would be enough. Not here I guess though. Cena gets some water and wakes him up. Ok, now HOOK THE HOLD AGAIN.

Cena won't quit off a spinebuster. So Batista takes about 9 hours to set up the two tables on the floor and Cena just lets him. I can't say I blame him though as it's a breather for him. Batista gets a powerslam through one of the tables and Cena is cut BAD. Let's get an EMT out there as we can't have blood in an anything goes match! This is idiotic. We head into the crowd for a bit now and walk forever.

I guess they wanted to get away from the doctors. Cena is told to quit or he'll be thrown over. Cena has to answer apparently. Or what? He'll get water thrown on him? Idiotic line if there ever was one. Cena fights out of it and they fight on the barrier up there. Dangerous looking spot and Batista falls all of 6 feet onto some people. Shockingly, that doesn't end it. I'm glad as if they didn't it would have sucked to say the least.

They fight up to the entrance near some cars. I wonder if that's how it ends. Cena won't quit and the crowd POPS. Batista gets in a car which of course has the keys in the ignition and he runs into Cena and the set which shoots off some sparks. Apparently he didn't hit Cena as he's up and fighting. Striker says Cena had to have moved since there's no other way to explain that. FU onto a 78 Camaro and he won't quit.

Cena grabs the mic and says he was really hoping Batista would say that. They go on top of the car and Batista quits to avoid the massive FU. Of course he gets it anyway and goes through the stage. Post match Cena celebrates and the graphic in the corner pops up and they say good night but Sheamus kicks his head off as he turns around to really end it. I like that.

Rating: B. This was good. I don't think anyone believed Cena was going to lose here which is fine. He went over as strong as possible and Batista looks like a defeated man if that's the end of his run with the company. Either way this was a solid match and a solid way to end the show. It was over the top but that's fine. Now, KEEP THEM APART.

Overall Rating: D. This just didn't do it for me. And before anyone jumps on me and says I overreacted to Punk/Rey, heck yes I did. I don't like Rey and Punk is my favorite wrestler. It's part of being a fan so shut up with the whole biased arguments. Heck yes I'm biased. Anyway, this show just wasn't very good.

The best way I can put it is unnecessary. This show was unnecessary. Nothing of major note happened other than Punk and Rey. There was some solid wrestling on the show, but there was just too much that didn't work for me. Having literally no heels win is just a weird thing to do. This show isn't as bad as people are saying, but it wasn't good.

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