

Wrestlemania XXXIX Night Two Preview

We're still in Los Angeles for the second half of Wrestlemania after what was a (pick your own adjective based on however the show, which hasn't happened yet, was once you've seen it after this is posted) night, it should be easy/difficult to top. This is the night where we finally get Roman Reigns vs. Cody Rhodes for the World Title and that should be quite the showdown. The rest of the show looks good too so maybe we're in for something. Let's get to it.

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

We'll get one of the weaker entries out of the way to start. This is a match that is likely going to be very good due to the talent involved but the build has been lacking to put it mildly. There isn't much of a reason for these two to be fighting and Belair being scared of Asuka isn't so interesting. Asuka can more than carry her end, but she needs a little more than this so far.

I'll take...I guess Asuka here, as Belair has held the title for a year now and really needs to drop the thing so someone else can get a chance. Asuka's new persona is only so different than her last but she is more than good enough to be the champion, even if it is just for a little while. There is a good chance that Belair keeps the title again, but she probably shouldn't after a year of being champion.

Ronda Rousey/Shayna Baszler vs. Raquel Rodriguez/Liv Morgan vs. Natalya/Shotzi vs. Chelsea Green/Sonya Deville

This is the women's showcase match, which is still one of the weirder ideas that WWE has had in a good while. The teams are mostly inexperienced or brand new, with Rousey and Baszler being the only regular team. Then again last year's Women's

Tag Team Titles went about the same way, meaning I don't have much reason for this to be very interesting here again.

I'll take Rodriguez and Morgan to win as they would likely be the crowd favorites. The only other option (which might make the most sense) is Rousey/Baszler, who need to be going after the Women's Tag Team Titles sooner than later. This comes off as a way to get a bunch of people on the card without having a battle royal and while it might accomplish the goal, it isn't feeling interesting. But yeah, I'll go with Rodriguez and Morgan to win.

Brock Lesnar vs. Omos

Somehow this is the best thing they could get together for Lesnar (including making him happy, which can't be easy) and I'm not exactly feeling it. I'm almost scared to see what is going to happen when these two are given any kind of time together, as Omos hasn't shown the ability to be a ring general. That leaves Lesnar, who might be more likely to turn Omos into a really big sandwich.

That being said, I'll go with Lesnar winning here in a short match. You can't ask them to go long (not without expecting quite a bit of disaster) so we'll go with Lesnar winning with the big impressive F5. This is a match that isn't going to much to do so keeping it quick and impactful is the right idea. Omos winning makes sense if Lesnar is leaving, but for now I'll take Lesnar, who will almost absolutely be back someday.

Intercontinental Title: Gunther(c) vs. Sheamus vs. Drew McIntyre

This is the kind of match that is going to be all about hitting each other really hard. That is how to get the fans up again because it is easy to get behind the idea of three people trying to survive and leave as champion. It's a good formula and these three can make it work. If they make it work

here, we could be in for a showdown, but the question is who leaves with the title.

I don't think I can imagine Gunther losing the title yet, even if he doesn't get pinned, so I'll say he retains here. Sheamus and McIntyre are going to beat the fire out of each other and it's going to be a blast, but what matters here is three big men doing their power stuff until one of them can't get up. This should be a lot of fun and the story is there too, so just make it work.

Edge vs. Finn Balor

What are we now, nine months into this feud? I get why it takes time but it would be nice to have things pick up a bit. Either way, what matters here is that this is in the Cell (which is apparently no longer red) and Balor is going to be the Demon. The match has certainly been built up long enough and while it might not be the hottest feud anymore, we should be in for a good one.

In theory this should be Balor winning because he'll likely be around more often, though Edge has a tendency to win his big matches more often than not. I'll go with Balor as he really needs the win, but it's a prediction likely to go wrong. There is likely going to be a ton of interference from Judgment Day and Beth Phoenix, but at least everything has been set up fairly well.

Undisputed WWE Universal Title: Roman Reigns(c) vs. Cody Rhodes

There are times when the Wrestlemania main event feels like the biggest match they could come up with at the time, but there are also occasions when the Wrestlemania main event feels like the most important match anywhere. The latter is true this year, as WWE has turned taking down the Bloodline into the biggest story in wrestling. Rhodes wants the title for his family's legacy, but also to take out the Bloodline's

heart. Now can he do it?

There is a real argument for Reigns retaining here, as he is the biggest star in wrestling by a mile and the longest reigning champion in about thirty five years. If you pull the trigger on Rhodes right now, you can't put the genie back in the bottle. At the same time, if Rhodes loses here, what exactly is he supposed to do next? I'll go with Rhodes, just because I don't know what they do if he loses.

Overall Thoughts

Much like last night, this feels like a Wrestlemania worthy card. I want to see what happens with this show and Reigns vs. Rhodes is the biggest match that I can imagine right now. WWE has done a great job of setting things up and now they have the potential to execute it just as well. I love having that feeling of grandeur back again and if they can make it all work, we'll be in for a heck of a night.

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