

Elimination Chamber 2024 Preview

This is one of the shows that WWE runs every year but this one is different in a variety of ways. As usual it's still part of the Road To WrestleMania, but at the same time, it's going to be taking place in a stadium in Australia to make it feel that much bigger. In addition to the Chamber matches, Rhea Ripley is going to get the hero's welcome as she defends against Nia Jax. Let's get to it.

Kickoff Show: Women's Tag Team Titles: Kabuki Warriors(c) vs. Candice LeRae/Indi Hartwell

This was added earlier this week at the press event and feels like it is there for the sole purpose of getting Hartwell on the card in her home country. That is not a bad thing as the fans are going to go nuts to seeing one of their own in the first match of the night. That will be quite the moment, though I'm not sure it is going to have quite the match to follow up on the start.

Despite there being the chance to blow the roof (assuming there is one) off the stadium, I don't see any reason to change the titles here. Hartwell and LeRae have been treated as a lower level team for their entire time together so giving them a fluke title win would be a lot. It's not impossible, but this feels destined to be LeRae taking the fall to retain the titles after Hartwell gets a special moment.

Tag Team Titles: Judgment Day(c) vs. Tyler Bate/Pete Dunne

It's nice to see WWE's tag division starting to come together, with the idea of putting some wrestlers without much to do into a team being a good way to start. That is what they have done with Bate and Dunne, who have enough of a history to be a logical team, with the talent making things that much better.

At the same time, the champions only have so much going on right now so we could be in for a surprise here.

As much as I could see the titles changing hands here, I'll say Judgment Day retains. While Judgment Day isn't exactly on an all time run, it would feel a bit strange to have them drop the titles at one of the less important shows. Bate and Dunne could have a nice future as a team, but I just can't imagine them taking the titles here. That still seems to be the Miz/R-Truth spot, so for now we'll say the UK guys go down.

Women's Elimination Chamber

As I tend to do with this kind of a match, there are only so many realistic options to win. In this case, we can eliminate Raquel Rodriguez, Naomi, Tiffany Stratton and probably Liv Morgan. Other than maybe a total dark horse run from Morgan, none of those four are going to go into WrestleMania for a title match. That leaves you with two viable options and only one of them seems to be likely to win.

The two options here are Bianca Belair and Becky Lynch, and based on the last few weeks, I cannot fathom a situation where Lynch doesn't win. Lynch vs. Rhea Ripley has been hyped up for weeks now and feels like a viable WrestleMania match. While I'm scared of the possibility of a Morgan win, this feels like a place where Belair gets set up for something else and Lynch moves on so we'll go with that.

Raw Women's Title: Rhea Ripley(c) vs. Nia Jax

I'm not convinced this isn't going to headline the show and that would not be a bad idea. The show's advertising has been almost entirely built around one person and that is Ripley. She is going to get the biggest reaction in her grand homecoming with a chance to slay a monster in Jax. That sounds like a main event level match to me, but it also sounds like quite the easy result to predict.

Let me put this simply: if Jax wins this match, WWE should be canceled and replaced with Hangin With Mr. Cooper reruns, because the WWE brain trust will have officially lost their ever loving minds. Ripley losing the title to Jax in her home country would be the dumbest possible outcome and there is almost no fathomable way that could happen. This is Ripley's hero moment and having her celebrate as the Chamber winner stares at her to close the show would not be shocking.

Men's Elimination Chamber

Now this one is harder to predict, as the lineup is absolutely stacked. There are six entrants in the match and they range from former multiple time World Champions to the best celebrity wrestler ever to one of the most popular stars in WWE today. That is the kind of lineup you do not see very often and we could be in for a heck of a fight with that much star power around.

We can eliminate Logan Paul, Kevin Owens, Bobby Lashley and (probably) LA Knight, leaving us with Randy Orton and Drew McIntyre. Orton doesn't have much going on right now, but McIntyre has more or less said his career is worthless if he doesn't win here. McIntyre has been set up to win this match and it is the most logical story, so we'll go with what makes sense and say McIntyre goes over.

Overall Thoughts

This show is in a bit of a weird place, as it is all about setting the stage for Wrestlemania, but so much of Wrestlemania is already set. We'll get two more title matches covered for the show here and then it is all about building those matches. The crowd should help carry this show, but those Chamber matches might have a hard time getting around what feel like somewhat obvious winners. For now though, I'm looking forward to the show, which has a lot of potential to feel special.

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