

Bad Blood 2024 Preview

For some reason, WWE has decided to bring this one back and I'm really not sure why. Bad Blood was never anything more than one of those shows that you mostly forgot ever existed and it hasn't been around in over twenty years. Now we're getting a fresh version with a pretty big card and that could make for a rather nice show. It almost has to be better than the last time they brought this thing back. Let's get to it.

Raw Women's Title: Liv Morgan(c) vs. Rhea Ripley

The catch here is that Dominik Mysterio will be suspended above the ring in a shark cage. That could open up a few options, as the question isn't so much will he cheat but rather how, along with will he have someone helping him. That has to be done though, as otherwise Ripley would destroy Morgan in all of eight seconds. This is still one of the biggest feuds on Raw at the moment, but I'm not sure where it goes next.

As much as I want to say Ripley gets the title back here, I'm not sure if it's a big enough stage. Therefore, we'll say Morgan escapes again, even if it feels completely wrong to say that. At some point, Ripley is going to absolutely crush Morgan and get the title back, though it almost has to take place soon. I'm thinking they squeeze one more match out of it though, with Morgan retaining here through some kind of screwiness.

Smackdown Women's Title: Nia Jax(c) vs. Bayley

This is the only other title match on the show and it's a rematch from about two months ago at Summerslam when Jax took the title from Bayley. Just like last time, Tiffany Stratton and the Money In The Bank briefcase are hanging around but that is still a get out of title reign free card. Bayley isn't feeling like a big challenger, but there aren't many other

options at the moment.

I can't imagine Jax losing the title so soon and Bayley isn't feeling like a strong challenger in the first place, so yeah Jax retains here. Maybe they do something ridiculous like having Naomi turn on Bayley, but there is no reason to change the title here. Stratton can cash-in later, with or without success, but that isn't something I can imagine happening here. Teases of course, though not an actual title change.

Finn Balor vs. Damian Priest

Here we have a grudge match as Judgment Day and the Terror Twins explode. Priest has been wanting to get his hands on Balor for a good while now and there are going to be more than a few lackeys there to help save Balor. While Balor isn't quite as vulnerable as Morgan, he loses if Priest can even the odds enough, which very well could end this feud once and for all.

I'm thinking that's exactly what happens, as Priest beats Balor and finally gets to move on. Priest is already a former World Champion and could easily be moved back into the main event picture with a nice win here. Judgment Day is already losing steam and I'm not sure how much longer it needs to stay around. Priest should win here and hopefully be done with the whole thing.

CM Punk vs. Drew McIntyre

This is the Cell match and somehow reportedly not the main event. That would seem to be the kind of match that would headline the show, but in this case there is a good chance that it opens the show for the sake of saving some time. Punk vs. McIntyre has been the runaway Feud Of The Year so far and if they can stick the landing here, the whole thing goes even higher up the all time list. But who wins?

I keep going back and forth on this one, but I think I'll go

with Punk winning. It's the good guy (ok the better of the two rather than the good) winning in the end and McIntyre can come back later to do something else. Punk can take a bit of a hiatus and move on to something else as he only has a limited time in the ring to go. I could be wrong here, but I'll take Punk going over here.

Cody Rhodes/Roman Reigns vs. Bloodline

This is the main event and that makes me think something big is going to happen here. Reigns vs. Rhodes III almost has to be in the cards sooner than later but I don't think that's a WrestleMania match again. We can get there later though, as this is about the forces combining to face their shared enemy. That makes me wonder how we get through the match, though one result seems more likely than anything else.

Barring some big interference, I can't imagine Reigns or Rhodes taking a fall here. That leaves either some kind of a double DQ finish or some kind of major return, perhaps the Rock, who has to be back sooner or later. That being said, I'll go with Rhodes pinning Siko and then...whatever happening next. Rhodes vs. Reigns III certainly seems possible though and we might be seeing that as a result, but for now, the new Mega Powers win.

Overall Thoughts

This is the definition of a one two punch on top, as there is a heck of a drop between the top two matches and the three underneath. If those two matches deliver then we are going to be in for a huge show, though it's likely to take its sweet time as well. I'm interested enough in the show, but it's going to depend on what happens during/after that tag match, because it almost has to be the big moment on the show, which is looking pretty nice.

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