

Royal Rumble 2025 Preview

It's time for the first major show of the year and in this case I'm a bit more excited than usual. Granted that might be due to me having a ticket for the show but maybe I'm looking too deeply into that. Other than that, it's the usual two match card, with the Men's and Women's Royal Rumble matches dominating the show. That should be enough to carry things so let's get to it.

Smackdown Tag Team Titles: DIY(c) vs. Motor City Machine Guns

Here we have one of the longer matches to help flesh out the card as this is 2/3 falls. In other words, there is no reason for this to be anything more than good, as you have two talented teams in a match that is basically built for them. They have a bit of a story too as DIY cheated the Guns out of the titles in an overdue heel turn. I can always go for more of the Guns, and we should be getting that here.

As much as I would love to see the Guns get the titles back in a great moment on a big stage, this seems like it is going to be DIY getting to the last all and then losing in the end, likely due to some cheating. That would make the most sense and give DIY a way out, though I'm not sure what is next for the Guns. Either way, this should be a heck of a match and that's all it is supposed to be.

WWE Title: Cody Rhodes(c) vs. Kevin Owens

It's a ladder match for two titles and my goodness it's going to be insane to see the Winged Eagle Title on the line. This is a feud that is several months in the making and while there is always the chance for Owens to steal the title in something like this, Rhodes is still the biggest star in WWE and that should be more than enough to help carry him. I think you get where this is going.

Of course I'm going with Rhodes here, as we should be on the way to her having some kind of a major showdown at Wrestlemania. Owens has become a pretty standard Royal Rumble opponent and that is a nice thing to have around. There are going to be some big spots here and I could go for seeing what they pull off before Rhodes retains the title, as he should at the moment.

Women's Royal Rumble

This match always has the same issue: the women's division only has so much depth and it can become something of a problem. The names at the top are all more than solid enough, but the match doesn't usually have enough big names to fill out thirty spots. They are getting better and better at it, but hopefully we get some more NXT names or legends to spice things up a bit this time.

As for a winner though, as annoying as it might be, this feels like Charlotte's to win. Unless Becky Lynch is going to make one heck of a surprise return, Charlotte is just too big of a deal to overcome. If WWE is so obsessed with her getting sixteen titles (and they are), then we are going to be in for another of her big runs as she becomes the first ever two time winner of the women's edition.

Men's Royal Rumble

Now we get to the fun part as I'm really not sure where to go. This week's Raw made it feel like winning the title shot was the biggest deal in the world and that is what we should be getting here. When you have people talking about how important the win is, it makes the match feel that much better and WWE has done a good job of making it work here, which is where things should be going.

I really have no idea who to pick here, as you could easily go with John Cena, but with Roman Reigns, Seth Rollins, Drew McIntyre, CM Punk and maybe even Sami Zayn, you have a heck of

a field of options. That doesn't even consider the idea of someone in the middle of the card jumping up as a surprise. That being said, as it's his last chance, I'll take what should be the safe pick and say Cena steals the win here. It sets him up as the all time record holder for Rumble wins (well tied at least) and sets him up for the big record setting title match. It's a wide open field though and that is great to see.

Overall Thoughts

When I was watching Raw this week, the thing I kept thinking was "I have no idea who is winning the Men's Royal Rumble" and I love that feeling. It's just cool to have so many options and it makes the match that much more interesting. I'm curious to see where things go and if they are getting fans to feel that way, they are doing things exactly right for one of the most important shows of the year.