

WWE Vault: Ultimate Warrior vs. Randy Savage Dark Matches: One Of The Weirdest Matches I've Seen In Years

Ultimate Warrior vs. Randy Savage Dark Matches

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Well, what else are you expecting here? They do a good job of advertising these things about as simply as you can and that is certainly the case again here. In this case we have two matches so the whole thing is only a little over twenty minutes long. These two have some great chemistry together though so hopefully it works again here. Let's get to it.

From April 1989 (possibly on the 26th in Omaha, Nebraska).

Randy Savage vs. Ultimate Warrior

Sherri is here with Savage, who jumps him to start fast. Warrior isn't having that and hits the flying shoulder out to the floor. That's fine with Warrior, who hits him in the face and tosses him back inside as the fans are way into this. Back in and Warrior pulls Savage's high crossbody out of the air. Savage gets tied in the Tree Of Woe for some stomping, with Warrior putting the interfering referee on the top for daring to referee.

A jumping knee to the back sends Warrior outside and the obvious ax handle to the back is obvious. The over the top rope neck snap doesn't have much snap but does get two, followed by the chinlock. That's quickly reversed into a bearhug but Savage fights out as well. The top rope ax handle to the back of the head gets two but Warrior sends him hard into the corner and does...that thing with his hands.

Cue Rick Rude with his freshly won Intercontinental Title to taunt Warrior, who gets two off an atomic drop. The Warrior Splash hits raised knees but Warrior is right back up. Rude offers one too many distractions though and Warrior goes after him, which draws the countout at 7:08.

Rating: C. Not exactly great here but they were both freshly off losing their titles at Wrestlemania so they needed a boost. You don't want Savage losing here so having Rude come out for the distraction made sense. At the same time, it was just a dark match so the fans were going to be interested in seeing some big names fight so it was a fine way to go.

From January 1990 (possibly the 23rd in Fort Myers, Florida.

Intercontinental Title: Randy Savage vs. Ultimate Warrior

Savage, again with Sherri and now the King, is challenging. Warrior wastes no time in chasing him outside and then scares him down again for a bonus. Sherri's distraction lets Savage knock him outside though and the stomping ensues. Back in and Savage's high crossbody is pulled out of the air, allowing Warrior to put him in the Tree of Woe. Once again he puts the referee on the turnbuckle, though Warrior ACTUALLY LEARNS SOMETHING and catches Savage coming in.

Sherri offers another distraction but Warrior backdrops Savage over the top (as only he could take) for the crash anyway. Back in and the splash hits raised knees, allowing Sherri to choke away from the floor. Warrior fights up again and they do a bizarre looking running of the ropes (Warrior almost winds up in the corner) before hitting a flying tackle.

Somehow Warrior stays down so long that Savage, who was shouldered to the floor, is able to get back up and hit the big elbow for two, despite not hitting Warrior with anything to set it up. The loaded purse to the head gets two so Warrior Warriors Up. The clotheslines have Savage tied in the ropes but Sherri gets him loose so Warrior low bridges himself to

the floor. The top rope ax handle is knocked out of the air and Warrior goes after Sherri, chasing her into the ring to beat the count at 8:16.

Rating: C-. This was one of the most bizarre matches I've ever seen. How do you manage to screw up just running the ropes in a straight line? That might not even be the weirdest part, as I actually had to go back and make sure I didn't miss something. Absolute insanity here, with Warrior's worse abilities standing out.

Post match Warrior rams them together and gives Savage the gorilla press drop to wrap it up.

Overall Rating: C-. Yeah this one was quite the miss, as it makes me wonder how much producing these two needed to have a great match. You're not going to get that on a dark match and that's what you wound up seeing here. Pretty nothing collection here, though I'm not sure how good it was supposed to be for a pair of dark matches running about fifteen minutes bell to bell.

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