

Monday Night Raw – October 25, 1993: Oh They Were Bad

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Location: Mid-Hudson Civic Center, Poughkeepsie, New York

Commentators: Vince McMahon, Bobby Heenan

Things got intense last week, as Crush returned and attacked former friend Randy Savage, revealing that he is now in cahoots with Yokozuna and company. That should put Crush in a pretty big spot, as he has potential as an upper midcard villain. Survivor Series is starting to come together as well and we have about a month to go. Let's get to it.

[Here are last week's results if you need a recap.](#)

Opening sequence.

Commentary runs down the card.

We look back at the Randy Savage/Crush summit, with Crush attacking Savage, as helped by Mr. Fuji and Yokozuna.

Crush vs. Phil Apollo

Mr. Fuji is here with Crush as Heenan mocks Randy Savage for having a lacerated tongue. Crush knocks him down to start and hits a spinning kick to the chest. Some choking on the ropes has Apollo in more trouble and a gorilla press drop sets up the head vice to finish Apollo at 2:43. Total destruction, as it should have been.

Johnny Polo doesn't think much of Marty Jannetty and the 1-2-3 Kid, who he could beat with his arms behind his back.

Marty Jannetty vs. 1-2-3 Kid

We get a quick show of respect to start and they take their time to get going. The lockup goes nowhere so Jannetty takes him down into a front facelock. Back up and they trade hammerlocks before they run the ropes. Jannetty hiptosses him down but Kid kicks him off and they nip up for a double standoff.

A victory roll gives the Kid two and a jumping spin kick to the face gets the same. The Kid's hurricanrana is countered into a short powerbomb as Johnny Polo comes out to watch. We take a break and come back with Kid hitting his rapid fire legdrops. A Swanton Bomb misses and Jannetty hits a quick faceplant for two.

Polo trips the Kid down and Jannetty protests, though he does cover Kid for two anyway. Jannetty works on the arm but Kid grabs a bridging German suplex for two. The referee gets bumped and Jannetty is sent outside, where Polo shoves him out of the way of a running flip dive. That's enough for the referee to get up and give us the double countout at 15:39.

Rating: B-. I don't think it's much of a surprise to see these two have a good match, as they're both more than talented enough to make that work. The ending felt like a way to protect them both, but the more Johnny Polo, the more entertaining things could get. Solid stuff here, with the extra time letting it come together a bit.

Post match Jannetty and the Kid beat Polo up.

Jeff Jarrett is at Buddy Lee Attractions, a talent agency in Nashville, but doesn't think much of Lee. Jarrett is going to prove his greatness to people like the Undertaker and Mr. Perfect. Then he's going to take the country music world by storm. Yep, these things are already feeling dumb.

Ludwig Borga vs. Mike Bucci

Borga hammers away to start and gives him something of a

faceplant. A suplex and elbow drop keep Bucci down and Borga hammers him in the ribs. The torture rack finishes Bucci at 3:44.

Rating: C-. Borga was a fine heel who could do some impressive enough power moves, but...Finland? Of all the places to be mad at America, they picked Finland? It's just such a weird way to go and probably played a big role in Borga not getting over. Putting him against Tatanka isn't a bad idea, but dang he's just not that interesting thus far.

Post match Borga says he's going to end Tatanka's undefeated streak and the American dream.

Men On A Mission vs. Todd Matta/Steve Greenman

Oscar is here with Men On A Mission. Greenman wants Mo to bring it to start and sends him into the corner. That doesn't get Greenman very far as Mo runs him over and hands it off to Mabel. There's a slam to put Greenman down again and the Men start making the fast(ish) tags. Mabel drop toeholds Matta down and Mo comes in for a splash. The big legdrop hits Matta and Mabel stands on the back of his head. Mo's chinlock doesn't last long and Mable hits a running clothesline for the pin at 5:34.

Rating: D. And there's the problem: Men On A Mission were not good at the wrestling part of being wrestlers. They were big, they were loud, and I guess they were entertaining with the rap stuff, but then the bell rang and it all fell apart. This was a rather awful performance and shows you why the team didn't exactly click outside of children.

We get the Survivor Series Report, with the Four Doinks vs. Bam Bam Bigelow and company, plus team Razor Ramon vs. team IRS added.

Diesel vs. Dan Dubiel

Diesel starts fast with the knees to the ribs in the corner and then grinds away on a neck crank. Some heavy forearms and a backbreaker keep Dubiel in trouble. A big boot and a hard right hand finish him off at 4:02.

Rating: C-. Well, it was better than the Men On A Mission match. Diesel wrestled a pretty slow style here, which was ok, but having him on his own only gets him so far. He needs Michaels there to draw the interest, because otherwise he's just kind of a big, slow paced monster and that doesn't have the best shelf life.

Here's a preview for next week's show to wrap us up.

Overall Rating: C-. Definitely not one of their better efforts here, with only the opener being worth anything. The good thing is that match took up a lot of time so the show could have been worse, but those last two matches sucked the life out of the place. You can't do that very often, so hopefully things pick up as they get closer to Survivor Series.

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