

Monday Night Raw – June 14, 1994: Return Of The King

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Location: Manhattan Center, New York City, New York

Commentators: Vince McMahon, Randy Savage, Bobby Heenan

King Of The Ring has come and gone and that means...well not much here as this show was taped before the pay per view. We'll probably be getting a bunch of nothing matches and some clips from the show, but the big stuff won't be taking place until next week at the earliest. That's not going to make for the easiest show so let's get to it.

[Here is the King Of The Ring if you need a recap.](#)

We open with a clip of Yokozuna winning the WWF Title last night.

Also last night, Mr. Fuji promised a special celebration on the 4th of July at an unnamed American landmark.

Opening sequence.

Mr. Perfect vs. LA Gore

What a great name for a jobber. Gore actually elbows him in the face to start so Perfect grabs a headlock to chase Gore outside. Back in and Gore chops away as Heenan is on a rant and a half about how Yokozuna destroyed Hulk Hogan last night. Perfect shrugs that off, hits a knee lift, and grabs the PerfectPlex for the pin at 2:47.

Here is Razor Ramon, carrying a big bag, for a chat. Ramon is ready to offer the 1-2-3 Kid \$10,000, in the bag, for a rematch. And of course he won't lose!

Doink The Clown vs. Marty Jannetty

Doink ducks underneath the ring during his entrance and comes out with a jacket on (which wasn't there when he went in). The obvious solution: he found a jacket under the ring. Doink dropkicks him through the ropes to start on the floor but Jannetty is right back with an armbar. Jannetty slides between the legs and grabs another armbar as we take a break.

We come back with Jannetty staying on the arm until Doink pulls him outside. Back in and Doink grabs a powerslam into a crossface chickenwing of all things. A half nelson keeps Jannetty in trouble and the Whoopee Cushion gets a rather delayed two. Doink goes up again but gets slammed down this time, allowing Jannetty to start the real comeback. A dropkick into a suplex gets two on Doink and they fight to the floor for the double countout at 12:22.

Rating: B-. The action was fine as they're both talented stars, but you're only going to get so much out of these two fighting. There is no way around the fact that they're both middle of the road hands who have only ever been so important. There are worse ways to fill in time on TV, but they were working underneath a firm ceiling.

Post match the brawl keeps going until Doink bails to the back.

Owen Hart vs. Dan Dubiel

Dubiel has to go to the ropes to escape an early hammerlock as the 1-2-3 Kid calls in. The Kid is over in Japan, where Yokozuna is very popular. He's also a bit blown away by the offer of \$10,000 to face Ramon but yeah of course he's in. With that out of the way, Hart works on the arm and hits a missile dropkick. A northern lights suplex finishes for Hart at 3:48.

Rating: C. It's still weird to see good guy Hart getting wins

like this. Of course he's good enough in the ring, but Hart doesn't feel like anyone to take seriously at this point. At least he's getting in the ring though, which is the way to show off the talents that he has. Just give him something to do already.

We look at Undertaker winning a squash on Superstars until Mr. Hughes and Giant Gonzalez came in to beat him down. Even Paul Bearer got taken out! Hughes stole the urn, which tends to be a running theme in Undertaker's early days.

Jerry Lawler vs. Mark Thomas

Before the match, Lawler (still in pink) tells the fans they should be kissing his feet. Lawler punches, misses a punch, punches some more, hits the piledriver, and finishes with another punch at 3:50.

Rating: C. You know what you're getting with a Lawler match and that's what we saw here. Lawler likes to do a lot of punching and even did another one here after the piledriver. That being said, he's red hot as a heel after attacking Bret Hart and now we get to see what he can do, which is still worth a look.

Here's what's coming next week.

Overall Rating: C+. It's amazing to see what happens when you don't have a massive tournament holding up a bunch of people and let them do something else. There were some more of the usual squash matches around here, plus a pretty good Doink vs. Jannetty match (not something you often say). We'll start to see where things go next week with a show that wasn't taped before the pay per view, but at least the tournament is over.

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