

Monday Night Raw – June 28, 1993: McMahon Takes A Stand

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

Commentators: Vince McMahon, Randy Savage, Bobby Heenan

It's the last show of the month and the big story coming out of last week is Razor Ramon's continued frustrations with the 1-2-3 Kid. Last week Ramon still couldn't beat the Kid, who ran off with the \$10,000 Ramon was putting up. Other than that, we're coming up on the Yokozuna bodyslam challenge, which could be rather interesting. Let's get to it.

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

Opening sequence.

Intercontinental Title: Shawn Michaels vs. Kamala

Michaels, with Diesel, is defending. They take their time to start with Michaels offering a handshake, which allows him to knock Kamala into the corner. Kamala doesn't care for that and bites the finger before knocking Michaels out to the floor. Back in and Kamala charges into some raised knees in the corner as we take a break.

We come back with Kamala's bearhug being broken up with a rake to the eyes, allowing Michaels to stomp away. Michaels avoids a charge in the corner and goes after the leg, though the Figure Four attempt is blocked. Kamala kicks him into the corner and starts chopping away, setting up the splash to the back. As usual, Kamala doesn't quite have the pinning thing down so Diesel gets on the apron. That's enough for Michaels to hit a superkick to the back of the head for the pin at 11:15.

Rating: C-. Michaels is an all time star but there is only so much you can do in this situation. Kamala's good guy run was a stretch on its best day and then it was hard to make something like this work. Diesel being involved in the ending helped establish him, but the idea of Michaels needing help against Kamala is a stretch at best.

Post match Kamala goes after Michaels but Diesel makes the save.

Here are Yokozuna and company for a chat. Mr. Fuji is ready to humiliate various American athletes at the bodyslam challenge but Vince McMahon warns him that America is kind of amazing. Someone will step up and hit a home run, though Fuji doesn't seem convinced. Yokozuna calls American athletes inferior, just like American products, so McMahon gets a USA chant going. It was weird to hear McMahon be so one sided in a story like this, but it shows how big of a villain Yokozuna really is.

Various athletes, including Tatanka, say they can slam Yokozuna.

Smoking Gunns vs. Iron Mike Sharpe/Barry Horowitz

Billy and Sharpe start things off with Billy clearing both jobbers out in a hurry. Bart comes in for a crisscross into a small package for two on Sharpe, followed by the armbars. It's off to Horowitz, who avoids a crossbody to actually take over. A northern lights suplex doesn't get Horowitz very far as Bart is back up for the tag off to Billy. The Sidewinder finishes Horowitz at 4:25.

Rating: C. The Gunns are only going to be able to go so far, but at the same time, the tag division isn't exactly strong at this point so they only have to be so good. They have a time honored gimmick and the Sidewinder isn't bad. Just let them win some matches and see where they can go from here.

We look at the 1-2-3 Kid stealing Razor Ramon's money last week.

Here is Money Inc. for a chat, with Vince McMahon immediately mocking them for being the FORMER Tag Team Champions. IRS shrugs that off because they have a rematch clause in their contract against the Steiner Brothers. They move on to the idea of keeping your money, with Ted DiBiase mocking Razor Ramon for losing his cool, and as a result, his money, last week. Maybe Ramon can go to some stupid school like the University Of Michigan so Ramon can become the third Steiner Brother! And that's how we're setting up Ramon's face turn.

Adam Bomb vs. PJ Walker

Johnny Polo is here with Bomb, who chokes Walker down to start. Naturally commentary ignores the match to talk about the bodyslam challenge, even as Bomb takes him to the floor for a hard clothesline. Back in and a top rope clothesline sets up the Atom Smasher for the pin at 2:14.

Crush vs. Bastion Booger

Heenan says Booger is related to Hilary Clinton as Crush can't quite lift him up. Instead they go outside, with Crush not being able to ram him into the post. Booger can send him into the post though, and the steps as well. Back in and Booger grabs a bearhug but Crush powers out and manages a suplex. Some slams put Booger down, followed by a second and third for the pin at 5:37.

Rating: D+. Hey, did you know that Crush is strong and can lift large people? That was the entire point of the match and there wasn't anything else going on, which made for a long five minutes. The match was as dull as you would expect and thankfully they did what they should have. It's about as good as a Booger match is going to be, because, shockingly enough, he's not very good.

Randy Savage is at Giants Stadium with a New York Giant who is ready to slam Yokozuna.

Here's what's coming next week.

Commentary is hyped for the bodyslam challenge to end the show.

Overall Rating: C-. The idea of this show was focusing on the upcoming bodyslam challenge, with Crush being the big name who is going to come after him. That's a fine enough idea, but then you realize that you're getting ready for a bodyslam challenge rather than a match. It's only going to change so much, and it makes for some rough time on the way there, which was on display this week.

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