

# Monday Night Raw – August 18, 2025: R-A-W! R-A-W! R-A-W!

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Location: Xfinity Mobile Arena, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Commentators: Michael Cole, Corey Graves

We're under two weeks away from Clash In Paris and the big story coming out of last week is that CM Punk, LA Knight and Jey Uso are all getting a title shot against Seth Rollins, which doesn't have the Vision overly happy. The rest of the show is probably starting to come together and that should start getting developed even more this week. Let's get to it.

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

We open with a recap of last week's main event tag, which set up the four way World Title match at Clash In Paris.

Here is the Vision to get things going. We're in Philadelphia so Paul Heyman brags his status in this city and how no one is greater than him around here. That makes him the GOAT, but the Vision is full of GOAT's. Heyman praises each member of the team, including the one who took Roman Reigns' shoes.

After insisting that they're chanting PAUL E. rather than OTC (and the fans switch chants in a hurry), Heyman talks about how many times Seth Rollins has taken Reigns out. Before Rollins can speak, cut Jey Uso in the crowd, with some fans saying YEET in a great moment. He's not afraid of any of those people, including Bron Breakker. Rollins accuses Uso of disrespecting Breakker's family, including calling his dad and uncle FATA\*\*\*\*!

Breakker is ready to go into the crowd but Heyman cuts him off and goes into an amazing rant about how people used to handle

things in a Bingo hall not far from here. He lists off some ECW greats, including “the late great Tommy Dreamer. Yeah I know he’s not dead yet but he should be!” Breakker: “HE’S STILL ALIVE???” After one of the hardest laughs I’ve had in a very long time, it seems we have an Extreme Rules match tonight. That line about Dreamer was hilarious, as was Breakker getting annoyed at Uso allegedly mocking his family. Good segment here, with Heyman’s love of ECW shining through.

We recap Iyo Sky’s issues with the Kabuki Warriors last week.

Sky and the Warriors seem to make amends, but Sky wants to do this by herself.

### Raquel Rodriguez vs. Iyo Sky

Rodriguez powers her around to start, including an early headscissors. Sky snaps off a headscissors but Roxanne Perez trips her from ringside, allowing Rodriguez to hit a heck of a big boot. We take a break and come back with Rodriguez missing the spinning Vader Bomb, allowing Sky to hit the missile dropkick. Rodriguez blocks the running knees in the corner though and gets caught with the spinning Vader Bomb for two.

A hard clothesline gets two more but Sky is back with a tornado DDT. Sky dives onto Perez and then does the same to Rodriguez...who pulls her out of the air. Rodriguez drops her hard onto the apron but the Tejana Bomb is countered into a headscissors into the corner. The running knees in the corner set up Over The Moonsault to finish Rodriguez at 10:20.

**Rating:** B-. Sky can work well with anyone, but Rodriguez has turned into quite the star in her own right. She is figuring out how to do the power game rather well and that was on display here. Good match, with Sky showing that she can win on her own and overcome the odds, which won’t sit well with the Kabuki Warriors.

Post match the beatdown is on until Rhea Ripley makes the

save.

CM Punk interrupts LA Knight in the back and suggests an alliance until Clash In Paris. Knight doesn't buy this at all because of their fight last week and says he'll win the title. Knight: "YEAH!" Punk: "No."

We look back at AAA TripleMania XXXIII.

Rhea Ripley checks on Iyo Sky in the back, with Sky being grateful for the help. The Kabuki Warriors come in to yell about how they can't help her but Ripley can. Sky yells at them to stop arguing and runs off screaming. Asuka tells Ripley to stay out of their business.

#### Xavier Woods vs. Penta

Penta strikes away to start but Woods cuts him off rather quickly. Woods shouts CERO DINERO and drops him hard onto the apron as we take an early break. We come back with Woods kicking him in the head for two but Penta hits the Sling Blade. A backbreaker sends Woods outside for a big dive, followed by a slingshot dropkick back inside. The Penta Driver is countered into a reverse suplex to give Woods two. The Honor Roll is countered into the Penta Driver for two, with Kofi Kingston putting the foot on the ropes. Back up and the Canadian Destroyer finishes Woods at 9:48.

**Rating:** C+. Good enough stuff here, though WWE has seemed to completely give up on the idea of New Day being a regular team and turning them into...whatever they are now. It does help that Penta is getting a win, though I'm not sure what he is going to be doing anytime soon. Just find something for either of them to do though, as they're big enough stars to have something better than this.

We look at AJ Styles costing Dominik Mysterio the Mega Title.

Dominik yells about Styles when Rey Mysterio comes in to mock

him.

### Judgment Day vs. Dragon Lee/Mr. Iguana

Non-title and Dominik Mysterio is here with Judgment Day. Lee and McDonagh lock up to start with McDonagh backing him into the ropes. Some chops in the corner have McDonagh in trouble but Lee misses a charge into the corner. Balor comes in to take over on Iguana and snaps off a suplex for two. That doesn't get him very far as everything breaks down, with the Judgment Day being sent outside. Big flip dives take them down and we take a break.

We come back with McDonagh getting caught in a sitout powerbomb for two. Iguana comes back in and uses the puppet to take over, including a big dive to the floor. Lee plants Balor but gets caught with the Sling Blade. Back up and Mysterio distracts Iguana, allowing Balor to hit the dropkick to the back. The Coup de Grace finishes at 10:05.

**Rating:** B-. Good stuff here, as it's nice to have the Tag Team Champions actually doing something involved with a tag team match. It's not like they have anyone else to come after the titles so just have them face a random lucha team. If nothing else, I'm sure WWE will make some money off the Iguana stuff so it could be far worse.

Post match the beatdown is on but El Hijo del Vikingo (AAA Mega Champion) comes in for the save. Vikingo goes after McDonagh but gets caught with a belt shot to the back. The villains stand tall.

We look back at Becky Lynch beating Maxxine Dupri and attacking Natalya last week.

Lynch denies attacking Natalya and says she was provoked. Tonight, Lynch will prove herself.

We get another video from Bayley, who still seems to be going

insane, with a voice talking about how she hasn't been making sense in a long time. Bayley starts talking back to the voice, which seems to want her to be evil. She isn't sure what she needs, but the voice offers her a hug.

### Women's Intercontinental Title: Natalya vs. Becky Lynch

Lynch is defending and Natalya has the Academy with her. Natalya tries the power to start and they're quickly on the floor. That's fine with Lynch, who sends the arm into the post and we take a break. We come back with Lynch working on an armbar until Natalya does the powerbomb counter that is used fairly often. Natalya hits the discus lariat for two but Lynch goes right back to the arm. The Disarm-Her retains the title at 7:41.

**Rating:** C+. As usual, it's fine from a technical perspective, but was there going to be any drama over Natalya taking the title? She doesn't win titles these days and Nikki Bella is already waiting in the wings for Lynch. At least they didn't make this into a long, stretched out match, as there was no reason to go in that direction.

Post match the beatdown is on but Nikki Bella runs in for the save.

Sheamus talks about his rivalry with Rusev, who interrupts and wants to fight again. Adam Pearce comes in to make the match for Clash In Paris in a Good Old Fashioned Donnybrook. Rusev says he's going to beat the Irish curse out of Sheamus and Pearce needs a drink.

CM Punk comes in to see Jey Uso and says he has Uso's back tonight. Uso says no disrespect but he's got this himself. Punk says he's just trying to get Uso to Paris but Uso doesn't want to owe anyone any favors. Everything seems to be cool but Punk seems to think Uso is making a mistake.

Here is Naomi to make a big announcement about the future of

the Women's Title. She says this is hard for her and shows us a clip from Stephanie McMahon's podcast, where Jimmy Uso reveals what was expected to be the announcement: Naomi is pregnant. Adam Pearce is ready to take the title from her but Naomi says this isn't going to happen because her hormones are jumping and she isn't giving him s\*\*\*.

She tells him to get to stepping and thanks Big Jim for loving to Netflix and chill (there's a BIG smile at that line) because otherwise, she would have beaten up the women's division all year. The fans chant YOU DESERVE IT and Naomi seems to be touched. Naomi: "On the bright side, I guess the Bloodline continues baby!"

We get quite the maniacal laugh and an OTC chant before Naomi lays the title down. The division has nine months and some change, but she'll come back and win the title again, even if she's breastfeeding at the time. Whomever has the title next, proceed with caution. It's sad to see the title vacated when Naomi is doing such great work, but this is far more important than anything she's doing in the ring.

Judgment Day doesn't know where Dominik Mysterio is but find him talking to El Grande Americano. Mysterio tells the team that he's just making sure the team always stays on top. Everyone else is fine with this, but Finn Balor doesn't seem to like it.

### Jey Uso vs. Bron Breaker

Extreme Rules and Paul Heyman is here with Breaker, who comes out with a shopping cart full of weapons. Uso slips away from the power to start and hits a clothesline to send Breaker legs first onto the shopping card, which is about as dumb of a thing as I've seen in wrestling in a LONG time. Uso takes a good while to give Breaker a chance to make sure his leg is ok while setting up a table.

The suicide dive hits Breaker and we take a break. We come

back with Breakker seemingly ok and the ring full of weapons. A chair is loaded up in the corner but Uso sends him into it instead. One heck of a Steiner Line drops Uso though and Breakker drops him ribs first onto two open chairs. The clothesline over the announcers' table connects as well and we take a break.

We come back with Breakker hitting the super Frankensteiner but spending too long taking the straps down. Uso's spear gets two and another spear into the Superfly Splash connects, only for Bronson Reed to pull the referee (AND STEAL HIS SHOE!). LA Knight runs in for the save but Seth Rollins cuts him off.

Cue CM Punk to brawl with Rollins, who gets jumped by Knight. Rollins escapes the GTS though and sends Punk into Knight, who crashes through a table at ringside. Punk shrugs it off and chases Rollins through the crowd, leaving Breakker to pull out another table. That takes a good while...and Roman Reigns is here. The spear drops Breakker and a Superfly Splash puts Breakker through the table for the win at 20:26.

**Rating:** B. This was the kind of wild brawl that it should have been, with all of the interference and violence making for a main event that was better than I was expecting. It did feel extreme with a lot of ECW overtones (without going too far) and Uso getting a big win on his way to the title shot in Paris. At the same time you have Reed stealing another shoe, which is more of a crime than anything else, but it's rather funny anyway.

Post match Reed tries to get some more shoes but Reigns tells Reed that he'll see him in Paris. Cole thinks that means Clash In Paris, though he isn't sure to end the show.

**Overall Rating:** B-. What mattered here was they got the momentum going on the way to Clash In Paris. The main event was about doing some wild brawling to hype up the four way at the pay per view, which worked well. The rest of the show was

kind of messy, but they're hyping up the Paris show and the next Worlds Collide at the same time. Get through next week and we should be fine, though Clash is pretty one sided on the Raw half. If they can keep the four way hot through next week though, it very well could work out.

### Results

Iyo Sky b. Raquel Rodriguez – Over The Moonsault

Penta b. Xavier Woods – Canadian Destroyer

Judgment Day b. Dragon Lee/Mr. Iguana – Coup de Grace to Lee

Becky Lynch b. Natalya – Disarm-Her

Jey Uso b. Bron Breaker – Superfly Splash through a table

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