

Monday Night Raw – September 1, 2025: A Standing Ovation, Uncertain Hand Gestures And The Mullet-0-Matic

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Location: La Defense Arena, Paris, France

Commentators: Wade Barrett, Michael Cole

We're still in Paris after yesterday's Clash and that means it's time to start the build towards Wrestlepalooza. While you can pretty much pencil in the John Cena vs. Brock Lesnar showdown, they're going to need something else to fill in the gaps. With less than three weeks before the show, those gaps can be filled starting this week so let's get to it.

[Here is Clash In Paris if you need a recap.](#)

We still have the awesome Eiffel Tower set.

Long Clash In Paris recap.

CM Punk is waiting for Seth Rollins to arrive after getting screwed out of the title. Adam Pearce is fine with it.

Here is Jey Uso to get things going. Uso isn't happy and says he isn't going to run it back tonight. He has some medical tape around his waist but he is running last night back. The Vision attacked both he and Roman Reigns and you never put your hands on his family. Uso wants the Vision out here right now but gets LA Knight instead. Knight says he should be the World Heavyweight Champion but instead he stands here a loser, just like Uso.

Some people claim that Uso lives in his cousin's shadow.

Knight doesn't know anything about that, but Seth Rollins lives in his wife's shadow. They could have taken Rollins out last night and the three challengers could have fought it out, but Uso screwed that up because he doesn't understand. Knight is sick and tired of being left laying and not being World Heavyweight Champion. If Uso doesn't get that, Knight can get him up to speed real quick.

Cue Bronson Reed and Bron Breaker to interrupt with Knight being ready to go. Breaker says that the only thing we should be concerned about is Paul Heyman's health after Roman Reigns choked him out. The fans chant for Reigns but Breaker says it means that Heyman isn't here to tell them what to do. Reed brags about the beating they gave Reigns because the vision didn't include him. It doesn't include Knight and Uso either, so they're next. Knight says he and Uso can do this later so the tag match seems set for tonight.

We recap the issues between Iyo Sky and the Kabuki Warriors.

Sky tries to make peace with the Warriors and....it seems to work.

Judgment Day vs. Kabuki Warriors

Asuka and Perez start things off with Asuka knocking her to the floor. It's already off to Rodriguez, who gets pulled into a quick choke. The Octopus hold is quickly escaped so it's off to Sane for some double kicks. The choke over the ropes has Rodriguez in more trouble and it's back to Perez, who gets taken down with a headscissors. That's broken up though and Perez takes Sane outside for a whip into the barricade.

We take a break and come back with Perez splashing Sane in the corner. That's broken up and it's back to Asuka to strike away until Rodriguez hits a clothesline. Perez adds a spinning knee to the back of the head before Sane and Rodriguez fight to the floor. The Asuka Lock is countered into a rollup for two before Asuka hip attacks Rodriguez back outside. Perez can't

hit Pop Rox and they seem to get a bit lost, with Asuka's spinwheel kick barely making contact. The Asuka Lock finishes Perez at 10:40.

Rating: B-. I'm wondering if something went wrong in the end there because the match was sharp for the first ten minutes and then absolutely fell apart at the end. It wouldn't surprise me if Perez was hurt as she was stumbling a bit before the weird spinwheel kick. Either way, good match otherwise and if someone was hurt at the end, the last few moments are more than excusable.

Adam Pearce announces that it's Stephanie Vaquer vs. Iyo Sky for the title in three weeks at Wrestlepalooza.

Finn Balor vs. Dragon Lee

JD McDonagh is here with Balor. The fans are rather into this as Balor takes him down by the arm to start. Balor drops him with an elbow to the face but Lee is back with a springboard wristdrag out of the corner. The slingshot dropkick gets two and Balor is sent to the floor for the running flip dive as we take a break. We come back with Lee fighting out of a headlock and kicking Balor in the face. The sitout powerbomb gives Lee two but Balor pulls him off the top. The Coup de Grace finishes Lee at 9:48.

Rating: B-. Pretty simple and to the point here with Balor getting a nice reception. I'm not sure what he is going to be doing anytime soon, save for maybe feuding with Dominik Mysterio, but at least he's still that smooth in the ring. On the other hand you have Lee, who has sunk incredibly far at a remarkable rate. I'm not sure if it was the unrealistic expectations or the pressure on him, but it hasn't worked to say the least.

Nikki Bella meets Iyo Sky but the Kabuki Warriors interrupt. Bella isn't pleased and leaves, with the Warriors saying they helped Sky win at Summerslam so they'll see her at

Wrestlepalooza. Sky doesn't seem happy.

Dominik Mysterio wants Judgment Day to help him against AJ Styles but Adam Pearce bans them from ringside.

New Day/Grayson Waller vs. War Raiders/Penta

Penta sends Waller and Kingston to the apron to start but it's too early to Canadian Destroy Woods. The Raiders take the villains down on the floor and Penta adds a dive as we take a break. We come back with Erik in trouble and Woods getting to strut a bit. Erik fights his way out of trouble and brings Ivar in to fire off the seated splashes in the corner. Waller avoids one of said splashes though and everything breaks down. Waller tries his rolling Stunner and gets knocked silly. A belly to back suplex/splash combination crushes Woods and the Canadian Destroyer finishes at 8:48.

Rating: C+. New Day and the Raiders just feel like they're nothing at this point, even with New Day's rather funny heel antics. There is no heat for either team and they come and go (when the Raiders are actually around that is) without much changing. It's nice to see Penta win, but this was a pretty cold match for some prominent names.

Rhea Ripley wants the Women's Title back but the Kabuki Warriors interrupt. They don't want her around Iyo Sky but Ripley doesn't get what's so bad about it. Asuka says stay away from Sky and repeats her name before pushing Ripley. That doesn't work for Ripley but Asuka leaves, even as Kairi Sane isn't sure what to do.

Roxanne Perez asks Adam Pearce why she's not in the Wrestlepalooza title match. Pearce points out that she and Raquel Rodriguez just lost but he'll think about it after Wrestlepalooza. Lyra Valkyria comes in and gets into an argument with Rodriguez and Perez. Judgment Day leaves and Pearce tells Valkyria that Bayley will be back soon. Valkyria: "That's it? That's all you've got?" She wants a match with

Judgment Day so Pearce makes it for next week. Uncertain hand gestures ensue.

Intercontinental Title: AJ Styles vs. Dominik Mysterio

Styles is challenging and gets a crazy strong reception. Strong enough that it's STILL GOING after a break, with Styles just soaking it in. Mysterio jumps him to start and the bell rings, with Styles fighting back to send Mysterio outside. The big dive connects and we take an early break.

We come back with Styles striking away, including the sliding forearm to set up the fireman's carry backbreaker for two. A headscissors out of the corner sends Styles to the floor and Mysterio drops him with a baseball slide. Mysterio's hurricanrana is countered into a powerbomb onto the announcers' table though and we take another break. We come back again with an exchange of forearms until Styles grabs a neckbreaker for two.

The Styles Clash is countered into the Mullet O Matic (oh that's amazing) for two and Styles is sent into the post. The Michinoku Driver gives Mysterio two more and the Three Amigos into the frog splash gets the same. Back up and a quick Styles Clash connects but Mysterio gets a boot on the rope. The Phenomenal Forearm is loaded up but cue El Grande Americano with the loaded headbutt to the ribs. Mysterio drops the frog splash to retain at 16:05.

Rating: B. Odds are this moves us into Styles vs. Americano, which is an interesting change of pace. At the same time, Mysterio is going to need a fresh challenger and there are more than a few names available. For now though, Mysterio outsmarts the veteran again, which is a pretty nice accomplishment. Not as nice as that ovation Styles received, but still good.

We look back at Roman Reigns beating Bronson Reed last night but getting laid out by the Vision after the match.

LA Knight is ready to do whatever it takes to get the World Heavyweight Title. If that means going through Jey Uso, so be it. Cue Uso, who says they'll make this work and loads up the catchphrase, but Knight says the four letters, one word is YEAH.

Rhea Ripley is with CM Punk in the back but Adam Pearce comes in to say Seth Rollins is in the building. Pearce doesn't know how, but Punk is going to go handle him. Pearce: "And what does that mean?"

Video on Rusev, who is happy with his win with his win over Sheamus.

Here is CM Punk for a chat. He wants Seth Rollins out here right now and gets Rollins.....' wife. Becky Lynch says she might not be the man Punk was looking for but she's the man he's dealing with her. Punk says he's not doing this and wants Rollins out here but Lynch isn't going to let him leave. Lynch has heard Punk berate Rollins, who is the greatest man she has ever known.

Punk calls Rollins a coward, but Lynch says that Rollins is everything Punk isn't. Lynch: "He's hot, he's jacked." Punk: "You're delusional." Lynch: "He doesn't interrupt me." Punk isn't the voice of the voiceless but the poster child of apathy. These people didn't get her to the main event of Wrestlemania because she did it herself. She goes on about how she and her husband are in the middle of a revolution.

Rollins is a visionary, a revolutionary (Punk covers his ears) and she's the greatest ever so Punk needs to get out of the ring. The fans chant for AJ Lee and Lynch has to remind them that AJ doesn't work here. Punk doesn't think much of that but reminds her that 30,000 people think he's the best in the world. They chant his name no matter where he is or what he does but he didn't see Lynch and Rollins on all of the recent live events. Rollins hides behind everyone, including his

wife, who may be the Man but she married a bum.

Cue Rollins on the stage so Punk goes around Lynch, with Rollins leaving. Lynch gets in a heck of a slap and then slaps him in the shoulders a bunch before calling Punk pathetic. Punk promises to make her regret that and leaves, with Lynch says she already does because of all the grease on her hands. Lynch mocks Punk as he leaves but Punk can't bring himself to do anything about it and storms off. This was very good as Lynch can hang with Punk on the mic, but dang they better deliver AJ Lee after all this, as no one, even Rhea Ripley, would feel as important.

Post break Punk is leaving but gets cut off by Adam Pearce. Rollins has left but Punk asks where Smackdown is this week. That would be...Chicago, and Punk is very pleased. Pearce, not so much.

Jey Uso/LA Knight vs. Bronson Reed/Bron Breaker

It's a brawl to start with Reed dropping Knight with a headbutt. Breaker works on Uso's bad ribs and we take an early break. We come back with the ribs still in trouble but Uso gets over for the tag to Knight. House is cleaned until Breaker offers a distraction, with Knight being sent outside for a whip into the steps. The fans chant for Reigns as Knight is taken back inside for an overhead belly to belly.

Knight fights up but Breaker pulls him down into the chinlock. Back up and Reed charges into an elbow in the corner, allowing Knight to knock him down. Uso comes back in to clean house, including the running Umaga Attack to Breaker. The spear drops Breaker again but the Superfly Splash is broken up. Reed takes Knight down on the floor and Uso comes back in, where Breaker gives him the Super Spear for the pin at 14:01.

Rating: B-. There is something fun about watching monsters like Breaker and Reed run through people like Uso and Knight.

Breakker and Uso have put together a nice rivalry and it fits to see Breakker pin him again. The vision is getting to be more dominant and I'm not sure who is next to come after them, though Roman Reigns will be back in a few months, likely for WarGames.

Post match the beatdown is on again, with Knight's save being cut off by a Super Spear. Another one drops Uso and the Tsunami connects but Jimmy Uso runs in with a chair for the save. Usos vs. Breakker/Reed works for me.

Overall Rating: B. The crowd helped carry this one and the talking segments were just as good to back up some solid enough wrestling. There are different directions possible for the bigger stories, but Punk vs. Rollins (hopefully only one more time) and Usos vs. Reed/Breakker should be great. Throw in the possibility of AJ Lee coming back to a massive reaction to face Lynch and it's all the more interesting. Good show here, with the crowd being their usual awesome selves.

Results

Kabuki Warriors b. Judgment Day – Asuka Lock to Perez

Finn Balor b. Dragon Lee – Coup de Grace

Penta/War Raiders b. New Day/Grayson Waller – Canadian Destroyer to Woods

Dominik Mysterio b. AJ Styles – Frog splash

Bron Breakker/Bronson Reed b. Jey Uso/LA Knight – Super Spear to Uso

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