

Monday Night Raw – November 3, 2025: Another Different Era

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In something we don't get to say very often, we're in New Mexico and in this case we have a new World Champion in the form of CM Punk. After defeating Jey Uso to win the vacant title at Saturday Night's Main Event, it's time for Punk to get some fresh challengers. Those very well may be coming this week so let's get to it.

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We open with a recap of CM Punk winning the title at Saturday Night's Main Event.

Here is Punk to get things going. After his usual intro, Punk is stopped by a YOU DESERVE IT chant, with Punk saying that we'll get to the difference between "deserved" and "earned". Punk thanks AJ Lee (with a lot of positive adjectives) before saying the fans deserve it for being by his side. He also thanks Jey Uso for the match and the fight, and he appreciates Uso for being a real main eventer. Yeet. Punk hopes they can still be friends but he gets if they can't.

Instead, Punk doesn't know how long he'll have around here so he's got to hold onto the title for as long as he can. There is no Seth Rollins with a briefcase coming to steal the title so he does the Rollins spin the title over his head bit. Punk knows there is a target on him and knows that the locker room is waiting on him. He brings up names like Bronson Reed and

Bron Breaker before saying he wants to test himself.

That means facing people like AJ Styles, Dominik Mysterio, JD McDonagh, Finn Balor, Sheamus and of course John Cena. Punk knows Cena doesn't have a long time left but he's here for a good time, so come try to be an eighteen time World Champion. Cue the returning Logan Paul to interrupt and Punk nearly loses it, with a great "NOT HIM!".

Punk suggests that Paul go after the US Title on Smackdown ("I hear it's lovely this time of year.") before Paul talks about how he's like a great car. Punk is like an old, beaten up Honda Civic but here is the Vision to interrupt. Heyman isn't impressed by what he sees in front of him and says Bron Breaker is at the front of the line. Punk has been champion for two days, which is four hundred and thirty two days shy of then they were World Champion together. As for Paul, he needs to get to steppin, but Paul says he was here first so the Vision should have gotten out here faster.

Breaker takes the mic, saying they've been waiting for weeks after taking out Seth Rollins and waiting for a new champion to be crowned. Breaker is coming for what belongs to him because Punk is keeping it warm for him. The two of them should get out of the ring before he whips them like a dog. Punk says it's time to fight so Paul can either fight with him or get out. Naturally Paul goes to leave but is cut off by the Vision, with Breaker shoving him down. The Vision beats Punk down and Paul actually gets in, with Reed crushing him with a Tsunami. Punk comes in with a chair to make the save.

This was a long segment, but it set the stage for where things are at the moment. Punk is the new top star around here (now officially) and he's going to be a fighting champion, as a good guy should be a lot of the time. That deserves some time to talk and Paul being set up as a challenger is fine, as Punk is going to need someone to come after him until Bron Breaker is really ready.

Nikki Bella/Stephanie Vaquer vs. Judgment Day

Perez backs Bella into the ropes to start so they trade places, with Bella blocking a big slap. Bella works on the arm before Rodriguez comes in to take Bella into the corner. It's quickly off to Vaquer for the staredown with Rodriguez, who muscles her up for a suplex. Vaquer slips out of that and kicks her in the face, followed by a snap suplex to Perez. Everything breaks down and, after a hip bump, Vaquer and Bella dive off the apron to drop the villains as we take a break.

We come back with Bella getting knocked down and Perez adding a Lionsault. Bella manages to tornado DDT her way out of the corner to drop Rodriguez, allowing the tag off to Vaquer. Rodriguez's knee is taken out but the STB is blocked. A high crossbody gives Vaquer two and it's off to Perez, who gets caught in the Devil's Kiss. Bella hits the Rack Attack 2.0 but Rodriguez makes the save. Vaquer takes Rodriguez to the apron but can't hit the Devil's Kiss. Instead Rodriguez drops her onto the apron and hits Bella in the face, setting up Pop Rox to give Perez the pin at 12:46.

Rating: C. Bella's comeback continues to feel like little more than a thing that is happening, as she feels like a relic of the past. While she's far from some kind of terrible disaster, she isn't quite hanging in there that well with the bigger stars. If nothing else, it seems like one of the two villains will be getting a shot at Vaquer sooner than later, which is fairly long overdue.

We look at the announcement of the John Cena The Last Time Is Now tournament for the right to face Cena in his final match.

Adam Pearce has a tumbler to determine some first round matches.

CM Punk runs into Jey Uso, who was thinking about helping Punk earlier. Punk asks if he's talking to Jey Uso or Little Roman. Uso says they can take care of the Vision tonight and a tag

match seems to be set.

Penta vs. El Grande Americano

Rayo and Bravo are here with Grande. Penta snaps off a headscissors to start but Grande cuts off another one with a faceplant. Grande goes after the mask but gets suplexes for two instead. They fight to the apron and strike it out until Grande reverses a Canadian Destroyer with a backdrop and we take a break.

We come back with Penta fighting out of trouble but the Canadian Destroyer is blocked. Instead Penta kicks him in the head for two and they strike it out, with Penta sending him outside. The big flip dive connects but Bravo trips him down, earning an ejection. The distraction lets Rayo load up Grande's mask but Penta plants him down. Rayo gets caught catching him on top and gets ejected, allowing Penta to hit a big dive. Grande's diving headbutt is superkicked away and the middle rope Canadian Destroyer finishes Grande at 10:24.

Rating: C+. I'm a bit surprised to see Americano lose, but to be fair the whole story has lost a lot of steam due to Chad Gable being hurt. It was also a lot more fun when the lackeys were more mysterious and just popping up rather than being there all the time, but that's another story. Either way, good for Penta to get a win, which he has been needing more of lately.

The Kabuki Warriors are tired of the lack of respect for Asuka, who is the true legend. They're ready to show their dominance over the tag division.

Here is Dominik Mysterio for a chat to quite the reaction. Mysterio brags about his greatness...and Rey Mysterio is back. Rey doesn't like Dominik calling himself the greatest luchador of all time. What about El Santo? Blue Demon? Or EDDIE GUERRERO? Is Dominik better than they are?

Dominik certainly thinks so, but he knows he's better than Rey. That's too far for Rey, who isn't going to let Dominik disrespect lucha libre. Rey isn't having this and wants to stand up for lucha libre, saying as long as he's around, Dominik will not be the greatest ever. The brawl is on and Dominik bails away. Well the match is all but guaranteed and this month's pay per view is in Rey's hometown. Yeah that should work.

Lyra Valkyria makes sure everything is ok with Bayley after the Kabuki Warriors attacked Charlotte and Alexa Bliss after last week's match.

Here is Becky Lynch on the announcers' table, saying she has a lot to get off her chest. She has been going through a lot in the last few weeks. Her hot husband is injured at home, the Vision has lost their minds, and now she has a crooked referee obsessed with holding her down.

On top of all that though, there's Maxxine Dupri, who the fans have believing that she's actually good. Dupri can go train with anyone she wants and it won't matter because Lynch is just that much better. Lynch goes to leave but runs into the Kabuki Warriors, with Asuka having quite the staredown. A paranoid and near snapping Lynch carrying the feud is a good idea, as the more Dupri is out there, the quicker the charm will wear off.

Kabuki Warriors vs. Lyra Valkyria/Bayley

Asuka takes Valkyria down to start but misses a running kick, allowing Valkyria to nip up. A basement dropkick gives Valkyria two and it's off to Bayley vs. Sane. Bayley quickly takes over and plants Sane before Valkyria comes in for the near fall. A dive misses though and Asuka suplexes Valkyria on the floor as we take a break.

We come back with Bayley getting the tag to clean house, including a Thesz press to hammer on Asuka. The twisting

Stunner over the middle rope rocks Asuka again and a middle rope elbow to a standing Asuka's back gets two. Sane comes back in to knee Bayley off the apron, only to get Bayley To Bellied for two back inside.

A sunset bomb sends Sane into the corner for Valkyria's guillotine legdrop and a near fall. Sane is able to catch Valkyria on top for a double stomp and Bayley has to make a save. Valkyria is back with a backbreaker so Bayley's riddle rope elbow can get two, as Asuka makes the save. Asuka takes Bayley down and loads up the reverse DDT but Bayley is back up. Valkyria is rammed into Bayley though and the Asuka Lock finishes Valkyria at 14:07.

Rating: B. They were working hard here and the Warriors get a win on their way towards the Tag Team Title shot. Valkyria and Bayley are a team who work well half the time at best and that was the case here, though it wasn't their fault for once. I'm curious as to where that's going, mainly because they've dropped the ridiculous multiple personalities deal go away.

Post match Charlotte and Alexa Bliss run in to chase the Warriors off.

JD McDonagh and Finn Balor are ready to get their Tag Team Titles back when Raquel Rodriguez and Roxanne Perez come in to give them a pep talk. Dominik Mysterio comes in and complains about Rey Mysterio, with Balor not being happy about Dominik's lack of focus on what matters. The women won't listen either and blame Dominik for costing them the titles in the first place.

Tag Team Titles: AJ Styles/Dragon Lee vs. Judgment Day

Styles and Lee are challenging and get jumped to start fast in the corner as Dominik Mysterio, at ringside, approves. Lee gets put on top but he comes back with a high crossbody to put Baylor down. A running hurricanrana over the top pulls McDonagh off the apron, only for Balor to come back with a

basement dropkick for two.

We're already in the chinlock but Lee fights up with a sitout powerbomb. Styles comes in to take over in the corner and hits a big dive to the floor as we take a break. We come back with Lee coming in to clean house until a Sling Blade cuts him off. The shotgun dropkick sets up a missed Coup de Grace so Balor hits a quick Nightmare On Helm Street. Styles comes back in to strike away on McDonagh, who accidentally takes out Dominik Mysterio.

The Coup de Grace hits McDonagh by mistake and it's a Phenomenal Forearm for two with Balor making the save. Balor and Mysterio stop for a chat, with Mysterio loading up a belt shot. Cue Sheamus to cut that off before Styles can get hit but the distraction lets a shillelagh shot knock Styles sill for two, with Lee making the save. Sheamus beats up Mysterio and Lee hits a big running flip dive to take Balor out. The Styles Clash to McDonagh retains the titles at 10:32.

Rating: B+. Dang I got into that one, as they were going nuts with the near falls and false finishes. Sheamus interfering and going after Mysterio gives me hope that he could try for the Intercontinental Title again, as that is quite the story if we ever get to the title change. On the other hand you have Styles and Lee, who pretty clearly aren't a long term team, but they're doing fine for a quick thing as Styles heads out.

Nikki Bella apologizes to Stephanie Vaquer for their loss, as well as Vaquer having to defend against Raquel Rodriguez next week. As usual, this leads to praise of Bella, who continues to be one of the most annoying humans anytime she speaks.

Paul Heyman comes up to see Jey Uso, who was always his favorite member of the Bloodline. That's why Heyman can't understand why Uso would ever team with CM Punk. Uso says Punk faced him man to man, which Uso respects. He doesn't care what anyone says about him but Heyman talks about how it is now

open warfare with everyone involving the Vision. Heyman thinks Uso has a vision all of his own, so good luck tonight.

Adam Pearce announces some first round matches for next week in the John Cena tournament:

Rusev vs. Damian Priest

Shinsuke Nakamura vs. Sheamus

CM Punk/Jey Uso vs. The Vision

Paul Heyman is here with the Vision. Uso strikes away at Reed to start and Punk comes in with a top rope ax handle on the arm. Reed isn't having that and powers Punk into the corner so Breakker can come in for a rather strong backdrop. It's back to Uso for a double belly to back suplex to Breakker and a superkick to Reed. The villains are sent outside for a big dive to take them down and we take a break.

We come back with Punk in trouble and Breakker coming in to shoulder him in the corner. Breakker misses a running knee though and crashes out to the floor, only to come back in for a Shatter Machine of all things to Punk. Uso has to make the save, leaving Punk to slip out of a gorilla press and grab a neckbreaker. The tag brings in Uso to go after Reed, including the dancing spit punch. Well slap but close enough. The spear hits Reed, with Breakker making the save this time. Punk's top rope clothesline hits Breakker, as does a slingshot dive to the floor. Everyone goes outside and it's a double countout at 10:15.

Rating: B-. In a way I like the result, as you don't want to have the villains lose but Punk shouldn't be taking a loss, either directly or indirectly, two days after getting the title back. The action was good enough as well, as Uso continues to feel like a main eventer, though Breakker continues to feel like the future.

Post match the brawl is on and Reed is put on the announcers'

table, only for Breakker to come back with the Super Spear to Uso. Punk makes the save with a chair but the Vision grabs chairs of their own. Cue Logan Paul...who takes Punk out with the brass knuckles and stands tall with the Vision. He even hands the knuckles to Heyman to end the show. Eh I can go with it, as the team is kind of weird without a singles star to go with the tag team.

Overall Rating: B+. This show had a rather good mixture of wrestling and talking, with Punk's promo setting the stage for where things were going and the Paul stuff at the end being an intriguing move. At the same time, you had the pretty awesome Tag Team Title match and some other entertaining matches included. I'm liking where a lot of this is going, especially with WarGames being visible if you squint hard enough with three and a half weeks left.

Results

Judgment Day b. Nikki Bella/Stephanie Vaquer – Pop Rox to Bella

Penta b. El Grande Americano – Middle rope Canadian Destroyer

Kabuki Warriors b. Lyra Valkyria/Bayley – Asuka Lock to Valkyria

Dragon Lee/AJ Styles b. Judgment Day – Styles Clash to McDonagh

CM Punk/Jey Uso vs. The Vision went to a double countout

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