

Monday Night Raw – November 17, 2025: Chocko Fun Cup

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So we're back home for WWE, but the bigger deal is that it is the last Raw appearance for John Cena, who happens to be the new Intercontinental Champion. Other than that, we need to find out who he will be facing in his final match, which is taking place in less than a month. WarGames also has to continue its build so let's get to it.

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We open with a recap of John Cena's last appearance in Boston last week, where he won the Intercontinental Title for the first time.

Here is Cena to an absolute roar and the fans sing him to the ring in a great moment. Cena gets the big introduction, which is appropriate as this is his final Raw. He says that while he appreciates the enthusiasm, it is the fans who deserve the thanks. There is a special feeling here because this is the city that can make or break careers. This is the last time that they can be together on this show...and here is Dominik Mysterio to interrupt.

The fans are not pleased to see Mysterio, who says no one wants to hear what Cena has to say. Last week, Cena was handed a title shot, just like he has been handed everything else. He wants his rematch and Cena is willing to oblige, but Mysterio wants it on his terms. The fans tell Mysterio to shut up in a certain way, but Cena says it's "CHOCKO FUN CUP".

Mysterio wants the rematch at Survivor Series and Cena is in. As for tonight though, Cena is going to have one more match and challenges Mysterio, which draws out the rest of the Judgment Day. Cena is ready to fight and the beatdown is on, but Sheamus and then Rey Mysterio run in for the save. The good guys clear the ring, allowing Cena to issue the six man challenge.

John Cena/Sheamus/Rey Mysterio vs. Judgment Day

We're joined in progress with Sheamus in trouble as Balor chokes on the ropes. A slingshot hilo gives McDonagh two but Sheamus gets in a shot of his own, allowing the much needed tag off to Rey. House is cleaned but Dominik breaks up the 619 attempt, somehow making the fans hate him even more.

We take a break and come back with Rey managing to crotch McDonagh on top. That's enough for the much needed tag to Cena as everything breaks down. A Sling Blade hits Sheamus and Cena is dropped as well, setting up a moonsault into a Coup de Grace. Rey and Sheamus make the save, setting up triple ten forearms to the villains' chests. A triple Shuffle (with Sheamus switching places with Cena so Cena can be in the middle) sets up the AA to McDonagh for the pin at 11:34.

Rating: B. While the action was good, it was absolutely not the point of the match here. This was all about Cena getting to do this one more time and it was basically a house show main event as a result. It really is the end of an era and while it might not exactly be important at the moment, it was an entertaining match with the fans loving it all the way.

We look at Drew McIntyre joining the Vision's WarGames team on Smackdown.

Adam Pearce and Nick Aldis are in the back to complain about Paul Heyman bringing McIntyre out of suspension on Smackdown. Cue Heyman, who says that everything he did was within the rules and regulations. If they think they're mad over his

fourth pick, he has something even worse as the fifth pick. They see the name on his contract and aren't pleased. Pearce: "This is going to be fun."

During the break, Judgment Day got into a fight with a comedian and some New York Giants.

We look back at Nikki Bella turning on Stephanie Vaquer last week.

Here is Vaquer for a chat but Bella jumps her on the stage. Bella says she didn't come back to sit on the sidelines and cheer for Vaquer. She's here to take the division, and the title, back.

We look at the build to the women's WarGames match.

Bayley and Lyra Valkyria are in the back when the Kabuki Warriors come in. They want Bayley to be on their WarGames team, which has her laughing at them for a firm no. Valkyria is rather proud of Bayley, who asks if Valkyria is five.

Last Time Is Now Tournament First Round: Solo Sikoa vs. ???

Tama Tonga is with Sikoa, who is facing...Dolph Ziggler! And yes that's what he's being called rather than Nic Nemeth, as he is currently known in TNA. Ziggler's right hands don't work as Sikoa runs him over, which starts up some rather loud pro ZIGGLER chants. Ziggler knocks him down for the jumping elbow before an STF sends Sikoa to the ropes. Another knockdown sets up the top rope elbow to give Ziggler two as we take a break.

We come back with Sikoa missing the running Umaga Attack, allowing Ziggler to hit a quick DDT for two. The Zig Zag is countered into the Spinning Solo for two more. Sikoa can't hit the Samoan Spike though and it's the Zig Zag to give Ziggler a near fall. Back up and another Zig Zag attempt is blocked, allowing Sikoa to hit a massive Samoan Spike for the pin at 8:55.

Rating: B. Ziggler is likely only back for a one off appearance, which is fine, as the fans were going nuts with everything he did. On top of that, they had a rather nice back and forth match, with Sikoa benefiting from being out there with another veteran. Sikoa needed another win too, as he hasn't had much success of note recently.

Video on Je'Von Evans, a high flier from NXT.

Here is Alexa Bliss, who hasn't been able to get in touch with Charlotte all weekend. After everything they've been through, Charlotte isn't willing to talk to her? Everyone told her to stay away from Charlotte but Bliss wouldn't listen. She knows who Charlotte is inside but now Charlotte might prove her wrong.

That's not what a best friend should do but here are the Kabuki Warriors, Nia Jax and Lash Legend to interrupt. They don't think much of Bliss (including mocking her sparkly pants) and the beatdown is teased, with Rhea Ripley and Iyo Sky running in to even it up a lot. Cue Charlotte with a kendo stick for the save and it seems that everything is cool.

Survivor Series rundown.

Women's Intercontinental Title: Becky Lynch vs. Maxxine Dupri

Lynch is defending and trash talks Dupri during the Big Match Intros. As a bonus, Lynch gets in an argument with the referee at the bell, allowing Dupri to hit a big boot for two. Dupri goes up but gets slammed off the top for the crash. A backbreaker sends Dupri outside and we take a break. We come back with Dupri kicking her down and then grabbing a suplex for two.

A legdrop gets two on Lynch and Dupri takes the straps down to hammer away. Lynch grabs a cross armbreaker, which is reversed into an ankle lock to put Lynch in big trouble. That's broken up and Lynch's Manhandle Slam gets two, with Dupri putting her

foot on the rope. Lynch gets in the referee's face again but this time referee Jessika Carr shoves her finger away and says worry about Dupri. That includes sending Dupri outside so Lynch can go unhook a turnbuckle pad...but AJ Lee is back. The distraction lets Dupri hit a high crossbody for the pin and the title at 9:45.

Rating: B-. When this whole thing started, it felt like something where we would just get done with it because Dupri was nothing more than a goof in over her head. However, she's done remarkably well in the whole thing and I actually don't hate it. While I don't think Dupri is the next big thing, it's a good way to give her a hot start to what could be a serious run. Nice job here.

Last Time Is Now Tournament First Round: Gunther vs. Je'Von Evans

This is Gunther's first match since Summerslam. The much smaller Evans tries to move around to start but can only get so far. Gunther gets in a big chop to put him down and we take a break. We come back with Evans hitting a dropkick but a second is countered into a Boston crab. That's broken up so Gunther goes right back to the back with a hard forearm. Evans is able to get in a superkick and Gunther's powerbomb is countered into a hurricanrana. Gunther is sent outside but his suicide dive is countered into a hard ram into the apron.

We take another break and come back again with Evans grabbing a Stundog Millionaire. That's enough to send Gunther outside for a suicide dive, followed by a high crossbody back inside. One heck of a frog splash gets two back inside but Gunther knocks a top rope cutter out of the air. The powerbomb gives Gunther two and the sleeper finishes Evans off at 15:12.

Rating: B+. Ok I might have been wrong about Evans, as he has grown on me at a remarkable rate. The best thing about him is he knows how to wrestle like a smaller guy, meaning he's doing

more than just impressive athletics. Since he isn't that big, it's easy to sympathize with him and he leans into that style. At the same time, Gunther's selling here was great, as he was giving reactions of "what the heck was that" as he staggered around. I had a really good time with this and Evans is a serious prospect.

Maxxine Dupri, with AJ Lee, is so proud of her win. Lee is happy with someone standing up to a bully but the Alpha Academy comes in to celebrate with Dupri. As Lee is a bit scared, Rhea Ripley comes in to ask if Lee has time to talk. She sure does.

Here's what's coming next week.

Here are Paul Heyman and his WarGames team for a chat. Heyman introduces the team (Bron Breakker, Bronson Reed, Logan Paul and Drew McIntyre) before talking about all of the teams he has led to the ring for WarGames over the years. Cue CM Punk, the Usos and Cody Rhodes to interrupt and the brawl is on. Punk and Paul slug it out in the ring with Punk taking over...and Brock Lesnar is back.

House is cleaned in a hurry, but of course Roman Reigns is back as well. Reigns and Lesnar have the big staredown and Lesnar is sent outside but Reed jumps Reigns from behind. The Tsunami is broken up and the NYPD come out to break it up, even with Reigns spearing Reed through the barricade to end the show. Red hot closing segment here, and nice job of having Reigns there as a secondary surprise rather than saving it for the closing of next week's show.

Overall Rating: A-. Dang what a show here, with nothing close to bad, a bunch of rather good matches, a nice surprise with Reigns coming out and the big special opener. It's a rare instance when WWE brings out the big guns on the special stage like this but it worked out so well here. This was one of the better WWE shows I've seen in a VERY long time

Results

John Cena/Sheamus/Rey Mysterio b. Judgment Day – Attitude Adjustment to McDonagh

Solo Sikoa b. Dolph Ziggler – Samoan Spike

Maxxine Dupri b. Becky Lynch – High crossbody

Gunther b. Je'Von Evans – Sleeper

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