

Survivor Series 2025 Preview

It's the last of the Big Four this year and we're back in a stadium. As usual, it's all about the WarGames, though at least this time we have two other matches, at least one of which has some potential. This is one of those shows where you have everything built around two matches though, and that's not exactly leaving much for the remainder of the card. Worse things have worked before though so let's get to it.

Raw Women's Title: Stephanie Vaquer(c) vs. Nikki Bella

I don't think it's a stretch to say that Bella's return has been a misfire, as she's just not that interesting, even after the heel turn. This idea that she's suddenly some kind of evil, horrible star who is coming for Vaquer's title is a stretch at minimum and realistically, a vast stretch. Normally I would say Bella had no chance here, but stranger things have certainly happened.

For the sake of my sanity, I'll take Vaquer to retain here, as the idea of Bella getting even more of a focus would be almost too much to bear. Bella's most recent big match was quite the mess and I'm almost scared to see what might happen here. While I don't expect the same disaster, the fact that it feels like a possibility tells you about all you need to know about this match. Hopefully Vaquer retains, as the alternative is almost scary.

Intercontinental Title: John Cena(c) vs. Dominik Mysterio

Dang it's so weird to write that down after so many years. The other thing that is so weird is that this match could go either way. Cena is going to be gone in about two weeks and pretty much has to lose the title in one of his two remaining matches. There is a very real chance that it happens here, which would be a heck of a moment for Mysterio's career. The fact that he is a legitimate threat to take Cena out is

impressive, as Mysterio really has gotten that good.

While I originally planned to pick Cena as the winner, I think I'm actually going with Mysterio. Beating Cena in his last match is probably bigger than winning the title, so this is about as good as anything else could be. Mysterio getting to beat Cena in his final pay per view match is something that he could milk for years, which is what I'm hoping winds up happening here.

Team Ripley vs. Team Lynch

And then there's this, which feels like about four or five stories thrown together for the sake of making a WarGames match. While there are some pairings in here which feel like they belong on the big stage, this absolutely comes off like something that would be better as a traditional Survivor Series match. The good thing is we could be getting some rather violent stuff here with a lot of powerhouses involved.

I think I'll take Lynch and company to win here, as Ripley's team won last year so it might be time for the villains to get their chance. Lynch and the Disarm-Her should be more than enough to get a submission out of someone (Bliss feels like a strong option) and the feuds can continue from there. Odds are this one is wrong, but Lynch and company winning feels like the more logical way to go.

Team Punk vs. Team Heyman

In case the women's match didn't have enough star power, here we have two World Champions, Roman Reigns, a future World Champion and the Usos, plus Brock Lesnar. Now take all of those people and lock them in a pair of cages. That should be quite the battle, though unfortunately it's a battle that is going to go on for a rather long time. At the same time, it's also quite the toss up.

At the end of the day, I can't imagine a team with Lesnar

losing to one with Jimmy Uso on the other side so I'll take the villains winning. Throw in some rather wedged drama between Rhodes/Punk/Reigns and I can't imagine their team winning. Again, that makes for a better result, as both champions could get new challengers out of this match. It should be wild and violent though, which is entirely the point of something like this.

Overall Thoughts

Well, you can't say it's lacking in star power. This show couldn't feel much bigger if they were trying, and that's nice to see with Survivor Series. The show has been kind of up and down over the years so the infusion of WarGames, which might not always be the best, has been a great addition. I want to see where this show goes and that is a great feeling to have going into a show where that isn't always the case.

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