

Austin Isn't Coming Back

At least not for now. The story going around is that Austin said on his podcast that he was training for a comeback. I heard the episode he was talking about and it seemed like that would be a bit bigger deal than a quick throwaway line.

Well I'm currently listening to the new one and Austin said he was training for a comeback.....to go to Gold's Gym. Yeah amazingly enough Austin didn't announce his return to wrestling for what would probably be the main event of Wrestlemania on a podcast with a retired wrestler that most people have never heard of. It's almost like news outlets jump to conclusions about stories without knowing all the details yet.

Thought of the Day: Like Clockwork

Why do we always miss this? It's fall again and, just like every year, WWE is getting dull. As usual, fans are annoyed that the product sucks, even though they sit through this EVERY SINGLE YEAR. Think about it: every year the last few months are always a letdown and every single year the fans act surprised by it. Why would you expect it to be different? There has to be a down time in there somewhere, if nothing else just due to people running out of gas and needing to recharge a bit.

Every year it's the same thing and every year it's the same response. It really should be expected by now.

The New Nation Has A Name

...and it's bad. They're called Speed Force.

Speed Force.

They're had like six weeks and they came up with SPEED FORCE?

Thought of the Day: (WW)E For Effort

We're talking about the writing team today. I can't believe I'm saying this, but it seems like WWE is actually trying to do some new stuff with some characters. You can see this very clearly in last night's Intercontinental Title match.

Last night we saw Dolph Ziggler, accompanied by R-Ziggler, facing Hollywood Miz and his stunt double Damien Mizdow. Here's the important thing: you have three new characters out there and they guys are getting some fresh mileage out of it.

Now don't get me wrong: R-Ziggler or Hollywood Miz aren't going to main event a pay per view anytime soon, but these

guys (and Sandow) were dead in the water. Look at Truth for example. We've seen him rap his own theme song and dance in the ring while talking about Little Jimmy and hitting the same moves for years now. There was absolutely nothing we haven't covered with him and there was nowhere else for him to go. You knew he wasn't going to win save for the occasional fluke upset to set up a nothing midcard title match and the rest of the time he was there as a jobber to the stars.

Now he's Dolph Ziggler's buddy and I'm not entirely sure if he's going to win or lose. He's still the same wrestler, but the fresh package gives him several more miles. It's much better than just turning him heel and having him be the same guy because now he's a new guy. Look back to 2011 when he was turned crazy. It was an entirely different character and he got a World Title match on pay per view out of it.

The same is true for Sandow but it even has some roots. You can look at Mizdow as his ultimate impersonation and it's actually working for him. It's far better to be Miz's lackey than to be out there for a one off comedy spot that doesn't go anywhere and you can see the payoff coming a mile away.

They're actually trying and while I have no reason to believe it's going to last, it's very nice to see them throwing something new out there than trying the same things over and over again and having them go nowhere.

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Update on Reigns

According to WWE.com, Reigns will be out four to six weeks, likely closer to six. The hernia has been fixed and it should be just recovery now.

Roman Reigns Undergoes Surgery, Likely Out Of Night of Champions

According to WWE.com. It's due to something called an incarcerated hernia. No word on how long he'll be out.

Full Listings For New Macho Man Randy Savage DVD/Blu Ray

It comes out on November 18.

DISC 1

Documentary

- Driven to Perfection
- Bred to Achieve
- Baseball Days
- Transition into Wrestling
- Developing The Macho Man
- Earning a Reputation
- WrestleMania III
- WWE Champion
- Mega Powers
- Randy & Liz
- Spokesperson
- WCW
- Hardships
- Giving Back
- True Love
- May 20, 2011
- Cream of the Crop

DISC 2

Intercontinental Championship Match

"Macho Man" Randy Savage vs. Ricky "The Dragon" Steamboat
Superstars • November 22, 1986

Lumberjack Match for the Intercontinental Championship

"Macho Man" Randy Savage vs. Bruno Sammartino
Boston Garden • February 7, 1987

Intercontinental Championship Match

"Macho Man" Randy Savage vs. Ricky "The Dragon" Steamboat
Maple Leaf Gardens • February 15, 1987

"Macho Man" Randy Savage vs. "The King" Harley Race
Philadelphia, PA • September 18, 1987

Six-Man Tag Team Steel Cage Match

“Macho Man” Randy Savage & Strike Force vs. Honky Tonk Man & The Hart Foundation

Boston Garden • March 5, 1988

WWE Championship Match

“Macho Man” Randy Savage vs. “Million Dollar Man” Ted DiBiase

Boston Garden • July 9, 1988

Harlem Street Fight for the WWE Championship

“Macho Man” Randy Savage vs. Bad News Brown

Hamilton, Ontario • January 16, 1989

WWE Championship Match

Hulk Hogan vs. “Macho Man” Randy Savage

Madison Square Garden • April 24, 1989

DISC 3

“Macho Man” Randy Savage vs. “Rowdy” Roddy Piper

Miami, FL • January 22, 1990

WWE Championship Match

“Macho Man” Randy Savage vs. Shawn Michaels

Munich, Germany • April 14, 1992

WWE Championship Match

“Macho Man” Randy Savage vs. The Ultimate Warrior

SummerSlam • August 31, 1992

WWE Championship Match

“Macho Man” Randy Savage vs. Ric Flair

Prime Time Wrestling • September 14, 1992

WCW Television Championship Match

“Macho Man” Randy Savage vs. Arn Anderson

WCW Saturday Night • January 28, 1995

Steel Cage Match for the WCW Championship

“Macho Man” Randy Savage vs. Ric Flair

WCW Superbrawl VI • February 11, 1996

Las Vegas Sudden Death Match

“Macho Man” Randy Savage vs. Diamond Dallas Page

WCW Halloween Havoc • October 26, 1997

BLU-RAY EXTRAS

Lumberjack Match for the WWE Championship

Hulk Hogan vs. “Macho Man” Randy Savage

Madison Square Garden • February 17, 1986

Winner is the King of WWE

“Macho Man” Randy Savage vs. “Hacksaw” Jim Duggan

Madison Square Garden • October 28, 1989

“Macho Man” Randy Savage & Sting vs. The Blue Bloods (Lord Steven Regal & Earl Robert Eaton)

WCW Saturday Night • September 9, 1995

“Macho Man” Randy Savage vs. Booker T

WCW Nitro • December 15, 1997

Blu-Ray Exclusive Stories

- Ambidextrous?
- Card Shark
- Fearing the Savage
- Getting into the WWE
- Snake Fixed?
- A Safety Net
- Hundred Dollar Bill Guy
- Jerusalem
- Highly Competitive
- No Days Off
- Cowboy Hats
- Part of the Team
- Shifting Gears
- Very Generous
- Thanksgiving Call
- Walking Away
- Michael Schmidt

– Macho Tip

I've seen most of those matches. I'm pretty sure the cage match was on an old Coliseum Video and I remember it being pretty awesome.

Hulk Hogan's Rock N Wrestling Coming To WWE Network

So yeah....best day ever.

Main Event – April 8, 2014: How The Mighty Have Fallen

Main Event

Date: April 8, 2014

Location: CajunDome, Lafayette, Louisiana

Commentators: Tom Phillips, Byron Saxton

This is a show I've wanted to do since I heard the main event announced at the Raw after Wrestlemania. The company was on fire at this point and they were smart enough to put a huge match on the Network to get people to watch. The main event of...well of Main Event is Shield vs. Wyatt Family III. Not bad for the C show. Let's get to it.

We open with a long recap from Raw where Shield turned face to save Bryan from the Authority. Everyone in the building knew that was coming and they went nuts for it anyway.

Opening sequence.

Shield vs. Wyatt Family

Now this is how you open a show. The fireflies aren't a thing for Wyatt yet and it really does take something away from the entrance. Ambrose and Rowan get things going and Dean slaps the mask off his face. Rowan shoves him down but gets caught by a jumping back elbow to the jaw. Rollins comes in to help with a double suplex for two before hammering away on the big man. He even grabs Erick's beard to take him into the corner. Why has no one ever thought of that before?

Rollins tries a crucifix but swings around and drags Erick down into a Koji Clutch. The other Wyatts come in for a save and we have a staredown. Back from a break with Bray hitting a gutbuster on Seth for two. Rowan comes in again and steps on Seth's head before getting two off a belly to back suplex. Off to Harper who pulls Seth out of the corner, only to have him backflip to his feet and send Luke face first into the middle buckle.

The hot tag brings in Reigns to start cleaning house. It's quickly off to Ambrose for a reverse 3D but Harper is up at two. A big boot takes Dean's head off for two more and the Wyatts take over again. Dean tries biting Rowan's finger but gets caught in a side slam for his efforts. Harper comes in and drives Ambrose back into the corner so the Family can keep hammering away.

Dean is sent to the ropes and tries to skin the cat but Rowan kicks him to the floor and we take another break. One of the commercials is for the Warrior DVD which still makes me shake my head given the news that would break about three hours later. Back with Harper Gator Rollins Ambrose but getting caught in a jawbreaker. Harper pops back up though and slams Dean down to stop a hot tag attempt.

Wyatt comes in to stay on the bad back before it's off to Rowan for a bearhug. Dean fights out and grabs a sleeper, only to have Harper make a save. Some stiff uppercuts put Ambrose on the ropes but he finally comes back with the Rebound Clothesline. Bray stops another hot tag attempt but charges into a pair of boots in the corner. Dean goes up top, only to have Wyatt load up a superplex. That's countered as well though and Dean

tries a top rope ax handle but gets caught in a release Rock Bottom.

Rollins and Reigns come in for the save and everything breaks down again. Harper throws Reigns over the announcers' table as Dean counters Sister Abigail into a rollup for a very close two. Ambrose scores with a DDT and makes the hot tag to Rollins. He dropkicks both minions to the floor and hits huge flip dives to knock them both down.

Back in and Seth is backdropped to the apron where he kicks Bray in the face and hits a standing Sliced Bread #2 for a near fall on Rowan. Ambrose breaks up a Harper powerbomb attempt but Bray knocks him outside. The Superman Punch drops Bray and Rollins kicks both monsters in the head. The Apron Kick drills Harper and Rollins hits the springboard knee to Rowan's head, setting up the Dirty Deeds for the pin on Erick at 19:33.

Rating: A-. Great six man tag here as they went for the hot wrestling match instead of the war to give it a nice change of pace from the Elimination Chamber classic. These teams could have fought for years and it would have stayed awesome with the matches being this good. It's awesome to see the Shield get a win, especially when they were coming off the huge turn the night before.

Ambrose faints after the match in a Flair Flip. Renee Young comes in for an interview and Rollins says no one can stop the team when they're united. Ambrose starts coughing and says the others have to do the promo. Young asks about them saving Bryan and Ambrose says the Authority found out what happens when you test the Shield.

The Authority called them anonymous but Rollins insists they're anything but that. Reigns hits on Renee a bit and asks the crowd if he has a name. He was the guy that speared HHH on Raw and he's standing right here. Rollins talks about being prepared for war and calls the Authority the greatest injustice in WWE. They'll fire the final shot and win this war. Believe that. DANG these guys were awesome.

Adam Rose is coming. He was always destined for comedy relief and there's nothing wrong with that.

We see some of the mainstream coverage of the Streak ending.

Video on the history of Wrestlemania set to Celebrate by Kid Rock. This turns into a montage of WWE clips with maybe half of them being from Wrestlemania.

Thank You video for the fans. That's still awesome.

Jack Swagger vs. Dolph Ziggler

Zeb rants about Cesaro turning on them last night, thus confirming his thoughts about immigrants. Ziggler nails a great dropkick to start but Jack takes him down and hits a quick Vader Bomb for two. Dolph comes back with a running cross body and some right hands in the corner, only to have Swagger chop block him down. Another Vader Bomb attempt hits boots but Jack grabs the Patriot Lock. That goes nowhere and Ziggler gets two off the Fameasser. The running DDT gets the same but Ziggler tries to get a bit too fast and is thrown into the Patriot Lock for the submission at 4:07.

Rating: C-. This was fast paced while it lasted but it didn't have the time to go anywhere. I was expecting this to go on until the end of the show but I kind of like them having a third match instead. Swagger works a lot better as a face, even though he's doing a lot of the same stuff.

Clip of Rusev debuting (again) last night.

Sin Cara vs. Alexander Rusev

Kick, slam, Accolade, 47 seconds. He would lose the Alexander in a few months.

Overall Rating: B+. Man it's amazing how far WWE has fallen in the five months since Wrestlemania season. This was a hot show with a great opening match and some awesome videos that made me miss being at Wrestlemania. The six man is awesome and worth seeing, though it's not quite as good as the Elimination Chamber match. Shield really could have gone on for a long time, but I can see why they were split. Imagine what happens when one of them needs help in a few years and you hear that music hit. Really good show.

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Warner Brothers Looking To Buy.....Something

The story going around at the moment is that Warner Brothers is looking to buy the WWE video library. However, almost every wrestling site is interpreting this as they want the distribution rights, which is an entirely different idea. That would be a big boost to WWE as Warner Brothers is a far bigger name in distribution than the company WWE uses (Cinedigm) isn't huge from what I can tell. The headline about wanting to buy the whole library is misleading and would cause a lot of major changes in WWE. I can't picture that happening though and my guess is it's just the distribution rights, which would be very interesting as well.