

Genesis 2012 Preview

It's the first show of the year, it starts in like 6 hours, I can barely keep my eyes open, so here's a quick one: Roode to retain. it seems too easy for Hardy to win it this fast, plus it would make Roode a pretty transitional guy.

Tag champs to retain. I just can't see the switch.

Angle over Storm to set up a third gimmick match.

Pope over D-Von.

Mickie wins the title.

I have no idea what else is on the card. Oh and Abyss hopefully to win.

Thoughts/predictions?

Smackdown – January 6, 2012 – Make Mark Henry A Commentator!

Smackdown

Date: January 6, 2012

Location: Verizon Arena, Little Rock, Arkansas

Commentators: Michael Cole, Josh Matthews

I'm presuming Booker will be on commentary here. Anyway tonight we have a double main event with two title matches.

First of all we have Booker challenging Cody for the IC Title in their rubber match in what should be good. We also get Bryan defending the world title against Big Show in what should be an interesting match as I'm really not sure how well Bryan will be able to manage against a monster. He's a great seller though which should help. Let's get to it.

We open with a video of Orton vs. Barrett last week.

Booker isn't on commentary.

Intercontinental Title: Booker T vs. Cody Rhodes

Feeling out process to start and Booker has a very mild advantage. Cody takes over and works on the arm. They chop it out with Booker winning. They're starting slowly here which implies they'll have a lot of time to work with. Booker sends him to the floor where he gets dropped onto the railing. We take a break with Rhodes in control. Back with the same circumstances, just in the ring this time.

Backslide gets two for the challenger as does a big kick. Rhodes blocks a shot into the corner and tries the top rope standing moonsault, which only partially hits. Cody seemed to have hurt his leg coming down. He isn't limping so maybe it was just a quick flash of pain. Off to a double arm hold, as in imagine if Booker is sitting down and Cody has Booker's arms like he's trying a double arm DDT or butterfly suplex.

Spinebuster takes Cody down but Booker can't hit the scissors kick or the Book End. The second attempt at the kick gets two. Big reaction on the kickout too. Cody gets up and sends Booker into the corner where he sets for the Jack Brisco sunset flip but Cody stays in the middle of the ring. Booker tries a side kick but Cody ducks and hits the Beautiful Disaster for the pin at 9:12 shown of 12:42.

Rating: C+. Pretty good match and they made Booker look good here as it came off like he got caught rather than he got

beat. I've heard rumors he might have something else like this and I wouldn't be all that opposed to it. There's nothing wrong with a guy that still gets a reaction from the crowd being used to put someone over like he did for Rhodes here.

Cody is walking in the back and Dustin pops up to congratulate him on a big victory. Cody yells at him, saying this is why they don't talk. He's already more of a success than his brother and he might be a better one than his dad. If Dustin considers putting on the gold paint for one more run, think twice because he's a joke but not a laughing stock. Cody can change that though, so don't try it.

Ryder is with Teddy and says he's stepping down as assistant to the GM. Drew pops in but Ryder offers up Santino to be the new assistant, which is accepted. Zack leaves and Santino mentions some of the things he can do for Teddy, including syncing his iPod. As for Drew, he's got Santino tonight and if he loses, he's on very thin ice. If Santino wins, he's officially the assistant. Drew leaves and here's Aksana. Santino leaves while the two of them make dinner plans.

Royal Rumble moment: Cena returns. Screw WWE.com's list. That's the #1 moment in the history of the Rumble....maybe. It's probably either that or Hogan vs. Warrior. Either way it's better than their's: Shawn survives from #1.

Alicia is talking to AJ and AJ is really happy with Daniel. She's worried about his match though. Bryan pops up to a pop which I don't buy. He brags about beating Big Show and Alicia leaves. AJ is nervous about the match and Bryan is very confident. Sex is implied for later.

Hornswoggle vs. Heath Slater

This is an over the top rope challenge, so basically a two man battle royal. Horny looks at something in the lights and when Slater looks, Horny stomps on his foot. Slater chokes in the corner as we're certainly in a comedy match. Horny tries a

middle rope cross body but gets caught. Slater tries to dump him but Horny uses leverage and hair for the win at 1:37. This was just for the kids.

Slater beats him down post match but Gabriel makes the save. He hits the 450 and we cut to a very closeup shot on Slater, as in it looked like it was about a foot from his body on the mat and pointed at the corner.

Don't be a bully.

Ted DiBiase vs. Hunico

Camacho, the bodyguard, has a mic. Oh wait it's Hunico with the mic and Camacho is riding the bike. Both of them talk and aren't happy that they didn't get invited to join the DiBiase Posse. That Lowrider bike just isn't working for me. Hunico tries to speed things up to start and hooks a headscissors which DiBiase countered into kind of a reverse sitout powerbomb. That could be a solid finisher if used by some power guy.

Hunico takes it to the mat and hooks a Fujiwara Armbar. DiBiase comes back and hits some dropkicks but Dream Street is countered. The arm goes into the buckle and Hunico locks in one of the weirdest pinning combinations I've ever seen. Basically DiBiase looked like he was in a backslide but Hunico was on one knee with DiBiase's legs on his shoulders and was looking the other way. No idea what that's called but it gets the pin at 3:06.

Rating: C. I liked this a lot as there was some basic psychology in it. Hunico worked on the arm which weakened DiBiase's finisher, then DiBiase couldn't hit Dream Street, Hunico went back to the arm and it led straight to the finish. Now why can't we see something that simple a lot more often?

At the end of the day though, they're riding away on a bicycle. Not working for me.

Here's Barret and apparently this is supposed to be an update on Orton. Barrett says he'll be handling this update instead of the doctors. We see a clip of the end of the show last week. As for the medical update, he has a herniated disc. As for his career update, he's done. Oh sure he might try to come back someday but his mental edge is gone.

That brings us to the Royal Rumble in Orton's hometown, where Orton will have to sit in the crowd and watch him win. There isn't a single superstar that can stop him from winning. Cue Sheamus with a rebuttal. I like the idea of this feud as Sheamus needs something to do until the Rumble and Barrett can't get to Bryan yet while the monsters are still after him. Sheamus says Barrett is like his uncle: a big talker, but just a shepherd. Well at least he's not a bushwhacker. However the uncle had been kicked in the head as a child so he wasn't all there. Now what's Barrett's excuse?

They're about to fight when they're interrupted by....Jinder Mahal? He doesn't say anything but slaps Sheamus in the face. Sheamus fights them off but sets for a Celtic Cross on Barrett. Mahal gets in a shot but Sheamus destroys him again. Sheamus walks into Winds of Change and Barrett leaves. Sheamus gets put in a camel clutch and Jinder stands tall. Why are they going with this match again? Sheamus has destroyed him every time they've been together and they're doing it again? Why? Hopefully so it'll lead to Barrett vs. Sheamus, which is what it probably is.

We recap the Show/Bryan/Henry ordeal at TLC.

Santino Marella vs. Drew McIntyre

If Santino wins he's the assistant to the GM and Drew is on very thin ice. Santino does his splits and hammers away. Drew comes back with a suplex, getting two. Futureshock is countered but Drew keeps control. Drew sets up a superplex but Santino slips off the top (intentionally) and sends Drew into

the post. Cobra ends this at 2:28. Cole: "We're going to go the way of WCW with these two running the show." I'm fine with Santino here as it's going to be played for comedy and it gives him something to do. No harm no foul here as Drew isn't doing anything anyway.

In the back, Drew is freaking out when Teddy comes in. Drew says that can't count because of a greased rope or something. Teddy says that's strike two and next week, if it's strike three he very well may be out.

Epico/Primo vs. Air Boom

Non-title here. Rosa is rather enjoying to watch. We haven't seen the champs in awhile. I think that's Epico starting with Bourne. Bourne lands on his feet out of a snapmare attempt and it's off to Kofi. The champs combine to do AJ Styles' dropdown to the dropkick spot. Rosa: "Ay caramba!" Off to Primo as we hear about Epico playing baseball at Western Michigan University. Kofi gets in a shot and double tags bring in Bourne and Primo. Bourne speeds things up and everything breaks down. Kofi sets to dive but Rosa blocks I think Primo. Bourne tries Air Bourne but Epico pulls Primo out and Bourne crashes, getting pinned at 3:50.

Rating: C-. The match was ok with a little change of pace since it's usually Kofi that plays cleanup. I'm really not wild on the way Epico and Primo seem to be getting their push towards the title here because they've already lost to the champs a few times so now why should they be getting more shots? It's FAR too common of a way of building to a title match and I've never been a fan of it.

Big Show says that tonight he'll be conscious and he'll get the title back. Bryan may be a good wrestler...and here he is. Bryan comes off like a total jerk here, talking about how Show is all natural and Bryan had to work to get where he is. If Bryan had been born as big as Show is, it wouldn't have been 9

years between his title reigns. Show puts his hand on his shoulder and says don't make me hurt you out there. Bryan doesn't like being touched and is very defensive about it. Pretty heelish promo by Bryan here.

Sheamus vs. Jinder next week.

Natalya vs. Tamina

We get a quick highlight package of both of their papas before the match. Natalya takes her down quickly and pounds away at Tamina, shouting about family. Tamina tries a cross body but bounces off Natalya instead of falling on top of her. A Samoan Drop sets up the Superfly Splash and we're done at 1:42. Standard Divas match anymore.

Raw ReBound.

Still don't be a bully. If we have to Stand Up For WWE this fall again I'll pull my hair out.

The same Rumble moment from Raw is shown here: Hacksaw winning it.

Smackdown World Title: Big Show vs. Daniel Bryan

Henry joins us for commentary, probably giving away the ending already. We get big match intros. Cole asks Henry who would win between Bryan and Hornswoggle. Henry GOES OFF, ranting about how that has nothing to do with this match and how it has nothing to do with him not having the title, which is all that matters here. Henry: "If you don't got nothing intelligent to say, don't say nothing at all."

Show charges right at Bryan so the champ has to use speed maneuvers. Josh asks Henry if he thinks it's fair that Show gets the first shot. Henry says no so Josh points out that Show was the champion that Bryan beat. He gets cut off by Henry who tells Josh to shut up. I'm LOVING Henry on commentary here. He's all ticked off and tells people what he

thinks. Show grabs him by the throat and throws him to the floor as we take a break.

Back with Bryan firing away kicks to no effect. He goes to the floor and after a quick switch, Bryan hits a baseball slide to send Show back to the table. Henry: "Why you all jumping?" Cole: "It might have something to do with a 500lb man coming at us." A plancha is caught but Show's knees go into the post. His head does the same and Bryan tries to win via countout. Back in and Show is mad.

Bryan manages to get his to his knees and fires off the kicks which have no effect. Cole and Henry are cracking me up with Henry refusing to admit he's wrong on anything, even stuff that makes no sense and scaring Cole into agreeing. That's what a monster should do. Bryan goes outside again so Show pulls him up by the hair. FREAKING OW MAN! Bryan tries something off the top but jumps into a chop. Show comes out of the corner and spears Bryan down for a very delayed two.

Henry is standing up now. He actually gives Bryan credit for kicking out of that. Show pulls the straps down and calls for the chokeslam but Bryan counters into a guillotine. Why Show doesn't use his free hand to punch Bryan in the ribs is beyond me but whatever. Bryan is bleeding from the mouth and he shifts to a LeBell Lock. Show breaks it pretty easily and pulls up the big punch but Bryan hits the floor. Bryan gets in Henry's face and Henry shoves him, so Bryan yells to the referee and it's a DQ. Total heel move there by Bryan. Match ran 6:17 shown of 9:47.

Rating: C-. Well it wasn't awful and Bryan made it more believable than I'd expect but the ending is a good thing. Without a ton of cheating or making Show look like an idiot, there aren't many ways you can conceivably have Bryan win here. Show easily breaking the LeBell Lock was a good example of it. Bryan does know a bunch of holds, but Show is so big and powerful that it's a stretch to believe he can keep Show

in them. I'm interested in this heel turn that Bryan is heavily teasing though.

Bryan does the huge post match celebration as usual.

Overall Rating: B-. Not a great show but I thought this was pretty good. We got some stories advanced tonight and some new stuff like Barrett vs. Sheamus set up. Bryan's heelish ways are interesting as he can only be interesting as the face champion that escapes with the title for so long. Good show here and a good way to start the new year.

Results

Cody Rhodes b. Booker T – Beautiful Disaster

Hornswoggle b. Heath Slater – Slater hit the floor

Hunico b. Ted DiBiase – Bridging Rollup

Santino Marella b. Drew McIntyre – Cobra

Epico/Primo b. Air Boom – Epico pinned Bourne after a missed Air Bourne

Tamina b. Natalya – Superfly Splash

Daniel Bryan b. Big Show via disqualification when Mark Henry interfered

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Impact Wrestling – January 5, 2012 – Dig Those Combined

Feud Matches!

Impact Wrestling

Date: January 5, 2012

Location: Impact Zone, Orlando, Florida

Commentators: Mike Tenay, Tazz

We're in a new year for TNA and we have Genesis this coming Sunday. I won't say it comes off as a throwaway show, but it feels almost like a given that Hardy is going to win the title. It almost feels like it's too much of a given actually. Anyway, tonight we have the finals of the Wild Card Tournament to determine who faces Morgan/Crimson on Sunday. Other than that there isn't much that I know of. Let's get to it.

Here's Sting to open the show. He requests Jeff come down here so here he comes too. Sting talks about Jeff rebuilding trust back one step at a time. He was dealing with some demons of his own recently but he got a second chance, just like Jeff has. Here come Angle, Ray and Roode to interrupt. Roode wants to know why Sting is endorsing Hardy instead of Roode or Angle or Ray. Roode says that Sting picks his favorites and it looks like we're going to have a fight.

Cue Storm and Abyss and I think you know where this is going. Storm gets in the faces of Roode and Angle, talking about how the Last Call put Kurt down. Abyss is his friend and he likes to drink beer too. Kurt starts to say something but Abyss shouts him down. Abyss promises to make Ray pay for the sins of Immortal. Ray starts to respond but Sting makes the required six man for later tonight.

Madison Rayne is in a bikini. No particular reason but we cut over to Traci in the other end of the pool. Gail, the camerawoman, jumps in and it's a big brawl. Mickie does the same. I'm not complaining about the four of them in swimsuits.

Knockout Tag Titles: Mickie James/Traci Brooks vs. Gail

Kim/Madison Rayne

Big brawl to start and the challengers dominate to start. They beat Gail up with ease and send the champs to the floor as we take a break. Back with Mickie firing away on Madison in the corner. Traci and Gail get into it on the floor as Madison holds a Cravate on Mickie. Mickie hits a dropkick and everything breaks down again. Bridging rollup gets two for Mickie. Another gets the same result but Madison gets in a shot to take over again. Off to Gail and Traci as things speed up a bit. Everything breaks down as Mickie hits Madison with the top rope Thesz Press but Eat Defeat pins Traci soon thereafter at 10:30.

Rating: D. This was kind of all over the place. The whole pool thing before the match didn't really add anything but I'm hardly complaining about looking at Mickie and Madison in swimsuits. Gail really needs a new finisher though. The whole holding Traci there until she could call back to drive the foot into her jaw didn't work at all.

Flair hypes up Gunner in the back. They're going to put someone else in the hospital again but Sting pops up and says that since RVD has no partner later, Gunner won't have a manager either. Sting and Flair will be sitting in the back watching the match.

Eric is still in love with ODB and thinks they're still in the tournament.

Recap of the Wild Card Tag Tournament.

Magnus is fired up but Joe says nothing.

Not-Fourrtune says they have chemistry and they trust each other.

Garrett Bischoff is back as a referee. Sting says he's a wrestler, not a referee and gives him some boots.

Eric goes into the Knockouts' locker room looking for ODB and gets yelled at. He tries to lock up with them and gets choked by Madison. Madison gets shoved into a locker and this isn't funny.

Gunner vs. Rob Van Dam

The fans get on Gunner to start but van Dam grabs a quick rollup for two. Van Dam slides to the floor and we take another break. Back and Gunner is in control with nothing of note. F5 is countered into a spinwheel kick to put both guys down. Rolling Thunder gets no cover. They go to the floor and RVD gets his leg caught in the ring skirt. Gunner pulls back the mats...which draws the DQ at 9:50. So you can get disqualified for threatening people?

Rating: D+. This was better than the Knockouts but not by much. RVD has a style which really doesn't mesh that well with others and it didn't here. Gunner has been a lot better recently but this wasn't anything of note. To be fair though, he can only beat up jobbers for so long. Not bad here.

Van Dam escapes the piledriver but his spin kick to the railing hits the railing. The agents run down to break up the piledriver.

Abyss, Storm and Hardy are ready for the main event.

So are their opponents.

Kid Kash/Austin Aries vs. Jesse Sorensen/Zema Ion

This is your fourway X-Division Title match on Sunday. Sorensen and Kash start us off with Kash taking a nice dropkick. Ion tags himself in, gets struck down for a few seconds and then it's off to Aries. MY GOODNESS that was a hard chop. He hits the suicide dive to Ion and then a spinebuster kind of move sets up the pendulum elbow for two. That one was much faster so it was much better and more

believable. Sorensen comes back in and hits those jumping shots of his.

Kash and Aries have some heel (?) miscommunication and everyone is down. Ion comes in and hits a spinning cross body for two on Aries. Aries and Kash try a double suplex but Ion escapes and brings Sorensen in to speed things up. McGillicutter takes Aries down and a plancha puts Kash down as well. Brainbuster is countered and Sorensen goes up, but he and Ion argue over who gets to finish Aries. The distraction allows Aries to recover but Sorensen makes a blind tag and hits a Test Drive for the pin on Aries at 7:10.

Rating: C-. This is the same issue I had last week with this sort of match. These guys are fine at what they do, but there's really no reason to care about them. Guys like Ion and Sorensen have next to no character and that's really hurting them. Now they could get better later on but they need to do something with them before they can move on.

AJ and Kaz are ready. Kaz was sitting in a locker and Daniels walks out of it after AJ and Kaz leave. Interesting.

ODB is taking pictures of a photographer when Eric comes up and says they have a match. They roll around on the floor and ODB kisses him. Oh geez.

Wildcard Tag Team Tournament Finals: Samoa Joe/Magnus vs. AJ Styles/Kazarian

Winners get Morgan/Crimson on Sunday. AJ vs. Joe to start and that works for me. Joe takes him down to start and hooks an abdominal stretch to control. Off to Magnus vs. Kaz as the British guy gets his head kicked off. Back to AJ who drops a knee and brings Kaz back in. Joe comes back in with a senton backsplash for two. Taz is talking about bathtubs for some reason.

Kaz is playing Ricky Morton and gets beaten down by Magnus,

but by the time I've typed that Kaz has rolled to the corner and brought in AJ. Springboard forearm looks to set up the Clash but Magnus escapes. Pele puts Magnus down and Daniels is in the aisle. AJ goes for a tag but Kaz drops to the floor. Joe runs over AJ and beats him down so a top rope elbow from Magnus sends he and Joe to the finals at 6:18.

Rating: C-. Not bad here and I can live with Joe and Magnus going to the title match I guess. It could have been FAR worse if nothing else. I'm really not looking forward to AJ vs. Daniels again so hopefully this is AJ vs. Kaz instead of Daniels again. Not a horrible match but it was more about the angle at the end than the match, which is ok I guess.

Morgan and Crimson are cool with facing Magnus and Joe. The challengers pop up and brag and a brawl almost breaks out but D'Lo pops up and I think they better recognize his authority.

We run down the Genesis card.

Jeff Hardy/Abyss/James Storm vs. Robert Roode/Bully Ray/Kurt Angle

Storm vs. Ray gets us going and the referee has to throw the chain...into Ray's corner. Why not like, a neutral corner to to someone not in the ring? Ray tries to get a cheap shot in the corner but gets chopped instead. Off to Abyss and Ray tries to hide. Off to the champ instead and to his credit he goes after Abyss. The heels manage some double teaming on Abyss and we take a break.

Back with Angle hammering on Abyss but it's off to Storm vs. Roode quickly. Ray clotheslines Storm down quickly and we have Beer Money and Angle in there at the same time. Ok now it's just Beer Money but Ray tags in quickly. After a quick bow and arrow hold it's back to Angle. Storm hits a Russian legsweep to put Angle down and it's hot tag to Hardy to meet Roode. Twisting Stunner gets two and everything breaks down. Everybody pairs off...and it's thrown out 12:07. LAME.

Rating: C-. Pretty decent six man main event until the weak ending. Just have someone take a quick finisher into a rollup for the pin. It's not like it's going to cripple them before Sunday. Not a fan of endings like these but it could have been worse again. Still would have liked to see Hardy get a pin on Roode though.

Twist to Roode post match but Ray breaks up the Swanton. Codebreaker to Roode but Angle breaks up the kick, hitting one of his own to Storm. Abyss cleans house now and tries Chock Treatment to Angle but Ray gets his chain and hits Abyss with it a few times. The bad guys rule the ring and Abyss is hung a bit. I mean a chain is put around his neck and pulled on you sick freaks. Hardy is tapping to a Crossface and we go off the air.

Overall Rating: C. This wasn't that bad and for a go home show it was really pretty good. I think all of the feuds other than Pope vs. D-Von were addressed and that's a pretty good ratio overall. The wrestling wasn't all that good but it set up stuff for Sunday as well as for the future. Also, it was way better than Raw which really isn't saying much but it's true. Not bad and Genesis is pretty well set up, which is the whole point.

Results

Gail Kim/Madison Rayne b. Mickie James/Traci Brooks – Eat Defeat to Brooker

Rob Van Dam b. Gunner via DQ when Gunner pulled the ring mats back

Jesse Sorensen/Zema Ion b. Austin Aries/Kid Kash – Rolling DDT to Aries

Samoa Joe/Magnus b. AJ Styles/Kazarian – Top rope elbow to Styles

Abyss/Jeff Hardy/James Storm vs. Robert Roode/Kurt Angle/Bully Ray went to a double disqualification

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Monday Night Raw – January 2, 2012 – Jericho Returns...and Does Nothing, Much Like This Show

Monday Night Raw

Date: January 2, 2012

Location: FedEx Forum, Memphis, Tennessee

Commentators: Michael Cole, Jerry Lawler

We're in Lawlerville tonight for the first WWE show of the year. There are two major things tonight: we see who the It Begins videos are for and we have a world title match in the form of Punk vs. Ziggler. With the ratings sagging, it might be interesting to see if the title changes hands tonight. Anyway, the road to the Rumble probably will get going tonight so let's get to it.

We open with a recap of the ending last week where the fans didn't chant Cena Sucks, even though the video presents it as if they did. This is the most forced attempted heel turn ever.

Cena opens the show to of course a mixed reaction. He doesn't look that upset. He wishes everyone a happy new year and it's a split chant again. Cena talks about how the new year is time for resolutions and changes. He's going to make some changes in 2012. First off, he's going to start wearing less underwear (girl pop). As for the This is Your Life John Cena segment,

his dad is now banned from WWE programming.

Finally, the last change is coming at Wrestlemania. After he beats Rock, he's resolving to prove he's lost his lady parts. The one thing that won't change: he's going to remain who he is and his convictions will remain true. Hustle, Loyalty and Respect don't go away because someone throws fire at you. Every single one of the fans here has paid their money to be here tonight and if they want to cheer, boo, or shout whatever they want, that's up to them and they've earned that right.

Cena's disappointment is in Kane. Kane has an issue with Cena and Kane can't settle it the way we do it here in the WWE. Kane pops up...or at least his voice does. He says Cena will eventually embrace the hate and tonight, he'll witness the power of hate. Maniacal laugh, maniacal laugh.

After a graphic about Punk vs. Ziggler, a video pops up saying the end begins tonight.

Daniel Bryan vs. Cody Rhodes

Bryan gets NO reaction. Cena got a big reaction and Kane got a pop too, but this is pathetic. Cody shakes off some kicks to start and hooks onto the arm. Bryan fights back and hits the running knee off the apron to the floor. Back in the Beautiful Disaster gets two. Cody tries a release gordbuster and gets rolled up for the pin at 3:20. Where do I begin?

Rating: D. So the IC Champion who has a big match on Friday loses in 200 seconds. Could they be any more counter productive with this stuff? Does the name Jack Swagger or Drew McIntyre not ring a bell to anyone? I'm already in a bad mood tonight and this is just making it worse.

Video of Miz getting attacked last week.

Miz comes in to see Johnny Ace and Ace says he won't do anything about it. Miz wants to know why he's here tonight

then. Ace shows him a video of Miz attacking Truth two months ago but Miz says he doesn't know why Truth would attack him. Sheamus vs. Miz tonight. Ace says he'll have some people watching for Truth tonight. Miz says he'll be a sitting duck. He leaves and the camera watches him go. Truth pops up and does a duck dance. This also gets a bigger reaction than Bryan had.

Video on Duggan's Rumble win.

Barrett comes out for a match but before the match we get a clip of the Orton injury moment. Barrett says he'd wish us a happy new year, but he really doesn't care about his new year, or our old year for that matter. This has been a good year for him already due to a lack of Orton. Orton was just another victim of the Barrett Barrage. Santino comes out and reminds us that he lasted longer than Barrett did in last year's Rumble. He makes train sounds so he's funny, get it?

Wade Barrett vs. Santino Marella

Let's get this over with. Barrett throws punches and Santino does the splits. Barrett stops and kicks him in the head which makes me smile. Santino tries to load up the Cobra and gets a kick to the face. His shoulder goes into the most and Winds of Change ends this at 1:18.

The Bellas argue in front of Miz and Miz asks if they've seen Truth. He walks off and Truth is still stalking him.

Sheamus vs. The Miz

Miz immediately jumps Sheamus with a DDT and pounds him down. I don't think the bell rang yet. He gets Sheamus tied in the ropes but Sheamus kicks him off. There are the forearms in the ropes and I mean like 20 of them. They go to the floor and Miz runs into the crowd. Truth jumps on the PA and is in the crowd.

Guess who he ran into? LITTLE JIMMY! Little Jimmy doesn't like Miz. Little Jimmy says Miz needs to get got. Miz runs back to ringside and right into a Brogue Kick. Truth pops him with the water bottle. There was never an official match I don't think. Truth goes back into the crowd and says this week's Miz Beatdown was brought to you by Little Jimmy where you're going to get got.

We see how Ziggler "earned" his shot tonight.

Ziggler is showing off in the back and says he flaunts it better than anyone else does every night. He talks about debt and how it dominates things, but he's a walking talent surplus. Everything he's wanted he's gotten except for the WWE Title. He wins tonight. Good stuff.

Ryder continues to hit on Eve because he's the US Champion so he's hitting on a woman. Swagger comes up and says he should be champion. They get into an argument and Ace pops up. There's a six man elimination tag with Kane/Swagger/Kane vs. Cena/Ryder/Show.

Raw World Title: CM Punk vs. Dolph Ziggler

You know, because the world title needs to end the first hour, not the main event of the show. This gets big match intros. If they let this match go, it should be good. They go to the mat to start and neither guy can get much of an advantage. Backbreaker gets two for Punk. Punk takes over for awhile until Ziggler hits a hot shot to take over. Ziggler gets in a shot on the floor and we hit the chinlock and take a break.

Back with them slugging it out on their knees but Ziggler grabs the sleeper. Punk quickly escapes and hits a leg lariat to take over. Snap powerslam gets two. They trade rollups and Dolph hits a Fameasser for two. Stinger Splash and something like a reverse powerslam gets two. They go to a corner and the buckle gets pulled off. Knee in the corner and a bulldog get two for Punk.

He calls for the GTS but here comes Ace. He points out the exposed buckle as Punk locks in the Anaconda Vice. Ziggler is tapping but there's no referee so Punk lets it go. Ziggler tries the Zig Zag but Punk moves and Ziggler collides with Ace. GTS is countered and Ace pulls the top rope down. The fastest count ever results in a LAME countout win for Ziggler at 13:09.

Rating: C+. It was good up until the really stupid ending. If Ace wants the title off Punk that badly, wouldn't he know to throw him back inside? I think we know what the Rumble is going to be though and that's fine. Anyway, good stuff here, until the ending. That's about what you would expect for this match though.

Ziggler celebrates with the title and goes into the crowd. The video interrupts it and says He Is Here.

Another Rumble video, this one from 1995.

Bella Twins vs. Eve Torres/Kelly Kelly

Kelly vs. let's say Brie to start and Kelly does her spanking and Stinkface to get on my nerves even more. Eve comes in and does her usual stuff. The moonsault is broken up and it's Nikki in now. Top rope moonsault gets two and it's Twin Magic for the pin on Eve at 2:04. Are we really back to this again?

Punk comes in to yell at Ace and Ace makes Punk vs. Ziggler with Ace as referee for the Rumble. Punk says if he gets screwed out of the title, Otunga is going to come in handy because Punk will be arrested for animal cruelty when he beats Ace like a female dog.

Here's another video with very similar images. It says a familiar force shall arrive to claim what is his. She holds the beckoning of his rebirth. The focus seems to be more on the girl in this. She has spoken. It is time. And it looks like an earthquake in the arena. And it's....a blackout. Big Y2J chant

starts up and there are lights of a guy in Jericho's pose on the stage. It's Jericho. Blast it. Freaking blast it. All those weeks and it's Jericho...again.

Jericho takes a lap around the ring, slaps the hands of the fans, goes into the ring, goes back outside and slaps more hands and does the pose where he leans against the crowd. It's Y2J Jericho too. He keeps playing to the crowd but hasn't said a word onto the mic yet. There's something up here. He goes outside AGAIN and shouts at the crowd. Now he points to the side of the crowd he wants to cheer. I'm waiting on a heel promo here.

And he drops the mic and does it AGAIN. This has been going on for like 5 minutes now. Here's lap #4 around the ring and the fans are getting tired. Up the ramp he goes to grab a camera. And now he's leaving. Ok no he isn't...and yes he is. He's on the stage and there are some boos now. And he leaves. Jerry isn't sure what we just saw. Jericho never said a word into the mic and nothing at all other than COME ON BABY!

Big Show/Zack Ryder/John Cena vs. Kane/Mark Henry/Jack Swagger

Elimination rules here. And there's no Kane. Instead Otunga comes out and says it'll be a handicap match. Swagger and Cena start us off with Cena taking him to the mat and dropping an elbow for two. Dropkick gets the same. Swagger kicks him into the corner and we take a break. Back with a Vader Bomb getting two. Cena backdrops out of it and here's Big Show. No eliminations yet.

Show beats Swagger up and it's time for a battle of the giants. Henry gets knocked to the floor and Show goes after him. Henry grabs a chair but Show knocks it out of his hands and cracks him in the back with it to get us down to two on two. It's a double elimination though so it's now Ryder/Cena vs. Swagger. Ryder comes in for the first time that we've seen and hits the Broski Boot. Rough Ryder is countered into an

awful powerbomb and the ankle lock. Ryder makes the tag to break the hold and Cena cleans a few rooms (I don't think Swagger qualifies as a house). AA ends this at 8:22.

Rating: D. Uh...yeah whatever man. I don't get the point of anything here other than the lack of Kane. Having him not come in here is a good thing as he needs to make a big return for his first match back. Not a terrible match but what was the point of this being like 8 minutes long? I don't get it.

Ryder is down from the ankle lock and the fire goes off. Cena goes straight up the ramp to go after Kane when he pops up through the ring. He gets one shot on Ryder and knocks Cena off the apron. Cena get smothered down and is out. Kane goes back in and grabs Ryder's bad ankle. He pulls him down into the hole with him ala Taker and Diesel. Or maybe he doesn't as Cena pulls Ryder out before he goes under. A big explosion from the hole and a bunch of fire pops out to end the show.

Overall Rating: D-. The word of the night should be frustrating, because this show just failed to deliver on almost everything. Cody loses in three minutes, the world title match goes nowhere other than to set up another match, Brodus doesn't debut still, Kane is a no show (which might be a good thing), Jericho does....whatever (and yes I know it's going somewhere else) and the main event was whatever it was. I don't know what they were shooting for here, but I don't think it was their foot like they hit.

Results

Daniel Bryan b. Cody Rhodes – Small Package

Wade Barrett b. Santino Marella – Winds of Change

Dolph Ziggler b. CM Punk via countout

Bella Twins b. Eve Torres/Kelly Kelly – Small package to Eve

Big Show/John Cena/Zack Ryder b. Jack Swagger/Kane/Mark Henry
– Cena last eliminated Swagger to win

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The Videos Were About Jericho.

Yep. Just like in 2007. I'm as shocked as I sound. Can't you hear the shock in my voice?

What Do You Want To See From Me?

Simple question: what kind of content do you want on here? I'm not at all saying I'll change the style I've been using, but what would you like to see as far as content? The style of the reviews isn't going to change and I'm going to be doing the regular TV shows no matter what. Aside from that, what would you like to see?