

# Wrestlemania XXXI Preview: General Thoughts

What else is left?

Overall, I'm not wild on this show but I think it has the potential to be a great show. The other night on the radio show, the host said this would be a great card if you just looked at the card and didn't see the rest of the buildup. The more I think of this, the more I think he's on to something. It's been a disaster of a buildup to Wrestlemania, but the wrestling has potential to have some good results.

For best match, I'll go with Rollins vs. Orton. These two could steal the show if they're given time to do the stadium style match. It doesn't need to be a big long showdown, but give them fifteen minutes or so and a few RKO's to the Stooges. Throw in Orton getting to beat Rollins down before taking the fall and the whole thing should be great.

For worst match, I'm not sure but I'll take Sting vs. HHH due to how broken down Sting has looked at times. This is the opposite of the rest of the show as the build has been good (if you cut out Stephanie and pick a story) but I'm not sure how they're going to be able to do in the ring. HHH should be fine, but Sting isn't quite the same guy he was fifteen or even ten years ago.

There's going to be at least one musical performance and my goodness I really do not care. They bumped the battle royal for the sake of some rap singer that most fans probably haven't heard of and most people don't care for. I can't put into words how annoying it would have been last year if they had cut out a match for the sake of Kid Rock (who I like to a degree) performing Celebrate.

As usual, the interesting stuff is going to be the next night on Raw, but the re-signing of Lesnar has turned the whole main event upside down and makes me care about it a lot more than I thought I ever could. At the end of the day I still don't really care for the show as a whole, but it's nice to see the main event matter to me again. The wrestling quality

could be hit or miss, but there are FAR worse shows out there. I'll put it in the bottom quarter of the shows based on the view from here, but hopefully I'm wrong.

Anything else I left out that you all want to hear about?

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## **Wrestlemania 29 Preview: General/Overall**

Since I'm out of matches to talk about. Overall this year's show doesn't have the spark to it that last year's did. it's really just kind of there for the most part and that doesn't make for the most interesting show in the world. The matches will likely be good with the six man being a highlight and probably the tag titles being the weak point. The show is going to do INSANE business given what they've got out there and with how hot the company is at house shows right now. Wrestlemania is now the show for the common fan so a card like this works very well for that purpose.

The main problem here though is this feels like it's just there to set up Mania 30 next year for the really big blowout. That's fine for people who are going (like me), but for fans going tomorrow it's going to be a bit of a letdown.

That being said, it's definitely going to be entertaining as every match would have to completely bomb for it not to work. It's going to be WAY better than #27, not as good as #26 or #28 and probably better than #25, which isn't bad by comparison.

The show is going to be good but not great, and sometimes that's as good as you're going to be able to get. I'm looking forward to it of course. It's Wrestlemania. How can you not be fired up for it?