

# ZIGGLER CASHES IN MITB!!!

The place went nuts when his music hit. Del Rio has just finished a handicap match against Swagger and Colter. Ziggler..... WON THE TITLE with the Zig Zag. New Champion!

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## Pretty Big Turn At TLC

It's.... Del Rio, who saved Ricardo from an attack by 3MB. He's going to need a VERY different character to make a face run work but it's not impossible.

Thoughts?

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# Smackdown – June 8, 2012: I Could Build A House Faster Than They're Building This PPV

## Smackdown

Date: June 8, 2012

Location: Colonial Center, Columbia, South Carolina

Commentators: Michael Cole, Josh Matthews, Booker T

Back to the blue guys again for another Smackdown. The only thing announced so far is that Del Rio and Sheamus will do something. Whatever that something is has yet to be announced but that might be for the better. The whole company is almost at a standstill at the moment but hopefully things pick up soon. Let's get to it.

Do You Know Your Enemy? Mine is people that won't return e-mails.

Here's Del Rio to open things up. He shows us a clip from Raw and his attack on Sheamus' arm, because we haven't had an arm injury angle in two full weeks now. After some basic threats of taking the title, here's....Ricardo dressed as Sheamus. He even has white leggings and arm covers to make himself look pale. Del Rio says this isn't really Sheamus, because anyone can pound their chest like a caveman, spike their hair like a stupid kid and act like a hooligan. Ricardo tries a Brogue Kick and falls down.

Cue the real Sheamus who looks ticked off. Both guys jump him immediately but Sheamus throws Ricardo out with ease. Rodriguez comes back in and Del Rio kicks Sheamus in the head. He goes for the arm but Sheamus fights him off and clears the ring. They go to leave but Sheamus chases them down and runs them over. He tries to load up the High Cross off the stage but Ricardo makes the save. They go for the arm again but referees break it up. Teddy comes out and says that since Ace isn't here, he's in charge tonight. He makes Sheamus vs. Kane and Del Rio vs. this man.

#### Alberto Del Rio vs. Great Khali

Khali starts with the chops in the corner but misses a big boot in the corner, allowing Del Rio to go after his legs. He puts on a leg lock but Khali punches him in the head to escape. Why over complicate things I guess. A kick to the head of Khali gets two. After some more knee work, he switches to the arm for no apparent reason. Del Rio goes up but jumps into another chop to the chest. Ricardo distracts Khali to stop the Punjabi Plunge and the Cross Armbreaker gets the submission at 3:29.

**Rating:** D. Nothing to see here other than a near squash. Khali is fine for roles like this as he wasn't in there long and his size alone makes beating him seem impressive. Del Rio isn't interesting still, but at least with Ricardo out there we'll get some decent comedy moments. The match was just ok.

We get the Big Show piece from Raw where he talks about being tired of being seen as a joke.

Teddy is in the back when Brodus' girls and Brodus himself come in. Brodus is now officially on Smackdown permanently but can't be on Raw because of Big Show. Ok then.

#### Brodus Clay vs. Derrick Bateman

Apparently Clay sees Big Show when he sees Bateman. Clay pounds Bateman down with ease and we head to the floor for the headbutt. Back in the ring there's the splash and suplex. Splash and we're done at 1:05.

Video on the Mexico/South America tour.

Booker's favorite Raw moment is his match with Buff Bagwell for the WCW Title. Oh what a disaster that was.

#### Sin Cara vs. Drew McIntyre

Drew immediately knocks him down but Cara comes back with his kicks. Drew gets in a shot and takes over, sending Cara to the floor for a second. Back in and it's a chinlock for a big but Cara comes back with some ranas. A BIG boot sends Cara flying, but Drew charges into two boots in the corner. Cara goes up and tries to jump into his finisher but Drew blocks it. Cara never hits the ground and comes out with a spinning DDT for the pin at 3:15.

**Rating:** C. Cara has looked WAY better since coming back. He's not botching anything of note and he's mixing up his finishing moves which is a nice touch. He's beating up jobbers pretty easily which is a good sign also. That's something the company has improved on in the last month or so: its use of jobbers for squashes.

### Tony Andriotis/Kevin Mahoney vs. Ryback

Double MuscleBuster/Samoan Drop, 1:43. Next.

The crew sets up the Peep Show set but Cody Rhodes comes out and breaks it up. He talks about how he was going to be the guest on the show tonight but Christian should be pandering to him instead of Cody pandering to the host. Cue Christian who says he's the one that beat Cody, not the other way around. Cody wants to know who Christian thinks he's fooling, because before then he didn't care about any of the people.

Christian says he had a moment of clarity. He missed most of the year with an injury, and while he was out he inducted Edge into the Hall of Fame. While Edge was giving his speech, it occurred to Christian that a career can end in an instant. He didn't want to be remembered as the guy that whined about wanting one more match all the time. He wanted to come back and win championships and put together a Hall of Fame career on his own. Cody laughs about Christian being in the Hall of Fame and says that at No Way Out, the title is coming home. Christian says shut up and wants a fight, but here's Dolph Ziggler.

### Christian vs. Dolph Ziggler

This should be good. So Christian was going to do the talk show and wrestle? That's quite a night. Cody sits in on commentary. Feeling out process to start with Ziggler throwing Christian to the floor. Christian comes back quickly and rams Ziggler into the barricade. Dolph knees him down and we take a break. Back with Ziggler holding a chinlock which Christian easily breaks.

Ziggler takes him right back down and hooks the same hold as Cody complains about not getting a fair shake at Over the Limit. A slingshot sends Christian into the corner but the Fameasser is countered into a powerbomb for two. Christian hits an uppercut while Ziggler is on the ropes but the spinning sunset flip is rolled through and the Fameasser gets two. Christian puts him back down but his spear is countered by a dropkick for two. There's the sleeper but Christian counters quickly. He goes up and knocks a charging Ziggler down so that the Frog Splash can get the pin at 6:34 shown of 10:04.

**Rating:** C+. This was the match you would expect these two to have. Ziggler is basically a jobber to the stars at this point, which is pretty stupid given the lack of main event talent they have at the moment. With Jericho and Orton both suspended, Ziggler could be a solid fill-in guy, but instead they have him jobbing left and right. The good thing is they haven't had him look weak in these losses, which will help him a lot in the long run.

We get the ENTIRE Cole vs. Cena segment from Raw.

Cole speaks about the incident but gets cut off by JR.....being imitated by Hornswoggle. We get some slow motion replays of the beating and Horny laughs a lot. Thankfully Damien Sandow cuts this off to save us. He runs down Horny and goes after him but Tyson Kidd makes the save. He dropkicks Sandow to the floor and Sandow walks away. When Kidd turns to look at the leprechaun, Sandow comes back in and beats Kidd up, hitting his neckbreaker.

Kane only cares about winning the triple threat match tonight. AJ's look means nothing to him. Kane walks away and AJ is watching him from behind some crates.

Jimmy Uso vs. Antonio Cesaro

Teddy has to do the entrances for Antonio and Aksana. Cesaro pounds him

into the corner to start but Jimmy comes back with a superkick to the ribs. A headbutt gets two but Cesaro throws him into the air and down into the European Uppercut. The falling Cradle Piledriver gets the pin at 58 seconds.

Sheamus' favorite Raw moment is the Breakthrough Battle Royal.

### Sheamus vs. Kane

They fight over a lockup to start with neither guy getting an advantage. A shoulder puts Sheamus down so the champ goes after the arm. Kane throws him into the corner but Sheamus comes back with some punches. That gets him nowhere as Kane rams him into the corner and works on the bad arm. A brief comeback is stopped and Sheamus is thrown to the apron and booted to the floor as we take a break.

Back with Kane getting one off a move we didn't see. Kane hooks a neck crank followed by a side slam for two. Back to the crank which is broken a bit slower this time. Sheamus comes back with some kicks to the ribs and hits the top rope shoulder to put Kane down. A running knee to the ribs and a double ax get two for Sheamus. Powerslam gets the same. Regal Roll is countered and Kane uppercuts him down.

The low dropkick gets two and Sheamus grabs the Irish Curse out of nowhere for the same. Sheamus is getting a little frustrated so he drops a bunch of knees on the back of Kane. Here comes the Brogue Kick but instead he opts for the ten forearms. A suplex back in is blocked and Kane goes for the clothesline. A superplex attempt is blocked but the clothesline misses. White Noise hits but Kane tries the chokeslam. Sheamus fights out of it and they clothesline each other, followed by Ricardo running in for the DQ at 9:34 shown of 13:04.

**Rating:** C. This was getting decent but it was clear they couldn't have either guy go over leading up to PPV title matches. That being said, while the ending was predictable it doesn't mean it was bad. It's good

that they don't have either guy lose clean, but at the same time, why would Del Rio want to interfere here when Kane could do more damage to Sheamus?

Kane takes Sheamus down post match and here's AJ to smile at Kane. The distraction lets Sheamus Brogue Kick Kane's head off. Ricardo gets up and Sheamus does the same to him to end the show.

**Overall Rating:** C. This wasn't bad and it did its job of furthering the main event match. We also got another match added to the PPV with the IC Title in it, as well as got some TV time for some of the new characters. Adding Brodus to Smackdown is probably a good idea as there's only so much room for him on Raw at the moment. This wasn't a great show but it certainly wasn't bad, which is pretty good anymore.

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