

# Smackdown – May 27, 2011 – Smackdown Keeps Chugging Along

## Smackdown

Date: May 27, 2011

Location: Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena, Spokane, Washington

Commentators: Michael Cole, Booker T, Josh Matthews

We're past Over the Limit now and it should be interesting to see where this goes. After the rather awesome Christian vs. Orton match it's possible they could go for a third match there but at the same time Orton has won twice clean so maybe it'll be time for someone else to step in. Other than that though I'm really not sure what to expect as we gear up for Capitol Punishment. Let's get to it.

Do You Know Your Enemy? TNA's seems to be wrestling.

Here's the champ to open the show. He says he's Randy Orton and he is still world heavyweight champion. And that's all he can get out because here's Christian. He doesn't want to spoil Orton's moment but Sunday was a great match so thanks and congratulations. That's what fruit baskets were invented for Christian. The match could have gone either way but Christian knows he can beat him. He wants to issue a challenge for one more match for the title.

Before we get an answer here's Sheamus. He wants to know how much Christian needs because he's acting like an obsessive gambler. Christian is going to have to wait another seventeen years because on Sunday he became a two time loser. Sheamus however is a two time champion and he's here to face guys like Orton for the title. If anyone is becoming #1 contender, it's him.

Cue Mark Henry because someone up there hates me. Christian needs to join Edge on the retirement golf course and Sheamus needs to stop butting in. As for Orton, Henry says he (Henry) has just butted his way to the front of the line for that championship. Teddy comes out and asks the fans what they want to see. They cheer the idea of Christian vs. Orton 3 but Teddy makes a triple threat for the #1 contender spot.

### Sin Cara vs. Chavo Guerrero

The lights change again and it's lost its luster I think. Cole talks about Cara being ungrateful to Chavo and the other announcers blast him. Chavo gets sent to the floor so Cara teases a dive. Back in a double knee to the chest of Cara takes him down and a belly to back gets two. Off to a key lock but an attempt at a Gory Special is blocked. Cara sends him to the floor and hits a big old dive to take over again.

Springboard rana back in the ring by Cara and he adds a high angle reverse elbow off the middle rope as we speed things up. Booker talked to Cara apparently and Cara is a big fan. Top rope cross body gets two as Cole gets all sarcastic again. The crowd thinks Chavo sucks as he avoids the Tajiri elbow.

Now we get to see what Cara was trying to get on Sunday as he comes around like a crucifix into a headscissors and then back around to Chavo's shoulder. Then he slams Chavo down almost into the position for a Crossface but it slams Chavo's head into the mat for a pin at 4:46. Not liking that one but it's not bad I guess.

**Rating:** C. Far better than their match Sunday but they really need to do something with Cara already. We can only watch him come in, do some high spots, get in trouble a bit and come back to win with whatever he finishes with that week so many times. There's no real story to any of his matches and no

real point to what he does. It's not bad, but it's gotten repetitive already, which isn't good. The dives are good enough to make something out of, but not in this format.

### Cody Rhodes vs. Daniel Bryan

This is why I love the midcard stuff: there are so many combinations you can throw out there just like this one. No Ted here. Cody says if he didn't know better he'd be convinced there's no God because everywhere he goes he prays that he'll see an attractive face but every time he's disappointed. He does the bagging thing and gets in a good line of "Shut up and bag yourselves!" Bryan's music cuts him off.

This is near Bryan's hometown so he gets the big pop. Bryan speeds things up to start us off and Cody actually tries some technical stuff with him. Bryan is like dude just no and takes out the knees. They trade hip toss attempts and Cody finally takes over, tossing Bryan to the floor as we take a break. Back with Bryan making a comeback but getting caught with a kick between the legs to the stomach ala Hardcore Holly.

Cody throws on a Crossface Chickenwing (what is up with people using that move anymore) and calls a spot to Bryan. He takes the hold to the mat in a full version and rams the mask into the back of Bryan's head. Bryan escapes and makes his comeback with strikes as Booker says this would be a breakout win for Bryan. Even Cole corrects him so you can tell Booker screwed up there.

Bryan gets a missile dropkick for a long two. Cody sends him into the middle buckle for two. Bryan grabs a rollup for two. This is moving as fast as it sounds. In a SWEET spot, Bryan does his backflip out of the corner but Cody runs underneath him and hits his rope walking spin kick to take

Bryan down. Cross Rhodes is countered into the LeBell Lock (which Bryan put on a bit differently it seemed, twisting Cody's forearm around too) for the tap out at 6:04 shown of 9:34.

**Rating:** B. I rather liked this. It's good to see Bryan get a win here as he could certainly be a solid midcard guy if not made to be a jobber. Cody looked like he got caught rather than beaten which is a good way to end it for both guys, especially after a long and competitive match. No complaints here at all as this was a quite good match.

Post match Cody beats up Bryan, hitting Cross Rhodes and giving him a paper bag.

Here's the Obama press conference thing again. It wasn't funny the first time and it's stupid by this point.

#### Heath Slater vs. Ezekiel Jackson

Booker goes WAY old school by mentioning the One Man Gang and Devastation Inc, saying Jackson is both. He's Inc? As in I can buy stock in him? Slater tries to use speed and that doesn't work well in the slightest. Jackson keeps throwing Slater around so Slater keeps charging at him. Well he is from West Virginia. Here come the slams and after only two of them there's the Rack. And there's Corre for the DQ at 2:37. I'd assume this will lead to a gimmick match of some kind....gauntlet maybe? Jackson fights them off this time. Somehow they work bullying into this. I'm so fed up with that I'm out of jokes for it.

Christian says he was the last one picked for kickball but at the end of the game he'd kick more home runs than anyone. Apparently he was a Canadian Kickball Champion four times in a row. He was the last one of his friends to hit puberty but when he hit prom he had the prettiest girlfriend in the

school. He was also the last person anyone thought would reach the top of WWE but he did it, and he's going to do it again. I'd have put that on someone like Shawn Stasiak but ok.

### Great Khali vs. Kane

Before the match we get a recap of Jinder Mahal smacking Khali last week and making him all evil again. Singh is here again this week. This is billed as the Monsters' Brawl. Khali overpowers him to start, taking him into the corner. He chokes away, kind of wrestling heel here. Off to the nerve hold as I guess 1:40 of action was too much for Khali. That's getting into Dusty territory there. Big chop misses and they both grab for chokeslams. Khali sends him to the floor but Kane guillotines him on the top rope and the flying clothesline ends this at 2:33. No rating but this was pretty bad, even for a battle of the giants.

Mahal comes out again, this time with music that is similar to Khali's original song. He yells at Khali more and smacks him before going after Singh. Khali defends his brother but then puts the vice grip on Singh. Khali is a bully now. For the love of all things good and holy, FIND SOMETHING NEW TO MAKE PEOPLE HEELS!

We get a clip from Raw of Show being injured. Apparently he's going to need several weeks of rehab.

Booker is in the ring, complete with some theme music. He wants Cole to get into the ring which Cole begrudgingly does. Booker wants to talk about the Kiss My Foot match and we get a clip of the toe being in his mouth. Booker says he was just playing and puts his arm around an annoyed Cole. He starts a Kiss My Feet chant and that's it for this segment. Uh yeah...because this warranted TV time.

Sheamus doesn't want to answer Striker's questions but says he's tired of hearing about Christian winning the title and Henry has won a total of nothing since he's been here. Sheamus won his first world title in a few months, which is very true.

After a clip of Kharma's breakdown on Raw, it's time for a tag match.

#### Alicia Fox/Tamina vs. AJ/Kaitlyn

AJ!!! Seriously, that girl is too cute for words. Natalya is with the NXT chicks. We get an inset clip of them talking as Kaitlyn doesn't like Tamina/Alicia because there are too many A's in their names. AJ vs. Alicia to start us off and that doesn't last long as it's off to Kaitlyn. She's downright passable in the ring now which is a miracle by comparison. Kaitlyn gets a side slam for two and everything breaks down. Never mind though as Alicia gets the axe kick to Kaitlyn and we're done at 1:37. That was the only major move the heels hit the entire time.

Henry says he'll win and he's NOT boring or irrelevant.

Macho Man tribute video. That's the only one that has ever gotten to me.

#### Sheamus vs. Mark Henry vs. Christian

Winner gets Orton next week apparently and not at Capitol Punishment. Booker picks Sheamus. Everyone goes at it at once to start but the monsters take Christian down quickly. Cole is being a jerk again here and picks Sheamus also. The double teaming continues but Christian slides to the floor. Sheamus goes after him but is sent into the steps. I'll give him this: Sheamus isn't a cowardly heel. That's a big plus

for him.

Henry takes over on Christian with his basic variety of move, standing on his chest. The referee can be heard saying he can't break it because there are no rules and therefore no counting. Sheamus pops back in and rolls up Christian for two as Henry is knocked down to the floor. Sheamus sets for the Brogue Kick but Christian hits the Killswitch out of nowhere, only for Henry to make the save.

Here comes Orton after about three and a half minutes and we take a break. Back with Henry pounding on Christian. Josh makes an interesting comment that this is Henry and Christian against Sheamus. Bear hug to the Canadian but Sheamus comes back in. The monsters go at it until Henry grabs a belly to belly and heaves Sheamus back out to the floor. Cool looking move.

Christian is taken down by Henry just ramming into him which gets two. Christian avoids a drop down and hits a pair of middle rope dropkicks to take the big fat tub of goo down. Sheamus pops up to take Christian down off the top and then hammers on Sheamus. He's an equal opportunity heel I guess. Christian and Sheamus hammer away at each other on the top and down goes the pale one, but Christian jumps into a World's Strongest Slam for two.

Booker says we're like 18 minutes into this. By my math it's more like 12 but when has wrestling ever had adequate watches? Henry is sent to the floor and the High Cross (name changed again) is countered into a pendulum kick. Tornado DDT gets two. Henry takes out Orton for no apparent reason but gets sent into Sheamus by Christian. Spear takes down Sheamus but Orton comes in for an RKD to Henry. The distraction lets Sheamus kick out and Christian yells at the referee just long enough to let Sheamus kick his head off for the pin at 11:38 shown of 15:08.

**Rating:** B-. Not too bad here as they kept Sheamus kind of in the middle and gave us a nice surprise at the end. This not being for the PPV title shot is a nice touch as it'll probably set up Christian running in to set up Christian vs. Orton III at Capitol Punishment. Either way, not bad at all here with a decent triple threat match, even though I'm beyond sick of them.

**Overall Rating:** B. I liked it here as Smackdown continues their no nonsense road (more often than not) which works rather well. A key thing to Smackdown: their pacing is great. You never go more than about five minutes between matches and even though they're short, they all have a point and address something else. They had six matches, same as Impact, two of which didn't last two minutes, and yet they had more wrestling and nothing stupid. It's the difference in how you run a TV show and the differences are striking. Pretty good show but not great here, as is usual for Smackdown.

### Results

Sin Cara b. Chavo Guerrero – Headscissors into a mat slam

Daniel Bryan b. Cody Rhodes – LeBell Lock

Ezekiel Jackson b. Heath Slater via DQ when Corre interfered

Kane b. Great Khali – Top rope clothesline

Alicia Fox/Tamina b. AJ/Kaitlyn – Axe kick to Kaitlyn

Sheamus b. Christian and Mark Henry – Brogue Kick to Christian

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# Smackdown – May 20, 2011 – Just Kind of There

## Smackdown

Date: May 20, 2011

Location: American Bank Center Arena Corpus Christi, Texas

Commentators: Michael Cole, Booker T, Josh Matthews

We have one more show before Over the Limit and this is it. I wouldn't expect much tonight other than a final push to the PPV as the card seems to be mostly set already. Orton and Christian will likely have some more interaction tonight but other than that I don't know of anything that's likely to happen. Anyway, let's get to it.

Do You Know Your Enemy? Mine at the moment is a bad cough that I've had all week.

Orton vs. Henry tonight.

## Christian vs. Sheamus

We get an old school inset promo from Sheamus as he comes to the ring where he says it took Christian 15 years to win a world title and it took him two months. Rather true actually. Sheamus uses power to take over early and Christian is in trouble. Christian manages to send the pale dude to the floor but gets caught by a shoulder through the ropes.

Christian speeds things up as we hit the floor. And never mind as we go back into the ring and Sheamus shoves him off the top to the floor and we take a break. Back with Sheamus getting a powerslam for two. Off to a chinlock by Sheamus as they rest a bit. Reverse DDT gets two for Christian as does a cross body. Middle rope elbow looks to set up the Killswitch

but Christian walks into the Irish Curse for two.

Tornado DDT by Christian as this is a rather nice TV match so far. That only gets two though because regular moves can't get pins remember? Finishers only. Sheamus is knocked to the apron and hits a slingshot shoulder block to get two as well. And scratch what I said about finishers only as Christian grabs a small package for the pin at 8:43 shown on 12:13.

**Rating:** B-. The ending was a bit abrupt but this was a pretty solid opening match. Sheamus tends to work rather well with guys a bit smaller than him and this was no exception. Solid back and forth match here but the ending left a bit to be desired with it seeming to not follow the buildup it had for the most part. Still good overall though.

Henry comes out for the double beatdown post match. Orton comes out very slowly for the save but watches a bit first. So Orton is a voyeur now?

Long video on Miz vs. Cena on Sunday.

We run down the rest of the card for Sunday to fill in more time. Brie Bella is defending against Kelly Kelly apparently.

Speaking of the Bellas they're in the back and Grisham asks them about the beatdown on Monday from Kharma. Brie is asked why she let Nikki get beaten down and they get in an argument about why they let each other get beaten down. They agree that they would have done the same thing in each other's place so this is totally pointless.

Natalya vs. Brie Bella

Non-title here as I guess Natalya is now just there to fill in a space. Booker rambles on about biscuits and butter and Kharma as even Josh laughs at how out there he sounds. Natalya takes her down with relative ease and gets two. What

looks like a Boston Crab can't go on so Brie takes over, working on the arm. Discus lariat gets two for Natalya as this is a rather boring match with the fans totally dead. Delayed vertical suplex gets no cover. Brie sends her shoulder first into the corner and gets a horrible looking X-Factor for the pin at 3:01.

**Rating:** D-. Yeah shockingly enough a match with one of the Bellas was junk. The only thing they're good for is shaking their hips and their in ring work proves that. This was another weak Divas match as Nattie is now losing clean to Brie Bella of all people. It never ceases to amaze me how fast a long running champion can fall like that.

We talk about Big Zeke getting thrown out of Corre and he'll be here next.

Here's Jackson who says he came to SD to write a new chapter in the Book of Ezekiel. He joined the Corre to make an impact and talks about how Corre took over. Not really but we'll go with that. He wants to know if Corre needed him or if he needed Corre. The last two weeks he's taken a beating but they can't break him. He's not going to sleep until they've all suffered.

Here comes Corre for the beatdown but Teddy interrupts them and makes a six man tag.

Corre vs. Ezekiel Jackson/Kane/Big Show

Slater is in tights now instead of trunks. Show starts for the Bald Brotherhood to face Gabriel. The title match on Sunday is against Ryan and Punk. Why would it be against them when McGillicutty and Otunga beat the champions? Why am I trying to make sense of this? Kane comes in as this has been one sided so far. Off to Slater whose luck is about the same. Booker wants to step outside with Cole. I guess he's

afraid to cross the street and needs Cole to hold his hand.

Barrett gets the tag and is rather skeptical to face Kane so he gets Jackson instead. Barrett beats him down but can't suplex him. Jackson clotheslines him to the floor as we take a break. Back with Jackson running over Gabriel and it's off to Big Show. Showstopper (standing leg drop if I remember the name correctly) puts Gabriel down as does something resembling a superkick.

Back to Jackson as the beating continues. Totally one sided so far. Barrett comes in and has the best luck so he tags out to Slater immediately. Jackson runs over Slater now and Kane adds the top rope clothesline. Sidewalk slam gets two but Barrett pulls the top rope down to send Kane to the floor. Corre takes over as Slater throws on a chinlock which gets him nowhere.

Kane suplexes his way out of it but Barrett stops the tag. Double big boot puts both guys

down and it's back off to Slater again. Big uppercut puts Heath down and a double tag brings in Gabriel and Jackson. All Big Zeke here but everything breaks down quickly. Jackson slams Gabriel about four times and a torture rack (love that move for Jackson) ends this at 8:10 shown of 11:40.

**Rating:** C. Just a six man here with the good guys dominating almost the entire time. I'm skeptical about who wins both title matches on Sunday but it's not like this told us anything about the tag champions really. Either way, not a terrible match but just kind of there really. Zeke having a new finisher is definitely a good thing for him though as he really needed one and a Torture Rack is perfect.

Christian suggests we look at some tape from earlier which is Orton taking his time getting down there for the save. He's

going to be 100% on Sunday.

This isn't from the show but as I'm reviewing this news broke that Randy Savage died in a car wreck. That completely blew me away and I have no idea what to even think about it. Sad indeed.

### Chavo Guerrero vs. Daniel Bryan

Pre match Chavo says that he brought Sin Cara here and how he's going to beat Bryan in five minutes as opposed to the fifteen it took Cara to do it last week. Chavo vs. Cara is confirmed for the PPV. There's a countdown clock on screen for this. First minute passes with nothing more than basic stuff. Bryan gets a dropkick and drop toehold to take over. Chavo gets his feet up in the corner to get two with 3:25 to go.

Booker and Cole get into it again as has become a tradition on Fridays anymore. Chavo locks in a reverse chinlock which doesn't last long. They exchange rollups and things speed up a bit with about two minutes to go. Here come the kicks and it's LeBell Lock time. He can't quite get it on so he hits the floor with a minute left. Big dive to the floor takes Chavo out and the missile dropkick misses with thirty five seconds left. Chavo goes with Three Amigos with very little time left. Frog Splash only gets two and the clock runs out at 5:00.

**Rating:** C+. Pretty clear that we were going with the time limit but that was the point in this case so it's nothing to complain about. Chavo as usual works rather well out there and with a guy like Bryan it's not like they were asking much of him. This was absolutely fine and it worked rather well indeed. Good match and nice to see Bryan not get pinned again.

Chavo throws him to the floor post match and Sin Cara comes out for the save, hitting a rana to send Chavo to the floor.

Here's Cody with Ted for the paper bag thing. PLEASE tell me they're not reforming Legacy and messing up Cody's push for the sake of a weak tag team. Cody gets a bag especially for Ted who doesn't want to put it on but does anyway. It turns out to be a joke for the sake of making fun of Corpus Christi as Ted speaks in a bad Mexican accent. The fans boo and Cody yells at them to put the bags on. Ted takes the bag off and says bring out his opponent.

#### Ted DiBiase vs. Trent Barreta

Ted hammers him back into the corner as I think we have a squash on our hands here. Apparently Cody called Ted a shrub or something, meaning his career has fallen apart. Trent takes Ted down with a standing Swanton for two. Enziguri has Ted staggering but a tornado DDT is countered into a sitout powerbomb. Dream Street ends this clean in 1:25 for no rating of course. Trent gets paper bagged post match.

#### Great Khali vs. Jey Uso

What do you think is going to happen here? No Singh with Khali here. Jey tries to get some kicks in but Khali throws him around. A dropkick sends Khali into the corner and here's Jinder Mahal to yell at Khali some more. Khali goes to the floor to stare him down and almost gets counted out because of it. Back in the chop and Khali Bomb ends this at 2:05. Total squash for all intents and purposes. Someone, perhaps Jimmy Uso, comes in and gets chopped also as he checks on Jey.

Apparently Christian said he'll be 100%. Orton says that's

not going to be enough.

### Randy Orton vs. Mark Henry

Henry takes him back into the corner to start and the power game takes over rather quickly. The less orange than usual Orton is sent to the floor and the beating continues. Back in and Orton gets a few shots in and a dropkick sends Henry to the floor. Back with another dropkick doing the same. It was one of those commercials where nothing changed so I'm not adding the time to the clock.

Back in and Henry gets a powerslam for no cover as Booker freaks out. Oh there's the cover but there was a delay in between. Henry shouts that he owns Orton. I wonder if he sees fried chicken when he looks at Orton. Off to an armbar because when you think big, strong, mad, ticked off Texan, you think armbar. Orton hits the rope and runs over Henry and adds some knee drops to take over.

The Garvin Stomp begins as it amazes me that he's stealing stuff from Ronnie Freaking Garvin. Dude, were there no Kansas Jayhawk moves available? Henry hits the floor to avoid the RK0 but gets caught in position for the elevated DDT. And never mind as here's Sheamus for the DQ at 5:45.

**Rating:** C-. Not much of a main event at all here but at the same time they were just doing this for the save at the end which is fine. Henry is a guy that I do not get the point in but he's gotten pushes for nearly 15 years now so there you are. Anyway, weak match for the most part and nothing of note at all as it was more there to set up an angle rather than be a match but whatever.

Christian does the same thing that Orton did earlier and waits a bit on the stage before coming in for the save. Randy is all ticked off about the delay but Christian is like dude I

was having an awesome game of Parcheesi with Corre. Anyway the monsters come in again and get beaten down. RK0 to Henry sets up a handshake to end the show.

**Overall Rating:** C. Not much here but we did get two additional matches for the PPV. There was no real feeling here of needing to see anything but they played up some of the PPV matches with the emphasis being on the world title, which is exactly what they needed to do. I can't imagine that Christian will get the title back on Sunday but they've at least made it seem possible which is the right idea. Not bad, but nothing special at all.

### Results

Christian b. Sheamus – Small Package

Brie Bella b. Natalya – Faceplant

Ezekiel Jackson/Kane/Big Show b. Corre – Torture Rack to Gabriel

Daniel Bryan vs. Chavo Guerrero went to a time limit draw

Ted DiBiase b. Trent Barreta – Dream Street

Randy Orton b. Mark Henry via DQ when Sheamus interfered

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# **Smackdown – May 13, 2011 – Best Show In A Good While**

### Smackdown

Date: May 13, 2011

Location: Bridgestone Arena, Nashville, Tennessee



Commentators: Michael Cole, Booker T, Josh Matthews

It should be interesting to see what happens on Smackdown now that we need to get ready for Over the Limit. I'd assume we'll have Randy vs. Christian announced but other than that it's kind of hard to guess. We'll get the fallout from Big Zeke being thrown out of Corre so at least we have that to look forward to. Let's get to it.

We open with a recap of Christian winning the title and the loss last week. Both matches were rather good and no one can ever take the time Christian had as champion away. He got his title, but naturally his fanboys are crying foul over it. Yes it was a short reign, but he got his title, so be happy for him.

Here's Christian in the arena to open the show. He doesn't have a problem with what Teddy did last week because it was for the fans and he's cool with that. If Teddy didn't do what he did last week then he's not doing his job. Christian wants to congratulate the new champion, whose name gets a nice reaction. The rematch at Over the Limit is confirmed. Last week he learned that he can beat Orton...and here's Sheamus.

Sheamus wants to congratulate Teddy for causing Christian to lose what he worked so hard for so quickly. It's about what the fans want and according to the Irishman, the fans want to see a match between Sheamus and Christian RIGHT NOW. And here's Mark Henry because a match between two guys that could have a rather entertaining match is something we can't have without a fat tub of goo like Henry right?

Henry says Sheamus isn't who the people want to see face Christian. He's a red headed stepchild that talks funny. The people are here to see Henry. A match between the evildoers is teased until Sheamus suggests a handicap match. Christian jumps Henry but gets beaten down until Orton makes the save.

After a break, Teddy makes the obvious tag team main event. Christian thanks Randy for the save and Orton says it was to make sure Christian was at 100% for the title match.

Chavo does the ring announcing for the next match.

### Sin Cara vs. Daniel Bryan

What a shock that Bryan had a nice run to start and is now in the middle of the midcard with nothing of note going on at all. Who would have seen that coming? The lights are all dark again and Chavo talks about how Cara stole his moves again. Technical stuff to start and it's a standoff. Nice armdrag by Cara but Bryan gets him on the mat and works over the arm.

The fans seem into this but you never can tell on Smackdown. More armdrags take Bryan down and a Tajiri elbow sends him to the floor. HUGE Swanton Dive to the floor as we take a break. Bryan gets a missile dropkick for two as we're back. Daniel channels his inner Rockette with some kicks as Cara is in more trouble than he's ever been. Surfboard by Bryan which never ceases to amaze me. Chavo is taking credit for all of these moves being his.

Off to the arm by Bryan as he's controlled the majority of this. The good thing about WWE bringing in the more indy/internationally seasoned guys is that it gives them a long list of guys like Primo and Kidd and Bryan that can work a different style if they have to and it's no problem for them. Nice addition as WWE keeps going international. Cara gets a victory roll for two and makes his comeback. Big cross body off the top gets two for the masked dude.

Cara speeds things up again but an attempt at a second handspring elbow gets caught in a LeBell Lock attempt. Cara avoids it and we hit the floor as Bryan hits another kick.

Back to the ring and Bryan goes up, only to have Chavo grab his leg. The distraction lets Cara hit an enziguri to set up the C4 from the top which ends things at 7:37 shown of 11:07. Not sure if Cara saw Chavo or not but I don't think he did.

**Rating:** B. Rather entertaining TV match here with Bryan more than being able to keep up with Cara and using his regular stuff to take down the high flier. The Chavo stuff is a nice touch and I'm kind of curious as to where it leads. Maybe something with Cara not knowing what Chavo is saying in English and Chavo saying something different to him in Spanish? Either way, very good match here and fun stuff indeed.

Post match Cara sees what Chavo did on the replay and isn't pleased. Cara shoves him down to a face pop.

We recap the Corre stuff from last week which saw Jackson beat Show with Corre's help despite him not wanting it. They beat him up later in the night.

Trace Adkins is here. He sang at Tribute to the Troops so we're supposed to care I guess.

Here's Layla not in wrestling gear. She hurt her knee in the match at Extreme Rules but it was worth it to get rid of McCool. And Cole cuts her off. No one wants to hear about any of the Divas apparently so let's talk about Jerry Lawler. Cole rants about the whole HOF thing and says that his mom will love the HOF ring he's getting from Lawler. Layla is still in the ring and tells him to shut up.

Cole keeps running his mouth about the Divas, saying they shouldn't be in the WWE. And here's Kharma as this should be interesting. Cole laughs at Layla while Booker says she's coming for Cole. Layla tries to run but gets tripped by Cole. Implant Buster to Layla as Cole runs his mouth. Kharma isn't pleased and Cole backpedals, running into the Colemine. Kharma laughs at him and leaves. Cole's face is great.

## Wade Barrett vs. Kane

Non-title I think. Show is in Mexico this week apparently. I wonder if he'll get to buy one of Tito Santana's enchiladas in Tijuana. Kane actually grabs a headlock to take Barrett to the mat. Surprisingly technical stuff here as Kane hits his seated dropkick for two. Cole makes fun of Booker for mentioning a manager's license which is rather true actually. Kane fires off on Barrett who runs. Cole was a cheerleader in college apparently as we take a break.

Back with Barrett choking in the corner but Kane counters a suplex to take over. And scratch that as Barrett grabs the arm to take over again. Back and forth match here to say the least. Boss Man Slam gets two and it's back to the arm. Kane has apparently shrunk down to 6'8 now. The shrinking monster gets a Samoan Drop to break it up. So the Spaniard hit a Samoan on the Englishman?

Clothesline in the corner sets up a sideslam for no cover as Slater jumps up for a distraction. Wasteland doesn't work as Kane takes Barrett down. There goes the tag team also thanks to Kane. Top rope clothesline gets a big reaction surprisingly enough. Chokeslam is loaded up but Slater and Gabriel run in for the DQ at 6:03 shown of 9:33.

**Rating:** C+. Not bad here again as Barrett's in ring work is still something that I like. Kane is a guy you're going to get a passable match out of and he works well with other big men so this was a good choice for a match here. Good little TV match as the first half of this show has been rather entertaining indeed.

Corre beats Kane down post match, including Wasteland and the setup for the 450 but here's Zeke to his old music for the save. He destroys Corre for a bit until Barrett gets a big boot in. And never mind as Jackson spears him into the corner

and destroys him. Jackson gets caught by the tag team again and the beatdown is on again. 450 to Jackson and he's done.

Here are Singh and Khali, in cowboy hats. It's time for a country music edition of the Khali Kiss Cam. He's a fan of country music apparently. This is less of a Kiss Cam and more of looking for a chick for Khali to kiss. It stops on some chick in the front row (shocking) who bears a striking resemblance to Rhonda Sing. Just a quick kiss here from the chick named Joy and here's Jinder Mahal. He's taller than he looks, probably about 6'4. Mahla slaps the hat off Khali and yells in Hindi. There's another slap to Khali and Mahal leaves all ticked off.

DON'T BULLY PEOPLE! And pay no attention to all the bullies we employ!

### Ted DiBiase vs. Cody Rhodes

Who would have thought a year ago that Cody would be so far and away ahead of DiBiase? No entrance for Ted either. The bag people come out with Cody. Cody says this is the part where he's supposed to entertain the people right? Let's entertain the fact that he's not the freak, but rather the people are the freaks. Cody hands Ted a bag and calls him a Priceless Friend. Ted throws it down and there's the bell.

We actually hear about Legacy as Ted takes over as the default face. There's that dropkick by Cody but he gets caught in a small package for two. They exchange some nice rollups and pinning combinations but Ted charges and hits the post to stop the speed dead. Cody fires off some headbutts with the mask but Ted is fine from them apparently. Following clothesline by Ted but he can't hit Dream Street. Beautiful Disaster sets up Cross Rhodes to end this at 3:15.

**Rating:** C+. Far better than I was expecting here as Ted is a

far better face than a heel. Cody is one of the coolest heels in a long time because he is into his character. I'd bet a lot that his papa taught him how to do that, which goes to show what old school can do. Cody comes off as a guy that actually is tormented and insane rather than playing someone who is tormented and insane which makes a world of difference.

Striker is with Corre who says they want Jackson to come back later. Barrett challenges Zeke for an IC Title match at Over the Limit. Didn't see that one coming.

### Randy Orton/Christian vs. Mark Henry/Sheamus

I think Christian's pop might have been slightly bigger than Orton. And never mind as Orton's more or less doubled when he came through the curtain. Oddly enough the good guys come out first. Christian vs. Sheamus to start us off. Booker talks about how Sheamus and Henry have no chemistry yet somehow Christian and Orton would have more. Why? Well no one ever accused Booker of making sense.

After some basic stuff with the starters, Henry comes in and runs....he runs....ok he waddles over Christian and takes him down but it's off to Orton who has better luck. Booker bashes Teddy for making Christian defend last week which is bogus but who cares about that. We almost get a beatdown on the floor on Orton but Christian makes the save as we take a break.

Back with Henry working over Orton again but Orton gets a shot in to break that up. Off to Christian who takes Henry down with a dropkick but gets caught ala Flair off the top. Off to the pale one who hooks on the crossface chickenwing. Back to Henry who stands on Christian's chest for a bit. Christian starts his comeback against Sheamus, hitting the reverse DDT and it's hot tag time.

Elevated DDT is countered into the Irish Curse for two though

and our hero is in trouble. Brogue Kick misses and there's the DDT. Christian gets a blind tag and hits the Killswitch on Sheamus as Orton gets an RK0 to Henry. Christian pins Sheamus at 7:40 shown of 11:10. They shake hands to end the show.

**Rating:** C. This was your run of the mill main event tag match. Not a bad match or anything but at the same time there wasn't much they were going to be able to do. I'm not really sure what this accomplished as Henry and Sheamus I guess just want title shots but that's only implied at the moment. Either way, not bad but nothing of note at all.

**Overall Rating:** A-. This was an awesome show and the whole thing worked. When the worst match is a passable tag match, it's hard to complain about anything. You had a bunch of stuff get advanced, a pair of title matches added to the PPV, advancement of some storylines and a new development with Kong going after Cole. This was a very good show that did a lot in a hurry, which is always a good thing.

### Results

Sin Cara b. Daniel Bryan – Top Rope C4

Kane b. Wade Barrett via DQ when Corre interfered

Cody Rhodes b. Ted DiBiase – Cross Rhodes

Christian/Randy Orton b. Mark Henry/Sheamus – Killswitch to Sheamus

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# Final WWE Draft Results Including Supplemental Draft

Here's the final results. Is there a reason why the midcard champions are on the same show?

## **TO RAW**

- \* Jack Swagger
- \* Kelly Kelly
- \* JTG
- \* Drew McIntyre
- \* Curt Hawkins
- \* Chris Masters
- \* Kofi Kingston
- \* Tyler Reks
- \* Beth Phoenix
- \* Rey Mysterio
- \* The Big Show
- \* Alberto Del Rio
- \* John Cena

## **TO SMACKDOWN**

- \* Daniel Bryan
- \* The Great Khali (w/Ranjin Singh)
- \* Jimmy Uso
- \* Alicia Fox
- \* William Regal
- \* Yoshi Tatsu
- \* Natalya
- \* Jey Uso
- \* Ted DiBiase
- \* Tyson Kidd
- \* Tamina
- \* Alex Riley
- \* US Champion Sheamus
- \* John Cena (later drafted back)



- \* Randy Orton
- \* Mark Henry
- \* Sin Cara