

## More Bash feedback

Thumbs in the Middle

Best Match: Mysterio/Jericho

Worst Match: Khali vs Ziggler

Got home from the Bash. I listen to all the radio shows you guys post but I don't watch a lot of WWE, so thanks for keeping me up to date as I didn't miss a beat at the PPV. Got called today to see if I wanted to go, so that was cool.

Unusual delays getting into Arco, so we walked in on Finlay coming into the Scramble Match. They had seperated entrances, like a Royal Rumble. Anyways match was longer than though considering your notes on it not being covered on Raw. Had to be almost 15 minutes, with decent action. I could not believe how over Christian was tonight and Dreamer's finish on Christian got heat. For a thrown together time filler (is ECW title considered on par with the Cruiserweight title?) This produced.

Bet you're getting a lot of feedback so I won't go over all the results. Mysterio and Jericho is the best match I've seen live (wwe) since a house show match in Davis back in 2003 in front of like 1000 people Angle/Benoit tore the house down. Sacramento fans are much more into the show then Fresno/SF/San Jose so I can only imagine how many thumbs down you'll get.

Miz got buried. For how much buildup he's supposedly been given this was more of a squash. I didn't expect Cena to ever lose but figured Miz would get some form of heat here to build off of. I bet John Cena would have no problem putting over the Miz. This would have been a great match to put down the card and have Miz get a cheap win and either blow off on Raw or move forward. Regardless of what people think of the Miz, just for a decent storyline that would interest me in watching Raw. You could have put the IC title match in this spot on the card, and would have felt more like a main event.

After the Cena squash we just left. My buddy wanted to miss traffic and I didn't care to see Orton/HHH but we got word on he drive that Orton retained. Not even a chance to see it live for free peak interest to see these guys wrestle. I'm glad to see Orton in the spot he's in, however Triple H just kills wrestling for me. He's the Tim Sylvia of WWE. I woulda stayed had it been Orton/Batista, or if they put on Punk/Hardy last. I just wonder if they fit in the Cena/Miz match (usually the women's match goes as filler until the main even right?) to not upstage the HHH match.

Ryan Bentz

Hey Dave,

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Thanks,

Val Ferrel

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Dave,

Had 5th row seats facing the camera...First, a weird thing then highlights. Weird thing: On the tickets, which I got months ago, it says "Night of Champions." Doesn't say anything about "Bash." I'm guessing maybe they decided to use the "Night of Champions" idea a couple of Raws ago? I don't know.

Anyway, highlights: During the Edge/Jericho tag team three way, fans began chanting "We want Christian! We want Christian" at which Jericho turned around and yelled out "Why?" Which cracked everyone up. Same chant starts up a couple minutes later, he yells out "Stop living in the past!" It was kindly pointed out to him that he's still "Y2J" which was 9 years ago, with the same music and practically the same entrance...Tony Atlas is a HUGE human being....Everyone got some serious tanning bed time before the PPV.....Cody Rhodes has girl legs....Afterwards, as we were waiting for our chairs to get cut out (they cable tie them together, and you have to wait until AFTER the show for them to come and verify your ticket, sign it, cut the cable ties, and let you go) we saw Eddie House of the Boston Celtics. He's married to Mike Bibby's (formerly of the Sac. Kings) sister.....We were one of the last to get checked out for the chairs, and I jokingly said to the WWE employee "Tell HHH we'll be back in a minute (ha, ha)..."

He replied, "yeah I'm not going to say anything to him, he got banged up pretty good and he's seeing the doctor, he's not in the mood for anything right now" So there's that.

That's all I got. Floor seats aren't really worth it unless you are in like the first two rows and have never done it. Too many people in front of you and all you see is the back of people's signs. Seemed like a pretty lively crowd.

There was an entire section that was blacked out in the 200 level right above the main side cameras. It didn't need to be blocked of for any reason other than they couldn't sell out the seats.

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Best Match : Chris Jericho vs. Rey Mysterio

Worst Match : Dolp Ziggler vs. Great Khali

I sure this shows going to get shit on but I just couldn't give this a thumbs down with such a great match on the card, and three good matches as well.

1. The Scramble match was good, the finish was a bit cluttered. \*\*¼
2. The IC Title match was Fantastic. \*\*\*\*¼
3. Dolph Ziggler vs Great Khali Dud, Dolp tried hard. No interest in Kane returning.
4. The Tag Title match was fine with a great finish. \*¾
5. The Woman's Title match was better than expected. No heat though .\*½
6. World Title match is good but not what I expected. \*\*¾
7. The miz just got shit on. \*
8. Orton vs. Triple H was good. \*\*¾

Steven Garrison

Sacramento, Ca Thumbs Down Best Match: Chris Jericho vs. Rey Mysterio Worst Match: John Cena vs. The Miz I ordered this show on an impulse tonight genuinely intrigued by a couple of new guys in CM Punk and The Miz getting the chance to shine in arguably the biggest matches of their careers. To say that WWE is starved for fresh stars and matches on top would be an understatement, so I was pretty stoked to see what I optimistically thought could be the start of a new youth movement in the company. I might have been a little off on that assessment. The CM Punk vs. Jeff Hardy match was awesome. I didn't even mind the screwy finish, because it was so clever and well done, and for once as far as WWE goes, it actually left me wanting to see a rematch. Punk held up his end of the match, and I think he's proving himself to be capable of hanging in that 1b tier with the likes of Chris Jericho, Rey Mysterio, Randy

Orton and Jeff Hardy. I had so much anticipation for John Cena and The Miz finally squaring off after months of slow build, but by the third move in the match you could see where it was going. John Cena, who I have always considered myself a fan of, worked a total Triple H style match, burying The Miz as a joke with his facial expressions from the get go and then proving himself to be right by outwrestling him, spirit-squadding him and making him tap out like a pussy in like five minutes flat. It wasn't even just a clean loss, it was like WWE was making a point to tell us that the Miz is a low card goof for like. It's absurd to be sandbagging a guy like The Miz when 90% of the headliners in the company are either winding down their careers or overexposed as anything, and it genuinely made me realize I was a moron for bothering to invest in this storyline in the first place. Still it makes you wonder what the point of devoting two months of weekly spots to this was. In terms of the main event, I had no interest in it going into the show, which is saying something considering six months ago I thought Randy Orton was the hottest act in wrestling and capable of ushering in a wave of wrestling popularity. By the time Triple H was making his entrance and doing his competition poses under Mr. Olympia lighting mid-ring, I felt like I had already personally gone through at least ten stages of hell. It went about how I expected. Trips managed to lose a 2/3 falls match without ever getting pinned or submitting, cost himself the first fall, got a clean pin on Orton in the second, and only lost the third on a fluke after A) being outmatched 3 to 1, B) AND getting low blowed, 3) AND being hit with a blunt metal object. Then he got his heat back at the end. Working with Trips has taken every bit of gas out of the Orton machine, and this match was unbearable for me as I am just so sick of the same old guys and the same old formula from WWE. Lost most WWE pay-per-views, despite the hard work and some really good matches on the card, it left me with more of the same bad taste in my mouth. As with most people in this economy, I am on a finite pay-per-view budget, and WWE proved yet again why I am doing the right thing by throwing my money at the UFC rather than blowing \$40 on more lame reruns. J.A. Bawon I am going to give the PPV Thumbs in the middle, leaning towards down.

Best Match: Rey vs Jericho by far.  
Worst Match: Women's title

Show was just ok. It wasn't the best. For some reason, this particular PPV since WWE starting putting it on has usually been horrible as far as I can recall. Just not a good one.

Rey and Jericho put on a hell of a match. It was fantastic. Loved it. I did not like the Women's match. I could care less about McCool and Melina.

Everything else was just kind of blase to me. The opener was just ok. Nothing special. I did like seeing Edge and Jericho giving Teddy Long the business but so did NOT like Vince coming in there and just patronizing Long and telling he was not doing a great job. Can't Vince stay off the PPVs?

The three stages of Hell match between Orton and HHH was good. However the Last Man Standing match that we got free was better. Liked the tease of a split up of Legacy pre match.

Punk's heel turn is coming along nicely. I understand why they did the finish like they did, but I still prefer clean finishes. Match was ok.

Well, the Edgehead in me loved it when he and Jericho were put together. I thought after Smackdown this week in that Rage in a Cage match, that Jericho and Edge could form "Team Ego" as Jim Ross would call them. Well, someone in WWE was thinking the same as I did. Loved seeing two great wrestlers together. This uniting of the two will put the Tag belts in a main event spot and could set up a face turn for either of them, most likely Edge I am thinking when this pair inevitably splits and Edge or even Jericho (or both) get back in the Title picture. Of course, Congrats to Edge on his 13th Tag belt. Match itself was pretty decent. I liked it. Also loved Carlito and Primo chewing out Teddy Long post match.

I also HATED the Cena vs Miz match. I ALMOST made this the Worst match. Let's see, WWE needs to make new stars, and they do this with Miz? I thought the match made Miz look like a chump. Miz got a little offense in, but this was a burial job. Cena could have won without totally burying this guy. I hated the way they had Miz tap also.....like a baby and then Cena did the dog scratching the ground thing post match.

Terri Bey

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Best Match-Mysterio vs Jericho

Worst match- Khali vs Zigler (diva match running a close second)

Opener was ok aside Dreamers very predictable offense.

Seen one Dreamer match you've seen'em all.

The rule change spiced it up a bit, and as I said, decent opener.

Once again Jericho and Mysterio delivered with a top notch performance.

I don't like the whole demasking gimmick because it's already been done back in WCW not so long ago.

The 20 somethings now may not remember much, if any about when Rey had to demask and ultimately wrestled without the mask thereafter, but I'm sure the 30 something crowd and beyond remember it well.

WWE insults my intelligence portraying Rey as if though he has never wrestled without his mask, but that's fine because the match itself was fantastic!

Another Khali/Ziggler confrontation did nothing for me nor did Kane interrupting the match, so do we have a new feud between Kane and Khali while the Khali/Ziggler feud is over and done? Or will this turn into a 3-way that nobody cares about?

A unique surprise with the Triple Threat with Jerich and Edge winning the unified titles.

Did not see that one coming. Should be an interesting program on the horizon, and it puts a little more meaning into the tag team division IMO.

Diva match was pretty much a throwaway.

C.M.Punk/Jeff Hardy was a decent match with great character development on CM Punks end as he was able to leave people wondering if he hit the ref intentionally and was his eye really hurt.

It could go either way, and if they decide not to turn him heel then no damage done based on the way it went down.

I'm confused though when the ref is making a 3 count and Jeff celebrates the title win, but then all of the sudden the ref says that Punks foot was under the rope before the 3 count and then declares that the title did not change hands and the match continues!

If the ref says Punks foot was under the ropes before he got to 3, then why did he count to 3 in the first place?

How any times have we heard Jim Ross say that the ref can't call what he can't see?

As far as I'm concerned this was extremely sloppy booking, and I just know Ross was hating having to explain what went down.

In the end Punk retains and Jeff will once again fail in his efforts.

This is getting a little old now, so if they're going to let Hardy run with the title then they need to go ahead and build a match in the near future that puts everything in perspective that ultimately allows him to do it.

Don't wait too long guys because Jeff's bound to get strike 3 on the wellness policy, and if that happens then all of this title chasing storyline would have been in vain.

I though for sure that the Cena/Miz match would carry a lot more weight considering the build, but it was just basicly a t.v. type match with a clean pin by Cena.

Don't really think this hurts Miz in any way because well...he's Miz, but I really expected something more memorable instead.

HHH /Orton did nothing for me.

I'm tired of HHH and I'm tired of this feud, and no matter how many stipulations or mach variations they come up with for these two, it will always seem like the same thing we have seen so many times before.

I guess HHH just absolutely has to be in that main event, and even when he loses he still stands tall in the end with his music playing.

Talk about pushing someone down our throats!

The only hope we have of seeing less HHH in the main event picture is for he and Stephanie to get divorced.

I'm not saying that HHH is n't god at what he does, and I've seen him in some great matches, but c'mon!

I like ice cream, but I don't eat it every day.

This PPV was certainly not worth the asking price, so thank goodness for live streams that cost nothing.

Jeff Bartram

Louisa, Ky

Thumbs Down Best Match: Jericho vs Mysterio Worst Match: Khali vs Ziggler. This show overall seemed like such a nothing show, WWE did little in the way of promoting it, and in the end it ended up being of little significance anyways. Jericho and Mysterio was fantastic, maybe not quite match of the year quality, but definitely the best match on the show, and the best we've seen in WWE in a few months. The rest of the show was marred by nonsensical booking and matches that ranged from being completely innocuous, to being really really bad. Do we really want to see Kane and Khali feud again? In fact, do we really want to see Khali in a wrestling ring again? His match with Ziggler tonight was terrible, and it wasn't Ziggler's fault, Khali has zero timing and just looked completely lost in the ring. Edge and Jericho winning the tag belts didn't seem to make much sense to me, and while I guess it does increase the significance of the belts, I have a feeling the belts are just going to be a prop to explain why Edge and Jericho are allowed to wrestle on all three shows, and won't mean much of anything. Cena putting Miz over as a complete jobber did absolutely nothing for anyone involved. I'm not saying that Miz should have mopped the floor with Cena, but there was absolutely no reason at all NOT to give Miz the victory here, even if it was a fluke pin due to interference or cheating or something else. The match was booked almost as if Cena was going out of his way to make Miz look bad, with Cena not selling for Miz's offense, and then Miz just tapping out like a total punk almost immediately. Hardy and CM Punk was a decent match, but the dusty finish left a bad taste in my mouth, and repeating almost the same booking from the Orton vs Batista match a few months back with the Champ losing by DQ after attacking the ref just goes to show you how little WWE

writers even pay attention. Orton vs Triple H was not the least bit spectacular, and not even on par with their match on RAW Monday. It was clear that they were rushing to get through the first two falls due to time constraints, but even the last fall was completely anti-climactic. I'm glad they kept the belt on Orton, but it also leaves the fact that there are no more fresh contenders for the belt on RAW. We've seen Cena vs Orton, we've just finished with Triple H vs Orton, so unless they go through with the Ted Dibiase face turn and program him with Orton next month to promote the Marine movie, or they do a Big Show face turn and have him work with Orton, there's really nothing left.

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-Geoffrey Gillott