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JBL and Josh were the announcers for the show.

SmackDown started with a contest to find out which was more powerful, Big Show's KO punch or Sheamus' Brogue kick. They had a sport science centre set up. Booker introduced both guys and showed the machine. It was going to measure their force per square inch. Big Show refused and cut a pretty bad promo about how strong his punch is. Sheamus said he's ready and measured 1322, more than twice that of a heavyweight boxer's punch.

Show again looked for reasons not to use the machine until Sheamus goaded him on. Sheamus said not to worry because proving the Brogue kick was stronger still wouldn't be as embarrassing as his last title reign. Show lost it and threw his punch which registered 1809. Show told Sheamus he would see him at Hell in the Cell and walked out. He was replaced by Tensai who attacked Sheamus from behind. He hit him once and Sheamus went down, selling the impact to the back of his head from Raw. Booker sent Tensai away.

Match Number One: Sheamus (C) Vs. Lord Tensai, Non-Title Match.

Sheamus was in the ring and angry. He attacked Tensai on the ramp as he came down, and they fought for a minute or two before the bell.

I don't know if it was just mic'd poorly, but there was so much disinterest in the action which was largely back and forth. JBL mentioned IWGP and Noah, saying Tensai had held the titles of both, but had yet to step up in the big leagues.

Sheamus hit the White Noise and started calling for the Brogue kick, which was the first thing the crowd really cared for at all. Sheamus hit the kick and got the pinfall.

Winner: Sheamus, Pinfall.

They followed Sheamus all the way up to the ramp, and he took his time. They don't seem to be in a rush so far.

They again showed the footage of Del Rio attacking Orton after SmackDown ended two weeks ago, and plugged Orton's return after missing a single show. They cut to Del Rio in the back who berated Ricardo for being scared of Orton being there. He told Ricardo to go and find him. After a break they showed Ricardo making his way around backstage. He heard hissing and was petrified but it was the Cobra not Viper. Santino told him he shouldn't be afraid of the Viper's bite, but his RKO. He then hit the Cobra and said that it was good and would do it in the ring.

Match Number Two: The Band (Slater & Mahal w/ McIntyre) Vs. Santino & Zack Ryder.

The Band cut an awful promo. Full of horrible music puns. Perfect example of Bryan's "Who was Carlito? A guy who didn't like people who didn't want to be cool? That's all?!". These are three guys who rock out, and they will say so with every sentence they speak.

There was some cute stuff from Santino, like having to jump off the bottom rope for an axe handle because he was too afraid from the top or middle. He was eventually cut off and they got the heat on him.

Ryder made a brief comeback and landed the Broski boot before it broke down. Santino was quickly dumped outside with Mahal, which let Drew cause a short distraction, but long enough for Slater to hit his new move for the pinfall. He held Ryder's head like he was going for a stunner, but then used the motion of the stroke, so swung himself forward and down.

Winners: The Band, Pinfall.

They showed a Tout from Dolph on Tuesday who complained about being double teamed on Monday and challenged Kane for this show.

Match Number Three: Kane Vs. Dolph Ziggler w/ Vickie.

Lots of editing here, including Dolph going from being on the ramp making his entrance to having a go behind on Kane in the ring.

It may be the recent association with Bryan, but it was the freshest Kane single's match from Kane in a while and had some good back and forth action. Until Dolph got himself DQ'd by hitting Kane in the stomach with the briefcase in the ring. Vickie had tried to distract the referee as Kane was on the top rope, but he jumped off into the briefcase which the referee saw.

Winner: Kane, DQ.

Dolph went to hit him again but was taken out with an uppercut, at which point Bryan hit the ring. Kane wanted to know why Bryan was there and Bryan claimed to have saved Kane. Kane yelled that he had it himself, but Bryan yelled that he saved him. Striker got between them and asked if they agreed that their bickering could cost them the titles at Hell in the Cell. They stopped arguing but didn't answer. He then asked Bryan how he felt about people considering him the weak link. Bryan put him in the No Lock.

Kane grabbed Bryan by the beard and pulled him off, telling him no. Kane picked Striker up but then grabbed his neck. Bryan yelled for Kane to stop, basically just "no" over and over as Kane yelled yes. Kane then chokeslammed Striker.

Ricardo was continuing his search. He heard Orton's voice behind a door, but it was Hornswoggle with a talking Brawling Buddy. Ricardo smashed it against the wall.

Lillian Garcia acknowledged all the breast cancer survivors in the audience.

Miz joined commentary for Kofi's match.

Match Number Four: Kofi Kingston Vs. The Big Show.

Show blocked the Trouble in Paradise with his forearms, then hit the WMD for the pinfall. I actually really like that, showing how Show can brick wall a kick that's similar to the Brogue. Show then pinned Kofi.

Winner: The Big Show, Pinfall.

Miz got in the ring with a mic, saying that's where Kofi should be, on his back. He said it was the story of Kofi's life, always coming so close, to come up short. Miz said he would leave with his head held high, like it would be after he beats him on WWE Main Event.

They showed Touts on who people think Punk should face at Hell in a Cell. No good.

Ricardo was back with Del Rio. They got scared by Bryan's shadow. Del Rio said everyone knew Bryan only had the title because of Kane. Bryan said the only reason Del Rio was talking to him now, was because Orton hadn't found him yet. Bryan then revealed that he had just come from Booker's office and he and Alberto had a match.

Booker was in the back with Long, as Layla and Kaitlyn were speaking quickly at him. Kaitlyn's breasts had a moustache on them. They said they had found a blonde wig. Long cleared it up saying that Aksana had told them she found a blonde wig in Eve's bag. Eve came in and said she found a blonde wig in Long's bag. The girls then yelled over each other.

Match Number Five: Sin Cara Vs. Damien Sandow w/ Cody Rhodes.

This was in preparation of the tag team tournament match on Monday. Sin Cara tried a cross body to the floor onto both of Rhodes Scholars during the match, but only caught Rhodes. Then as Sin Cara was about to get back in the ring, Rhodes grabbed his leg and pulled him back out. The referee saw and threw Rhodes out of ringside.

Sandow was arguing with the referee, which let Sin Cara hit a rana for the pinfall.

Winner: Sin Cara, Pinfall.

Cody immediately ran back down the ramp but Sin Cara slipped out of the ring and celebrated up the ramp. Sandow was in shock in the middle of the ring.

Bryan passed Kane in the hallways. He told Kane that even if it seems he's in trouble, he doesn't want Kane to rescue him.

Match Number Six: Alberto Del Rio w/ Ricardo Vs. Daniel Bryan.

As Del Rio watched from the ring, Bryan grabbed a fan's "YES!" sign from the front row... and tore it in half. I guess that was a show of support to Alberto?

A bit of Randy Couture talk from JBL. Bryan hit a series of kicks to Del Rio's chest as he was on his knees and it was the most into the action the crowd had been all night. Bryan then missed a charge into the corner, but Del Rio hit a running kick to Bryan's arm.

There was an amazing visual as Bryan was standing on the apron. Del Rio was in the ring and charged at him, jumping through the middle and top rope feet first and catching the top rope with his hands. Bryan dodged, and with Del Rio hanging from the top rope he was prone to another kick to the chest. Bryan tried to follow up with his jumping knee but Del Rio again went back to working of Bryan's arm.

Back in the ring Bryan avoided the arm breaker and got on the No Lock. Ricardo got on the apron but that didn't help anyone. The ref just told him to get down. Del Rio got a finger on the ropes, then locked on the armbreaker while hanging from the ropes (though very awkwardly). Del Rio held for the full four count. He dashed back into the ring, sent Bryan's shoulder into the ring post and put the armbreaker on in the middle for the submission.

Winner: Alberto Del Rio, Submission.

Del Rio said they had been lied to by social media, and Orton wouldn't be there. He showed why (again showing the footage from two weeks ago, with some added footage of Show beating Orton during the week). He said he was the new apex predator. He called Orton a slimy garden snake and said hiding like a little girl was the right decision.

He said if Orton was there he'd give him a piece of his own medicine, then struck Orton's pose. He and Ricardo started loosening up and having fun. Del Rio did the big flop down like Orton before an RKO, only to find he was lying down face to face with Orton, who grabbed a front face lock. He dragged Del Rio off the apron, the way Del Rio had him two weeks ago.

Orton threw him around ringside, into the post and steps. He seemed to be setting up an RKO on the table, but Ricardo sacrificed himself by jumping on Orton's back. Del Rio ran, leaving Ricardo in his place. Orton gave him the RKO on the table which stood strong. He then picked himself up and stared Del Rio down who had rushed to the top of the ramp.