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SMACKDOWN OPENS BACKSTAGE

* Paul Heyman greets the Bloodline as they arrive.
* Heyman asks Solo Sikoa, “Where’s Jacob Fatu?” but Solo just pats Heyman on the back and walks past him.
* The Bloodline heads to the ring, but Heyman sees on the big screen that Cody Rhodes, Randy Orton, & Kevin Owens just showed up and are walking to the ring.
* The 6-men brawl around the arena.
* KO jumps off a guardrail to put Tonga Loa through a table with a Swanton Bomb.
* The good guys stand tall and Nick Aldis comes out with a bunch of security, and the Bloodline retreats.
* Aldis tells the good guys that this ain’t happening now and he sends in a single security guard in the ring to plead with them…and he gets an RKO.
* The rest of the security gets in the ring, but they don’t stay in the ring very long.
* Cody says, “I should be defending my WWE Championship here tonight against a worthy opponent,” and as he said that, the camera went tight to show us Orton looking at Cody from behind.
* Aldis comes back with police officers.
* Cody says, “Hey Solo, I don’t see the Tribal Chief, I don’t see the Head of the Table! I see a seat filler!”
* Backstage, Kayla Braxton asks Nick Aldis for a comment, but he refuses.
* Cody, Orton, & Owens get in the car they arrived in, and they leave.

TIFFANY STRATTON VS CANDICE LERAE VS JADE CARGILL

* MITB Qualifying match
* Jade pressed Candice above her head and threw her out of the ring and onto Stratton.
* Then, Nia Jax walked out and this little kid was giving her the finger so Fox cut the feed for a few seconds.
* Then, Bianca Belair walked out to confront Nia, and they went to commercial.
* Jade went for a Stinger Splash on Stratton, but Tiffy moved out of the way…way too early, so it just looked like Jade was like FUCK IT I’M GONNA JUMP OUT OF THE RING.
* Nia walked towards Jade, so Belair got in Nia’s face.
* Then, Indi Hartwell pushed Jade into the ring post so Belair chased her to the back.
* Candice went for the Lionsault but Stratton put her feet up, and then Tiffy hit the Prettiest Moonsault for the win.

BACKSTAGE

* Michin begs Nick Aldis for a match against Nia Jax and Aldis says, “I’ll see what I can do.”
* Then, the Street Profits and B-Fab ask for a match against the Bloodline, but Aldis says, “Not tonight, I already promised them time for their ceremony.”
* Then, up walks Pretty Shitty (WHERE?)
* Pretty Shitty pitches Pretty Shitty the Musical, but B-Fab and the Street Profits challenge them to a match, and Aldis makes it official.

SANTOS ESCOBAR VS LA KNIGHT VS LOGAN PAUL

* MITB Qualifying match
* Logan cut a promo before the match, wearing custom USA gear.
* Logan says, “To truly understand what it means to be a champion in Madison Square Garden, I needed someone who has already conquered this arena. That’s why I brought someone who knows how to win in Madison Square Garden…Indiana Pacers star Tyrese Haliburton!”
* Tyrese comes out wearing a Tyrese 3:17 shirt because 317 is Indiana’s area code, but it doesn’t make sense when it’s 3 colon 17.
* Tyrese then gets face-to-face with New York Knicks star Jalen Brunson, who was watching from the front row.
* Escobar gave Knight a Hurricanrana off the middle rope.
* Logan flipped Santos over his head and he landed on Knight, but it was technically a cover, so Logan had to break it up.
* Logan pinned Escobar, but he kicked out and Logan did a HAWK TUAH spit take.
* The crowd started chanting FUCK THE PACERS so Fox cut the audio.
* Escobar hit Knight with the Phantom Driver, but Logan broke up the pin.
* Knight gave Escobar a Back Suplex off the top rope, and then Logan hit Knight with a Swanton Bomb, but Knight kicked out.
* Logan signals Tyrese Haliburton who grabs the brass knuckles, but Jalen Brunson hopped the barricade to confront him…but refs got in between them.
* In the end, Logan rolls up Knight and pulls the tights, but Knight counters with a cheating rollup of his own, and he pins Logan Paul for the win.
* After the match, Logan & Haliburton act like they’re about to attack Knight, but Brunson grabs a chair and slides it in the ring, but he slides the chair too far and Tyrese could’ve picked it up, so Knight grabbed it first and gave it back to Jalen.
* Logan & Tyrese retreat and Knight celebrates with Brunson.

BACKSTAGE

* Baron Corbin & Apollo Crews talk about MITB because they’re not in it.
* Crews laughs because Santos lost and Corbin says, “That’s karma.”
* Then, Carmelo Hayes walks up and says, “It’s Melo in the Garden!” and Corbin says, “Carmelo Anthony’s here?” but Melo says, “Not that Melo, the Melo that actually won a championship. And when I win MITB, I’m gonna make a t-shirt…MELO IN THE BANK.”
* Melo brags about beating Orton last week and says, “Everyone should have their money on Melo, and you can take that to the bank.”

VIDEO PROMO FROM ANDRADE ABOUT MITB

* “I don’t fight to win. I fight to destroy. Andrade is here to takeover, and I’m not just taking the briefcase, I’m taking everything!”

NAOMI VS BLAIR DAVENPORT VS INDI HARTWELL

* MITB Qualifying match
* The Madison Square Garden crowd was super loud the entire show…until Blair Davenport walked out (CRICKETS)
* This match sucked right from the start.
* Naomi tried to Crossbody Blair & Indi, but they caught her, and then just let her go.
* Then, Naomi went for a Hurricanrana on Indi, but Indi held her and slowly whipped Naomi into Blair.
* One good spot was Indi was pulling Naomi from outside the ring, Naomi was hanging off the apron, and Blair jumped on Naomi’s back and she went splat on the floor…but then Indi got upset that Blair hit Naomi (GRUNT)
* Naomi did her own version of the People’s Elbow, but hit both of them with the splits.
* Jade Cargill came out for revenge and threw Indi into the ring post and into the ring, and Naomi beat Indi with a…ROLLUP!

BACKSTAGE

* Byron Saxton interviews DIY, who is getting a tag team title shot this Friday on SmackDown.
* Ciampa says, “Toronto is wear we won the NXT Tag Team Titles, and 8 years later we return to the same building.”
* Then, Austin Theory walks up reminding them how they hurt his glass jaw a couple of weeks ago.
* Johnny says, “We were aiming for Waller but he pulled you in the way like he always does. He doesn’t care about you! He’s using you!”
* Waller attacks Gargano & Ciampa from behind and lays them out.
* Dollar bet?

BLOODLINE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT CEREMONY

* Earlier in the show, Solo tells Heyman, “You’re right, Jacob Fatu is too dangerous, so he’s not here. You’re my wiseman, and we’re gonna make that official.”
* They come out to the ring, Heyman starts to do his usual intro, but Solo asks for the mic.
* WE WANT ROMAN chants
* Solo introduces the newest member of the Bloodline…Jacob Fatu.
* Fatu gets in the ring and Solo says, “Madison Square Garden…acknowledge me!”
* Solo tells Tama Tonga to acknowledge him, and he does.
* Tama was also wearing a shirt that read MFT, but it was in the same style font as the font MJF uses for his stuff…and at first it just looks like the shirt says MJF.
* Solo makes Tanga Loa acknowledge him, and then he makes Jacob Fatu acknowledge him.
* Finally, Solo tells Heyman, “Acknowledge me,” and the crowd does a NO chant.
* Tama Tonga pulls out the chili pepper necklace and Heyman yells, “Where did you get those?”
* Heyman looked devastated and his eyes were red. Heyman has said in interviews that when he has to do emotional scenes, he doesn’t sleep the night before.
* Solo hands Heyman the necklace and says, “Acknowledge your Tribal Chief.”
* Here’s Paulie’s response (AUDIO)
* Solo responds to Heyman with a Samoan Spike.
* Fatu hits Heyman with a Flying Headbutt off the top rope.
* They clear the announce table, the Tongans pick up Heyman and put him on Fatu’s shoulders, and then Fatu Powerbombs Heyman through the announce table.
* Fatu puts the necklace on Solo and they throw up the 1s while Madison Square Garden chants FUCK YOU SOLO!
* When Roman Reigns returns, we are busting all the nuts.

RAW OPENS WITH JEY USO

* He starts in the concourse with a bunch of fans.
* Jey gets to commentary and Michael Cole is the worst dancer of all-time.
* Corey Graves is filling in for Pat McAfee this week.
* Jey says he’s going to win MITB, but then Chad Gable comes out.
* The fans chant YEET and Gable says, “For your information you Boston idiots…YEET isn’t even a word! You know what is...miracle! Look it up in the dictionary and you’ll see a picture of me! I overcame the Wyatts…I overcame my family leaving me…and I overcame two more monsters to punch my ticket to MITB. So, get ready for another miracle on Saturday when I become Master in the Bank.”
* Jey says, “What’re you doing here? Didn’t the Wyatts get you already?”
* Gable says, “I’m not scared, but you should be. You stole the Wyatts’ fireflies. They should be after you though. Jey Uso, the man who abandoned his family.”
* Here’s Jey’s response (AUDIO)
* Jey says, “All I did was what your family did…and that’s get out from under a manipulative scumbag.”
* Gable attacks Jey, but Jey fights back and sets up for an Uso Splash, but Gable rolls out of the ring.
* But then, the power goes out and we hear the piano key.
* The ring fills with smoke and the crowd chants HOLY SHIT.
* Gable starts to leave, but he sees 3 different silhouettes of the Wyatts before running up one of the stairs in the crowd.
* Then, Nikki Cross gives Cole another package with another VHS tape.

XAVIER WOODS VS KARRION KROSS

* With everyone ringside
* Cole said Kross asked Woods, “Do you want to be Marty Jannetty or Shawn Michaels?”
* Kross Powerbombed Woods into the ring post and then Woods fell on the back of his neck.
* Woods came off the top rope, but Kross countered with a forearm.
* Kross taunted Woods and started to pick him up, but Xavier won with the Back Woods AKA a…ROLLUP!
* AOP attacks New Day after the match
* The New Day seems to be getting the upper hand.
* Kofi was about to hit a Suicide Dive but Kross hit Kofi with the Kross Hammer and Cole yelled INTERCEPTED!
* Kross puts Kofi in some sort of arm hold and commentary was acting like Kross broke Kofi’s arm.

BACKSTAGE

* Damian Priest tells Dominik that he just talked to Rhea Ripley and she’s pissed.
* Dom says, “I’m gonna handle this Liv thing tonight,” but Priest says, “You say that every week. How about you actually follow through for once?”
* Dom says, “You’re starting to sound like my dad.”
* They walk in Judgment Day’s locker room and Liv Morgan is there with Finn Balor and they’re watching Carlito & JD McDonagh play WWE 2K.
* Liv says, “I was just leaving. My title match is next. Good luck Daddy Dom.”
* Carlito tells Priest, “I was playing as you man.”
* Priest tells Balor that Liv doesn’t belong here, but Balor says, “She helped bring the tag titles back to Judgment Day. The real problem is you putting your spot in the Judgment Day in jeopardy and you told Seth we need you more than you need us.”
* Priest says, “I’m the World Champion…of course you need me more. When Rhea was the Champ, we needed her more. Now you’re a tag champ, so we need each other. As far as Seth goes, I have faith in myself and I know I’m gonna beat Seth at MITB.”
* Balor tells Priest, “I’ll always have your back, but since you’ve had that championship, you’ve changed.”

ZELINA VEGA VS LIV MORGAN

* For the Women’s World Championship
* Vega earned this title shot by winning no matches ever!
* Oh wait, she won the Queen of the Ring tournament…in 2021.
* Dominik comes out mid-match, much to the delight of Liv.
* Then, Rey Mysterio walks out…
* Liv gives Vega the 3 Amigos and then does the dance for Dom (BUST A NUT)
* Liv puts Vega in the Inverted Cloverleaf and Cole yells, “That’s Rhea Ripley’s submission!”
* Vega hits a nice Moonsault off the top rope, but Liv kicks out.
* Liv blows Dom a kiss and Dom slightly smirks.
* The crowd chants SHAVE YOUR MUSTACHE at Dominik.
* Vega gave Liv Code Red off the 2nd rope, but Liv rolled out of the ring.
* Rey randomly shoved Dominik down so liv kicked Rey with a Baseball Slide.
* But then, Vega hit Liv with a 619 and a Tornado DDT, but Liv kicked out.
* Dominik slid in a chair and told Vega to use it, but Vega hit Dominik with it, but then Liv hit Vega with Oblivion for the win and Cole yelled, “Dominik you’re a freaking moron!”
* Cathy Kelley interviewed Liv on the stage who says she’s the luckiest girl in the world and the revenge tour is going perfectly to plan, and she dedicates her win to Daddy Dominik.

IN-RING PROMO FROM SETH FREAKIN ROLLINS

* Some of the Celtics green confetti fell from the rafters and Seth said, “I think it’s a sign that next week at this time I’ll be standing here once again World Heavyweight Champion!”
* Seth congrats the Celtics on the championship win and says, “I need to win back the World Heavyweight Championship, and once I do, Damian Priest is out of the Judgment Day.”
* Finn Balor walks out and blames Seth for Priest changing, but Seth tells Balor, “You’re jealous of Priest, because he got what you couldn’t get.”
* Priest comes out next and Seth thinks it’s a trap, but Priest says, “This is my business,” and then he looks at Balor and says, “Nobody else is getting involved in my business.”
* Priest tells Seth, “You think my days as champ are numbered, but your days of running Monday Night Raw are numbered.”
* Seth says, “Let’s do this right now,” but Balor attacks Seth from behind.
* Priest pulls Balor off of Seth and says, “I can do this on my own.”
* Seth Superkicks Priest into Balor and then gives Balor a Curbstomp.
* Then, Priest gives Seth a South of Heaven Chokeslam.
* Backstage, Priest tells Balor, “At MITB, I need you to stay out of it. I need to do this on my own.”

VIDEO PROMO FROM LUDWIG KAISER

* Kaiser said Sheamus broke his ribs when he attacked him last week, and he vows to come back and get his revenge.

DAKOTA KAI VS ZOEY STARK VS IVY NILE

* MITB Qualifying match
* Ivy gave Dakota & Zoey a Double Bulldog off the 2nd rope.
* Dakota hit Zoey with her finisher, but Ivy broke up the pin.
* Kairi Sane ran out and hopped on the apron to distract Ivy so Dakota can do her Curbstomp move to Ivy.
* Then, Alba Fyre & Isla Dawn come out and attack Kairi.
* Then, Zoey hits Dakota with Go To Tits for the win.
* Later backstage, Cathy Kelley interviews Dakota who says she’s so sick of people getting involved in Damage CTRL’s business.
* Iyo was behind Dakota and glaring at her the entire time.
* Lyra Valkyria walks up and tells Iyo that she’s going to climb faster than her on Saturday.
* Then, Party Pussy runs up and we have a 6-woman brawl that is quickly split up by Adam Pearce & officials.

THE VHS TAPE

* Uncle Howdy asks Bo, “Do you honestly believe you brought him to life?” and Bo says, “I was destined to do this. We’re the ones everyone forgot about. We’re the ones that everyone abandoned. We made them notice us.”
* Howdy says, “There you are. How do you believe you can bring them to life?”
* Bo says, “They’ve become a family. We’ve become a family. Even now, there’s false prophets belittling their family for their own gain! It’s disgusting. They must pay for their sins.”
* Howdy says, “You think this is your responsibility?”
* Bo says, “I am the voice of the reckoning,” and Howdy says, “I am the reckoning.”
* Then, they both say I’M NOBODY. I’M ALL OF US. I SET THEM FREE. I FREED THEM FROM THE CAVE. I GAVE THEM A FAMILY. I AM THE RECKONING!
* Then, Howdy disappears and Bo is sitting all alone and he says, “I set them free.”
* Then, Bo disappears and Howdy reappears and Bo says, “There you are.”

BACK IN CATERING

* Chad Gable tells Otis, “You see that Wyatt video? They’re talking about me. I know I called you STUPID and a BLUBBERING IDIOT. I know you hate me.”
* Otis says, “I don’t hate you, but we’re not helping you. This is not our problem. This is yours.”
* Gable says, “They could come after Tozawa, Maxxine, or even you next, and if they do, I’ll be there because you’re my #1 guy.”
* Tozawa and Maxxine walk up and Maxxine asks if everything’s OK, and Gable says, “Everything’s great,” and walks away.

REY VS DOM

* Rey hit his son with a Crossbody but landed on Dom’s head and you could tell Rey was checking on him.
* Liv came out to support her man.
* Rey goes for 619, but Liv pulls Dom out of the ring to save him.
* Rey kicks Dom into Liv, Dom tries to get off, but Liv holds him tight until finally Rey pulls Dom off.
* “No son, that’s bad pussy!”
* Then, Zelina Vega attacks Liv and pushes her into the barricade.
* Dom hits his dad with a 619 and sets up for the Frog Splash, but Vega hops on the apron, so Liv gets up there and pushes Vega down, but Vega pulls Liv down, and Liv pulled on the top rope causes Dom to fall.
* Rey won with a Splash.
* Liv apologized to Dom after the match and promised to fix it.

IN-RING PROMO FROM SAMI ZAYN

* Sami starts the promo on the steel steps. WWE keeps doing things to make the show feel different every time.
* Sami says, “People think Bron is gonna run right through me, but I am going to beat Bron Breakker at MITB!”
* So, Bron comes out and tells Sami, “You have no idea what you’re in for. I’m going to break you and become the new Intercontinental Champion!”
* Sami says, “You know how many people have told me that? Maybe you haven’t done your homework and maybe you’re not as smart as you think you are, and maybe you’re not as good as you think you are.”
* Breakker pretends to leave, but then gives Sami a Spear.
* Sami rolls out of the ring, so Breakker runs around the ring to go for another, but Sami leapfrogs over him and Breakker runs into the steel steps.
* Sami gives Breakker the Exploder Suplex in the corner and goes for the Heluva Kick, but Breakker hits him with another Spear.
* Bron holds up the belt and then drops it on Sami’s body.

DREW MCINTYRE VS SHEAMUS VS ILJA DRAGUNOV

* MITB Qualifying match
* Drew cut a video promo earlier in the show, brought to you by Modelo.
* Drew says, “I will be World Heavyweight Champion, and there’s not a damn thing anyone can do to stop me. Just ask the last guy who tried to stop me…oh wait…you can’t,” and he holds up his arm to show that he’s wearing CM Punk’s bracelet.
* Drew & Sheamus got face to face to start the match and Drew kept shoving Dragunov out of the way, so Dragunov kicked Drew out of the ring.
* Sheamus beat Drew’s bowery outside the ring.
* Dragunov hit Sheamus with an H-Bomb from the apron to the floor.
* Dragunov gave Drew a Senton off the top rope and then hit an H-Bomb, but Drew kicked out.
* Drew went for a Superplex on Sheamus, but Dragunov got on the 2nd rope and Suplex Drew who Suplexed Sheamus.
* Drew went for a Claymore, but Dragunov countered with his Torpedo Moscow.
* Dragunov jumped off the top rope, but Sheamus caught him with the Pump Knee.
* Sheamus hit the Brogue Kick and went for the pin, but Drew pulled Dragunov out of the ring.
* Sheamus hit Drew with a Pump Knee and then came off the ropes, but Drew hit him with a Claymore for the win.
* Cathy Kelley interviews Drew after the match and he says, “I’m walking into MITB this Saturday and I’m leaving Toronto World Heavyweight Champion!”

AWARDS

Worst Dressed: Pretty Shitty

Best Dressed: Kayla Braxton

Worst Acting: Jey Uso

Best Acting: Paul Heyman

Worst Comment: Jey

Best Comment: Heyman – You are NOT my TC

Worst Match: Dakota vs. Ivy vs. Zoey

Super Slow Mo Match: Naomi vs. Indi vs. Blair

Best Match: Drew vs. Sheamus vs. Dragunov

Worst Move: Michael Cole yeeting

Best Move: Powerbombing Heyman

Worst Moment: Cole yeeting

Best Moment: Heyman

BREAKING NEWS:

CODY

* Cody Rhodes appeared in a new ad for The Boys.
* (VIDEO)

RUMORS:

SHANE & MERCEDES

* PWInsider says Shane McMahon & Mercedes Mone were spotted together at LaGuardia Airport in New York.
* The two were seen speaking with each other while on their way to their respective flights.
* The report says they discussed AEW.

RICOCHET

* Fightful reports Ricochet is headed to AEW.

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