

= SummerSlam (1993) =

SummerSlam (1993) was the sixth annual SummerSlam professional wrestling pay @-@ per @-@ view (PPV) event produced by the World Wrestling Federation (WWF) . It took place on August 30 , 1993 , at The Palace of Auburn Hills in Auburn Hills , Michigan .

All three championships were defended at SummerSlam . The Steiner Brothers defended the WWF Tag Team Championship against The Heavenly Bodies , and Shawn Michaels defended the WWF Intercontinental Championship against Mr. Perfect . The main event saw Lex Luger challenge Yokozuna for the WWF World Heavyweight Championship . In addition to the title matches , Bret Hart and Jerry Lawler were scheduled to wrestle to settle their feud and determine who would be named " Undisputed King of the World Wrestling Federation . "

History of Wrestling gave the event a rating of 54 / 100 in The Complete WWF Video Guide Volume 3

= = Background = =

Two of the matches at SummerSlam 1993 were a result of Razor Ramon 's loss to The Kid (later the 1 @-@ 2 @-@ 3 Kid) on the May 17 , 1993 edition of Monday Night Raw . Following Ramon 's loss to the newcomer , Money Inc . (Ted DiBiase and Irwin R. Schyster) teased Ramon about the match . DiBiase offered Ramon a job as a servant , which Ramon angrily refused . Ramon began teaming with the 1 @-@ 2 @-@ 3 Kid for a series of matches against Money Inc . DiBiase asked for a singles match against the Kid , and the Kid accepted the challenge . Ramon helped the Kid win the match by distracting DiBiase . It was decided that the feuds would be settled in two singles matches at SummerSlam , with Ramon facing DiBiase and Schyster facing the 1 @-@ 2 @-@ 3 Kid .

The match between the Steiner Brothers and The Heavenly Bodies received little buildup . The Bodies were a successful tag team in Jim Cornette 's Smoky Mountain Wrestling , and an interpromotional agreement allowed them to challenge for the WWF Tag Team Championship .

The rivalry between Shawn Michaels and Mr. Perfect began at WrestleMania IX . During a fight after the match between Lex Luger and Mr. Perfect , Shawn Michaels appeared and attacked Perfect . Mr. Perfect gained revenge by distracting Michaels at the May 17 , 1993 edition of Monday Night Raw , allowing Marty Jannetty to pin Michaels and win the WWF Intercontinental Championship . Michaels regained the belt the following month with the help of his new bodyguard , Diesel .

Bret Hart and Jerry Lawler had a heated feud , stemming from Lawler interrupting Hart 's victory ceremony at the 1993 King of the Ring tournament . Lawler insisted that he was the true king of the WWF and attacked Hart . The feud intensified as Lawler taunted and attacked Bret 's family , including his parents and his younger brother Owen .

According to a story relayed by Bret Hart on the TSN sports show Off The Record , Hart was originally supposed to wrestle Hulk Hogan for the WWF World Heavyweight Championship . However , the match did not happen because Hogan changed his mind , as he was supposedly not happy with the planned finish . As a result , Hogan lost the belt to Yokozuna at King of the Ring 1993 instead .

Marty Jannetty was originally supposed to face Rick Martel , but Ludvig Borga replaced Martel well before the match . The match received little buildup , although Borga appeared in several vignettes leading up to the match . He criticized the United States for such reasons as its pollution . Jannetty vowed to defend America 's pride in his match against Borga .

The buildup for the match between Giant Gonzalez and The Undertaker after the Undertaker had defeated Kamala in a Coffin match at Survivor Series 1992 . Kamala 's manager Harvey Wippleman vowed revenge and introduced Gonzalez at Royal Rumble 1993 , with Gonzalez attacking and eliminating the Undertaker . Gonzalez and the Undertaker wrestled at WrestleMania IX , and Gonzalez knocked the Undertaker unconscious with a chloroform @-@ soaked rag . The feud intensified when Wippleman , Gonzalez and Mr. Hughes attacked the Undertaker and his manager ,

Paul Bearer . They stole the urn , the supposed source of the Undertaker 's strength , and used it to assault Paul Bearer , who was not seen again until SummerSlam . The feud came to a head at SummerSlam in a Rest In Peace match .

The six @-@ man match at SummerSlam was originally supposed to be a mixed tag @-@ team match between the team of Tatanka and Sherri Martel and the team of Bam Bam Bigelow and Luna Vachon . However , Luna broke her arm and Sherri left the WWF in July 1993 , however , forcing the WWF to change the match . Two reasons have been given for Sherri 's departure : her decision to enroll in cosmetology school and failed drug tests . As a result , Tatanka teamed with The Smoking Gunns and Bigelow teamed with The Headshrinkers . The Gunns and Headshrinkers were rivals in the tag team division but had no real storyline . The feud between Bigelow and Tatanka originated When Tatanka came to the help of Sherri , who had interrupted an interview with Bigelow . Subsequently , Bigelow ambushed Tatanka and cut some of the hair Tatanka had dyed red as a tribute to his Lumbee heritage .

Lex Luger 's rivalry with Yokozuna began on July 4 at the Yokozuna Bodyslam Challenge on the deck of the USS Intrepid . After several wrestlers and other athletes attempted to body slam Yokozuna , Luger arrived in a helicopter . He was able to body slam Yokozuna , which led to a title shot at SummerSlam . To build support for Luger , the WWF had him ride across the country in a bus named the Lex Express . Yokozuna 's spokesperson , Jim Cornette , agreed to the match , but he made Lex Luger agree to two conditions . Luger would not receive a rematch if he lost , and he had to wear protective padding over the steel plate in his forearm .

= = Event = =

The pay @-@ per @-@ view took place in front of a crowd of 23 @, @ 954 at the Palace of Auburn Hills .

Before the event aired on PPV , " The Rocket " Owen Hart defeated longtime jobber Barry Horowitz in a dark match .

The first televised match was Razor Ramon versus Ted DiBiase . DiBiase got off to a quick start by attacking Ramon before the match began . Ramon quickly turned the match around with several clotheslines . DiBiase regained control before untying a turnbuckle cover . Ramon won the match after ramming DiBiase 's head into the exposed turnbuckle and using the Razor 's Edge to get the pin .

The Steiner Brothers were the audience favorites in the WWF Tag Team Championship match , as they were defending the belts in their hometown . Before the match began , The Heavenly Bodies attacked them . When the match began , the Bodies executed several double @-@ team maneuvers on Rick Steiner . Scott tagged in and took control of the match . The Bodies soon regained the advantage , and Jim Cornette got involved by hitting Scott in the throat with a tennis racket . Rick tagged back in and hit several Steiner @-@ Lines before Prichard attacked him with Cornette 's tennis racket . Del Ray accidentally hit Prichard with a moonsault , however , allowing Scott to hit a Frankensteiner and Rick to get the pin .

The match between Shawn Michaels and Mr. Perfect began with a series of wrestling holds . The match remained primarily technical until Diesel distracted Perfect , allowing Michaels to superkick him in the face . Michaels worked on Perfect 's injured back until Perfect took control of the match . After a series of attacks on Michaels , Perfect used the Perfect Plex . Diesel pulled him out of the ring and threw him into the steel ring steps , however , allowing Michaels to win by countout .

Irwin R. Schyster remained in control for the majority of his match against the 1 @-@ 2 @-@ 3 Kid . Although the Kid hit several kicks , Schyster regained control every time . Schyster used his usual abdominal stretch while using the ring ropes for leverage before the Kid made a brief comeback by hitting a moonsault . Schyster hit a Write Off , however , and got the pin .

Bret Hart came to the ring for his match with Jerry Lawler . Lawler , however , appeared on crutches and claimed that he had been injured in a car accident . He announced that his court jester , Doink the Clown (portrayed by Matt Osborne) , would wrestle Hart in his place . Doink threw a bucket of water on Bret 's brother , Bruce Hart , prompting Bret to attack Doink outside of the ring . The match

consisted of angry brawling until Doink slowed the pace with a couple of submission holds . After Doink missed a Whoopie Cushion attempt , Bret took full control of the match and locked Doink in the Sharpshooter . With Doink in the sharpshooter , Lawler then attacked Bret with a crutch , revealing that he was not injured and thus causing an unofficial disqualification (no official announcement was made) . WWF President Jack Tunney came to the ring and had Howard Finkel announce that Lawler would be given a lifetime ban if he refused to compete in the scheduled match . The match between Lawler and Hart consisted almost exclusively of brawling . The two attacked each other with a milk pail and crutches and traded punches and kicks . Bret used Lawler 's signature move , the piledriver , before putting him in the Sharpshooter . Lawler submitted , but Bret refused to release him for three and a half minutes . The referee then reversed his decision and gave the victory and title of " Undisputed King of the World Wrestling Federation " to Lawler .

Ludvig Borga dominated the majority of a squash match against Marty Jannetty . He attacked Jannetty immediately with a series of punches and knees . Jannetty managed a couple of brief comebacks but was unable to mount a serious offense . Borga used his strength to control the match and won the match by submission with a backbreaker .

Harvey Wippleman was at ringside with the urn as the Undertaker faced Giant Gonzalez . The two wrestlers brawled , using the ring steps and steel chairs . Halfway through the match , Paul Bearer appeared , carrying a black wreath . He attacked Wippleman and took back the urn . The Undertaker quickly took control of the match , attacking Gonzalez with a flying clothesline to win by pinfall . After the match , Gonzalez turned on Wippleman and attacked him with a chokeslam .

The next match on the card was the Six @-@ Man tag team match . The Headshrinkers ' manager Afa interfered by attacking Billy Gunn outside the ring . At one point , Tatanka looked like he was gaining control , as he began his usual war dance . Bigelow kicked him in the back of the head , however , to end his momentum . Near the end of the match , Bigelow and the Headshrinkers each climbed the turnbuckles to attempt simultaneous diving headbutts , but Tatanka rolled out of the way . Tatanka seized the opportunity and pinned Samu for the win .

Before the main event , Kiotika Suzuki sang the Japanese national anthem . Akio Sato , formerly a member of The Orient Express , was the flag bearer for Yokozuna . Randy Savage then introduced Aaron Neville , who sang the American anthem .

The main event began with a stare down . Luger gained the early advantage and managed to knock Yokozuna down by kicking the ring ropes into Yokozuna 's groin . Luger tried to bodyslam Yokozuna , but the sumo wrestler 's weight was too much . Yokozuna knocked him out of the ring and choked him . Yokozuna had his manager , Mr. Fuji , throw him a salt bucket , which he used to attack Luger . Yokozuna wore Luger down , and after a brief comeback by the all @-@ American , hit a leg drop on Luger and pulled him to the corner for a Banzai Drop . After Yokozuna missed , Luger succeeded in bodyslamming Yokozuna , and he attacked Mr. Fuji when the manager tried to get involved . Luger knocked Yokozuna out of the ring with a forearm smash , and followed this up by attacking Jim Cornette . Yokozuna was counted out , but he retained the title because championships change hands only by pinfall or submission . Several faces came to the ring to celebrate with Luger as red , white and blue balloons fell from the ceiling to celebrate the victory .

= = Aftermath = =

The SummerSlam match was DiBiase 's final appearance as a WWF wrestler . He injured his neck and back in January 1994 and was forced to retire from wrestling . Meanwhile , Ramon received a push in Fall 1993 that led to the first of four Intercontinental championships .

The Heavenly Bodies did not become serious contenders to the tag team title , and the Steiners soon began a feud with The Quebecers , a new team in the WWF .

Shawn Michaels was suspended in late 1993 and forced to vacate the Intercontinental Championship , while Mr. Perfect began a feud with Diesel . The WWF planned to have Perfect and Diesel face each other as part of an elimination match at Survivor Series 1993 , but Mr. Perfect was replaced by Randy Savage at the last minute . Mr. Perfect would not wrestle another pay per view match for the company until Royal Rumble 2002 .

The match between Hart and Doink was significant for a couple of reasons . It marked Doink 's final match as a heel , as he turned on Jerry Lawler shortly after the match . In addition , Matt Osborne , who had portrayed Doink since the character 's creation , was fired that fall because of drug problems .

The feud between Jerry Lawler and Bret Hart remained unsettled and led to several storylines over the next two years . The final pay per view event featuring this feud was SummerSlam 1995 , which saw Hart beat Lawler 's " dentist " Isaac Yankem , D.D.S.

Borga received a main event push after his SummerSlam match . After the event , he confronted Luger in the locker room . This began a feud that led to a match between the All @-@ Americans and Foreign Fanatics at Survivor Series 1993 .

Luger continued to work as a main event wrestler , although he never won the WWF World Heavyweight Championship . He competed in another match with Yokozuna at WrestleMania X after co @-@ winning the 1994 Royal Rumble but was again unsuccessful in taking the belt from Yokozuna .

= = Results = =

= = Other on @-@ screen talent = =