

= No Mercy ( 2005 ) =

No Mercy ( 2005 ) was the eighth annual No Mercy professional wrestling pay @-@ per @-@ view event produced by World Wrestling Entertainment ( WWE ) . The event , presented by Sony 's PlayStation 2 , took place on October 9 , 2005 , at the Toyota Center in Houston , Texas and featured wrestlers and other talent from WWE 's SmackDown ! brand . Nine professional wrestling matches were scheduled on the event 's card .

Three of the four championships exclusive to the SmackDown ! brand were contested for ; one was lost while the other two were retained . The main event was a standard wrestling match , in which World Heavyweight Champion Batista defeated challenger Eddie Guerrero to retain his title . One of the featured preliminary matches was a Casket match between The Ortons ( Randy and " Cowboy " Bob ) and The Undertaker . The Ortons won the match after placing Undertaker inside the casket and closing it . Another primary preliminary match was a standard match between John " Bradshaw " Layfield ( JBL ) and Rey Mysterio , which JBL won .

The event received 219 @,@ 000 pay @-@ per @-@ view buys , which was greater than the 193 @,@ 000 buys the previous year 's event received . The event was claimed to be " unmerciful " by Canadian Online Explorer 's professional wrestling section , as they rated none of the matches higher than a five out of ten . When the event was released on DVD , it reached a peak position of fourth on Billboard 's DVD sales chart for recreational sports . It remained on the chart for four consecutive weeks .

= = Background = =

Nine professional wrestling matches were featured on the event 's card , which were planned with predetermined outcomes by WWE 's script writers . The buildup to these matches and scenarios that took place before , during and after the event were also planned by the script writers . The event featured wrestlers and other talent from WWE 's SmackDown ! brand , a storyline expansion in which WWE assigned its employees . Wrestlers portrayed either a villainous or fan favorite gimmick , an on @-@ screen character , for the entertainment of the audience .

The main rivalry heading into No Mercy was between Batista and Eddie Guerrero over the World Heavyweight Championship . On the September 16 episode of SmackDown ! , Palmer Cannon , a miscellaneous on @-@ screen authority figure of SmackDown ! , a portrayed match maker and rules enforcer , announced that Guerrero was the next challenger to Batista 's World Heavyweight Championship . Guerrero , who had recently portrayed a manipulative character , came out and claimed he was now more about compassion than manipulation . Two weeks later , on the September 30 episode of SmackDown ! , Guerrero , as part of the scripted events , accidentally hit Batista with a folding chair while attempting to hit MNM tag team member Joey Mercury . The following week , Batista showed Guerrero the footage of him hitting Batista last week . Batista , as part of their storyline , then proclaimed that he would hurt Guerrero if he were to revert to his villainous character .

The feud between The Undertaker and Randy Orton and " Cowboy " Bob Orton began at SummerSlam . At the event , Randy faced off against Undertaker . During the match , " Cowboy " Bob ( disguised as a fan ) came into the ring and interrupted the match . Following this , Randy pinned Undertaker after he jumped and pulled Undertaker 's head down over his shoulders , a move dubbed the RKO , to win . After the match , Randy peeled off the latex mask of the fan and revealed him to be his father , " Cowboy " Bob . On the September 16 episode of SmackDown ! , Undertaker defeated Randy . During the match , " Cowboy " Bob drove a U @-@ Haul truck down to the ring and unloaded a casket . As Undertaker went to put Randy inside the casket , he opened it and found a mannequin of himself inside . Despite this distraction , Undertaker pinned Randy after he drove Randy 's head into the mat in an upside down position , a move called the Tombstone Piledriver . The following week , druids wheeled out a casket . Undertaker appeared on the TitanTron and urged The Ortons to look inside . The Ortons opened the casket and found mannequins of themselves inside . Undertaker then proclaimed that this would be their fate at No

Mercy .

At the previous SmackDown ! brand pay @-@ per @-@ view event , The Great American Bash , The Legion of Doom ( Road Warrior Animal and Heidenreich ) defeated MNM ( Joey Mercury and Johnny Nitro ) to win the WWE Tag Team Championship . After both teams got involved in a storyline between Melina ( Melina Perez ) , who was also a member of MNM , and Christy Hemme , The Legion of Doom and Hemme versus MNM was announced for No Mercy .

The storyline over the WWE United States Championship began when Booker T , Orlando Jordan , and Christian each explained why they thought they deserved a title match against the champion , Chris Benoit . Theodore Long , SmackDown ! ' s on @-@ screen general manager / authority figure , then announced that Benoit could choose who he wanted to face for the title . After Jordan won a standard wrestling match between three wrestlers , also involving Booker and Christian , Benoit decided that he would face all three men in a match between the four at No Mercy .

= = Event = =

Before the live broadcast of the event began , William Regal and Paul Burchill defeated Paul London and Brian Kendrick in a tag team match that aired on the Sunday Night Heat pre @-@ show .

= = = Preliminary matches = = =

The first match of the event was The Legion of Doom ( Road Warrior Animal and Heidenreich ) and Christy Hemme versus MNM ( Joey Mercury , Johnny Nitro , and Melina ) in a six @-@ person tag team match . After a match predominately controlled by MNM , Hemme pinned Melina after executing a Doomsday Device , performed by one wrestler hoisting the opponent on their shoulders as another wrestler climbs the ring post to the top turnbuckle and delivers a flying attack onto the opponent , to win the match for her team . The next match on the card was Bobby Lashley , who was making his WWE pay @-@ per @-@ view debut , versus Simon Dean . Lashley won the match in under two minutes after pinning Dean following an inverted powerbomb , which is performed by lifting an opponent over one 's shoulders and slamming them down in a forward position . After the match , Lashley forced Dean to eat twenty double cheeseburgers as the show progressed , with Dean eventually running into the bathroom after finding a long hair in of the burgers .

The third contest was a match between four wrestlers for the WWE United States Championship . Chris Benoit defended his title against Booker T , Christian , and Orlando Jordan . After a match evenly controlled by all four men , Benoit forced Christian to submit with the sharpshooter submission hold to win the match and retain the title . The match that followed saw Mr. Kennedy face off against Hardcore Holly . Kennedy controlled most of the match , as he attacked and applied various submission holds on Holly 's arm . Kennedy pinned Holly after he performed a Green Bay Plunge off the top rope . The following match was between John " Bradshaw " Layfield ( JBL ) and Rey Mysterio . The match went back and forth , as each man was able to gain the advantage numerous times . JBL pinned Mysterio following a Clothesline from Hell to win .

= = = Main event matches = = =

The sixth bout on the card was a Casket match between The Ortons ( Randy and " Cowboy " Bob ) and The Undertaker . In order for The Undertaker to win the match , he had to put both Randy and " Cowboy " Bob in the casket , which was at ringside , and close it ; for The Ortons , they had to place Undertaker in the casket and close it . Near the end of the match , Undertaker had placed " Cowboy " Bob in the casket and was attempting to place Randy in it as well . After performing a Last Ride on Randy , Undertaker went to open the casket . As he did , however , " Cowboy " Bob sprayed a fire extinguisher in his eyes . Randy then hit Undertaker with a folding chair and placed him in the casket . The Ortons closed the casket to win the bout . After the match , The Ortons , as part of the scripted events , locked Undertaker in the casket and hit it numerous times with an axe . They then poured

gasoline on the casket and lit it on fire . The next match saw WWE Cruiserweight Champion Nunzio defend his title against Juventud . After a back and forth match between the two , Juventud pinned Nunzio after a sit @-@ out body slam to win the match and the Cruiserweight Championship .

Next was the main event , which saw Batista defend the World Heavyweight Championship against Eddie Guerrero . Towards the end of the match , Guerrero executed three vertical suplexes , a move that is performed by vertically rotating the opponent 270 ° and slamming them onto the mat , and attempted to perform a Frog Splash . Batista , however , rolled out of the way and performed a Spinebuster . Batista pinned Guerrero afterwards to win the match and retain the World Heavyweight Championship . After the match , Batista and the crowd at the arena sang " Happy Birthday " to Guerrero .

= = Aftermath = =

The rivalry between Batista and Eddie Guerrero ended after Guerrero unexpectedly died due to heart failure on November 13 , 2005 . Their feud was planned to continue , as Guerrero would have gone back to his villainous character .

The Undertaker would not be seen on @-@ screen until Survivor Series after being burned inside a casket at the event . After being the sole survivor in his elimination match , Randy Orton celebrated his victory with his father , " Cowboy " Bob Orton , and wrestlers from the SmackDown ! brand . During the celebration , druids brought out a casket and set it up in an upright position . Lightning then struck the casket and set it on fire . Undertaker emerged from the flaming casket and attacked the SmackDown wrestlers . The Ortons , however , escaped the attack . This set up a Hell in a Cell match , a match that is contested in a roofed cage inside the ring , between Randy and Undertaker at Armageddon . Undertaker defeated Randy and ended their storyline that had lasted nearly one year .

After successfully retaining the WWE United States Championship at the event , Chris Benoit started a rivalry with Booker T. Booker defeated Benoit for the title on the edition of October 21 of SmackDown ! to begin their feud . The following month , on the edition of November 24 of SmackDown ! , a match between Benoit and Booker for the title ended in a no @-@ contest after both men 's shoulders were on the mat while pinning one another . Theodore Long then vacated the title and announced that the two would face off against one another in a " Best of Seven series " for the title , in which the winner would be the man who won four matches over the other first . Booker defeated Benoit in the first match at Survivor Series , and eventually won the vacant title after Randy Orton , Booker 's replacement due to a legitimate injury to his ankle at a house show , defeated Benoit in the seventh and final match in January . Booker began his fourth reign as United States Champion .

= = = Reception = = =

The event received 219 @,@ 000 pay @-@ per @-@ view buys , which was greater than the 193 @,@ 000 buys the previous year 's event received . The promotion 's revenue was \$ 18 @.@ 8 million , which was greater than the previous year 's revenue of \$ 18 @.@ 5 million . Despite the general positive fan reception of the show , Canadian Online Explorer 's professional wrestling section claimed the event was " unmerciful " and that it left fans " begging for mercy " . They rated the overall event , as well as the main event , a five out of ten . None of the matches received a rating higher than a five out of 10 . The match between Bobby Lashley and Simon Dean was rated a three out of 10 , the lowest overall .

The event was released on DVD on November 8 , 2005 . The DVD reached a peak position of fourth on Billboard 's DVD sales chart for recreational sports on December 3 , 2005 . It remained on the chart for four consecutive weeks , until December 24 , when it ranked ninth .

= = Results = =

