

= Survivor Series (2005) =

Survivor Series (2005) was the 19th annual Survivor Series professional wrestling pay @-@ per @-@ view event produced by World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) . It took place on November 27 , 2005 , at the Joe Louis Arena in Detroit , Michigan and consisted of six professional wrestling matches involving wrestlers from the Raw and SmackDown brands .

In the first of two main event matches , WWE Champion John Cena defeated Kurt Angle to retain his title . The second main event was an interpromotional 5 @-@ on @-@ 5 Survivor Series match , in which Team SmackDown (Batista , Rey Mysterio , John " Bradshaw " Layfield (JBL) , Bobby Lashley , and Randy Orton) defeated Team Raw (Shawn Michaels , Kane , The Big Show , Carlito , and Chris Masters) after Orton last eliminated Michaels . In another match , Triple H defeated Ric Flair in a Last Man Standing match .

= = Background = =

The event 's card consisted of six professional wrestling involving wrestlers from either Raw or SmackDown , WWE 's two brand divisions .

The main leading rivalry leading into the event was between the Raw and SmackDown brands as a whole , rather than individual wrestlers . The rivalry began on " WWE Homecoming , a special episode of Raw on October 3 when Raw 's general manager Eric Bischoff stopped a match involving SmackDown wrestlers by turning the lights off . In return , Bischoff 's SmackDown counterpart , Theodore Long , interrupted a Raw match . As a result , wrestlers from the two brands started a brawl and interfered in the other 's show before facing each other in a tag team match at Taboo Tuesday ; SmackDown 's Rey Mysterio , Jr. and Matt Hardy defeated Raw 's Chris Masters and Gene Snitsky . After Taboo Tuesday , Bischoff and Long agreed that teams from each brand would face each other in a 5 @-@ on @-@ 5 Survivor Series match , while the two managers would wrestle in a singles match at Survivor Series . The teams feuded on both shows , and Batista , the captain of the SmackDown team , suffered an injury after being attacked several times . Eddie Guerrero was originally scheduled to be on Team SmackDown , but due to his death on November 13 , 2005 , he was replaced by Randy Orton .

Another rivalry heading into the event was between John Cena and Kurt Angle , over the WWE Championship . Their feud began in August , when Bischoff chose Angle as the number one contender to the WWE Championship . Angle failed to win the title at Unforgiven , due to Cena being disqualified . The two squared off against each other again at Taboo Tuesday in a Triple Threat match that also included Shawn Michaels , and again Cena retained the title . On the November 7 edition of Raw , Angle refused to compete in a tag team match pitting him and Chris Masters against Cena and Michaels due to the " you suck " chants from the audience . Angle finally agreed to compete if Bischoff silenced the crowd and let him have a special guest referee . Angle chose Daivari , who favoured Angle and Masters throughout the match and ultimately disqualified Cena and Michaels for using a chair , which he had ignored earlier when it had been used by Masters .

The rivalry between Triple H and Ric Flair began at WWE Homecoming , when Triple H returned to WWE television after an absence of three months . The two had been aligned since 2002 , as members of Evolution , and were partners in a tag team match on the show . After they won the match , Triple H attacked Flair with a sledgehammer . The week after , Triple H explained his actions , saying that he realized Flair was no longer the legend he was , and he needed to stop Flair . Flair and Triple H met in a steel cage match at Taboo Tuesday , which Flair won . A Last Man Standing match was made between the two for Survivor Series .

= = Event = =

Before the event aired live on pay @-@ per @-@ view , a match was contested on Sunday Night Heat between Juventud (accompanied by Super Crazy and Psicosis) defeated Simon Dean .

In the first pay @-@ per @-@ view match , Booker T (accompanied by Sharmell) faced off against Chris Benoit in the first match of their " Best of 7 series " for the vacant WWE United States Championship . The match started with Booker T exiting the ring when Benoit gained a slight advantage . The match went back and forth for the first half before Booker T took control . The match saw interference by Sharmell , as she distracted Benoit , who was on the top ropes . After Benoit missed a free fall headbutt , Booker T won the match with a pin using the ropes for leverage . Booker T took a 1 ? 0 lead in the series .

In the following match Trish Stratus (accompanied by Mickie James) defended her WWE Women 's Championship against Melina (accompanied by Joey Mercury and Johnny Nitro . Stratus immediately took control until Melina fought back . When Nitro and Mercury interfered , the referee ejected them from ringside . Melina kept control until Stratus fought back with forearm shots . Stratus pinned Melina after a diving bulldog to retain the title .

Next , Triple H met Ric Flair in a Last Man Standing match . Flair was still on his way to the ring , when Triple H attacked him and gained the early advantage . After attacking Flair 's head with a screwdriver , Triple H continued using foreign objects throughout the match , including a folding chair , a sledgehammer , and the steel ring steps . The match went back and forth between Triple H and Flair . Triple H attempted to hit Flair with a Pedigree on the announce table , but Flair countered the move into a back body drop through another announce table . Triple H later performed the Pedigree three times on Flair , but Flair got up each time . Triple H then hit Flair in the back with a sledgehammer , and Flair did not get to his feet before the referee 's ten count , giving Triple H the win . After the match , Edge and Lita came into the ring , and Edge announced that he would be hosting a new show on Raw entitled " The Cutting Edge " . Edge noted that Dmitri Young was in the audience , and proceeded to criticize the sports teams of Detroit . Young replied by insulting Edge and his lack of a world championship .

The fourth match saw John Cena defending the WWE Championship against Kurt Angle , with Daivari as the special guest referee . Early in the match , Angle was able to apply the Ankle lock on Cena . Cena reached the ropes but Daivari kicked his hand off . An angered Cena slapped Daivari , who tried to disqualify him as a result . Angle , however , stopped him , and both men were knocked out of the ring by Cena . As Daivari was knocked down outside , a Raw referee came out to officiate . After Cena gained the advantage , Angle knocked down the referee , and executed an illegal low blow . Angle called for another referee , but failed to get the win after executing an Olympic Slam and a superplex . After Angle missed a moonsault attempt , Cena went for an FU ; however , Angle countered by holding onto the referee , which led to Angle knocking down the referee . As the other referee was knocked out , a SmackDown referee came out . Cena then hit a DDT on Daivari and executed an FU on Angle , pinning him to retain the title .

In the fifth match , the authority figures from both brands faced each other with two referees from each show officiating the match . Theodore Long , who was accompanied by Palmer Canon , started the match by avoiding Eric Bischoff 's attacks . As Cannon climbed on the apron , and distracted the referees , Bischoff used his obi to choke Long . Bischoff continued to choke Long and applied the sleeper hold . Cannon distracted the referees again as Long hit Bischoff with his shoe . Bischoff then hit Long with a chop to the throat . The Boogeyman 's music played with Bischoff sending the referees up the ramp to stop him . The Boogeyman was behind Bischoff , however , and he hit Bischoff with a pumphandle slam on Bischoff . Long took advantage and pinned Bischoff to win the match .

The final match was the Survivor Series match between Team SmackDown (Batista , Rey Mysterio , John " Bradshaw " Layfield , Bobby Lashley and Randy Orton) and Team Raw (Shawn Michaels , Kane , The Big Show , Carlito and Chris Masters) . At first , the two teams alternated in taking control . The first wrestler to be eliminated was Lashley , who was chokeslammed by Kane and pinned by Michaels . Kane was then eliminated by Batista after a 619 from Mysterio and a spinebuster from Batista . After that , Batista was eliminated after a double chokeslam by Big Show and Kane . Big Show was eliminated next after a Clothesline From Hell by JBL , a 619 from Mysterio , an RKO by Orton , another Clothesline by JBL and a seated senton by Mysterio . Mysterio then pinned him for the elimination . Carlito was then eliminated , after JBL performed a Clothesline From

Hell . Next , Mysterio hit a Springboard Legdrop on Masters for the elimination . Michaels went on to eliminate both Mysterio and JBL , after a superkick . Orton and Michaels were the final two men left from their respective teams . JBL then distracted Michaels , which made Michaels superkick JBL . As Michaels turned around , Orton executed an RKO on Michaels and pinned Michaels to win the match for Team SmackDown .

Following the match , SmackDown wrestlers came to the ring to celebrate with Orton when hooded figures carrying a casket came out . At No Mercy (2005) Orton had defeated the Undertaker in a handicap @-@ casket and set the casket on fire . Now , lightning struck the casket and set it on fire ; The Undertaker emerged and attacked several of the wrestlers while Orton and his father " Cowboy " Bob Orton evaded the Undertaker by leaving the ring .

= = Aftermath = =

The five @-@ on @-@ five Survivor Series match ended the rivalry between the brands . Eric Bischoff was fired as general manager of Raw by Vince McMahon , who took control of the Raw brand as temporary general manager of Raw . McMahon soon started to feud with Shawn Michaels , whom he lauded for his part in the Montreal Screwjob , when Michaels told McMahon to move on .

After Survivor Series , John Cena and Kurt Angle continued their feud . Before being fired , Bischoff had proposed that Cena should defend his WWE championship in an Elimination Chamber match at New Year 's Revolution . On the December 12 episode of Raw , Kurt Angle , Carlito , Shawn Michaels , Chris Masters , and Kane won matches qualifying them for the Elimination Chamber match . After the qualifying matches , Cena faced Angle 's associate , Daivari in a " You Can 't See Me " match , as it would see Cena blindfolded during the match . Cena won as he made Daivari submit to the STFU . At New Year 's Revolution , Cena also won the Elimination Chamber match , last eliminating Carlito .

Randy Orton and The Undertaker fought each other at Armageddon in a Hell in a Cell match , which the Undertaker won , ending their feud . Triple H moved on to feud with The Big Show , and Ric Flair feuded with Edge over the WWE Intercontinental Championship . Chris Benoit continued to feud with Booker T throughout the rest of the year and into 2006 ; their " Best of Seven series " concluded in January . Randy Orton , who was Booker 's replacement due to a kayfabe injury , defeated Benoit in the seventh and final match , giving Booker the WWE United States Championship . However , Booker would lose the title to Benoit the following month at No Way Out .

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