

= Judgment Day ( 2007 ) =

Judgment Day ( 2007 ) was the ninth annual Judgment Day professional wrestling pay @-@ per @-@ view event produced by World Wrestling Entertainment ( WWE ) . It took place on May 20 , 2007 from the Scottrade Center in St. Louis , Missouri . This was the first Judgment Day event since 2003 to be an inter @-@ brand pay @-@ per @-@ view , as it featured talent from the Raw , SmackDown ! , and ECW brands .

The main match on the Raw brand was John Cena versus The Great Khali for the WWE Championship , which Cena won after forcing Khali to submit to the STFU . The featured match on the SmackDown ! brand was Edge versus Batista for the World Heavyweight Championship , which Edge won via pinfall with a school boy pin . The primary match on the ECW brand was a Handicap match for the ECW World Championship between Team McMahon ( champion Vince McMahon , Shane McMahon and Umaga ) and Bobby Lashley . Lashley won the match by pinning Shane McMahon ; however , he did not win the title since he did not pin the champion , Vince McMahon .

= = Background = =

The main feud heading into Judgment Day on the Raw brand was between John Cena and The Great Khali , with the two battling over the WWE Championship . The rivalry started on the April 30 , 2007 , episode of Raw during a non @-@ title match between John Cena and Shawn Michaels when Michaels was attacked from behind by The Great Khali . Edge and Randy Orton were also knocked out by Khali . The Great Khali then performed a Khali Bomb on Cena . The next week on Raw , Khali defeated Shawn Michaels in a number one contenders match by knockout after executing the Khali Bomb on Michaels through the announce table . Later that night , Khali stole Cena 's WWE title belt . On the May 14 episode of Raw , when Cena attempted to take his belt back , Khali attacked him .

The predominant feud on the SmackDown ! brand was between Edge and Batista , with the two feuding over the World Heavyweight Championship . The feud started on the May 11 episode of SmackDown ! when Batista challenged The Undertaker for the World Heavyweight Championship in a steel cage match . Both men escaped the steel cage at the same time , thus ending in a draw . After the match , Mark Henry made his return and attacked The Undertaker . Edge then defeated The Undertaker for the World Heavyweight Championship after cashing in his Money in the Bank contract , which is used to receive a title match of the owner 's time and place of choosing . On the May 18 episode of SmackDown ! , Batista confronted Edge and challenged him to a match for the World Heavyweight Championship at Judgment Day .

The primary feud on the ECW brand was between Team McMahon ( Vince McMahon , Shane McMahon and Umaga ) and Bobby Lashley , with Vince and Lashley feuding over the ECW World Championship . Lashley had represented Donald Trump in the " Battle of the Billionaires " and defeated McMahon 's representative Umaga , thus becoming a rival of the McMahons . The McMahons and Umaga defeated Lashley in a three @-@ on @-@ one handicap match to allow Vince to win the ECW World Championship . Lashley demanded a rematch for the ECW World Championship , and Vince booked himself , Umaga and Shane in another three @-@ on @-@ one handicap rematch against Lashley for the ECW title .

= = Event = =

Before the broadcast began , Kane defeated William Regal in a dark match .

= = = Preliminary matches = = =

The first televised match was between Ric Flair and Carlito . Carlito controlled a majority of the match , as he attacked and applied various submission holds on Flair 's arm . After reversing a Back Stabber attempt by Carlito , Flair forced Carlito to submit with the Figure @-@ Four Leglock to win

the match .

The next match on the card was between Bobby Lashley and Team McMahon ( ECW World Champion Vince McMahon , Shane McMahon , and Umaga ) for the ECW World Championship . Towards the end of the match , Lashley delivered a Dominator to Shane and pinned him for the win . Lashley was declared the new ECW Champion , but Vince said that since he did not pin him , the champion , Lashley did not win the title . The third match was between CM Punk and Elijah Burke . Throughout the match , the two exchanged many aerial maneuvers . Punk won the match by pinning Burke after performing a GTS ( Go To Sleep ) .

The match between Randy Orton and Shawn Michaels followed . During an interview segment before the match , Orton attacked Michaels . Before the match began , Orton stood alone in the ring and declared himself the winner by forfeit . Michaels , however , appeared and came to the ring , although he showed signs of injury . Michaels came into the match with a legitimate knee injury . During the match , Orton tried to perform a superplex over the top turnbuckle , but Michaels used an eye rake and caused Orton to fall . Michaels followed up with a diving elbow drop and tried to execute Sweet Chin Music , but collapsed in the process . The referee declared Orton the winner as a result . After the match , Orton attacked Michaels again , causing a kayfabe career @-@ threatening concussion .

Next was The Hardys ( Matt and Jeff ) versus Lance Cade and Trevor Murdoch for the World Tag Team Championship . Near the end of the match , Matt performed a Twist of Fate on Cade , which was followed by Jeff performing a Swanton Bomb . Jeff pinned Cade and The Hardys retained the World Tag Team Championship .

= = = Main event matches = = =

The following match was Edge versus Batista for the World Heavyweight Championship . Batista controlled most of the match and performed a Spinebuster on Edge . Edge , however , pinned Batista with a school boy to retain the World Heavyweight Championship .

The seventh match was a Two out of three falls match for the WWE United States Championship between champion Chris Benoit and Montel Vontavious Porter ( MVP ) . MVP gained the first pinfall by pinning Benoit after executing a Playmaker . MVP gained the second fall and won the match after pinning Benoit with an Inside Cradle .

Next was the main event , which saw John Cena defend the WWE Championship against The Great Khali . Khali attacked Cena early in the match , but Cena countered and gained the advantage . Cena performed a diving legdrop bulldog and followed by putting Khali in the STFU . Cena forced Khali to submit to the hold , but Khali 's foot was under the rope , meaning Cena should have broken the hold . The referee , however , did not see this and declared Cena the winner . Cena retained the WWE Championship and gained possession of the belt , which Khali had kayfabe stolen prior to the event .

= = Aftermath = =

Bobby Lashley and Team McMahon continued their rivalry , as Mr. McMahon was forced to book himself against Lashley at One Night Stand in a Street Fight for the ECW World Championship . Lashley won the right to face McMahon by winning a Gauntlet match with the stipulation that he would receive a title shot if he beat Chris Masters , Viscera , Umaga and Shane McMahon in succession . At One Night Stand , Lashley defeated Mr. McMahon in a Street Fight to win the ECW World Championship despite interference by Shane McMahon and Umaga .

Edge and Batista also continued their rivalry over the World Heavyweight Championship after Batista defeated Mark Henry , Kane and Finlay in a Fatal Four @-@ Way match to become the number one Contender to the title . On the June 1 episode of SmackDown ! , Batista verbally and physically confronted Edge on the SmackDown ! debut of Edge 's Cutting Edge talk show . At One Night Stand , Edge and Batista faced each other in a Steel cage match for the World Heavyweight Championship . Edge retained his title after escaping the steel cage first .

Shawn Michaels did not appear on @-@ screen until October 8 , when he returned to confront Orton and restart their feud . On the May 28 episode of Raw , Rob Van Dam claimed on WWE 's website that Randy Orton should not have attacked Shawn Michaels at Judgment Day . Orton challenged Van Dam to a match that same night , which Orton won by forfeit . At One Night Stand , the two had a Stretcher match , which Van Dam won . After the match , Van Dam was attacked by Orton .

John Cena and The Great Khali also continued to feud over the WWE Championship . Following the controversial ending to their match at Judgment Day , where Cena forced Khali to submit while his foot was underneath the bottom rope , meaning Cena should have released the hold , Khali challenged Cena to a Falls Count Anywhere match for One Night Stand . Cena accepted , and Khali attacked him , performing a Chokebomb . At One Night Stand , Cena retained his title by pinning Khali after performing an FU off a crane .

= = Results = =