

= Taboo Tuesday (2005) =

Taboo Tuesday (2005) was a professional wrestling pay @-@ per @-@ view event produced by World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) , which took place on November 1 , 2005 , at the iPayOne Center in San Diego . It was the second annual Taboo Tuesday event in which the fans were given the chance to vote on stipulations for the matches . The voting for the event started on October 24 , 2005 , and ended during the event . Eight professional wrestling matches were featured on the event 's card . The buildup to the matches and the scenarios that took place before , during , and after the event were planned by WWE 's script writers . The event starred wrestlers from the Raw brand : a storyline expansion of the promotion where employees are assigned to a wrestling brand under the WWE banner .

The main event was a Triple Threat match , a standard match involving three wrestlers , for the WWE Championship . In this match , John Cena defeated Kurt Angle and Shawn Michaels to retain his title . Two bouts were featured on the undercard . In a retrospective singles matches for the WWE Intercontinental Championship , Ric Flair defeated Triple H in a Steel cage match , which is fought in a cage with four sheets of mesh metal around , in , or against the edges of the wrestling ring , in which Flair won by escaping the cage and having both feet touch the arena floor . The other featured an Interpromotional tag team match where Rey Mysterio and Matt Hardy (SmackDown !) defeated Chris Masters and Snitsky (Raw) .

Taboo Tuesday received 174 @,@ 000 pay @-@ per @-@ view buys , which was the same amount as the previous year 's event . The professional wrestling section of the Canadian Online Explorer website rated the entire event 7 out of 10 stars , higher than the 2004 event rating of 5 out of 10 stars .

= = Background = =

Unlike other WWE pay @-@ per @-@ views , where stipulations were determined by WWE 's creative staff , this was the second event where stipulations for matches were determined by votes from WWE fans conducted on WWE 's official website . The event was scheduled to feature eight professional wrestling matches . Although the stipulations resulted from votes by WWE fans , different wrestlers were involved in pre @-@ existing scripted feuds , plots and storylines , which led to scheduled matches in which WWE fans could vote upon stipulations .

The main event scripted into Taboo Tuesday was between John Cena and Kurt Angle for the WWE Championship , in which Cena would also defend the title against the fans ' choice of three possible opponents : Kane , The Big Show , and Shawn Michaels . The buildup to the match began at Unforgiven , Raw 's previous pay @-@ per @-@ view event , in which Cena intentionally disqualified himself . In WWE , a championship cannot change hands via count @-@ out or disqualification , as a result , Cena retained the title . On the October 17 episode of Raw , one of WWE 's primary television programs , General Manager Eric Bischoff , a portrayed match maker and rules enforcer , announced that a standard match involving three wrestlers , termed as a Triple Threat match , for the WWE Championship , would take place between Cena , Angle and the fans ' choice at Taboo Tuesday . Bischoff was scripted to promote three series of qualifying matches , in which the winner would receive a spot on the ballot as a potential challenger to Cena and Angle . The winners were Kane , The Big Show , and Shawn Michaels . The following week , a Triple Threat match was scheduled between the three competitors . Michaels won the match after he hit both Big Show and Kane with a superkick and pinned the Big Show for the win . The following week , Bischoff announced a singles match between Cena and Michaels . Late in the match , Angle attacked both Cena and Michaels . Cena , however , retaliated and lifted Angle up on his shoulders , but Michaels managed to hit Cena with a superkick .

One of the featured preliminary matches was between Ric Flair versus Triple H for the WWE Intercontinental Championship . On the October 3 episode of Raw , WWE Homecoming , Triple H returned after a four @-@ month hiatus . He took part in a match , teaming up with Flair , who was a fan favorite during Triple H 's absence , to take on Chris Masters and Carlito . The duo defeated

Masters and Carlito ; after the match , Triple H turned on Flair and hit him with a sledgehammer . The following week , Triple H explained his actions , saying he saw that Flair had become mediocre when he was spat at and when he won the Intercontinental title . Triple H continued to say that he needed to end Flair 's career so his memories of Flair would not be tarnished . On the October 24 episode of Raw , a singles match was scheduled between Flair and Triple H at Taboo Tuesday , in which the fans would be given the opportunity to choose the type of match they compete in . The choice of the matches were a regular match , submission match , or a Steel Cage , a match where the ring is surrounded by walls of steel , for the Intercontinental title .

Another preliminary match was between the Raw and SmackDown ! brands . The feud began on the October 3 episode of Raw , in which WWE Chairman Vince McMahon wanted a match between SmackDown ! wrestlers on the program . A match was scheduled , but before it could get underway , Eric Bischoff announced that McMahon had left the arena , thus leaving himself in charge . Seeing SmackDown ! as inferior , Bischoff stopped the match by turning off the lights and going to a commercial break . At the end of the broadcast , SmackDown ! General Manager Theodore Long , led SmackDown ! superstars to the ring , and they fought with Raw superstars . On the October 17 episode of Raw , John " Bradshaw " Layfield 's (JBL) (SmackDown !) entrance music played during Edge 's (Raw) match , the distraction caused Edge to lose the match . As part of the storyline , Edge and Chris Masters showed up to the SmackDown ! program on the October 21 episode , in which they interfered in a match between JBL and Rey Mysterio , where they assaulted Mysterio . On the October 24 episode of Raw , a match was made between Edge and Masters , and two of five SmackDown ! superstars chosen by the fans , and Mysterio attacked Edge from behind . The following week , Bischoff invited Mysterio to the Raw program to take the Master Lock Challenge , a challenge where the wrestler must break free from Masters ' swinging full nelson submission hold , which he calls the Master Lock . Mysterio , however , attacked Masters instead , which caused Bischoff to call for other Raw superstars . Long called for SmackDown ! superstars , and they fought until the Raw roster retreated .

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Before Taboo Tuesday aired live on pay @-@ per @-@ view , Kerwin White and Matt Striker defeated Shelton Benjamin and Val Venis in a tag team match taped for WWE Heat , one of WWE 's secondary television programs .

= = = Preliminary matches = = =

The first televised match was a tag team match in which Edge and Chris Masters (representing Raw) faced off against Rey Mysterio and Matt Hardy (representing SmackDown !) . Before the match , it was revealed that Edge refused to wrestle , saying he did not care about representing Raw and chose Snitsky as his replacement . Masters and Snitsky quickly gained the early advantage in the match , as they took the upper hand over Mysterio . Mysterio fought back with a tilt @-@ a @-@ whirl , a counterattack hold . Afterwards , Hardy and Snitsky were tagged in , leading to Hardy getting the advantage as he grabbed Snitsky by the side and drove Snitsky 's head onto the wrestling mat . Back and forth action took place between both teams . The match ended when Mysterio performed the 619 on Masters , followed by Hardy performing the Twist of Fate on Snitsky . Mysterio pinned Masters and giving SmackDown ! the win over Raw .

The next match was another tag team match involving Rob Conway and Tyson Tomko versus Eugene and Jimmy Snuka , who won the fans ' vote with 42 % . The team of Conway and Tomko dominated Eugene in the early start of the match . Eugene , however , fought back by avoiding Tomko 's attacks . Eugene tagged Snuka in and performed a series of chops to Conway 's chest and headbutted him in the process . In retaliation , Tomko attacked Snuka from behind , but Eugene fought him off , as he extended his arm out and knocked him out of the ring and out of the match . Eugene performed a jawbreaker on Conway , which proceeded with Eugene to lift Conway by holding his back horizontally and slamming it down , termed as a side slam . Snuka covered

Conway for the pinfall victory . After the match , Tomko attacked Snuka and Eugene until Jim Duggan and Kamala came down and fought off Tomko .

The third match was between Carlito and Mankind , which was the gimmick chosen for Foley by the fans ' vote with 52 % . The match began with Carlito performing a dropkick on Mankind . Mankind , however , got the advantage over Carlito . Mid @-@ way through the match , Mankind tried to use a steel chair on Carlito , but Carlito avoided getting hit , as he executed a drop toe @-@ hold , sending Mankind to hit the steel steps . Mankind rose to his feet , which led Carlito to perform a standing dropkick , resulting in Mankind to hit the back of his head into the steel steps . Back in the ring , Mankind received the upper hand after he bent Carlito forward and hooked each arm behind Carlito 's back , tucked his head under one of Mankind 's arms , and then fell back to pull Carlito down flat on his face which caused Carlito to roll over . He then forced Carlito to submit with the Mandible claw and win the match .

The voting results for John Cena and Kurt Angle 's opponent for the WWE Championship were then revealed , with Shawn Michaels winning . Big Show and Kane , who were also contenders for the WWE title match , faced the World Tag Team Champions Lance Cade and Trevor Murdoch for the World Tag Team Championship . The match began with Big Show and Kane dominating Cade and Murdoch early on . Cade and Murdoch fought back after Murdoch shoved Kane off the top turnbuckle . They performed a running chop block combination on Kane and taking the upper hand . The Big Show , who was tagged in , stood at 7 feet 0 inches (2 @.@ 13 m) and weighed 500 pounds (230 kg) , used his body size to his advantage as he squashed , or easily and quickly performed moves on , Cade and Murdoch . The match concluded after Big Show and Kane grabbed and lifted Cade by the throat and slammed him down into the mat , a move called the chokeslam . This allowed the Big Show to pin Cade and become the new World Tag Team champions with Kane . After the match , Big Show and Kane double teamed Murdoch , as they performed a chokeslam .

The next match was a Street Fight , a match without disqualifications and where scoring conditions can occur anywhere , between Jonathan Coachman and SmackDown ! World Heavyweight Champion Batista . Goldust and Vader , were scripted to take part in the match , on behalf of Coachman . In the beginning of the match , Batista fought both Goldust and Vader , where they proceeded to beat him down in the corner . Batista , however , fought back with a series of shoulder block takedowns . Coachman , who stood on the outside , entered the ring , but did not last long , as Batista performed a clothesline on him . Batista attempted to perform a suplex on Vader , a move that consists of one wrestler picking up his opponent off the ground and then using a large portion of his or her own body weight to drive the opponent down on the mat , but Goldust managed to hit Batista with a kendo stick . This allowed Coachman to receive the advantage over Batista . The match concluded after Batista performed a sitout powerbomb on Coachman , a move Batista calls the Batista Bomb , to gain the win .

The sixth match was a Battle Royal , a multi @-@ competitor match type in which wrestlers are eliminated until one is left and declared the winner , for the WWE Women 's Championship between Ashley , Candice Michelle , Mickie James , Victoria , Maria and Trish Stratus , all of whom wore lingerie , which was voted by the fans ' with 43 % . In the match , James , as part of a storyline angle involving her being a devoted fan of Stratus , saved Stratus from being eliminated from the match , after Victoria tried eliminating her . Maria was tossed over the top rope by Stratus and James , thus being the first to be eliminated . Afterward , Michelle applied a submission move on Ashley on the top rope . Michelle turned around and was knocked off the ring apron by Ashley , making the second elimination of the match . Following the elimination of Michelle , Ashley was then eliminated by Victoria . The match concluded after Victoria hesitantly tried to eliminate Stratus , but James stopped her from doing so . James eliminated herself along with Victoria to allow Stratus to win and retain her Women 's title .

== Main event matches ==

The main match was a singles match between Ric Flair and Triple H. The match was a Steel Cage match , which gained 83 % of the vote . During the match , Triple H sent Flair head @-@ first into

the steel cage , causing Flair to bleed from the head . A spot in the match saw Triple H retrieve a steel chain in which he wrapped around his fist and attempted a diving fist drop from the top turnbuckle . Flair , however , countered as he raised his foot to hit Triple H in the face and performed a series of chops to Triple H 's chest . Triple H controlled most of the match , until he attempted to apply the figure four leglock , a signature move of Flair 's , which resulted in Flair sending him towards the steel cage . Flair followed this by biting the head of Triple H , resulting in him bleeding from his forehead , this often results when a wrestler is trapped , either in a corner of the ring or in a submission hold , as a desperation move . The match concluded after Flair reversed a Pedigree with a back body drop and three chair shots to the head . This allowed Flair to escape through the steel cage door to win the match and thus retain his Intercontinental title .

The main event was the WWE Championship match , in which John Cena defended the title against Kurt Angle and Shawn Michaels , who received the fans ' vote to be part of the Triple Threat match . During the beginning of the match , Cena performed a back body drop on Angle , sending him to outside . Michaels , who had been thrown out of the ring , received the upper hand over Cena until Angle returned to the match and performed a variety of suplexes on both Michaels and Cena . Mid @-@ way in the match , Angle and Michaels double teamed Cena , lifting him in the air crashing face @-@ first on the Spanish announce table . Back in the ring , Angle lifted Michaels on his shoulders and spun 90 ° to slam him down to the mat , a move Angle calls the Angle Slam , from the top of the turnbuckles . Angle then tried to apply the ankle lock hold on Michaels , but Cena came into the ring and clotheslined Angle out of the ring . Cena proceeded by executing a back body drop on Michaels and attempting to perform a fist drop with theatrics , but was pulled out of the ring by Angle , who tossed him over the security barricade . The match concluded when Angle caught Cena in the ankle lock . Michaels , who was on the outside , climbed the top rope and drove his cocked elbow onto Angle 's chest , who was lying on the mat holding onto Cena 's ankle . Michaels performed a superkick , which saw the sole of his foot strike Angle 's chin , a move in which Michaels calls Sweet Chin Music . Following this , Cena lifted Michaels over his shoulders and threw him down to execute the FU . Cena got the pinfall victory and thus retained his title .

= = Aftermath = =

Following Taboo Tuesday , the storyline between John Cena and Kurt Angle continued . A match was scheduled in which Cena would defend WWE Championship against Angle at November 's pay @-@ per @-@ view event Survivor Series . In the scripted feud , Angle refused to compete in the November 7 episode of Raw due to the " you suck " chants from the audience . Angle finally agreed to compete that night when Eric Bischoff censored the crowd and let him have a special guest referee for his title rematch against Cena ; Angle chose Daivari to be the guest referee . Before their scheduled rematch , Daivari 's officiating was unfair and biased towards Angle 's opponents . At Survivor Series , Cena went on to defeat Angle to retain his title .

The storyline angle between Triple H and Ric Flair also continued at Survivor Series , where they were scheduled in a match the wrestler who was unable to respond to a ten count by the referee would lose . Triple H defeated Flair at Survivor Series after Flair was unable to respond to a ten count . The feud between the Raw and SmackDown ! brands continued with Eric Bischoff and Theodore Long deciding on a 5 @-@ on @-@ 5 elimination match and a singles match between the two at Survivor Series . The teams feuded on both programs . At Survivor Series , Team SmackDown ! (Batista , Rey Mysterio , JBL , Bobby Lashley , and Randy Orton) defeated Team Raw (Shawn Michaels , Kane , The Big Show , Carlito , and Chris Masters) and Long defeated Bischoff .

= = = Reception = = =

The iPayOne Center usually can accommodate 14 @,@ 000 , but the capacity was reduced for the event . It also received 174 @,@ 000 pay @-@ per @-@ view buys , which was the same amount as the previous year 's Taboo Tuesday . The promotion 's revenue was \$ 18 @.@ 8 million , which

was greater than the previous year 's revenue of \$ 18 @. @ 5 million . Canadian Online Explorer 's professional wrestling section rated the event 7 out of 10 stars . The rating was higher than last year 's event in 2004 , which was rated 5 out of 10 stars . The WWE title match was rated an 8 out of 10 . Additionally , the Divas match was rated a 3 out of 10 .

The event was released on DVD on November 29 , 2005 . The DVD was distributed by the label Sony Music Entertainment .

= = Results = =

= = = Battle royal entrances and eliminations = = =

= = = Voting results = = =