

= SummerSlam ( 1994 ) =

SummerSlam ( 1994 ) was the seventh annual SummerSlam , a professional wrestling pay @-@ per @-@ view event produced by the World Wrestling Federation ( WWF ) on August 29 , 1994 , at the newly opened United Center in Chicago , Illinois , which had opened eleven days earlier .

The pay @-@ per @-@ view had two main events . The first pitted Owen Hart against his brother Bret Hart in a steel cage match . Bret won the match , but the storyline feud escalated after Owen and his brother @-@ in @-@ law Jim Neidhart attacked Bret after the match . The other main event was a match between the real Undertaker ( portrayed by Mark Calaway ) and an impostor Undertaker ( portrayed by Brian Lee ) . The real Undertaker won the match , and the impostor did not appear in the WWF again .

The undercard included a match for the WWF Intercontinental Championship between Diesel and Razor Ramon , which Ramon won to regain the title . The other major angle going into SummerSlam was a feud in which Tatanka accused Lex Luger of joining the Million Dollar Corporation , a stable of heel wrestlers . This storyline turned out to be a swerve , as Tatanka was revealed to have secretly joined the corporation .

= = Background = =

Kwang and Adam Bomb were both managed by Harvey Wippleman . On May 28 , 1994 , a King of the Ring qualifying match between Bomb and the 1 ? 2 ? 3 Kid was televised on WWF Superstars . The angle saw The Kid win after Kwang attempted to interfere on Bomb 's behalf . Kwang accidentally spat green mist in Bomb 's face , allowing the Kid to get the victory . Wippleman had Bomb and Kwang work as a tag team , but problems continued to develop between the two . The pair split after an argument cost them the match when they faced the team of the 1 ? 2 ? 3 Kid and " Sparky " Thurman Plugg . Bomb and Kwang faced each other on house shows leading up to their dark match at SummerSlam 1994 .

One of the WWF 's main storylines in 1994 was Ted DiBiase 's creation of a stable known as the Million Dollar Corporation . That summer , DiBiase purchased the rights to Bam Bam Bigelow 's contract from Bigelow 's kayfabe girlfriend , Luna Vachon . Irwin R. Schyster , DiBiase 's former partner in Money Inc. also joined the stable . Bigelow and Schyster were paired together to challenge for the WWF Tag Team Championship . The night before SummerSlam , The Headshrinkers dropped the belts to Diesel and Shawn Michaels . The match took place as scheduled , but the title was not on the line .

In early 1994 the WWF brought back the WWF Women 's Championship , which had been deactivated in 1990 , and pushed Alundra Blayze to win a championship tournament and defeat all challengers . Luna Vachon was brought in to challenge Blayze in a series of matches but was defeated each time . The storyline then saw Vachon bring in Bull Nakano , a Japanese female wrestler , to gain revenge and challenge Blayze .

Razor Ramon had been feuding with Shawn Michaels since being pushed to win the WWF Intercontinental Championship in late 1993 . After defeating Shawn Michaels at WrestleMania X , Ramon dropped the belt to Diesel , Michaels ' bodyguard . A rematch was scheduled for SummerSlam 1994 . Ramon brought in NFL Hall of Famer Walter Payton to be his cornerman and help prevent Michaels from interfering .

On the July 11 , 1994 edition of Monday Night Raw , a major worked storyline began when Ted DiBiase announced that he had convinced Lex Luger to join the Million Dollar Corporation . Leading up to the pay @-@ per @-@ view , Tatanka confronted Lex Luger on several occasions , criticizing him for " selling out " to DiBiase . This led to a kayfabe admission from Luger that he had met with DiBiase , but Luger repeatedly denied having joined the corporation . He agreed to face Tatanka at SummerSlam to settle the argument .

Jeff Jarrett and Mabel had no real feud going into SummerSlam . Jarrett played the role of an aspiring country music singer , and Mabel portrayed a rapper . As a result , the WWF promoted the match as part of a " rap versus country " rivalry . There was little buildup for the match until Mabel

was booked to confront Jarrett on Monday Night Raw the week before SummerSlam . He tried to provoke Jarrett into a fight , but Jarrett walked away through the crowd to avoid Mabel .

The biggest storyline at SummerSlam began at the 1993 Survivor Series when Owen Hart was eliminated from the ? Hart Brothers vs. Shawn Michaels and His Knights ? elimination match due to miscommunication within the Hart team . Bret Hart was walking along the ring apron when Owen ran into him , causing Owen to lose his focus and be pinned by Michaels . After the match , Owen interrupted his brothers ? victory celebration to verbally attack Bret . The brothers reunited over the Christmas holidays and focused on challenging The Quebecers for the World Tag Team Championship at Royal Rumble 1994 . During the match , Bret kayfabe injured his knee , which eventually caused the referee to stop the match . Owen then turned on Bret by kicking his injured leg and leaving him lying in the ring . Bret jobbed to Owen in the opening match at WrestleMania X but defeated Yokozuna later in the pay @-@ per @-@ view to win the WWF World Heavyweight Championship . Jim Neidhart , Bret and Owen 's real @-@ life brother @-@ in @-@ law , became involved at King of the Ring 1994 by aligning himself with Owen Hart . To settle the feud , Bret and Owen were booked to face each other in a Steel cage match at SummerSlam .

After losing a Casket match to Yokozuna at the 1994 Royal Rumble , The Undertaker did not appear in the WWF for several months . In reality , he was given time off to allow a back injury to heal . The WWF foreshadowed his return by airing videos of people who claimed to have seen The Undertaker . Eventually , DiBiase , who introduced The Undertaker to the WWF in 1990 , claimed to have brought The Undertaker back to the WWF. but Paul Bearer informed him that DiBiase ? s Undertaker was an impostor and that Bearer had located the true Undertaker . This led to a match at SummerSlam pitting The Undertaker against The Undertaker . In the buildup to the match , Leslie Nielsen perform short segments trying to solve the mystery of how two Undertakers could exist in a spinoff of his roles on Police Squad ! and The Naked Gun films .

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In a dark match before the pay @-@ per @-@ view broadcast , Adam Bomb pinned Kwang . As the broadcast opened , the commentators , Vince McMahon ( fresh off his federal trial acquittal , one month earlier ) and Jerry Lawler , announced that The Headshrinkers had dropped the tag team title to Diesel and Shawn Michaels , and that the belts would not be on the line at SummerSlam . Throughout the broadcast , Nielsen and his co @-@ star from The Naked Gun , George Kennedy , appeared backstage in skits trying to solve the mystery of the two Undertakers .

In the first televised match , The Headshrinkers were accompanied by managers Afa and Captain Lou Albano , and Bigelow and I.R.S. came to the ring with Ted DiBiase . Bigelow began the match by overpowering Fatu , but The Headshrinkers gained the advantage when Bigelow missed an Avalanche attempt . Schyster tagged in , and Bigelow pulled down the ropes to allow I.R.S. to throw Samu out of the ring . Outside the ring , Bigelow attacked Fatu with Schyster 's briefcase . Samu performed a diving headbutt , but he was unable to get the pinfall . Ted DiBiase distracted the referee , which prompted Albano to protest . Meanwhile , Afa entered the ring to attack Bigelow . The referee saw Afa in the ring and awarded the match to Bigelow and Schyster as the result of a disqualification .

The following match saw Nakano challenging Blayze for the Women 's Championship . Nakano used her size to perform such moves as leg drops and several submission holds . Blayze countered with aerial maneuvers like a hurricanrana and a spinning heel kick . Vachon got involved by choking Blayze while Nakano distracted the referee . The match ended when Nakano missed a diving leg drop , allowing Blayze to pin her for the win .

Early in the next match , Diesel threw Razor Ramon out of the ring , allowing Michaels to remove the turnbuckle padding . Payton argued with Michaels about his interference , drawing the referee 's attention . Michaels seized the opportunity to attack Ramon behind the referee 's back . Diesel used two big boots and a series of submission holds to maintain the advantage . When he tried to throw Ramon into the unprotected turnbuckle , Payton pointed out the missing padding to the referee , who stood in the way to prevent the move . Soon after , Diesel tried to ram Ramon into the

turnbuckle , but Ramon escaped and pushed Diesel into the turnbuckle . Ramon kept his momentum by performing a bulldog , a scoop slam , and a superplex . When Michaels tried to get involved again , Payton chased him around the outside of the ring . While the referee was distracted , Michaels entered the ring and tried to perform a superkick while Diesel held Ramon . Ramon moved , causing Michaels to kick Diesel instead . Ramon pinned Diesel to win the match and regain the Intercontinental Championship .

The match between Tatanka and Lex Luger began with the two wrestlers arguing . Luger relied on his power by punching and performing a shoulderblock . Tatanka focused on wearing Luger down with a wristlock and an armbar . After Luger performed a vertical suplex , Tatanka recovered and powerslammed Luger . Eventually , DiBiase came to ringside with a bag of money . As Luger yelled at DiBiase , Tatanka performed a schoolboy roll @-@ up for the victory . After the match , Tatanka revealed that he had joined DiBiase 's corporation . Tatanka attacked Luger and used the Million Dollar Dream , DiBiase 's signature move , on Luger before leaving with DiBiase .

Mabel used his weight advantage to gain the early advantage in his match with Jeff Jarrett . Jarrett gained momentum when he tripped Mabel and performed a fist drop and two double axe handles from the ropes . On two occasions , Jarrett jumped on Mabel 's back to perform sleeper holds , but Mabel backed him into the corner to escape both times . Mabel attempted to perform a splash from the second rope but missed . Jarrett attempted a sunset flip , which Mabel tried to counter by sitting on him . Jarrett moved out of the way and quickly pinned Mabel to win the match . In a reference to the 1994 Major League Baseball strike , Abe " Knuckleball " Schwartz was shown picketing in the crowd with an " I 'm on strike ! " sign .

As Owen Hart entered the steel cage for his championship match with his brother Bret , he immediately attacked Bret . Bret gained the advantage by performing a DDT . Owen kicked Bret in the head and tried to escape from the cage . The brothers both tried to climb over the cage several times , but neither would let the other escape . The match consisted mainly of brawling , including a couple of occasions when the two exchanged punches while standing on the top rope . Owen climbed over the cage , but Bret dragged him back in by pulling Owen 's hair . Owen performed a piledriver on Bret , but Bret came back by throwing Owen into the bars of the cage . As Owen tried to escape , Bret suplexed him back into the ring from the top of the cage . Owen recovered and performed the Sharpshooter on Bret , but Bret escaped and used the same move on Owen . The match ended after Bret threw Owen 's head into the steel cage and Owen 's leg became trapped between the cage 's bars . Bret climbed over the top of the cage and dropped to the floor to win the match and retain the title . After the match , Jim Neidhart attacked Davey Boy Smith , another brother @-@ in @-@ law of the Hart brothers . Owen padlocked the cage , and he and Neidhart attacked Bret until the other Harts could intervene .

The second main event match had Bearer 's Undertaker fighting DiBiase 's Undertaker . After DiBiase 's Undertaker walked to the ring , Bearer appeared by himself while pushing a casket to the ring . He reached inside the casket and pulled out an urn , which had a light inside it when Bearer removed its lid . Bearer 's Undertaker came to the ring and confronted DiBiase 's Undertaker . Both wrestlers were wearing identical costumes , but Bearer 's Undertaker wore purple while DiBiase 's wore grey . Bearer 's Undertaker kicked his opponent out of the ring , where DiBiase 's Undertaker tried to attack Bearer . DiBiase 's Undertaker attempted to perform an arm twist ropewalk chop , but Bearer 's Undertaker stopped him and performed the move . DiBiase 's Undertaker then performed a chokeslam and a Tombstone piledriver . As he tried for another Tombstone piledriver , Bearer 's Undertaker reversed it and performed the move . Bearer 's Undertaker then performed two more Tombstone piledrivers before getting the pinfall victory . A group of people dressed as druids came to ringside , put DiBiase 's Undertaker in the casket , and took the casket away .

= = Aftermath = =

DiBiase continued to manage his corporation until he left the WWF in 1996 , but none of his wrestlers won a championship under his management . Tatanka and Luger continued to feud until they faced each other as part of an elimination match at the 1994 Survivor Series . Bigelow was

later " fired " from the stable , leading to a feud with DiBiase 's wrestlers .

Nakano was booked to win the Women 's Championship on November 27 , 1994 . After Blayze won it back the following spring , Nakano disappeared from the WWF without mention and joined World Championship Wrestling .

Bret Hart was scheduled to defend his title against Bob Backlund at Survivor Series 1994 . The stipulations stated that the only way to win was to force the person in your opponent 's corner to throw a towel into the ring . Davey Boy Smith was in Bret 's corner , while Owen Hart was in Backlund 's corner . Smith chased Owen around the ring until Smith suffered a kayfabe injury , leaving nobody to throw in Bret 's towel . As Backlund performed the crossface chickenwing on Bret , Owen pretended to show remorse . He convinced his mother , Helen , to throw in Bret 's towel . After Backlund was awarded the belt , Owen celebrated his success in costing Bret the title .

At Survivor Series 1994 , the storyline with Michaels and Diesel saw Michaels accidentally superkick Diesel once again . As a result , Diesel turned on Michaels , becoming a face and vacating the Tag Team Championship . Three days later , Bob Backlund put Diesel over by dropping his WWF World Heavyweight Championship in a match that lasted eight seconds . Diesel feuded with Michaels and defended the belt against him at WrestleMania XI .

DiBiase 's Undertaker was not seen again , but the wrestler portraying him , Brian Lee , returned to the WWF in 1997 as Chainz . Bearer 's Undertaker gained revenge against Yokozuna at Survivor Series 1994 by defeating him in a casket match . To prevent interference , Chuck Norris was at ringside as a special guest enforcer .

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