

= ECW One Night Stand (2005) =

ECW One Night Stand (2005) was a professional wrestling pay @-@ per @-@ view event produced by World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) . Presented by THQ 's Destroy All Humans ! , it was held on June 12 , 2005 , at the Hammerstein Ballroom in New York , New York .

The main event was a tag team match between The Dudley Boyz (Buh Buh Ray and D @-@ Von Dudley) and the team of Tommy Dreamer and The Sandman . Two of the matches on the undercard were Chris Benoit versus Eddie Guerrero , and Mike Awesome versus Masato Tanaka .

= = Production = =

Although the build @-@ up for the pay @-@ per @-@ view began in the middle of May , plans were in the works behind the scenes for several months in advance . Tommy Dreamer was in charge of organizing the event and getting ECW Originals to participate . He contacted several people , including The Sandman , Sabu , Justin Credible , and ECW commentator Joey Styles . Reports later stated that Paul Heyman was working with Dreamer to help prepare the event . Other ECW related wrestlers were later added to the pay @-@ per @-@ view . The event was publicly confirmed by WWE through a Dish Network magazine in March 2005 . In an interview with SLAM ! Sports days before One Night Stand , ECW Original Rob Van Dam announced he had asked Vince McMahon about the idea of holding an ECW reunion event .

According to reports , many people backstage were very happy with the way One Night Stand went and many former ECW wrestlers that had worked the pay @-@ per @-@ view described it as a " fun " event . 325 @,@ 000 people bought the event on pay @-@ per @-@ view . Many tried to order it through WWE 's official website , but the website was shut down because not enough bandwidth was available .

WWE adopted One Night Stand as an annual pay @-@ per @-@ view event . The event returned to the Hammerstein Ballroom for ECW One Night Stand 2006 , and the " One Night Stand " name (dropping the " ECW " name in 2007) was used as a yearly pay @-@ per @-@ view until 2009 when its name was changed to WWE Extreme Rules .

= = Background = =

Although many of the individual matches on the One Night Stand card were announced weeks before the pay @-@ per @-@ view occurred , none of them got any build @-@ up on any of WWE 's weekly programs , with WWE choosing to focus on an " invasion " angle , with several Raw and SmackDown ! superstars feuding against wrestlers from the original ECW .

The invasion angle began on the May 9 episode of Raw , when Raw General Manager Eric Bischoff made a statement regarding the pay @-@ per @-@ view , saying that he would " squash ECW like a bug . " The following week , on the May 16 episode of Raw , Tajiri agreed to an Extreme Rules match with Chris Benoit . In the middle of the contest , however , Bischoff came out to stop it , and announced anything related to ECW was banned from Raw . He also vowed to " destroy " ECW with the help of the Raw superstars chosen to compete at the pay @-@ per @-@ view . Bischoff planned an ECW funeral for the May 23 episode of Raw but was interrupted by WWE Chairman Vince McMahon . McMahon spoke of his support for the ECW reunion and his financial interest in bringing back the promotion . Paul Heyman then came out and reminded McMahon that , while Heyman did not own ECW , he still had control of it . Heyman also said that he welcomed Bischoff 's invasion , claiming , " You may light a fire that you can ? t put out . " and proceeded to light the funeral wreath ablaze . In a rematch from the previous week 's RAW , Benoit defeated Tajiri in an Extreme Rules match after locking in the Crippler Crossface . The following week , Bischoff set up a Tables match between Edge and Benoit . During the match , Benoit attempted a diving headbutt with Edge on a table , but failed after Lita moved Edge off it . At that point , Bischoff sent several Raw superstars to the ring to assault Benoit , with Gene Snitsky booting Benoit in the face and Edge powerbombing Benoit through the table for the victory .

The feud between the RAW superstars and ECW originals also spread over to SmackDown ! . On the May 26 episode of SmackDown ! , Kurt Angle stated that ECW was a low @-@ class promotion , that he would be part of the WWE invasion of One Night Stand , and that he would take SmackDown ! volunteers with him . A week later , Angle asked Tazz to join him in the invasion and on the same episode of SmackDown ! , John " Bradshaw " Layfield (JBL) announced he would be joining Angle in invading the pay @-@ per @-@ view . When Tazz rejected the offer , Angle reacted by assaulting Tazz and leaving him bleeding in the ring .

On the June 6 episode of Raw , Benoit defeated Snitsky in an Extreme Rules match by performing a diving headbutt and pinning him . The ECW Originals made their debut on WWE programming , as Tommy Dreamer , Rhyno , Balls Mahoney , Axl Rotten , The Sandman , and other ECW Originals attacked Bischoff 's Raw invaders , with ECW Originals , The Dudley Boyz , hitting a 3D on Raw invader Maven . Benoit was drafted to SmackDown ! on its June 9 , 2005 episode , and faced JBL in the main event with the ECW Originals at ringside cheering him on . JBL 's Cabinet was also at ringside , as well as Carlito , Matt Morgan and Kurt Angle . After Benoit locked in the Crossface on JBL , Angle interfered and broke the submission hold , resulting in a disqualification and a brawl breaking out between the ECW Originals and WWE Invaders , with ECW coming out on top .

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Before the event aired live on pay @-@ per @-@ view , an episode of Extreme Heat aired on Spike TV , showing footage from the build @-@ up to the event . The event started with a speech from ECW commentator Joey Styles , who was greeted with an " ECW " chant . Styles welcomed the fans to One Night Stand before introducing the color commentator for the evening , Mick Foley .

The first match of the event was Lance Storm versus Chris Jericho . Storm was accompanied to the ring by Dawn Marie in what would be his last match before retirement . During the match , a " Chris Candido " chant broke out , a reference to the recently deceased wrestler who was a tag team partner of Lance Storm in ECW . Jericho locked in the Walls of Jericho on Storm , but Marie jumped on the ring apron and distracted the referee . Jason and Justin Credible interfered , with Credible hitting Jericho with a kendo stick . Storm got the pinfall on Jericho for the victory .

A tribute video played next , highlighting the wrestlers from ECW that had died between the promotion 's end in 2001 and One Night Stand . A three @-@ way dance was next , with Tajiri facing Little Guido Maritato and Super Crazy . Tajiri was accompanied to the ring by The Sinister Minister and Mikey Whipwreck , and Guido was accompanied by his fellow F.B.I. members . One of the highlights of the match occurred when Super Crazy hit a moonsault off the balcony onto all the members of the F.B.I. Guido was the first eliminated when Whipwreck hit a Whipper Snapper while the referee was distracted . Tajiri picked up the three count to eliminate Guido . Super Crazy won the match after hitting a moonsault off the top rope onto Tajiri , getting the three @-@ count in the process .

Next came singles Luchador action , as Psychosis faced SmackDown ! superstar and ECW Original Rey Mysterio , Jr . Mysterio won the match at the seven @-@ minute mark after hitting his signature move , the 619 , followed by the West Coast Pop . The two later revealed that they were disappointed with the way their match panned out . After the contest , the SmackDown ! crusaders entered the Hammerstein Ballroom . They consisted of Kurt Angle , JBL and his Cabinet , Carlito and Matt Morgan . The crowd chanted , " You Suck Dick " and " Fuck You SmackDown ! " as they entered the arena . Joel Gertner attempted to interview the invaders , but Angle took the microphone out of his hand and JBL pushed him to the ground . JBL and Angle cut a promo , with the crowd continuing to chant , " You Suck Dick " , to which Angle replied with " Your MOTHER taught me how " . Angle stated , " The last time I was at an ECW event I walked out halfway through because it sucked " . The crowd continued to chant , " Shut the Fuck Up " , while JBL spoke .

Rob Van Dam (RVD) and Bill Alfonso interrupted the promo , with RVD stating it had nothing to do with SmackDown ! . RVD claimed that WWE deserved no credit , that the interview was a shoot with no scripts , and that missing One Night Stand was worse than missing WrestleMania . The promo was interrupted when Rhino hit Van Dam with a Gore . Van Dam 's former tag team partner Sabu

then appeared following the lights turning off , and had a match with Rhino . Sabu won the match with Van Dam 's help as he hit a Van Daminator on Rhino before Sabu hit the Arabian Skullcrusher on Rhino through the table for the victory .

The Raw crusaders , which included Eric Bischoff , Jonathan Coachman , Edge , Christian , Tyson Tomko , Snitsky , La Résistance and William Regal , entered the building . Chris Benoit versus Eddie Guerrero followed , with Benoit making Guerrero tap out with the Crippler Crossface . During this match , several anti @-@ Lita chants could be heard , including " Lita 's Got Herpes " and " I Fucked Lita " . After the Benoit versus Guerrero match was over , Gertner again tried to interview the crusaders and begged Bischoff for a job . He was not successful , and Bischoff poured his drink over Gertner , saying , " ECW Sucks " .

Mike Awesome versus Masato Tanaka followed , and Joey Styles made comments during the match about Awesome over his controversial departure from ECW . At one point , after Awesome hit a high @-@ flying suicide dive , Styles said , " And it 's a shame he didn 't succeed in taking his own life . " Nearly two years after the match , Awesome committed suicide . Styles has confirmed that this comment , as well as several other comments he made , were actually shoots . He said if the Original ECW was ending he was " going to say whatever the hell I wanted . " Awesome won the match after powerbombing Tanaka through a table on the outside of the ring and followed it with a Suicide Dive , getting the pinfall .

ECW booker Paul Heyman then cut a promo in the ring , with the crowd chanting , " Thank You Paul " and rising for a standing ovation . After thanking several people , including Tod Gordon , Heyman turned his attention to the Raw and SmackDown ! invaders . He first spoke to Eric Bischoff , stating that Bischoff was in " our (ECW 's) house " . Heyman turned to Edge and said , " Hide your wives , its Edge " . Heyman shouted at Edge , " Matt ' Freaking ' Hardy " , a reference to his legitimate heat with the wrestler who was not contracted with WWE at the time . A huge " We Want Matt " broke out in the Hammerstein Ballroom . He then commented that the only reason JBL was WWE Champion for a year was because Triple H did not want to work Tuesdays (a reference to the day SmackDown ! is taped) .

The Dudley Boyz then faced Tommy Dreamer and The Sandman in the main event . As the match was about to begin , the bWo , a stable consisting of Hollywood Nova , Stevie Richards and The Blue Meanie entered the ring . Kid Kash interfered , and Balls Mahoney and Axl Rotten then came to the ring with steel chairs and took out the bWo . They attacked all three members of the bWo before hitting Nova with a steel chair twice . Styles made a reference to Simon Dean , the character Nova played with WWE , by stating " That 's more painful than being Simon Dean on national TV . " When the match eventually started , it involved trash cans , cheese graters and street signs . The Impact Players interfered , attacking Dreamer and Sandman . Francine , Dreamer 's former manager , entered the ring and delivered a low blow to Dreamer . Dreamer 's other valet and real life wife , Beulah McGillicutty , returned to wrestling for the first time in over seven years , sparking a catfight with Francine . The Dudley Boyz eventually won with the help of Spike Dudley , who had just turned heel . They sent Dreamer through a flaming table with a Powerbomb to get the victory . The Dudleyz attempted to attack McGillicutty before Sandman attacked them with a Singapore cane . Sandman shouted for a beer repeatedly . Stone Cold Steve Austin then made his way to the ring , with the ECW Originals coming out moments later . Austin referenced his time in ECW and then asked the crusaders to come to the ring . A huge brawl occurred , with the Originals fighting the Crusaders . The crowd chanted " We Want Taz " , which brought Taz to the ring and he then locked Kurt Angle in the Tazmission . During the brawl , JBL legitimately attacked Blue Meanie , causing him to bleed . The Originals came out on top , as The Dudley Boyz hit the Dudley Death Drop on the Crusaders ' leader , Benoit hit Bischoff with a diving headbutt and Mysterio hitting the 619 on the Raw General Manager . Austin asked for Bischoff 's thoughts on the event while on the ground , and Bischoff replied , " Fuck ECW " . Austin then hit the Stone Cold Stunner on Bischoff to end the show .

After the show went off the air , the ECW wrestlers left the ring one at a time , but Dreamer stayed in the ring . He bowed to the ECW logo as the crowd chanted , " Thank You Tommy " . The Dudley Boyz came back to the ring and hugged Dreamer , with Bubba Ray saying to Dreamer , " This is all

for you " .

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