

= Survivor Series ( 1993 ) =

Survivor Series ( 1993 ) was the seventh annual Survivor Series pay @-@ per @-@ view professional wrestling event produced by the World Wrestling Federation ( WWF ) . It took place on Thanksgiving Eve , November 24 , 1993 , at the Boston Garden in Boston , Massachusetts .

The event consisted of four tag @-@ team elimination matches and a bout for the Smoky Mountain Wrestling Tag Team Championship . The main event match saw the All @-@ Americans , a team of face wrestlers from the United States , competing against the Foreign Fanatics , a team of heels that represented other countries . The All @-@ Americans won the match when Lex Luger was the last man remaining . In an undercard match , four members of the Hart family competed against Shawn Michaels and a group of masked men . The original plan was for the Harts to face Jerry Lawler , with whom they were feuding , but Lawler was not able to appear at the event . The Harts won the match , but a confrontation between Bret Hart and Owen Hart after the match led to Owen turning against the family the following year .

The majority of the feuds remained unresolved and carried on to future events . Bam Bam Bigelow was scheduled to face his main rival , Doink the Clown , but Bigelow 's team ended up facing four other wrestlers wearing clown makeup instead . Matches from the Survivor Series also helped set up feuds for Royal Rumble 1994 , the WWF 's next pay @-@ per @-@ view . Razor Ramon 's rivalry with Irwin R. Schyster intensified at Survivor Series and led to Ramon defending his WWF Intercontinental Championship against Schyster at the Royal Rumble . This event also marked the beginning of The Undertaker 's feud with Yokozuna , and Yokozuna defended his WWF Championship against The Undertaker at the Royal Rumble .

= = Background = =

Several feuds surrounded the opening match , which saw the team of Razor Ramon , Marty Jannetty , the 1 ? 2 ? 3 Kid and Mr. Perfect face the team of Irwin R. Schyster ( I.R.S. ) , Diesel , Rick Martel , and Adam Bomb . Diesel made his WWF debut on June 6 , 1993 as a bodyguard for Shawn Michaels in a match between Michaels and Jannetty . Diesel 's interference in the match helped Michaels to defeat Jannetty and win the WWF Intercontinental Championship . Diesel was also at ringside to help Michaels when Michaels faced Mr. Perfect for the title belt at SummerSlam 1993 . Diesel attacked Perfect on multiple occasions during the match and ultimately caused Perfect to lose the match via countout . In September 1993 , Michaels was stripped of the Intercontinental Championship by WWF President Jack Tunney . A battle royal was scheduled to determine the top two contenders for the championship . Ramon and Martel were the last two wrestlers in the ring , and they faced each other in a title match on the September 27 episode of Monday Night Raw . Ramon won the match and was awarded the championship belt .

Schyster had initiated a feud with Ramon in May 1993 after Ramon lost a match to The Kid ( later the 1 ? 2 ? 3 Kid ) , who was competing as a jobber at the time . Schyster and his tag team partner Ted DiBiase made fun of Ramon for the loss and offered him a job as a servant . In response , Ramon teamed with the 1 ? 2 ? 3 Kid for a series of matches against Schyster and DiBiase , and he also distracted Schyster during a match and caused him to lose to jobber P.J. Walker . Adam Bomb was not involved in any feuds with his opponents at Survivor Series , but there was animosity between Bomb and his teammate Rick Martel . Bomb 's manager , Harvey Wippleman , was at ringside to help Martel in a match against Ramon . Wippleman was standing in the way of the match , and Martel ran in to him . While Martel was distracted , Ramon pinned him to win the match . Martel then yelled at Wippleman and pushed him . Bomb came to the ring to defend his manager , and an argument ensued until Diesel and Schyster came to the ring to calm their teammates .

Jerry Lawler spent much of 1993 building a feud with the Hart family . Lawler had been using the nickname " The King " since defeating Jackie Fargo for the AWA Southern Heavyweight Championship in 1974 . After Bret Hart won the WWF 's 1993 King of the Ring tournament , Lawler confronted him and claimed to be the only king in the WWF . Lawler then attacked Hart from behind , hitting Hart with the scepter and throne that had been set up for the coronation ceremony . The

feud escalated when Lawler involved Helen and Stu Hart , Bret 's parents , by insulting them while serving as commentator for WWF television programs . In what was billed as a " Family Feud " match , Bret Hart was joined by his brother Owen , who also worked for the WWF at the time , as well as his brothers Bruce and Keith , both of whom had also wrestled professionally . Lawler 's partners were three masked wrestlers known only as the Blue Knight , the Red Knight , and the Black Knight .

Lawler was unable to appear at the event , however , as he was indicted after being accused of raping and sodomizing a teenage girl , who later admitted to making up the story . Shawn Michaels , who replaced Lawler in the match , also had a rivalry with Bret Hart dating back to the previous year . Hart , who held the Intercontinental Championship for much of 1992 , defended the belt against Michaels many times , including in the WWF 's first ladder match . They had also wrestled each other in the main event of Survivor Series 1992 , when Hart defended his newly @-@ won WWF Championship against Michaels .

The Smoky Mountain Wrestling Tag Team Championship was defended at Survivor Series as part of a working agreement between WWF owner Vince McMahon and Smoky Mountain Wrestling ( SMW ) owner Jim Cornette . The Rock ' n ' Roll Express , who held the belts going into the event , had been feuding with The Heavenly Bodies over the title for over a year . The rivalry had been violent at times , including a barbed wire cage match and a Texas deathmatch .

Doink the Clown had annoyed Bam Bam Bigelow throughout October and November with such pranks as throwing water and confetti on him and dumping a pail of water on Bigelow 's on @-@ screen girlfriend Luna Vachon . He also tied a tripwire across the aisle during one of Bigelow 's matches ; after Bigelow fell over the wire , Doink attacked him with a broom . Bigelow responded by coming to the ring during one of Doink 's matches and destroying Doink 's toy wagon . The character of Doink was played by several wrestlers , who occasionally appeared at the same time . The match booked for Survivor Series advertised Bigelow teaming with Bastion Booger , who portrayed an overweight and dirty glutton , and The Headshrinkers ( Samu and Fatu ) , a team of Samoans who were portrayed as savages , to face four Doinks . To promote the match , Doink appeared on the video wall that was part of the set during Bigelow 's matches leading up to the event . The wall used a split screen to show multiple Doinks talking and laughing at the same time .

In the main event , the team of the All @-@ Americans , which consisted of Lex Luger , Tatanka , and the Steiner Brothers ( Rick and Scott Steiner ) faced the Foreign Fanatics , which consisted of Yokozuna , Ludvig Borga , and The Quebecers ( Jacques and Pierre ) . The main storyline behind the match began that summer when Yokozuna , a Japanese sumo wrestler , challenged any American athlete to bodyslam him on the deck of the USS Intrepid during an event on Independence Day . After several challengers were unable to lift Yokozuna , Luger arrived via helicopter and successfully performed what was termed " the bodyslam heard around the world " . Luger was granted a match for Yokozuna 's WWF Championship at SummerSlam . Luger got a victory via countout but did not win the title . In the dressing room after the match , Borga , a Finnish wrestler , interrupted Luger 's celebration by criticizing Luger and initiating a new feud .

The Steiner Brothers spent the fall 1993 feuding with The Quebecers , a Canadian tag team . They had faced each other several times since The Quebecers had won the WWF Tag Team Championship from the Steiners on September 13 . Since arriving in the WWF , Tatanka had been on a two @-@ year winning streak . Borga ended the streak on the October 30 , 1993 episode of WWF Superstars by pinning Tatanka after hitting him with a chair . After the match , Borga and Yokozuna attacked Tatanka , causing kayfabe injuries that forced Tatanka to withdraw from the match at Survivor Series . The All @-@ Americans recruited The Undertaker to replace Tatanka . On the November 15 episode of Monday Night Raw , Luger defeated Pierre ; as a result of a kayfabe injury in the match , the Foreign Fanatics had to replace Pierre with Crush , the sole American of the team .

Crush was feuding with Randy Savage going into the event . They had been on @-@ screen friends , but Crush was angry that Savage had not saved him from an attack by Yokozuna on the July 12 , 1993 episode of Monday Night Raw . To make his injuries seem real , Crush did not appear on WWF television programming for several months . He made his return on October 18 ,

accompanied by Yokozuna 's manager , Mr. Fuji , claiming that they sympathized with Crush 's sense of betrayal by Savage . Savage tried to make amends with Crush , who then attacked Savage and announced that he had turned against Savage and the United States and was aligning himself with Yokozuna , Fuji , and Japan .

= = Event = =

Prior to the televised broadcast , Billy Gunn defeated The Brooklyn Brawler in a dark match . The first match on the pay @-@ per @-@ view event saw Razor Ramon , Randy Savage , the 1 ? 2 ? 3 Kid , and Marty Jannetty face Diesel , Irwin R. Schyster , Rick Martel , and Adam Bomb . Prior to the match , Ramon announced that Savage was taking the place of Perfect , who was unable to appear . Martel and Ramon began the match in the ring , but Martel soon tagged out to bring Bomb into the match . Ramon performed a suplex on Bomb and attempted to pin his opponent . Martel tried to rescue his partner but ended up hitting Bomb instead and causing an argument . The 1 ? 2 ? 3 Kid entered the match but was overpowered by Bomb and Diesel . After the Kid tagged out , Savage performed a diving elbow drop on Diesel before getting the pinfall to eliminate Diesel from the match . Ramon was attacked by his opponents but eventually tagged Savage back into the match . Savage got distracted when Crush appeared in the aisle , however , which allowed Schyster to eliminate him from the match . Ramon then performed a Razor 's Edge on Schyster and pinned him . Ramon attempted the same move on Martel , but Schyster snuck back into the ring and hit Ramon with a briefcase . Ramon fell out of the ring and was counted out of the match . The remaining four wrestlers fought back and forth , but the 1 ? 2 ? 3 Kid eventually pinned Martel after a sunset flip . Almost immediately , Jannetty performed a sunset flip on Bomb to win the match for his team .

The next bout was the " Family Feud " match that saw the Hart brothers ( Bret , Owen , Bruce , and Keith ) facing Shawn Michaels and His Knights . The knights wore masks to hide their identities , but it has been revealed that Jeff Gaylord was the Black Knight , Greg Valentine was the Blue Knight , and Barry Horowitz was the Red Knight . Ray Combs , then host of Family Feud , told jokes to insult Shawn Michaels prior to the bout and later served as guest commentator for the match . Michaels began the match by wrestling Bruce Hart . Although Michaels was able to go on the offensive against the Hart brothers , the knights were unable to achieve much success against the Harts . At one point , all four wrestlers brawled in the ring , but Owen was able to eliminate the Black Knight after performing a missile dropkick . Michaels and the knights regained control of the match , but Bret turned things around by eliminating the Red Knight via submission to the Sharpshooter . Bret sustained a kayfabe injury after being thrown out of the ring and sat out of the match for a few minutes . Meanwhile , Michaels provoked Stu Hart into punching him . Inside the ring , Owen forced the Blue Knight to submit to the Sharpshooter , which left Michaels by himself . While Bret was standing on the ring apron , however , Owen ran in to him and got distracted . This allowed Michaels to pin Owen and eliminate him from the match . Bret dominated the rest of the match against Michaels until Michaels walked back to the locker room . As a result , Michaels was counted out , and the Harts won the match . After the match , Owen returned to the ring and yelled at Bret , blaming Bret for causing him to be eliminated from the match .

All four men began the SMW Tag Team Championship match in the ring . The Rock ' n ' Roll Express ( Ricky Morton and Robert Gibson ) controlled most of the opening of the match with aerial maneuvers against The Heavenly Bodies ( Jimmy Del Ray and Tom Pritchard ) . Del Ray tried to help his partner but superkicked him instead . The Heavenly Bodies gained the advantage after Pritchard performed a powerbomb on Morton , which Del Ray followed with a moonsault . Del Ray and Morton fought back and forth , with Del Ray performing another moonsault and Morton executing a hurricanrana . After all four wrestlers brawled in the ring once more , Del Ray hit Gibson in the back with a tennis racquet . Pritchard then pinned Gibson to win the belts for The Heavenly Bodies .

The next match pitted Bam Bam Bigelow , Bastion Booger and The Headshrinkers ( accompanied by Luna Vachon and Afa ) against a team calling themselves the Four Doinks . After Bigelow 's team was introduced , Doink the Clown 's theme song began to play , but immediately switched to the

theme of The Bushwhackers and Howard Finkel introduced the pair as Luke Doink and Butch Doink as they came down wearing clown wigs , with Luke riding a scooter and Butch pulling a wagon . As the fans waited to see who would be the other two Doinks , the intro to Doink 's theme played again and the two Doinks were joined by Mabel Doink and Mo Doink with their rapping manager Oscar Doink ; as they came to the ring they were referred to by Bobby Heenan as " Doinks on a Mission " .

Headshrinker Samu was eliminated first after he bit several of the balloons being carried by his opponents . He was purposely offered one more balloon by the Doinks , which he willfully bit into . Samu was stunned to find out that the balloon was full of water , which caused him to stumble back in surprise and Luke rolled him up and pinned him . Later , Booger has a chance to pin Luke after he hit the Trip to the Batcave on him . However , Booger got off of Luke and went to the corner where Headshrinker Fatu offered him a banana . As Booger was looking to perform the move again , his teammates dragged him away and Booger landed on his knees . Luke and Butch performed their trademark battering ram on Booger . Mabel then executed a leg drop on Booger and pinned him . Down four wrestlers to two , Bigelow 's team appeared to be making a comeback when Fatu began taking down his opponents with the carcass of a turkey that Afa had been eating from the entire match . He then performed a top rope splash onto Mo . Fatu got distracted , however , and examined a banana peel with curiosity . Butch entered the ring with a bucket and faked out Fatu by making like he was going to toss the contents of the bucket onto him . This resulted in Fatu slipping on the banana peel , and Butch pinned him to eliminate him from the match . Left by himself , Bigelow began brutally attacking three of the Doinks and seemed to get the upper hand when Mabel entered the ring and Bigelow was unable to do much to him . Meanwhile , Butch dumped a bucket of confetti all over Luna , which caused Bigelow to become momentarily distracted and Mabel and Mo sandwiched him in the corner . Bigelow fell , Mabel performed a splash on him , and the referee counted the pin as the other three Doinks piled on . After the match , the real Doink the Clown appeared on the video screen to taunt Bigelow .

In the final match of the evening , The All @-@ Americans , consisting of Lex Luger , The Undertaker , and The Steiner Brothers ( Rick and Scott ) , competed against the Foreign Fanatics ( Yokozuna , Ludvig Borga , Quebecer Jacques , and Crush ) . Scott Steiner and Jacques began the match , but Scott soon tagged in his brother Rick . Rick knocked Yokozuna out of the ring , but he was unable to perform much offense against Borga . Rick attempted a crossbody , during which Borga was supposed to catch him . Borga botched the move , but he pinned Rick anyway to eliminate him from the match . Crush faced Scott Steiner inside the ring , but Randy Savage then appeared in the aisle trying to get to the ring but was restrained by officials and The Smoking Gunns . Scott knocked Crush out of the ring , and Crush fought with Savage until being counted out of the match . Scott then turned his attention to Jacques before tagging Luger into the match . Luger eliminated Jacques with an elbow drop and a pinfall . Scott Steiner re @-@ entered the match and executed a superplex on Borga . When he tried to pin Borga , however , Yokozuna entered the ring . Yokozuna performed a leg drop on Steiner and pinned him to even the match at two wrestlers each . Luger fought with Borga and Yokozuna before tagging The Undertaker into the match . The Undertaker gained control of the match , but Yokozuna turned the momentum around by performing his signature move , the Banzai drop , on The Undertaker . When he attempted the move a second time , The Undertaker sat up . The two men then fought outside the ring until both were counted out and eliminated from the match . Luger and Borga then fought back and forth until Luger performed a running forearm smash and pinned Borga to win the match . After the match , Santa Claus came to the ring to celebrate with Luger .

= = Aftermath = =

Razor Ramon continued with two of his feuds after Survivor Series . Irwin R. Schyster stole Ramon 's gold chains , which set up a match for the Intercontinental Championship at Royal Rumble 1994 . Despite interference from Shawn Michaels , Ramon pinned Schyster to retain the title . Michaels and Ramon then faced each other at WrestleMania X. Diesel got involved , but Ramon won the match .

Ramon then defended his title against Diesel on April 13 , 1994 . Diesel won the match and became the new WWF Intercontinental Champion . Ramon regained the belt in a rematch at SummerSlam 1994 , however . Meanwhile , the 1 ? 2 ? 3 Kid and Marty Jannetty continued with their push from the promotion and won the WWF Tag Team Championship on January 10 , 1994 .

Owen Hart challenged Bret Hart to a match after Survivor Series , but Bret refused to fight his brother . The two reunited to face The Quebecers for the Tag Team Championship at Royal Rumble 1994 . Bret sustained a kayfabe injury during the match , which forced the referee to stop the match . Owen blamed Bret for the loss and attacked him after the match . They faced each other at WrestleMania X , where Owen defeated Bret . The rivalry continued , however , and the brothers feuded throughout 1994 and into 1995 . Bret 's feud with Lawler remained , but the two did not face each other again until In Your House 1 in May 1995 . The feud was reignited at that time , and they feuded at several pay @-@ per @-@ view events in 1995 .

Bam Bam Bigelow 's feud with Doink the Clown remained unresolved for several months . They were in the ring at the same time during the main event of the 1994 Royal Rumble , which was a battle royal @-@ style match . Bigelow attacked Doink and eliminated him from the match . The blow off match came at WrestleMania X , where Doink and his midget sidekick Dink faced Bigelow and his girlfriend Luna Vachon in a mixed tag team match . Bigelow and Vachon won the match to settle the feud .

The Steiner Brothers continued to challenge The Quebecers , but they were unable to regain the Tag Team Championship . As a result of their confrontation at Survivor Series , The Undertaker and Yokozuna faced each other at Royal Rumble 1994 in a casket match for Yokozuna 's WWF Championship . Mr. Fuji , Yokozuna 's manager , recruited several heel wrestlers to help Yokozuna win the match . The Undertaker supposedly died and disappeared from the WWF for several months , although , in reality , he was simply recovering from injuries . He resumed the feud with Yokozuna upon his return , however , and defeated Yokozuna in a casket match at Survivor Series 1994 . Luger also continued his rivalry with Yokozuna . As a co @-@ winner of the 1994 Royal Rumble match , Luger was granted a shot at Yokozuna 's WWF Championship . Mr. Perfect , who had returned to the WWF , was the referee for the match and turned heel by disqualifying Luger during the match .

Ludvig Borga was scheduled to continue his feud with Tatanka in a match at Royal Rumble 1994 . Borga sustained a legitimate ankle injury , however , and never returned to the WWF . WWF writers had also planned to have Borga feud with Luger , but they were forced to drop the storyline because of Borga 's departure .

Crush and Randy Savage also continued their feud . They fought each other during the battle royal at Royal Rumble 1994 until Crush eliminated Savage . To end the rivalry , they faced each other in a Falls Count Anywhere match at WrestleMania X , which Savage won .

= = = Reception = = =

The attendance for the event was 15 @,@ 509 , which generated \$ 180 @,@ 000 in ticket sales . This was the lowest attendance for a Survivor Series event since 1989 . The pay @-@ per @-@ view buyrate was 0 @.@ 82 , down from 1 @.@ 4 the previous year , and was the lowest buyrate in Survivor Series history to that point .

The event has been rated by several sources . Adam Gutschmidt , writing for Online Onslaught , stated that " many of the substitutions hurt the matches " and that " the main event was bland " . The Other Arena opined that the Four Doinks match was the worst on the card and that the confrontation between Lex Luger and Ludvig Borga was boring . Scott Criscuolo and Justin Rozzero reviewed the event for The History of WWE . Both writers gave Survivor Series 1993 a " C " rating and viewed the Family Feud match as the worst on the card . Matt Peddycord , writing for 411mania.com , gave the event a 5 @.@ 5 out of 10 rating . He pointed to the crowd 's chant of " We want Doink ! " as evidence that fans were upset by the Four Doinks match .

Survivor Series 1993 was released on VHS by Coliseum Video on December 15 , 1993 in North America . It was released in the United Kingdom by Silver Vision ; the VHS version was released on

March 14 , 1994 , and the DVD was released as part of the WWE Tagged Classics line ( packaged together with Survivor Series 1994 ) on September 4 , 2006 .

= = Results = =

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