

= Survivor Series ( 2004 ) =

Survivor Series ( 2004 ) was the 18th annual Survivor Series professional wrestling pay @-@ per @-@ view event produced by World Wrestling Entertainment ( WWE ) . It was presented by Microsoft 's Xbox and took place on November 14 , 2004 , at the Gund Arena in Cleveland , Ohio and starred talent from both the Raw and SmackDown ! brands .

The main match on the Raw brand was a 4 on 4 Survivor Series match , a type of elimination match , between Team Orton ( Randy Orton , Chris Benoit , Chris Jericho , and Maven ) and Team Triple H ( Triple H , Edge , Batista , and Snitsky ) , which Team Orton won after Orton last eliminated Triple H. The predominant match on the SmackDown ! brand was John " Bradshaw " Layfield ( JBL ) versus Booker T for the WWE Championship , which JBL won by pinfall after hitting Booker with the title belt . The primary match on the undercard was a 4 on 4 Survivor Series match between Team Guerrero ( Eddie Guerrero , The Big Show , Rob Van Dam , and John Cena ) and Team Angle ( Kurt Angle , Carlito , Luther Reigns and Mark Jindrak ) , which Team Guerrero won after Big Show last eliminated Angle .

Several of the existing feuds carried on following the event . Triple H continued feuding with Randy Orton , and at New Year 's Revolution in January , Triple H last eliminated Orton in an Elimination Chamber match to win the vacant World Heavyweight Championship . John " Bradshaw " Layfield also continued his feud with Booker T , defeating him , Eddie Guerrero , and The Undertaker at Armageddon . Following the event , Carlito sustained a legitimate injury and lost the WWE United States Championship to John Cena , with whom he was in a storyline .

= = Background = =

The event featured seven professional wrestling matches with outcomes predetermined by WWE script writers . The matches featured wrestlers portraying their characters in planned storylines that took place before , during and after the event . All wrestlers were from one of the WWE 's brands ? SmackDown and Raw ? the two storyline divisions in which WWE assigned its employees .

The main feud on the Raw brand was between Team Orton ( Randy Orton , Chris Benoit , Chris Jericho and Maven ) and Team Triple H ( Triple H , Edge , Batista and Snitsky ) . On the October 25 , 2004 episode of Raw , Evolution ( Triple H , Ric Flair and Batista ) were put in charge of Raw , after General Manager Eric Bischoff took the night off . Triple H granted Flair the match of his choice ; Flair wanted a rematch with Orton , as he lost a Steel Cage match to Orton at Taboo Tuesday . Orton accepted Flair 's challenge , with a stipulation that if he defeated Flair he would get an opportunity to face Triple H for the World Heavyweight Championship at Survivor Series . Orton , however , lost the match after interference by Triple H , giving the win to Flair , so Orton did not receive an opportunity for the World Heavyweight title . On the November 1 episode of Raw , General Manager Eric Bischoff scheduled a traditional 8 @-@ man elimination tag team match between Orton , Jericho , Maven and Benoit and Triple H , Batista , Edge and Snitsky at Survivor Series . The winning team at Survivor Series would be granted absolute control of running Raw for a month . The following week , Bischoff concluded with adding that the winning members at Survivor Series would all get a week to be in charge of Raw . That same night , Edge and Chris Benoit were scheduled in a match , where Triple H , Batista , Orton , Jericho and Maven came out to ringside to watch the match . At ringside , a fight broke out between Triple H and Orton 's team , which caused the match to end in a No Contest .

The predominant feud on the SmackDown ! brand was between John " Bradshaw " Layfield ( JBL ) versus Booker T , with the two battling over JBL 's WWE Championship . On the October 21 , 2004 episode of SmackDown ! , SmackDown ! General Manager Theodore Long booked a six @-@ man tag team match involving Booker T , Rob Van Dam , and Rey Mysterio taking on JBL , Kenzo Suzuki , and René Duprée . At the time , Booker T was a heel and congratulated JBL 's success with the company in a segment backstage . The tag team match got underway , and JBL was led to believe that Booker T was going to betray Van Dam and Mysterio , as Booker T warned both Van Dam and Mysterio not to interfere with him during the match . The match concluded with Booker T pinning

JBL after an axe kick , thus turning Booker face . The following week on SmackDown ! , Booker T defeated Orlando Jordan to earn the right to face JBL for the WWE Championship at Survivor Series . On the November 4 episode of SmackDown ! , JBL interfered in a match between Booker T and Orlando Jordan , which ended in a disqualification , giving Booker T the win . After the disqualification by JBL , Theodore Long scheduled a tag team match between Booker T and Josh Matthews versus JBL and Orlando Jordan . The tag team victory was given to Booker T and Matthews , as Booker pinned Jordan for the win .

One of the primary matches on the SmackDown ! brand was between Team Guerrero ( Eddie Guerrero , The Big Show , Rob Van Dam and John Cena ) versus Team Angle ( Kurt Angle , Carlito , Luther Reigns and Mark Jindrak ) . On the October 28 , 2004 episode of SmackDown , Theodore Long booked a 4 @-@ on @-@ 4 Survivor Series elimination match between Team Guerrero , Big Show , Van Dam , and Rey Mysterio against Team Angle , Carlito , Reigns and Jindrak . The following week , however , Mysterio was removed from the elimination match , as Long booked Mysterio in a Fatal Four @-@ Way match for the WWE Cruiserweight Championship . Guerrero was given a week to choose a member for his team at Survivor Series . On the November 11 episode of SmackDown ! , Guerrero announced that John Cena , who was recovering from a storyline injury , would be joining his team at Survivor Series .

= = Event = =

Before the event went live on pay @-@ per @-@ view , World Tag Team Champions La Résistance ( Sylvan Grenier and Robért Conway ) defeated The Hurricane and Rosey in a non @-@ title match shown live on Sunday Night Heat .

= = = Preliminary matches = = =

The first match that aired was a Fatal Four @-@ Way match for the WWE Cruiserweight Championship between Spike Dudley , Billy Kidman , Chavo Guerrero , and Rey Mysterio . After back and forth action , Spike pinned Chavo , after Billy Kidman performed a springboard leg drop on Chavo , to retain the WWE Cruiserweight Championship .

Next was a match between Shelton Benjamin and Christian for the WWE Intercontinental Championship . During the match , Benjamin got up on the ring apron and tried to take out Tyson Tomko , who accompanied Christian to the match , but Christian ran and launched Benjamin him off , sending Benjamin to the outside . Control of the match went back and forth , but the bout came to an end when Benjamin pinned Christian after a T @-@ Bone Suplex .

The third match of the night was the SmackDown ! Survivor Series match with Team Guerrero ( Eddie Guerrero , The Big Show , Rob Van Dam , and John Cena ) versus Team Angle ( Kurt Angle , Mark Jindrak , Luther Reigns , and Carlito ) . Carlito was the first competitor eliminated , as he was chased from the arena by John Cena before the match began . Rob Van Dam was then eliminated by Kurt Angle after a pinfall with a roll @-@ up using the ropes for leverage . Mark Jindrak was then eliminated by Eddie Guerrero , as Guerrero gained a pinfall similar to Angle eliminating Van Dam . Luther Reigns was eliminated from the match , after a Big Show performed a chokeslam . Angle was the final member eliminated from his team , after an FU by Cena and a frog splash by Guerrero , which led to Big Show covering Angle for the pinfall victory for Team Guerrero .

= = = Main event matches = = =

The fourth match was the bout between The Undertaker and Heidenreich . Both the Undertaker and Heidenreich managed to get the upper hand in the match . During the match , Paul Heyman interfered on behalf of Heidenreich . As Undertaker connected with a chokeslam on Heidenreich , he proceeded to perform a Tombstone Piledriver and pinned Heidenreich for the pinfall victory .

The fifth match was the encounter between Trish Stratus and Lita for the WWE Women 's Championship . The match saw Stratus smash Lita 's head on the Raw announcers ' table . Lita ,

however , responded by hitting Stratus with a steel chair . As a result , Lita was disqualified , and Stratus retained the Women 's Championship .

The sixth match was for the WWE Championship between John " Bradshaw " Layfield ( JBL ) and Booker T. The match saw both men take the advantage over one another . Orlando Jordan interfered several times by attacking Booker T. During the match , the referee was knocked out by JBL . Booker T managed to perform the scissors kick on JBL , as a new referee came down to the ring to officiate the match . Jordan , however , removed JBL from the ring and tried to hit Booker T with the WWE Championship title belt . Booker T countered by performing the Book End on Jordan . JBL then grabbed the belt , hit Booker T with it , and pinned him to retain the WWE Championship .

The final match was the Survivor Series match between Team Orton ( Randy Orton , Chris Benoit , Chris Jericho , and Maven ) versus Team Triple H ( Triple H , Batista , Edge , and Snitsky ) . Maven , however , was attacked backstage by Snitsky and removed from the elimination match . Chris Benoit was the first man to be eliminated , as he was pinned by Edge , after Triple H performed the Pedigree . Batista was then eliminated by Chris Jericho , after Randy Orton hit Batista with the World Heavyweight title belt and a running enziguri by Jericho . Snitsky was disqualified and eliminated from the match for hitting Maven , who had returned to the ring for the match . Maven was the second eliminated member of Team Orton , as he was pinned by Triple H. Jericho was the next member eliminated , after a spear from Edge . Orton eliminated Edge , after he performed an RKO for the elimination . Triple H was the final member eliminated from his team , after an RKO by Orton for the pinfall victory for Team Orton .

= = Aftermath = =

As Team Orton ( Randy Orton , Chris Benoit , Chris Jericho and Maven ) defeated Team Triple H ( Triple H , Edge , Batista and Snitsky ) at Survivor Series , they were given the opportunity to be in charge of Raw for a month ; On the November 29 episode of Raw , Randy Orton was in charge and scheduled a World Heavyweight title Battle Royal . WWE Chairman Vince McMahon , however , overruled the Battle Royal match and instead booked Triple H to face the winner of the Battle Royal . The battle royal match saw Chris Benoit and Edge , as the final two participants , going over the top rope at the same time , ostensibly ending the match . Orton , acting as General Manager , booked a Triple Threat match between Benoit , Edge , and Triple H for the World Heavyweight title . The match resulted in Benoit applying the Crossface on Edge , only for Edge to manage to roll Benoit over , while the Crossface was still locked in , causing Benoit 's shoulders to touch the mat . The referee began counting , which moments later led to Edge to submit to the maneuver . The following week , with Chris Jericho in charge , Vince McMahon vacated the World Heavyweight title , concluding the match ended in a tie . On the December 13 episode of Raw , Eric Bischoff , who had resumed his position as General Manager , scheduled an Elimination Chamber match between Triple H , Edge , Benoit , Chris Jericho , Orton and Batista at New Year 's Revolution for the vacant World Heavyweight title . The following week , Bischoff concluded with adding a Special Guest Referee for the Elimination Chamber : Shawn Michaels . At New Year 's Revolution , Triple H won the Elimination Chamber to begin his tenth world title reign .

After retaining the WWE Championship against Booker T , John " Bradshaw " Layfield ( JBL ) was inserted into previous feuds with Eddie Guerrero , Booker T , and The Undertaker . The feud led to SmackDown ! General Manager Theodore Long to book a Fatal Four @-@ Way match at Armageddon in December . The match was won by JBL , as he pinned Booker T after a Clothesline from Hell and successfully retained the title .

In October , John Cena lost the WWE United States Championship to Carlito Caribbean Cool , who debuted on SmackDown ! . As part of the storyline , Carlito 's bodyguard , Jesús , stabbed Cena in the kidney while at a nightclub . On the November 18 episode of SmackDown ! , Cena regained the United States Championship by defeating Carlito . Cena also debuted a " custom made " spinner @-@ style title belt .

= = Results = =

== Survivor Series elimination matches ==