

= SummerSlam (1992) =

SummerSlam (1992) was the fifth annual SummerSlam professional wrestling pay @-@ per @-@ view event produced by the World Wrestling Federation (WWF) . It took place on August 29 , 1992 , at Wembley Stadium , London , England but was aired in the United States on August 31 . The buildup to the pay @-@ per @-@ view consisted of feuds scripted by the WWF 's writers . To date it is the only major WWF pay @-@ per @-@ view to take place outside North America .

The pay @-@ per @-@ view featured two main @-@ event matches . In the first , The Ultimate Warrior challenged Randy Savage for the WWF World Heavyweight Championship . The Warrior won the match by countout but did not win the title . In the other main event , The " British Bulldog " Davey Boy Smith pinned Bret Hart to win the WWF Intercontinental Championship . The WWF Tag Team Championship was also defended , as The Natural Disasters retained the championship belts in their match against the Beverly Brothers . One of the heavily promoted matches on the undercard was between Shawn Michaels and Rick Martel . The match , which had a special stipulation that the wrestlers could not hit each other in the face , ended in a double countout .

The WWE considers the crowd to be the fourth largest live audience ever to attend a WWF / E event , with 80 @,@ 355 in attendance ; WrestleMania 29 in 2013 is reported as having 80 @,@ 676 fans in attendance , WrestleMania III in 1987 is reported as having 93 @,@ 173 fans in attendance and WrestleMania 32 in 2016 is reported as having 101 @,@ 763 fans in attendance . Some writers believe that the WWF inflated the attendance figure for WrestleMania III , however , and that SummerSlam 1992 had a larger crowd . Between ticket prices and merchandise sales , the WWF made over \$ 3 @,@ 650 @,@ 000 in revenue . Reviews of the event are almost all positive , and the Smith @-@ Hart match has been rated the best match in SummerSlam history .

= = Background = =

SummerSlam 1992 was originally intended to take place in Washington , D.C .. The WWF decided to move the event to Wembley Stadium in London , England due to the company 's growing popularity and the possibility of increasing the revenue from the event . Although the writers ' plans originally called for Shawn Michaels to win the Intercontinental Championship from Bret Hart , the storyline was adjusted due to the change of venue . As a result , " The British Bulldog " Davey Boy Smith , a native of Wigan , a working @-@ class town in the north of England , was chosen to win the belt .

Accordingly , one of the main events was the Intercontinental Championship match between Bret Hart and Davey Boy Smith , brothers @-@ in @-@ law in real life as Smith was married to Diana Hart , Bret 's sister . On television broadcasts leading up to SummerSlam , interviews with Diana and her mother Helen portrayed the family as being torn apart by the upcoming match . Bruce Hart publicly supported Smith , while Owen Hart sided with his brother Bret . Diana stated that she did not know who she wanted to win the match , as she had close ties to both men . She ultimately stated that she simply hoped that neither wrestler would get hurt . Prior to the match , Smith was hospitalized with a legitimate staph infection in his knee , which he suffered during a match with Mike Sharpe on July 20 in Worcester , Massachusetts (the fact was revealed by his wife Diana years later on the Hart & Soul documentary) ; despite the concerns about his health , he decided to wrestle the match as planned . Bret Hart later revealed in an interview that he doubted the legitimacy of the injury and that he believed Davey Boy in fact had a drug problem and that in the two months prior to their match he could not contact him to sort out what they were going to do at Wembley , and when they finally got to the stadium Smith revealed that he had not slept in over 48 hours . However , Hart also stated that as bad as Smith 's personal issues were , he " sucked it up " and hit every spot in the match .

The other main event was a WWF World Heavyweight Championship match between The Ultimate Warrior and Randy Savage . The storyline between them began in August 1990 , when Sensational Sherri , who was managing Savage , tried to arrange a match between Savage and the Warrior at SummerSlam 1990 . The Warrior refused to defend his WWF World Heavyweight Championship

against Savage , and he ripped up a contract that Sherri had given him . Later that month , he ripped Sherri 's dress off after a match against Savage . They faced each other at house shows over the next six months , but Savage was unable to win the title . Savage then interfered in the title match at Royal Rumble 1991 , enabling Sgt. Slaughter to win the title . To settle the rivalry , Savage and the Warrior agreed to face each other in a retirement match at WrestleMania VII . The Warrior won the match , but Savage 's former valet Miss Elizabeth reunited with Savage after the match . Savage continued to wrestle for the WWF , but the feud with the Ultimate Warrior did not continue . The following year , the rivalry was rekindled when the Ultimate Warrior was granted a shot at the WWF World Heavyweight Championship , which Savage had won from Ric Flair at WrestleMania VIII on April 5 , 1992 . Flair and his manager , Mr. Perfect , were upset that Flair had not been granted a rematch . They decided to cause trouble between Savage and the Warrior , and Perfect announced on August 8 , 1992 that he was negotiating with Savage , his former rival , to appear in his corner during the WWF World Heavyweight Championship match at SummerSlam . The following week , Perfect claimed that the Ultimate Warrior had also been seeking his services . Perfect announced his intention to appear in one man 's corner but would not clarify which one . At the SummerSlam Spectacular , a show designed to promote the pay @-@ per @-@ view , Savage and the Warrior teamed up to face The Nasty Boys . Perfect and Ric Flair interfered in the match , but Savage and the Warrior chased them back to the locker room after the match .

Two tag team matches were also featured on the undercard . Money Inc . (Ted DiBiase and Irwin R. Schyster) and the The Legion of Doom (Hawk and Animal) were feuding in 1992 over the WWF Tag Team Championship . The Legion of Doom held the championship belts until Hawk failed a drug test . As a result , the WWF suspended him and had the Legion of Doom drop the belts to Money Inc . Once Hawk 's suspension ended , a rematch was scheduled to take place at SummerSlam . The match was first announced as a title match but Money Inc. lost the championship to The Natural Disasters , transferring the title match status to another match .

Meanwhile , the Natural Disasters (Earthquake and Typhoon) and the Beverly Brothers (Beau and Blake) had a rivalry dating back to a WWF television taping on June 30 , 1992 . Typhoon attacked The Genius , who managed the Beverlys , while Earthquake brawled with both of the Beverlys . The match aired on WWF Prime Time Wrestling on July 20 ; the same day that it aired , the Disasters won the WWF Tag Team Championship from Money Inc . As a result of this win , the title was on the line in the match at SummerSlam .

In addition to the title defenses , the event also featured a match between Shawn Michaels and Rick Martel . Their rivalry focused on Martel 's attempts to steal Michaels ' valet Sensational Sherri . During one of Michaels ' matches televised on August 9 , 1992 , Martel came to ringside and winked at Sherri , who returned the gesture . At the SummerSlam Spectacular , Sherri came to the ring during one of Martel 's matches and winked at him . Both Michaels and Martel were " heel " wrestlers who bragged about their good looks , and Sherri had them agree not to hit each other in the face during their SummerSlam match .

= = Event = =

= = = Preliminary Matches = = =

Before the pay @-@ per @-@ view broadcast began , two matches were taped for later showings on WWF Prime Time Wrestling . These matches were never advertised on US television in the weeks leading up to SummerSlam . Vince McMahon , on commentary during these bouts , referred to them as ' Bonus Matches ' . The first match saw " Hacksaw " Jim Duggan and The Bushwhackers (Luke Williams and Butch) defeat The Mountie and The Nasty Boys (Brian Knobs and Jerry Sags) when Duggan pinned The Mountie . In the other match , Papa Shango defeated Tito Santana by pinfall .

In the opening match of the actual PPV telecast , the Legion of Doom (Hawk and Animal) faced Money Inc . (Ted DiBiase and Irwin R. Schyster) . The Legion of Doom used their size and power

to wear down their opponents in the opening minutes of the match . Money Inc. gained the advantage when Hawk missed a flying clothesline . Hawk tried to tag in his partner but was unable for several minutes because Money Inc. kept him away from the corner where Animal was standing . Eventually , Hawk and Schyster hit each other at the same time . Hawk tagged Animal in , and the Legion of Doom attempted to perform the Doomsday device , their signature move . Schyster stopped them , but Animal hit Schyster in retaliation , causing Schyster to run into DiBiase . Animal then powerslammed DiBiase and pinned him to get the victory .

The second match of the broadcast featured Nailz competing against Virgil . Nailz spent the majority of the match choking Virgil . Virgil recovered several times and performed several offensive maneuvers , but Nailz always regained the advantage . Ultimately , Nailz won the match by performing a sleeper hold . After the match , he attacked Virgil with a nightstick .

In the following match , competitors Shawn Michaels and Rick Martel were unable , due to a pre @-@ match stipulation , to hit each other in the face . The two men exchanged holds but were both preoccupied with looking to ringside for approval from Sensational Sherri . Martel gained the advantage by throwing Michaels to the outside of the ring and attacking him there . When the two returned to the ring , they took turns attempting to pin their opponent , pulling down their opponent 's wrestling tights to reveal their buttocks each time . Michaels then kicked Martel and tried to pin him , but the referee stopped the three @-@ count because Michaels ' feet were on the ropes . Both wrestlers broke the pre @-@ match stipulation by slapping each other in the face . Sherri pretended to faint , which drew the attention of both wrestlers . Michaels and Martel argued over who would carry Sherri backstage , with each man carrying her a few feet before being stopped by his opponent . Both wrestlers were counted out , but they continued to argue . Martel tried to revive Sherri by throwing water on her , but he hit Michaels as well . Michaels dropped Sherri and chased Martel backstage ; upset at being left behind by both men , Sherri screamed and cried as she walked backstage .

The tag team championship match came next , which saw the Beverly Brothers (Beau and Blake) attack the Natural Disasters (Earthquake and Typhoon) before the bell . The Disasters used their size and strength to gain the advantage , but Earthquake accidentally performed an avalanche on Typhoon . The Beverlys controlled the match for several minutes , with Blake executing a splash and a front facelock . Typhoon recovered and clotheslined both opponents but was unable to tag in Earthquake . Later , Typhoon attempted to make the tag again , but Beau distracted Earthquake ; while the referee 's back was turned , The Beverlys ' manager , The Genius handed Blake a metal scroll , which Blake used to hit Typhoon . Typhoon recovered , however , and Earthquake entered the ring and controlled the remainder of the match . He performed a powerslam on Beau before pinning him with an Earthquake splash .

The following match , which was not shown on the telecast in the United Kingdom , pitted Crush against the Repo Man . Crush used his size advantage to perform a Gorilla press slam on Repo Man . Repo Man performed a back suplex , but Crush showed no sign that the move affected him . Crush continued to dominate the match with such moves as a belly to belly suplex . Repo Man eventually tried to attack Crush by jumping off the top rope , but Crush caught him and performed the Cranium Crunch to win the match by submission .

= = = Main Event Matches = = =

One of the two main event matches came next , as Randy Savage defended The WWF World Heavyweight Championship against the Ultimate Warrior . Although Mr. Perfect had claimed that he would be in the corner of one of the competitors , he did not come to ringside for the beginning of the match . Savage and the Warrior traded the advantage back and forth , with Savage performing several clotheslines and punching his opponent and the Ultimate Warrior countering with atomic drops . Savage executed two double axe handles from the top rope , but the Warrior caught him when Savage attempted the move a third time . After the Warrior missed a move and fell outside the ring , Savage jumped from the top rope and performed another double axe handle . Once the wrestlers got back into the ring , Ric Flair and Mr. Perfect walked down the aisle and stood at

ringside . The match continued as normal until Perfect reached into the ring and tripped Savage , who was running to gain momentum for a maneuver . The Ultimate Warrior accidentally threw Savage into referee Earl Hebner . As a result of the ref bump , Hebner was not able to make the three @-@ count when Savage pinned the Warrior after performing a diving elbow drop . Perfect and Flair revived the Ultimate Warrior , only to attack him when he stood up . The Warrior recovered and attempted to execute a running splash , but Flair hit him with a chair . Savage saw the Warrior injured and realized that Flair and Perfect were causing trouble rather than trying to help either man . In retaliation , Savage jumped off the top rope to attack Flair , but Flair hit him in the leg with a chair . Savage was unable to get back into the ring , so the Ultimate Warrior won the match via countout . Flair and Perfect continued to attack Savage until the Warrior chased them away . Savage and the Ultimate Warrior then hugged and walked backstage together .

The WWF World Heavyweight Championship match was followed by a bout pitting Tatanka defeating The Berzerker by pinfall . This match was originally announced on US television , in the weeks leading up to SummerSlam , as being part of the PPV telecast . Due to time constraints it was cut from the PPV lineup in post @-@ production . The match , however , later aired on WWF Prime Time Wrestling .

The next match was between the Undertaker and Kamala . Kamala , who was accompanied by his manager , Harvey Wippleman , and his handler , Kim Chee , attacked the Undertaker before the match . The Undertaker blocked the attack and punched Kamala repeatedly before performing a chop from the top rope on his opponent . The Undertaker attempted the same move again , but Wippleman knocked the Undertaker off the rope . Kamala knocked the Undertaker outside the ring , where the Undertaker attacked Wippleman and Kim Chee . Back inside the ring , the Undertaker gained the advantage by executing a chokeslam and a clothesline . When the Undertaker attempted to perform his signature move , the Tombstone Piledriver , Kim Chee ran into the ring and hit the Undertaker with a pith helmet . As a result , Kamala was disqualified and the Undertaker won the match . Kamala kept on attacking and hit Undertaker with a series of splashes and seemingly left his opponent unconscious . When the Undertaker suddenly sat up and looked directly at the Ugandan Giant , Kamala , Whippleman and Kim Chee panicked and fled ringside with The Undertaker and Paul Bearer slowly walking in pursuit .

Up next , Rowdy Roddy Piper joined the Balmoral Highlanders in playing Scotland the Brave on the bagpipes .

The event concluded with the second main event , a contest for the Intercontinental Championship between champion Bret Hart and challenger " British Bulldog " Davey Boy Smith , who was accompanied by the reigning Commonwealth Heavyweight Boxing Champion , London native Lennox Lewis . In the opening minutes , Hart used his technical wrestling abilities and Smith relied on his power advantage . Hart got control of the match with a reverse atomic drop and a Samoan drop . Smith came back with a monkey flip , but Hart regained the advantage with a bulldog and a plancha . Smith eventually recovered and tried to pin Hart with a back slide . Hart escaped the pin attempt and wore Smith down with sleeper holds . Smith gained the advantage , however , and used power moves to control the match , including a powerslam and a variety of suplexes . Hart managed to place Smith in the Sharpshooter , Hart 's signature submission hold . Smith escaped the hold , however , and threw Hart against the ropes . While running back at Smith , Hart attempted a sunset flip . Smith countered the move and pinned Hart to win the Intercontinental Championship . Immediately after the match , Hart refused to shake Smith 's hand . He soon changed his mind , however , and hugged Smith as well as Diana Hart , who was celebrating with her husband .

= = Aftermath = =

Randy Savage , who continued to sell his supposedly injured leg , lost the title to Ric Flair at a television taping on September 1 , 1992 in Hershey , Pennsylvania . During the match Flair received help not only from Mr Perfect but also from newcomer Razor Ramon , igniting a feud between Savage and Ramon . Bret Hart claimed in a 2014 interview that WWF owner Vince McMahon had worked out the title @-@ change match with Flair and Savage before hand , and that he was angry

when they returned to the dressing room after the match because they had failed to do much of what was agreed upon . McMahon was that angry that he actually made them go straight back out and re @-@ do the whole match . After producing much the same match that they had immediately prior , McMahon allegedly threw his headset onto the table and stormed off in frustration .

After plans by WWF writers to turn the Ultimate Warrior against Savage were scrapped due to the Warrior 's refusal to turn heel , the two were scheduled to face Flair and Ramon at Survivor Series 1992 . However , as the Warrior quit the promotion on November 21 , his spot was surprisingly offered to Mr. Perfect , who accepted it in spite of Flair , thereby turning face and initiating a feud with Flair which culminated in Flair leaving the WWF in January 1993 .

Shawn Michaels , who had originally been booked to win the Intercontinental Championship from Bret Hart at SummerSlam , won the title from Davey Boy Smith on October 27 (the match would air on the November 14 , 1992 , episode of Saturday Night 's Main Event) . Michaels and Sherri continued their on @-@ screen relationship after SummerSlam . Sherri claimed to have created the rivalry with Martel to test Michaels ' love for her . Their relationship deteriorated , though when Michaels pulled Sherri in front of him to protect himself from an attack by his former tag team partner , Marty Jannetty on the October 31 episode of WWF Superstars . This led to confrontations between Sherri and Michaels at Royal Rumble 1993 and WrestleMania IX .

The Undertaker continued to feud with Kamala and Harvey Wippleman . The two wrestlers faced each other again at Survivor Series 1992 in a coffin match , which the Undertaker won . Wippleman gained revenge by introducing Giant Gonzalez (and later Mr. Hughes) , with whom the Undertaker feuded through 1993 .

Upset about the amount of his pay for appearing at SummerSlam , Kevin Wacholz (Nailz) confronted WWF owner Vince McMahon after Survivor Series 1992 . According to reports , he legitimately attacked McMahon . As a result , Nailz was fired from the WWF . He briefly appeared in rival promotion World Championship Wrestling (WCW) as the Prisoner but was released after the WWF sued WCW because of The Prisoner 's similarity to the Nailz character . The anger between Wacholz and McMahon spilled over into McMahon 's 1994 trial , in which McMahon was accused of distributing steroids to wrestlers . Although Wacholz testified against McMahon , his statements , which included , " I hate Vince McMahon 's guts " ultimately proved harmful to the prosecution 's case .

= = = Reception = = =

According to the WWF , the 80 @, @ 355 people in attendance for SummerSlam 1992 is the fourth largest in the company 's history , behind only WrestleMania 29 , WrestleMania III and WrestleMania 32 , which is said to have attracted 101 @, @ 763 fans .

The event has received positive reviews from a variety of sources . RD Reynolds has called it " a huge success " . In particular , the Intercontinental Championship match has been called " one of the greatest matches of all time " . Pro Wrestling Illustrated named it the Match of the Year in the magazine 's year @-@ end issue , and WWE has called the match the greatest moment in SummerSlam history . Bret Hart has also named it as his favorite match of all time .

The WWF collected \$ 2 @, @ 200 @, @ 000 in revenue from admissions , up from \$ 445 @, @ 000 the previous year . The company also sold \$ 1 @, @ 456 @, @ 203 in merchandise at SummerSlam , which is the largest amount of merchandise revenue at a WWF event . The buyrate for the event was 1 @. @ 5 , down from 2 @. @ 7 at SummerSlam 1991 but higher than the 1 @. @ 3 buyrate at SummerSlam 1993 .

SummerSlam 1992 was released on VHS format on September 24 , 1992 . While the US release only included the 8 matches that were shown on the PPV telecast , the UK release included all 11 matches including the three dark matches . On October 3 , 2005 in the United Kingdom , the event was released on DVD , packaged together with SummerSlam 1993 , as part of the WWE Tagged Classics line . The event was again later released as part of WWE 's SummerSlam Anthology boxed DVD set . The anthology was released on August 5 , 2008 in North America and was released on October 6 , 2008 in the United Kingdom . However , the version that is included with the Anthology

is only the 8 match PPV broadcast version .

= = Results = =