

WWE: A Women's Revolution Begins

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The RAW episode on Monday, July 13, 2015, did not simply treat fans to a refreshing women's spot. The WWE universe enjoyed [one of RAW's best segments in a long time](#).

Hopefully, this means that Sasha Banks, Charlotte, and Becky Lynch have been pulled up to the WWE roster officially.

MATCH QUALITY

The state of the WWE women's division cannot be blamed on the Bellas, who have improved in the ring over time. The quality difference in the current era has been a matter of other companies, although imperfect, taking the role of women more seriously. WWE has shown flashes of brilliance in women's matches, but overall, the pace and quality of women's matches in companies such as TNA, AAA, and Lucha Underground have been consistently better than WWE's. Maybe, things are about to change. As Jim Ross used to say, "Business is about to pick up."

THE NEXT CHAMPION

Based not only on talent but on who has been active in the WWE longer, in fairness, the next Women's Champion should be Naomi. Tamina should not be far behind, even if it results from the familiar angle of allies becoming rivals over championships. Remarkably, neither wrestler has ever been the Divas Champion.

Paige should be champion again, but not for a while. She certainly has the pedigree and wrestling background of a champion, but even if it is the writers' fault, she has been the duller female character on the roster. Yet, it is odd that she has been extremely hard on the women of *Tough Enough* for having the same problem.

Alicia Fox and Natalya deserve another run, especially considering how they have worked hard and helped put the newer talent over.

The new additions from NXT also make competing in any combination of rivalries entertaining. Charlotte, Sasha Banks, and Becky Lynch would be believable as champion.

WHAT STILL NEEDS TO HAPPEN

WWE must not let this "revolution" pass as a fad and eventually place women's wrestling on the backburner once again. WWE must continue to take the women, including the NXT women,

seriously. Perhaps Bayley, an interesting character and wrestler, could be pulled up to the main roster next.

Bring back the Women's Championship and shelf the Diva's Championship. Save the "Divas" name for the reality show and female managers. Female wrestlers can be divas or sex symbols, but their wrestling skills and charisma should be more important than their beauty. There also needs to be respect and tolerance for different body types, including larger women.

Give the women wrestlers a spotlight. They need adequate time on RAW and SmackDown. In particular, this would allow SmackDown to spend less time recapping RAW.

Riding the wave of change, WWE should bring back the Cruiserweight Title and allow the likes of Daniel Bryan and Neville who are not big guys to compete for it. That would shake up things even more.

Now that the women seem to be headed for a platform where they can be taken seriously, the possibilities in WWE could be endless.

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