WWE - Missing the Attitude Era by Cody

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Wrestling is supposedly one of the oldest martial arts in the world. The history of wrestling dates back to the ancient Greek period when Wrestling was featured as an Olympic sport. Competing in Olympic wrestling was one of the most difficult regimes for any martial arts expert.

Not the kind of wrestling you are looking for? Cool; when we say wrestling, one word that instantly comes to our mind is WWE and the relatively new TNA.

All right guys! Letâ€™s have fun talking about what we like the most. As you all know, Vince McMahon is the Chairman of WWE and he himself has registered his name in a slew of pay-per-views by competing as a wrestler. World Wrestling Federation (WWF) was renamed to World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) in 2000. I first started watching wrestling in the early 90â€™s.

WWF was at its peak in the 90â€™s sporting some of the biggest names in the history of wrestling including the greats like Stone Cold Steve Austin, The Rock, Bret Hart, The Undertaker, Shawn Michaels, and not to mention the old war horses, Hulk Hogan and Ric Flair. The wrestling period of 90â€™s is referred to as â€˜The Attitude Era.â€™ Those days, the storylines were amazing and all the superstars of the attitude era really worked their heart out to make wrestling what it is today.

Iâ€™m still a follower of WWE but I often feel that there is something missing in the present WWE. It may be the lack of superstars or lack of gripping rivalries. Although Vince is not digesting the fact that wrestling is past its prime, itâ€™s clearly evident that he has realized it as he is roping in superstars from the past like The Rock, Hit Man, Austin, Shawn Michaels, Piper and a lot of other superstars in almost every episode of Raw. Barring The Undertaker and Triple H, I donâ€™t think any other superstar in the present WWE can sell out stadiums. Who can forget the greatest rivalries like that of Hit Man-Shawn Michaels, Austin-Rock, Undertaker-Mankind, Austin-Vince McMahon, and Undertaker-Kane? Todayâ€™s wrestling is clearly not able to sport rivalries like those, although the writers are trying their best. And who can forget those sexy divas; Lita, Trish Stratus, Sable, Debra, Jacqueline and Chyna glamorizing the entire wrestling arena. Man, I loved those bikini contests. Present divas donâ€™t give you any kind of feeling to say the least.

Those days, the â€˜No Disqualificationâ€™ matches never failed to enthrall the audience. Wrestlers would use weapons of all sorts like tables, ladders, chairs, cane, garbage cans and a lot more to outrank their opponent. There was blood all around the ring and the fans were at the edge of their seats enjoying those bloody matches. Also there used to be a lot of championships; but WWE seems to have stripped most of them out. Without a doubt, the hardcore championship was the best championship of the attitude era and was my favorite too! I can still remember when the famous hardcore champion Crash Holly was always chased by wrestlers and even referees trying to pin him.

Some of the most popular pay-per-views in the history of wrestling are:

*Wrestle mania

* Royal Rumble

* Summer Slam

* Survivor Series

* King of the ring

Although, there have been new additions over the past few years, one pay-per-view that has caught my attention is the â€˜Money in the Bank.â€™ It is a ladder match in which the briefcase that contains the cash is suspended at a height of 20 feet above the ground. A slew of superstars compete against each other to climb up the ladder and get the briefcase. The winner of this match has the advantage of pinning the WWE champion any time in any of the brands; Raw or Smack Down. Winners of all 10 editions of Money in the Bank have cashed in their money and emerged victorious on all occasions. But Iâ€™d have loved to see the Money in the Bank matches feature in the attitude era.

No doubt, the golden era of wrestling has gone. But one thing that wrestling fans can be happy about is that the Phenom (Undertaker) and the Game (Triple H) are still in their wrestling years.

If you are an ardent fan of wrestling, all you need to do is download the matches of â€˜the attitude eraâ€™ using any of the high speed Internet connections like the ATT UVerse Internet and enjoy them. And donâ€™t miss the bikini contests! Have fun.

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