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1. Dudley Boyz with Stacy Keibler v 2 v 2 Tag 2 v 2 Tag

WWF Tag Team Championship-G1

2. Spike Dudley and Tazz  
1SD 4:06.59 40 (02.22) 1X-2T-2S-1D-1D-E-2T-2S-1B  
Superbomb-Pin; Off moderate pace, fair action; foreseeable pin.

The year's opener was of less quality than expected, but because of the viable tag team shortage, that was expected. Still some fair action here and there and the pin sequence good enough enough. Better needed though.

1. Mighty Molly v 2. Jazz Singles

2SD 2:32.80 10 (01.28) M-2-2-2  
FishermansSuplexWithRelease-Pin; Some visible sloppiness, one-sided, lacking.

Some of the action seemed botched and that immediately detracted from much of any possible value this might have had. Jazz looks like she can be a steady competitor but didn't show it here. Watching next match to be sure.

1. Big Show v 2. Undertaker Hardcore Singles

WWF Hardcore Championship-G3

3SD 5:07.73 55 (10.17) 1-2-1-1-2-2-E-1-2  
"TCB(DragonSleeperChoke)"-Submission; Better than anticipated, steadily good.

Though it would seem that hardcore+ big guys would lead to a slower than bearable contest, the match wasn't bad. Basics, as far as these two go, seemed in order and finish was logical for possible future match

1. Kurt Angle and Chris Jericho v 2 v 2 Tag 2 v 2 Tag

2. Edge and Rob Van Dam  
4SD 5:12.90 75 2E-2R-1A-1J-1A-E-2E-2E-1J  
◆ AngleSlam-Pin; Quite solid, active, and late driving effort.

Edge continues to be portrayed on equal footing with the top level competitors here. Solid performances from all four here yet the match lacked that added burst for a higher rating. Still the match of the night.

1. Tajiri with Torrie Wilson v 2. Test Singles

5SD 2:28.17 30 (01.75) 2-1-2-1-2  
BigBoot-Pin; Necessarily short, mismatched, some swift action near end.

The setup was annoying enough and the mismatch put the odds against this encounter almost immediately. Fortunately kept simple here with a little late activity. Test needs to get beyond this gimmick for any hope.

1. Booker T v 2. The Rock Singles

#1 Contender UndisChmp. RoyalRumble

6SD 5:18.74 65 (00.66) 2-1-1-2\*1-E\*E-2  
RockBottom-Pin; Good but foreseen interference drops score; good action.

17000 could have easily marked the interference and Austin's eventual return. This match had the steadily fair to good action to expect from these two. Finish sets up a fine match if history does indeed repeat itself.

**KEY Competitors** Match type Stipulation/Title/Etc.

For momentum: \* Denotes interference; initials denote tag team partner involved; M denotes mixed momentum; E denotes even momentum

Match Time **Rating** (1st contact to bell time) Momentum *Extensive comments.*  
Finish and Short Comment.

For finishes: ◆ denote final move and pinfall partner differ; () denote other necessary explanations i.e. use of brass knuckles or other unusual finish.

**BREAKDOWNS:** 6 Matches with 0 No contests (24:46.93) about 20.65 % of show time; Average Match Rating (6 Matches) 45.8;

Extraneous segment aggregate score (see below for details) 5.0; Overall show score 50.8  
Personal Best Match of the night: 4 SD Kurt Angle and Chris Jericho v. Edge and Rob Van Dam v. Chris Jericho (75)  
Personal Worst Match of the night: 2 SD Mighty Molly v. Jazz (10)  
3 Singles (0 Title Matches; 1 #1 Contender Match), 2 Tag (1 Title Match); 1 HardcoreSingles (1 Title Match)  
2 instances of interference (0 meaningful)  
6 SD \*VinceMcMahon (2)  
Title Changes: None  
Turns: None  
Show assessment: Somewhat fair.

**RATINGS:** I still continue with the system of using pre-match action and post-match to value a contest while giving the primary emphasis to the match itself which includes basic ring psychology, pace, mechanics and execution of move sets and high spots, the finish and its enjoy-ability, and how much the match advances a story line, if there is one to advance. But another element that I must convey is that I let the opening match or two set a baseline and then perform some degree of comparison of later contests to the baseline.

**NON-MATCH SEGMENTS AND SCORES** Jazz/Lillian Int. (0; little substance, awkward); McMahon,BookerT,Bossman/Austin encounter (+2; seemingly fair setup for future events); StephEntry#1 (0; prelude for later interview but unnecessary); Y2JPresentGiving (+1; some setup for HHH return mentioned, some worth); UT/Coachman Int. (0; no added value for later match here); Test/Torrie (0; sets up match but Test's failure streak is becoming annoying); StephEntry#2 (0; see StephEntry#1); Flair/Arn (0; no value here but does lead into later interview); Flair/Steph (+1; Flair seemed odd yet Steph hit a valid point about Vince); Vince,Bossman,BookerT "who" (-1; ridiculous waste of airtime); Rock/Coachman Int. (+1; Rock's usually good interview nearly offset by Barry Manilow joke; Post-6SD Bossman,BookerT/Austin returns (+1; foreseeable yet good continuity from earlier encounter).

For details on each segment...you should know where to go by now. Hint: CRZ.

**CLOSING NOTES:**

- 1. Flair and his "serious business." Theories abound, but I think I will easily hold off on this one.
- 2. HHH back on Monday. Reason enough to watch so long as the rest of the show is a two hour SMH speech on her "husband's" grand return.
- 3. Current "Test" of the loser gimmick is beyond stupidity; move it along already.
- 4. Austin: What; Booker T: Who; now what wrestlers get where, when, and why? And how?
- 5. Is it just me or did they somehow screw up the last part of the opening pyro and the first part of the Dudleys' pyro?