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**1. Rob Van Dam v 2. Test**

Singles

1RAW 3:44.84 45 1-2-2-1-E-1

FiveStarFrogSplash-Pin; Slight pace pickup at about ¾, good finish seq. by RVD.

*This match had a slower pace than expected, especially one featuring RVD. Both competitors seemed to lack some luster that they have been capable of in the past. Still OK by virtue of a late pickup and RVD's finishing sequence.*

**1. Billy Gunn and Chuck Palumbo v  
2. Scotty 2 Hotty and Albert**

2 v 2 Tag

2RAW 3:44.15 50 1b-2a-2s-1c-E-2a-2s-1b

Fame-ass-er-Pin; Fair moderate pacing and action; still somewhat lacking.

*The pacing and action seemed better than could be expected from two still considerably makeshift tag teams. A certain Gunn-Palumbo spot in the match was easily expendable. Watch-able, but nothing striking.*

**1. Edge v 2. Lance Storm**

Singles

WWFIntercontinentalChampionship-G2

3RAW 1:10.35 15 (00.72) 2-1-2-1

Edgecuton-Pin; Not nearly enough length to get a good deal of potential.

*So much more could have been drawn from this as seen by the good activity from this match. Good for its limits, but only serves to set up re-entry of Regal. More expectable from any future match between these two.*

**1. Booker T and Bossman v  
2. The Rock and Stone Cold Steve Austin**

2 v 2 Tag

4RAW 8:21.17 70 (12.09) 2a-2a-2a-2r-1t-2r-E-1b-1t-E-2a

StoneColdStunner-Pin; Consistently good match with a nice late drive to cap.

*Rock, Austin, and Booker T gave solid efforts here as to be normally expected from these three, making Bossman seem awkward and out of place. Somewhat illogical finish if the feud is to continue. Best of the night.*

**1. Rikishi v 2. Chris Jericho**

Singles

5RAW 4:26.40 45 1-2-2-1-2

(Beltshot)-Pin; Borderline fair; seemed too weak at the start/middle to impact.

*The lack of a sound premise for this match seemed to hurt its chances of potential. This was compounded by a somewhat weak start to the match. The Rikishi-Patrick spot had its humor. Still mediocre overall.*

**1. Tazz and Spike Dudley v  
2. Dudley Boyz with Stacy Keibler**

2 v 2 Hardcore Tag

WWFTagTeamChampionship-G1

6RAW 3:45.11 60 (02.09) 2x-2x-Mx-1x

"DudleyDog"AcidDrop(Table)-Pin; Steadily good HC action; interesting finish.

*Some convolution was to be expected and was forgive-able. Despite its makeshift nature, the Tazz-Spike combo seemed to work well and the relatively unexpected finish was a fine touch. Good; beaten only by 4RAW.*

**KEY Competitors**

Match type

Stipulation/Title/Etc.

For momentum: \* Denotes interference; initials denote tag team partner involved (x; double team); 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 pin fall partner differ; () denote other necessary explanations i.e. use of brass knuckles or other unusual finish.

**BREAKDOWNS:** 6 Matches with 0 No contests (25:12.02) about 19.38 % of show time; Average Match Rating (6 Matches) 47.5;

Extraneous segment aggregate score (see below for details) 10.0; Overall show score 57.5

Personal Best Match of the night: 4 RAW Booker T and Bossman v. The Rock and Stone Cold Steve Austin (70)

Personal Worst Match of the night: 3 RAW Edge v. Lance Storm (15)

3 Singles (1 Title Match), 2 Tag; 1 HardcoreTag (1 Title Match)

0 instances of interference

Title Changes: Tazz and Spike Dudley (New WWF Tag Team Champions)

Turns: None

Show assessment: Good. Now we await Benoit's return. A step up from the last SD; a good sign en route to a major PPV.

**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**

McMahon/Flair (+2; cool highlight reel, continuity, attack is a good prelude to RR match); Coachman/Angle (0; starts to set up an obvious Angle/HHH confrontation); Trish/Terri at WWFNY (0; continued from Heat, prelude for later contest but no real value); Sullivan/Y2J Int. (0; expectedly self-indulgent); Cole/SCSA Int. (+1; good short setup for later match); Post3RAW/Regal (+2; good for Edge/Regal continuity, sets up feud with potential); Angle/Christian (0; more of the same Angle whining); BigShow/Tajiri,Torrie/Angle (0; see last remark, the confrontation is inevitable); Spike, Tazz/Dudleyz (+2; good ECW rooted dialogue); UT to HHH on "respect" (0; continued character of UT, but questionable necessity); Wet T-Shirt Lawler/Trish/Terri/ with Jazz run in (0; expendable, Jazz's DDT looked painful); The return of HHH/Angle (+2; foreseeable encounter, a little overdrawn but let him have it since he has been gone 8 months); HHH pedigree to Angle (+1; for prosperity's sake, he is unmistakably back). For details on each segment...you should know where to go by now. Hint: CRZ.

**CLOSING NOTES:**

1. The sentiment is that the tag belts are next bound for Gunn and Palumbo; say it isn't so, oh for the love of.....
2. How dare they relegate a perfectly good Edge/Storm match to a little over a minute? There were enough holes in the show to give it more time. But I suppose when it comes to the writers and producers, a hole in the head yields a hole in the show. Go figure.
3. Wet T-shirt contest; now there is a way to build Trish's ring ability and credibility. Trish actually has some potential, which makes sense as to why it isn't being used.
4. Maybe it's just me, but despite any value, I think Jericho's match was the only one worth throwing out (the Edge/Storm match aside because of time).
5. Angle tried to play the game; looks like he lost round one.