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- 1. Tazz and Spike Dudley v
- 2. Christian and Lance Storm

2 v 2 Tag

WWF Tag Team Championship-G1

1SD 4:07.02 60 1s-2c-2s-2c-2s-E-1t

Tazzmission-Submission; Lightly paced with late drive; lacked balance at times.

Not a bad contest for the makeshift champions or challengers, although did lack that added effect that established teams provide. The action was a notch above par. Post-match seems to set rematch with the Dudley Boyz.

- 1. Edge v 2. Bossman

Singles

WWF Intercontinental Championship-G2

2SD 3:55.85 40 2-2-2-1-1

Edgecuton(OntoNightstick)-Pin; Edge forced into slow pace; borderline.

This receives what it does primarily because of Edge who performed as best as he could within Bossman's forced slow pace. Bossman's involvement came off as too intermittent to merit consideration. Lacking

- 1. Chris Jericho and Test v
- 2. Rob Van Dam and The Rock

Singles

3SD 9:30.92 90 Mx-1t-1j-E-2vd-1t-1j-1t-E-2r-E-Mx-E-2r

Sharpshooter-Submission; All-round strong contest; all with game efforts.

Adaptive pacing and strong performances abound in this contest. Would have rather had Test and RVD closer in at the finish but such is overlooked in building up Rock-Jericho at the Rumble. Match of the night.

- 1. Booker T v 2. Rikishi

Singles

4SD 3:37.48 10 1-2-1-2-1-2

NoContest; Lightly OK action for time, unnecessary finish.

No final bell; time listed from opening bell to an estimated apparent finish

For the time these two had to actually fight, both got their share of offense in, but a needless finish sequence dispels what above basic value this could have had despite somewhat of a mismatch. Repelling

- 1. Kurt Angle v 2. Stone Cold Steve Austin

Singles

5SD 12:39.66 85 Mx-2-2-2-Mx-2-1-1-2-1-1-E**

Chokeslams-NoContest; Very strong but 2nd best due to interference finish.

No final bell; time called after 2nd interference which apparently causes NoContest

Very drawing contest with each claiming his share of control. Finish, well inconclusive, diminishes neither competitor's credibility with respect to each other. Very calculated and sound match; bested only by 3SD tag contest.

KEY Competitors

Match type

Stipulation/Title/Etc.

For momentum: * Denotes interference; initials denote tag team partner involved; ⊗ zero momentum ; 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: 5 Matches with 2 No contests (33:50.93) about 28.21 % of show time; Average Match Rating (5 Matches) 57.0;

Extraneous segment aggregate score (see below for details) 13.0; Overall show score 70.0
 Personal Best Match of the night: 3 SD Chris Jericho and Test v. Rob Van Dam and The Rock (90)
 Personal Worst Match of the night: 4 SD Booker T v. Rikishi (10)
 3 Singles (1 Title Match), 2 Tag (1 Title Match)
 2 instances of interference (2 meaningful (Kane, 2; 5SD))
 5 SD *Kane (2)
 Title Changes: None
 Turns: None
 Show assessment: Very good showing here; build to the Rumble continues to gain strength.

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 PreSDDebra/Steph (0; more of the same); StephOnHHH (+1; intrigued by potential of statement and possible reactions); Christian/StormPre1SD (0; funny but no substance); Post1SDDudleyRunIn (+1; could set up potentially good RR rematch); VenisEntersRR (+1; good point for return); Post2SDRegal/Edge (+2; match at RR looks promising); GoldustEntersRR (0; just can't see the value); Lillian/Angle Int. (+1; sets up 5SD, Angle brand humor); Pre4SDBookerT/Rikishi (0; click-click-DELETED!); JR/Vince Int. (+1; all that was needed was the Twilight Zone theme, good setup for RR); Mr.PerfectEntersRR (+1; nostalgic point); Post4SDBookerT/Cole (0; oh the horror, the horror!); BookerT/DDP (0; positively nothing); GodfatherEntersRR (+1, because it isn't Goodfather); Coachman/Rock Int. (+1; classic, dynamic Rock, prelude of things to come in RR?); Post5SDKane/BigShow/HHH/UT (+3; not much value in the mindless fighting, but the staredown as an extension of UT on RAW is compelling). For details on each segment...you should know where to go by now. Hint: CRZ.

CLOSING NOTES:

1. The makeshift tag champions are holding their position for now; it's a toss-up now as to how long they will continue to do so.
2. Hate-I-Bossman. It's a puzzle, work on it. (Anybody know the reference made here?)
3. Rumble winner looks to be a major toss-up at this point. Another puzzle here, Austin-Anyone-But-(Almost).
4. Is Rikishi the WWF's form of capital punishment toward viewers, as if Bossman's performances and Stephanie's voice aren't enough?
5. DirecTV is still on my hit list.