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1. **BubbaRayDudley w D-VonDudley and StacyKeibler v** Singles

2. **Spike Dudley w Tazz**

1RAW 2:01.86 20 (02.16)1-1-2

DownwardVictoryRoll-Pin; Little to no depth with slim action; weak.

This rivalry has been running for some time, possibly to the point of annoyance, yet these two seemingly have what it takes to put on a fairly good match. Not shown here, unfortunately. No drive and lacked pace.

1. **Billy Gunn and Chuck Palumbo v** 2 v 2 Tag

2. **Hurricane and Tajiri w MightyMolly and TorrieWilson**

2RAW 2:57.54 65 (01.12)1b-1c-E-2t-1c

Superkick-Pin; Good pacing with closing burst; some active balance.

A good contest here, with all four at least hitting par marks. Good placed late move near the end and match would have probably been enjoyable regardless of winner. Quite watch able. Repeat efforts are in order.

1. **Jacqueline v 2. Jazz** Singles

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3RAW 1:12.10 15 (02.03)Mx-2-1

FishermanBuster-Pin; Swift with very light sloppiness; fair for time given.

The eventual winner, Jazz, seemed too predictable here based on previous Trish-Jazz encounters, so this match had enough working against it before it started. Necessarily short; no real value to be found within.

1. **Kurt Angle v 2. Kane** Singles

4RAW 9:40.28 90 Mx-2-2-1-2-E-1-E-2-2-1-1-2-2-1

CounterRollUp-Pin; Moderate start, constant drive; nice submission exchange.

Reminiscent of their match on 1Nov01, possibly stronger, this was the contest of the night. Very energetic and effortful with a nice touch with them exchanging anklelocks near the end, and that double-chokeslam, wow!

1. **Edge and Rob Van Dam v** 2 v 2 Tag

2. **William Regal and Test**

5RAW 4:13.63 80 (02.35)2t-1r-2t-2r-2t-2t-E-1e-2r

FacePucnh(BrassKnuckles)-Pin; Good action/effort throughout; pressed late.

Very potent contest for building up the Edge-Regal IC match at the Rumble. The constant use of the brass knuckles in Regal's wins serves to fuel a feud, give Regal a shady character, and strengthen Edge's win at RR, if he wins.

1. **Booker T v. Big Show** Singles

6RAW 2:39.19 35 (01.53)Mx-1-2-1-2-2-1

DropToehold(IntoExpsdTurnbuckle)-Pin; Seemed too intermittent; lacking.

Another of those short-setup matches here. The basic frame of the matches seemed to have too many holes to really enjoy it. Booker T's pre-match manipulation of the turnbuckle seemed to set up a logical win here.

1. **ChrisJericho and Christian and LanceStorm v** 3 v 3 Tag

2. **APA and Rikishi**

7RAW 3:18.91 80 (01.99)2r-1s-1j-E-2b-1c-E-2f-Mx-2f-1j

Breakdown-Pin; Light on time, yet exchanges and action fast and constant; good.

Much less convoluted than expected for a six man contest. Tags and participation were very consistent throughout the match. Despite a want for a Bradshaw win, momentum for Jericho is needed toward RR.

BREAKDOWNS: 7 Matches with 0 No contests (26:26.51) about 20.34 % of show time; Average Match Rating (7 Matches) 55.0;

Extraneous segment aggregate score (see below for details) 16.0; Overall show score 71.0

Personal Best Match of the night: 4 RAW Kurt Angle v. Kane (90)

Personal Worst Match of the night: 3 RAW Jacqueline v. Jazz (15)

4 Singles (0 Title Matches, 1 #1Cont.Match), 3 Tag

0 instances of interference

Title Changes: None

Turns: None

Show assessment: Quite strong. The build to the Rumble is progressing in the right direction; no downgrades yet.

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 Flair/Jericho/McMahonConfro. (+2, good promo, continuous build to RR match); Christian/Storm/Y2J/Bradshaw (+1, sets 7RAW, good retort); HHH/StephArrive (+1; by virtue that someone wanted Steph to shut up); Cole/AngleInt. (+3, Angle is starting to manipulate "what" from the audience like SCSA); Steph/DebraConfro. (+1, SLAP! SLAP! those had to hurt); Post3RAWJazz/Trish (+1, continues to build RR match which could have its strength); Steph/HHHAgain (+1; HHH discontent with SCSA and possibly SMH which is understandable); APA/BigShow/BookerT (0, sets 6RAW, Show delivered a good line, not much here); Christian/Storm/Y2J (0, sets Rikishi in 7RAW); Cole/AustinInt. (+3, sets later confrontation, classic Austin); Steph/HHHOnceAgain (+1, he had the sense to keep SMH in the back and away from the mic); HHH/SCSA/UT (+2, it was coming, but I did not think UT would be the only one standing).
For details on each segment...you should know where to go by now. Hint: CRZ.

CLOSING NOTES:

1. Those Angle/Kane matches are definite keepers; both in recent memory have been above expectations; quite possibly, more can be drawn out from these two together.
2. Those were some heavy slaps between Debra and Stephanie. Wonder if they could be taught to knife-chop that strongly...
3. Many continue to mark HHH in as the Royal Rumble winner; I still think it is a toss up.
4. No interference is a WWF show's best friend, aside from quality contests (4 in this showing) and good interviews (2 strong from Austin and Angle).
5. No title matches is a good move especially considering the near-impossibility of change when near a Pay-Per-View.
- 5A. Speaking of PPVs, and I have said this before, blast DirecTV. What?! I said blast DirecTV.