

Richmond Coliseum Richmond, Virginia 28 January 2002 Robert Ortega, Jr. slashwrestling.com Singles 1. Kane v 2. Big Show 1RAW 2:50.11 25 (03.78) 2-2-1-2-1 Power displays from titans can be entertaining under the right conditions; conditions this match did not fall under. Some slow pacing is tolerable, but for a short time frame, not Chokeslam-Pin: Rather slow paced throughout with no rally and the action too light; subpar. by much and action should be more consistent. The chokeslams and Kane's powerslam were probably the high spots and were themselves, mediocre. 1. Rob Van Dam v 2. William Regal Singles WWF Intercontinental Championship-G2 2RAW 1:23.72 05 (05.36) 1-1 Another quick score for RVD, although this one by DQ, brings disappointment yet again. These two figure to have the potential for a good match, so why the nothingness in the DLowBlowKick(RobVanDam); Weakly structured overall with poor finish sequence; no factor at all. last two? RVD just seems to be a living placeholder for Edge, and this role is beneath him. Both can perform; the WWF needs to let them do so. 1. Godfather and Diamond Dallas Page v 2. Christian and Lance Storm 2v2Tag 3RAW 4:02.78 1g-2s-2c-2s-2c-E-1d-1d By no means a great quality match, but fairly good, and very welcome considering the previous two empty events of the night. Including this match, DDP has had a steadily DiamondCutter-Pin; Slightly above par match merits attention here; nice finishing sequence involving all four. good series of matches and I suspect better is possible. The out-of-nowhere Diamond Cutter provided a fine finish. Merits to the losing team for semi-good efforts. 1. Maven v 2. Chris Jericho Singles WWF Undisputed Championship-G1 4RAW 3:22.72 65 1-2-2-1-2 More of an educational contest for Maven than anything else, but Maven executed quite well here. Jericho did not compliment badly, but seemed a little lacking here, which WallsOf Jericho-Submission; Lightly sporadic, yet somewhat gamely with a good pickup at about 3/4; good. drew away a little interest. False finish using the exposed turnbuckle had its shock merit. Maven continues a nice pattern. Looking forward to constant competition for him. 1. Trish Stratus and A.P.A. v 2. Jazz and Billy Gunn and Chuck Palumbo 3v3IntergenderTag 5RAW 4:05.67 50 2j-2j-1b-2b-2c-1f-1t-2c Some things to like about this was the constant moderate pacing along with some fair efforts. Palumbo's jungle kick was embarrassingly botched but did not detract a great Powerbomb-Pin; Steady throughout with a few short bursts, non-polished but stable performances; about par. deal from the match. I was somewhat amazed that Stratus was involved in the close sans Jazz and her turnbuckle punch seemed out of place. Still, a fair contest. Singles 1. Booker T v 2. Triple H 6RAW 5:07.09 F-2-1-F-2-2*2-1 Christian's interference was quite unexpected and was well placed, so a win-win deal there. Had to believe that this would bring out Stephanie and a certain finish, and it did. RollUp(HoldingClothing)-Pin; A little unbalanced but the activity makes up for that; finish provokes speculation. Match is a good credit for Booker and advances the Triple H-Stepahnie developing rift. Nothing really striking to give it a higher mark, but considerable no less 1. Kurt Angle v 2. Stone Cold Steve Austin Singles #1 Contender Undisputed Championship No Way Out 7RAW 10:25.22 Mx-Mx-1-E-1-2-2-2-2-1-1-2 Strong throughout and undoubtedly best of the night. Honestly, this was a level under their early Jan01 match but still proved drawing. Perhaps execution stands out here the StoneColdStunner-Pin; As expected, another fine contest between these two though a bit better was possible. most, although no aspect of the match seemed to lack at any time here. Low grade PPV quality here which says something significant when putting into a RAW perspective BREAKDOWNS: Time: 7 Matches with 0 No contests (31:17.31) about 24.07 % of show time. Average Match Rating (7 Matches) 52.57 BestOfTheNight: 7RAW KurtAngle v StoneColdSteveAustin 93 Types: 5 Singles (2 Title Matches), 2 Tag (0 Title Matches) 13.50 WorstOfTheNight: 2RAW RobVanDam v WilliamRegal 05 Extraneous Segment Aggregate Overall Show Score 66.07 1 instance of interference (1 meaningful); • Meaningful interference 6RAW *Christian • Title Changes: None Turns: None

Show assessment: Good showing overall with contrasting halves; The first half lacked without question; the second half picked it up to very respectable levels. That video is a keeper.

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/APA on NWO (+1) NWO of yore defined here?

●GoldustPromo (+0.5) There is a point here; get to it. ●Cole/Y2J On Maven(+1) Verbalized disdain well placed.

●Post2RAW Edge (0) This is a prelude to a match, isn't it?

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•Flair/Steph on (+1) He has fired her and belittled her and

(+1) He snapped. He didn't fire the guy. VinceArrives

HHH/6RAW/Vince she says he can't be that vindictive? ●Flair/VideoPackage/ (+4) I don't care what you have to do.

Get and keep that video! Vince ●NidiaWWFNY (0) Moral support...so what?

●Post4RAW/UT/

(+1) Just waiting for Maven's counterstrike. Maven

(0) Er...right....why? •UT/Coach

•Billy/Chuck Stretch (0) The reason we have selective memory.

•Steph/HHHOn6RAW (+1) We know what is coming here.

●Cole/Angle

(+1) What is now localized. No this is not a question, but something people have wanted apparently, lest what run rampant again.

Steph is sorry.

(+1) She has no idea how far this admission extends. ●Post7RAW/Y2J (+1) Jericho meets stunner; apparently they

don't agree with each other.

CLOSING NOTES:

- 1. TIVO owners who recorded that video can isolate, record to tape many times over and possible sell that thing for some profit.
- 2. Never thought I would say this, but I would rather have RVD off my TV than in those pointless, short matches, it's depressing to be subjected to this nonsense.

Apparently, if that chauffeur was going to screw up, he did so at the most opportune time/

Didn't see Christian getting his revenge on HHH coming. A very strong singularity in this show so far as continuity and build to a finish are concerned. 5. Nice form out of DDP as of recent. Honorable mention goes to Maven. HHH (4-3-1-0), the Rumble aside, has yet to drop below 75 in match ratings.