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31 January 2002 Robert Ortega, Jr. slashwrestling.com Singles 1. Tazz v 2. Chris Jericho 2:33.79 1SD 50 1-2-E-1-2 The short arrays from each competitor were something to like about this match. Both hit their specifics(facecrusher, suplexes) and finishers. While the match did not appear to Breakdown-Pin; Good for time given with the action fairly constant, but felt lacking at some points. have any real holes, it did seem empty at points, and this detracted, perhaps because of the probable finish. Still a quite fair opener, especially considering recent opener's. 1. Diamond Dallas Page v 2. Christian Singles WWF European Championship-G2 2SD 4:03.50 67 Mx-1-2-Mx-E-1-2-1 I have to appreciate those two false diamond cutters (or were they errors?) in the match, they had me going. Interesting to see Page take a step up in the ranks with only coming DiamondCutter-Pin; Good match throughout and efforts from both quite apparent; finish executed well. off two prep matches, a win on Heat and a tag win on RAW. Page has put a decent tab together since his return and here's to hoping he can keep it up. Good contest. 1. Dudley Boyz with Stacy Keibler v 2. Rob Van Dam and Edge 2v2Tag 3SD 3:50.07 1d-2r-1d-1b-E-2e*2e RVD returns to the tag scene with Edge and was able to perform better (with time and proper finish) than his last two limited him to. Good efforts from all four with all getting Edgecution-Pin; Somewhat strong match; fast pace outright and consistently so; quite enjoyable. some share of match control. The mis-interference by Regal was interesting and I like how it keeps animosity possible between himself and Regal. Considerable. 2v2Tag 1. A.P.A. with ChrisKlein LLCoolJ and RebeccaRomi inStamos "Rollerball" v 2. Booker T and Test 4SD 2.3918 60 (01.22) Mx-2x-2b-E-1b-2b-2t-1b Continued for another minute under similar quality, this hits a 70 figure, but as is, this match still had its merits. For one, none of the Rollerball stars got involved as I feared ClotheslineFromHell-Pin; Fast out of the gate and pace kept throughout, but convolution repelled some. they would, or at least, LL Cool J. Quite a bit of cloudiness mid-match, splitting focus from where it should have been, but there was mostly action abound. Good deal. 2v2Tag 1. Kurt Angle and Undertaker v 2. Triple H and The Rock 5SD 8:50.91 83 1a-2h-1u-1a-E-2r-1a-2r-1u-E-2h-2h Had to respect the body of the match where everyone had his significant contribution, but could not respect the inconclusiveness of the finish as a straight win would not have (TripleHandTheRock); Driving throughout with somewhat of a late flurry; could have done without DQ. really damaged anyone's standing. HHH continues to deliver off his 8 month layoff and Angle followed as the better of his team. Match of the night. BREAKDOWNS: Time: 5 Matches with 0 No contests (22:43.48) about 18.94 % of show time. Average Match Rating (7 Matches) 67.00 BestOfTheNight: 5SD KurtAngle and Undertaker v TripleH and TheRock Types: 2 Singles (1 Title Match), 3 Tag (0 Title Matches) 3.00 WorstOfTheNight: 1SD Tazz v ChrisJericho 50 Extraneous Segment Aggregate Overall Show Score 70.00 1 instance of interference (1 meaningful);

Meaningful interference 3SD *WilliamRegal ▶ Title Changes: DiamondDallasPage New WWFEuropeanChampion Turns: None Show assessment: Good showing; score might be slightly exaggerated due to lack of matches, but should still represent well because matches were constantly good. 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 RATINGS: 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 ●Post1SDJackie In (-1) Pointless and a waste of possible added ●JR/Steph INT. (-2) Get the gun...now... ●Post5SD Melee (+1) Liked the brawling, but would have liked (0) I sense a match. We need better set it as an extension of the match. WallsOf Jericho match time. ●BookerT invades SEGMENTS (0) Everyone loves the APA; but unnecessary. •ΔPΔ/Rollerhall ●WWFDesireVideo (+2) Lower because shown on RAW, but still, ΔPΔ office ups than this kind. AND SCORES •Test joins BookerT (0) He still playing the loser gimmick? you gotta love it. ●FlairSaysGoodbye (+1) Strong speech, but the later outcome is to Crowd knowingly set beforehand. •Examining contract (0) It won't matter; this we know. ●FlairGoodbyeArn (0) More pointless goodbyes. ◆VinceLawyersArrive/ (+1) If not for Vince's terms, Flair is probably ◆Angle/Lillian INT. (+1) Love those Angle promos. ContractSigning/ (+1) We knew it was coming somehow; I Coach INT. gone; the irony. ●FlairGoodbyeRock (0) Relatively pointless. SCSA Interrupts/ enjoyed Austin's little spiel on the situation. •GoldustRevealsMon. (0) Finally, but gets nothing till he does. BringOn the nWo

CLOSING NOTES:

- 1. Referring to the Stephanie interview note, I could shoot her, but then we would have to deal with some Stephanie tribute where we would hear her voice, on the other hand, if I shot myself, I wouldn't have to hear her ever again.
- 2. Five good matches, all over 50; a good deal and a half on the wrestling today.
- 3. Where Regal hid those brass knuckles... ingenious is one way to put it.
- 4. Jacqueline, you are not a referee, at least not one I can deal with over an extended period of time. Quit it already.
- 5. Wondering about the follow up on RAW with respect to the failure of the contract signing. Well, I have come up with nothing, another rational reason to watch I suppose.