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1. Stone Cold Steve Austin v 2. Booker T

Singles

1RAW 2:23.84 39 Mx-1-2-2*

◆VariableAssault-NoContest; Swift start with settled pace, action suited for time given, mixed on end result.
 No bell sounded, time marked at point of first contact, causing no contest.

Conceded the NC over the DQ after seeking some advice on the matter. Respect the early pace and liked the action, but the caliber of competitors early on prompted immediate suspicion, suspicion that was confirmed about two minutes later. Something there, but hard to like overall, especially knowing that these two have provided better.

1. Scotty 2 Hotty and Albert v 2. Test and Mr. Perfect

2v2Tag

2RAW 2:18.90 19 Mx-2t-E-1s-2p

PerfectPlex-Pin; Break was somewhat clean, but middle of match drew empty; no pickup late to salvage.

Biggest detractor deals with Scotty's entry, who had a short burst of offense to start, but then stood there watching his partner making for a lot of empty seconds. Liked the re-emerging Perfect Plex for the finish, although I would have liked a little lead-in action between the finishing competitors beforehand. Quite lacking.

1. Goldust v 2. Tazz

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WWF Hardcore Championship-G3

Sp. Guest Referee- Jacqueline

3RAW 2:09.48 12 (00:23) 2-1-2-1-2-1

TranscarLidShot-Pin; Action fair but perceived weak amidst some empty spaces; finish somewhat abrupt.

A few enjoyable spots here like the Shattered Dreams and the short Tazzmission, but the collapsing pin, used for the second major show in a row, was oddly placed and was annoying in some way. A big minus in hardcore matches is the vacuums created when competitors stop to get out the weapons, which happened here as well. Little draw.

1. Trish Stratus v 2. Jazz

Singles

WWF Women's Championship-G1

4RAW 3:16.44 58 (01:60) Mx-1-2-2-1-2-1

UnleasedSTFatRopes(Jazz)- Paced well and exchanges were enjoyable with some sloppiness; some above par.

Good effort from Trish considering she was coming off a thirty day layoff. Although she picks up a third straight defeat, she does so in good form. Conversely, Jazz picks up her fifth straight win through this DQ. A few moves looked a little weak which kept this from the 60s, but I have to respect this in the relative sense.

1. Rob Van Dam v 2. Lance Storm

Singles

5RAW 5:44.09 92 1-1-2-2-1-2-1

FiveStarFrogSplash-Pin; Well executed from pace to effect; maintained consistency throughout; strongly aimed.

Had to like how RVD adapted his form to the injury and had to like how Storm executed off this angle. Finish was a little overdrawn, but still done in good form. Seven consecutive wins for Van Dam with only one mark falling below the 70s. Storm's six straight loss but performed well in defeat. Better is looming on the horizon from these.

1. Scott Hall v Kevin Nash, Hollywood Hulk Hogan v 2. Spike Dudley

Singles

6RAW 2:33.09 -0 1-1-1

Razor'sEdge-Pin; Highly predictable structure and lacked drawing power; Hall's match debut does not serve well.

Can't assume value here. Had to have a better caliber singles opponent to consider and the fact that Hall was not even in wrestling attire did not bode well. Did Hogan and Nash really need to help Hall under these conditions? Did best to look for a bright spot, but failed on all fronts. Will wait for a better setup but not for long.

1. Triple H v 2. Kurt Angle

SinglesCage

7RAW 15:35.17 80 Mx-Mx-1-1-2-1-2-2-E-1-E-E-E*E-2-2-E-E-1*2

◆Chairshots-CageEscape; Potential drops out with so much lag; somewhat countered by some good merits.

Disappointed with the slow pacing of the match. Signature spots were hit but with no follow up or too much time until follow up action. Way too much even momentum for my tastes. Better was much possible. Taking out half of those E-marks would have risen this to about a 90, possibly triple digits under a faster pace. Still good, yet beaten.

BREAKDOWNS:	Time: 7 Matches with 1 No contest (34:01:01) about 26.17 % of show time.	Average Match Rating (6 Matches)	42.86	BestOfTheNight: 5RAW Rob Van Dam v Lance Storm	92
	Types: 4 Singles (0 Title Matches); 1 Tag (0 Title Matches); 1 HardcoreSingles (1 Title Match); 1 SinglesCage	Extraneous Segment Aggregate	12.00	WorstOfTheNight: 6RAW Scott Hall v Spike Dudley	-0
	5 instances of interference (2 meaningful); <input type="checkbox"/> Meaningful interference	Overall Show Score	54.86		
	1RAW *nWo <input type="checkbox"/> 6RAW *KevinNash *HollywoodHulkHogan 7RAW *Stephanie McMahon (2, 2nd <input type="checkbox"/>	Title Changes: None		Turns: None	

Show assessment: Two strong match inflate the match average somewhat. Backstage antics had merits though. Above par on enough fronts to enjoy overall.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●McMahonDeclares (0) You say you appreciate us, but then give too much TV time to Steph? Mixed. ●Post1RWnWoSCSA (0) Start chalking up the DQ wins. ●AustinLeavesOnHisOwn (+1) But eventually accepts help, why not just swallow the pride early? ●Post2RAWRikishi (0) What, no dance? Not without GMS? ●AngleCoachINT (+2) Nothing to lose is right, at least not anymore. ●On 7RAW 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●GoldustLillianINT (+1) Wrong GD. No one is stupid enough to look like you in public. ●nWo and Beer (+1) Hate the man, love his beer. ●RVDCoachINT (+15) Good exchange and characters well expressed. Match follows suit. ●DDPTTrainsChristian (+1) Promoted and demoted in seconds. ●nWoAndStagehand (0) Bob Holly got mad over that as well. ●WWFNYGodfather (0) Blah blah, waste of airtime. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●StephHHH Lotion (+0.5) Love when a plan commences. ●UT IncitementPlan (+15) Who is next is this doesn't work? Assaults David Flair ●nWo and Coffee (0) nWo's new finisher, the coffee splash. ●RockAliveVideo (+1) I don't think he feels that alive currently. ●HoganOnRockWM (0) Enough hot air to fill a blimp. ●MarkHenry Returns (+0.5) For the return, but want some results. ●Steph Hives Angle (+1) The plot thickens much like her face.
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CLOSING NOTES:

1. Christian feels like an idiot, but a positive idiot. Read into that as you will
2. First cage match of the year had some draw, but was not nearly as good as I expected it to be, especially given that they were given a PPV amount of time to execute.
3. If Lawler says "Fan Appreciation Night" one more time... ah screw it (loads gun, aims) BAM! Well, someone had to do it.
4. Trish snaps in more ways than one, and if you don't believe me, watch that match again.
5. So if we call him Hollywood Hulk Hogan, do we designate him Triple H also?