

18 March 2002

Robert Ortega, Jr.

rsortegajr@yahoo.com

slashwrestling.com

1. Rob Van Dam v 2. Christian

Singles

WWF Intercontinental Championship-G2

1Raw 246.34 39 Mx-2-1\*

FiveStarFrogSplash-Pin; Commenced OK and settled, some back and forth, action pretty fair, held for time.

Could not at all see Van Dam losing immediately after his WrestleMania win, still, this match exhibited some fair/OK exchanges and a good enough pace for time. Did not expect Page's interference and it was integrated well enough. Did not have enough time to develop much, but it held some interest. Below the par line, but lightly fair.

1. Trish Stratus v 2. Lita

Singles

2Raw 131.95 05 (05.53) Mx-E-Mx-2

Moonsault-Pin; Led in fairly enough, but weak exchanges stand out here, not much merit in this, quite lacking.

At best, looking at a few single points of fair action. Much of the exchange seemed weak and while usually considering the prospect of more time to judge fairly, it was probably best to end this as succinctly as they did. Speed did not hold up enough. Mild plus in leading into post match segment. Lita's singles efforts are cause for concern.

1. Booker T and Kurt Angle v 2. Edge and Kane

2v2Tag

3Raw 350.14 60 (03.01) 2k-1x-E-2e-1a-E-2e-2e

Edgecution-Pin; Mostly good action with a sensible speed, held, kicked on 3/4, good finishing series.

Match basics held on pretty good in this contest. Nothing particularly stands out from any one competitor, but the combined effort made this enjoyable. Some good spots help this out and match kicked on as well as it could four overall length. Finally, the finishing series was suitable to the rest. Good merits for the match tabs.

1. Maven v 2. Al Snow v

HardcoreVariable

WWF Hardcore Championship-G3

Late Entry 3. Spike Dudley

4Raw 208.12 10 (02.29) 2-1-2-1-2-3\*

◆SpinebusterOnTrashcan-NoContest; In somewhat quick, fair exchange, low on weapon action, unexpected finish.

Ⓛ Spike Dudley entered late at 155.66; 11 No bell sounded, time called at first contact, initiating no contest.

The main focus of this one was the match ending point involving Brock Lesnar which provides mixed feelings because, when the focus is not within the match, its damaging some, but this was an interesting way to introduce Lesnar. As far as the match went, not enough weapons, and only OK action. In context, not single digit, but very lacking.

1. Dudley Boz w Stacy Keibler v 2. Billy Gunn and Chuck Palumbo

2v2Tag

WWF Tag Team Championship-G1

5Raw 123.52 07 (03.60) Mx-1b-2b\*

11◆BeltShot(BillyGunnAndChuckPalumbo); Good opening series, ends up being abrupt, not nearly enough.

Very difficult to appreciate when the stakes of the any championship are confined to such devices. Served well enough to split Keibler and the Dudleyz, but the same could have been accomplished after some more action which, if the opening series was to be an indication, would have held good. Disappointed, all things considered.

1. Scott Hall and Kevin Nash v 2. Hollywood Hulk Hogan and The Rock

2v2Tag

6Raw 608.41 45 (01.22) 2h-2h-2v-1h-1h-1h-1h-1h-E-2h

LeftRing-CountOut(HollywoodHulkHoganAndTheRock); OK exchange after good start, light drive, mixed on finish.

Have to center on the finish here. After two off finishes, this one proved detracting, although the retreating nature makes it seem as if the nWo is primed to come back with something that will hopefully be intriguing. Match had some fair/OK merits. Aside from being the longest, it held a good start and settled into good action. Below/near par.

**BREAKDOWNS:** Time: 6 Matches with 1 No contest (1748.48) about 13.70 % of show time.

Types: 2 Singles (1 Title Match); 3 Tag (1 Title Match);  
1 HardcoreVariable (1 Title Match)

3 instances of interference (3 meaningful); 1 Meaningful interference

1Raw \*DiamondDallasPage

4Raw \*BrockLesnar

5Raw \*StacyKeibler

Average Match Rating (6 Matches) 27.66

Extraneous Segment Aggregate 6.50

Overall Show Score 34.16

Title Changes: None

BestOfTheNight: 3Raw BookerT and KurtAngle v Edge and Kane

WorstOfTheNight: 2Raw TrishStratus v Lita

Turns: Hogan officially on nWo.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Hardcore matches with late entries are designated Hardcore Variable and late entries will have a Ⓛ mark accompanying their past performance record.

**SHOW ASSESSMENT:** Not much quality in the matches, most of which were hindered by lack of time; non-match segments held up OK; a weak showing 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**

●Hogan defects from (+1) Like this so far, although did they really nWo, which chal need that long to get to the point?

Rock and Hogan

●Jericho beats up (0) Now he ought to have known better than stagehand who that.

●Post2RawJazz/Ivory (+0.5) I sense a match, and at least they are attack Trish/Lita capable.

●Linda announces (+1) Intrigues me enough to watch split and draft to be held next wk.

●McMahon on Raw, goodbye, Flair out that.

●McMahon wins (+1) So, any thoughts on who Vince will pick coin toss, collide first?

●Lesnar annihilates (+2) ?! WHOA NOW ?! all

●Lita/Matt/Regal (0) If they are split, we could avoid segments on split like this.

●Stacy gets tabled (+0.5) A matter of pride and humiliation for her.

●HHH/Steph WM (0) Good thought until Steph got into this mix.

●HHH next wk for title

●Post6Raw (+0.5) They have a plan, but I can't figure it out. retreat and staredown

**CLOSING NOTES:**

1. By the way, that stipulation for next weeks match, if Stephanie gets pinned, she has to leave the WWF. I think I just saw the fan count for Triple H go exponential.
2. As far as next weeks draft goes, who goes where? This is very interesting. Of course, this could be very catastrophic.
3. Brock Lesnar: that man is unholy. Be afraid, be very afraid.
4. Lita says "tag" Someone explain this to me before I use up any brainpower on it.
5. On a good note from that same segment, Regal displays his character very well here, as if he totally enjoyed bringing that scenario to them. Actually, that might not be a bad idea in this case.