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1. Tazz v 2. Mr. Perfect

Singles

1Raw 152.35 18 (01.72) Mx-2-1

Tazzmission-Submission; Good start with some back and forth, some gd/awkward action, no drive, limited.

This contest started well enough with a back and forth series. The general elements given in this short piece indicated that Tazz and Perfect were capable of something good over a longer period of time. While the match performance figure will not reflect well on this, this should serve as a favorable indicator for future matches from these.

1. Edge and Diamond Dallas Page v 2. Christian and Booker T

2v2Tag

2Raw 2:12.66 25 Mx-2c-E-1d-2b

ScissorsKick-Pin; Opened well enough, contained gd. short melee, seemed very condensed, short on depth.

Valued merits in this one include a good break, a good short melee, and some sizeable efforts from all four here. Like the previous match, however, this contest required more time to develop and warrant better marks. While active balance is usually well considered, could not expect much of it in such a short period to work with.

1. Trish Stratus v 2. Ivory

Singles

3Raw 2:11.41 17 (01.28) 1-2-1

Stratusfaction-Pin; Awkward a little after a fair start, settled OK with some fair action, moved linearly.

The third straight limited time frame in a row which is not a good sign for the show. Efforts were somewhat down from the most recent SmackDown tag match (2SD, 53), but they were at least OK. A little awkwardness in the action to speak of but that's a minimal detractor. Controlling for time, this would have been a good match for the tabs.

1. Hollywood Hulk Hogan and The Rock v 2. n.W.o.

3v2Handicap

4Raw 5:04.03 37 1n-2n-1n-2p-E-1r-1n-2n*

VariableAssault(n.W.o.); Slow to lead in, action slow early but gained some, kicked on 3/5, closing melee OK.

Handicapping this one outright, was the slowly active start sequence. Match speed and exchanges picked up some later on and match had a light kick to its credit, but nothing special to be found in this one and more expected coming off of last week's no contest retreat and addition of X-Pac to the n.W.o. That said, lightly fair merits apply.

1. Jeff Hardy w Matt Hardy and Lita v 2. Billy Gunn w Chuck Palumbo and Rico

Singles

5Raw 1:51.78 22 2-1-E-1

RollUp-Pin; Commenced fair enough, pace held for time with some good action, no pickup within.

Basic factors ranged from OK to good with the best being some holding speed within this one. Extraneous element of keeping the outside presences to cancel each other out provided a little added effect. Again, this was hurt by the pattern of short time allotments and still just as hard to find a lot to merit with little substance to evaluate.

1. Kurt Angle v 2. Rob Van Dam

Singles

6Raw 2:54.29 30 (03.04) 1-1-2-2

RefUsedAsShieldFromTurnbuckleThrustKick(RobVanDam); Good early speed with complimentary action, steadily.

WWF Intercontinental Championship-G2

Disappointed that the future placement of a title on one brand was not given more to go on. This is compounded by the knowledge that these have demonstrated an ability to give a good showing in their only meeting this year (14Mar02, 1SD, 76). For its limited nature, good action and speed kept interest as best it could, but much more possible.

1. Stephanie McMahon v 2. Chris Jericho v 3. Triple H

TripleThreat

7Raw 8:07.32 49 (01.69) 2-3-3-2-2-3-2-E-2-3

Spinebuster-Pin; Broke oddly, settled late at about 1/4, some suitable action and speed, Steph detracted some.

WWF Undisputed Chmpship. Steph Leaves WWF-G1

Start seemed off with Stephanie's involvement. Good to see that she did not come close to getting any points of momentum as that would have been absurd and have to concede somewhat that her involvement could have been more. Triple H and Jericho gave some good efforts under a sensible pace, but the finish was easily predictable.

BREAKDOWNS:	Time: 7 Matches with 0 No contest (24:13.84) about 18.64 % of show time.	Average Match Rating (7 Matches)	28.29	BestOfTheNight: 7Raw StephanieMcMahon v ChrisJericho v TripleH	49
	Types: 4 Singles (1 Title Match); 1 Tag (0 Title Matches); 1 TripleThreat (1 Title Match); 1 3v2Handicap (0 Title Matches)	Extraneous Segment Aggregate	7.00	WorstOfTheNight: 3Raw TrishStratus v Ivory	17
	1 instances of interference (1 meaningful); <input type="checkbox"/> Meaningful interference	Overall Show Score	35.29		
	4Raw *Kane <input type="checkbox"/>	Title Changes: None		Turns: None	

SPECIAL NOTE: As per stipulation for 7Raw tonight, with Triple H pinning Stephanie McMahon, Stephanie must leave the WWF (although how long that will last is anyone's guess).

SHOW ASSESSMENT: Some non-match bits did what they could for this one, but the matches were hindered throughout so that the draft might have more exposure; still, a weak show.

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"> ●Linda sets draft, 20 live (0) A lottery? Does not sound very draft-like to me. ●Perfect "Perfect pick", (+0.5) Like Perfect could really ever imagine going first, if tonight at all. ●Vince selects The Rock, a new chant begins (+0.5) Good humor, how long will this chant survive? ●Flair chooses UT; Vince upset, Angle upset b/c not #1, UT upset (+1) Interesting, didn't actually think that would happen. ●Vince-Angle, F-nWo, (+0.5) Future pick for Vince, and a good one at that. ●Vince pissed, V-Benoit (+0.5) Might work if Kane has some backup. ●nWo rebellious, Flair sel Kane to deal with nWo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●V-Hogan, F-RVD (0) OK, moving right along. ●Vince wants IC Title, sets Angle v RVD later (+0.5) Good plan, won't work. ●Hogan/Rock chal. nWo (+0.5) Could be a good result. ●V- Billy and Chuck (0) All tag teams should go as a unit. ●Post4Raw Kane assists Rock/Hogan (+0.5) And the demo from Flair's new antidote. ●F-BookerT, V-Edge (0) Melee of picks here, the last two which are questionable. ●F-BubbaRay, V-DVon (0) I knew it might come to this. ●End of a tag team? (+1) Pause for shock...WOW! ●Regal/Rikishi non match Lesnar RevTKOs Rikishi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●JazzAtWWFNY wants all divas to fight with on both shows (0) Blah blah blah.. ●V tries for Lesnar, not his turn, Flair takes, V-Henry, F-Regal, V-Maven, F-Lita (0) Another melee of choices, and now a lottery will decide the fate of the rest. ●Post6Raw Edge saves RVD (+1) If this results in a match, I'm happy. ●Cole INT Steph says she will be champion (0) Not a chance. I hope.. ●Na na na na na na na na, hey hey hey, goodbye." (+0.5) I like those words, take her away.
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CLOSING NOTES:

1. As far as the presentation went, I liked the accompanying graphics for each superstar as they were selected (mostly anyway).
2. Though it will not be permanent, how many of you cheered aloud when Stephanie was dragged away? She fought off security well enough, I'll give her that much.
3. No more Dudley Boyz, this world has gone mad I tell you! Why them? Why any established tag team? WHYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYY??
4. No Stone Cold decision tonight, maybe on SmackDown to be in time for the start of the split?
5. Never actually thought a diva would be drafted, so call that a personal point of surprise.



Brand Rosters

As Of 25 March 2002–Post Raw; Effective 1 April 2002

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WWF SmackDown!		
Owner: Vince McMahon		
Show	Overall	Selection
1st	1st	<i>The Rock</i>
2nd	3rd	<i>Kurt Angle</i>
3rd	5th	<i>Chris Benoit</i>
4th	7th	<i>Hollywood Hulk Hogan</i>
5th	9th	<i>Billy Gunn and Chuck Palumbo- WWF Tag Chmps.</i>
6th	11th	<i>Edge</i>
7th	13th	<i>Rikishi</i>
8th	15th	<i>D-Von Dudley</i>
9th	17th	<i>Mark Henry</i>
10th	19th	<i>Maven- WWF Hardcore Champion</i>

WWF RAW		
Owner: Ric Flair		
Show	Overall	Selection
1st	2nd	<i>Undertaker</i>
2nd	4th	<i>n.W.o. (Scott Hall, Kevin Nash, X-Pac)</i>
3rd	6th	<i>Kane</i>
4th	8th	<i>Rob Van Dam- WWF Intercontinental Champion</i>
5th	10th	<i>Booker T</i>
6th	12th	<i>Big Show</i>
7th	14th	<i>Bubba Ray Dudley</i>
8th	16th	<i>Brock Lesnar</i>
9th	18th	<i>William Regal- WWF European Champion</i>
10th	20th	<i>Lita</i>

Lottery Draws		
<i>Billy Kidman</i>	<i>Scotty 2 Hotty</i>	
<i>Tajiri</i>	<i>Stacy Keibler</i>	
<i>Chris Jericho</i>	<i>Christian</i>	
<i>Ivory</i>	<i>Test</i>	
<i>Albert</i>	<i>Faarooq</i>	
<i>The Hurricane</i>	<i>Tazz</i>	
<i>Al Snow</i>	<i>Hardcore Holly</i>	
<i>Lance Storm</i>	<i>Perry Saturn</i>	
<i>Diamond Dallas Page</i>	<i>Big Valbowski</i>	
<i>Torrie Wilson</i>		

Lottery Draws		
<i>Bradshaw</i>	<i>Terri</i>	
<i>Steven Richards</i>	<i>Jacqueline</i>	
<i>Matt Hardy</i>	<i>Goldust</i>	
<i>Raven</i>	<i>Justin Credible</i>	
<i>Jeff Hardy</i>	<i>Boss Man</i>	
<i>Mr. Perfect</i>	<i>Tommy Dreamer</i>	
<i>Spike Dudley</i>	<i>Molly Holly</i>	
<i>D-Lo Brown</i>	<i>Crash</i>	
<i>Shawn Stasiak</i>	<i>Trish Stratus</i>	

WWF Undisputed Champion Triple H and WWF Women's Champion Jazz are available to both brands.

Stone Cold Steve Austin is considered a Free Agent and may opt to go with show of choice.