



SMACKDOWN! LINES

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1. Booker T v 2. Diamond Dallas Page

Singles

1SD 2:05.59 28 1-2-2*

◆BellyToBellySlam-NoContest; Broke well, action and efforts from both good, semi-strong quality for time.

No bell sounded, time called at first contact, initiating no contest.

Short contest, but the individual elements ranged from good to strong while this lasted. Granted that they did not have much time to have any bad spots, but benefit of the doubt says that for a longer time, match would have held strong some. Booker's fourth no contest leads all. Match worth keeping in mind despite performance rating.

1. Billy Gunn and Chuck Palumbo w Rico v 2. Dudley Boyz

2v2Tag

WWF Tag Team Championship-G1

2SD 3:52.53 47 1c-2b-2d-E-2b*2x-1c

◆FamAssEr-Pin; Active start with good early speed, settled into respectable pace, picked up 1/2, closed steadily.

Match started off well enough, and given that this only lasted a little less than four minutes, it was actually quite prudent to have this kick on about half way through. Elements steadily held for merit and a little added effect from the premise of this match. Would have liked this to go on a bit longer. Interesting to see how the split plays out.

1. Hollywood Hulk Hogan and Kane and The Rock v 2. n.W.o. (Hall, Nash, XPac)

3v3Tag

3SD 6:37.10 79 1r-1r-2n-E-1n-2n-2p-2n-E-1k-1k

Chokeslam-Pin; Opened well enough and moved steadily, some good exchanges and tags, went on 7/8, gd. close.

Assuredly a step up off of Raw's handicap match (4Raw, 32) involving these with this one featuring a better break and some good action throughout, avoiding the need to pick up early to even get to a good stride. Late match kick did draw a little more interest for this one and nothing really stood out to demerit this match. Quite good, strong some.

1. Chris Jericho v 2. Matt Hardy w Lita

Singles

4SD 2:18.0 25 (01:47) 2-1*

WallsOfJericho-Submission; Quick break with some good exchanges and holding pace, but limited due to time.

Similar (though a little lesser) elements to the opener and a near identical momentum line in this one. That said, contest was a good as it could be for two minutes, but as always, it is very difficult to accumulate much substance with that short a time to work with. But like the first, this should bode well for future outings from these.

1. Rob Van Dam v 2. Test

Singles

WWF Intercontinental Championship-G2

5SD 2:24.35 27 Mx-2-1-Mx-1

SunsetFlip-Pin; Out good and settled into suitable stride, some good exchange, match structure deprives.

Again (sounding like a broken record, necessarily though) good action and pace for the time, although could have done without Test's dealings with the referee. For the stakes, expected at least a little kick, but there was not much room for one. With this, Van Dam picks up his fifth straight win, all which have been for the IC Title (1 to win, 4 defenses).

1. Maven v 2. Raven v

HardcoreVariable

WWF Hardcore Championship-G3

Late Entry 3. Tommy Dreamer

6SD 1:44.80 15 (02:43) 2-1-1-2

RavenEffect-Pin; Some steadily good weapon action after suitable start, good to close, but little to go on.

🕒 TommyDreamer entered late at 1:16.58

Inclined to believe before the match the high possibility of Maven losing so that the Hardcore Championship would go to Raw. Some steadily good exchange with the weapons. Would prefer that Dreamer have been more involved if he was going to enter late but that can be dismissed. Merits for what was, but could have been much more.

1. Vince McMahon and Kurt Angle v 2. Ric Flair and Triple H

2v2Tag

7SD 9:04.31 71 ☒-2f-2n-1a-2x-2f-E-1a-1v-Mx-E-1v-E-2n-2f*1v

◆BigBoot-Pin; Led in slowly but picked up to good speed, contained some good activity, kicked on 2/3, OK fin.

Mostly balanced match here and appreciate that McMahon's actual offense was as limited as it was. Contest was able to shake off the slow lead series and move along well enough and action from Triple H and Angle was suitable (Flair's was to a lesser extent). Undertaker's run-in was placed good to set up the finish. Quite good closer.

BREAKDOWNS:	Time: 7 Matches with 1 No contest (28:00:49) about 23.34 % of show time.	Average Match Rating (6 Matches)	41.71	BestOfTheNight: 3SD HollywoodHulkHogan/Kane/TheRock v n.W.o. (Hall/Nash/XPac)	79
	Types: 3 Singles (1 Title Match); 3 Tag (1 Title Match); 1 HardcoreVariable (1 Title Match)	Extraneous Segment Aggregate	7.50	WorstOfTheNight: 6SD Maven v Raven v TommyDreamer	15
	4 instances of interference (2 meaningful); <input type="checkbox"/> Meaningful interference	Overall Show Score	49.21		
	1SD *BrockLesnar <input type="checkbox"/> 2SD *Rico 4SD *Lita 7SD *Undertaker <input type="checkbox"/>	Title Changes: Raven NewWWFHardcoreChampion		Turns: None	

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: Best of the four weekday shows since WrestleMania here. Non-match support was fair. Two good matches to cap each hour and some matches worth considering for future performances. Bearable, will take.

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"> ●Post1SD Brock destroys DDP (+0.5) Impressive, but we get it. ●Angle on Steph leaving Vince/Angle want HHH (+1) Not too thrilled about Vince in the match but should still be good. Angle: HHH/Flair out to set 7SD "You suck too!" ●Dudleyz on last chance to remain a team, if not, it has been a good run ●Post2SD, Dudleyz 3D and Wussup for last time (+1) Going out the way they pretty much came in. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●APA to Tajiri/Torrie announce one last party (+1) Why not? ●Lillian INT Lita/Matt on being drafted together Jericho upset in general attacks Matt (-0.5) Matt's "has been" line has to be the worst delivery I have ever heard. ●Rock/Hogan/Kane on match with nWo (+2) I could not help but be entertained, a humorous segment. ●Post4SD Y2J assault Matt/Lita (+0.5) Works for me.. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●APA party/strip poker with Torrie/ Christian with a tantrum (0) And he had to go and ruin a perfectly good party with that. ●Coach INT Raven on draft, match with Maven (+0.5) Cryptic and intellectual comments. No one usually cares, but I'll take it. ●McMahon mad about losing HC Title to Raw, Angle on 7SD (0) Now SD will only have the tag champs as their own, not a good sign. ●APA/Regal "I told you" One last brawl to end it. (+1) Going out in APA style.
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CLOSING NOTES:

1. Like how performers get their show's respective chyrons, just as a presentation detail.
2. Is it just me, or did Flair seem just a little insane as he closed out his promo on the coming match against Angle and McMahon?
3. No more Dudleyz, no more APA; if thought the tag division seemed weak earlier this year, well like HHH said tonight "you ain't seen nothing yet."
4. A moment of silence...only Angle...
5. The Kane/Hogan/Rock promo is a keeper I would say. Now if I could only transfer it to another tape so that it isn't five hours from the beginning of the tape it's currently on.