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1. Scotty 2 Hotty and Albert v 2. Billy Gunn and Chuck Palumbo w Rico

2v2Tag

WWF Tag Team Championship-G1

 1SD 3:06.50 **33** Mx-1s-2c-E-1a*1s*2b

♦RoundhouseKick-Pin; Some OK exchange after similar start, light pick up about 2/3, OK to close, lightly fair.

Mostly adequate elements in this one. Pace was average with a little drive to lead into the closing series. Had the expect the result if the backstage segment was to mean anything. Hence, the setup used to get there was about as good of means as any. The Scotty/Albert team end with no wins outside of Heat/Jakked. Somewhat fair yet dry.
1. Christian v 2. Diamond Dallas Page

Singles

 2SD 3:18.49 **51** 2-1-E-2-Mx-1

Unprettier-Pin; Good break, some good efforts from both with a few workable spots, finishing ruse a plus.

Discounting their recent tag match (25Mar02, 2Raw, 25), their WM match indicated that this could be similarly good. Remarks are quite good considering the time they had to do this in. Good action and pacing throughout and efforts apparent. Some good spotting to join the parts. The tantrum ruse was a nice way to close this out.
1. Edge v 2. Kurt Angle

Singles

 3SD 3:13.49 **55** (01.62) 2-2-E-1-1

□ChairUsedAsDefenseFromSpear(Edge); Good outings from both, considering, some drive to matches credit.

The combination has proven capable, so some expectations before this match were warranted. Good efforts were there as evidenced by some good exchanges and match speed. Halving the match to each competitor worked here in setting the DQ finish, which is forgivable if it leads to a conclusive match later. Benefit of doubt says it will.
1. Tajiri w Torrie Wilson v 2. Billy Kidman

Singles

WWF Cruiserweight Championship-G2

 4SD 3:17.43 **48** Mx-1-1-2-1-2

RollUp-Pin; Starting series a good basis to go on, some speed early, steadied, some interesting effect.

Appreciated the opening sequence to this match as both quick and active. Did not expect Wilson to remove the belt from play, so that was some interesting added effect, working to the match's advantage. Some good counters in this contest helped to increase interest overall. A good indicator for matches to come (with some more time).
1. Maven v 2. Hardcore Holly

Singles

 5SD 2:03.41 **15** Mx-2-2-1-2

AlabamaSlam-Pin; OK to open, some lightly good execution within, but not much substance otherwise.

Limited match, substance-wise. Thought that the combination could put on something good so this is somewhat disappointing. Will dismiss the lack of balance given the premise for the match. Glaring presentation error from Holly with his jump from the turnbuckle which did not even look like an attempt to execute a move. Iffy merits.
1. Chris Jericho v 2. The Rock

Singles

 6SD 7:33.65 **83** (103.67) 1-1-1-E-2-2*E-Mx-2

RockBottom-Pin; Pre match exchange served as good lead in, moved steadily, a little drive, finished suitably.

Liked the pre-bell action here which made the in-ring exchanges more interesting than they would have been without it. A good pace overall, but it did seem to drop at a point or two. Good placed interference by Angle and a similarly placed intercept by Edge help this one out. Strong contest overall and receives match of the night honors.
BREAKDOWNS: Time: 6 Matches with 0 No contest (22:32:97) about 18.79 % of show time.

Types: 5 Singles (1 Title Match), 1 Tag (1 Title Match)

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

1SD *Rico (2, 2nd) □

6SD *KurtAngle

 Average Match Rating (6 Matches) **47.50**

 Extraneous Segment Aggregate **8.50**

 Overall Show Score **56.00**

Title Changes: BillyKidman NewWWFCruiserweightChampion

BestOfTheNight: 6SD ChrisJericho v TheRock

WorstOfTheNight: 5SD Maven v HardcoreHolly

 Turns: Albert on Scotty2Hotty.
Tajiri on TorrieWilson, maybe?

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SHOW ASSESSMENT: Fared much better than Flair's first Raw; that's for sure. Some good matches and good backstage bits, good show. Raw, second chance is in four days, be ready!

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

●Vince said that he names (0) This guy can be really eerie. #1 contender. Coin toss

●Angle/Jericho argue for (+1) Pretty humorous exchange here. title shot, Rock says it Hogan v HHH? Could be good, I suppose. should be Hogan

●Scotty/Albert on 1SD (+0.5) This is going somewhere..

●Post1SD Albert turns on (+0.5) Yep..just as well. Scotty

●Lloyd INT Vince on #1 (0) Did he ever work for Flair? Why? Cont: names Hogan Vince afraid he's a spy?

●Y2J pissed at Rock for (+1.5) Good match prospect. Would like to naming Hogan, Rock chal. see Jericho tack on another win to that Jericho for tonight list he mentioned.

●Angle on Hogan being (+2) That was the funniest thing I have chosen, Edge pulls seen in a while. Watch or check a recap. prank on Angle

●HHH on match with (+1) Nostalgia! Hogan, Hogan back to the

Red and Yellow, on WWF run, title match

●Pre4SD Kidman/Torrie (+0.5) Also leading to something, I think. past is past, good luck,

Tajiri not too happy

●Post4SD Tajiri (+0.5) Sure is. Where's my translator? chastises Torrie in Japanese

●Vince on Maven losing (0) Of course..

HC Title, sends HC Holly to teach him a lesson, Stacy offers secretarial services

●D/Von on Dudleyz being (0) That is the most fallacious reasoning split up, Vince tells him to from Vince I have ever heard. come back when ready to be a superstar

●Snow/Maven on match/ (+1) Not as funny as the Edge/Angle bit, probable demolition of but good for laughs no less. Maven

CLOSING NOTES:

1. Anyone care to reaffirm my thoughts that Vince, in his opening monologue tonight, seemed a lot like Alfred Hitchcock?

2. Point of hilarity: Rico shouting out fashion instructions DURING Billy and Chuck's match.

3. After the show, I'm still laughing at Edge's oh-so humiliating prank. Now that's comedy!

4. A little trite on the technique but Angle's "has been" line on Jericho's quest for a title rematch worked quite alright with me.

5. Torrie understands Japanese? Sure seemed like it tonight. One more thing: was it a sound lapse or did they actually bleep out a Japanese word? Wow, Japanese must be the official language of wrestling.