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**1. Bubba Ray Dudley v 2. Booker T v**

HardcoreVariable

**WWF Hardcore Championship-G3**
**Late Entry 3. Goldust**

 1Raw 3:56.15 **46** (01.41) 1-2-2-1-2-2-1

PowerbombThroughTable-Pin; Good start, OK/gd. action, steadily, light on the weaponry, only light drive.

● Goldust entered late at 3:32:02

Some pretty good exchanges to kick this on off. Concerned that they started using the weaponry later than expected. If they balanced weapons and basic action then this would have been better overall, but weapon usage was simply too sparse to really factor in well. That demerit aside, the general elements held on fairly enough.

**1. XPac v 2. Kane**

SinglesFallsCountAnywhere

 2Raw 1:59.17 **14** (02.22) 1-2-2\*1

Chairshot-Pin; Broke good, held on as necessary, finish easily anticipated, substantively light, much more needed.

[T] No bell sounded, time called at referee's third count.

Given the nWo's comments prior to this, had to anticipate the finish from far away (probably even without said comments). Match had started good and under similar conditions, would have survived well enough for a few more minutes. Given the finish, this was kept necessarily short. Only light merits overall.

**1. William Regal v 2. Spike Dudley**

Singles

**WWF European Championship-G2**

 3Raw 0:04.01 **-0** (02.78) 2

FacePunch(BrassKnuckles)-Pin; No merit, unsound by its very conception.

Four seconds? Four seconds for a title change no less?! Would have much rather executed this with last week's fluke victory scenario. At least that would not have seemed as absurd. No merit to be found, not even close, probably not even possible. Finishing offensive move did not even occur after the bell to start this one.

**1. Rob Van Dam v 2. Undertaker**

Singles

**Entry #1 Cont. Match UndisChmp At Backlash**

 4Raw 9:02.84 **79** 2-2-2-1-1-2-1-E-2-1\*2

◆Beltshot-Pin; Good and steady pacing, action mostly good, some drive, interference well placed, OK close.

Result was pretty much a given considering the premise for this contest. Aside from that, good action and a steady pace in this one. No drive to close because of the finish, but the interference that played into the finish was well placed so that can not only be overlooked, but seen as a mild benefit. Quite good match. RVD's win streak ends at six.

**1. Trish Stratus v 2. Molly Holly**

Singles

 5Raw 3:59.55 **61** (09.59) 1-2-2-1\*2

IndianDeathlockWithBridge-Pin; Broke good, very nice efforts from both, activity sound, closed out suitably.

This is the kind of match that one particularly would wish that the women had more of. Efforts from both Holly and Stratus were very good and match mechanics were very enjoyable, even the interference setup somewhat. Pace lightened a bit in the middle but did not detract much. No drive on close, but good no less.

**1. Mr. Perfect v 2. Big Show**

Singles

 6Raw 1:44.36 **18** (00.60) 2-1-2

Chokeslam-Pin; Match out fair/good, two spots to note, not much else aside from that.

Not a lot to find in this match. Contest did start out good enough and two spots to mention, that being Show tossing Perfect into the ring, over the top rope, from the floor below, and the PerfectPlex on Show. Held for what it was, but in the end, it was quite limited. Contest, as a result, was very lacking.

**1. Scott Hall w XPac v 2. Stone Cold Steve Austin**

Singles

**Entry #1 Cont. Match UndisChmp At Backlash**

 7Raw 9:36.18 **74** (02.16) 2-2\*2-1\*1-1-E-1-E\*2\*E-1\*2

StoneColdStunner-Pin; Quick to open, good action held on under a good speed, too much interference.

Similar to the fourth match, result was foreseeable given the premise and the result of the fourth match. A good, quick start to this one and contained some good action. By the elements, a bit better than the fourth, but the excessive interference dropped this considerably. Without it, this one reaches the mid/high 80s. Good, not quite the best.

**BREAKDOWNS:** Time: 7 Matches with 0 No contest (30:22:26) about 23.36 % of show time.

Types: 6 Singles (1 Title Match); 1 HardcoreVariable (1 Title Match)

 Average Match Rating (7 Matches) **41.71**

BestOfTheNight: 4Raw RobVanDam v Undertaker

**79**

 Extraneous Segment Aggregate **6.00**

WorstOfTheNight: 3Raw WilliamRegal v SpikeDudley

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 Overall Show Score **47.71**

8 instances of interference (3 meaningful); [ ] Meaningful interference

2Raw \*ScottHall and KevinNash [ ]

4Raw \*EddieGuerrero [ ]

5Raw \*Jazz [ ]

7Raw \*XPac (3) \*Undertaker \*XPac

Title Changes: SpikeDudley NewWWFEuropeanChampion

Turns: MollyHolly now in full heel mode.

**SHOW ASSESSMENT:** A sizeable step up from last week's Raw, so hopefully that Raw was only an anomaly. An OK package here, Watchable.

**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**

- UT on not being #1 cont. (+1) Sure, why not? Could be good stuff. Flair says he decides after Backlash, SCSA wants Sets 4Raw, 7Raw
- Pre1Raw Spinarooni and (+0.5) Ah the humor. dancing
- Coach INT Trish on Molly (+0.5) Ah, touche Stratus. assault last wk, Regal on Trish, match with Spike
- Terri INT Kane on (+0.5) The change continues on match vs. XPac
- XPac prepares, wants to do this alone (0) Yeah right.

- nWo steal Kane's mask Bradshaw saves
- Flair suspends Nash without pay
- Pre3Raw Regal hides second pair of knuckles
- Coach INT Spike Dreamer, Show, etc. celebrate with Slurpees Bubba congratulates
- Pre5Raw Jazz to commentary (0) Um, she don't look too happy.
- (0) Figures.
- (0) Those kinds of punishments may be effective, yet never sound effective. (+0.5) Wait, there is a point to all this.
- (+1) Extra advertising. Quite humorous actually.

- Terri INT Molly on (+0.5) She might have a point there. assault, wanting to display talents
- Heyman declares Brock The Next Big Thing. goes over resume, Hardy's attack (+1) The man is unholy. Say good night Hardy.
- SCSA waits for Flair in office, Flair clarifies #1 contender scenario (0) Figured as much, but thanks.
- Post7Raw SCSA stuns Flair once again. (+0.5) SCSA better watch it, he can only get away with that so many times in all.

**CLOSING NOTES:**

1. Jazz's red eye very disturbing image tonight.
2. JR: "We send it now to the Coach" Wow, Coach looks, um, different somehow.
3. One more thing on Jazz, do not let her anywhere near a commentary headset again please.
4. No tag matches tonight? How very odd.
5. Onto Mr. Lesnar, any bets as to when he might actually, I don't know, speak, or compete for that matter?