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**1. Tajiri w Torrie Wilson v 2. The Hurricane** Singles

 1SD 3:25.84 **40** 2-1-1-E-2-1

SharpSpinKick-Pin; Broke good, led into some good action as well, steadily, non-driving towards finish.

*Some good elements in this one. Pacing was steady and the action was good enough, but match needed to go a bit longer to have more impact and a drive to close would have helped. Tajiri has proven capable of better and Hurricane has only had one other rated singles contest (21Mar02, 5SD, 03) which should not be an indicator of potential.*
**1. Albert v 2. Scotty 2 Hotty** Singles

 2SD 2:36.84 **17** (02:16) 1-1-2-1

BaldoBomb-Pin; OK out, but settled too much too early, never picked back up, mediocre on action.

*Not a lot merit aside from the OK start to this match. Keep in mind that this match did not have a lot of room to develop. However, really could not assume much given that both competitors did not have much of a singles record. Action was generally one sided and action was quite ordinary. Match looked to set up another rivalry, reserving opinion.*
**1. Chris Jericho v 2. Edge** Singles

 3SD 7:04.44 **79** Mx-Mx-2-1-1-Mx-E-2-2-2\*1

RollUp-PinUsingClothing; Good starting exchange into moderate speed, good action, went on 5/8, settled close.

*Edge lost to Jericho in their only other singles match (11Feb02, 1Raw, 63) but that performance did bode well for this one. Good elements here from the opening exchange to some good series of action which all held under a steady pace that did not drop. Overall, match easily bests their previous one and is best of the night.*
**1. Chuck Palumbo w Billy Gunn and Rico v 2. Al Snow w Maven** Singles

 4SD 3:31.45 **28** (02:10) Mx-2-1-2\*\*\*1-2

SnowPlow-Pin; OK action after a good break, short line of interference detracts, odd pacing, finished OK.

*Contest had held its own in the first half with a good break and some fair action. However, that short string of interference not only did not help, but also pulled away from merit that this had earned. Both competitors are assumed to be capable of more in future outings. Palumbo picks up sixth straight overall; Snow drops to one win in seven.*
**1. Kurt Angle v 2. Triple H** Singles

 5SD 9:15.54 **72** Mx-2-2-2-1-1-E-Mx-2\*\*\*\*E-1

Pedigree-Pin; Stable open with a good exchange, slower pace early, good exchanges went on 2/3, held on.

*Good outing from both competitors here. Efforts evident through a good staring exchange and some good action throughout. Would have preferred the pace to be a little higher at the start, however. Contest contained a little drive to it. Suffers, like the fourth, from a string of interference, but is more forgivable here, in context. Second best.*

<b>BREAKDOWNS:</b>	Time: 5 Matches with 0 No contest (25:54:11) about 2158 % of show time.	Average Match Rating (5 Matches)	<b>47.20</b>	BestOfTheNight: 3SD ChrisJericho v Edge	<b>79</b>
	Types: 5 Singles (0 Title Matches)	Extraneous Segment Aggregate	<b>5.50</b>	WorstOfTheNight: 2SD Albert v Scotty2Hotty	<b>17</b>
		Overall Show Score	<b>52.70</b>		
	8 instances of interference (1 meaningful); <input type="checkbox"/> Meaningful interference				
	3SD *KurtAngle <input type="checkbox"/>	Title Changes: None		Turns: None	
	4SD *BillyGunn *Rico *BillyGunn				
	5SD *ChrisJericho (3) *HollywoodHulkHogan				

**SHOW ASSESSMENT:** A little lower than the last SmackDown but did best Raw by the numbers (bearing in mind that SD had two less matches, or chances to screw up as it were). Show held together well enough.

**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.

<b>NON-MATCH SEGMENTS AND SCORES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●Angle on Hogan being #1 (+1) Good prospect, no doubt. Let's see cont., match v. HHH, Edge how long the new prompt lasts.</li> <li>●Jericho/Angle make pact (+0.5) How long before that dissolves? to watch other's back</li> <li>●Post1SD Tajiri with more (+0.5) Oooh, could start a good feud with Japanese to Torrie, this one. Kidman saves</li> <li>●Stacy to Vince's office (0) Welcome anywhere, apparently.</li> <li>●Post2SD Albert assaults (+0.5) It's like they are missing something, or someone, not quite sure.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●Stacy/Vince on offer, (0) Um...sure. Vince to int. applicants in the ring</li> <li>●Rico on Maven's style, (0) Yeah, whatever. Snow/Chuck on match</li> <li>●Sharmell INT Hogan on (+1) Jericho makes a good point match, Jericho on HHH</li> <li>●Post3SD Edge/Angle (+0.5) If it helps build the match. collide, Y2J in, Hogan to save</li> <li>●Vince interviews in ring, (0) (Searching for word)...duh! Stacy chosen after table dance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●DVon found self, man (+0.5) Oh, testify indeed. above, wants Vince's help in his mission</li> <li>●Feat of Strength: Henry (0) If that was legitimate, then good for brace limo with legs, he does, Test is pissed him, if not, then oh well.</li> <li>●HHH/Hogan on pact, (+0.5) Good philosophy to have, I guess. HHH assumes all advances as offensive</li> <li>●Post5SD HHH reminds (+0.5) That will do. Hogan of earlier, collide by misunderstanding, Angle/Jericho clean up</li> </ul>
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**CLOSING NOTES:**

1. Now introducing what some whining person, somewhere out there, will deem the next reason why WWF programming should be banned, the Geisha outfit.
2. OK, that image of Angle during the fifth match tonight: didn't need to see that.
3. No tag matches on Raw, and now none tonight? Have they abandoned tag matches altogether? I didn't get a fax, didn't get an e-mail. What is going on here?!
4. D-Von really must have found God to have such a power as to get money from Vince.
5. Not to nitpick, but while Hogan and Triple H were getting floored near the end, where was Edge?