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1. Bubba Ray Dudley v 2. Raven	HardcoreSingles	WWF Hardcore Championship—G3
1Raw 3:05.34 35 Mx-2-E-1-2 RavenEffect-Pin; Broke good and into some good weapons action quickly, moved good enough, held on.		<i>Better than average elements in this one. Like how the competitors got to sing the weapons early and that they still had a suitable amount of regular hand to hand combat. Match moved good enough. The 35 does not look encouraging, but the merits were good given the time which should be considered. Somewhat enjoyable.</i>
1. Big Show v 2. Shawn Stasiak	Singles	
2Raw 1:24.99 11 Mx-2-1 Chokeslam-Pin; Held some OK action after a similar start, too anticlimactic to have much impact.		<i>Generally surprised to see that Stasiak got any offense at all. That's probably the element keeping this one out of the single digit range. Though Stasiak did get some shots in, finish was foreseeable eliminating any real added effect that this could have received. Maybe a close fall for Stasiak might have helped. Fourth straight for Show.</i>
1. Crash v 2. Jacqueline	SinglesIntergender	
3Raw 0:29.98 01 (02.61) 1-2 SunsetFlip-Pin; Nature of match too abrupt, only four moves comprised whole match, barely breaks zero.		<i>As the short line says, four moves. I do not think there is a person alive that could make a convincing argument favoring a match with four moves. No exception here. That said, cannot really assign this a zero either, but it is probably reasonable to assign the next closest thing. This combination is a bad idea that needs to disappear.</i>
1. Rob Van Dam and Spike Dudley v 2. William Regal and Eddie Guerrero	2v2Tag	
4Raw 5:50.49 75 (03.41) Mx-1r-Mx-1s-2r-2e-2r-1r-Mx-2e FrogSplash-Pin; Good break, action held up quite good throughout, moderate pacing, some drive about 2/3.		<i>Match had both good tag mechanics and active balance, which are always looked upon favorably. All of this held under a moderate pace that did not drop out at all to its credit. Not much in the area of added effect but the basics were easily enough to make this match quite good. Looking forward to Van Dam and Guerrero matches even more.</i>
1. Molly Holly v 2. Trish Stratus	Singles	#1Cont.WWFWomen'sChampionshipAtBacklash
5Raw 3:20.21 40 1-2-1-1-2 CounterRollUp-PinUsingClothing; Some good action following an average start, light drive, closed fairly.		<i>Not to the level of the last match, but some similar merits for this one. Efforts did not seem to match the last but were good. Action was similar and did not suffer from any awkwardness. To its credit, match closed out a little better this time around. All things considered, a full-blown rivalry looks likely and should be a good one to watch.</i>
1. Hardy Boyz w Lita v 2. Booker T and Goldust	2v2Tag	
6Raw 2:14.53 24 (01.56) 2x-2b-E-1j-1x-2g ♦HarlemSidekick-Pin; OK start, good speed, with some fair action and drive, too compressed, some merit.		<i>Good speed for this contest, but any less, given the compressed frame of the match would have been unreasonable. Some fair action and a fair start, but that's about the extent of the merit. Nothing there to demerit, still the merits alone are very light in this one. All four competitors still have losing records following this. Lacking.</i>
1. Undertaker and XPac and Scott Hall v 2. Bradshaw and Stone Cold Steve Austin	3v2Handicap	
7Raw 7:15.47 68 (01.62) Mx-1u-2a-Mx-2b-Mx-2a-1n-Mx-1p-E-2b-2b ClotheslineFromHell-Pin; Good action under suitable pace, some disjointed pieces detract, held on good.		<i>Contest had some good exchanges among all five. Greatest detractor here was that match flow seemed disjointed at some points. Still, match held at a speed more than anticipated and post match furthers the setup for the #1 Contendership match at Backlash. Match warrants good remarks; has to settled for second best tonight.</i>

BREAKDOWNS: Time: 7 Matches with 0 No contest (23:41:01) about 18.29 % of show time. Average Match Rating (7 Matches) **36.29** BestOfTheNight: 4Raw RobVanDam and SpikeDudley v WilliamRegal and EddieGuerrero **75**
Types: 3 Singles (0 Title Matches); 3 Tag (0 Title Matches); Extraneous Segment Aggregate **4.50** WorstOfTheNight: 3Raw Crash v Jacqueline **01**
1 HardcoreSingles (1 Title Match) Overall Show Score **40.79**
0 instances of interference (0 meaningful); Meaningful interference

Title Changes: Entering/Leaving WWF Hardcore Champion same Turns: None.
(BubbaRayDudley→Raven→TommyDreamer→StevenRichards→BubbaRayDudley)

SPECIAL NOTES: See following page.

SHOW ASSESSMENT: Down from the last Raw; held on alright standalone, but given that Backlash is on Sunday, it should have been much more.

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

- Flair/SCSA/UT/XPac/Hall (+1) Do you sense a match as well? on last wk., Backlash, Bradshaw in, collision
- Flair sets 3v2 Hcp. (+0.5) Of course; has potential.
- Coach INT Stasiak on match v. Show, welcome to "Planet Stasiak" (0) Um, huh?
- Terri INT Guerrero on (+1) All good shall come of this. RVD, IC Title, frog splash, tag match tonight
- Goldust/Booker on last (+1) Another odd couple deal. Somewhat week, tonight's tag match, humorous here, at least. "box office gold"
- UT scares off Debra (0) But screwed with his family...
- Pre3Raw Terri INT (0) Sure, whatever.
- Jacqueline on match v. Crash
- Coach INT Regal on (+0.5) Berating Coach, too funny.
- EuroTitle loss, 4Raw
- Post4Raw Regal saves (+0.5) Come on, let's get to the one on one Guerrero from RVD splash already.
- Coach INT Trish on (+0.5) Hopefully, the match will not Molly, last wk, tonight, disappointing.
- Molly interjects
- Terri INT Bradshaw on (+0.5) Funny remarks on the nWo. Hall, hcp. match
- nWo on SCSA, Bradshaw (0) Moving right along...
- Coach INT Lita on tag (-1.5) OK, that's just wrong. match, Matt v. Brock at Backlash, Heyman chimes in
- Post6Raw Heyman lures (+0.5) Ooh, that's gotta hurt. Matt into Brock trap, Rev. TKO at entrance
- JR INT HHH on Hogan, Backlash (0) Somehow, I don't think he will be the champion much longer.
- Post7Raw Melee, nWo (0) But who prevails at Backlash? UT prevail

CLOSING NOTES:

1. Not sure, but I think that referee gave the weakest, most tentative three count I have ever seen in my life.
2. Stand by for more technical difficulties: you would think that after so long, they would easily be able to synch up a titantron and music (see Eddie Guerrero tonight).
3. Planet Stasiak? Who thinks up this stuff?!
4. Flair is tired of it all, so who will he turn on first? Austin looks like the leading candidate.
5. All prospective interviewing personnel should view the Coach-Regal segment tonight; see exactly what they are getting themselves into.

SPECIAL NOTES: The post match Hardcore Title Changes are considered win-loss, and graded, but do not contribute to number of matches or match time totals.
They are designated as follows

ARaw 0:07.04 with TommyDreamer defeating Raven.

BRaw 0:04.48 with SteverRichards defeating TommyDreamer

CRaw 0:05.05 with BubbaRayDudley defeating SteverRichards

Times are assumed because no opening bells sounded, estimated start at first visual contact.