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1. Rey Mysterio v 2. Tajiri

Singles

 1SD 7:14.23 **81** (16.62) 1-2-2-2-2-1-2-1-Mx-1

Frankensteiner-Pin; Settled in well, good on the exchanges spot placing, OK for pacing, some unbalance detracts.

All the elements out of this one were good from the start. Perhaps the exchanges between these stand out a bit above the others, but all combined, they comprised a good outing. Some well spread spots in this one contributed well for structure and that desired extra spark. A sharp effort for the match tabs. Quality opener.

1. Brock Lesnar w Paul Heyman v 2. Mark Henry

Singles

 2SD 2:42.91 **25** Mx-1-2-1

F5-Pin; Led in OK and held some progression, few key spots, held OK but no drive, controlled for time.

Some good points of action in this contest amidst a light allotment of key spots that were OK. However, both action (as a whole) and pacing did not seem up to necessary standards for the succinctness of this. Match bound together fairly for what it had to work with; no real place to find anything outstanding. Served purpose; standalone, lacks.

1. Kurt Angle v 2. Hollywood Hulk Hogan

Singles

 3SD 10:32.70 **79** 2-1-Mx-2-2-1-1-1-1-2-1-1-2

@Chairshot(HollywoodHulkHogan); Slow break, light early but into good form, ran OK, kicked on 3/4, gd. finish.

Match found its stride a little later than expected here, but when it did, it was good enough to build and hold some interest. A good, light but extended drive and suitable finishing series found here, but would have liked the finish to be a non-disqualifying one. Aftermath of this does set up next weeks match fairly enough. Quite good.

1. Rikishi v 2. D-Von w Batista

Singles

 4SD 2:29.54 **19** (01.34) Mx**2-2-1

BanzaiDrop-Pin; Action was fair, held on steadily, no rally, match mostly lacking aside from some OK basics

General mechanics of the match were lightly fair, but realistically, that might have been about as much to be expected from this combination. Nothing at all special to be found within this contest. Batista got in his interference as expected, which did not draw away from the match. Mostly dry atmosphere. Subpar package.

1. John Cena v 2. Rico

Singles

 5SD 2:13.50 **46** (01.93) 2-2-1-2-1

Protobomb-Pin; Into form well with some speed, good efforts there and maintained, light drive to close.

For the short time frame this one had to go on, there were some good efforts from both Cena and Rico. Speed, action, and finish complemented each other. A few more minutes under near this desired. Take note that the match figure controls this for time and development, but this outing does bode well for future matches. Worth a look.

1. Eddie Guerrero and Chris Benoit v 2. Edge and The Rock

2v2Tag

 6SD 12:59.58 **100** (02.03) 1e-2r-1b-1e-1b-2e-1b-1b-1e-1b-1e-E-1e-E-2r-2r-1b

CripplerCrossface-Submission; Strong to open, settled, nice exchanges, early/late drives, efficient, pointed well.

Pointed well from the outset with a good tag series from Benoit and Guerrero and a few well placed returns from Rock and Edge; a little more offsetting offense from Rock/Edge warranted maybe but in context, that can be discounted for now. Brock's non-interfering presence served for the finish and SummerSlam. Very effective, triple-digits by a nose.

BREAKDOWNS:	Time: 6 Matches with 0 No contests (39:06.93) about 32.60 % of show time.	Average Match Rating (6 Matches)	58.33	BestOfTheNight: 6SD EddieGuerrero and ChrisBenoit v Edge and TheRock	100
	Types: 5 Singles (0 Title Matches), 1 Tag (0 Title Matches)	Extraneous Segment Aggregate	4.00	WorstOfTheNight: 4SD Rikishi v D-Von	19
		Overall Show Score	62.33		
	2 instance of interference (0 meaningful); <input type="checkbox"/> Meaningful interference 4SD *Batista (2)	Title Changes: None		Turns: EddieGuerrero and ChrisBenoit defect from Raw to SmackDown.	

SHOW ASSESSMENT: Light help from the extraneous stuff; two good matches, three er..not so good matches, and then, of course, the triple digit at the end as a fine conclusion. Overall, a somewhat strong outing.

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"> ●Angle on perception (+1) Either matchup should be good, but he was leaving SD, personally hoping that it is Angle v Lesnar. ●Steph sees Bisch. (+0.5) Should be a good contest. has him ejected main event Edge/Rock 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Lesnar tells both Angle/Hogan he wants each to win Rico on Cena ●Post3SD Brock F5 to Hogan ●Post4SD Batista DVon attack Rikishi ●Steph berates Stacy, on Bisch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (+0.5) For Lesnar, what purpose does that really serve? Looks like Cena v Rico, which could prove to be a good showing (+0.5) And it's on.. (0) Expected as much. (0) Which means, Stacy is soon leaving. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Nidia on Cole ●Steph angry at stars viewing Raw ●Post5SD Billy/Chuck Doomsday to Cena win. ●Bischoff has ticket to ringside, says Benoit/Guerrero in SD main event ●Post6SD Hogan chairs Brock 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (-1) Literally. Enough said. (0) Why not, if to scout the competition? But since they were not doing so.. (0) He should have just walked away with his win. (+2) Paydirt! And what was to be good, becomes something with grand potential. (+0.5) Payback, always a necessity.
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CLOSING NOTES:

1. There is no logical way that Bischoff should have been able to get into Stephanie's office; if he's that good, the country could use a good operative.
2. Post-defection revision from the non-match remark (Steph announces "Edge and The Rock" ; always pay attention to the language used, I figured I'd have learned by now, but I guess not.
3. Wouldn't Brock saying he has no preference who he faces next week have been simpler and less time consuming for us all? Is a little thought too much to ask.
4. The question: how does Stacy get at Stephanie? Thoughts?
5. Incredible pickup for SmackDown with Guerrero and Benoit; but that sure changes the depth for Raw in a bad way.