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1. Big Show v 2. Bubba Ray Dudley

SinglesTables

 1Raw 4:37.12 **31** (00.24) 1-2-1-1-2-1*2

Flapjack-ThroughTable; Slowed up some early, into stride with some good action, tailed off, lapsed.

Usually expect table matches to have a fair paced set up before going to the tables, yet did not really get that here, so the pre-table exchange did not build as much interest as it could have. Two person interference was OK for light added effect, but it does not provide much off only some good action at best under a subpar speed. Lacking.

1. Tommy Dreamer v 2. Bradshaw

HardcoreSingles

WWE Hardcore Championship-G3

 2Raw 5:23.58 **29** (02.49) 2-2-1-1-2-2-1

DDTOnRingSteps-Pin; Contained some fair weapon usage, weakened some, held, with some substance, no drive.

This contest mixed some fair exchange and weapon usage and progressed similarly at times, but this one also seemed to hold off occasionally. A few basic elements were there in OK form, but match did not provide much lasting effect and also did not even try to sustain drive of any sorts before finishing. Not nearly up to standard.

1. Booker T and Goldust v 2. Chris Nowinski and William Regal

2v2Tag

 3Raw 6:15.92 **73** (09.78) 1g-1b-1bg-2c-2r-2c-2r-2c-2r-E-1b-2r-1b

AxelKick-Pin; Broke OK, quick on the tags, systematically sound, held, kicked on about 7/8, good to finish.

Some quick tagging early did nicely in drawing interest for this match. Execution of moves was handled rather well with an above average speed. Not really anything to speak of in terms of added effect, but the basic pieces were good and match was suitably structured to create an overall enjoyable match. Quite good.

1. Trish Stratus v 2. Victoria

Singles

 4Raw 4:24.47 **45** Mx-1-2-2-1-2-2

RollUp-PinUsingRopes; Good opening with some suitable exchange, some efforts seemed tentative, held OK/fairly.

Opening minute of the match displayed fair/good tendencies. Could not be sure on the truth of the "injury" part of the segment, but it ended up being OK for effect. All things considered, a good outing for Victoria for her RAW debut. Efforts were at times good, but were also tentative which seemed to stand out more here. Mixed thoughts. Fair.

1. Hardy Boyz v 2. Lance Storm and Christian

2v2Tag

WWE Tag Team Championship-G1

 5Raw 3:49.41 **37** Mx-1m-1j-2c-2s-1m-Mx-1m

BeltShots(HardyBoyz); Commenced well enough, each held OK, settled, very light on drive, abrupt close.

Odd to see this one as the shortest match of the night. This one seemed to cut off after only the lightest development. For it was allowed, match had a fair/good start and had some good action as well. Also contained light drive, but as mentioned, the brevity allowed for very little, and added effect was not included. Approaches fair at best.

1. Chris Jericho v 2. Rob Van Dam

Singles

 6Raw 7:51.43 **79** (01.41) 1-2-1-1-1-E-2-1-2-1*2

FiveStarFrogSplash-Pin; Exchanges and pace good, held on, some drive 5/8, interference well-placed, some draw.

Similar to the last, this one seemed shortchanged in time allotted, but this one was able to progress and develop well with what it had. Exchanges were done quite well and match avoided any real bounces in consistency. Flair's end-match interference was timely (I had become near certain he would not) and gave this some spark. Night's best.

BREAKDOWNS: Time: 6 Matches with 0 No contests (32:21:93) about 24.90 % of show time.

 Types: 3 Singles (0 Title Matches); 2 Tag (1 Title Match)
 1 HardcoreSingles (1 Title Match)

 2 instance of interference (2 meaningful); Meaningful interference

 1Raw *SpikeDudley and TrishStratus

 6Raw *RicFlair

 Average Match Rating (6 Matches) **49.00**

 Extraneous Segment Aggregate **3.50**

 Overall Show Score **52.50**

Title Changes: None

BestOfTheNight: 6Raw ChrisJericho v RobVanDam

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WorstOfTheNight: 2Raw TommyDreamer v Bradshaw

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Turns: TripleH on ShawnMichaels (officially now).

Finkel on Garcia (if you even want or dare to count that).

SHOW ASSESSMENT: Only two matches break the 50 line and the women's match ranked third of six tonight, which does not speak well for that, and the non-match bits only helped minimally; have seen worse, fair showing.

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

●Raw is Jericho" (+0.5) If for no other reason than the match set here should be a good one.
 HHH/Y2J on HBK denies; Y2J/RVD set for 6Raw, collide
 ●Terri INT UnAmer. (0) This match on the other hand... on UT last week, Slaughter chal. Test
 ●Dreamer/Bradshaw (0) Yeah, OK, sure. backstage into 2Raw
 ●Regal/Chris (+0.5) Should be an interesting RAW debut. meet Victoria

●Goldust has a Minidust, HHH to BookerT on HBK
 ●Bisch on trailer for "XXX", Finkel on announcing duties
 ●Test/Slaughter non-match segment (0) .it did not even happen, not even a starting bell to make this a no-contest.
 ●HHH to UnAmer. on (+0.5) "If I find out you guys are lying, I'm HBK's attacker gonna make the Un-Americans unconscious."
 ●Post4Raw assault on Trish, Trish bests Molly and Victoria
 (0) Was OK right up until Booker T had to throw Minidust off.
 (0) No good will come of this.

●HHH/Show on HBK (0) Another likely candidate, therefore, not him.
 ●Post5Raw UT (+0.5) So long as he does not get "arrested" as a result of all of this.
 ●Bisch sets up ring on police motorcycle (+0.5) Do they pay her enough to take that?
 ●Bisch sets up ring announcer contest. Finkel feeds Lillian to "3 minutes"
 ●HHH/HBK by (+1) Set for SummerSlam. Likely to be on a satellite on last wk. Surveillance tape shows it was HHH HHH/HBK at SS.

CLOSING NOTES:

- Regarding the Finkel and Garcia incident, someone please pull the plug on this BEFORE IT GOES ANY FURTHER for the love of...
- JR had a good point but how would it sound? "Ladies and gentlemen, this Hardcore Championship has been brought to you courtesy of Home Depot."
- Trailer? What trailer?!
- For any further "whodunit" storylines, always remember, HHH did it.
- Well, will Flair finally get to that announcement next week?