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1. Trish Stratus and Spike Dudley v 2. Molly Holly and Chris Nowinski

2v2IntergenderTag

 1Raw 3:07.00 **37** 2c-Mx-1t-2m-2c-E-1s-2c

DoubleUnderhookTwistSlam-Pin; Held concisely, out OK and held, light pickup 2/3, action borderline fair.

Nothing much here to directly qualify as good; most elements here considered fair such as match speed and activity. A light late drive minimally helped here, but not enough to get this to the par line. Revisiting more closely, some of the action seemed off at times, and when considering its effect on the whole, contest labors to hold fair.
1. Lance Storm w Christian v 2. Booker T w Goldust and Minidust

Singles

#1ContenderWWETagChampionshipAtSummerSlam

 2Raw 4:42.34 **56** Mx-2-1-1-2-1-1-2**2

AxeKick-Pin; Led in slowly but gained to hold OK pace, fair/good exchanges within, little drive, closed good.

Little that particularly drew interest, but match structured well enough to be somewhat entertaining. Best match point with Booker T's chop/strike flurry followed by the nice roll up at the corner. Pickup continues off that well enough and interference was suitably placed. Match succeeds in breaking par and meriting fair/good merits.
1. Chris Jericho and Big Show v 2. Bubba Ray Dudley and Ric Flair

2v2Tag

 3Raw 7:27.75 **63** 2f-1c-2d-1b-1b-1c-E-2d-2d-E-1c

WallsOfJericho-Submission; Broke slow yet suitably, generally good action, some drop-off detracts, finish held.

Contest contained some good efforts here all around; nothing with much added effect, but quite enough to hold interest. Pace was suited to competitor and while being slowed up at points, it did not detract much. Exchanges were pretty good, and finishing run was a good way to go. No kick to go higher, but a good package here.
1. Tommy Dreamer v 2. Steven Richards

HardcoreSingles

WWE Hardcore Championship-G3

 4Raw 3:32.59 **60** 1-2-1-1-2-1

Chairshot-Pin; Good to commence, founded on good weapon action, strong shots, balanced for time

Immediate merit keeping the match to just these two. Match held quite well for necessary pace. Some very good weapon usage to speak of here, each using his weapon of choice (and in some instance of other's choice) effectively. Finish not too special. Still, match, even controlled for short time, manages to deserve good merits.
1. Jeff Hardy v 2. Rob Van Dam

Singles

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 5Raw 5:06.53 **51** Mx-2-2-2-1-E*2

FiveStarFrogSplash-Pin; Good early exchange, settled slow 2/5, some good spots, interference semi-predictable.

Backstage segment was too good an indication of the turn to even assume Matt would assist Jeff at the close. Contest progressed a little oddly which good early speed which settled perhaps too much. With good action, but not enough balance of control which, given the finish should have been there. As a result, not bad, but barely passes par.
1. Triple H and The UnAmericans v

4v4Tag

2. Booker T and Goldust and Undertaker and The Rock

 6Raw 11:38.34 **95** 2g-2b-2r-1s-1h-1c-1t-1h-1c-1t-1h-E-2u-1h,t-E-1t

BigBoot-Pin; Off well and held form, only light awkward points, led to drive about 7/8, strong finishing series.

Very good elements to speak of here. While Test was in early, nice to see how the SummerSlam rivals (Test/UT) were used most late to build their match. Also, late melee did not convolute the match as it could have. Extended finishing series was well done and was with drive. Strong/excellent contest, fine closer, best of the night easily.
BREAKDOWNS: Time: 6 Matches with 0 No contests (35:34:55) about 27.37 % of show time.

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

 3 instance of interference (2 meaningful); Meaningful interference

 2Raw *Christian *Goldust

 5Raw *MattHardy

 Average Match Rating (6 Matches) **60.33**

 Extraneous Segment Aggregate **4.50**

 Overall Show Score **64.83**

Title Changes: None

 BestOfTheNight: 6Raw TripleH/UnAmericans v BookerT/Goldust/Undertaker/TheRock **95**

 WorstOfTheNight: 1Raw TrishStratus/BubbaRayDudley v MollyHolly/ChrisNowinski **37**

 Turns: Stacy Keibler defects from SmackDown to Raw.
Matt Hardy on Jeff Hardy (5Raw).

SHOW ASSESSMENT: The in-ring action had a shaky start but the next four were good, interesting pieces, with a fine cap in the main event. Some bolstering in the backstage stuff. A good effort here.

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

●Lesnar/Heyman sit (0) It's been done.

in front row, security to watch

●HHH on HBK, (+0.5) I sense a match brewing here; a good prospect if so.

Rock on Lesnar, Rock/HHH/Lesnar collide

●Spike/Chris on (0) This is becoming annoying.

Molly

●Goldust: 2Raw for (+0.5) I think Booker will win this one for #1Cont. TagTitles sure.

●Fink self promo (+0.5) And I was so hopeful too..

KaneReturn promo

●Bisch-RVD IC (+0.5) Coin flips faster than cameras can catch. Somehow, I think Matt's getting involved.

Shot Matt wants Jeff gets shot at shot

●Post2Raw Test/UT (0) Good until Minidust tried to get conical.

BookerT/Goldust/UnAmer melee

●Minidust get 3 min. (+0.5) Ouch! Good luck surviving that.

Stacy to Raw

●Post3Raw Flair (+0.5) Dirtiest player in the game, even after humil. Y2J the game.

(+0.5) I can live with that.

●Coach INT Y2J

chial Flair at SS

●Pre5Raw Lita

looks on from Answer not as obvious as one might think.

The World

●Terri INT UnAmer. (+0.5) Could be a good SS match too.

UT/Test at SS

●Bisch sets next week HHH/Rock

(+0.5) Hopefully will be reminiscent of 2000 series of matches.

CLOSING NOTES:

1. I thought Finkel totally screwed up the 2Raw introductions; evidence against the recently said? Yep.
2. Bischoff to Matt: "Sorry, what was your name again?" I had to laugh at that one.
3. Looking forward to Kane's return. Outlook is promising. I said it, he better do well now.
4. SmackDown commercial during Raw. Counteroffensive during SmackDown, maybe?
5. Well executed finish with Test pinning Undertaker in the sixth. I like it. But can it follow suit at SummerSlam?