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1. The Hurricane and Shannon Moore v 2. Jamie Noble and Tajiri w Nidia

2v2Tag

 1SD 5:07.09 **67** Mx-1s-1h-1s*2t-E-1h-E-1m

VictoryRollDown-Pin; Quick out; with some hard hits, progressed steadily, somewhat sharp on the close.

Opened with a sensible yet drawing speed that held for the duration and did not sacrifice substance to achieve. The occasional loud hit served to steadily build interest throughout. Aside from near end involvement of all, there was no convulsion to detract. Match closed out well and very much looking forward to more from these.

1. Matt Hardy v 2. Chavo Guerrero

Singles

 2SD 4:15.84 **53** (06.85) 1-2-2-E-1-1-2

RollUp-Pin; Sound pacing with comparable action and efforts, with mild lapse late, held out and closed fairly.

Even given Hardy's recent ego-trip, was not sure whether he would get some comeuppance here so it was surprising to see that he did. Good steady action from both and result was good enough, but the cause of that result is questionable and probably unnecessary. Still, match has enough merit to break par and entertain some.

1. Kurt Angle v 2. Billy Kidman

Singles

 3SD 8:31.65 **77** Mx-1-1-2-2-2-E-2-1*

CountOut(BillyKidman); Match and finish were sound and with purpose with good action around, somewhat strong.

A good, interesting close to the hour's action here with nice effort from Kidman and effective demeanor from Angle. Surprising to see Kidman get both that long string of offense and share of control overall. Mysterio's appearance's were well placed and Angle's reactions progressed the tale of things to come. Generally good package.

1. Rikishi and John Cena v 2. D-Von and Batista

2v2Tag

 4SD 5:45.05 **39** 2d-1r-2b-1r-1r-2d-1r-1r

BanzaiDrop-Pin; Paced OK with lapse for purpose, ended on some decline and action unbalanced some.

The lapse at the 7/8 mark is mostly forgivable given that it advanced the split between D-Von and Batista, however, is it official this time? I would have figured last week's collision might have done it. Some fair exchange here, however, Cena was not involved enough to give this match sensible balance. With merit but needed more.

1. Nidia w Jamie Noble v 2. Molly Holly

Singles

 5SD 3:26.85 **26** Mx*1-2-1-2

MollyGoRound-Pin; A little better than anticipated and with fair finishing series and exchange, subpar flow.

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Offhand, Nidia performed better than anticipated. Standing alone, that may not say much, but given recent maybe that is enough basis to reasonably hope for improvement. Lightly methodical start led to a some fair exchange here. Noble's interference, while foreseeable, was well placed. Not a lot of value here, but maybe more in next few?

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

2v2Tag

 6SD 11:45.92 **102** (24.56) Mx-2e-1g-1b-2e-1g-1b-E-2r-2r-1b-1g-1b-1b-E-2e-2e

Spear-Pin; Paced strongly, activity and efforts followed suit, strong finishing series and mostly balanced.

Just the high caliber performance that adds some real confidence to the nearing PPV. Strong efforts from all fronts and very active throughout. Good that Brock waited until after the match to show. Edge picking up the pin on Guerrero adds a little more intrigue to their upcoming match at SummerSlam. Well-rounded and easily the night's finest.

BREAKDOWNS: Time: 6 Matches with 0 No contest (38:52:40) about 32.39 % of show time.

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

 3 instances of interference (1 meaningful); Meaningful interference

1SD *Nidia

 3SD *ReyMysterio

5SD *JamieNoble

 Average Match Rating (6 Matches) **60.67**

 Extraneous Segment Aggregate **6.00**

 Overall Show Score **66.67**

Title Changes: None

BestOfTheNight: 6SD ChrisBenoit and EddieGuerrero v Edge and TheRock

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WorstOfTheNight: 5SD Nidia v MollyHolly

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Turns: Batista on D-Von (officially this time?)

Show assessment: Mostly good matches around with a fine cap of regular action leading to SummerSlam. Most everything is in place for a fine showing on Sunday from at least Smackdown's side. Promising overall.

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

●Brock/Heyman on Hogan/Rock/SS Benoit/Guerrero ambush Rock (+1) It's coming and we know it. Not sure about the assault though, is this leading somewhere?

●Benoit/Guerrero ambush Edge (+1) Oh yeah it is. And it shall be good.

●Post1SD Hardy way late run in (0) Raising on the shoulders, that's a little much. Watch for backlash to come.

●Steph on ambushes (+1) Revenge is good, especially served with Edge assaults cold steel. Sets 6SD. Benoit/Guerrero

●Matt on reactions (0) Blah, blah, blah.

●Funaki/Nidia/Molly Women's Locker (+5) Odd, yet funny (somewhat).

●Mysterio/Angle/SS (+1) I am liking the build to their SS match.

●Post3SDBeatdown to Kidman (0) He might be upset, I think.

●Rock/Edge on 6SD (0) Now this better be good.

●NidiaBackstageFlash (0) It'll never happen...

●Post 5SD Molly (0) See..? Stops Nidia

●Steph on superior (+5) Half point for the valid point there. SD PPV offerings

●Brock/Rock collide (+1) Short, but an effective offering.

CLOSING NOTES:

- Again, they show the same SummerSlam promo yet it intrigues me just the same; very effective.
- I wanted to react to Matt's ego, unfortunately, I had to keep the TV on UPN.
- Funaki might not be a pioneer into the women's locker room, but the man can provide a laugh when on the mic.
- Angle could break Mysterio's ankle in theory, but wouldn't he have to catch him first?
- SummerSlam, good, go, watch, enjoy.