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2v2Tag 1. Kane and Bradshaw v 2. Lance Storm and Christian WWE Tag Team Championship-G1 Match contained a semi-good pace overall and had enough time to work with here. 6.4986 **53** (02.16) 1x-1b-1k-1b-1k-2x-E-1b-⊗\*\*2c Double team sequence on Kane a good point. Interesting finish with Regal declaring his ◆FacePunch(BrassKnuckles)-Pin: Started good and settled some good action but unbalanced some, held fair/good. UnAmerican affiliation. A problem with the match, however, was that the champs did not have nearly enough offense to seem threatening. All considered, fair/good. 1. Steven Richards v 2. Bubba Ray Dudley Singles 2Raw 5:52.92 (07.22) 2-2-1-1-E-2-2-1-2-2 Some pretty good activity in this one and with some effort. A few good key points in the 62 match such as a strong release german suplex and a nice sunset flip by Dudley. This Superbomb-Pin; Good action with suitable speed, avoids lapses, contained good points, no drive, held on. one did not have much anything in the area of added effect or late drive, but match closed out well enough to hold interest and warrant good remarks. 1. Stacy Keibler and Victoria v 2. Terri and Trish Stratus 2v2Taq 3Raw 4:56.22 03 (02.53) 1v-1k-1v-1v-E-2s-1v-1k-2t Contest seemed off from the beginning and progressed too slowly to build interest. Action seemed very tentative, if not sloppy in some places, aside from very light FlyingCrossBody-Pin; Never broke from an off start, light merits at best, very weak throughout. involvement from Victoria and Trish, and even they were not near were they should have been. Match closed just as weakly as the lead in. Breaks zero for attempt. 1. Triple H and 2. Spike Dudley Singles 4Raw 7.3915 20 ⊗-Mx-2-1-2-1-2-E-1 Out quite oddly here. Match held weakly for about the first quarter but seemed to produce some light substance after that. A few good points of action in this one, SleeperHold-KnockOut; Broke flatly, able to build some substance, a few good points, not nearly enough. however, nothing in the area of drive and aside from finish being near a forgone conclusion, finish type was unnecessary. At best, approached lightly-fair. 2v2Tag 1. Booker T and Goldust v 2. Test and William Regal Match found an OK stride following a suitable start. Exchanges were a little less than expected but still fair overall. Nothing really stood out in this one; nothing too bad either, 5:50.15 48 Mx-1g-2r-2t-2t-2r-2t-E-1b\*\* 5Raw DDDDoubleInterference Variable Assault-No Contest; Settled a little off, rebounded OK, kicked on 3/4, held fairly. save some lack of balance. Only lightly expected the finish to occur as it did and it No referee call until interference occurs on behalf of both teams, therefore, no contest is warranted. served somewhat here. Fair here, looking for better in coming from these FatalFourWavElimination 1. Chris Jericho v 2. Jeff Hardy v 3. Big Show v 4. Rob Van Dam #1Cont. WorldHeavyweightChmpshipAtUnforgiven 15:44.53 95 (02.69) Mx-3-2,4-2-1→\*\*\*\$-1-4-2-2,4-4-2-1→1-E-4-1-E-4 First leg was slightly awkward but had a clever result involving Big Show. Commercial break did not help, but after that, match held very well under a semi-good pace. Jericho FiveStarFrogSplahs-Pin; Led in OK, built well on pace and quite good exchanges, pointed, with drive, cleared. and Van Dam provided good action and nice drive to close this one out. Van Dam took → eliminations (BigShow) viaChrisJericho 2:40.23 ♦ Charishots); (JeffHardy byChrisJericho 9:59.51 Lionsault-Pin); § commercial wicked hits (DDT, release-German). Missed triple digits but strong, nearing excellence. BREAKDOWNS: Time: 6 Matches with 1 No contests (46:52.83) about 36.06 % of show time. Average Match Rating (6 Matches) 46.83 BestOfTheNight: 6Raw ChrisJericho v JeffHardy v BigShow v RobVanDam Types: 2 Singles (0 Title Matches); 3 Tag (1 Title Matches); 1.50 WorstOfTheNight: 3Raw StacyKeibler and Victoria v Terri and TrishStratus 03 Extraneous Segment Aggregate 1 FatalFourWayElimination (0 Title Matches) Overall Show Score 48.33 7 instance of interference (3 meaningful); 

Meaningful interference 1Raw \*Test \*WilliamRegal • Title Changes: None Turns: William Regal joins the UnAmericans. 5Raw \*Kane and Bradshaw • \*LanceStorm and Christian • 6Raw \*BigShow (3) SPECIAL NOTE: None. SHOW ASSESSMENT: A sliver above last week's show (by score); but only you can decide whether that is worth dealing with Lawler for as long as you would have to. Also, some matches in the middle hurt the effort here. 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 ●Pre1Raw Bradshaw (+0.5) Might be an opportune time to do on winning for that, but questionable if that will happen. America

Bisch on upset (-2) First prospect good, second prospect stars (belt to HHH) brings on the ultimate annoyance that is sets4Raw. I awler.

promises "HLA"

●Terri INT Jericho (+1) Good interview, but I don't think that plan is taking him anywhere. on 6Raw, he has a plan

●Coach INT HHH (+1) I would like to see Bubba and HHH Bubba confronts, take it to the ring soon. Richards attacks

■Regal on being Un American, Chris

being embarrassing. ●Chris on ISU,

(0) At least Dreamer shut him up. Dreamer out, collide •Spike meets the (0) Not worth a substantive comment.

lesbians ●Post4Raw Assault (0) See previous HHH/Bubba comment.

Bubba out ●Coach INT Jeff (+0.5) He will not go first, but doubtful if

on 6Raw, confronts he will win. Bischoff on his place, 3 min.

(+15) A worthy tirade if I have ever heard • Jericho proposes (0) He's going out first (Show). alliance with Show Stamboli agrees, gets told off

●Coach INT Booker (+1) People like Booker T, can't help but be on America's entertained by him and Goldust. "How 'bout them Oakland A's." HA! greatness, Goldust, Kane, Bradshaw

•Bischoff gives HLA (-3) Pointless, unnecessary, and it fueled a 3 minute warning Lawler to annoy for 90 minutes or so. (+0.5) For RVD, I think he is finally on his ●Flair/RVD on

winning streak

●RVD/HHHPost6Raw (+0.5) Should be a good one at Unforgiven.

## **CLOSING NOTES:**

- 1. No opening pyrotechnics? Trying to be more like SmackDown? If so, Raw has a good deal of improvement to go.
- 2. Someone want to inform me why "The Lesbians" got an introductory graphic?
- 3. Out of the sixth, I am quite compelled to refer to one of Van Dam's techniques as the People's rolling thunder, I think you might why that is.

4. Priority one: removing one Jerry Lawler; charge, crimes against commentary; proposed method, any means necessary; volunteers?

5. I would proposed a preliminary morning line for the HHH-RVD match at Unforgiven, but I honestly think this one is too close to call, for now at least.