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1. The UnAmericans (Raw) v

4v4Tag

2. Booker T and Goldust and Bubba Ray Dudley and Kane (Raw)

1Unf 10:00.21 88 Mx-2b-g-1s-2b-1t-2t-1t-1r-1c-E-2k-1s-2k

Chokeslam-Pin; Good out and moved along well, good action with some quick exchange, held nicely to finish.

A good combination effort in this one. Action was continuously good save for some light awkwardness. Match speed was good and some constant tags here kept it that way. Match had a little drive to it before going into a quite good melee sequence which avoided convulsion; always a plus. Strong merits warranted to open Unforgiven.

1. Chris Jericho (Raw) v 2. Ric Flair (Raw)

Singles

WWE Intercontinental Championship-G2

2Unf 6:17.30 71 Mx-2-1-1-Mx-2-2-2-1

WallsOfJericho-Submission; Progressed steadily after fair break, some good action within, mixed on finish.

Start to this one seemed a little off at first, but it was fairly placed considering. Some good exchanges between these two and while match was half the length of their SummerSlam contest, it was nearly as effective. End result was predictable with Jericho's "injury" spot, but it was interesting to see how that played out. Quite good.

1. Edge (SD) v 2. Eddie Guerrero (SD)

Singles

3Unf 11:58.09 104 Mx-2-2-1-1-1-E-1-Mx-2-1-2-2-1

SunsetFlipPowerbomb-PinUsingClothing; Reasonable start, very sound action, suitable speed, with drive about 3/4.

Purposeful start in this match which led into some good action and balance. Some lapse in the pace to deal with while Guerrero worked on Edge with the facelock and the like but it was integrated very well mechanically and strategically. Action picked up in the closing series. Above their SummerSlam contest (3Sms, 95). Triple digits made.

1. Rosey and Jamal w Rico (Raw) v 2. Billy Gunn and Chuck Palumbo (SD)

2v2Tag

HLA v Kiss Stephanie's Ass

4Unf 6:38.74 51 (02:21) Mx*1r-1j-1r-1j-1r-E-2b-1j

StandingPressIntoSamoanDrop-Pin; Some fair/good action under off-average pace, some gd. spots, steadied.

Match commenced OK enough and some of the action was good. Given the build of Rosey and Jamal, expected them to control most of the match but a little more from Billy and Chuck (Chuck did not sustain any real offense legally) was not unreasonable in this case. Some good spots held interest but nothing special here. Hovering around par.

1. Rob Van Dam (Raw) v 2. Triple H (Raw)

Singles

World Heavyweight Championship-G1

5Unf 18:20.72 82 Mx-Mx-Mx-Mx-1-1-1-2-2-E-1-1-1-1-1*

Pedigree-Pin; Led in slowly, eventually settled into good speed, some constant gd. action about 1/4 balanced.

The lightly active start might have worked well had it not gone on as long as it did, and the short lapse in that start did it no favors. However, this did hit a pretty good stride at about the five minute mark and had some suitable action which held. Could not commit on Flair's turn (until a certain comment from JR). Balanced, somewhat strong.

1. Trish Stratus (Raw) v 2. Molly Holly (Raw)

Singles

WWE Women's Championship-G1

6Unf 5:47.50 68 Mx-1-2-2-2-1-2-1

LegScissorsIntoBulldog-Pin; Good efforts from both, some good and sound action, steadily, held on for gd. finish.

Given a relatively good amount of time in this one and the efforts held good from both competitors. Pace was just about at what was expectable and the action was sound enough for the match to be coherent. Two good spots in this one being the tree of woe and Trish's finishing maneuver. Mechanics spoke of a rivalry somewhat. Good merits.

1. Kurt Angle (SD) v 2. Chris Benoit (SD)

Singles

7Unf 13:56.24 120 Mx-Mx-Mx-Mx-1-1-1-2-2-E-Mx-1-E-1-2-2-Mx-1-2

PetersonRoll-PinUsingRopes; Broke quite strongly, very sound series of action throughout, masterful finish.

Superb contest from the opening series of roll ups. The mat work here was excellent and match contained some good speed. The back and forth Germans made this more compelling and the submission duel series to end this one (especially the simultaneous submission) was excellent. Triple digit worth, easily. A keeper for the archives.

1. Undertaker (SD) v 2. Brock Lesnar w Paul Heyman (SD)

Singles

WWE Championship-G1

8Unf 20:23.25 57 Mx-Mx-Mx-Mx-1-2-2-2-E-1-2-2-1-1-2-E-1-1-1-Mx

VariableAssaultReferee'sCall-NoContest; Detracting start, into fair/gd. exchange with OK pace, ill-placed fin.

Match had no clear momentum for about the first three minutes plus, which only really works if its quick paced with back and forth action, but it was as if the match did not really begin anywhere near the bell. The finish was repelling. Between that, however, was some good action with an OK speed, but those endpoints seriously impact findings.

BREAKDOWNS:

Time: 8 Matches with 1 No contest (1332205) about 56.59 % of show time.

Average Match Rating (8 Matches) 80.13

BestOfTheNight: 7Unf KurtAngle v ChrisBenoit

120

Types: 6 Singles (4 Title Matches); 2 Tag (0 Title Matches)

Extraneous Segment Aggregate 2.50

WorstOfTheNight: 4Unf Rosey and Jamal v BillyGunn and ChuckPalumbo

51

Overall Show Score 82.63

1 instance of interference (1 meaningful); Meaningful interference

5Unf *RicFlair

Title Changes: TrishStratus NewWWEWomen'sChampion

Turns: RicFlair on RobVanDam

SHOW ASSESSMENT: A lot of the show's score comes from two triple digit matches which inflates it some, but most matches had something good to their credit. Some strength for this showing, worth seeing.

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

●Steph/Billy/Chuck on (0) No redemption for them, I think.

●Bisch/Rosey/Jamal on (0) Kidman/D-Lo/ (+0.5) Will Rico be the deciding factor in DawnMarie tonight this? Works for me, if so.

●H-H/RVD on match, RVD (+0.5) On the plus side of this, that is what loves everything big to them, sound like.

●Coach INT Bischoff on (0) Lesser of two evils route, I assume? HLA to be held later on

(+1) Good, well-placed, comic relief of sorts.

●Post5Unf (+0.5) On the plus side of this, that is what Coach INT Trish, she loves everything big to them, sound like.

●Bischoff gives Rosey/ (+0.5) Steph seems to be getting away Jamal/Rico/some lesbians with the loss pretty well.

●Lloyd INT Heyman/Brocl (0) I knew someone had to work on Title match with UT "Unforgiven" into a promo.

●Bisch out for HLA, subs (0) ...spoke too soon. Wait a second. Not in "Hildegard" (for two only does Steph get away with losing, but selected before) who is ends up the victor of sorts?. To quote actually Rikishi who helps Bischoff "What the hell!" Stephanie get the last laugh

●Post8Unf Brock/UT still (-0.5) Shouldn't the unstoppable champion going, UT gets last hit it be the last man standing?

CLOSING NOTES:

1. Interesting to see Shaq at ringside tonight I'd have opted for the luxury suite.
2. I agree with the following sentiment: that kind of finish (in the eighth) with a Los Angeles crowd... that's pretty bold, and dangerous considering that Los Angeles fans have mildly-rioted when happy (see a certain Lakers championship win).
3. I must have been blind not to see that Bischoff's "lesbian" was Rikishi, of course, I never thought they would try that type of stunt again so soon.
4. Did Cole say that Rosey and Jamal's three minute victims comprised a "hit list" of a "who's who of America?" or did I hear that wrong?
5. They really should have had the Mysterio-Guerrero match (on the preceding Heat) on Unforgiven's card. They had fifteen minutes of empty show time to use.