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1. Chris Jericho and Christian (Raw) v 2. Goldust and Booker T (Raw) — 2v2Tag — **World Tag Team Championship–G1**

1NM 8:42.64 **78** ⊗-Mx-2t-2g-2g-1j-1c-E-1c-E-2t-2g-1j-E-2g-1j
Moonsault-Pin; Led in OK, good action mostly, steadily, went on 5/8, some effect, recovered from incident.

Good elements in this one for the opening three quarters, and then the total surprise with the second rope completely snapping from its bindings. Must compliment the competitors that this did not become a disastrous incident. Some added effect as Jericho and Christian continued to prevent tags on the other end. Semi-strong.

1. Dawn Marie (SD) v 2. Torrie Wilson (SD) — Singles

2NM 4:41.75 **08** (15.08) Mx-Mx-1-1-Mx-1-2-2
SwingingNeckbreaker-Pin; Average start, tentative efforts yet with some good points of execution.

Given the level of the competitors, could not really expect anything, which explains the tentative nature of the match. However, have to give credit for a few good points of action which exceeded expectations. To this point, have not seen the necessary improvement from Wilson and Marie needs something exponential before considering.

1. Ric Flair (Raw) v 2. Rob Van Dam (Raw) — Singles

3NM 8:01.16 **48** (51.18) 2-2-1-1-Mx-1-1-1-2-2
FiveStarFrogSplash-Pin; Pre-bell action helped start, wavering speed detracted, settled finish was OK.

Have to believe that these two could have put on something better than what was given. Match had a good start, but the pacing was too wavering, and when it got slow, interest only went down. Leading into finish, match had a little drive which settled out. Some fair to good action also in this one. Overall, fair, but disappointed considering.

1. Tajiri (SD) v 2. Jamie Noble w Nidia (SD) — Singles — **WWE Cruiserweight Championship– G2**

4NM 8:03.07 **80** (12.65) 2-1-2-2-2-E-1-1-1*2-Mx*2
♦InterruptedVictoryRollDown-Pin; Good break, good speed and execution, kicked on about 5/8, good to close.

Like this combination outright. Good action and speed, which was lined with some hard hitting. Match did not have added effect to go on, aside from the premise of this match, but match still had the basics executed quite well over a good amount of time. Strong contest, and if more are looming from these, its a guaranteed selling point.

1. Kane (Raw) v 2. Triple H (Raw) — Singles — **Wld. Hvywght. IC Unification "Winner Take All"–G1**

5NM 16:14.58 **52** ⊗-1-1-1-Mx-1-2-2-2-2-2-1*1-2-1-1-Mx-1*2-1*2
Pedigree-Pin; Light on start, OK action, holding fairly, some added effect, no drive within, held on.

A lot of time, but not as much substance as there should have been for that amount of time. Firstly, the start ended up too sparse on action. With Kane supposed to be enraged beyond belief, match should have had a good jump. Match credited for a well-placed Hurricane intercept. Match barely surpasses the 50 line which concerns.

1. Chris Benoit and Kurt Angle (SD) (Winners Tournament Semifinal 2) v 2. Rey Mysterio and Edge (SD) (Winners Tournament Semifinal 1) — 2v2Tag — **WWE Tag Team Championship– G1**

6NM 22:02.15 **131** 1a-2m-Mx-2e-Mx-1b-2e^2-1b-1a^3-1b^2-E-2m-1b-Mx-1a^2-1b^2-E-2e-2x-E-Mx^2-1a
Anklelock-Submission; Led in well, strong action, nice spots to bind, execution, effect, and total excellence. Superscripts implemented, for example E^5=E-E-E-E-E.

Yes, that number is no error and chances are, you know why. This match had it all, and no element lacked. Strong exchanges, a great finish, everything executed well, double drive to boost this, some fine double team moves from Edge and Mysterio, and of course, the technical mastery of Benoit and Angle. Unlikely to find better this year.

1. Trish Stratus (Raw) v 2. Victoria (Raw) — Singles — **Women's Championship– G1**

7NM 5:33.09 **41** Mx-2-1-2-2-2-E-Mx-1
RollUp-Pin; Out good, some good efforts from both, action fair/gd., held on without drive.

Rated similar to recent matches involving these two. The efforts were there, resulting in some fair/good action. Match did not drive any, which easily would have helped a lot. Nothing glaringly bad from either competitor either. Will assume that Victoria looks to improve of her recent string of outings and Stratus will be a good counterpart for her.

1. Brock Lesnar w Paul Heyman (SD) v 2. Undertaker (SD) — SinglesHellInACell — **WWE Championship– G1**

8NM 27:18.91 **105** Mx-1-2-1-1-2-2-2-2-2-2-E-1-1-1-1-1-1-E-Mx-E-E-1-1-1-2-E-2-2-Mx-1
F5-Pin; Good break, good split of in-ring and out-ring action, much effect to credit, finished good.

Did not go outside the cell, or on top of the cell, and just fine with that. A good balance of regular brawling in the ring, and some simply unholy brutality outside the ring. Match was pretty balanced too. Lots of added effect due to excessive bleeding from the two inside, and Heyman outside. Easily the better of two cell matches this year.

BREAKDOWNS: Time: 8 Matches with 0 No contest (1:40:44.35) about 61.05 % of show time.
Types: 6 Singles (4 Title Matches, 1 HellInACell); 2 Tag (2 Title Matches)

Average Match Rating (8 Matches) **67.88**
Extraneous Segment Aggregate **9.50**
Overall Show Score **77.38**

BestOfTheNight: 6NM ChrisBenoit and KurtAngle v ReyMysterio and Edge **131**
WorstOfTheNight: 2NM DawnMarie v TorrieWilson **08**

4 instances of interference (2 meaningful); ⊡ Meaningful interference
4NM *Nidia (2, 2nd) ⊡
5NM *RicFlair (2, 2nd) ⊡

Title Changes: ChrisBenoit/KurtAngle NewWWETagTeamChampions
Turns: None

SHOW ASSESSMENT: Overall, good showing built on two extremely good matches and some help backstage (ps: I thought nothing would top Benoit/Angle last month, yet here we are).

RATINGS: A figure assigned to a match based on balancing a match's elements such as start/break, pace, progression, psychology, mechanics, execution of move sets, key spots, and finish against the amount of time it is given (Minutes with the most relative quality are given primary emphasis) as an assessment of performance. Scale is adjusted to increase requisites for achieving higher ratings such as those in the 90s, 100s, and higher.

NON-MATCH SEGMENTS AND SCORES

- Kane/UT "How was your week?" (+1) An apropos line.
- Funaki INT Al Wilson on Dawn Marie (0) Oy, the Clinton line.
- Coach INT RVD on Flair, INT Tracy on UT (+0.5) Humorous/ whatever, respectively.
- Steph/Show on something not right, to Bischoff on absence from PPVs, Show corners Bischoff (+1) I think he's a tad upset, wouldn't you say?
- Post4NM Tajiri gets some of Nidia, and revenge on both (+1) Ouch! That kick had to hurt.
- Benoit informs Eddie that Chavo is being assaulted, Eddie thinks ruse, but it's true, it's damn true (+3) Laughs and points at Eddie, then Chavo, then Eddie again.
- Steph gets Tracy to admit lie on UT (0) Is she gone now? Good.
- UT gets a pain killer before HIAC (0) You'll need more than that UT.
- Post7NM Victoria with a kick to Trish (+2) OUCH! That looks bad.
- Cole INT Rikishi (at the World) on HIAC (0) The etc. point of the show.
- Post8NM Lesnar stands atop the cell (+1) Next!

CLOSING NOTES:

1. Raw line of the night, "He's 53, Dawn Marie will be hitting on him next." -Jerry Lawler on Ric Flair
2. SD line of the night, "I don't know what that was, but that was cool." -Tazz on Tajiri's spinning, uh move, thing.
3. By the way, I cringed right before Van Dam tried a second rope move on Flair.
4. Heyman, continuous comedy at cell-side tonight.
5. Match of the Year is likely, you know it, I know it, the end.