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1. Matt Hardy v 2. Rikishi

Singles

 1SD 3:22.55 **40** Mx-2-1-2-Mx-2

RikishiDriver-Pin; Out OK and moved steadily, some good action within, no drive, OK to close.

Lots of OKs for the elements here, and while it is not the most flattering commentary, match did alright for itself. Definitely a step up off of last week, especially sans the presence of Wilson and Marie. Expected a little drive in this one, but can excuse that this time around. Some fair efforts from both here, which is encouraging enough.
1. Jamie Noble w Nidia v 2. Tajiri

Singles

 2SD 3:50.90 **42** (00.76) 2-2*1-2-Mx*1

♦AssistedRollUpWithBridge-Pin; Broke smartly, good action throughout, some speed and effect, held on.

Off of their No Mercy match, not a bad outing given the more limited frame to go on. Also off of No Mercy is the continued outside assistance from Nidia in the finish, which could work, but should be limited in use. Some good action in this one as anticipated and with some speed. Like how Tajiri's in-match injury was played on. Some worth.
WWE Cruiserweight Championship-G2
1. Edge and Rey Mysterio v 2. Eddie Guerrero and Chavo Guerrero

2v2Tag

 3SD 7:16.7 **81** Mx-1e-1x-Mx-2e-2c-2e-E-1e-1e

♦SpringboardLegDrop-Pin; Quick start, match structured well, good efforts overall, with drive about 3/4, gamely.

Did not fight in the recent tournament, but given their performances, had to expect much from this one. Good break and some strong action lined this one and enjoyed a drive in the closing quarter. Efforts were apparent and while match did not have much extraneous effect, had to well appreciate the execution of what was. Strong merits.
#1Cont. WWE Tag Team Championship
1. Billy Kidman v 2. John Cena

Singles

 4SD 2:43.34 **27** 1-2-2-1

Frankensteiner-PinUsingRopes; Average start, some fair/gd action amidst average pace, did not kick on.

Considerably shorter than their match last week (3SD, 60) and the elements were not quite up to that standard. Mostly average all-around, and have to consider that the payback in kind finish is formulaic. Will assume that their last was better evidence of their abilities than this, but both will have to confirm that in proximity to maintain standing.
1. Kurt Angle v 2. Chris Benoit

Singles

 5SD 8:16.43 **94** Mx-2-1-1-Mx-1-2-2-1-2-1*2

♦Beltshot-Pin; Strong exchange out, good speed which held, execution to expectations, closed suitably.

Never a doubt regarding the potential for contest involving these. Strong exchange right from the start and very good execution overall. Also, some better speed in this match than expected. Will credit the interference driven finish as it leaves the door open for a rematch based on a suspect result. Best of the night, all things considered.
WWE Tag Team Championship Trophy
BREAKDOWNS: Time: 5 Matches with 0 No contest (2524.89) about 21% of show time.

Types: 4 Singles (1 Title Match); 1 Tag (0 Title Matches)

 Average Match Rating (5 Matches) **56.80**

 Extraneous Segment Aggregate **3.50**

 Overall Show Score **60.30**

BestOfTheNight: 5SD KurtAngle v ChrisBenoit

WorstOfTheNight: 4SD BillyKidman v JohnCena

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 3 instances of interference (2 meaningful); Meaningful interference

 2SD *Nidia (2, 2nd)

 5SD *ChavoGuerrero

Title Changes: None

Turns: BigShow appears on SmackDown after trade, still a heel

SHOW ASSESSMENT: Not much from the non-match pieces, but the in-ring was more than enough to boost this higher than last week's show. Good deal for the most part.

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

●Post1SD Show attacks Rikishi, issues a challenge to Lesnar (0) Say good night Show.
 ●Steph presents a trophy to Angle/Benoit which they fight over, Steph slaps, sets 5SD (+1.5) Could have done without the premise, but like the prospect.
 ●Pre2SD Noble with an Elvis impersonation (0) Ummm, no.
 ●Dawn looks for Torrie (0) Now what?
 ●Torrie/Dawn on Torrie being the better woman, Dawn to break off with Al (0) There is something devious about that woman.

●Angle/Guerreros on Benoit (+1) Still causing trouble.
 ●UT to wait for Lesnar in the ring (0) Yeah, OK.
 ●UT calls Lesnar out, on HIAC, Brock being the best, etc, Show out, says he's responsible for UT's condition, throws him off stage (0) So, Brock's the man, UT is still the dead man (sort of) and Show is just kind of, what's the word...there.
 ●Dawn breaks it off with Al, but not before he gets some more (0) But are we sure he has been written off completely?

●Post4SD Cena beats on Kidman (0) Moving right along...
 ●Lloyd INT Lesnar on Show's challenge (0) You heard him Show.
 ●Guerreros/Benoit on friendship, Angle (+1) Chavo in the background, too funny.
 ●Lesnar accepts Show's challenge (0) I will enjoy Show getting the F5 for his troubles.
 ●Post5SD Angle attacks Benoit and destroys the trophy (0) But I thought he wanted that trophy.

CLOSING NOTES:

1. I think Stephanie pulled off that dazed look pretty well, at least in a comical sense, like watching live action Looney Tunes.
2. Tazz in an Elvis wig, a little absurd, but worth a laugh or two.
3. Brock to Lloyd "Where's Funaki?!" Couldn't stop laughing at that one.
4. No new languages for Tajiri this week, I was so hoping for a little German, or English.
5. If Angle really wanted that trophy so bad, he should have just stolen it right at the end, but no, since that might have actually made sense.