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1. Rey Mysterio v 2. Jamie Noble w Nidia

Singles

 1SD 2:53.81 **27** Mx-1-2-1-Mx*1

WestCoastPop-Pin; Start and action good, with moderate pace yet potential constrained by time.

Hard to believe that a match with the potential that this combination is capable of was held to less than three minutes. Unfortunately, despite some good elements, that constraint did not allow for a better appraisal here. Some more balance in the action (more from Noble) might have helped, but not to a considerable degree. Limited.

1. Billy Kidman v 2. Tajiri

Singles

WWE Cruiserweight Championship-G2

 2SD 3:16.66 **39** Mx-2-1-2-Mx-1

ShootingStarPress-Pin; Good break, good action mostly, some speed, did not drive but closed well enough.

Elements held similar to the first match and did not enjoy much more time. Still, the balance in the action, and some better speed in execution added to the enjoyment of this match. Not to say that this match did not have some limitations, but they were lesser here. Looking forward to better between these with better conditions to work with.

1. Chris Benoit v 2. Chavo Guerrero

Singles

 3SD 4:50.09 **55** 1-2-2-2-1-E-Mx-1

CripplerCrossface-Submission; Quick break and good early speed, some quality action, held on to close good.

Third straight combination that should have had more time to work with. Action in this one was well balanced and a good start here was a key contribution. Have to wonder if Eddie's presence at ringside would have given this one a little added effect. Still, match had some good merits. Easily better with more time, but will surely take this.

1. Kurt Angle v 2. Eddie Guerrero

Singles

 4SD 9:42.03 **80** Mx-1-Mx-1-2-2*2-E-Mx-1-E-1*2*2-Mx-E-2-1

AngleSlamOffTumble-Pin; In OK/gd, action held good overall, moved steadily, end series good though no drive.

The first contest tonight that had a good frame to work with. Good elements in this one throughout. Additionally, some points of added effect contributed such as Chavo's somewhat covert return to ringside, a nice Angle Slam off the turnbuckle, and Benoit not assisting Angle at all. Strong results out of this one, and easily the best of the night.

1. John Cena v 2. Rikishi

Singles

 5SD 2:06.36 **08** §-1-Mx-2

BellyToBellySlam-Pin; Led in fair/OK, light substance overall, hence, little room to find any merit whatsoever.

 § denotes commercial break; Start if match time is called at first visuals of the match.

Looking at the last two matches these were involved in (7Nov02, 2SD, 19; 14Nov02, 2SD, 26), it is not at all surprising that they did not yield much here. Furthermore, taking into account that the better of those two was a tag match, the case against this pairing gets that much stronger. Cannot see much to look forward to from these at all.

1. Edge v 2. Big Show w Paul Heyman

Singles

WWE Championship-G1

 6SD 6:39.35 **38** Mx-2-2-2-2-Mx-1*2-2*

♦F5-NoContest; Good opening sequence, held OK despite one-sided form, interference/finish predictable

 No bell sounded, time called at first contact, initiating no contest.

Immediately worth some attention here is that there was more balance in the action than anticipated when the match was announced. Match had a good starting series and the other elements were OK. Still, that Heyman had to interfere similar to Survivor Series does nothing but damage Big Show's standing. Match achieves fair merits.

BREAKDOWNS:	Time: 6 Matches with 1 No contest (29:28.30) about 24.56 % of show time.	Average Match Rating (6 Matches) 41.17	BestOfTheNight: 4SD KurtAngle v EddieGuerrero	80
	Types: 6 Singles (2 Title Matches)	Extraneous Segment Aggregate 2.50	WorstOfTheNight: 5SD JohnCena v Rikishi	08
		Overall Show Score 43.67		
	6 instances of interference (1 meaningful); <input type="checkbox"/> Meaningful interference			
	1SD *Nidia	Title Changes: None	Turns: None	
	4SD *ChavoGuerrero (3)			
	6SD *PaulHeyman *BrockLesnar <input type="checkbox"/>			

SHOW ASSESSMENT: Accounting for the constraints placed on some of the matches, not bad on the in-ring, but most of the non-match segments seemed empty and as a whole, they did not seem to contribute much at all. A step down from recent.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Lesnar paces backstage (0) I wonder why. ●Lesnar paces some more, Guerrero/Cena/Hardy on SvS, Matt gets the wall (0) Bad choice of topics there, Matt. ●Guerreros/Steph on Lesnar (+1) Guerreros=humor. ●Nidia/Noble on recent luck (0) Who? and cousin Nunzio ●Lesnar/Steph on SvS, promise rematch, threat suspension (0) Suspension? Yeah, right. ●Lloyd INT Heyman/Show on Hardy/Lesnar (0) Empty segment. ●Pre3SD Eddie sent away (0) No interference for you tonight. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Steph/Lesnar on Heyman (0) He's going. ●Bill Demott to SD ●Heyman mocks Lesnar, Show on SvS, Edge, no rematch for Lesnar, Lesnar chairs Show (+1) I think I would be pissed off too. ●Steph reiterates threat ●Pre4SD Chavo sent away (0) See what I mean? ●Post4SD Angle fights off Chavo (0) Some continuity at least. (0) But why not this week? (+0.5) Had to make the Godzilla reference. ●Steiner next wk. on SD (+0.5) Had to make the Godzilla reference. ●Funaki INT Edge on 6SD ●Raw retro, Rock This is Your Life (0) Whatever. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Pre5SD AJ/Dawn invite all to wedding (-0.5) This is annoying. ●Post5SD Buchanan nails Rikishi, saving Cena (0) From RTC enforcer, to some kind of thug it appears. ●Show/Heyman on pulling out of title match (0) It'll never happen. ●Anthology video: Torrie Wilson (0) Moving on.. ●Heyman's request to pull out of title match denied (0) I told you so. ●Post6SD Heyman chased out by Lesnar (+0.5) But another incredible F5 at least.
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CLOSING NOTES:

1. What's with the new Cena music? Are they actually going forward with this odd persona?
2. AJ and Dawn or me, pick one set to kill off. At least that will end the perpetual annoyance of watching them for me.
3. Chavo sneaking back to ringside after being dismissed, just another cool tidbit of the show provided by a Guerrero.
4. Two threats of suspension, and yet nothing. Why am I not surprised?
5. Bull Buchanan? Never thought I would see him on TV again.