



Lines

Mohegan Sun Arena (MhS)
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1. Jamie Noble w Nidia v 2. Tajiri w Akio and Sakoda

Singles

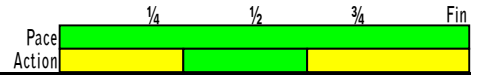
#1 Ct. WWE Cruiserweight Championship-Grade III

Relatively short, but elementally sound match. The speed might have been a little lesser than one might expect from cruiserweights, but not so much that this would not seem like a cruiserweight match altogether. Match also had the benefit of effect with Akio and Sakoda binding Nidia to distract Noble, which ultimately led to Mystero's involvement and Nidia's being used as a shield. Merits some respect.

1SD 3:21^8 37 Mx-2-1-2-E-1-2-E-1

TigerBomb-Pin; Steadily held, good activity mostly.

Noble #1 Ct. for WWE Crsr Title



1. Rikishi v 2. Scotty 2 Hotty

Singles

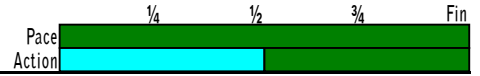
Royal Rumble Entry

Second straight short contest, but the elements this time around are lesser. Not necessarily bad on the speed. Although the action was light in the first half, some effect makes up for it. What stood out is that the match seemed to start out under a friendly combat setting, but later escalated into some shoving and some real adversity. That it could compel one to believe a split is possible is enough to give this a light boost in the rating.

2SD 2:00^12 16 Mx-2-1

RumpShaker-Pin; Split between light and OK, some effect.

Rikishi earns Rumble entry



1. Basham Brothers w Shaniqua v

2. Self-Proclaimed World's Greatest Tag Team

2v2 Tag

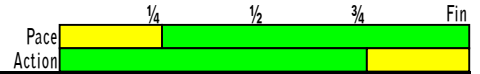
Royal Rumble Entries

A little longer and elementally similar to the first, but with less added effect to boost here. That said, nothing much to complain about here aside from the slim allowance of time. Some good quick tags early helped draw interest with some good action maintaining it the rest of the way. Like the continuous use of a tandem finish, in this case being a superkick leading into a bridging double leg roll up.

3SD 4:00^47 41 1dn-2h-2b-1dg-2b*1dg-1dn-1dg-E-2h

Superkick-Pin; Off well, steady quality with some kick 3/4.

Haas/Bnjmin earn Rumble entries CHaas 3 Straight wins
SBenjamin 3 Straight wins



1. Nunzio v 2. Chuck Palumbo v 3. Johnny Stamboli

3 Man BattleRoyal Over Top Rope Rules

Royal Rumble Entry

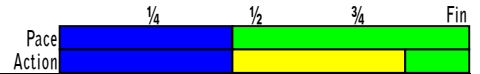
Pretty short, especially for a battle royal. This one started off slowly, but it was somewhat effective with Nunzio trying to get Palumbo and Stamboli to eliminate themselves, only to have them protest Nunzio's orders. Action kicked up well enough after match started to go somewhere. Good setup with the expedient eliminations at the end to set up the small post match confrontation. A little value to be found here.

4SD 2:22^56 24 Mx-2-3-2-3-Mx-2 -> 1

CarryOverTopRope-Elimination; Slow start but wih some effect, OK thereafter.

-> Eliminations: JStamboli 2:19^50; CPalumbo 2:20^60

Nunzio earns Rumble entry CPalumbo 3 Straight losses
See Page 3 For Match Chart JStamboli 3 Straight losses



1. Funaki v 2. Big Show w Brock Lesnar

Singles

Royal Rumble Entry

Shortest of the night, and at a little over a minute, not apt to find a lot to value. Still, have to like a few things. Holly's appearance did not do much for this, but Show's failed chokeslam attempt as a means of demonstrating the neck injury, as well as Funaki's attempts to go after Show's neck give this a little something to value. Not the worst of the year to date by one match, but still not the worst.

5SD 1:16^42 07 2-2

FacePunch-Pin; Some effect, OK elements, too short to earn much.

Big Show earns Rumble entry
Funaki 3 Straight losses



1. Rhino w Paul Heyman v 2. John Cena

Sg ECW Allowance (1)/No Tolerance (2)

Losers Gets Mouth Washed Out With Soap (proxy Rhino-Heyman)

Third straight weekday show with a match exceeding fifteen minutes, but have to wonder how it only rate in the seventies. Offhand, the late elemental lapse really detracted, and despite Rhino's ECW allowance, Cena should have gotten a little more offense in. Merits mainly for the first half of this one and some effect such as Rhino's early retreat despite Heyman's help and a table crash late as well as the early use of weapons, utilizing the one-sided rules. Still, could have been much more.

6SD 17:18^15 71 (166) 1-2-1-1-1-1-1-E-2*E-1-S-1-E-1-E-E-2

FU-Pin; Held fairly earlier on, second half lapse, OK to close.

Best of the Night
JCena 3 Straight wins



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| Breakdowns | Matches | 6 |
| | No Contests | 0 |
| | Total Match Time | 30:19 ²⁰ |
| | Pct. Of Show | 25.27 (91.5) |

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| Interference | 1SD | — |
| | 2SD | — |
| | 3SD | *Shaniqua |
| | 4SD | — |
| | 5SD | — |
| | 6SD | *Paul Heyman |

Title Changes None.

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| Match Types | Singles | 4 |
| | Tag | 1 |
| | Battle Royal | 1 |

Character Notes Chavo Sr. seeming sides with Eddie before aligning with Chavo Jr.

Notable Matches

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| Best of the Night | 6SD | 71 | Rhyno v John Cena |
| Worst of the Night | 5SD | 07 | Funaki v Big Show |

Notable Segments

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|--------------------|------|-------------|---|
| Best of the Night | S-22 | +3.0 | Cena and Benoit apply a hilarious sharpshooter and soap tandem. |
| Worst of the Night | S-22 | -0.5 | Lesnar sticks by Big Show to take advantage of police protection. |

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| Show Scoring | Match Contribution Index | 28.58 |
| | Segment Contribution Index | 39.06 |
| | Overall Show Score | 67.64 |

Assessment Segments still stay strong overall, but the match contribution takes a considerable slide. Show still bests this weeks Raw, and standing alone, show was till good.

Segment by Segment

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| ●Heyman in the ring, says tonight's location is fitting seeing as the Rumble is coming and is the ultimate gamble as only one man will hit the jackpot, but that he can only allow 15 of his superstars to enter and so he has arranged matches where winners will enter; Cena interrupts to Heyman's chagrin, saying that he is sick of Heyman is his patented rap style, also says he will bounce Heyman like an ECW check, and threatens to kick Heyman around and prepares for an FU, but Rhyno saves Heyman, giving Cena the Gore; Heyman proclaims Cena's luck has run out and that tonight will be one Cena does not forget. | I sense a match. I also sense that Heymar is a just a bit ticked off. | +0.25 |
| ●Pre 1SD Rey Mysterio comes out to commentary. | Scouting? Or involvement? | 0 |
| ●Post 1SD Noble blames Tajiri for Nidia being pulled into the match. | He shall get his comeuppance. | 0 |
| ●Heyman addresses Cena, saying he thinks the majority is sick of his foul mouth, and that Cena corrupts the youth of America with is raps and that Cena is a bigger threat than any threat abroad; Heyman sets Rhyno v. Cena and says when Rhyno wins, Heyman will wash out Cena's mouth with soap, but if Cena wins, he can wash out Heyman's mouth with soap. | Odd stipulation, but I imagine it will not be Cena on the receiving end of that bar of soap. | +0.25 |
| ●Josh INT Big Show on neck and officers surrounding him, Lesnar interjects and says Holly brutally attacked Show last week; Show says the officers are there to enforce a 50 foot restraining order; Lesnar says he will stay by Show all night, although he wants Holly tonight, and will wait for the Rumble to get Holly, but if Holly comes after Show, Holly will have to worry about Lesnar. | Using the halo effect, eh Lesnar? | -0.5 |
| ●Video Package: Fateful tag team championship match leads to Chavo finally turning on Eddie. | — | NR |
| ●Angle goes to Eddie Guerrero in the locker room, says though he apologized, he was only trying to help, and that Chavo will not be there tonight, but that Chavo Guerrero Sr. would rip out a part of himself; Eddie says he wants Angle to stay out of his business. | Sometimes, the right just does not pay. | +1.0 |
| ●WWE Originals commercial: John Cena. | — | NR |
| ●Pre 2SD Dawn Marie comes out and informs Rikishi and Scotty 2 Hotty that this will not be a tag championship match, but one-on-one for the right to enter the Rumble. | Uh-oh... I sense a trend. | -0.25 |
| ●WWE Advertisement: Live events. | — | NR |
| ●Pre 3SD Tazz receives and dispenses information that this will also not be a tag championship match but that the winning team will enter the Rumble. | I want my title match damn it! | -0.25 |
| ●A stagehand informs Angle that Chavo Guerrero Sr. has arrived. | Huh? | 0 |
| ●Chavo Guerrero Sr. comes out to the ring, saying the family is torn over the situation and that Chavo is ashamed of Chavo Jr., saying Chavo should apologize, and that he will apologize for Chavo Jr. so he calls out Eddie; Eddie comes to the ring, asks Chavo Sr. if Chavo Jr. sent him; Chavo Sr. says this is of his own volition; Eddie says he is out there to play daddy and big brother but that his anger is towards Chavo Jr., not Chavo Sr., burt asks if Chavo Sr. raised Chavo Jr. to turn on family when it gets rough; Chavo Sr. says no, and Eddie believes him and that is why he does not understand by Chavo Sr. is apologize him by proxy; Chavo Sr. says Eddie is right; Chavo Jr. then emerges and Chavo Sr. tries to calm Eddie down, but Eddie manages to get Chavo Sr. to step aside; Chavo Sr. then attacks Eddie and Chavo Jr. joins in to make it a tandem assault; Angle then saves Eddie from further attack; Chavo Jr. and Chavo Sr. retreat. | There goes any promise of a peaceful end, and I think many will agree that this can only be a good thing. | +2.0 |
| ●Chavo Jr. tells Chavo Sr. that Eddie got what he deserved. | Based on what Chavo? | 0 |
| ●Pre 4SD Dawn Marie comes out to tell the FBI will no longer have three entries in the Rumble because they lost last week, so only one will enter and they will have to fight for it in a battle royal with over the top rope rules. | Triple whammy. You figure out the hidden meanings. I know you can. | -0.25 |
| ●Post 4SD Nunzio tries to pacify Palumbo saying he will win for the FBI; meanwhile, Stamboli is dazed and stumbles continuously; Palumbo seems OK with it all. | A family again... (tear) | 0 |
| ●Eddie confronts Angle in the locker room; Angle says he had nothing to do with the spectacle with Chavo Jr. and Chavo Sr. and that Angle does not want to fight Eddie; Eddie wants to thank Angle for making Eddie see the light, Eddie wants to go after Chavo now. | So now Angle's wisdom is a religious experience now? | +0.5 |
| ●Post 5SD Lesnar joins Show in the ring; Holly taunts Lesnar, but Lesnar will not come after Holly. | That's right, don't kill Holly just yet. | 0 |
| ●Heyman reminds Rhyno what is at stake in his match with Cena, namely that Cena and his rap as the degradation of society is on one side and that Rhyno is on the other to protect the morals of society by winning to let Heyman wash out Cena's mouth; Heyman says Rhyno has been held back by rules of the Stephanie McMahon administration; Heyman wants to witness the resurrection of the extreme Rhyno. | This spells doom for Rhyno, I think. | 0 |
| ●Best of Billy Gunn countdown: Moment No. 2: Gunn wins the 1999 King of the Ring tournament. Gunn says that was symbolic of the success that is his career. | Well that went no where, didn't it? | NR |
| ●Pre 6SD Heyman says that Rhyno and he have no tolerance for Cena and his ways; Heyman gives the referee (B. Hebner) instructions that Cena is under zero-tolerance restriction in the match; Heyman grants Rhyno ECW rules (no-disqualification, no count-out, anything goes) analogizing it to giving extra ammunition to officers who deal with thugs. | Tipping the scales once again. | 0 |
| ●Post 6SD Heyman tries to escape the match stipulation, but Benoit intercepts him and forces him into the ring; Heyman tries to escape via kendo stick but fails miserably; before Benoit can fully attack Heyman, Cena recommends a tandem of soap and sharpshooter, to which Benoit agrees; Cena tells Benoit to relax on the sharpshooter, and Heyman cries for help; Cena says Heyman has to help out the fans and comply with the stipulations, then Cena goes to get the soap; Heyman tries to weasel out of this; Cena says everytime he says "Chris," Benoit will apply more force; Heyman refuses to eat soap, so Cena demonstrates and applies the soap; even Heyman accidentally says "Chris" with bad results; Heyman says Cena messed with the wrong man and orders Cena to let him go; Cena continues to invoke "Chris"; Cena asks if Heyman is ready to give him his props, but again Heyman accidentally says "Chris" then says "F-You" to Cena, to which Cena says "F-You Paul Heyman... Chris?" Benoit and Cena celebrate Heyman's fall. | If you have to choose between this and Raw's Triple H and Michaels segment, choose this; I couldn't stop laughing. "Chriiiiiissss..." | +3.0 |

Closing Notes

1. "I have one of those. They suck." Tazz's observations about ECW checks. One of the funniest lines of the night.
2. The other was Tazz's show ending commentary regarding Benoit, Cena, and Heyman: "He's eating the soap, *that's* your play by play."
3. While on the subject, though to a lesser degree, Tazz still seems in antagonistic mode. Should we be worried?
4. Seems that the Bashams are getting a little of Big Show's no title defense luck; this has to stop.
5. Tonight's lesson: whenever you want your enemies to feel pain, all you have to do is say "Chriiiiiissss..."

3 Man Battle Royal Over Top Rope Rules-4SD (15Jan04)

Total Time-2:22⁵⁶

Rating - 24

1. Nunzio v 2. Chuck Palumbo v 3. Johnny Stamboli

| Entry | Ring-In | Ring-Out | Finishing Maneuver-Means | Momentum Line | Eliminated By |
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| 1. Nunzio | START | FINISH | | | WINNER |
| 3. Johnny Stamboli | START | 2:19 ⁵⁰ | Superkick-Elimination | ⊗-2-3-2-3-Mx-2→ | Chuck Palumbo (1) |
| 2. Chuck Palumbo | START | 2:20 ⁶⁰ | CarryOverTopRope-Elimination | 1 | Nunzio (1) |