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1. Rob Van Dam and Booker T v
2. Christian and Matt Hardy

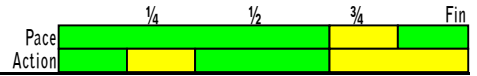
2v2 Tag

Very stable on the elements in this contest, and match even had a little drive starting just before the three quarter mark. Furthermore, match had a few good a well placed spots to boost this somewhat. Such spots included a seemingly rare counter to Van Dam's rolling thunder and Booker T's intercept of both Christian and Hardy to set up Van Dam's frog splash finisher. Fairly good performance mark for the match tabs.

1Raw 6:05⁹⁴ 55 1v-1t-2c-2h-Mx-E-1v-1v

FiveStarFrogSplash-Pin; Steady out, held, went on 3/4.

VnDam/Booker T proceed to 8Raw



1. Chris Jericho v 2. Rene Dupree

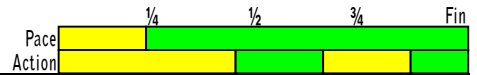
Singles

Like the last one, elementally sound, just held over a lesser frame here. A little better structurally than the first with a continuous form rather than a mid-match break leading into a finishing drive. Some humor value from the dueling dances. Match tried to drive at about the 5/8 point, and while it did end up settling to close, it was not so much that it would detract from the overall enjoyment of this.

2Raw 4:35⁹⁶ 50 Mx-1-1-2-2-1-Mx-2-1

WallsOfJericho-Submission; Into stride, quality mostly held.

Jericho proceeds to 8Raw



1. Rico w Miss Jackie v 2. Mark Henry w Theodore Long

Singles

Cannot vouch for this too much elementally, but match has a few points that save this from single digits. For one, Rico's messing with Long on the outside, only to have Long comically trip up Rico in return provided some good effect. Attached to that was Rico's continuous evasive tactics early on. Expected this to be totally one-sided, so amazed that Rico did enough to earn a momentum point.

3Raw 2:35⁶⁰ 12 8*2-2-1-2

World'sStrongestSlam-Pin; Too settled for too long, light recovery.

Henry proceeds to 8Raw



1. Kane v 2. Spike Dudley

Singles

Very short here so not much to derive. What barely gets this to double digits is a quick break, mostly continuous and sound action throughout, and a somewhat endearing finish with Dudley outsmarting Kane where he is unable to overcome the power and size disadvantage, not to mention that the execution of said finish was actually pretty good. Half effect and half ring substance.

4Raw 1:04⁹⁶ 10 Mx-1

RefereeShove(SpikeDudley); Somewhat endearing finish.
Denotes Disqualification Shifted from Inducer, Elsewhere.

Dudley proceeds to 8Raw



1. Scott Steiner v 2. Test v 3. Goldberg

Triple Threat

The prospect of a handicap match under the guise of a triple threat, which would inevitably lead to tension between the pseudo-partners normally has preconceived notions against it. That being said, respect that each competitor got a reasonable share of the offense, and like that the split between Test and Steiner was held off until the late half. A better finishing speed might have gotten this into the higher 40s. Better than expected.

5Raw 5:17⁷⁸ 44 1,2-3-1-3-1-2-1,2-3-Mx-1-3

Jackhammer-Pin; Speed tailed off, action held.

Goldberg proceeds to 8Raw
Test 3 Straight losses

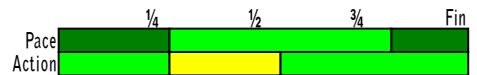
1. Lita v 2. Jazz w Theodore Long

Singles

Pretty balanced match, control wise, and aside from the relatively slower lead in and lead out, match held together alright. Pretty standard execution from these two, but it was enough to keep this steadily OK overall. Expected Long's involvement in this late, and although it was pretty comical how he tripped on the apron, he is arguably getting involved too often. Match is a slight improvement off of their tag efforts last week (1Raw-12Jan04; 25).

6Raw 3:40²³ 30 2-1-2-1-2

RollUp-PinUsingClothing; Pace peaked and fell off 1/2, some good action.



1. Randy Orton v 2. The Hurricane

Singles

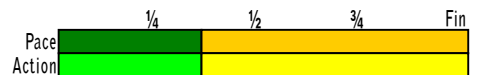
Match enjoyed a quick break, but then deeply settled, which detracted some. However, on the momentum change, the match ran quite swiftly, increased in action quality, and for all rights and purposes, did not relent. Liked the repeated pin attempts by a "believing" Hurricane, and also liked that he got an equal share of control. Furthermore, liked the suddenness of the RKO, dispelling all the momentum that Hurricane tried to build. Too short to earn a higher figure, but respect this one.

7Raw 2:51⁷⁵ 40 1-1-2-2-1

RKO-Pin; Off somewhat slowly, kicked strongly 3/8 to close.

Orton proceeds to 8Raw
Orton 3 Straight wins

Hurricane 3 Straight losses

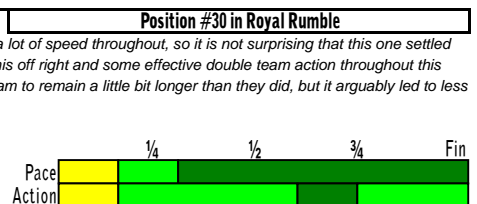
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4. Randy Orton v 5. Mark Henry w Theodore Long v
6. Goldberg

6 Man BattleRoyal Over Top Rope Rules

Generally expect any battle royal with this many people not have a lot of speed throughout, so it is not surprising that this one settled relatively early and remained at that pace. A good break kicked this off right and some effective double team action throughout this one kept up some quality. Would have liked Booker T and Van Dam to remain a little bit longer than they did, but it arguably led to less convulsion in this match.

8Raw 6:59³³ 58 (109) 6-3,2,1-3 → 2 → Mx-4,5-6,5-5-5,2-4,2-6-2-5,4 → Mx-6-4-4,6 → Mx-6

MilitaryPressThrow-Elimination; Settled and held, mostly fair activity.
→ Eliminations: See Page 3 For Details

See Page 3 For Match Chart
Best of the NightGoldberg #30 in Royal Rumble
Goldberg 3 Straight wins

Breakdowns	Matches	8	Interference	1Raw	—	Title Changes	None
	No Contests	0		2Raw	—		
	Total Match Time	33:11 ⁵⁵		3Raw	*Theodore Long		
	Pct. Of Show	33.87 (98)		4Raw	—		
Match Types	Singles	5		5Raw	—	Character Notes	The origins of Christian's dissent with Jericho are arguably grounded.
	Tag	1		6Raw	—		
	TripleThreat	1		7Raw	—		
	BattleRoyal	1		8Raw	—		

Notable Matches

Best of the Night	8Raw	58	RVanDam v CJericho v BookerT v ROrton v MHenry v Goldberg
Worst of the Night	4Raw	10	Kane v Spike Dudley

Notable Segments

Best of the Night	S-12	+ 1.75	Triple H and Michaels confrontation about past and Rumble match.
Worst of the Night	S-10	− 1.5	Jericho and Henry discuss the matter of "stank."

Show Scoring	Match Contribution Index	30.00	Assessment	Both the match and segment contributions are down from last week; that said, this effort was OK, but given that this is Raw's last effort before the Royal Rumble, expected more.
	Segment Contribution Index	20.47		
	Overall Show Score	50.47		

Segment by Segment

●Pre Raw Tribute: Martin Luther King Jr "Long Live the Dream."	—	NR
●Coach is among the fifteen Raw superstars in the Royal Rumble, says that SmackDown had the opportunity to assign the number one spot, so Raw has power to assign number thirty; Jericho says he wants to cash in his favor; Coach says that Bischoff is away so Coach is interim GM of Raw; Coach says they will decide the issue with assigned matches; winners will proceed to a Battle Royal for the number thirty position; interference will cause loss of number thirty opportunity and rumble entry.	Not bad for his first official act I suppose.	0
●Pre 2Raw Coach joins Ross and Lawler at the announcer's table.	The three man booth emerges again...	0
●Repeat of Orton advertisement questioning whether Foley is really a hardcore legend; Orton cited as a true legend "for our time."	Been there, seen it, still with value.	+0.25
●Christian goes to Jericho, congratulates Jericho, but Christian says he has no chance and did not even lose his match; Christian wants Jericho to use his Survivor Series favor to allow Christian to replace Jericho in the battle royal; Christian cites that he was there for Jericho in the 2003 Rumble, told him the truth about Stratus, and took Jericho out on the town; Jericho says this is his shot to return to the main event of Wrestlemania and wants Christian to understand; Christian says he does.	The genesis of dissent perhaps?	+0.75
●Video Package: History of Michaels and Triple H, all of which is leading up to the last man standing match at the Royal Rumble; the past, the comeback, and the present.	—	NR
●Orton talks to Batista in the locker room; Flair enters, saying tonight is Orton's night and that he may be the greatest Intercontinental Champion; Flair praises Batista; says that under Triple H's leadership they will destroy the Dudley Boyz at the Rumble, Triple H will beat Michaels, and that Orton will go the Rumble as the favorite; Flair says then it will be Evolution in all the main events at Wrestlemania; Orton says, like Wrestlemania VI (Intercontinental Champion versus World Champion), it would be fitting that the man who retired Foley face the man who spit on Foley.	They're taking over. Ahhhhh! (Homer Simpson patented scream here).	0
●Post 4Raw Kane demolishes Dudley for his ruse with the referee; more referees save Dudley from further punishment.	The refs actually worked this time?	0
●WWE Advertisement: Live events.	—	NR
●Orton advertisement on the Truth of Mick Foley; says Foley is a coward, a scared little girl afraid to face Foley, and a joke; Orton cited as fearless, a noble role model, the true Hardcore legend, and a role model for our time.	Need a political mudslinging ad? See Orton's people.	+1.0
●Austin, after seeing the Orton advertisement, takes off for the ring on his ATV, almost running over Cade and Jindrak.	I think he has something to say...	0
●Austin emerges on the ATV, has a message for Foley, thinking that he does not know what is happening with Foley, citing he walked out on an Intercontinental Title match, lets Orton spit on him, and does not appear in his own hometown; this is not the Foley he knows; the Foley he knew rented the worst cars, stayed in the cheapest motels, and made collect calls; Austin says Orton is spitting in the face of Foley, Austin and the business; Austin orders Foley to show up at the Rumble and take on Orton, otherwise he would break Austin's law and that is "just something you don't do Eh! Eh!" If Foley does not show, Austin threatens to ride the ATV to New York, and drag Foley to Philadelphia; Austin toasts to the hope that Foley will make the right decision.	Ordered? Again, I must ask, where can I get my annotated code of Austin's Law?	+1.75
●Midnight Madness footage: release of WWE Originals.	—	NR
●Holly taunts Stratus saying she will never win the women's championship; Christian approaches Stratus, says that he knows Jericho broke her heart, says that he knows that Stratus never wants to see him and that Jericho feels the same way; Christian shows Stratus pictures from their night on the town.	Dissent confirmed...or at least implied; What shall become of Vitamin C?	+0.5
●Terri INT Hurricane on his match with Orton, saying Hurricane's odds are not the greatest; Hurricane says the odds are always against him, and people think Hurricane could never main event at Wrestlemania; Hurricane says he believes in himself, can defy the odds, and can show people how wrong they really are.	I don't believe its going to happen, but good speech no less.	+0.5
●Video Package: Orton's attempt to draw Foley to the Nassau Coliseum, even buying him a ticket and providing a limousine.	—	NR
●Post 7Raw Batista and Flair come out to celebrate with Orton; Rosey tends to Hurricane but is attacked by Evolution; the Dudley Boyz emerge to attack Evolution and set up a table in the ring; Flair is saved as Coach gets on the microphone and forbids it; Coach says when he counts to three, the Dudley Boyz better be gone; instead they give him the 3D.	Well at least the Dudley Boyz complied with the "Three" part of that order.	0
●Jericho and Henry argue; Henry says Jericho cannot throw out Henry; Jericho insults Henry's smell; Henry says if Jericho ever gets close to Stratus again, Jericho will smell Henry's "stank" on her.	Who wrote this? Shoot him...now! "Stank" just conveys a bad image.	-1.5
●Spike Dudley is confirmed out of the match due to his run in with Kane.	I think surviving is his only current goal.	0
●From the WWE Studios: SmackDown presents its offerings for the Royal Rumble.	—	NR
●Garcia announces the rules and stipulation for the battle royal match.	This <i>is</i> the WWE, so better make sure.	0

Closing Notes

- "Its got Mattitude written all over it...just to let you know." Hardy to Coach regarding Rumble position thirty. Not likely, but like the enthusiasm and character.
- Coach literally pats himself on back for the battle royal set up and stipulation; good humor, says I.
- Austin actually says he and Foley used to "call collect and save a buck or two." Did they ever do those telephone ads, and if not, when should they prepare for the lawsuit?
- The three man announce team is growing on me; just keep Coach in dunce-mode instead of offensive-mode.
- I really don't think the prostitution of the General Manager's position is going to do wonder for its standing. Just a thought.

6 Man Battle Royal Over Top Rope Rules–8Raw (19Jan04)					Total Time–6:59 ³³	Rating – 58
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Entry	Ring-In	Ring-Out	Finishing Maneuver–Means	Momentum Line	Eliminated By	
6. Goldberg	START	FINISH			WINNER	
1. Rob Van Dam	START	:35 ⁷³	DoubleFrontKick–Elimination	6–3,2,1–3→	Booker T (1)	
3. Booker T	START	:43 ⁷¹	CarryOverTopRope–Elimination	2→	Chris Jericho (1)	
2. Chris Jericho	START	4:26 ⁵⁰	TandemCarryOverTopRope–Elimination	Mx–4,5–6,5–5–5,2–4,2–6–2–5,4→	MHenry (½); ROnton (½)	
5. Mark Henry	START	5:48 ⁶⁰	TndmCarryOvrShldrBlock–Elimination	Mx–6–4–4,6→	ROnton (1); Goldberg (½)	
4. Randy Orton	START	6:58 ⁴⁶	MilitaryPressThrow–Elimination	Mx–6	Goldberg (1½)	