



Lines

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1. Chris Benoit v 2. Mark Henry w Theodore Long

Singles

Relatively short and pretty basic in this contest. Primarily have to merit the straight fair action and pace, notwithstanding a lapse of speed that is forgivable. Next, have to credit the pretty good back and forth between these two early. On the adverse side, seemed that Benoit's shoulderblock came off a bit odd, but that is about as much to find here. Deserves the figure it gets, but it is all left to personal perception as to the context of "deserve."

1Raw 2:45²¹ 29 Mx-2-1-Mx-2

CripplerCrossface-Submission; Midway settling, mostly fair otherwise.

CBenoit 5 straight wins
MHenry 3 straight losses



1. Rene Dupree w Rob Conway v 2. Rico w Miss Jackie

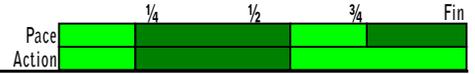
Singles

The eccentricities continue to emanate from Rico, but still come off in such a way to define his character, so that is acceptable. Match seemed a little slow near the beginning, but picked up alright a little beyond the half way mark. Perhaps Keibler's distraction of Dupree is somewhat logical off of last week's antics, especially considered with the post-match segment, but arguably was not necessary. Both earn their best performance figures to date and that each's ratings tab is steadily increasing is encouraging.

2Raw 5:28⁵³ 56 2-1-1-2-1-2*2

RoundhouseKick-Pin; Out OK, settled, some movement about 5/8.

RDupree 4 straight losses



1. Trish Stratus v 2. Kane

Singles Intergender

Granted that this serves to further the Jericho and Stratus storyline. Also granted that the immediate aftermath sets up some intrigue as to how effective Jericho will actually be in his match later in the night. Still, the starting bell rung and so, have to take this as a match, and as far as that goes, it would be a blatant abuse of discretion to award this any positive value, but if it brings consolation to this one, the Lines still does not employ negative ratings.

3Raw :10²⁸ -0 (166) 2*

ForearmToBack-NoContest; No match value.

Time called at first contact between Jericho and Kane.



1. Kane v 2. Goldberg

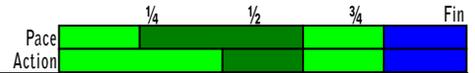
Singles

Like the two opening contests, somewhat wavering on the elements but mostly fair. Of course, the key points in this were both the lightning bolt and fog phenomena that led to the no contest finish here. Given the oddity of the finish, however logical regarding Kane, have to know that the match could have finished lower on the scale. On the other hand, match arguably should have rated higher. Some value, mostly on the finish.

4Raw 4:56⁹⁷ 35 1-2-1-1-1-2-1-2

RingFogPhenomenon-NoContest; Wavering elementally, effective out.

Time called at point Goldberg leaves ring.



1. Booker T v 2. Matt Hardy

Singles

Good opening minute set the tone for what was an overall suitable contest. However, despite the this being sound elementally, match control was a little too unbalanced for tastes, which detracted from this a little. Liked Hardy's neck focus as the basis for his offense. Also, match had a little drive towards the end and the finishing series was actually well executed. Could have been worth a little more, but will take this.

5Raw 6:24⁹⁶ 52 Mx-2-2-2-2-E-1-2-Mx-1

ScissorsKick-Pin; Good open, settled, good finish.



1. Triple H v 2. Spike Dudley

Singles

Outside of Dudley's failed sneak attack, this was completely Triple H's allowance to dominate. Will say that if Dudley came out of that pedigree with no adverse memory effects, we should all tip our caps to him. That said, hard pressed to find any real value in this, but at the very least have to take solace that this did not warrant another zero match rating tonight.

6Raw 1:25⁷² 05 1-1

Pedigree-Pin; Completely one-sided, very little value.



1. Chris Jericho and Christian v 2. Batista and Ric Flair

2v2 Tag

World Tag Team Championship-Grade I

Seemed rather short for the stakes, but some good points to this match nearly invalidate such a concern. Firstly, lapses in the action were non-existent, and aside from the early slowing, match showed some reasonable speed. The shining point here was Jericho's involvement as his damaged knee came into play, from his execution, to his being trapped by Flair's figure four to close out the match. Also, liked Batista's outside attack on Christian to prevent any slim chance of Jericho's knee not coming back to haunt him.

7Raw 4:46⁵⁶ 52 Mx-1c-2b-2f-E-1j-1j-2f-1j

FigureFourLegLock-Submission; Good first series, kicked on 1/2, with effect. New Notation: X Y in appropriate matches denotes X pinned Y.

Batista 5 straight wins
RFlair 4 straight wins
CJericho 4 straight losses
RFlair/Batista 3 str. title wins



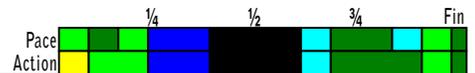
1. Randy Orton v 2. Shawn Michaels

Singles

Definitely had the time to earn a lot, so what was the problem? Unfortunately it was not just one. It started with Austin bringing down a replacement referee on his ATV. If the lapse were limited to that, this would have been fine, but when the match resumed, it never seemed to get back to its early standard, and that it could not recover well enough to show any drive, hurt this one badly. These two are very capable, making this one all the more discouraging.

8Raw 13:37⁸¹ 50 Mx-2-1-Mx-Mx-2-2-E-1-1-1-1-E-Mx-2-1-2

RollUp-Pin; Good first half, over settled, little recovery. SCommercial Break.



Breakdowns	Matches	8
	No Contests	2
	Total Match Time	39:36 ⁰⁴
	Pct. Of Show	40.83 (97)

Interference	1Raw	—
	2Raw	*Rob Conway
	3Raw	*Chris Jericho □
	4Raw	—
	5Raw	—
	6Raw	—
	7Raw	—
	8Raw	—

Title Changes None

Match Types	Singles	7
	Tag	1

Character Notes The Christian-Jericho chasm grows ever wider as Stratus remains in the picture.

Notable Matches

Best of the Night	2Raw	56	Rene Dupree v Rico
Worst of the Night	3Raw	-0	Trish Stratus v Kane

Notable Segments

Best of the Night	S-7	+2.0	Christian offers the Beatles/Ono analogy to Stratus
Worst of the Night	S-6	-0.5	Keibler comes out to suggest herself and Miss Jackie for Playboy.

Show Scoring	Match Contribution Index	34.65
	Segment Contribution Index	31.43
	Overall Show Score	66.08

Assessment Quite the step down being half the rating of the last show. However, not necessarily a bad show with some suitable matches and segments. Willing to accept and go on to the next.

Segment by Segment

● JERICHO presents the "Highlight Reel" and his guest tonight is BENOIT; JERICHO congratulates BENOIT on his Rumble win and for the legal loophole as the man with a plan; JERICHO reminds BENOIT that he must now deal with EVOLUTION and BISCHOFF; BENOIT says he is aware of that and is here only to be the best and no one will stop him from winning the title at WMXX, then says if TRIPLE H thinks differently, he will have to prove him wrong; JERICHO says maybe BENOIT is BENOIT'S biggest obstacle in that he cannot win the big one and that JERICHO felt the same way until he won the undisputed championship, but still people do not think BENOIT has it and refers to FLAIR'S comments to BENOIT at the Rumble; FLAIR interrupts before BENOIT can offer rebuttal; FLAIR reaffirms that BENOIT is the most gifted technical wrestler of all time, but BENOIT is merely a runner-up, and that this is Raw and that TRIPLE H rules as the champion here and BENOIT cannot beat him; BENOIT affirms that TRIPLE H is the man, and at WMXX he will fight the man, but wants to fight FLAIR tonight; BISCHOFF refuses BENOIT'S match request, saying it is important that BENOIT knows that BISCHOFF is not HEYMAN; BISCHOFF tells JERICHO that his tag match will be for the tag titles tonight; BISCHOFF tells BENOIT that his first Raw match is next.	So the Rumble was merely a big one and not <i>the</i> big one? Come on, give the man some credit, Jericho.	+0.5
● Post 1Raw TRIPLE H gives BENOIT a menacing applause for his victory over HENRY.	I'd have given him a golf clap, myself.	0
● AUSTIN runs into MICHAELS backstage and asks if MICHAELS is down because BENOIT is here and MICHAELS is out of the title picture; AUSTIN asks what MICHAELS will do about this, if he wants the title shot AUSTIN thinks he deserves; AUSTIN then tells MICHAELS to do something about it.	Good advice.	0
● Video Package: Last week's confrontation between FOLEY and ORTON.	—	NR
● TEST encounters FOLEY about FOLEY preventing TEST from entering the Rumble; FOLEY says he was in the wrong place at the wrong time; ORTON attacks FOLEY from behind and orders TEST to stay out of this; ORTON tells FOLEY that there is no mistake that FOLEY is ORTON'S bitch.	Possessive, Orton?	+0.5
● Post 2Raw KEIBLER recommends that if Playboy is looking for the hottest pair of WWE Divas, they are herself and MISS JACKIE; KEIBLER and MISS JACKIE then dance to KEIBLER'S WWE Originals song.	Not with that music, Keibler.	-0.5
● CHRISTIAN meets up with STRATUS backstage; CHRISTIAN says The Beatles could have been greater if not for Yoko Ono, who became good friends with Lennon, and this led to the breakup of the Beatles; STRATUS tries to dispel this; CHRISTIAN says if he was McCartney, he would have given a one-man conchair to Ono; CHRISTIAN then wishes good luck on STRATUS for her title match tonight.	Analogies rule! See? This man paid attention to the finer points of high school English and is utilizing them.	+2.0
● Video: SmackDown your vote at the National Press Club in Washington D.C.	—	NR
● Pre 3Raw BISCHOFF appears and apologizes the STRATUS, saying he booked her title match prematurely and she is not even the number one contender, but he knows what a competitor she is and has an opponent for her no less.	Though we knew what might be coming, he at least sounded sincere.	0
● Post 3Raw JERICHO saves STRATUS from KANE, allowing STRATUS to escape, but JERICHO pays the price as KANE severely attacks JERICHO'S knee.	Love is pain, now you know.	+0.25
● Backstage STRATUS is with JERICHO, asking about his knee; JERICHO says he should not have trusted BISCHOFF and wants to tell STRATUS something but CHRISTIAN interjects; CHRISTIAN questions JERICHO'S heroics and orders STRATUS away; JERICHO says to never speak to her or him like that, that he knows what is at stake, and for CHRISTIAN to remain focused about winning the titles.	All Jericho needed was a glove slap and issuance of a duel challenge to complete that defense of Stratus.	+0.5
● Post 4Raw KANE, extremely confused, flees the ring and the camera signal abruptly disappears.	Oh, please. I've seen worse on PCH.	0
● ORTON runs into MICHAELS and asks what he is doing; MICHAELS says he is wiping TRIPLE H'S blood off his boot; ORTON asks if that should scare him, says he knows that MICHAELS is frustrated that he will not get another title shot and goes on to say he will beat him as he has FOLEY; MICHAELS cautions ORTON that if he messes with him tonight, it will be ORTON'S blood on MICHAELS' boot.	Blood that Michaels will clean with Miracle Boot Shine. Only \$19.95 on WWE.com.	0
● Pre 6Raw TRIPLE H says that one should be careful what they wish for and tells BENOIT he is now in the big time and is here because there is only one true world champion and winning would mean he would be the best; TRIPLE H says there will be an official contract signing next week for the match at WMXX and after that there will be no turning back; TRIPLE H says when people get in the ring with him, their dreams become nightmares, then says his performance against HENRY was good and he saw HENRY'S arm coming out of its socket but wants to see how he does against FLAIR next week; TRIPLE H cites his similarities with FLAIR, like being bred for the business; TRIPLE H tells BENOIT to pay attention because he will show BENOIT what it means to be the best.	You could have ended it at Benoit v Flair.	0
● AUSTIN finds GOLDBERG backstage and reminds him of SmackDown's upcoming Pay Per View and asks if he has heard LESNAR'S comments about him; AUSTIN says he has a front row ticket but cannot go so he will give it to him; AUSTIN tells GOLDBERG to enjoy the main event between LESNAR and GUERRERO, that he is representing AUSTIN'S good name and Raw, and not to do anything AUSTIN would not do.	I never get free tickets. Sniffle.	0
● Post 8Raw FOLEY and ORTON collide and FOLEY gets the upper hand; TRIPLE H sends FLAIR and BATISTA to help ORTON while TRIPLE H attacks MICHAELS; BENOIT is out but TRIPLE H backs off just before striking BENOIT and retreats; BENOIT and MICHAELS shake hands.	Uneasy truce? Maybe. Potential? Sure. Same time next week? Yep.	+1.0

Closing Notes

1. Enough with the Janet Jackson references, please. Overblown in every possible manner.
2. I thought it was funny when Benoit challenged Flair only to get the response, "I'm just out here talkin'."
3. JR on Stratus v Kane: "This is a death wish" for Stratus. No see, that implies a desire to fight. This is more like a death sentence.
4. Eventually detracting, but funny at the time: Austin transported another ref to the ring via ATV only to haul the useless one away. Ha!
5. Section 3.16 of the Stone Cold Code entitled "Things I wouldn't do" is interestingly followed by 27 blank pages.



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WWE Raw



SINGLES MATCH with NO SPECIAL STIPULATIONS.

1 Chris Benoit

Aff: WWE Raw

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
Vts: 5' 10" - 220
Fin: Crippler Crossface, Missile Headbutt
Stbl: —
Ttl: —

2004	5	5	0	0	100	Stip.	2	2	0	0	60
Singles	1	1	0	0	—	No Stip.	3	3	0	0	100
Tag	2	2	0	0	100	Last 5	5	5	0	0	100
Title	0	0	0	0	—	Rse	0	0	0	0	—

2Feb04- 1Raw ByJ — 2:45²¹ Sg 29 1 2 1 M 1 CrplrCrsfcs-S 1.64 W MarkHenry Midway settling, mostly fair 2
Previously of the SmackDown roster, officially transferred to Raw on 26Jan04; record as of 26Jan04: (4 4 0 0 100).
25Jan04- 6RR WhC ? ?::? RR#1CtWdHv/WWEMnEvWMXX ?? 1 - - - - ????? - W BigShow/KrtAngle/CJericho/RbVanDam/25 Others ??? 30
22Jan04- 4SD Tgt — 19:15³⁶ 3v2HcpTg 100 1b 12 1 22 1 FU-P 34.07 W (w JohnCena) BrLesnar/Rhyno/MtMorgan Dbl kick 2/5, 15/16, with effect 2
8Jan04- 1SD VB — 6:20³⁴ 3v1HcpMnRIRmb2Min 66 1 2 1 1 1 Backdrop-E 9.05 W F.B.I. Into stride, with effect 2
1Jan04- 3SD LE — 6:54⁵⁹ 3v2HcpTgRumbleEntries 60 2b 1 14 17 2 * CrplrCrsfcs-S 8.92 W (w JohnCena) F.B.I. Held form, driving 2

2 Ric Flair

Aff: WWE Raw

Charlotte, NC
Vts: 6' 01" - 243
Fin: Figure Four Leg Lock
Stbl: Evolution
Ttl: World Tag Team Champion

2004	4	4	0	0	102	Stip.	3	3	0	0	89
Singles	0	0	0	0	—	No Stip.	1	1	0	0	102
Tag	4	4	0	0	102	Last 5	4	4	0	0	102
Title	3	3	0	0	89	Rse	0	0	0	0	—

2Feb04- 7Raw ByJ — 4:46⁵⁶ 2v2TgWldTag-G1 52 2f 1 22 1 2 * FigureFourLegLock-S 5.12 W (w Batista) CJericho/Christian Kicked on 1/2, with effect 2
26Jan04- 1Raw GtC — 17:13⁵⁶ 3v2HcpTg 102 2f 12 E 25 2 ♦RK0-P 31.79 W (w RdyOrton/Batista) CJericho/RbVanDam Lengthily sound 2
25Jan04- 1RR WhC ? ?::? 2v2TgWldTag-G1 ?? ? - - - - ????? - W (w Batista) DdlyBoyz [BRDudley/DVDudley] ??? 2
5Jan04- 6Raw Pyr — 9:41⁸⁴ 2v2TgWldTag-G1 89 1f 22 12 M 1 ♦ SitDownPBomb-P 17.80 W (w Batista) DdlyBoyz [BRDudley/DVDudley] Cyclic pacing, settled drive 2

Benoit v. Flair Analysis

Neither man has tasted defeat on the year to date and both show the performance figures that demonstrate that they can deliver. Still, Flair has all his wins in tag action, and en route to his championship match at Wrestlemania, cannot see Benoit losing out just yet. That said, this one should be entertaining.

Expectations

Pace Steady throughout
Action Methodical
Drive 7/8 kick
Effect Some
Close Good - strong
Range 60 - 90