



Lines

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1. Kurt Angle and John Cena v 2. Basham Brothers

2v2 Tag

Mostly fair elementally in this contest. Liked the early tension display between Angle and Cena which left an air of anticipation as to when they would collide. Though that did not happen, dispelling the effect some, the effect was still there. Also enjoyed the continued attack on Cena's damaged knee. Shining point came from the finish which saw Cena tag Angle, who was being propelled from the ring, then hit the FU on Danny Basham. Solid efforts from all four.

1SD 10:53⁹¹ 75 1a-Mx-1a-Mx-1c-s-2dg-2dn-2dn-E-2dg-2dn-E-1a-1c ↓2dn

FU-Pin; Broke deliberately, some effect, wound up 7/8 to good close.
§Commercial Break.

KrtAngle 3 straight wins
DgBasham 3 straight losses



1. Big Show v 2. Hardcore Holly

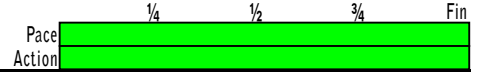
Singles

WWE United States Championship-Grade II

Fair and mostly basic in execution. Good to see that while Show had his points of dominance with a dropkick deflection and his basic power execution, Holly was not without his share of the offense with some good leg targeting early and a nice top rope legdrop towards the end. Healthy figure for the time given, but would like to see something exceeding the thirties for a U.S. Championship match in proximity. Will take, all things considered.

2SD 2:36⁸⁰ 31 (303) 2-1-2-1

Chokeslam-Pin; Fair overall, scattered effect, steadily to close.



1. Chavo Guerrero v 2. Eddie Guerrero

Singles Sp. Guest Ref.

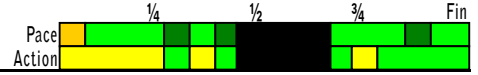
WWE Championship-Grade I

Match broke nicely and sped through fairly afterwards. Match also enjoyed some good action and although it did tail off a little towards the finish, it made for an enjoyable affair overall. Liked Angle's sinister expression as he refused to count the pin, leading to his assault on Guerrero and the no contest. Also liked Mysterio's and Guerrero Sr's. short but effective presences outside the ring. Just meets the triple digit ranks, but a triple digit is a triple digit, and hard to go wrong with one of those.

3SD 16:15⁹¹ 100 (117) 2-1-2-2-1-E-2-2*E-§-1-1-1-1-E-2-E-2*

*♦RightHandPunch-NoContest; Off well, settled, some effect, 7/8 to intriguing fin.

Sp.Gst.Ref. Kurt Angle
Best of the Night



Time called at first contact between Angle and Guerrero.

Breakdowns	Matches	3	Interference	1SD	—
	No Contests	1		2SD	—
	Total Match Time	29:46 ²		3SD	*Chavo Guerrero Sr. *Kurt Angle □
	Pct. Of Show	32.19 (92.5)			

Title Changes None.

Match Types	Singles	2
	Tag	1

Character Notes Angle has gone fully adverse to Guerrero, attacking him in tonight's championship contest.

Notable Matches

Best of the Night	3SD	100	Chavo Guerrero v Eddie Guerrero
Worst of the Night	2SD	31	Big Show v Hardcore Holly

Notable Segments

Best of the Night	S-5	+2.0	Eddie's celebration is interrupted by an enraged Chavo.
Worst of the Night	S-11	NR	Sable, Wilson, their Playboy issue signing, and TV exposure.

Show Scoring	Match Contribution Index	42.16
	Segment Contribution Index	59.33
	Overall Show Score	101.49

Assessment Two nice matches, bolstered by some good segments, made for a nice triple digit showing tonight, just edging out its counterpart, Raw, by approximately ¼ of a point. Like Raw, a fine positioning effort heading for their ultimate show of the year.

Segment by Segment

<p>●HEYMAN welcomes everyone, saying based on the events of No Way Out and his knowledge of LESNAR, he suggested that he not be on SmackDown in the interest of public safety and he is emotional and angry because EDDIE GUERRERO is the champion, as impossible as it seems; he says the question is now, how long will the celebration last because EDDIE GUERRERO will defend the title against CHAVO GUERRERO in a match with a special guest referee, due to the volatility of the situation.</p> <p>●ANGLE comes out, saying that tonight the new WWE Champion, E. GUERRERO, will be celebrated and he wants to be the first to congratulate him because he knows what its like to achieve the impossible and quiet the critics and that he always knew GUERRERO could do it; ANGLE says it will be an honor to face GUERRERO at WMXX and calls for three cheers for GUERRERO; CENA comes down to the ring, mocking ANGLE'S cheerleading and agreeing with the "You Suck" sentiment; CENA says there is a new champ in town and to give GUERRERO his props, it needs to be broken down west coast style; CENA leads the crowd in a half-and-half "Latino-Heat" chant and tells Fresno to make some noise; CENA gives ANGLE respect for winning the triple threat match at No Way Out but says that GUERRERO will beat him at WMXX; ANGLE asks about kicking CENA'S "M.C. Hammer" ass; CENA says ANGLE "can't touch this" and they prepare to collide but HEYMAN appears on the screen, addressing the two; HEYMAN says he makes the matches and he does not want them to fight, but wants to see them team up tonight against the BASHAM BROTHERS, unhappy with the events involving their manager SHANIQUA at No Way Out.</p>	I think Cena started the better chant. Heyman, if they want to fight, what makes you think you can really stop them? After all, they could both run over you without effort, and if left to building rage, they just might try to take it out on you.	+0.25
<p>●Post 1SD ANGLE comes face to face with CENA in the ring, but no collision ensues as ANGLE backs away, giving his partner a hand for the victory.</p>	Diffused, but only for now.	0
<p>●Still images: CHAVO GUERRERO wins the WWE Cruiserweight Championship at No Way Out.</p>	—	NR
<p>●HEYMAN is on the phone when DAWN MARIE enters, saying MYSTERIO wants to speak to him; HEYMAN believes he will whine about his title loss; MYSTERIO is already present and asks HEYMAN to address him; HEYMAN says MYSTERIO wants to say the title meant everything to him and was ripped off on Sunday; MYSTERIO says he is not there to complain, but only wants a rematch, saying then nothing will stop him from getting his title back; HEYMAN says he can respect that and wishes his locker room was as professional as MYSTERIO is; HEYMAN says if CHAVO GUERRERO wins the title tonight, MYSTERIO can face him in a double title match next week, but says MYSTERIO must take the night off because has a vested interest in the main event; MYSTERIO accepts and HEYMAN tells MYSTERIO to trust him.</p>	Direct and to the point. See, you do not need to double up your last sentence to be verbally effective, Mysterio.	+0.5
<p>●EDDIE GUERRERO is introduced as the new WWE Champion and he enters through a celebratory crowd, in an arena lined with confetti, balloons, and fireworks; EDDIE GUERRERO wants to know what the fuss is about, saying that he is usually more shy, but tonight he can say he is the champion, but then says "we" are the champion and "viva la raza"; he goes on to thank his supporters and curse out the skeptics not with him in Spanish; GUERRERO says he did not steal the balloons and confetti for nothing so they should go ahead and start the party, but CHAVO GUERRERO comes out with CHAVO GUERRERO SR.; CHAVO GUERRERO is greeted with chants to which he replies "I don't suck, YOU suck!"; he then goes on to say that he beat MYSTERIO for the Cruiserweight Title and the biggest win of his career and his life but all the attention still goes to EDDIE GUERRERO; CHAVO wants to know where his celebration and balloons are; EDDIE then hands out a balloon to him; CHAVO says he forgot: he is not EDDIE but that is OK because EDDIE has lied and cheated his whole life and stole CHAVO'S spotlight his whole life but that is OK; CHAVO wins his titles and gets nothing but EDDIE wins his and gets a national holiday; CHAVO says EDDIE can enjoy the party but should savor it because CHAVO will win tonight and the party will be over; CHAVO says he spoiled the party and after he wins, he will take EDDIE'S title; EDDIE says all CHAVO will take is a beating; CHAVO says EDDIE'S problem is that he thinks he knows it all, but CHAVO knows something he does not because he came from HEYMAN, who told him who the special guest referee would be; CHAVO says the referee is unbiased, fair, and will call it down the middle and that someone is CHAVO GUERRERO SR.</p>	Hmm... WWE Championship or Cruiserweight Championship? It's not even a question Chavo. By the way, that holiday you claim Eddie got? Why didn't I get the day off? If you win the title and will get me a holiday off in the process, I will root for you. Deal?	+2.0
<p>●Post 2SD CENA comes out and tells SHOW not to get excited because SHOW is "rockin' that party" because CENA was not invited; CENA says SHOW never beat him so they should settle it for the U.S. Title at WMXX, but that SHOW will not accept; SHOW says the problem with punks like CENA is that they have more guts than brains and says he is the most dominant U.S. Champion is history; SHOW accepts CENA'S challenge but tells CENA that it is his funeral; CENA says now SHOW has to deal with him.</p>	Advice to Cena; I cannot overstate the importance of an armored knee for you right now.	+0.5
<p>●An agitated JOSH MATTHEWS reports that LESNAR has arrived and that everyone expects all hell to break loose.</p>	Do they now?	0
<p>●Video Recap: At No Way Out, LESNAR dares GOLDBERG to take him on before his match and GOLDBERG hits LESNAR with a jackhammer, but is arrested; GOLDBERG later returns during the WWE Title match to spear LESNAR.</p>	—	NR
<p>●A dejected LESNAR comes out to the ring, saying that he is not supposed to be there but he could not stay home because he has too much pride and the tile meant too much to him as it was his life; he says GUERRERO does not appreciate it and probably will pawn it off; LESNAR says he is an all-American guy and a great champion and does not understand how the people could treat him this way; LESNAR also says he is an outstanding U.S. citizen, a great guy, a NCAA champion, and the greatest WWE Champion in his heart and that GUERRERO is just a lying and cheating champion; LESNAR says GUERRERO capitalized on GOLDBERG and stole his title; LESNAR then guarantees that GUERRERO'S day will come and LESNAR will be champion again; LESNAR then addresses GOLDBERG, saying his actions caused him to lose the title and his life has not been the same since, so GOLDBERG will feel the pain; LESNAR says he does not care what anyone thinks, then kneels and begs VINCE MCMAHON to give him a match at WMXX with GOLDBERG.</p>	Oy, that was... eerie... odd... shuddering. Never thought I would see something that much of a gigas so low in spirit.	+1.0
<p>●Backstage, CHAVO and CHAVO SR. prepare; CHAVO says he will beat EDDIE and have a bigger celebration than him as a double champion; CHAVO GUERRERO SR. says they love CHAVO everywhere and asks CHAVO to make him proud; CHAVO asks CHAVO SR. to call it down the middle even though EDDIE is his brother; CHAVO SR. says he will do so.</p>	True credibility, I'm sure.	0
<p>●Video Clips: TORRIE WILSON and SABLE sign their Playboy issue in New York City and appear on TV.</p>	—	NR
<p>●Video Recap: On Raw, KANE addresses the supernatural phenomena happening around him and the death of the UNDERTAKER, only to be menaced yet again.</p>	—	NR
<p>●HEYMAN rushes backstage, only to find ANGLE over a fallen CHAVO GUERRERO SR.; ANGLE says it is another invisible attack and wants to know how many times this is going to happen and that it could have been him again; HEYMAN has a skeptical look but ANGLE says EDDIE GUERRERO did not do this but that HEYMAN could be attacked next and should think about that.</p>	I suppose I could be next, but I never get to attend a show.	+0.5
<p>●HEYMAN flags down ANGLE, saying he could be right and needs a referee because the situation is volatile; ANGLE wants no part but HEYMAN assigns him to be the special guest referee, saying he will do fine.</p>	Do you sense it yet?	+0.25
<p>●Post 3SD ANGLE continues his brutal assault on EDDIE GUERRERO all around the ring; MYSTERIO tries to help GUERRERO but fails and is removed by ANGLE, then ANGLE continues the attack; eventually, ANGLE leaves EDDIE GUERRERO defeated and fallen in the ring.</p>	Battle lines: <i>drawn</i> .	+1.5

Closing Notes

- I am no art critic (Thank God), but I truly liked that Guerrero-WMXX mural they showed tonight.
- Chavo rules the quotes of the night with: (1) "I don't suck... YOU suck." and (2) Chavo: "Who sucks now?" Crowd: "YOU!"
- On the note of Chavo Sr., anyone else find it funny when he told Eddie "I'm gonna be fair"? I found it hard to keep a straight face.
- With Lesnar, before us stood a truly broken man. I think he actually pulled that off well enough.
- Camera shot of the night was at the end of the show, which said it all: The championship belt, with its fallen owner right behind it.



Lines Rankings: Top 5

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1	Eddie Guerrero		El Paso, TX		2004		8	4	3	1	101	Stip.	4	2	1	1	101
	Aff: WWE Smackdown		Vts: 5'08"-229		Singles		3	2	0	1	100	No Stip.	4	2	2	0	85
			Fin: Frog Splash		Tag		4	1	3	0	101	Last 5	5	4	0	1	100
			Stbl: —		Title		3	1	1	1	101	Msg	0	0	0	0	—
			Ttl: WWE Champion														

E. Guerrero: The champion, nothing less than fifty, and two (counted) triple digits to his credit. How do you go wrong?

2	John Cena		West Newbury, MA		2004		9	6	3	0	100	Stip.	6	3	3	0	100
	Aff: WWE Smackdown		Vts: 6'01"-248		Singles		2	2	0	0	71	No Stip.	3	3	0	0	85
			Fin: FU		Tag		4	4	0	0	100	Last 5	5	2	3	0	85
			Stbl: —		Title		0	0	0	0	—	Msg	0	0	0	0	—
			Ttl: —														

Cena: Consistently entertaining inside and outside of the ring, and likely one of the key reasons you are watching.

3	Kurt Angle		Pittsburgh, PA		2004		6	3	3	0	80	Stip.	3	1	2	0	—
	Aff: WWE Smackdown		Vts: 6'02"-235		Singles		1	1	0	0	80	No Stip.	3	2	1	0	80
			Fin: Angle Slam, Anklelock		Tag		2	1	1	0	78	Last 5	5	3	2	0	80
			Stbl: —		Title		0	0	0	0	—	Cow	0	0	0	0	—
			Ttl: —														

Angle: The resurfacing of his malicious side should make things very, very interesting.

4	Rey Mysterio		San Diego, CA		2004		8	7	1	0	98	Stip.	4	3	1	0	98
	Aff: WWE Smackdown		Vts: 5'06"-185		Singles		8	7	1	0	98	No Stip.	4	4	0	0	55
			Fin: West Coast Pop, Six One Nine		Tag		0	0	0	0	—	Last 5	5	4	1	0	80
			Stbl: —		Title		4	3	1	0	98	Cow	0	0	0	0	—
			Ttl: —														

Mysterio: No longer the Cruiserweight champion, but still strong in the win-loss columns, and definitely in the hunt.

5	Chavo Guerrero		El Paso, TX		2004		6	2	3	1	101	Stip.	2	0	2	0	101
	Aff: WWE Smackdown		Vts: 5'09"-214		Singles		3	1	1	1	100	No Stip.	4	2	2	0	78
			Fin: Gory Bomb, Low Rider		Tag		3	1	2	0	101	Last 5	5	2	2	1	101
			Stbl: —		Title		3	1	1	1	101	Cow	0	0	0	0	—
			Ttl: WWE Cruiserweight Champion														

C. Guerrero: He is the Cruiserweight champion, just had that nice match with Eddie Guerrero, and currently has a strong presence.