



Lines

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1. Rey Mysterio v 2. Jamie Noble v
3. Nunzio v 4. Billy Kidman

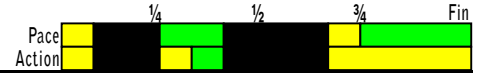
Fatal 4 Way

#1 Ct. WWE Cruiserweight Championship-Grade III

Dispelled when most of the early quarter of this match was not even in focus. For overall length, expected the break midway, but that being as proximate to the early break detracted considerably. That aside, the action in this was mostly good, with some nicely executed spots with Mysterio countering the BK Bomb and Mysterio hitting the springboard dropkick near the finish. But further dispelled with the cancellation after all that occurred. Earned its semi-good figure, but could have been so much more.

1SD 12:2287 69 (510) Mx-3-2,3-2-2-2-2-E-4-Mx-E-3-1-4-3-1-4-1-2-1
ExecutiveOrder-MatchCancelled; Lapses detracted, good action, dispelling close.
\$Commercial Break.
Time called at Heyman's initial verbal interruption.

Nunzio winless stk. at 3

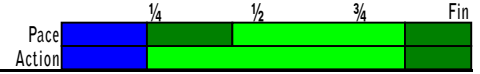


1. Scotty 2 Hotty and Rikishi v 2. A.P.A.

2v2 Tag

Match handicapped itself a little with that opening minute. While the mutual clapping was somewhat humorous, it mostly dispelled interest. That said, match moved up to fairer form for the majority. But in another shift, the match went downhill elementally towards the finish. Speaking of the close, some effect for the outside presence of the former tag champions, the Basham Brothers. Regarding that finish, it is one thing to unexpectedly walk into it, but it was as if Rikishi was declaring it open season on himself.

2SD 4:4821 28 2f-1s-2f-2b-1r-2b-E-1r-2b 1r
ClotheslineFromHell-Pin; Off lightly, into stride, tailed, odd execution to close.



1. Billy Gunn v 2. Brock Lesnar

Singles

Very basic, very straightforward, and mostly sound throughout. Of good note was the presence of active balance which, on first sight of the competitors, was not really expected. Perhaps settled a bit too much when Lesnar went to the bodyscissors to wear out Gunn, but this did get back to form en route to the finish. Match had some prevalent effect after Lesnar missed a shoulder charge and went into the ringpost. The effects were executed well enough, thereafter, to boost this. Solid effort.

3SD 8:2016 75 Mx-2-1-Mx-1-E-1-2-2-2-1-2
F5-Pin; Off and moved well, with effect, some settling 5/8, back to form to close.

BillyGunn 5 straight losses



1. John Cena and Rey Mysterio v
2. Big Show and Chavo Guerrero w Chavo Guerrero Sr.

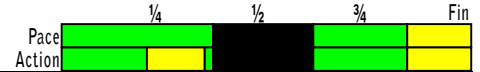
2v2 Tag

Good efforts of note from all four involved: Show with his dominant power, Mysterio with his speed, Guerrero with his capitalizing form, and Cena with his persistence against Show's power. For humor effect, thought Show's drag and tag maneuver in the early half was a riot. Furthermore, liked the continued attack on Cena's knee running since the Rumble. Though effective for this contest, a little more active balance would have sent this to the high 90s or possibly a low triple digit. Still, quite worthy.

4SD 14:1902 90 Mx-Mx-2s-2s-2g-2s-Mx-E-1c-E-3-2s-2g-2s-1c-1m-2g-E-Mx-1m 2g
SixOneNine-Pin; Spread effect, 1/4 move and 7/8 kick, sound form overall.
\$Commercial Break.

Best of the Night
JohnCena 5 straight tag wins

CGuerrero 2 straight 90+



Breakdowns	Matches	4
	No Contests	1
	Total Match Time	39:50 ²⁶
	Pct. Of Show	43.07 (92.5)

Interference	1SD	—
	2SD	—
	3SD	—
	4SD	—

Title Changes None.

Match Types	Singles	1
	Tag	2
	Fatal 4 Way	1

Character Notes Angle maintains his "for America" form in a truly sinister and entertaining manner. It plays off with Guerrero's come back story quite well.

Notable Matches

Best of the Night	4SD	90	John Cena and Rey Mysterio v Big Show and Chavo Guerrero
Worst of the Night	2SD	28	Scotty 2 Hotty and Rikishi v A.P.A.

Notable Segments

Best of the Night	S-10	+ 3.25	Angle says he attacked Guerrero for America; Guerrero is arrested.
Worst of the Night	S-8	-1.0	Wilson and Sable hype their match with Kiebler and Miss Jackie.

Show Scoring	Match Contribution Index	51.47
	Segment Contribution Index	79.71
	Overall Show Score	131.18

Assessment Make that four straight increases for SmackDown on the overall front. Very hard to argue with three of four over 75 combined with some fine segment work (not withstanding one piece in particular). This side of WM is shaping up well, no doubt.

Segment by Segment

● ANGLE says he has been asked the same question all week as to why he attacked EDDIE GUERRERO ? For jealousy? Revenge? The Title? He says some might not understand why, but tonight he will reveal the truth. ANGLE then asks if everyone is ready for the truth.	Dark and fiendish prelude. I expect no less from Angle.	+0.5
● Mid 1SD EDDIE GUERRERO storms HEYMAN'S officer, saying he will go after ANGLE and anyone else involved for last week, then inquires into HEYMAN making ANGLE the referee for his match, and he has questions, including whether CHAVO GUERRERO SR. was attacked and just what is going on; HEYMAN says GUERRERO must conduct himself like the champion that he is and always wanted to be; HEYMAN says he had nothing to do with it and that GUERRERO has a right to know but that he does not answer to him; HEYMAN asks GUERRERO to leave while he is conducting business with TAJIRI , AKIO , and SAKODA ; HEYMAN tells them that they have a legitimate concern and promises something to them, which is unheard.	Oh you mean like Lesnar conducted <i>himself</i> as a champion? By the way, in this scenario, I would like to refer to Tajiri as "Fat Tony" and Heyman as "Chief Wiggum."	+0.5
● Post 1SD After HEYMAN cancels the match, accompanied by TAJIRI , AKIO , and SAKODA , he says that he was informed that the match had no Japanese representation, and that he cannot exposed SmackDown to a discrimination suit, hence he has settled the issue out of court by setting a Cruiserweight Open at WMXX , allowing anyone who wants to participate to do so, and CHAVO GUERRERO will be defending against all entrants; then AKIO and SAKODA head for the ring, but MYSTERIO leaps over them and attacks TAJIRI , until AKIO and SAKODA come to hold him off.	Bribe, extortion, or both? That's what I'd like to know.	+0.25
● Video Recap: GUERRERO wins the title at No Way Out , but is betrayed by ANGLE in his first title defense (last week against CHAVO GUERRERO).	—	NR
● Previously on Raw: VINCE MCMAHON grants a match between LESNAR and GOLDBERG at WMXX with AUSTIN as the referee, but that night, in a match between BISCHOFF and MCMAHON , LESNAR appeared and delivered the F5 to AUSTIN .	—	NR
● JOSH MATTHEWS asks LESNAR why he gave the F5 to AUSTIN on Raw ; LESNAR says that he begged MCMAHON for a shot at GOLDBERG and was granted such, but also that he blames GOLDBERG and AUSTIN , who gave GOLDBERG the ticket to No Way Out , for his title loss against GUERRERO ; MATTHEWS asks about LESNAR'S concerns; but LESNAR says he does not get concerned and that the only thing that matters is revenge at WMXX , where GOLDBERG will feel the pain, as will AUSTIN if he gets into LESNAR'S business again.	How easily he forgets that off the hook pain can just as easily come from a Ston Cold Stunner.	+0.5
● EDDIE GUERRERO comes out to the ring, citing February 15, when he became champion, saying he has been champion for 11 days; he says people ask him how long he will hold the title, and he says he does not know, but that he just takes the day and appreciates it as a day he is champion; GUERRERO says he figures he may be able to be blessed and have what he has today in his recovery, which has been a little over two years; GUERRERO says he promised his family to do whatever it takes to be sober because he knows he can do it, and he realized it took one day at a time, which is the same formula he will apply to the title, which is just like taking responsibilities one day at a time; he says part of his responsibility is to know when to take a stand and calls ANGLE out to take it one punch at a time, but ANGLE does not appear, so GUERRERO heads backstage to look for him, not wanting to wait for ANGLE to jump him again; HEYMAN and DAWN MARIE plea with GUERRERO to calm down; ANGLE calls out from behind and is among police security; GUERRERO heads for ANGLE but shoves HEYMAN out of the way, who stumbles into DAWN MARIE , who takes a spill; GUERRERO seems repentant for the consequence, but an enraged HEYMAN questions what kind of champion GUERRERO is and has security escort him from the arena.	One day at a time, one mistake at a time. Credit to Guerrero for his immediate concern for the fallen Dawn Marie, putting welfare over vendetta.	+2.5
● TORRIE WILSON and SABLE comes out to the ring in evening gowns; WILSON says that it is because of the fans that they are on the cover of Playboy and thanks them, but then refers to Raw , where MCMAHON announced their evening gown match against STACY KIEBLER and MISS JACKIE at WMXX ; WILSON then goes on to they that she and SABLE work very well together and could not be more excited; SABLE says she is excited to get her hands on MISS JACKIE and KIEBLER who claim they should have been on the cover of Playboy and that they are the hottest divas; SABLE declares that jealousy is ugly indeed, and that SmackDown has the hottest and classiest divas, and will prove such to the world at WMXX ; CENA now comes out to the ring and says he has seen the magazine, and that their gowns are diving, but likes them better with their clothes off, not to mention that he has been through thirty issues of their magazine; MYSTERIO heads out for 4SD , for which CENA has replaced EDDIE GUERRERO as his tag partner.	Cena is good at what he does, and was entertaining as usual; still, he was not given long enough to pull this out of the red zone.	-1.0
● Post 4SD CHAVO GUERRERO SR. attacks MYSTERIO , until CENA saves and delivers the FU to CHAVO SR. ; but BIG SHOW reenters the ring, delivering chokeslams to CENA and MYSTERIO .	Proving once again, once the match is over, he is truly unstoppable.	+0.25
● ANGLE comes out to the ring to address the question of why he attacked EDDIE GUERRERO last week; he says the truth is he did it because it was right, and not for himself, but for everyone else, all the WWE , and for America ; ANGLE says GUERRERO is a former drug addict, who tells children it is cool to lie cheat and steal, but ANGLE says it simply is not cool because America was built on morals and character, which people need to go back to; ANGLE says he is but one man, but someone needs to sacrifice for the benefit of America and its children; ANGLE says America gave its people the freedom of choice, but that choice must be made with a clear conscience, and GUERRERO lacks such a conscience, because it is only a matter of time before GUERRERO relapses, as all drug addicts do; ANGLE says drug addicts are the last people they need to be WWE Champions, so when GUERRERO won, he could not sit by and see him destroy the character of America ; ANGLE says it hurt him to attack GUERRERO , but it was right, and he knows he will pay the price of scrutiny, but will make it his mission to eliminate the EDDIE GUERREROS of today to make America a better place, akin to the American heroes of the past who were once ridiculed; ANGLE says the people will thank him for his actions and for a champion everyone could be proud of; GUERRERO then sneaks into the ring and attacks ANGLE , but HEYMAN leads officers in and directs them to arrest GUERRERO and jail him, saying he will not tolerate assaults on a woman and ANGLE in his arena; GUERRERO submits to the handcuffs, still enraged; HEYMAN says GUERRERO will learn to be a champion; ANGLE taunts GUERRERO as he is escorted out, calling him an embarrassment and a disgrace and that the title is his at WMXX ; GUERRERO is removed to a police car, where ANGLE continues the taunts, saying GUERRERO does not deserve the title.	You know the great thing about this whole premise, if the positions were reversed, e.g. Guerrero really was the bad guy in all of this, it could still work very well. very sinister delivery from Angle here. Good stuff, but what is encouraging is that their match can definitely exceed the microphone work from these two, and that says a lot.	+3.25

Closing Notes

- In the first of a series of Eddie Guerrero notes, I like that he took Angle's place as the final image in the opening credits.
- For round two, it just sounds weird when Guerrero's music says "I lie, I cheat, I steal" instead of "We lie, we cheat, we steal." Just sounds odd to the ear. Oh well.
- And for round three: the best sign of the night (to me) was "He lies, he cheats, he's champ."
- To regular business now, though Sable's and Wilson's dancing to Cena's entrance music was funny (especially the gestures), it was cool to see them get into the spirit that is Cena.
- And finally, the announcement of that cruiserweight open, otherwise known as tonight's first on a larger scale. No lapses please. I know it will be at XX, but if it's all the same...