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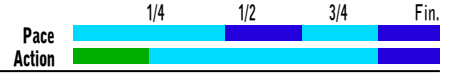
- 1. Trish Stratus and Molly Holly v.
- 2. Christy Hemme and Victoria

2v2 Tag

Good first series in this one to break the show open. Merits for Hemme's split-legged leg drop across Holly's neck. Counter-merits however for some awkward form on the rope spot involving Hemme and Stratus earlier on. Stratus continues to pull off one of the best cocky in-ring forms available. Keying in on the greeniest of the four, not a bad effort this time out. Reasonable.

1Rw 4:41⁶³ 34 Mx-2v-2h-1h-1s-1h-2v-2h-1h-2h ↓ 1h

Schoolboy-Pin; Ran evenly overall, bit tailed at finish.



- 1. Triple H v. 2. The Hurricane and Rosey

2v1 Handicap Tag

Have seen many matches where first real viewing comes off a break, but this one was a bit hard to absorb, perhaps because of the lack of early movement. Added impact on the rope spot that forced Hurricane off the turnbuckle and interesting touch with Rosey getting his foot trapped in the ropes and with him dangling outside near the close. At it's best, this could have been a level or two higher.

2Rw 7:49⁸⁶ 21 2r || 1-1-E-2r-2h-1-1 ↓ 2h

Pedigree-Pin; Off quite slowly, kicked up some about 3/4.
|| Commercial Break.



- 1. Seth Skyfire v. 2. Chris Masters

Singles

For all that could be reasonably argued about the sheer one-sidedness of this match, have to merit that Masters kept the pace up and pressed his foe with offense throughout, and while one could say that for a minute and a half that should be a given, there are a slew of matches past where it wasn't, so have to acknowledge it when it does. Almost runs down the previous match which had a multiple minute advantage.

3Rw 1:22⁸⁵ 19 2-2

Masterlock-Submission; One-sided and succinct, but pressed throughout.



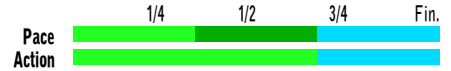
- 1. Shawn Michaels v. 2. Khosrow Daivari w Muhammad Hassar

Singles

Best execution point of the match has to be Daivari's flying over the top rope and snapping Michaels' neck on the rope on the way. Was the angle odd or was that some nice elevation on the leg drop from the turnbuckle? Can't fault the speed and action of the majority of this relatively short contest. Interesting move to give Daivari the pin over Michaels in this contest, and it adds something to the controversy between these. With merits.

4Rw 2:55¹⁶ 39 (:00⁹¹) Mx-1-2-Mx-1*1*2

*LowBlowKick-Pin; Some good execution.



- 1. Chris Benoit v. 2. Christian w Tyson Tomko

Singles

Christian picks up with the strategy Edge ran with last week and again, it makes for compelling action. Very steady pace mostly with a step down midway, but that is to be expected for the duration. A smidge of a late kick did well for this as did the finishing series. Finest match of the show by a sizeable margin, passes last week's high mark, and definitely will not dispute two straight Raws with triple digit matches.

5Rw 19:28⁹⁸ 118 (:02⁰³) 2-1-2-1-2-1-2-2-2-1 || 2-2-2*2-E-2-E-1-1-E-Mx-2

Unprettier-Pin; Steadily, effective, active, good finish.

Best of the night.
CrBenoit: 2 str. 110+



Breakdowns	Matches	5	Interference	1Rw	-
	No Contests	0		2Rw	-
	Total Match Time	*30:18 ⁴⁸		3Rw	-
	Pct. of Show	33.31 (91.00)		4Rw	*Muhammad Hassan (2)
Match Types	Singles	3 (0 Title)	5Rw	*Tyson Tomko	
	Tag	1 (0 Title)			
	HandicapTag	1 (0 Title)			

Title Changes None.

Character Notes None.

* Time Excludes Commercials (Used for Contribution Index)

Notable Matches

Best of the Night	5Rw	118	Chris Benoit v. Christian
Worst of the Night	3Rw	19	Seth Skyfire v. Chris Masters

Notable Segments

Best of the Night	S ¹³	1.50	Highlight Reel: Jericho and Benjamin collide.
Worst of the Night	S ¹⁰	0.00	Hassan pulls out of the match with Michaels, subbing Daivari instead.

Show Scoring

Match Contribution Index	36.83
Segment Contribution Index	26.33
Overall Show Score	63.16

Assessment

On the indexes, slight step up off the previous Raw but still a slight step down from the most recent SmackDown. Still, hard to argue with some nice segments and a killer main event.

Segment By Segment

●S ⁰¹ ● Post 1Rw, TRISH STRATUS tries to attack CHRISTY HEMME but is tossed from the ring. KANE then comes out in pursuit of STRATUS, who flees through the crowd.	Screw with Kane's wife=life is hell.	+0.25
●S ⁰² ● Video Footage: RANDY ORTON gets surgery on his left shoulder following injuries from Wrestlemania (tombstone piledriver attempt) and last week's Raw (carried into ringpost and Batista Bomb).	Luckily, I had no dinner to lose at the time.	NR
●S ⁰³ ● Backstage, STACY KEIBLER tells CANDACE MICHELLE and MARIA that ORTON got exactly what he deserved and MICHELLE agrees. KEIBLER says that likely, only BATISTA could have taken him out. MICHELLE says she wishes BATISTA would take her out and powerbomb her, to which KEIBLER says he could also pin her. Suddenly, STRATUS bursts in, hiding behind the three with KANE in pursuit. STRATUS flees and KANE follows, but not before flashing a grin to the frightened trio.	He figures he's had Lita this long, he must be doing something right.	0.00
●S ⁰⁴ ● Backstage, JONATHAN COACHMAN introduces MUHAMMAD HASSAN, with KHOSROW DAIVARI, and asks if he has anything in store for SHAWN MICHAELS. He says MICHAELS felt only a taste of his righteous fury. He also says that if MICHAELS was wise he would go home early and save himself and his people the shame of another defeat. He concludes, saying that the joke will be on MICHAELS and he will have the last laugh tonight. DAIVARI then says something in Arabic.	They must have changed 'righteous' from one-on-one to two-on-one when I wasn't paying attention.	+0.25
●S ⁰⁵ ● TRIPLE H comes out to the ring. Saying it is BATISTA'S big night with his first interview as champion. He tells him to enjoy it because he is on borrowed time and that the rematch has been signed for Backlash. He admits BATISTA was awesome at Wrestlemania, but he has watched the tap over and over and will find BATISTA'S weakness, and he has found it in BATISTA'S eyes, which showed fear when TRIPLE H went for the Pedigree, the thing that made him a 10-time champion and that will make him an 11-time champion. He says the Pedigree is the move that when hit, will end the lie that BATISTA is living because the Pedigree is the truth. Also the truth, to TRIPLE H is that the biggest mistake BATISTA made was to screw with TRIPLE H. THE HURRICANE then interrupts, saying TRIPLE H claims to be the best but when he was last seen, he was wearing a crimson mask after being demolished by BATISTA. TRIPLE H says he does not have the time to deal with the 'green tomato.' HURRICANE says he has time because last time TRIPLE H faced him and ROSEY, he left them laying, so in the words of 'The Thing,' 'It's clobbering time.' HURRICANE then calls out ROSEY and the two attack TRIPLE H. TRIPLE H says they picked the wrong night and the wrong guy, but that if they want a fight, they have one. He then orders a ref to come out and for the bell to be rung.	Another thing someone must have changed. That, or when I read "Jesus" was the way, the light, and the truth, it was in the NY Post.	+0.50
●S ⁰⁶ ● Post 2Rw, TRIPLE H attacks the still trapped ROSEY. He then tells BATISTA that one second is all it takes, one Pedigree, and BATISTA is just like HURRICANE, flat and face down. He vows that by the end of the night, he will Pedigree BATISTA in the ring, and that he does not matter how big he is. TRIPLE H then Pedigrees ROSEY on the floor outside the ring.	My money is on Batista.	+0.25
●S ⁰⁷ ● Video Footage: Raw Wrestlemania Revenge Tour in Brisbane, Australia.	—	NR
●S ⁰⁸ ● Post 3Rw, CHRIS MASTERS says next week he will have an open challenge to anyone who thinks they can break out of his Masterlock by putting \$1,000 of his own money on the line. He says he will prove that no one can break out of it.	\$1,000? At least Triple H put up 100k for that bounty some time back.	+0.25
●S ⁰⁹ ● Last week on Raw: MICHAELS is double-teamed by HASSAN and DAIVARI.	—	NR
●S ¹⁰ ● Pre 4Rw, MICHAELS is expecting a match with HASSAN, but HASSAN comes out and says that the people do not want to see him destroy MICHAELS again and in his eyes, MICHAELS has not earned the right to fight him, so he had a match cleared with ERIC BISCHOFF. He says if MICHAELS wants to face HASSAN, MICHAELS must first defeat DAIVARI.	I guess those title reigns really did not count for anything then?	0.00
●S ¹¹ ● Backstage MICHAELS tells BISCHOFF he wants DAIVARI and HUSSAN in a handicap match, but BISCHOFF says he cannot do that in good conscience. He offers a tag team match at Backlash and that he can even choose his own partner. MICHAELS is belligerent, but BISCHOFF is firm on 'no partner, no match.'	He actually has a conscience?	0.00
●S ¹² ● WWE Stack of the Night: At Wrestlemania, SHELTON BENJAMIN runs up a ladder to clothesline and prevent CHRIS JERICHO from winning the Money in the Bank match.	—	
●S ¹³ ● JERICHO introduces the Highlight Reel. He says he was happy with the Money in the Bank match, his idea, save for the fact that he lost. He says he has been off for a while, ever since he lost the Intercontinental Title to BENJAMIN at Taboo Tuesday. BENJAMIN is JERICHO'S guest tonight and he comes to the ring. JERICHO says he called him out tonight because he wants redemption, thinking his matches began with losing that title. BENJAMIN says JERICHO had his shot last week and lost and that he has been champion for the last six months because he is the best pure athlete and if JERICHO tangles with him again, his problems will get worse. JERICHO reminds him that he held the IC Title seven times and that he made that title, winning it in many types of matches and on many big shows, then says the only reason he does not have it now is because he has not made it a priority to get it back, until now. BENJAMIN says JERICHO made a mistake rolling the dice against him a few times. BENJAMIN says he can do things in the ring no one else can do. JERICHO asks if he can take the title and shove it. BENJAMIN says no, but that he can take his fist and have more hits than the latest Fozzy album. JERICHO calls BENJAMIN a bitch and the two collide. Referees separate the two.	I think the mission is on...	+1.50
●S ¹⁴ ● SmackDown Rebound: JOHN "The champ is here" CENA has six challengers to his title and a tournament has begun. EDDIE GUERRERO ended REY MYSTERIO'S chances after interfering in his match against JOHN BRADSHAW LAYFIELD by attacking JBL. The two are attacked by the BASHAM BROTHERS and are saved by CENA.	—	NR
●S ¹⁵ ● KANE is still hunting STRATUS, but finds LITA backstage. She asks if he did it. KANE says yes and that STRATUS is scared to death. LITA says this is just getting started, and the two kiss.	If the WWE has taught us anything, there are worse things to see...	0.00
●S ¹⁶ ● MICHAELS comes out on the ramp, saying he has been told the terms of facing DAIVARI and HASSAN. He says when he thinks about the two, he thinks about how much he loves his country and that he understands why his father (Vietnam), brother (Persian Gulf), and nephew (War on Terror) have decided to serve the country. He says if he needs a tag partner, he wants someone who feels as passionately about the country as he does. Looking at the camera, he says he knows someone is watching and that he is on his knees asking for one favor, which is no more than what every WWE fan has asked for and asked for at the WWE Hall of Fame Banquet. He says if he must have a partner, he wants HULK HOGAN for 'one more match...one more match...'	Is it ever just "one more?" Someone have a stat for me on that one? Yeah, I promise, only for that one.	+0.50
●S ¹⁷ ● WWE Slam of the Week: Last week CHRIS BENOIT wins his match, but falls victim to an attack on his arm by EDGE.	—	NR
●S ¹⁸ ● Pre 5Rw, EDGE joins the commentary table.	Commentary goes Mensa.	0.00
●S ¹⁹ ● JIM ROSS introduces the new World Heavyweight Champion, BATISTA. ROSS asks why BATISTA is dressed to compete. BATISTA says he heard TRIPLE H earlier and says he would make things easy on TRIPLE H. ROSS reminds him the TRIPLE H has a match with him at Backlash and that EDGE can face him whenever then asks if he is concerned. BATISTA says he knew what he was getting into and that it is the law of the jungle, but that he is the predator and at the top of the food chain, and so if anyone wants to take what he has earned, he will chew them up and spit them out and enjoy it, being that this is his jungle, and that if TRIPLE H sees fear in BATISTA'S eyes, it is really TRIPLE H'S reflection. He says TRIPLE H'S underestimating of BATISTA will be his undoing. BATISTA says he will be the world champion for as long as he wants. TRIPLE H attempts a sneak attack from the crowd and goes for the Pedigree, but is backdropped to the outside. ROSS holds BATISTA'S arm up in victory. TRIPLE H says he has had it and at Madison Square Garden, he will shut his big mouth once and for all and they will go one on one. However, TRIPLE H is referring not to BATISTA, but ROSS.	Refs raise arms all the time and never get challenged to matches, so why him?	+0.25

Closing Notes

- 1 OK, so JR jumbled in Chris Jericho's name in referring to Christian. So what? People make mistakes. Even Trevor D, the greatest track caller ever makes mistakes, yet he is still the best ever.
- 2 Benjamin: sealed his fate the minute he went after Fozzy. On the other hand, the "Shelton Benjamin is a Little Bitch" single has piqued my interest.
- 3 A few have said it already, and they are right: Masters does have quite the entrance going for him, and all things considered, his outing wasn't bad tonight.
- 4 If I haven't mentioned this before, I'll say it now. I hate the phrase "borrowed time." There is no such thing.
- 5 Surgeries: mention them, interview the doctor, don't show them, the end.