



Lines

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1. Orlando Jordan w John Bradshaw Layfield v. 2. Booker T

Singles

Really not much that can be said about this contest. Match maintained its speed and maintained its level of action in this no frills one hundred and one second piece. Hard to love Basham's interference, at least being as placed as it was. Can understand that they were trying to set up the handicap contest, but drawing this out a bit more definitely wouldn't have hurt either this or the following.

1Sd 1:4120 18 1-1-2*

DisruptiveInterference(BookerT); Steady, abrupt finish.



1. Orlando Jordan and Basham Brothers w John Bradshaw Lay
2. Booker T and Big Show

3v2 Handicap Tag

Much like the last in its even form, but over a shorter frame. No frills in this one either notwithstanding Show's spear on the outside to Doug Basham. Two awkward spots dropped this a tad, the first being Booker T's thrust kicking Doug Basham to the outside, and the second on what seemed to be a miscue on an Irish Whip in the latest segment of this one. A step down.

2Sd 1:2866 14 2b-2t-2t ↓ 1dn

ScissorsKick-Pin; Direct, some awkward spots.



1. Torrie Wilson v. 2. Dawn Marie

Singles

Another in the series of short frames to open this show and another low Lines figure. That being said, hard to really find much fault for what was. Match evaded the awkwardness of the match before and at least had a true finish unlike the one to open the show. Liked the series of rolls midway and was a bit surprising to see Dawn Marie pull out the sit out mat slam. Best of the rest tonight.

3Sd 2:2700 21 2-2-Mx-2-1

SwingingNeckbreaker-Pin; Steady, then up slightly, good series midway.



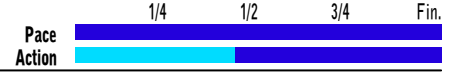
1. Phil Brown¹ v. 2. Heidenreich

Singles

Not much of a pace for the fourth straight short order match. While the mechanics of what action there was admittedly was OK, cannot really give a plus to the intermittent yet consistent ramblings of Heidenreich throughout this one. Have to at least laud this as the previous: no really awkward points and match ran through to a conclusion, however quickly it came about. Still, can't recommend.

4Sd 2:1931 15 2-2-2

SwingingSidewalkSlam-Pin; One-sided, with detraction.



¹ Unnamed on show. Source: onlineonslaught.com

1. Kurt Angle v. 2. Eddie Guerrero

Singles 'WWE Championship Series'

Entry Into TrplThrt #1 Ct. Match for WWE Chmp. on 28Apr05-Grade III

Multiple Angle Slam counters, check. Early vying for control, check. Guerrero's trademark cheating with Angle playing it smartly enough, check. Late match humor, check. Contextually logical finish, check. Not to discount the pair of matches Benoit has to his credit on Raw, but even those were a level or two behind this one. High mark. Everyone better start chasing now.

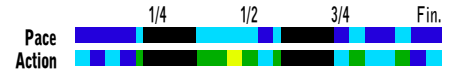
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InadvertentChairshot-Pin; Saved up early, into stride, effective throughout.

Commercial Break.

Best of the Night

KrtAngle into #1 Ct. Match 28Apr05



Breakdowns	Matches	5	Interference	1Sd	*‡Dough Basham
	No Contests	0		2Sd	-
	Total Match Time	*26:3776		3Sd	-
	Pct. of Show	30.79 (86.50)		4Sd	-
Match Types	Singles	4 (0 Title)		5Sd	*Rey Mysterio (2, ‡2nd)
	HandicapTag	1 (0 Title)			

Title Changes None.

Character Notes The Guerrero–Mysterio divide is inevitable now. Of course, it has been inevitable for a while now. Still, it's increasingly entertaining.

* Time Excludes Commercials (Used for Contribution Index)

‡ Denotes Key Interference

Notable Matches

Best of the Night	5Sd	136	Kurt Angle v. Eddie Guerrero
Worst of the Night	2Sd	14	Orlando Jordan/Basham Brothers v. Booker T/Big Show

Notable Segments

Best of the Night	S07	1.00	Guerrero plans to dedicate his future title win to Mysterio.
Worst of the Night	S09	-0.50	Heidenreich has a poem for us about breaking wind.

Show Scoring

Match Contribution Index	44.25
Segment Contribution Index	27.19
Overall Show Score	71.44

Assessment

If the first four matches did nothing for you, you at least had the stellar main event to make it all up to you and then some. One bad segment, but some quite strong segments too. Lots to like this week.

Segment By Segment

●S01● Previously on Sd: WWE Championship Series: REY MYSTERIO v. JOHN BRADSHAW LAYFIELD. The MYSTERIO-EDDIE GUERRERO rift deepens. JOHN CENA saves.	—	NR
●S02● Post 1Sd, the BASHAM BROTHERS and ORLANDO JORDAN attack BOOKER T until BIG SHOW runs out to clear the ring. JBL orders his Cabinet to take him out but they stay on the outside. However, THEODORE LONG comes out, ordering a handicap match between BOOKER T and SHOW against JORDAN and the BASHAMS.	So much for that flight over fight instinct those three had.	0.00
●S03● Post 2Sd, JBL berates his cabinet, reminding them that this is supposed to be a 'divide and conquer' strategy to take out JBL'S potential opponents.	Expect the yelling to continue...	0.00
●S04● Video Footage: SmackDown Wrestlemania Revenge tour in Melbourne and Adelaide, Australia.	—	NR
●S05● CARLITO comes out to premier 'Carlito's Cabana.' He says 'Piper's Pit' and the 'Highlight Reel' aren't cool, but 'Carlito's Cabana' is. He says unlike Oprah, he won't give the fans new cars, but he does have apples and if he is disrespected, he will spit in their faces. He said he quickly noticed that Chicago was not cool, but that he is not picking on them. He refers to the 'lovable losers,' the Chicago Cubs, Series-less since 1908. He says they are 'lovable losers' just like MYSTERIO, who he says lost big in the Championship Series. MYSTERIO comes out to the ring. CARLITO says he is sorry for what happened to MYSTERIO last week, then calls for a replay of what happened, where E. GUERRERO cost him the match in an effort to get back at JBL. CARLITO says GUERRERO screwed up his title shot and that was not cool. MYSTERIO says CARLITO is right, and that he is furious and has not spoken to him in a week, but that CARLITO is not the only one to stir things up between the tag champions. MYSTERIO says GUERRERO is family, 'like a big brother,' and that despite the issues, the two will work them out. MYSTERIO says he will get his chance to be champion. CARLITO mocks his positivity, but says things are not right between the two, and that is because GUERRERO is jealous, and that things for MYSTERIO are about to get worse. At this time, the red carpet is rolled out and photographers catch an escorted tag team entering the arena. CARLITO is awestruck with the entrance and says they are cool. He hands the microphone to the valet, MELINA. She identifies the team, NITRO and MERCURY, and they are MNM. She says they were in a real city, Los Angeles, with Ashton, Paris, Nick, and Jessica, talking about how her guys could be champions easily with 'Latino Heat and Mucha Lucha' on the outs. She says they could debut and win the titles. MYSTERIO said he heard her drop names, then requests that she 'drop a breath mint.' MELINA says they planned on a match, but since MYSTERIO'S partner is not here, she'll have to settle for the double team. CARLITO just sits back and watches the assault. GUERRERO never shows.	Not a bad way to break into the game I suppose, going after a title holder and all. Apparently, Carlito is trying the hands-off approach unlike his Raw counterpart, well, for now anyway. I still have to give the edge to the Highlight Reel unless Carlito can match the obscenely expensive Jeritron 5000.	+0.75
●S06● Backstage, JBL is still berating the Cabinet. He says he does not pay them to run, that he is a wrestling God, and that he will have no one around him with quit in them. He says he is not Champion because of the Cabinet. He suggests the Cabinet shape up or be cut loose. He starts to leave when he sees a delivery man with a package for CENA. The man says his instructions were to give the package to CENA only. But JBL coaxes him into giving up the package. JBL believes it is the new title belt. ORLANDO JORDAN says they can destroy it just as they destroyed the custom US belt, but JBL says there is no 'we' right now, and decides to do this alone.	With the run of luck JBL has right now, it can't be that easy.	0.00
●S07● Backstage, a trainer is examining MYSTERIO when GUERRERO comes in. MYSTERIO wants him to leave. GUERRERO wants to get the team for revenge. MYSTERIO wants to know where GUERRERO was when he was needed. GUERRERO says he had trouble with his ride. MYSTERIO says GUERRERO cost him his shot in his hometown. GUERRERO says he would have never done it if JBL didn't attack him. GUERRERO says he wanted the shot for MYSTERIO and wants to make it up to MYSTERIO. MYSTERIO thinks it is too late. GUERRERO says he will beat KURT ANGLE and anyone else in his way to be the champion, and will dedicate it all to MYSTERIO.	'I'll understand if that comes as small consolation.' Magneto: X-Men	+1.00
●S08● JOHN CENA comes out for the new WWE Championship belt presentation, welcoming the Chicago Chain Gang, and reminding all that 'the champ is here!' CENA says Chicago is the home of the biggest event in sports-entertainment history, Wrestlemania 22. He says it is fitting that Chicago be a part of the presentation. He says this is big, and that is why everyone is gunning for him, then he comes to JBL, a man in crisis according to CENA. CENA says he stole some of his personal property, which was important to tonight, and so he asks JBL to bring it out, else CENA will go get it. JBL emerges with a box and a garbage can. JBL says CENA is missing the box and something else, which happens to be the current WWE Championship belt with CENA'S name on it. CENA says after tonight, it won't be the title belt anymore. JBL says he knows about the plan, but that the belt he has is what he has carried longer than any other superstar in the last decade, and that the fans know JBL is the true champion. JBL says CENA will not desecrate his championship or legacy. JBL says he will destroy the belt and CENA'S reign. JBL opens the box, but CENA says it is not in there, which JBL has already learned. CENA says the box was a gift for JBL, something JBL does not have, which is guts. As JBL is nauseous, CENA dumps the contents of the box on JBL. CENA reminds that there are those who 'talk about it' and those who 'be about it.' CENA says he is a champion that makes an impact, then tells JBL to shut his mouth and open his eyes. The new WWE Championship descends from the heights and the ref adorns CENA with it and raises CENA'S arm. CENA says 'take a look, because our time is now!'	Remember when I told you that there are worse things to see than Lita and Kane kissing? Does this qualify?	+0.50
●S09● Post 4Sd, HEIDENREICH drags PHIL BROWN into the corner, says he wishes everyone was his friend then reads a poem to all in the Windy City about breaking wind.	New direction...now.	-0.50
●S10● Backstage, SHARMELL SULLIVAN and BOOKER T are psyched about the latter's win tonight, and the former reminds him that he has BIG SHOW next week at Madison Square Garden. BOOKER T vows to take him out as it should be done. BOOKER T engages in a photo shoot while SULLIVAN says that BOOKER will be the next WWE Champion. ANGLE enters, saying regardless of who wins next week, he beat SHAWN MICHAELS, he will beat E. GUERRERO and that he will be the next five time WWE Champion. BOOKER T is about to go off until SULLIVAN calms him down. ANGLE mocks BOOKER T for having a woman fight for him. SULLIVAN reminds ANGLE that his opponent tonight beat him at Wrestlemania XX for the title, and asks if he 'can dig that, suckaaaaaataaaaaa?'	Heh, heh, heh, now that was comedy. And you just have to love those relevant historical references.	+0.75
●S11● PAUL LONDON comes out to the ring, saying he defended his title last week and need 18 stitches to close his cut, but it is OK because he beat BILLY KIDMAN, but that CHAVO GUERRERO beat the hell out of him as he attacked from behind. He says the doctors would not clear him to wrestle, but he is here for a fight and so he calls GUERRERO out to which GUERRERO obliges. GUERRERO says LONDON stole the title and has never beaten him one on one. GUERRERO says the attack was all business, business including the title. GUERRERO says he is the greatest cruiserweight of all time, and promises that once LONDON can wrestle, GUERRERO will take his title back, but since he is a man of honor, he will not fight an injured man. However, KIDMAN attacks LONDON, but LONDON repels him. GUERRERO fails on a sneak attack. LONDON hits the 450 Splash on KIDMAN.	'The day is mine!' 'Sean Connery': Celebrity Jeopardy, SNL.	+0.25
●S12● Raw Rebound: BATISTA-TRIPLE H II is on for Backlash. TRIPLE H fails to Pedigree BATISTA on Monday. TRIPLE H challenges JIM ROSS to a match at the Garden.	—	NR
●S13● Previously on Sd: WWE Championship Series: REY MYSTERIO v. JOHN BRADSHAW LAYFIELD. The MYSTERIO-EDDIE GUERRERO rift deepens. JOHN CENA saves.	—	NR
●S14● Post 5Sd, a defeated E. GUERRERO yells at the fallen MYSTERIO on the outside about his involvement in the main event.	More than a rift...a faultline.	0.00

Closing Notes

- Maybe it's just me, but I'm digging Sharmell's role here.
- Hearing Heidenreich makes me forever rue that I thought any poem I had to read in undergrad or high school was boring or bad; my appreciation grows, so I guess Heidenreich is responsible for something good here.
- New title belt, and I don't mind it at all. It'll work.
- I'd remind Jordan and the Bashams that there is three of them and only one of him (JBL), but math isn't exactly SmackDown's strong point. See the many on the boards correcting the 240 some day title reign stat of JBL.
- Did London really need medical clearance. I mean, if the Simpsons were right, then Lionel Hutz had it when he said 'Doctors are idiots!'

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SINGLES MATCH in the WWE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES to determine entry into a **NUMBER ONE CONTENDER'S MATCH FOR THE WWE CHAMPIONSHIP ON APRIL 28TH**. Listed as Grade III. Match declared on April 7th edition of SmackDown!

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14Apr05- 2Sd	Als	-	1:28 ⁶⁶	3v2HcpTg	14 2b	-	2 2 ² 2 ³	ScissorsKick-P	0.34	W Luther Reigns	Some odd form,bit quickened late	2
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2 Booker T		Houston, TX		05-06 3 3 0 0		18	No Stip.		3 3 0 0	18		
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14Apr05- 1Sd	Als	-	1:41 ²⁰	Sg	18 2	-	1 2 2	DisruptiveIntrfrnce	0.50	W Spike Dudley		-
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