



SMACKDOWN! LINES

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1. Kurt Angle v 2. Kane

Singles

1SD 0:40.47 02 (02:11) Mlx-1

Chairshot(Kane); Only serves to set up Angle's post-match rage path; disappointing given their past matches.

Given past matches from these two (14Jan02, 1Nov01), I am extremely disappointed that real potential was relegated to this. I like the way they executed the after match, Angle even suplexed the timekeeper, but it could have occurred after a match and still serve a purpose. Near worthless save for score merited by the few in-ring moves.

1. Edge v 2. Christian

Singles

2SD 3:31.03 62 (01:41) Mlx-1-2-2-1-1

FigureFourEdgeLock-Submission; Above fair action but good efforts; paced somewhat pressed throughout; gamely.

Another match that sets up something, but at least this one had a few minutes to deliver something. Liked Christian's mini-celebration in hopes that he would finally get a win. Also admire that Edge continues to use his new submission, which now has a name. Not much in a late drive; but most of the match was sound and worth some value.

1. Hardy Boyz w Lita and Rob Van Dam v 2. Lance Storm and Dudley Boyz w Stacy Keibler

3v3Tag

3SD 5:17.89 80 2d-1j-1x-1m-2s-2d-2b-E-1r*Mlx*1r

FiveStarFrogSplash-Pin; Pointedly active throughout with little slowdown; finishing series very potent; strong.

Nice activity throughout and match settled into a good stride early on; considerable merit to the melee of finishers at the end as there was little convolution contrary to what is normally expected in such finishes. The Five Star never disappoints. Interference somewhat of an issue, but since both sides had it, the issue is a lesser included. Best.

1. Tazz and Spike Dudley v 2. Billy Gunn and Chuck Palumbo

2v2Tag

WWF Tag Team Championship-G1

4SD 3:13.99 58 1t-2c-2b-2c-E-1s-2b

FameAssEr-Pin; Good execution under a lesser pace; match weakened late, detracts, but still above par.

Have to wonder why the title change wasn't made at the PPV. One can argue that if this match is No Way Out and you know the Tag Turmoil outcome, this match becomes more predictable. Anyhow, some merit in the good tag action between Billy and Chuck. Also merit in Spike and Tazz switching roles with Spike having the late offensive.

BREAKDOWNS: Time: 4 Matches with 0 No contests (1243:38) about 10.60 % of show time.

Types: 2 Singles (0 Title Matches); 2 Tag (1 Title Match);

2 instances of interference (0 meaningful); Meaningful interference
3SD *StacyKeibler *Lita

Average Match Rating (6 Matches) 50.50

Extraneous Segment Aggregate 2.50

Overall Show Score 53.00

BestOfTheNight: 3SD HardyBoyz and RobVanDam v LanceStorm and DudleyBoyz

WorstOfTheNight: 1SD KurtAngle v Kane

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Title Changes: Billy and Chuck NewWWFTagTeamChampions

Turns: None

Show assessment: Match average inflated due to lack of matches; backstage segments were not much help either; actually, segments oversaturated the show; definitely subpar show.

RATINGS: I still continue with the system of using pre-match action and post-match to value a contest while giving the primary emphasis to the match itself which includes basic ring psychology, pace, mechanics and execution of move sets and high spots, the finish and its enjoy-ability, and how much the match advances a story line, if there is one to advance. But another element that I must convey is that I let the opening match or two set a baseline and then perform some degree of comparison of later contests to the baseline.

NON-MATCH SEGMENTS AND SCORES

●VinceOnRAWnWo (+1) What I would expect from Vince.
●AngleGetsKane (0) And shows no fear.
●AngleAssaultsKane (0) Will he pay for this later?
●FlairArm/UT (+1) Intriguing; so what happens Monday?
FlairStillRefuses
●Recap-nWoTenure (-5) Too time consuming. We know already!
●nWoScriptApology (0) Annoying speech offset by SCSA assault
SCSA Assaults Hall on Hall and company.
●AustinChases nWo (0) He's coming for them. Wait he has them.

●ChristianToQuit (0) See closing notes #1
●HoganNashHide (0) They left out to die, poor Hall.
●AustinCapturesHall (+1) You brought this on yourself Hall.
●Hogan/Nash (+0.5) Finally some courage, sort of.
ToGoLookForHall Remember those weapons boys.
●FlairStepOnRAW/HHH (+1) Humorous lines from HHH and Flair.
●HallTakenOnARide (0) Gets worse before it gets better Hall.
●HoganNashSearch (0) Hot on the beer bottle trail.

●APAWatch4SD (0) Billy and Chuck annoy them.
●HallSetAsBait (+1) Not the best plan on Earth..
●LillianBillyChuckAPA (0) The ultimatum has been issued.
●HoganNashTrapped (+0.5) ...but hey, they fell for it.
●StephJerichoAlign (+1.5) The end has come, it finally happened.
ToCommentary Inevitable maybe?
●NonMatchHHH/UT (-1) HHH fought Jericho more than UT
●AustinMovesHall (0) Payoff eminent in theory at least.
●AustinBrandsHall (+1) Dueling Spraypaint the Banjo CD out now.

CLOSING NOTES:

- Mr Burns? This is Homer J Simpson, the father of the big quitter! Well, I just wanted to tell you I'm a big quitter, too! And I quit! [Homer winks twice.] ●Homer, Mr Burns can't see you winking. ●So--[screams, hangs up phone.]
- Chris Jericho and Stephanie, the champ and the tramp, the newest unholy team of the WWF coming to ruin a life near you, if it isn't you.
- I thought it was only the villains that release their clever plans to the world before enacting them, but Austin proves this principle otherwise.
- Best words of the night are from Ric Flair "Don't leave mad, just leave." I have to try that one sometime.
- I thought infectious poison was smarter than that, yet the nWo must be the stupidest disease on Earth to fall for Austin's trap. At least Wile E. Coyote screwed up with style.