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<b>1. Rob Van Dam v 2. Booker T</b>		Singles	<b>WWF Intercontinental Championship-G2</b>	
1Raw	6:41.55	<b>76</b>	Mx-2-1-2-2-2-E-1-2-1	
FiveStarFrogSplash-Pin; Good starting exchange, led into good action, good pacing, kicked on 2/3 easily, gd. close.				
<b>1. William Regal v 2. Spike Dudley</b>		Singles		
2Raw	3:44.84	<b>15</b>	1-1-1-2	
DudleyDogAcidDrop-Pin; Some fair action after similar break, pace slowed and no drive to bounce back.				
<b>1. Bubba Ray Dudley v 2. Raven</b>		HardcoreSingles	<b>WWF Hardcore Championship-G3</b>	
3Raw	4:08.13	<b>35</b>	Mx-1-2-2-1-1-2-1	
BubbaBomb-Pin; Started good, weapons action fair, average speed with only light drive, active balance.				
<b>1. Hardy Boyz v 2. Mr. Perfect and Bossman</b>		2v2Tag		
4Raw	3:55.41	<b>22</b>	2p-2b-2p-E-1j-2b-1j	
SwantonBomb-Pin; Moved linearly off of an OK start, only few worth points within, only little balance.				
<b>1. Terri v 2. Trish Stratus</b>		SinglesBikiniPaddlePole		
5Raw	1:16.53	<b>-0</b>	(02.18) 1-2	
RunningBulldog-RetrievedPaddle; No merit aside from an executed move or two.				
<b>1. Kane v 2. XPac w Scott Hall and Kevin Nash</b>		Singles		
6Raw	5:32.03	<b>32</b>	Mx-1-1***2*2-1**	
VariableAssault(Kane); Some fair/good action throughout, pace slowed up, excessive interference demerits.				

Action started out fairly here but steadily became good and held on thereafter. Liked the back and forth momentum that was the first third of this contest. Pace was moderate, but never dropped and did pick up a tad in the latter minutes. A few good spots like Booker's counter roll up in the corner and match closed suitably. Quite good overall.

Immediately, the lack of match control balance stands out with Dudley's only real momentum being that which he won on. A fair outing by Regal in this one, but that alone does not counter-balance the demerits like the slow progression and lack of drive (in addition to that mentioned). Match ends up being very lacking as a result.

Match started off well enough with some good exchange. The weaponry action, however, seemed average overall, excluding a windmill of trashcan lids and a drop toehold into a chair. Dudley's juggling was a nice moment of comic relief but really does nothing for the match itself. Needed more. Win ends Dudley's losing streak at six.

Contest moved linearly, which in this case was not good because with very little substance to its credit, this one really could have used a jump or two to revive waning interest. Match can be put in context of a good interception of a pin break and an awkward twist of fate. Outside that, not much to go on here. Quite lacking.

Normally would assign a few points to the rating for the mere attempt, but outside of a few moves, cannot really justify value here. Pretty much a setup for the post match attack by Molly Holly. Also, these kinds matches have a heavy burden to overcome to get anything as far as the Lines are concerned. As a result, no merit given.

The momentum line alone shows the continuous over-interference in this one. The notion is that it likely will not help, and this match was the supporting evidence. That aside, some good action at times from these two, but pace and consistency had little chance given Hall and Nash's presence. With DQ, Kane wins his fourth straight here.

<b>BREAKDOWNS:</b>	Time: 6 Matches with 0 No contest (25:18:49) about 19.47 % of show time.	Average Match Rating (6 Matches)	<b>30.00</b>	BestOfTheNight: 1Raw RobVanDam v BookerT	<b>76</b>
	Types: 4 Singles (1 Title Match, 1 BikiniPaddlePole); 1 Tag (0 Title Matches); 1 HardcoreSingles (1 Title Match)	Extraneous Segment Aggregate	<b>6.00</b>	WorstOfTheNight: 5Raw Terri v TrishStratus	<b>-0</b>
	7 instances of interference (1 meaningful); <input type="checkbox"/> Meaningful interference	Overall Show Score	<b>36.00</b>		
	6Raw *ScottHall *KevinNash *ScottHall (5, 5th) <input type="checkbox"/>	Title Changes: BubbaRayDudley NewWWFHardcoreChampion		Turns: None by face/heel standards. But Eddie Guerrero looks to have signed on with the Raw brand.	

**SHOW ASSESSMENT:** Up less than a point off of the last Raw; for something that is supposed to commence a new era, expected more. I want more! Not more of this, more quality. Now to see how SmackDown fares.

**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	FLAIR	TERRI	ER...	FLAIR
●Flair proclaims new Raw era, efforts to get SCSA, new belt for champion	(0) Set the words, now better have the actions to back them up.	●Terri and Trish argue about Divas cover, Flair sets 5Raw	(0) Er... yeah.	●Flair with new belt, UT on draft and HHH HHH accepts UT chal. for title
●Post1Raw EddieGuerrero returns/attacks RVD, Vince in to try for SCSA, escorted out by Big Show	(+2) Don't know where he came from, but if they have a feud, we are all thinking, battle of the frog splash.	●Coach INT Debra on SCSA's decision, will be made tonight	(0) He had better, he should have made it LAST week.	●Post4Raw Lesnar destroys Hardy
●nWo on Flair drafting them, XPac v Kane, take over old APA office	(0) Here comes Bradshaw...	●nWo desecrate office, destroy Bradshaw	(0) Now he ought to have known better than that	●Post5Raw Molly bashes in skull of Trish
●Jacqueline/Bradshaw miss Faarooq, Crash informs on nWo takeover	(0) Yep...	●Vince in parking lot, waiting for chance to make bid for SCSA	(0) I figured he would not leave THAT easily, I am positive that you knew too.	●SCSA wants Flair to let Vince in to be fair
				●Post6RawBradshaw saves SCSA goes with Vince
				●SCSA goes with Vince
				Flair, stuns both of them.

- CLOSING NOTES:**
- Two screw ups stand out tonight; the static screen of what was supposed to be WWFNY at the beginning, and Kane's pyro embarrassingly delayed. Inauspicious for Flair's Raw. Simpsons relevant quote: "Not a good sign!" -Lenny
  - Lawler says: "Sleeper hold in a hardcore match?" I was pretty much thinking the same thing.
  - I don't know about that new belt, I much prefer the old two. If nothing else, it would be more like boxing where you can vie for one and not the other in a match.
  - "Why don't you say 'what' if you like to sleep with your own sister?" says Undertaker. That should shut 'em up. Too hilarious.
  - The 4th match, what's wrong with this picture: Bossman's saliva is NOT what I needed to see, and I should not even have to tell you that Jeff's hair is a physical impossibility. All is cleansed, however, when Brock cleans up the wreckage afterward.