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**1. Kurt Angle v 2. John Cena**

Singles

 1SD 8:17.55 **73** Mx-2-2-1-1-1-1-E-2-2\*

◻◻CripplerCrossface(JohnCena); Into good form, settled, good action that held mostly throughout, some drive.

*No action really stood out in this one, but it held together quite well after a light opening in this one. Some good efforts by both and that the contest was mostly balanced is worth merit. Better remarks if the pace was up just a tad overall, but the speed here was good enough to keep this interesting. Quite the good piece to start.*
**1. D-Von Batista v 2. Mark Henry**

Singles

 2SD 2:47.43 **18** (01:9) 2-1-2-2

Powerslam-Pin; Fair to open and close, but only little substance between these points, lacking.

*Looking for the worthy points a somewhat difficult task here, but can find a few good hard hits and a surprising side kick by Henry, and the endpoints of the match were OK. However, not much else worth mentioning forcing recognition that there was not much substance to evaluate. Marks for what was there, but it was not a lot.*
**1. Batista w D-Von v 2. Rikishi**

Singles

 3SD 2:31.99 **12** (00:54) 2-1-1-1-1

Sidekick-Pin; Moved slowly under a short time, minimal drive relatively late, minimal substance.

*This one suffers the same weakness as the previous, lack of substance. Given that it was an impromptu setup, immediately following the second, perhaps one should not be surprised, but it does not make it less damaging. Making things worse was the slow speed under a short time which a fifteen second light-drive could not balance out.*
**1. Billy Gunn and Chuck Palumbo w Rico v 2. The Hurricane and Shannon Moore**

2v2Tag

 4SD 4:35.71 **61** Mx-2h-1b-2h-1b\*E-2m-2m

VictoryRollDown-Pin; Out fair/good, some good exchange and efforts, held, moved OK, good to close out.

*Have to point out the good timing of the finishing series, with the roll avoiding the Code Red. Expected this one to go a little longer, however, for time, elements were mostly good. Perhaps the only detracting bit was that Palumbo did not get enough offense to make this one more balanced but that can be mostly overlooked. Good match.*
**1. Edge and John Cena and Rey Mysterio v**

3v3Tag

**2. Kurt Angle and Chris Benoit and Eddie Guerrero**

 5SD 10:04.85 **88** §-2a-1e-2b-2g-1c-2b,g-2b-2a-2a-2g-2b-2g-E-1e-1m

WestCoastPop-Pin; Good start considering, proceeded under a nice speed, kicked on 4/5, nice closing melee.

§ denotes commercial break; ◻ Start of match time is called at first visuals of the match.

*Would rather the start did not come off a commercial, but that really did not damage here as it led into some stable action which did pick up a little early on. Efforts were well suited in this one, and the ending melee not only did not convolute, but served as a fine credit to the whole. More offense from Team-1 desired, but match still held strong.*
**1. Jamie Noble and Nidia v 2. Billy Kidman and Torrie Wilson**

2v2MixedTag

 6SD 1:59.85 **08** (01:92) 1j-2k-2t-1n

RollUp-PinUsingClothing; Opened fairly, but nothing else in the match to compliment, held weakly.

*Kept short and perhaps a good thing because similar performance under more time would have hurt this. A few good points of contact from all here, but that was not nearly enough. Better was possible from Noble and Kidman but it did not happen. As for Nidia and Wilson, not getting worse necessarily, but no basis to claim improvement either.*
**1. Brock Lesnar w Paul Heyman v 2. Hollywood Hulk Hogan**

Singles

 7SD 10:04.30 **48** ⊗-⊗-1-2-2-1-1-2-1-2-2\*1-1

Bearhug-KnockOut; Led in slowly and went with some fair/good action, light drive near end, interesting finish.

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*Could have had a similar opening without mostly wasting the first minute of the match, so that detracts some. Match had some fair exchanges within, but nothing particularly stood out aside from the type of finish. While not a driving one, incapacitating Hogan is a pretty good way to build Lesnar. When considering all things though, only nears par.*
**BREAKDOWNS:** Time: 7 Matches with 0 No contests (40:21:68) about 33.63 % of show time.

 Average Match Rating (7 Matches) **44.00**

 BestOfTheNight: 5SD Edge/JohnCena/ReyMysterio v KurtAngle/EddieGuerrero/ChrisBenoit **88**

Types: 4 Singles (0 Title Matches), 2 Tag (0 Title Matches, 1 Mixed)

 Extraneous Segment Aggregate **7.00**

 WorstOfTheNight: 6SD JamieNoble and Nidia v BillyKidman and TorrieWilson **08**

 Overall Show Score **5100**

5 instance of interference (3 meaningful); ◻ Meaningful interference

1SD \*ChrisBenoit ◻

3SD \*D-Von (2, 2nd ◻)

4SD \*Rico

7SD \*PaulHeyman ◻

Title Changes: None

Turns: StacyKeibler assisted EricBischoff from within.

**SHOW ASSESSMENT:** Some good matches, some I wish were not even conceived, some help from the backstage bits, a good showing, all things considered.

**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**

●Post1SD Mysterio/ (+1) Hoping this leads to what I think it will.

Guerrero, Edge saves

●Lloyd INT Benoit/ (+1.5) Arguable point from Benoit and Guerrero

Guerrero, came to there. And looks like that confrontation lead

SD for competition to something after all.

Angle chimes in ●Post2SD Batista (0) Just imagine the comic book bubble with a

Guerrero prop 3v3 assaults Henry, question mark here.

Rikishi challenges ●Post3SD Batista/ (0) What? No retribution in the form of

D-Von argue on violence?

finish

●Brock to Hogan's (0) Why does Heyman remind me of a certain

locker, Heyman Looney Tune I once saw?

doesn't agree

●Hogan gets Brock (+0.5) Good addition, but I think that only

to place #1 Cont solidifies what the finish will be.

on line (0) Why? Does it really matter? Match out of

●Torrie/Nidia fight backstage this?

●Edge/Cena/Mysterio (+1) Mysterio has Angle in this one? That

on 5SD should be interesting.

●Steph/Heyman on (+0.5) Becoming more like her father alright,

#1 Cont. Stipulation and how..

●Angle on Mysterio (+1) Humorous line here, see closing notes.

pin, illegal man

●Dawn has papers (+0.5) And what, pray tell, are those papers

for Steph, gives to all about?

Stacy, Stacy denies receipt to Steph,

gives to Bischoff

●Lloyd INT Hogan (+0.5) Not as funny as Angle's, but another

on match with good line here.

Lesnar

●Blood of Hogan on (+0.5) Not something I would do, but an

Brock's hands, etc. interesting statement from this.

**CLOSING NOTES:**

1. Quotes of the night from Angle "I just got pinned by a freakin twelve-year-old," and Hogan "He's 25 years old and I'm (thinks about it) I'm 23, dude." Downright hilarious.

2. Never did find out what Torrie and Nidia were fighting over, did we? Was not that important, I guess.

3. Keibler on Raw come Monday? Yeah, that's a pretty safe bet. You had to know that something was wrong the minute Stephanie apologized.

4. I mentioned that Heyman was acting like a Looney Tune, anybody know which one I am referring to?

5. Something brewing between Angle and Mysterio? Will wait to assess that one.