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1. Booker T w Goldust v 2. Christian v Lance Storm

Singles

1Raw 3:15.80 41 (01.78) 1-2-2-1*

ScissorsKick-Pin; Opened fairly, settled, periodic good exchanges, no pickup or added effect, approached par.

Some worthy merits to the match outright like the intercepted interference at about the 3/4 mark and the mostly balanced momentum. All done under a fair speed but match did not have much of a late drive to its credit and match was a little to short to get some real development. Still a fair contest pieced here and held enough for near par marks.

1. Bubba Ray Dudley and Spike Dudley v
2. William Regal and Chris Nowinski w Molly Holly

2v2Tag

2Raw 3:15.97 08 1b-1s*1b-1b*1b

BubbaBomb-Pin; Not much more than setup for post match save, unbalanced, only light very merit warranted.

Don't necessarily mind when the match serves to further along a segment, but when that is the only discernible goal, it further handicaps itself. Not good to see that Regal and Nowinski did not maintain enough continuous offense to get even one momentum point. Merits, at best, come from the attempt to establish something, yet that's worth little here.

1. Chris Jericho v 2. Jeff Hardy

Singles

3Raw 10:49.58 73 (02.32) 1-2-1-2-E-1-1-1-E-2-1-2-1

UnreleasedWallsOfJericho-FiveCount(JeffHardy); Eased start, settled well, mostly active, finish series fair, good.

Good results out of this match. A quick lead in drew interest well enough and a steady pace with sound action maintained. Jericho's mannerisms were well suited here; the finish played in this as well. The end match counter hurricanrana into walls was a fine touch to close on. Not much in extras, but a somewhat strong package overall.

1. Rob Van Dam v 2. Tommy Dreamer

HardcoreSingles

WWE Intercontinental Hardcore Unification-G2

4Raw 8:05.97 83 Mx-2-1-2-1-1-2-1-2-1

FiveStarFrogSplash-Pin; Paced well, back and forth with some strong points of action throughout, drawing,

Nice match here, opening with the quick series of moves and returns, and while not connecting, provided a compelling opening. The ladder likewise made for some fine offense on both side, providing that desired added effect. Not much slowdown to speak of. While not 90s caliber, this certainly was a deal easily worth best of the night.

1. Howard Finkel v 2. Lillian Garcia w Trish Stratus

SinglesIntergenderTuxEveGown

Full Announce Duties on Raw

5Raw 1:28.72 -0 (02.41) Mx-1**2

Variable-OpponentStripped; Pointless, and unmistakably, without any potential value.

Honestly, I am loathe to record this as a match, but for the purposes of consistency, after all there was an opening bell, objective met, and closing bell, I reluctantly do so. So, this is the second straight Raw with a 0 attached to one of its matches and not surprisingly, to a "novelty" match that should not be there by all rights. Empty time.

1. Triple H v 2. Undertaker

Singles

#1 Contender WWE Undisputed Championship

6Raw 8:36.61 55 (50.66) 2-2-1-1-1-E-2-2-2*1

BeltShot-Pin; Some good action and generally balanced, but match seemed to break at times, fared OK.

The interference served, albeit in a reaching way, somewhat to setup up the end show comments of Brock's exclusivity to SmackDown. The necessity of that though, is highly suspect. Exchanges were OK, and good at times, but expected a better pace for match importance and there was no real added effect to note here. Fared, but not to standard.

BREAKDOWNS: Time: 6 Matches with 0 No contests (35:32.65) about 27.34 % of show time.
Types: 4 Singles (0 Title Matches, 1 InterGTuxEve); 1 Tag (0 Title Matches)
1 HardcoreSingles (1 Title Match)

Average Match Rating (6 Matches) 43.33
Extraneous Segment Aggregate 3.00
Overall Show Score 46.33

BestOfTheNight: 4Raw RobVanDam v TommyDreamer 83
WorstOfTheNight: 5Raw Howard Finkel v Lillian Garcia -0

6 instance of interference (3 meaningful); Meaningful interference

1Raw *Goldust
2Raw *MollyHolly (2)
5Raw *StacyKeibler *TrishStratus
6Raw *BrockLesnar

Title Changes: RobVanDam WWEHardcoreTitle assimilated into
WWEIntercontinentalTitle

Turns: Brock opts for exclusivity on SmackDown.

SPECIAL NOTE: Given SmackDown General Manager Stephanie McMahon's remarks post 6Raw, Triple H's #1 contendership for the WWE Undisputed Championship is assumed void (post match announcement). Credit, #1 ContenderSingles win.
Show assessment: Not a bad show, some good matches worth seeing, but given SummerSlam, expected more from this overall.

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

- BisChSets4Raw (+0.5) Neither of them will be Brock's Brock/Heyman bane, I think, but might be interesting.
- BisChSets6Raw (+0.5) Now I really hope this is good.
- UnAmericans plan (0) Now what can they be up to, the flag stunt is right side up..
- Molly/Chris 2Raw (0) The man in incorrigible.

- Regal Tabled (+0.5) And the plan furthers along for the Molly/Chris on Harvard man..
- Snuka and a three (+0.5) Nice to see Snuka get a few hits in minute warning
- JerichoWalls Snuka (+0.5) What can I say, the man is good "NewYork, New York" rendition at what he is.
- Terri INT Brock (0) I expected that answer.

- UnAmericans try (0) Good return, not a half bad spinarooni to burn flag, Kane for Kane, but the two do not mix well returns Spin/Kane aroories
- Keibler to ringside (0) I bet she helps the ladies here. for 5Raw
- Steph: Brock (+0.5) Shrewd and interesting move making exclusive to SD 6Raw worthless.

CLOSING NOTES:

1. Sign of the night honors to "Fozzy Played my Prom." Good humor there.
2. Kane's new mask does look like he put it together himself. No big deal works for me.
3. Last Hardcore match? But they were getting consistently good too (for the most part anyway).
4. Did Undertaker hit the barricade with his bike before his match? How very odd, usually he is so precise with that machine.
5. I am probably not the first to pose this idea, but why not have one singles championship (tag and women's titles aside) that everyone strives to achieve; makes it more competition like.