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1. Rosey and Jamal w Rico v 2. Booker T and Goldust

2v2Tag

1Raw 6:34.33 70 (0166) Mx-2x-1j-1r-1j-E-2b-2b*1j

SplashFromTurnbuckle-Pin; Good exchange to break, moved steadily with good action, kicked on 2/3, fin. good.

As I allude to in the non-match segment comments, I am not sure that the way they led to this match was the best way to go. As for the actual start of action, the first series was a good one to base the rest of the match on. Match contained good exchanges with a sensible pace. A midway kick and a good finish cap this quite good contest.

1. Lance Storm v 2. Randy Orton

Singles

2Raw 2:40.16 30 Mx-2-1-1-2

RollUp-PinUsingClothing; Settled into an average pace, some good action and finished similarly, no drive.

Looking at a lot of average elements in this one. This is good news in the sense that there was not really anything to speak bad of here, but aside of some good action, speed never got beyond average and no late drive to boost towards the finish here. Speaking of which, the finish was a little odd but did not detract. Considering for later.

1. Randy Orton v 2. Christian

Singles

3Raw 2:50.17 26 Mx-2-1-2-1

Ozone-Pin; Commenced OK and led into some good exchange, botched finish detracts some, however.

Comparing this one to the previous match, looking at somewhat of a carbon copy, at least for as much as it could be. Elements were pretty much the same. As such, that Orton held a similarly decent effort over these two short pieces is a good indicator for him. Biggest problem, of course, is the botched finish, which makes this lesser.

1. Jeff Hardy v 2. Big Show

Sp. Guest Referee-Jacqueline

Singles-SpGuestRef

4Raw 3:30.31 11 (08.45) 1-2-2-2-1

DropkickChairIntofFace-CountOut(JeffHardy); Average break and action within, mostly one sided, little merit.

Second straight Raw with this combination and could not be too optimistic outright given the last effort (2Raw, 27) and with the likelihood that this outing would be shaped similarly. That said, different victor this time around, but with the same one-sided nature as the last and finish type does not help the case here. Avoids single digits, but barely.

1. Bubba Ray Dudley v 2. Triple H w Ric Flair

Singles

World Heavyweight Championship-G1

5Raw 7:09.53 85 Mx-1-1-2*2-E-Mx-1-1-1-2

Pedigree-Pin; Good early action and held mostly, settled to moderate pace, went on 5/8, suitable.

Knew that Flair would be involved, so it was pleasant to see that actual contact interference was limited to one occurrence. Action held good from early on and match moved along moderately. A little drive here boosts perception. Particularly good effort by Dudley in this one. Not much added effect, but basics comprise a strong match here.

1. Victoria v 2. Trish Stratus

Singles

WWE Women's Championship-G1

6Raw 2:52.74 40 (07.81) Mx-1-1-E-2-2

Chairshot(TrishStratus); Good opening series, held some good speed and action, with efforts from both.

One awkward spot early is about the extent of the demerits for this contest. Admire the efforts from Trish and Victoria here. Exchanges held quite good throughout the duration and speed was suitable as well. Would readily take these efforts under a longer time (with conclusive finish) with gratitude. By the way, that chairshot looked very painful.

1. William Regal and Test v 2. Tommy Dreamer and Rob Van Dam

2v2Tag

7Raw 4:50.85 60 1r-2d-2v-Mx-1r-1t-E-2d-2d

RollUp-Pin; Action and efforts held steadily throughout, some drive about 4/5, finishing series worked well.

Best merit of the this match had to be the closing series. It did not convolute the match any and the execution provided some added effect. On that thought, nice to see Dreamer picking up the pin as opposed to Van Dam (although that would not have hurt this on). Good tag contest here standalone, and to hold interest for the main event.

1. Kane v 2. Chris Jericho

Singles

WWEICChmp-#1Cont. HvyChmpAtNoMercy-G2

8Raw 19:38.65 101 1-1-1-2-1*2-1-§-1-2-E-Mx-2-2-E-2-2-E-1-1-2*2-2-1

Chokeslam-Pin; Good start, steadily gd. action throughout and pace held OK, no kick but finish sequence a plus. § denotes commercial break.

Longest match on Raw this year, broke good and the action was steadily good overall. Not much pick up, but no drops either. Considering length, a semi-good pace in this one. Particularly like Jericho's focus on the leg with Kane having to work constantly just to get a reprieve. A little awkwardness here, but that does not prevent triple digits here.

BREAKDOWNS:	Time: 8 Matches with 0 No contests (50.06.74) about 38.55 % of show time.	Average Match Rating (8 Matches) 52.88	BestOfTheNight: 8Raw Kane v ChrisJericho	101
	Types: 6 Singles (3 Title Matches); 2 Tag (0 Title Matches)	Extraneous Segment Aggregate 9.00	WorstOfTheNight: 4Raw JeffHardy v BigShow	13
	4 instance of interference (0 meaningful); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meaningful interference	Overall Show Score 61.88		
	1Raw *Rico 5Raw *RicFlair 8Raw *RicFlair *TripleH	Title Changes: Kane NewWWEintercontinentalChampion	Turns: UnAmericans on themselves, maybe?	

SHOW ASSESSMENT: A balanced array of matches, some good bits and pieces elsewhere, the second straight good outing from Raw. Keep it up, you really do not have much room for error.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Bisch sets title matches berates Lita for opinion to jump into this match like they did. ●Jeff/Booker/Goldust save her from 3 minute warning ●Coach INT Rico on goal (0) Does the word "Duh" come to mind with of Rosie/Jamal respect to Rico's statement? ●Storm/Christian exchange (+1) The collision is soon to come. blame on title loss ●Terri INT Y2J on title (+1) "Chicks dig the mask." And the match, Helms/Kane opine. lightbulb turns on for Helms. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Post2Raw Christian chal. (+0.5) And I'll bet he loses too. ●Orton ●Bisch berates JHardy for (0) A little more variety in punishment? No, interfering earlier that could end up backfiring. ●RVD Video (+1) That'll work. ●BookerT/Y2J on "loser" (+0.5) He cut off Booker T? How dare he? ●Bubba on earning title (+0.5) Inspiring, but not likely to happen. ●Victoria assaults Trish (+0.5) Ouch! ●Post8Raw Vict. is insane (+0.5) Only missing the rabid foam. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Raw Roulette next wk. Stacy v. Trish next wk. ●Survivor Series at MSG ●Randy Orton video ●Christian/Storm, again. ●Coach INT HHH/Flair on win, Y2J/HHH on IC mtch. (+1) Is this that styling and profiling, or is it paying the price of sorts? ●Post7Raw UnAmerican internal strife (+0.5) Bullseye. Now, where to take this.. ●Pre8Raw "sucka!" (+0.5) The Last Word, with Booker T. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (0) Lets see an inferno match come up, then I will support this. (+0.5) Seems early, but some good hype. (+0.5) ???? Let's see if this goes anywhere. (+0.5) Can we get to the violence please? (+1) Is this that styling and profiling, or is it paying the price of sorts? (+0.5) Bullseye. Now, where to take this.. (+0.5) The Last Word, with Booker T.
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CLOSING NOTES:

1. If I here ONE more reference to Monday Night Football, well I would go watch it, but since I am on the west coast, well, I guess that does not work too well.
2. "Chris Jericho, rock star. Huge Rock Star." He been taking lessons from Connery, Moore, Bronsan, etc?
3. Now then, what is this ex-SmackDown talent that was referred to, because I have no clue.
4. Just a thought regarding Van Dam and Dreamer, if the UnAmericans want to bash each other senseless, let them. Stand back, be entertained, you already won. Isn't that enough?
5. Exactly how long did it take Booker T to finish that line? I wasn't keeping time unfortunately.