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1. Rikishi v 2. Eddie Guerrero w Chavo Guerrero

Singles

 1SD 4:37.10 **50** Mx-1-2*1-2-1-1-2

ElPasoLasso-Pin; OK on break, action ranged moderately as did speed, held on to close fairly.

Elements were in the slightly above moderate range here. Action held fair to good mostly under a steady pace. Not really any added effect to boost this any. Liked the back and forth momentum structure. Match fared a little better than their last SD singles (29Aug02, 4SD, 48) which had a similar length. Combination proves capable.

1. John Cena and Billy Kidman v 2. Kurt Angle and Chris Benoit

2v2Tag

WWE Tag Team Championship Tournament Match 3

 2SD 7:51.58 **90** Mx-1c-1k-2a-2b-2b-2a-E-1b-1k-2b

CripplerCrossface-Submission; Good action and start, with good movement, strong kick at 3/4 helps a lot.

Good elements in this match from start and action to effort. Match also had good balance. However, particularly fond of the strong drive this match enjoyed in the closing quarter and the tension between Angle and Benoit was well integrated. Must compliment Cena and Kidman for good counterpart performances to Angle and Benoit.

1. Billy Gunn w Chuck Palumbo v 2. D-Von w Ron Simmons

Singles

 3SD 5:21.59 **41** Mx-1-1*2-2-E-1*1

FameAssEr-Pin; Fair exchanges stemming from similar start, steadily, no drive to close, no added effect.

These two fared better here than in their tag match last week (5SD, 30). Match started out OK and had some good action. Pace mostly held but did have a noticeable, detracting lapse. Furthermore, match did not have any late drive to it. Match achieves a fair performance figure which gives hope for coming matches.

1. Brock Lesnar and Tajiri w Paul Heyman v 2. Rey Mysterio and Edge

2v2Tag

WWE Tag Team Championship Tournament Match 4

 4SD 7:24.04 **53** ⊗-Mx-⊗-Mx-1b-1t-1t-1t-2e-2x-2e

Spear-Pin; Nearly empty on first half, second half compensates to make this about par, some effect.

Contest had some good action, execution, and some drive. However, those were second-half elements. The opening half was porous which detracted. Match ends up passing the 50 line, but could have been more. To its credit, match does provide a little intrigue should Edge and Lesnar get into a rivalry. Worth considering, based on that.

BREAKDOWNS: Time: 4 Matches with 0 No contest (25:14:26) about 2103 % of show time.

Types: 2 Singles (0 Title Matches), 2 Tag (0 Title Matches)

 3 instance of interference (0 meaningful); Meaningful interference

1SD *ChavoGuerrero

3SD *RonSimmons (2)

 Average Match Rating (6 Matches) **58.50**

 Extraneous Segment Aggregate **2.50**

 Overall Show Score **61.00**

Title Changes: None

BestOfTheNight: 2SD JohnCena and BillyKidman v KurtAngle and ChrisBenoit

WorstOfTheNight: 3SD BillyGunn v D-Von

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Turns: None.

SHOW ASSESSMENT: Higher score than the last SmackDown but must consider that there were fewer matches to go on, and that here, the non-match pieces were not all that great tonight.

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

- UT waits for Brock in parking garage (0) Always a parking structure of sorts.
- Matt on beating UT, UT out and destroys till he damages own hand, again (0) Smart move, UT.
- Torrie selects lingerie for contest, Torrie's dad in to surprise (0) Recurring characters now?
- Angle/Benoit/Steph legitimized tag division (+1) It needs legitimizing, but will take more than Benoit and Angle.

- Funaki INT Mysterio/Nidia/Mysterio en espanol, Nidia angry, leaves, Noble pursues (+1) I understand some Spanish, and hence, found that hilarious.
- Eddie/Chavo on match, to Benoit on Angle rumor (+0.5) Not that they really need any more tension, but if you can use it, why not?
- Brock/Heyman/??? to ring (0) Who the...?
- Mattitude video (+1) They are going somewhere with him.
- ???=Tracy, claims an affair with UT (-2) What, they had to counter Raw's bad angle with a bad one of their own?
- Steph replaces Noble's spot with Lesnar (0) Not so fast there, Brock.
- UT/Sara argue on phone (0) Eye rolling time.

- Chavo lures Benoit into assault, Angle? (+1) The possibilities are limited, but any would work.
- Dawn Marie with another sneak peek on contest attire (0) Who is this guy that he is in such a position?
- Lingerie contest: Torrie v Dawn; winner: Torrie, handshake refused (0) Like any other result was coming.
- Dawn gives hotel key to Mr. Wilson (0) Oy.
- Lesnar calls Sara on earlier events (0) Reiterating that last Oy now.
- Pst4SD Brock/UT collide (0) This had better work.

CLOSING NOTES:

1. Was it just me, or did Steph actually look like she was about to cry when Angle and Benoit were staring each other down?
2. Point of humor number one, just listening to Angle address the Guerreros backstage.
3. Point number two, the Nidia-Mysterio exchange, or what Tazz called "some lucha libre Spanish announcing thing."
4. Why? Why Ron Simmons instead of Faarooq? It doesn't quite work for me. Why? Why have someone come out and say "I never watch wrestling?" Not the finest ideas there.
5. Sign of truth: "Undertaker needs new music."