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1. Dudley Boyz v 2. Three Minute Warning (Rosey and Jamal w Rico)

2v2Tag

1Raw 7:55.47 55 (02.11) Mx-E-1d-Mx-1b-1d-2j-2b-E-2j-E-1b**2*1b

◆DudleyDeathDrop-Pin; Broke fairly, average speed with mostly good exchange, some light drive toward finish.

Most of the elements held to a good standard in this one. Not sure that interrupting one 3D just to immediately lead right into another was the best way to go. That is to say, a direct line to the finish would have probably been more sound. No added effect in this one. Overall, a respectable performance from all four competitors here.

1. Trish Stratus v 2. Ivory

Singles

2Raw 4:12.09 36 Mx-Mx-2-2-E-1-1

Stratusfaction-Pin; Moved steadily, mix of good and tentative action, very light kick 3/4, OK/off finish.

As with last week's match between Stratus and Victoria (4Raw, 67), the action was a mix of the good and the awkward. Although it was more awkward this time around, the other elements held up OK. The setup for the Stratusfaction finish seemed particularly off, which detracted some. A fair credit for both; better expected next time around.

1. Jeff Hardy and Tommy Dreamer v 2. William Regal and Lance Storm

2v2Tag

3Raw 3:30.24 42 (27.47) Mx-1d-2s-2r-2s-2r-2s-2s

◆DoubleTeamThrustIntoExposedTurnbuckle-Pin; Led in good, good action afterwards, finish was suitable.

As long as Hardy is kept from any extended ring action, it might as well be worked into the match, and they did not do a bad job of it here. Hardy actually did maintain his balance as he ran on the rail before the start so that's something encouraging. Like last week, good tag mechanics from Storm and Regal. Some good merits for time.

1. Batista w Ric Flair v 2. The Hurricane

Singles

4Raw 0:52.01 02 (13.74) Mx-1

SiOutPowerbomb-Pin; Broke OK, match very light on substance, only minimal merit possible.

With less than a minute in which to find something worthy, cannot really expect anything except a single digit rating. About the only thing worth crediting here, which is to say the only possible thing to credit, was the short series with Hurricane attempting an offense only to be finished outright. Breaks zero, but that does not say much in favor of this.

1. Booker T v 2. Chris Jericho

Singles

5Raw 7:26.52 83 1-2-1-2-2-2-E-1-2-1-Mx*1

TerminatedByOfficial-NoContest; Good start and early speed, settled, with effective action, kicked on 5/8.

☐ No bell sounded, time called at official's verbal interruption of match.

All the elements here held to at least a good standard. The basic series' of action throughout this one were quite good and match had some good speed to it. No added effect to credit, but that only promotes more praise for the basics in this contest. Strong match, wished it would have had a real finish, but still the best of the night.

1. Booker T and Goldust v 2. Chris Jericho and Christian

2v2Tag

World Tag Team Championship- G2

6Raw 6:39.18 67 §-1g-1t-1t-2c-2j-E-1g-1g-1t-1t-2j

WallsOfJericho-Submission; Progressed well without lapse, exchanges good, picked up some 1/2, some effect. § denotes commercial break; ☐ Time called at first visuals of the match.

What stands out about this contest is that, with Booker and Goldust supposed to be chasing the champions, they got the clear majority of the offense in this one. Regardless, action and speed held up pretty good. It was nice to see the Bookend used even though it did not win the match for himself and Goldust. Good package.

1. Jacqueline v 2. Victoria

Singles

7Raw 2:37.88 18 (01.92) 2-1-1-2-Mx-1

BackspinKick-Pin; Fair to open, moderate pacing and some fair action, did not drive but good end series.

Best part of this match was the respectable closing series. Most of the action was OK, although for such a short timeframe, would have liked some more speed. Unable to find a great deal with such a short time to work with, but it is worth note that for what was given, both seemed at least somewhat sound with their execution of this contest.

1. Triple H v 2. Rob Van Dam
Sp. Guest Referee-Shawn Michaels

SinglesSpGuestRef

#1 Cont. Wld. Heavyweight Chmpship. at Armageddon

8Raw 6:30.41 47 (00.84) 2-2-2-Mx-2-E-Mx-1-2-1

Chairshot-Pin; Good break, match moved steadily but did not pick up, action fair/some good, suited finish.

Similar to the sixth tonight, it seems odd that Van Dam should get the majority of the offense even with Michaels' antics as the referee. Given the circumstances, the finish was actually well suited. Speaking of Michaels', his constant bias against Triple H was one of the more amusing things about this contest. Match was OK, but better needed.

BREAKDOWNS:	Time: 8 Matches with 1 No contests (39:43.80) about 31.78 % of show time.	Average Match Rating (8 Matches)	43.75	BestOfTheNight: 5Raw BookerT v ChrisJericho	83
	Types: 5 Singles (0 Title Matches); 3 Tag (1 Title Match)	Extraneous Segment Aggregate	6.50	WorstOfTheNight: 4Raw Batista v TheHurricane	04
	2 instance of interference (1 meaningful); ☐ Meaningful interference	Overall Show Score	50.25		
	1Raw *Rico *SpikeDudley *Rico	Title Changes: None		Turns: None	
	5Raw *Christian ☐				

SHOW ASSESSMENT: Eight matches which comprised good wrestling for the most part, and with some entertaining backstage pieces, Raw has its second straight fifty plus showing. Good job.

RATINGS: A figure assigned to a match based on balancing a match's elements such as start/break, pace, progression, psychology, mechanics, execution of move sets, key spots, and finish against the amount of time it is given (Minutes with the most relative quality are given primary emphasis) as an assessment of performance. Scale is adjusted to increase requisites for achieving higher ratings such as those in the 90s, 100s, and higher.

NON-MATCH SEGMENTS AND SCORES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jerch/Chris/3MW atk. (+0.5) Did Spike actually fly there for a second or what? ● Bisch/Morley on control, HHH on SvS, #1 Cont., Bisch on Great TV, sp. ref ● Anthology vid: Jericho (+0.5) 'BREAK THE WALLS DOWN' ● Jacq chal. Vict backst. (0) That battery operated crack was funny. ● Thanksgiving parade vid (0) Jerry 'The Ring' Lawler? ● Jerch/Chris on atk, BKT (+1) Chains on their bags, HA! ● Post3Raw Hardy/Dreamer (0) After getting crushed the other times, fight off Regal/Storm I guess they were due. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Batista/Flair on using past for aggression (+0.5) Good plan, I suppose. ● Post4Raw Kane saves Hurricane (0) So what do you label someone who saves a superhero? ● Terri IN HBK on cond, RVD in, Bisch sets HBK (+1) Hey now, that should be interesting. ● Pre5Raw Book T on Jerch (+0.5) Booker is comedy, last wk. ● Morley stops 5Raw, sets 6Raw immediately (+0.5) End one good match, start another. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Raw retro cement and a Corvette (0) Er.... ● F-View Stacy and Test (0) Pointless. ● Vict. calls out Jacq, Steiner out, clears ring (+1) What the?! Well it is one of the bigger storylines progressing here at least. Something odd about this whole thing. ● RNN interrupted by HHH/ HBK (+0.5) How do YOU like it Orton? ● Post8Raw collision HBK bests HHH (+0.5) After SvS: HHH=1, HBK=1
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CLOSING NOTES:

1. As far as a certain sentiment goes, many might agree with Rob Van Dam when he said "And surprise, surprise, Hunter shows up and ruins everything, as usual."
2. And for another sentiment one might agree with, JR did say that Van Dam has come close so many times, it's not even funny.
3. For the most part, Victoria's character seems to be working, but tonight, especially when she made that "battery operated" crack, all I could think of was CUE-CARD.
4. In the tag title match, were the fans ever so mad at some of those near finishes.
5. I liked the reaction after Michaels' hit the Sweet Chin Music on Triple H. Its as if they thought, well we tried, he still got to him, screw it all.