

THE VOICE OF THE MAT

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This is the first edition of "THE VOICE OF THE MAT". This publication will strive to cover the best in the mat sport.

THE WORLD OF NOSTALGIA

THIRTY EIGHT YEARS AGO, 4/16/49 ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Buddy Rogers W. Billy Darnell
Dean Detton & Lucky Simunovich W. Don Lee & Jim Wright
Sonny Myers W. Abe Kashey
Fred Blassie W. Lou Newman -DQ.
The Demon W. Cherry Vallina

THIRTY SEVEN YEARS AGO, 3/13/50 PARIS, FRANCE

Roland Daumale W. Rene Gerber
DeLay W. Leo DiCrasti
Frey W. Rino Deon
Pov Bukovac W. Ruelle
Carbol W. Bob Sinclair

THIRTY ONE YEARS AGO, 3/12/56 HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Don Leo Jonathan W. Mighty Joe
Don Leo Jonathan DREW Oyama Kato
Rocky Valentine W. Tom Rice & Lee Henning (Handicap Match)
Sandor Szabo W. John Tolos
Jack Ellena W. Roy Heffernan
Nick Bockwinkel W. Jerry Christy

TWENTY ONE YEARS AGO, 8/13/66 MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

Mark Lewin & Bearcat Wright W. Skull Murphy & Jim Bernard
Professor Tour Tanaka W. Larry O'Dea
Jim Hady W. Danny Miller
Roy Heffernan W. Al Woods
Ken Fuhrer W. Chris Milosis

EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO, 12/13/69 BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTES

Baron Scicluna W. Pete Sanchez
Arnold Skoaland W. Eric The Red
Dom DeNucci & Gene DuBois W. Lou Albano & Joe Cox
Ivan Koloff W. Louis Cerdan
Killer Kowalski W. Antonio Pugliese
Victor Rivera W. Professor Tour Tanaka
Ernie Ladd W. Gorilla Monsoon
Bruno Sammartino W. Waldo Von Erich (German Death Match)

The Wrestling Fans International Association convention was held this past summer in Birmingham, Alabama, on August 6th to the 10th, 1987. There was a banquet where awards were given. The following is a list of the awards and who won them:

- W.F.I.A. WRESTLER OF THE YEAR - BOB "THE BULLET" ARMSTRONG
- W.F.I.A. FEMALE WRESTLER OF THE YEAR - VELVET McINTYRE
- W.F.I.A. TAG TEAM OF THE YEAR - ROBERT FULLER & JIMMY GOLDEN
- W.F.I.A. OUTSTANDING WRESTLERS - TOM PRITCHARD, DANNY DAVIS, KEN WAYNE SCOTT & STEVE ARMSTRONG. BOBBY JAGGERS WAS GIVEN HIS AWARD ON AUGUST, 8th AT RINGSIDE
- W.F.I.A. ROOKIE OF THE YEAR - DOUG FURNAS
- W.F.I.A. PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD - WENDEL COOLEY (THIS WAS VOTED BY THE MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED THE CONVENTION.)
- W.F.I.A. - FAN OF THE YEAR - DAVID LEEHY, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
- W.F.I.A. - PRO WRESTLING WRITER OF THE YEAR - DONNY LAIBLE
- W.F.I.A. - WRESTLING FANS NEWS WRITER OF THE YEAR - CONNIE COOK
- W.F.I.A. - BEST DISPLAY - THERE WERE NONE ENTERED THIS YEAR :
- W.F.I.A. - BEST FAN CLUB PUBLICATION (HONORARY) - DANNY COLLINS
- W.F.I.A. - BEST FAN CLUB PUBLICATION (RESULTS) - CANADIAN RESULTS
- W.F.I.A. - BEST FAN CLUB PUBLICATION (GENERAL) - CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING
- W.F.I.A. - BEST SALES EXHIBIT - RICHMOND WRESTLING REPORT
- W.F.I.A. - AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR - JOHN LANIGAN, FOR HIS ACTION PHOTO
- W.F.I.A. - AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR - RICH KRAMER, FOR HIS POSED PHOTO
- W.F.I.A. - PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR - BRAD McFARLIN, FOR HIS ACTION PHOTO
- W.F.I.A. - PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR - JOYCE PAUSTIAN, FOR HER POSED PHOTO
- W.F.I.A. - TRAVEL AWARD - KIRK & COLLEN BEATTIE FROM AUSTRALIA
- W.F.I.A. - APPRECIATION AWARD - JO ESTES, HOLIDAY INN SALES MANAGER
- W.F.I.A. - BEST PROFESSIONAL WRESTLER MASTERMEDIA - GORDON SOLIE " PRO WRESTLING THIS WEEK"
- W.F.I.A. - OUTSTANDING TELEVISION COMMENTATOR - GORDON SOLIE
- W.F.I.A. - OUTSTANDING "RING EVENT PARTICIPANTS - RED ROSE, WILLIAM BRICE, BOOGIE GUILLORY, GARY MATHIS, JAMES GARRISON, JAMES LAYFIELD, MARK GALLO, ED BRADSHAW, KEN TAYLOR, CONNIE COOK, JOYCE PAUSTIAN, DAVID LEEHY, JOE PINKAS, GREG LEEHY, ROBERT ZANIGA, JESSE REYES

8/2/87 MESQUITE, TEXAS

The Dirty White Boys W. Steve & Shawn Simpson
The Spoiler W. Tommy Lane
Mat Borne W. Ted Arcidi
Perez W. Sweet Brown Sugar
Al Madril W. Cowboy Tony
Eric Embry & Frankie "The Thumper" Lancaster W. The Fantastics (Bobby Fulton & Tommy Rogers (Steel Cage Match)
Kevin Von Erich W. Brian Adidas (Steel Cage Match)

8/6/87 JASPER, ALABAMA

Johnny Rich W. The Biker #2
Ken Wayne W. Mike Golden
The Nightmares (Ken Wayne & Danny Davis) W. Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden -DQ.
Wendell Cooley W. The Dirty White Boy, Tony Anthony

8/7/87 GADSDEN, ALABAMA

Candi Devine D.DQ. Joyce Grable
J.T. Southern W. Bobby Jagers
Nikki Leathers W. The Terminator

8/8/87 BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA (THE N.A.S.A. TELEVISION TAPINGS)

Ken Timbs W. The Ninja
J.T. Southern W. Bobby Jagers
Grizzly Boone W. The Terminator
Bambi & Candi Devine W. The Lock & Joyce Grable
Doug Sommers W. Dr. Death
Ken Timbs W. Butch Rhodes
t Rock Regal W. Nikki Leathers
Bobby Jagers W. Chris Cruise -- Bobby Jagers W. Chris Cruise
The New York Dolls W. John Michaels & Dino Minelli
Doug Sommers DREW J.T. Southern

8/12/87 MONICA, PENNSYLVANIA

Paul Roma W. Steve Lombardi
David Sammartino W. Tiger Chung Lee
Karate Dube & Pepe Gonzales & Cowboy Lang W. Lord Littlebrook & Little Tokyo & Sonny Boy Contrell
Bruno Sammartino W. Hercules Hernandez
The Junk Yard Dog W. Killer Khan -DQ.
Hillbilly Jim W. Dino Bravo -DQ.

8/14/87 UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

Krusher Klesanski W. Count Kaufmann
Mike Savage D.C.O.R. Umana Zaruk
Angie Minelli W. Judy Martin
Larry Zbyszko W. Dom DeNucci
The Roman Connection (Dante DeNucci & Tony DeCole) W. The Moondogs (Spike & Rover)
Mike Savage WON a nine man battle royal.

8/28/87 HOOKSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The Libyan Sheik DREW Dave Klebanski
Mr. Anthony W. Kurt Kaufmann
C. "Mad Dog" Drake W. Larry Winters -DQ.
The U.S.A. Express (John Gavin & Eddie Miranda) W. The Masked Executioners
Wendi Richter W. Heidi Lee Morgan

8/30/87 WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

Lanny Poffo W. The Shadow #1

The Dingo Warrior W. Barry Horowitz

Koko B. Ware DREW Ron Bass

molition (Ax & Smash) W. Sam Houston & Chavo Guerrero

Randy Savage W. Hercules Hernandez

The Hart Foundation W. The Killer Bees

Jake " The Snake " Roberts D.C.O.R. The Honkey Tonk Man

9/5/87 THE PHILADELPHIA CIVIC CENTER, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Lazer Tron W. Mark Fleming (This match started off with mark arguing with the referee. Lazer just sat on the top of the ring ropes until mark was ready to wrestle. When Fleming decided to wrestle Tron took complete charge. Fleming had some good moments, but Lazer had the upper hand during most of the match. Many different maneuvers were used by Tron. The finale of the match occurred, when Mark came off the ropes and Lazer gave him a chop to the throat/chest area. Mark fell to the ring floor and Tron pinned him. Mark looked alright, but Lazer looked exceptional in mat combat.)

Denny Brown W. Mod Squard Basher (At the beginning of this match Basher gave the referee a very hard time. He refused to comply with the referee's instruction. This match had some good action. The end came when The Squard climbed to the top ring rope and tried a flying body press. Brown was on the mat floor and got out of the way in time. Basher then was on the mat floor in pain. Brown seeing this, wasted no time and pinned him. Basher looked okay in mat action, but Denny looked better. The Mod Squard looks better when he is teaming with his partner, Mod Squard Spike.)

Mod Squard Spike W. The Itallion Stallion (Gary Quartinelli) At the beginning of this match Spike and the fans were going at it verbally. He also let the official know how he felt. Both men looked good in mat action. Each man used a variety of holds. The finale came when Spike gave The Stallion a very effective neck-breaker. The Squard, then pinned The Stallion with no trouble whatsoever. Spike looks better in single action, then dose his tag team partner, Mod Squard Basher.)

Lazer Tron W. The Gladiator #1 (Both men looked good in action. A variety of different maneuvers were used by both men. Lazer, finally, won this match, with a pin combination.)

Ric Flair W. Ronnie Garvin (This match was for The National Wrestling Alliance World Heaveyweight Championship. Ric Flair is the champion. From the sound of the bell, this match had nothing but action, through and through. Both wrestlers looked exceptional in mat combat. Flair came to the ring escorted by his manager, J.J. Dillon. Each athlete used various maneuvers. Garvin and Flair tried to pin each other a couple of times. Some of the wild action took place outside the ring on the arena floor. Flair used a sleeper on Garvin. He also used a figure four leg lock, while holding on to the ropes. Ric got hold of Dillon's shoe and used it on Garvin. The referee did not see this action, because Dillon distracted the official. Garvin executed a very good suplex and some good chops, to the throat/chest area. Garvin came off the top rope and could have pinned Ric, but once again, the referee was distracted by Dillon. Finally, Flair pinned Garvin with the help of his manager. Both athletes were by the ring ropes. Flair was sitting on top of Garvin. He, then stretched his hand out and Dillon caught it. Flair did this for leverage. The referee, of course, did not see this, because as Ric sat on top of Ronnie, he started his three

count. After Ric was announced the winner, Garvin went berserk, by letting the referee have it. He gave the official a head-butt. The referee was knocked out. Another referee, then, came in, to try and control Garvin. Ronnie, then, took his anger out on this official. This match was the best of the night. Flair showed the fans what a true champion is, and Garvin showed everybody that he was top contender material.)

Jimmy Valiant & Kendell Windham

W.

Shawn Royal (The New Breed) & Tejo Khan

(This Match had some good action, with both teams giving it their all. Kendell finally pinned Khan with a small package cradle.)

Rock & Roll Express (Ricky Morton & Robert Gibson)

W.

Arn Anderson & Tully Blanchard

This match had a lot of action from start to finish. Tully and Arn looked good in mat combat, but Morton & Gibson looked exceptional. Many different holds and maneuvers were used. The end of this match occurred when Ricky jumped off the ring rope and fell on Blanchard. He, then, hooked Blanchard's legs for a pin. The Rock & Roll Express showed the fans what tag team champions are made of.)

Jimmy Garvin W. Manny "The Ragging Bull" Fernandez (This match had some good action. Garvin pinned Manny with his foot on the ropes. Many looked okay, but Jimmy looked very good in action.)

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9/11/87 THE BRENDON BYRNE ARENA, MEADOWLANDS, EAST RUTHERFORD, NEW JERSEY
Special Delivery Jones W. Frenchy Martin (By pin, after the use of a head-butt. This match had some good action.)

Hercules Hernandez W. Scott Casey (This match had alot of good action, with both men using different holds and maneuvers. Hercules, finally won, when he made Casey submitt, after the use of a neck breaker.)

Paul Roma & Jimmy Powers

W.

The Shadows

(This match was fast and furious, with both teams taking it to the limit. they fought in the ring, as well as on the arena floor. The finale came when Powers body slammed one of The Shadows. He, then, pinned him.)

Paul Orndorff W. King Kong Bundy -DQ. (Both men came out with their respective managers. Bundy came out first with Bobby "The Brain" Heenan. Paul Orndorff, then, came out with his manager, Sir Oliver Humperdink. This match had non stop action, from the sound of the bell. Many different maneuvers were used during this match. Bundy's manager, Heenan, tried to interfere. He was met by Orndorff, who tossed him through the ring. Bundy, finally got disquallified, because Hercules Hernandez came out and interfered on his behalf.)

Ted "The Million Dollar Man" DiBiase W. Brutus "The Barber" Beefcake (Before the bell sounded, DiBiase offered Beefcake five hundred dollars not to wrestle. Brutus at this point, attacked Ted. It was obvious that Brutus did not want the money. This match had wild action. Both men tried to pin each other several times. The finale came, when Ted pinned Beefcake, while holding on th hisunks. Ted came to the ring with his valet and Bodyguard, Virgil.)

Ron Bass W. Siva Afi.) (This match had some good action. Bass finally pinned Afi.)

Ric Rude W. Davey Boy Smith (Rude & Smith went at it like wild lions. Rude, finally, made smith submitt to a back-breaker.)

The Hart Foundation (Jim Neidhart & Brett Hart)
D.C.O.R.

The Dream Team (Greg Valentine & Dino Bravo)

(Both teams were evevly matched. This match had great action. They finally, took their war to the arena floor. The referee, then, counted both teams out, outside the ring. The decision was ruled a double count out.)

UPCOMING TO THE BRENDAN BYRNE ARENA: 10/26/87:

Hercules Hernandez & King Kong Bundy

VS.

Bam Bam Bigelow & Paul Orndorff

PLUS OTHER BOUTS

THIS COMPLETES OUR FIRST ISSUE. WE HOPE OUR FRIENDS IN WRESTLING ENJOYED OUR EFFORTS. SEE YOU NEXT MONTH.

MARTY, JOEL & KENNETH