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1/6/36

Rube Wright W. Jim (Goon) Henry -- The Masked Marvel W. Casey Berger  
Karl Shultz W. Dobbie Osborne

1/13/36

Jim Browning W. Rube Wright -- The Masked Marvel W. Eli Fisher -- Karl  
Schultz W. Joe Campbell

Jan. 20, 1936 no card

1/27/36

The Masked Marvel W. Cowboy Luttrall -- Henry Graber W. Jim Wright  
Casey Berger W. Scotty Dawkins

Charlotte had no cards during the month of Febuary.

3/2/36

Flyod Marshall W. Rube Wright (Jim Braddock was the referee.) -- Henry  
Grabner W. Little Beaver -- Eli Fischer W. Karl Schultz (Attendance 3,500)

3/9/36

Joe Savoldi W. Flyod Marshall -- Bill Middlekauf W. Karl Schultz -- Little  
Beaver W. Father Lumpkin

March 16 & 23, 1936 no card

3/30/36

Flyod Marshall W. Doug Wycoff  
Little Beaver W. Eli Fischer  
Herman Hickman W. Jim Wright (Jim Hesslyn was the referee.)

Charlotte held no mat shows in April.

5/4/36

Cowboy Luttrall W. Flyod Marshall -- Eli Fischer W. Hakil Pellivan  
Doug Wykoff DREW Rube Wright (Attendance 1,500)

5/11/63

Cowboy Luttrall W. Mike Mazurki -- Dan O'Connor W. Eli Fischer -- Andy  
Rascher W. Scotty Dawkins

May 18, 1936 no card

5/25/36

Chief Little Wolf W. Cowboy Luttrall -- Andy Rascher DREW Bruce Nolan  
Bill Middlekauf W. Dan O'Connor -DQ. (Rev. Dec.) (Attendance was 2,000)

June 1, 1936 no card

6/8/36

Dan O'Connor W. Bill Middlekauf -- Cy Williams W. Doug Wykoff -- Little  
Beaver W. Bruce Nolan -- Bill Watkins W. Ben Logan

June 15, 1936 no card

6/22/36

Johnny Plummer W. Little Beaver (Jack Dempsey was the referee.)  
Henry Graber W. Roy (Father) Lumpkin -- Abe Yourist W. Scooy Dawkins

June 29, 1936 no card

7/6/36

Henry Graber W. Jim Henry -DQ. -- Al Massey KO'd Johnny Plummer 21 seconds  
of a boxer VS. wrestler contest. -- Abe Yourist W. Walter Logan -- Bruce  
Nolan W. Ben Logan

7/20/36

Jim Henry W. Herman Hickman -- George Harben W. Henry Graber -- Red Ryan W.  
Abe Yourist

8/3/36

Jim Henry VS. Herman Hickman -- George Harben W. Scotty Dawkins -- Ivan  
Vacturoff VS. Laverne Baxter (Except for the one match, the other matches w  
never recorded.)

8/17/36

Matros Kirilenko W. George Harban -- Henry Graber W. Ivan Vacturoff -- Dobie  
Osborne W. Tommy Malloy (Jim Hesslyn was the referee)

8/31/36

Matros Kirilenko W. Cowboy Luttrall -DQ. -- Red Ryan W. Jim Henry -- Al  
Sparks W. Dean (Everett) Kibbons

9/10/36

Dick Powell W. Cowboy Luttrall -- Red Ryan W. Jim (Goon) Henry  
Dobie Osborne W. Al Sparks (The only card in the month of September.)

10/5/36

Henry Graber W. Red Ryan -- Chief Sunoco W. Dick Powell -DQ. -- Alan  
Eustace W. Al Maynard

10/12/36

Red Ryan W. Cowboy Luttrall -DQ. -- Henry Graber W. Dick Powell -- Al  
Maynard W. Jim Henry (Last show of the month.)

11/9/36

Henry Graber W. Dick Powell (Jack Dempsey was the referee.) -- John  
Grandovitch W. Chief Osley Bird Sunoco -- Everett Kibbons W. Bob Wagner -DQ.  
(This match was a reverse decision.)

11/23/36

Rudy Dusek W. Henry Graber -- Cowboy Luttrall W. Bob Wagner -- Al Maynard  
defeated Scott Dawkins

12/7/36

Mayes McClain W. Clarence (Cowboy) Luttrall -DQ. -- Bob Wagner W. Red Ryan  
Jack O'Brien W. Ivan Vacturoff (Attendance was 2,000)

12/14/36

Bob Wagner W. Cowboy Luttrall -- Jack O'Brien W. Ed (Strangler) White  
Preacher Houge W. Ivan Vacturoff (This was the last card of the month.)

12/29/36

The Charlotte News reported that wrestling was playing to packed houses in  
Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Orlando, Ocala, and Miami, Florida.

7/15/36 SHELBY, NORTH CAROLINA

Herman Hickman VS. Johnny Plummer (Jack Demsey referee) -- Red Ryan VS. Bruce  
Nolan (We at The Voice Of The Mat, only had a line up for this show.)

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1/10/88 GRAFTON, WISCONSIN

The Nasty Boys (Brian Knobbs & Jerry Sagonovich) W. Rick Gatner & Frankie  
DeFalco -- Nick Kiniski W. Alan West -- Tom Zenk W. Kevin Kelly -DQ. Greg  
Gagne & Ray Stevens W. Sheik Adnann El Kaissey & Soldat Ustinov

1/13/88 FRIDLEY, MINNESOTA

Sven Olsen W. Mr. Destruction -- Larry Cameron W. Ragin' Red Tyler  
Brett Starr W. Nomad -- Larry Cameron & Sven Olsen & Outpatient & Skip  
Luther & Nomad W. Derrick Dukes & Johnny Love & Tommy Jammer & Brett Starr &  
The American Ninja (In this match, Outpatient pinned The American Ninja)  
Johnny Love W. Skip Luther -DQ.

1/13/88 MARIETTA, GEORGIA - TELEVISION TAPINGS

Chic Donovan & Dino Minelli W. Steve Lawler & Jon Michaels -- Mr Wrestling  
#11 W. The Blue Demon -- Comrade Busich W. Bill Mulkey -- Bruiser Brody &  
Tommy Rich W. Dick Slater & Randy Rose -DQ. -- The Mighty Igor W. The  
Terminator -- Mr. Wrestling # II W. Joel Deaton -- Bruiser Brody W. Grizzly  
Boone -DQ. -- Mr. Atlanta W. Chic Donovan

1/14/88 FISHERSVILLE, VIRGINIA

Chris Champion W. Rocky King -- Rick Steiner W. The Italian Stallion -- Ricky  
Santana W. John Savage -- Eddie Gilbert W. Ron Simmons -- Brad Armstrong &  
Tim Horner W. The Jive Tones -- Ivan Koloff W. Jimmy Valiant -- Jimmy &  
Ronnie Garvin W. Stan Lane & Eddie Gilbert

1/14/88 NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

The Warlord & The Babarian (The Powers Of Pain) W. Larry Stevens & Trent Knight  
Barry Windham W. Larry Zbyszko -- The Road Warriors (Animal & Hawk) D.DQ. The  
Powers Of Pain (The Warlord & The Babarian) -- Lex Luger W. Arn Anderson  
Nikita Koloff W. Mike Rotundo -DQ. -- Tully Blanchard & Arn Anderson W.  
Cougar Jay & Tommy Angel -- Black Bart W. Mark Cruz -- Ric Flair W. Dusty  
Rhodes (Steel Cage Match)

1/16/88 PORTLAND, OREGON

The Grappler N.C. The Assassin (Taped Fist Match) -- Brian Adams W. Abudda  
Dein -DQ. -- Cocoa Samoa W. Moondog Moretti -- Scott Peterson & Steve Doll  
defeated Rip Oliver & Joey Jackson -- Mike Miller W. The Avalanche

1/16/88 STEWART, OHIO

Pretty Boy Floyd W. The Rock 'N Roll Cowboy -- LePink Pussycat W. Bulldog  
Durango -- Sonny Pride D.DQ. Tony Shane -- Lord Zoltan & Clawed Cludwell  
D.DQ. Crusher Klebanski & James Folger -- Sweet Ox W. Akmed Abdul Quaddafi  
Abdullah Muhammed W. The Black Executioner & George Bardo (Handicap Match)  
Sy Youngblood W. Jesse Salica -DQ. -- Clawed Cludwell WON an 18 man Barnyard  
Scuffle

1/17/88 FORT DIX, NEW JERSEY

Mr. Anthony W. Tony Stetson -- The Amazing Martine W. Frank Burns -- The U.S. Express W. The Masked Russian & Sheik El Shaad -- La Bamba W. Baby Face Nellie -- Wendi Richter W. The Angel Of Death -- Larry Winters W. D.C. Drake DQ.

1/17/88 OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN

Jerry Sagonovich W. Rick Gantner -- Brian Knobbs W. Mike Richards -- Sheik Adnann El Kaissey W. Chris Bassett -DQ. -- Nick Kiniski & Kevin Kelly W. Alan West & Tom Zenk -- Curt Hennig W. Greg Gagne -DQ. -- Wahoo McDaniel & Baron Von Raschke W. Adnann El Kaissey & Soldat Ustinov

1/18/88 TOKOYAMA, JAPAN

Tatsumi Fujinami & Kengo Kimura W. Yoshiaki Fujiwara & Kazuo Yamazaki Steve "Dr Death" Williams W. The Super Strong Machine -- Antonio Inoki & Nobuhiko Takada W. Big Van Vader & Masa Saito -DQ. -- Owen Hart W. Shiro Koshinaka -- Kuniaki Kobayashi W. Hiro Saito -- Hiroshi Hase W. Johnny K-9

1/18/88 BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Danny Davis W. Jonathan Boyd -- Tom Pritchard W. Moondog Spot -- Greg Coolet W. Carl Styles -- Dutch Mantell & Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden W. Randy Hogan & Lyle Waggoner & Walter Sullivan -- Danny Davis W. Rick Patterson -- Doug Furnas W. The Greek Assassin -- Lord Humongous D.C.O.R. Doug Furnas -- The Bullet & The Southern Boys & Wendell Cooley W. Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden & Dutch Mantell & Tony Anthony (Street Fight Match)

1/20/88 ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

Ricky Rice W. Mr. Destruction -- The American Ninja W. The Outpatient Johnny Love W. Larry Cameron -DQ. -- Tommy Jammer & The American Ninja & Derrick Dukes & Ricky Rice W. Nomad & Brett Starr & Larry Cameron & Skip Lu

1/20/88 ELKHART, INDIANA

Johnny Mercedes W. Gary Glitter -- The Arabian Sheiks W. R.J. Russell & Tom Jones -- Crazy Horse W. Buddy Reed -- Frank DeFalco W. Fabian Bardow Christopher Love W. Nicki Feathers W. Nacho Burrera W. Johnny Martine The Airforce Man W. Jose Escobito (Attendance Was 420)

1/21/88 WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, CANADA

Tom Magee W. Mike Sharpe -- Sam Houston W. Bill White -- Davey Boy Smith Defeated Haku -- Jake The Snake Roberts W. Rick Rude - C.O.R. -- Randy Savage W. The Honky Tonk Man -DQ. -- Greg Valentine W. Brutus Beefcake Ron Bass W. Brady Boone -- Dino Bravo W. Jerry Allen

1/21/88 LEDUC, ALBERTA, CANADA

Jason The Terrible & Brian Pillman & Chris Benoit W. Makhan Singh & The Great Gama & Jerry Morrow -- Steve DiSalvo W. Richard Lauman -- Garfield Portz Defeated Biff Wellington -- Rip Rogers W. Jonathan Holliday -- Mr. Hito DREW Goldie Rogers

1/22/88 CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA

Makhan Singh & Rip Rogers W. Jason The Terrible & Chris Benoit -- Brian Pillman W. Kerry Brown -- Steve DiSalvo W. Jerry Morrow -- Garfield Portz & The Great Gama W. John Smith & Biff Wellington -- Hashif Khan D.C.O.R. Goldie Rogers -- Mr. Hito W. Jonathon Holliday (The Attendance Was 1,300)

1/22/88 SAPPORO, JAPAN

Kazuo Yamazaki W. Hiro Hase -- Kengo Kimura & Yoshiaki Fujiwara & Seiji Sakaguchi W. Steve Blackman & Steve Williams & Buzz Sawyer -- Owen Hart W. Tony St. Clair -- Hiro Saito & Ben Van Vader W. Tatsumi Fujinami & Shiro Koshinaka

1/22/88 PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI -- Bob Sweetan W. Paul Diamond -- David Haskins W. Pat Tanaka -- Tug Taylor W. Samoan Kokina -- Brad & Bart Batten Defeated Pat Rose & Marcel Pringel -- Jerry Stubbs W. Bob Holly (Strap Match

1/23/88 MATSUMOTO, JAPAN

Hiroshi Wajima & Jumbo Tsuruta W. Abdullah The Butcher & Buddy Landell  
Tiger Mask & Yoshiaki Yatsu W. Genichiro Tenryu & Toshiaki Kawada -DQ.  
John Tenta W. Paul Harris -- Giant Baba & Isao Takagi W. Goro Tsurumi &  
Rusher Kimura

1/23/88 EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA

Makhan Singh & The Great Gama & Garfield Portz W. Brian Pillman & Bruce  
Hart & Jason The Terrible -DQ. -- Chris Benoit W. Kerry Brown -- Steve  
DiSalvo W. Jerry Morrow -- Rip Rogers W. John Smith -- Biff Wellington  
defeated Hashif Khan -- Goldie Rogers W. Mr. Hito

1/23/88 CINCINNATI, OHIO

Jimmy Valiant W. Jim Lancaster -- Tully Blanchard W. Jimmy Garvin -C.O.R.  
Ivan Koloff & The Warlord W. The Rock & Roll Express -- Nikita Koloff DREW  
Larry Zbyszko -- Lex Lugar W. Arn Anderson -- Sting W. Ric Flair -DQ.

1/23/88 PORTLAND, OREGON

The Assassin W. The Avalanche (Coal Miners Glove Match) -- Steve Doll &  
Scott Peterson W. C.W. Bergstrom & Joey Jackson -- Steve Doll W. Art Barr  
Mike Miller W. The Grappler -DQ. -- Brian Adams W. Rip Oliver -DQ.  
Cocoa Samoa W. Abudda Dein

1/23/88 KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

TOURNAMENT FOR A MINK COAT

FIRST ROUND

Tony Anthony DREW A "Bye" -- Tom Pritchard W. Moondog Spot -- Greg Collet  
DREW Carl Styles -- The Bullet W. Jonathan Boyd -- Tracy Smothers W.  
Robert Fuller -- Dutch Mantell W. Danny Davis -- Jimmy Golden W. Steve  
Armstrong

SECOND ROUND

Tony Anthony W. Tom Prichard -- The Bullet W. Dutch Mantell -- Jimmy  
Golden D.DQ. Tracy Smothers

THIRD ROUND

The Bullet won Tony Anthony to Win The Tournament.

1/23/88 TOMAH, WISCONSIN

Nick Kiniski W. Ricky Rice -- Tom Zenk W. Soldat Ustinov -- Curt Hennig  
Defeated Kevin Kelly -DQ. -- Sheik Adnann El Kaissey W. Greg Gagne  
Ray Stevens & Baron Von Raschke W. The Nasty Boys (Brian Knobbs & Jerry  
Sagonovich)

1/23/88 JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

Doctor Rock #1 W. Don Bruise -- Gary Young W. Ricki Nelson -- Ken Wayne  
Defeated Max Payne -DQ. -- The Doctors Of Rock W. The Bruise Brothers  
Jerry Lawler W. Terry aylor

1/24/88 JACKSON, TENNESSEE

Ricki Nelson DREW Gary Young -- Max Payne W. Billy Travis -- Scott  
Hall & Ken Wayne W. Shawn Michaels & Gary Young -- Jeff Jarrett & Many  
Fernandez W. Teijho Khan & Jimmy Jack Funk -- Bill Dundee W. Terry Taylor

1/25/88 BOWDEN, ALBERTA, CANADA

Jason The Terrible W. Makhan Singh - COR  
Garfield Portz & Gama Singh W. Chris Benoit & John Smith -- Brian Pillman  
Defeated Jerry Morrow -- Steve DiSalvo W. Willie Seymour -- Rip Rogers  
Defeated Jonathan Holliday -- Kerry Brown DREW Biff Wellington

1/26/88 MUNDARE, ALBERTA, CANADA

Makhan Singh W. Jason The Terrible -DQ. -- Brian Pillman W. Jerry Morrow  
The Great Gama & Garfield Portz W. Chris Benoit & John Smith -- Steve  
DiSalvo W. Willie Seymour -- Rip Rogers W. Jonathan Holliday -- Biff  
Wellington W. Kerry Brown -DQ.

1/27/88 VULCAN, ALBERTA, CANADA

Jason The Terrible W. Steve DiSalvo -- Makhan Singh W. Brian Pillman -DQ.  
The Great Gama W. Biff Wellington -- Chris Benoit DREW Jerry Morrow  
Rip Rogers W. John Smith/Hashif Khan W. Goldie Rogers -- Ravi Shenkar DREW  
Mr. Hito

1/27/88 CHICAGO, ILLIONIOS

Frankie DeFalco W. The Fabulous Fabin -- Bunny Love W. Awesome Andy -DQ.  
The Beach Boys W. The Terminators -- Paul Christy W. Steve Regal

1/28/88 FLINT, MICHIGAN

The Bolshevicks W. Paul Roma & Jim Powers -- Rick Rude D.C.O.R. Ricky  
Steamboat -- Sherri Martel W. Velvet McIntyre -- Lanny Poffo W. The Wild  
Samoan Sika -- The Honky Tonk Man W. Randy Savage -DQ. -- Danny Davis W.  
Cowboy Sam Houston -- Dino Bravo W. Koko B. Ware -- The Strike Force W.  
The Hart Foundation --

1/28/88 HANOVER, PENNSYLVANIA

The Bounty Hunter W. Sir Reginald Royce -- Big Red W. The Masked Rookie  
Mr. Ebony DREW Professor Omni -- Sweet Daddy Falcone W. Corey Roberts  
Hurricane Mitchell & Diamond Dave Casanova W. Jim Evans & Lars Drayson  
Heiress Contessa Daley W. Cowgirl B.J. West -- Larry Winters W. Cheetah  
Kid

1/28/88 HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA

Rick Steiner W. John Savage -- Kendall Windham W. Shaska Whatley  
Black Bart W. The Italian Stallion (Gary Quartinelli) -- Eddie Gilbert W.  
Mark Fleming -- Tim Horner & Brad Armstrong W. Bobby Eaton & Stan Lane (The  
Midnight Express) -- Barry Windham & Ronnie Garvin (The Hands Of Stone) W.  
The Shepherders

1/28/88 RAYMOND, ALBERTA, CANADA

The Great Gama & Ravi Shenkar W. Biff Wellington & Mr. Hito -- Jason The  
Terrible W. Steve DiSalvo -DQ -- Makhan Singh W. Brian Pillman (Reversed  
Decision) -- Jerry Morrow DREW Chris Benoit -- Rip Rogers W. John Smith  
Goldie Rogers W. Hashif Khan

1/29/88 CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA

The Great Gama & Jerry Morrow W. Brian Pillman & Bruce Hart -DQ. -- Steve  
DiSalvo N.C. Bad News Allen Coage -- Rip Rogers W. Chris Benoit -- Leo  
Burk W. Goldie Rogers -- Makhan Singh W. Biff Wellington -- Jason The  
Terrible W. Hashif Khan -- John Smith DREW Kerry Brown (Attendance was 1300)

1/30/88 LINCROFT, NEW JERSEY

Damien Kane W. Cheetah Kid -- Tiger Jackson W. Pancho Boy -- Larry  
Winters & Ed Mirrenda W. Tom Brandi & Mike Kaluha -- Misty Blue W. Kat  
LaRoux -- Sgt. Slaughter W. The Russian Assassin

1/30/88 CRYSTAL MINNESOTA

Tommy Jammer W. The Outpatient -- Skip Luther  
Defeated Brett Starr -- The New Untouchables (Perrick Dukes & Ricky Rice) W.  
Nomad & The Outpatient -- The Terminators W. Jim Merkle & Red Tyler  
Larry Cameron W. Nomad

1/30/88 EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA

Bruce Hart & Brian Pillman & Jason The  
Terrible N.C. The Great Gama & Jerry Morrow & Makhan Singh -- Steve DiSalvo  
went to a double disqualification with Bad News Allen Coage. -- Leo Burl  
Defeated Hashif Kahn -- Chris Benoit W. Goldie Rogers -- Rip Rogers W.  
Jonathan Holliday -- Kerry Brown W. Mr. Hito -- John Smith W. Biff  
Wellington

1/30/88 PROVIDENCE RHODE, ISLAND

Koko Ware W. Sika -- Sherri Martel W. Velvet McIntyre -- Bolsheviks W. Young Stallion -- Danny Davis W. Outback Jack -- Dino Bravo W. Lanny Poffo Ricky Steamboat D.C.O.R. Rick Rude -- The Strike Force W. Hart Foundation The Honkey Tonk Man & Greg Valentine W. Randy Savage & Brutus Beefcake

1/30/88 SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Ron Bass W. The Junkyard Dog -- The Ultimate Warrior W. Harley Race -- Ted DiBiase W. George Steele -DQ. -- Don Muraco W. Butch Reed -- Jumping Bomb Angels W. Glamour Girls -- Ken Patera & Jim Duggan W. Mr. Fuji & Ax & Smash (Handicap Match) -- Hercules Hernandez W. Hillbilly Jim -- Jake Roberts Double Count Out with The One Man Gang -- Ted DiBiase won a twenty two man battle royal.

1/30/88 ISHINOMAKI, JAPAN / Kazuo Yamazaki W. Tony ST. Clair -- Shiro Koshinaka & Kengo Kimura & Antonio Inoki W. Owen Hart & Bob Orton & Johnny K-9

1/31/88 EDSON, ALBERTA, CANADA / Rip Rogers W. John Smith -- Makhan Singh W. Jonathan Holliday -- Steve DiSalvo W. Hashif Khan

2/1/88 SOKA, JAPAN / Tatsumi Fujinami & Kengo Kimura W. Buzz Sawyer & Owen Hart -- Bob Orton W. Riki Choshu -DQ. -- Shiro Koshinaka W. Kuniaki Kobayashi

2/2/88 REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN

Rip Rogers W. Biff Wellington -- Makhan Singh W. John Smith -- Brian Pillma Defeated Kerry Brown -- Jerry Morrow DREW Chris Benoit -- Jason The Terrible Defeated Hashif Kahn -- Steve DiSalvo W. Leo Burke -- Brian Pillman won a fourteen man bunkhouse battle royal for a prize of two thousand dollars.

2/3/88 WAKAW, SASKATCHEWAN

Jason The Terrible W. Steve "Strangler" DiSalvo ~~COR~~ / Brian Pillman & Chris Benoit Defeated Kerry Brown & Rip "Hustler" Rogers -- Makhan Singh W. John Smith Mr. Hito DREW Hashif Khan -- Leo Burk W. Biff Wellington

2/4/88 WATROUS, SASKATCHEWAN

Steve DiSalvo W. Jason The Terrible -C.O.R. -- Brian Pillman & Chris Benoit Defeated Makhan Singh & Jerry Morrow -- Leo Burk W. Kerry Brown -- Rip Rogers W. John Smith -- Biff Wellington DREW Hashif Khan

2/4/88 OSAKA, JAPAN

Bob Orton & Buzz Sawyer W. Tatsumi Fujinami & Kengo Kimura -DQ. -- Owen Hart and Tony ST. Clair W. Hiro Saito & Kuniaki Kobayashi

2/4/88 MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Rick Rice W. J.T. Thomas -- Ray Stevens W. Soldat Ustinov -- Tom Zenk DREW Billy Robinson -- Wahoo McDaniel & Baron Von Raschke W. The Nasty Boys Dick The Bruiser W. Sheik Adnann El Kassiey -DQ. -- The Midnight Rockers (Marty Jannetty & Shawn Michaels) W. Kevin "Mr. Magnificent" Kelly & Mr. Go Greg Gagne W. Curt Henning (This match was a non-title bout.) (Attendance 1,700)

2/4/88 MUSKEGAN, MINNESOTA / Rick Rude W. Junkyard Dog -- George Steele W. Sika -- Smash W. Ken Patera -- Jim Duggan W. Harley Race -- Don Muraco W. Butch Reed -- Strike Force W. The Islanders

2/4/88 KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

Dave Peterson W. Kareem Muhammad -- The Cuban Assassin N.C. Steve Ray -- Masa Chono W. Vinnie Valentino -- Ric Patterson won an eight man elimination match. Bob Brown W. Ric Patterson -- Mike George W. Power Twin Larry -- Power Twin David W. Curtis Hughes -- Ken Timbs W. Prince Tapu

2/5/88 ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI

Power Twin Larry W. T.C. Carter -- Ken Timbs W. Curtis Hughes -- Masa Chono W. Vinnie Valentino -- Power Twin David W. Ric Patterson -- Mike George W. Kareem Muhammed -- Dave Peterson & Steve Ray W. The Cuban Assassin & Bob Brown



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2/8/88

THE LOS ANGELES SPORTS ARENA, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Scott Casey W. Terry Gibbs (Scott finally wins one. He did it with a reverse piledriver. Fairly good, journeyman match. A few of the moves were obvious. Casey looked very tired at the end. This one didn't arouse the crowd much.)

Sam Houston W. Danny Davis (Sam is very "over" here and drew a lot of face heat. He took a great bump over the top rope and executed a great reverse suplex. End came when Danny attempted a pin and the referee stopped the count because Sam's foot was on the ropes. Danny thought he won and his hands in victory. Sam then snuck-up behind the "worlds greatest referee" and rolled him up for the pin.)

The One Man Gang C.O.R. Jake Roberts (The Snake and The DDT are over very big in L.A. A lot of crowd reaction especially calling for the DDT. OMG's looking more and more like Adrian Adonis. He managed to escape from the DDT a few times with the help of the ropes and Slick. Jake ran a series of 3 left jabs and a right that would make Larry Holmes proud. Slick was very effective getting chased. He managed to stay away from Jake long enough for the Snake to be counted out. Jake got his revenge, though, as both heels got a dose to Damien.)

The Jumping Bomb Angels W. The Glamour Girls (An excellent show put on by The Angels. Some of the flying moves were actually breath taking. Action all the way. Please don't go home Angels. End came with Lei Lani Kai getting pinned by a combination flying head scissors rollup.

Ted DiBiase W. Bam Bam Bigelow (And they said The W.W.F. wasn't capable of an "A" match. This one had great heat, great action, great bumps, great match. 1 crowd noise was "Hoganesque" and in front of the smallest crowd in years. Ted got the pin after Virgil creamed him with the championship belt.)

Danny Spivey W. Lanny Poffo (A total waste of time. Not a peep from the audience especially coming off the intermission. Spivey looked good coming in with his current haircut (Short on top and long in th back) but it soon became obvious that both guys had the night off. Dan won with a power slam.)

Brutus Beefcake W. Greg Valentine (Typical bout with the usual Valentine prat falls. The end was done fairly well and it was a surprise. Greg looked like he got the pin but both men had their shoulders on the mat and evidently Brutus picked his shoulder up in time for the referee to 3-count Greg.)

The Islanders W. The British Bulldogs -DQ. (This was also a typical bout with the quality being above avarage. A lot of action, and crowd noise. The Islanders used the dog strap to torment The Bulldogs and later on, began using it on them. Dynamite shoved the referee aside in order to get his revenge. The referee had no choice but to award the bout to Tama & Haku.)

Notes:

Aside from a couple of turkeys, this was an outstanding card. The turnout was real surprising as I had assumed that there would be a large walk-up attendance as a carry over from Friday the 5th. Just the opposite took place, they missed one of the best bouts in years. The crowd was very loud. Ted was announced as The New W.W.F. Heaveyweight Champion and had the belt to prove it. The noise was so loud when he took the microphone that we couldn't make out what he was saying. This is amazing since there was only 3,000 in a building with a capacity of 14,500. He said some things like he told us so and he did it. Also we weren't going to get any money from him that night. Bam Bam looked great and showed no signs of any knee problems, especially the right one as he gave it a good shot



with Ted's rear end and he didn't flinch.

ANNOUNCED FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 1988

Koko B. Ware VS. Johnny V.  
Ken Patera VS. Hercules  
Sensational Sherri VS Rockin Robin  
The Bolsheviks VS. The Young Sattions  
Ric Rude VS. Ricky "The Dragon" Steamboat  
A midget tag-team match  
DiBiase & Virgil VS. Duggan & Hogan  
w/Andre

This card was promoted and presented by Titan Sports, Inc./World Wrestling Federation (W.W.F.)

Thanks to top correspondent Andy Dragos for his information contributed in the above card.

3/4/88 THE PITTSBURGH CIVIC CENTER, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Attendance of the show was 3201. The gate for that evening was \$32,746.

The Big Green Machine pinned The Italian Stallion at 6:00 (D-) The first match started on time tonight. I heard that promoter Elliot Murnick was fuming about the \$500 fine he had to pay for starting late on 1/29/88 and for allowing Earl Hebner officiate the main event matches. I have no clues as to who The Big Green Machine is. I don't think it was Buggy McGraw. I couldn't believe that The Stallion lost. Here's a guy that could become popular in the ethnic cities like Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Cleveland. Mostly The Stallion got pummeled shots to the head at the corner and flung him to the opposite turnbuckle for another 10 blows. The Stallion went off the second ropes but missed Greenie at 5:40. Greenie got up and delivered 10 elbow drops onto The Stallion for the uneventful pin and ending.

Jimmy Valiant pinned Jimmy "Stonewall" Jackson at 2:34 with a powerful bionic elbow. (F) Valiant teased Jackson with his test of strenght routine by switching hands and then throwing the finger at Jackson. I think it's a cheap way of getting laughs. They didn't lock up until 1:45. End came when Valiant threw Jackson into the ropes and delivered a elbow that Ole Dusty would have been proud of to get the pin.

Chris Champion pinned Shaska Whatley at 7:31 with a sunset flip from outside the ring. (D) Another disappointing match. Help! Bring back The W.W.F.! I though this match had some possibilities. Champion looks good and seems to have added some weight and was not wearing his cast. At :55 Champion gave Shaska a hip toss and bodyslam and Shaska quickly scooted outside the ring. A fan started to heckle Shaska and Shaska came back with: "Why don't you come up here and wrestle your damm self ?" Champion delivered some nice high leg bombs at 2:40 and Shaska exited the ring again. At 3:42 Shaska nailed Champion with an atomic drop. It was mostly Shaska for the balance of the match with his headbutts and elbow drops. Shaska threw out Champion at 6:20 and Shaska went out and beat up on Champion a bit. End came quickly as Champion got up to the apron and did a sunset flip over Shaska. Shaska was holding onto the ropes for dear life but that no good cheatin' referee Ken Jugan kicked Shaska's hands off the ropes and Shaska fell backwards to get pinned.

Ivan Koloff & Ricky Santana battled to a 20 minute draw at 18:10 (B-) Finally, a pretty good match thanks to Ivan. Ivan Koloff amazes me. He's like fine wine, getting better with age. The crowd was rather **nasty** after the poor opening matches and Ivan got the crowd riled up quickly. The Irresistible one yelled at Santana "Hey Aldo! Remember The Alamo" at 6:45 Ivan brought Santana down to the mat with a hair pull and referee Jugan looked to the heel fan section **asking** if Ivan pulled Santana's hair. They all crossed their hands frantically saying "NO". The Irresistible One started to chant: "USSR USSR". At 8:02 Ivan put Santana in a full nelson but Santana dropped down out of it at 8:43. Ivan proceeded to get at least three or four 2 counts on Santana and threw him outside the ring. Santana got back in at 10:33 and did the sunset flip routine on Ivan but Ivan kicked out. Ivan took the upper hand for the next 6 minutes getting many 2 counts using the ropes. This was all action and offense by Ivan. At 17:25 Santana reversed a suplex by Ivan and gave him one of his own. Santana had Ivan rolled up in a small package and had a one count when time ran out.

The Lightning Express beat The Shepherders with Johnny Ace at 12:48. Tim Horner pinned Luke Williams (B) Best match of the night. These two teams were not as sharp as their Columbus match last year but still it was exciting. These two teams are as exciting as Rock n' Roll vs Midnite Express or Bulldogs vs Hart Foundation. Solid action. Lots of antics with The New Zealand flag before the bell. A very nice beginning as The Lightning Express attacked The Sheeps during the final flag salute. The Sheeps recovered and threw Horner & Armstrong into each other but they did a do-see-do and popped each Sheep with a dropkick at :30. It was mostly The Lightning Express for the first 6½ minutes with their perfectly timed double dropkicks. Butch Miller tripped Horner as he went to the ropes and The Sheeps took comand. Luke Williams missed a diving headbutt on Horner enabling him to tag in Armstrong at 11:39. Mass mayhem ensued as Johnny Ace got involved and Miller used the flagpole on Armstrong. The referee tried to restore order and Horner snuck back in and switched roles with Armstrong and pretended to be the one hurt. Horner quickly pulled up Luke Williams' leg to get the pin. Good show.

Lex Luger & Ole Anderson beat Arn Anderson & Tully Blanchard with JJ Dillon at 10:25 when Dillion interfered (B-) I like Luger's ring entrance tune. It builds more excitment. Suprisingly, it was mostly Luger in this match. The best move of the night wsa Lex's fully extended body press of Tully for at least 5 seconds and then Lex slammed him down hard at 1:36. Luger was truly impressive in the opening minutes with arm twists, body presses and double clothesline. Ole got in and The Horseman gained the advantage. At 9:46 Arn went to the top ropes but Oler recovered and grabbed Arn and threw him out as both guys tagged out. Luger took over and had Tully in a backbreaker but JJ Dillon ran in and belted Luger with his shoe to get the DQ. Luger was starting to breathe heavily at the end but he was very aggressive and exciting to watch.

The Road Warriors with Paul Ellering beat The Powers Of Pain with Paul Jones & Ivan Koloff at 8:25 in a lumberjack match. Yes, Animal pinned lumberjack Ivan Koloff to get the victory. (C/) I think The Von Erichs and Freebirds got the right idea. If you're going to have a lumberjack match, make it a lumberjack match with straps. The lumberjacks got involved outside the ring but really had very little to do other than stand around. **Animal** wore a Jason like hockey mask to the ring. It's a good thing because The Barbarian gave him a solid boot to the face at 2:36. **Animal** got thrown out and the lumberjacks got into it for a **for a brief moment**. Hawk gave Babarian a clothesline over the top rope at 5:09 but was not DQed. Babarian looked like he was bleeding but it could have been his war paint getting smeared. Animal gave Babarian a powerslam at 7:43. The match broke down as Hawk and Warlord were fighting among the lumberjacks and Ivan got into the ring with his chains as Babarian held Animal and pulled his mask off. Animal ducked and Ivan smacked Barbarian so animal slammed Ivan

down and pinned Ivan. That's a first for me as a lumberjack took the pin.

This card was promoted and presented by The National Wrestling Alliance (N.W.A.)/Jim Crockett Promotions.

Thanks to top correspondent John H. Lanigan for his information in the above card.

3/12/88 PHILADELPHIA SPECTRUM, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Special Delivery Jones W. Johnny Valiant (By pin with a head-butt to the back of the head.)

The Japanese Bomb Angels W. The Glamour Girls (One of The Angels pinned Judy Martin with a small package cradle.)

Dino Bravo W. Koko B. Ware (By pin, with a side suplex.)

Bam Bam Bieglow & Don "The Rock" Muraco W. The One Man Gang & Butch "The Natural" Reed (Muraco pinned Reed with a Jack-Knife.)

The Killer Bees (Jim Brunzell & B. Brian Blair) W. The Bolsheviks (Boris Zurekhov & Nicolai Volkoff) (Blair pinned Boris with a rollup pin.)

Brutus "The Barber" Beefcake W. Greg "The Hammer" Valentine -DQ. (Valentine was disqualified, because his manager, Jimmy Hart used the megaphone on Brutus' head.)

Hulk Hogan W. Ted DiBiase (This was a Lumberjack match. Hogan pinned, Ted with a flying leg drop.)

This card was promoted and presented by Titan Sports, Inc/World Wrestling Federation (W.W.F.)

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2/5/88 BLYTHEVILLE, ARKANSAS

Jeff Jarrett W. Don Bass -- Max Payne W. Ricki Nelson -- Bill Dundee W. Gary Young -- Ricki Nelson & Bill Dundee W. Max Payne & Gary Young  
Manny Fernandez & Jeff Jarrett W. Don Bass & Jimmy Jack Funk

2/5/88 CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA

Biff Wellington W. Jonathon Holliday -- Rip Rogers W. Chris Benoit -DQ.  
Bruce Hart & Brian Pillman W. The Great Gama & Jerry Morrow -- Makhan Singh & Bad News Allen Coage N.C. Steve DiSalvo & Jason The Terrible -- Leo Burk W. Hashif Khan -- Kerry Brown W. Mr. Hito -- John Smith W. Goldie Rogers

2/6/88 RED DEER, ALBERTA, CANADA

Bruce Hart & Brian Pillman N.C. Makhan Singh & The Great Gama -- Steve DiSalvo W. Bad News Allen Coage -C.O.R. -- Jerry Morrow W. Jason The Terrible  
Rip Rogers W. John Smith -- Leo Burk W. Hashif Khan -- Biff Wellington W. Goldie Rogers -DQ.

2/6/88 PORTLAND, OREGON

The American Ninja (Brian Adams) W. The Avalanche -DQ. -- Mike Miller W. C.W. Bergstrom -- Rip Oliver W. Art Bar -- Scott Peterson & Steve Doll W. The Avalanche & Abudda Dein -- The Grappler & Joey Anderson & The Avalanche went to a no contest with Billy Two Eagles & Cocoa Samoa & The Cuban Assassin

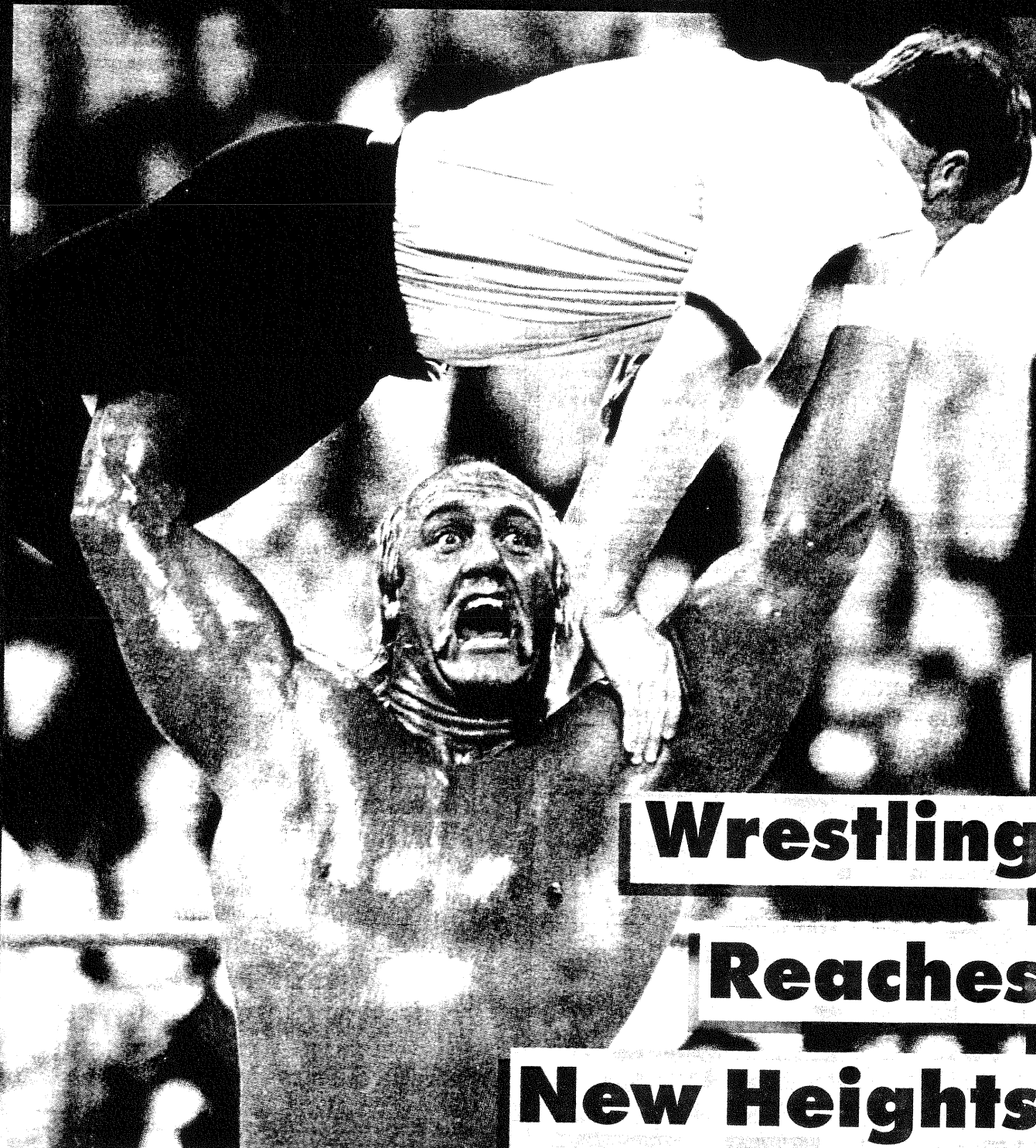
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# It's Really Got A Hold on Audiences

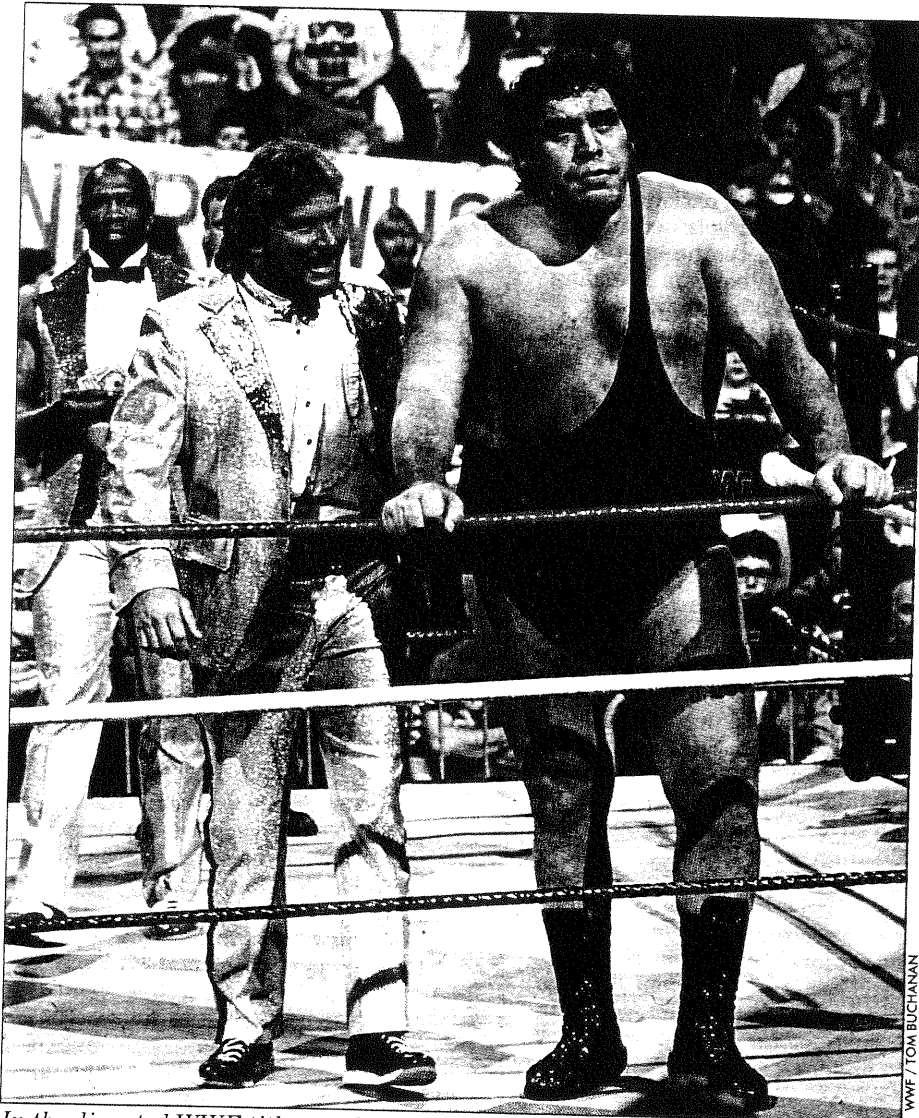
Wrestling is a hit again, thanks to the antics of the WWF

BY MICHAEL FLEMING

**W**orld Wrestling Federation head Vince McMahon may just be this generation's P. T. Barnum.

The circus promoter certainly would have envied McMahon's success in packaging collisions of behemoths into enter-

tainment events that have: drawn bigger crowds than Pope John Paul II and the Super Bowl (when each appeared in the Pontiac Silverdome); boosted network and cable TV ratings; and begun to tame the new pay-per-view medium.



In the disputed WWF title match last month, Andre the Giant was encouraged by "Million Dollar Man" Ted DiBiase and his money-counting assistant, Virgil.

McMahon's specialty is professional wrestling, which, thanks largely to his efforts over the past seven years, has rocketed from the bottom of the TV sports barrel — where it lay roughly in parity with roller derby — to campy melodramatic spectacles that NBC program head Brandon Tartikoff has suggested adding to the network's prime time schedule.

**O**n Feb. 5, the WWF's first foray into prime time — and the sport's first appearance on the networks in that time period in more than 30 years — garnered NBC its highest ratings of the night. In the featured match, the 6-foot-8, 300-pound WWF champ Hulk Hogan lost his belt to the 7-foot-4, 500-pound Andre the Giant, setting the stage for Wrestlemania IV, a four-hour extravaganza taking place at Trump Plaza next Sunday and being beamed to pay-per-view cable homes and closed-circuit sites around North America. It will likely be wrestling's greatest payday ever.

The Giant was aided by an evil twin referee who ruled that Hogan was pinned to the canvas, although a midget wrestler could probably have done the limbo between the mat and Hogan's left shoulder. After a melee involving the referee, his twin, Hogan, and Andre's sidemen, the title was declared vacant, and 14 of WWF's top matmen will battle in the March 27 elimination tournament to claim the belt.

The evil twin referee trick in a sporting event, you say? Hey, we're talking prime time entertainment, where an entire season of "Dallas" turns out to be a dream, and previously unknown siblings pop up on "Dynasty" whenever ratings lag. Whether the outcome of wrestling matches is prearranged is no longer a consideration. Wrestling has mushroomed by moving from sport to entertainment.

**P**roducer Dick Ebersol left "Saturday Night Live" to create NBC's highly rated WWF show, "Saturday Night's Main Event," which airs late-night once a month. He says wrestling has thrived on TV by using TV techniques, including dramatic plot twists.

"McMahon presents his talent the same way Norman Lear presented Archie and Edith, with clear strong characters and story line," said Ebersol, who added that "Main Event" beats his old comedy show consistently in ratings and profitability in first run. WWF isn't the only wrestling alliance trying to use television to build audiences, Ebersol said, but "the others are just a bunch of

WWF / TOM BUCHANAN



WWF head Vince McMahon doubles as TV announcer, here with longtime champ Bruno Sammartino.

neanderthals rolling around on the mat and slicing their heads with razors."

The WWF is owned by Greenwich, Conn.-based Titan Sports, which rules the wrestling world through a TV empire that includes shows on superstation WWOR/9 and cable's USA Network. Trailing the WWF is the Charlotte, N.C.-based National Wrestling Alliance, which is slowly building its own momentum on superstation TBS and through syndication. The NWA usually restricts the action to the ring. The WWF seems at least as interested in building personalities as in presenting mat maneuvers.

**G**ood against evil has always been wrestling's selling point; you never needed a detective's shield to identify the bad guy. But McMahon, who doubles as the WWF's on-air commentator, took this a step further by allowing his characters to become as well defined as

Hulk Hogan's pectorals.

Aside from devoting air time to such plot twists as the evil referee and the kidnapping of managers, McMahon has his wrestlers work overtime to create conflict outside the ring. Mini-documentaries capture them in "real life," and interviews show them threatening their rivals, spitting epithets and boasting of their own personal prowess. McMahon's schlockiest coup to date was to turn his musclebound troops into singers, releasing two "Piledriver" rock music albums. The matches themselves often seem anticlimactic.

"McMahon filled a void for heroes by carefully molding talent into well-formed characters with comedic insight," said Ebersol. "He has 25 stars that are instantly recognizable to 50 percent of a TV audience. There's nothing else around like that." Ebersol said the WWF pours out five hours of new shows weekly "to build those personas."

McMahon, 42, engineered the WWF's rise during the period in which he bought the business from his ailing father, Vince Sr., in the early '80s. The WWF controlled just four eastern states, lagging behind both the NWA and the American Wrestling Alliance.

The promoter went into debt to purchase TV time across the country, and to sign arenas to long-term deals. He staged TV matches with his best wrestlers against faceless stiff, whose chances of survival matched that of the unknown "Star Trek" cast member beaming down to a hostile planet with Kirk and Spock. After mopping the mat with the losers, the stars would be interviewed by McMahon, building controversy for live events.

He then aligned himself with rock star Cyndi Lauper. Her outrageous per-

## And Now: The Mat Maidens

**A**lthough the World Wrestling Federation reigns supreme in male pro wrestling, there is a battle underway for the much smaller television turf in the women's field. Their strength is the live arena draw, but you may soon be seeing a bevy of mat maidens flying across your TV screen.

At the recent convention of the National Association of Television Program Executives in Houston, where syndicated shows were sold to stations, no fewer than four alphabet groups were selling TV shows: "GLOW" (Gorgeous Ladies of Wrestling), "POW" (Powerful Women of Wrestling), "WWA" (Women's Wrestling Alliance) and "WWC" (World Women's Council).

Ladies wrestle periodically within the WWF and NWA, but there, the women warriors seem to rank as high in priority as the mat midgets, who also appear only occasionally. "GLOW," with weekly TV exposure in 80 markets, is currently the biggest full-time women's alliance; taped in Las Vegas, it airs locally Saturday night at 1 a.m. on WPIX/11. "POW," a spinoff of "GLOW," airs on MSG Saturday at 11 p.m. The others have not yet been televised. —Fleming

sona blended perfectly with wrestling's, and her involvement in televised matches on MTV quickly cemented the WWF's status nationally. That led to McMahon's involvement with Ebersol, who was persuaded to take up wrestling by his agent (who also represents McMahon) as he was leaving "SNL."

"I laughed out loud when it was first suggested," said Ebersol, who soon listened as then-MTV head Bob Pittman and David Letterman suggested he give grappling a chance. "I finally made an appointment for McMahon to come see me in the 'Saturday Night Live' office," he said, where, after listening to McMahon's vision and grand plans, "we shook hands on the spot."

**A**ccording to Basil DeVito, senior vice president of marketing for WWF parent company Titan Sports, the WWF now stages 1,000 evenings of live wrestling per year in 40 countries (compared to the NWA's 400 cards). Gate receipts supply most of the WWF's profits, and it

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## TV Times for Wrestlemania and More

**W**restlemania IV, at 4 p.m. next Sunday, can be seen over cable systems that offer pay-per-view programs. Local cable systems with this capability include Cablevision, Brookhaven Cable, Staten Island Cable and American Cablevision (check with your system about availability); suggested charge is \$19.95.

Closed-circuit sites include Nassau Coliseum and Madison Square Garden, as well as the Beacon Theater in Manhattan, Ridgewood Grove Arena in Queens, Canarsie High and Regina Youth Center in Brooklyn, and Gleason's Arena in Brooklyn Heights.

World Wrestling Federation programs are also seen weekly on WNYW/5 at 10:30 a.m. Sunday and 10 a.m. Saturday, and on WWOR/9 at 11 a.m. Saturday.

On cable, USA Network features WWF shows Monday at 9 p.m. and Sunday at noon, and MSG Network schedules three WWF programs a week, as well as the monthly live card from the Garden.

The National Wrestling Alliance is seen on cable's TBS Saturday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., and on WPIX/11 Saturday at 3:30 p.m. ●

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# McMahon and the WWF Guard Their TV Turf

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is estimated that the WWF brings in \$250 to \$300 million annually.

Wrestlemania III last spring drew more people than the Pope to the Silverdome, setting a world indoor attendance record of 93,173. Wrestlemania IV will be staged in the smaller confines of Trump Plaza in Atlantic City, but sources say that Donald Trump is paying \$1 million for that privilege. The event is expected to better last year's draw of 663,000 pay-per-view (PPV) homes and gross of \$10.3 million, which the National Cable Forum reports is the largest pay-per-view take ever.

McMahon guards that turf jealously: When the rival NWA made its PPV debut with its traditional Thanksgiving card, called Starrcade, McMahon quickly countered by signing up the majority of PPV systems exclusively for his "Survivor Series," a Turkey Day tag team event bought by 500,000 households.

When the NWA tried again, throwing its top stars in the ring together in January's Bunkhouse Stampede, McMahon scheduled a similar event on free cable's USA Network the same night.

Still, the NWA is profitable, having grown 1,500 percent in the last year since moving from regional to national TV coverage, according to vice president of operations David Crockett. He said that in addition to airing its matches on TBS and stations across the country, the NWA is learning the pay-per-view ropes, and has four pay specials scheduled in 1988. (The NWA is countering the pay-per-view Wrestlemania IV with its Clash of the Champions, presented free on TBS at the same 4 p.m. starting time.) In addition, a sitcom called "Learning The Ropes," starring Lyle Alzado as a moonlighting wrestler and featuring NWA grapplers playing themselves, is being offered in syndication for the fall season.

Ric Flair, who has been NWA champion and off since 1981, prefers the NWA's no-nonsense philosophy, but admits the WWF's success hasn't hurt his group. "Their hype helps. It brings attention to all of us," said Flair, who estimated that wrestling's total take last year was \$400 million.

Meanwhile, a new subplot is rumored to be in development at the WWF. Hulk Hogan, who in the last five years has become arguably the sport's most popular champion ever, may star in a "Rambo"-like action feature film. Not surprisingly, word on the grappling grapevine is that McMahon will be involved in the financing; the WWF admits there has been movie talk but claims nothing is set. Don't be surprised if McMahon's world of wrestling, which has turned a profit in the media of TV, cable, pay-per-view, recorded music and home video, soon shows up at a movie theater near you. ●

### 2/6/88 JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

Billy Travis W. Don Bass-- Ken Wayne W. The Zebra Warrior#1 -- Tim Hall & Jerry Bryant W. Pat Patera & Don Bass -- Ken Wayne & Billy Travis W. The Zebra Warriors -- Jerry Lawler W. Max Payne -DQ.

### 2/7/88 SANDY, OREGON

Steve Doll DREW Joey Jackson -- The Cuban Assassin DREW The Assassin (Cole Miner's Glove Match) -- Scott Peterson W. Abudda Dein -DQ. -- Mike Miller & Brian Adams W. Avalanche & Abudda Dein -DQ.

### 2/7/88 EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA

Makhan Singh & The Great Gama & Jerry Morrow W. Bruce Hart & Brian Pillman & Jason The Terrible -- Steve DiSalvo W. Bad News Allen Coage C.O.R. (Street Fight) -- Rip Rogers & Kerry Brown W. Chris Benoit & John Smith -- Leo Burk W. Goldie Rogers -- Biff Wellington DREW Jonathon Holliday

### 2/7/88 TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA

Jim Powers & Pau Roma W. The Alaskans-- The Rougeau Brothers D.DQ. The Killer Bees -- Dino Bravo W. Brady Boone -- Randy Savage & Jim Duggan & Ricky Steamboat W. The Hart Foundation & The Honky Tonk Man -- Ric Rude W. Tito Santana -- Sherri Martel W. Rockin' Robin

### 2/9/88 ALBANY, GEORGIA

Jimmy Valiant W. Tiger Conway, Jr. -- Shaska Whatley W. Rocky King -- Eddie Gilbert W. Ron Garvin -- Sting & Barry Windham W. The Midnight Express -DQ. J. Garvin W. Black Bart Tim Horner & Brad Armstrong W. The Shepherders

### 2/11/88 RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

/ Chris Champion W. Black Bart -- Rick Steiner W. Rocky King -- Jimmy Valiant W. The Terminator -- Arn Anderson W. The Italian Stallion -- Mike Rotundo W. Ricky Santana -- The Babarian & The Warlord D.C.O.R. Nikita Koloff & Hawk -- Lex Lugar & Barry Windham W. Tully Blanchard & Ric Flair -DQ.



## 2/12/88 DALLAS, TEXAS

Kevin & Kerry Von Erich N.C. Terry Gordy & Buddy Roberts -- Solomon Grundy  
Defeated Brian Adidas -- Eric Embry W. Jeff Raitz -- Al Perez N.C. Terry  
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## 2/14/88 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Jimmy & Ronnie Garvin & Barry Windham DREW Dick Murdoch & Stan Lane & Bobby  
Eaton (The Midnight Express) -- Tully Blanchard W. Ricky Santana -- Mike  
Rotundo W. Nikita Koloff -- Dusty "The American Dream" Rhodes W. Larry Zbyszko  
Precious Paul Ellering & Hawk, The Road Warrior W. The Warlord & The Barbarian  
(The Powers Of Pain) -- Sting W. Ric "Nature Boy" Flair -DQ.

## 2/16/88 ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

Hawk & Paul Ellering W. The Powers Of Pain -- Dusty Rhodes & Barry Windham &  
Lex Luger W. Ric Flair & Tully Blanchard & Arn Anderson -- Larry Zbyszko W.  
Tom Schappa -- Dick Murdoch W. The Hillbilly -- Ricky Santana W. Kevin  
Sullivan -- Jimmy Garvin & Sting DREW The Midnight Express

## 2/27/88 BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTES

Cowboy "Ace" Bob Orton, Jr. W. Jason The Terrible -- Gary Apollo W. Psycho  
Capone -- Enrico "The Brooklyn Assassin" DiMaria W. Cowboy Chris Duffy  
Johnny Santana DREW Bob Van Winkle -- Davey Star W. "Beautiful" Bruce  
Bataillia -- Misty Blue & The Irish Leprechaun W. Linda Dallas & Dana  
Carpenter (Attendance Was 1,050)

## 2/29/88 UTICA, NEW YORK

Rick Rude W. Jake "The Snake" Roberts -- Bad News Brown W. Tony Garea -- Sika  
Defeated George Skoaland -- Don "The Rock" Muraco W. Butch Reed -- George  
"The Animal" Steele & The Junkyard Dog W. The Bolsheviks (Boris Zurekhov &  
Nicolai Volkoff) -- The Islanders (Haku & Tama) W. The British Bulldogs (D  
Boy Smith & The Dynamite Kid)

# Arena wrestling tonight features Royal Rumble

## 3/14/88 THE MEADOWLANDS ARENA, EAST RUTHERFORD, NEW JERSEY

The Young Stallions W. The  
Conquistadors -- The Hart  
Foundation W. The Killer Bees  
Jake Roberts W. The Royal Rumble  
Don Muraco DREW Rick Rude  
Jake Roberts D.C.O.R. Hercules  
Hernandez -- The Honky Tonk  
Man W. Ricky Steamboat -- The  
Strike Force W. The Bolsheviks  
The Macho Man Randy Savage W.  
The One Man Gang

Twenty outstanding wrestlers, including Intercontinental champion The Honky Tonk Man and giant-sized One Man Gang, compete in a Royal Rumble contest on the World Wrestling Federation program tonight at the Meadowlands Arena.

Three team matches and four one-on-one battles make up the other half of the bill that will start at 7:30.

The Royal Rumble is making its first appearance in the East Rutherford arena. Rules call for the 20 competitors to draw a number before the bout. Numbers 1 and 2 will enter the ring to start the skirmish. The other grapplers, in number sequence, will enter the action every two minutes. A wrestler is eliminated when he is tossed over the top rope. Last one in the ring will win

the big prize.

One Man Gang, at 450 pounds, is easily the heaviest in the field. The Honky Tonk Man tips the scale at 255. Besides competing in the Royal Rumble, The Honky Tonk Man and One Man Gang will take part in singles bouts. The Honky Tonk Man will be opposed by Ricky Steamboat. One Man Gang battles Randy (Macho Man) Savage.

Team matches will send Strike Force (Tito Santana and Rick Martel) against Nicolai Volkoff and Boris Zhukov, The Conquistadors against the Young Stallions and the Killer Bees against The Hart Foundation (Jim Neidhart and Brett Hart).

Don Muraco, Rick Rude, Jake Roberts and Hercules Hernandez are among others who will see action.

We extend our thanks to all who have contributed to this issue.

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