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8/1/88 BRADFORD, ENGLAND / Gypsy Joe W. Harley Newkirk -- Johnny Ace W. Billy Young -- The Masked One W. Butcher Frank Neal -- Cowboy Haggen D.DQ. Birmingham Bruiser

8/3/88 SEATTLE, WASHINGTON / Mike Golden W. The Grappler -DQ. -- Buddy Rose & Col DeBeers DREW Scott Peterson & Steven Coll -- Larry Zbyszko W. Kendall Windham -- Sting & Dick Murdoch W. Ron Garvin & Ivan Koloff Al Perez W. The Mighty Wilbur (Forfeit) -- The Avalanche W. Billy Two Eagles -- Jimmy Garvin W. Kevin Sullivan -- The Fantastics W. The Midnight Express -- Dr. Death Steve Williams DREW Mike Rotundo -- Lex Luger & Nikita Koloff & The Road Warriors W. The Four Horseman (Ric Flair & Tully Blanchard & Arn Anderson & Barry Windham) (Steel Cage Match)

8/4/88 DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA / Paul Strong W. Flash Gordon -- Tiger Elleppan W. Greg Bragg -- Lance Von Erich DREW Danny Bogen -- Dalbar Tiger Sing W. Scrubber Daily -DQ. -- Fireworks Indren W. Gert Strydom

8/5/88 CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA / Makhan Singh & The Great Gama & Johnny Smith W. Brian Pillman & Bruce Hart & Chris Benoit -DQ. -- Steve Blackman defeated Steve DiSalvo -DQ. -- Jerry Morrow W. Biff Wellington Lance Idol W. The Cuban Assassin -- Goldie Rogers W. Yang Chang Coconut Willie W. Cowboy Lang

8/6/88 DURBAN, SOUTH, AFRICA / Danie Tornado Brits D.DQ. Tiger Jeet Singh Vrystaat Bull & Manny DeFerro DREW Fredi Kemp & Chard The Mean Machine #1 Scott Ramdhani W. Cowboy John -- Blitz Volkskenk W. The Karate Kid The Great Haraklis W. SA. Rambo

8/6/88 DESOTO, KANSAS / The Grim Reaper DREW The Missing Link -- The Solman W. Mike Stone -- Mike George W. Ric McCord -- Tommy Gilbert W. Vince Apollo

8/6/88 PORTLAND, OREGON / Mike Golden W. Art Crews -DQ. -- Steve Doll & Scott Peterson W. The Avalanche & Buddy Rose -DQ. -- Col DeBeers W. Art Barr -DQ. -- The Grappler W. Billy Two Eagles -- Mike Golden W. Al Madril

8/7/88 MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE / Austin Idol W. Jerry Lawler -DQ. -- Little Co Co W. Sonny Boy Cartell -- Gary Young W. Max Payne -- Brickhouse Brown W. Shawn Baxter -- Downtown Bruno & Sylvaia W. Candi Devine & Little Tokyo Phil Hickerson W. Cat Garrett -- Billy Travis & Scott Steiner W. The Rock and Roll RPM's -- Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden W. Jeff Jarrett & Bill Dundee

8/8/88 YOKOHAMA, JAPAN / Antonio Inoki DREW Tatsumi Fujinami -- Ricky Shoshu & Masa Saito W. Buzz Sawyer & Manny Fernandez -- Big Van Vader DREW Bam Bam Bieglow

8/11/88 LELAND, NORTH CAROLINA/ The Super Destroyer W. The Super Enforcer The Fabulous Moolah W. Desiree Peterson -- The Mighty Warrior N.C. Diamond Lil -- Big Del Wilkes W. David Three Feathers -- Tommy Landell W. Prince Cortez

8/12/88 CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA/ Makhan Singh & The Great Gama & Johnny Smith N.C. Jason The Terrible & Bruce Hart & Brian Pillman -- Chris Benoit W. The Cuban Assassin -DQ. -- Lance Idol W. Yang Chang -- Steve DiSalvo W. Billes Des Fosses -- Biff Wellington & Coconut Willie W. Goldie Rogers & Cowboy Lang -- Gary Albright W. Steve Blackman

8/12/88 CHICAGO, ILLIONIOS/ Abdullah The Butcher N.C. The Tank, Frank Nelson -- Steve Regal W. Col DeBeers -DQ. -- The Original Midnight Express W. The Terminators -- Lande & Eddie The Dream W. Doug Somers & Playboy Buddy Rose -- Debbie Combs W. Cidy Austin -- The Mighty Thor W. Pancho Avilla

8/12/88 MEXICO CITY, MEXICO/ Mil Mascaras & Priccipe Island & Rinoceronte defeated Satanico & El Brazo De Oro & El Brazo De Plata -- The Birdman & Sombra Poblana W. Verdugo & Gladiator, Jr. Ms. Alaskan W. Ester Moreno -- The Super Brazo & Regegado 1 & 2 W. El Cholo & Tauro De Creta & Cosaco Asesion -- El Gallego & Senor Trueno W. Amenaza Elegante & Mardek

8/13/88 BEREIA, OHIO/ El Barcero DREW Leroy Redbone -- Misty Dawn W. The Jungle Princess -- ~~The Flypesian~~ Wildman W. T.J. Dixon -- The Great Wo Dr. Jerry Graham, Jr. W. Calypso Jim & El Bracero -- Dick The Bruiser W. Igor Zatkoff

8/13/88 DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA/ Dilbar Tiger Singh W. Steve Ray -- Danny Voges & Kalahari Boerbel N.C. Lance Von Erich & Scrubber Daily -- Stu Simpson W. Tiger Elleppan -- Paul Stong W. Fireworks Idren -- Denver Govender D.DQ. Les Van Der Westhuizen

8/14/88 TOKYO, JAPAN/ Lioness Asuka W. Bull Nakano -- Nagayo W. Itsuki Yamazaki -- Uno Hisako & Mika Suzuki W. Totta & Nishiwaki

8/15/88 MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE/ Brickhouse Brown W. Gary Young -DQ. -- Rock & Roll RPM's W. Billy Travis & Scott Steiner -- Eric Embry W. Shawn Baxter -- Phil Hickerson W. Ray Odyssey -- Jeff Jarrett & Bill Dundee W. Jimmy Golden & The Stomper -- Jerry Lawler W. Kerry Von Erich

8/19/88 YOKOHAMA, JAPAN/ Kantori & Mura W. Sawaj & Ken -- Devil Masami & Harley Saito W. Miss A & Yuki Ito -- Mayumi Ozaki W. Cuty Suzuki & Sochi Hamada & Puramu Makio W. Yu Yamazaki & Smily Mami

8/19/88 KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE/ Ten Studd W. The Mongolian Stomper -- The Rich Brothers W. The RPM's -- Nelson Royal W. Scott Armstrong -- Doug Furnas W. Terry Gordy -DQ. -- The Bullet W. Bill Dundee

8/20/88 TOKYO, JAPAN/ Johnny Ace & Tom Zenk W. Yatsu & Ishikawa -- Tig Mask & George Takano lost to Ashura Hara & Tenryu -- Jumbo Tsuruta & Wajima W. Abdullah The Butcher & Jimmy Snuka -DQ. -- The V & Jerry Oats defeated Inouye & Teranishi -- The Great Kabuki W. Rocky Laukea

8/20/88 DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA

Gama Singh & Dilbar Tiger Singh W. Steve Roy & **Scrubber Daily**
Danny Voges W. Jumbo Big Daddy
Stu Simpson W. Judo Savage
Willie Oliveri DREW Flash Gordon
Tiger Elleppan W. Spider Nel
Les Van Der Westhuizen W. Koos Kruger

8/20/88 DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA

Tiger Jeet Singh W. Danie Brits
Vrystaat Bull W. Chad "Mean Machine 1" Vermeolen
Scott Ramdhani W. Johnny "Mean Machine 2" Barnes
Tarzan Morgan W. Ivan The Terrible
Andre Boshoff W. Ferdi Kemp -DQ.

8/27/88 PORTLAND, OREGON

The Assassin W. The **Avalanche**
Col DeBeers W. Steve Doll
Buddy Rose W. Art Barr
Al Madril W. The Assassin -C.O.R.
Billy Two Eagles W. **The Avalanche -DQ.**
Billy Two Eagles & Scott Peterson & The Assassin
DREW
The Grappler & Al Madril & Avalanche

8/28/88 JUAREZ, MEXICO

Dos Caras & Rey Misterio W. Angel Blanco & El 32
Villano #3 & #5 W. Flama Roja & Negro Casa
Halcon De Oro W. Eddy Guerrero
Asterisco & Vanessa W. Torando Negro & Septiembre Negro
Dorado Hernandez & La Gacela W. Jack Dillion -DQ. (Handicap Match)

8/29/88 MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Jerry Lawler & Kerry Von Erich W. Tommy Rich & Buddy Landell -DQ.
The Rock & Roll RPM's W. Billy Travis & Scott Steiner
Brickhouse Brown W. Phil Hickerson -DQ.
Jeff Jarrett & Bill Dundee W. Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden
Cactus Jack Foley W. Shawn Baker
Gary Young W. Ray Odyssey

8/31/88 STETTLER, CANADA

Steve DiSalvo W. Makhan Singh -DQ.
The Cuban Commandos N.C. Chris Benoit & Lance Idol
Johnny Smith W. Biff Wellington
Sky Low Low W. Cowboy Lang
Bruce Hart W. Goldie Rogers
Steve Blackman W. Gary Albright

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Saturdays 1:00 pm Channel 9 WWOR - The Wrestling Spotlight
Saturdays 2:30 pm Channel 41 WXTV - Capitol Wrestling Promotions in Spanish
from Puerto Rico.
Sundays 12:00 Noon Channel 5 WNYW - The Wrestling Challenge
Tuesday & Thursday at 11:00 pm in spanish The Wrestling Challenge & Wrestling
Superstar Fridays at 2:00am in the morning Channel 11 WPIX N.W.A Pro Wrestlin

THE VOICE OF THE MAT
ON THE ROAD

IND — 8817 St. George Schramm Hall -- Pittsburgh, PA
Saturday 10/01/88 -- ATT - 350 --

FOOD REPORT: Pittsburgh buddy Dave Savko and big Doug Traubert of West Virginia joined me for a pre-card dinner at the Tequila Junction restaurant in Pittsburgh's Station Square complex. Station Square is one of those revitalized sections of any major city where a shopping/entertainment/restaurant have become popular. It's similiar to Baltimore's Harborplace but not as gigantic in scope. However, Station Square is a super place and should not be missed if visiting Pittsburgh. At the Mexican restaurant, Doug was cautious and ordered your basic cheesburger and french fries. Doug exclaimed its virtues as the patty was huge and he was quite pleased. I opted for the strawberry margarita which is the only fancy drink I enjoy. It tastes like you're drinking a sweetened syrupy strawberry juice. It is usually good here but tonight the drink was on the salty side for some reason. I had the cheese and onion quesadillas and they were just fine. I prefer the flour tortillas in this country because American tacos always seem to break up in your hands when you take a bite from it. My quesadillas were filled with cheddar cheese, diced green onions, and cut into wedges for a delightful repast. If you're a fancier of key lime pie (Harry White, take note), Tequila Junction serves the best. Yes, I know it's not Mexican but Doug and I raved over the cool lemon-flavored, crusted and liberally sprinkled whipped cream concoction. Doug likes his pies and he said this one was fantastic. At the souvenir stand, the Tri-State wrestling promotion was selling its programs for \$2.00 and Michael Jackson buttons for 50¢ of all things. Now, promoted by Tri-State Wrestling, onto the matches:

(1) JONATHAN REAL, also known as Johnny Rotten, with manager CRABBY APPLETON pinned JUMPIN' JACK FLASH at 10:40 with a reverse sunset flip. * (A-) * **Best match of the night.** What a fantastic match! These guys tried just about everything. This is the best opener I've seen in a long time. Flash opened with a great flurry on Real. Real took control at 7:00 with a nice splash of the top turnbuckle followed closely by an impressive leg bomb off the top turnbuckle nailing Flash in the middle of the ring. Flash got back into it with a good snap suplex followed a couple of flying dropkicks. End came when they came turning each other over from Flash's sunset flip and Real grabbed onto Flash's tights to get the pin.

(2) IRISH "RED" WALSH, pinned KURT KAUFMANN at 8:40 with another reverse. * (C-) * Walsh is a big favorite as he attends St George Church and is a resident from the neighborhood. This was the best match I've seen Walsh in and the fans were cheering wildy for him. Kaufmann dove off the top turnbuckles with a flying body press onto Walsh who overturned Kaufmann to get the winning pin.

(3) JOHN "HERCULES" GAVIN pinned THE MIGHTY GOLIATH with manager MARK CURTIS at 11:53 to retain the prestigious Tri-State Heavyweight Title in a lumberjack match. * (B-) * Goliath is huge and I yelled at him "*How many Big Macs did you eat today?*" He retorted with: "*What did you say, fag?*" and pointing to Doug said: "*How many did he have?*" Dave Savko got riled up at this point and motioned to Goliath and yelled: "*he'll take you on*" (meaning big Doug). I think Doug was scared to death that Goliath would come after him. So was I. At 2:00, Goliath threw out Hercules and the lumberjacks got into it. It was a slow but well done slugfest between these two behemoths. Hercules threw out Goliath at 9:30 and Bill Fishinger, one of the lumberjacks, came over from his corner to give a hand in putting Goliath back into the ring came up with the best line of the night when he exclaimed to us, referring to Goliath "*It's like picking up a whale! The US Steel Building ain't that heavy!*". At 11:00, ref Bucky Palermo got sandwiched and took a header. Manager Mark Curtis got a chair and went to the ring to hit Hercules with it. However, Hercules ducked and hit Goliath by mistake and Hercules covered for the pin.

(4) BILL FISHINGER. "THE AMERICAN PATRIOT" pinned VLADIMIR MARKOFF with manager SAM SEIGAL at 8:45 with a sickle, of all things. * (C) * This match got very good heat. All you have to do to get the fans riled up in Pittsburgh is bring in the Iron Sheik or acquire a Russian. Vladimir wore a medal around his chest as he entered the ring. A nice timely touch. At 4:40 Fishinger executed two nice flying dropkicks followed by 3 hip tosses on Markoff. Crowd got into with "*USA! USA!*" chants. Fishinger had Markoff into a sleeper when Seigal came up to the ring to object. Fishinger let go of Markoff and slugged Seigal but Seigal held onto Fishinger to enable Markoff to pop Fishinger one. But Fishinger ducked and Markoff hit his manager in a switch and then Fishinger delivered a sickle to get the pin. An interesting match.

(5) THE SICILIAN BEAST & BARON NIKEL DONATELLI beat CHARMING CHUCK LEWIS & GENTLEMAN JAMES FOLGER to win the coveted Tri-State Tag Titles in a best 2 out of 3 fall matchup. * (C+) * Hooray! another title change I witnessed! Lewis and Folger had Crabby Appleton in their corner and the winners had Tank Sherman, a local top 40 disc jockey, in theirs. This was another interesting matchup with a unique twist. I got more abuse as Folger yelled at me for taking his picture with: "*I told you once, stop it! Get a police officer!*". Charming Chuck Lewis could pass for Sean Micheals' brother. The first match had the Beast taking turns inflicting punishment on Lewis and Folger. Beast picked up Folger and crotched him on the top rope at 6:30. Beast put Folger in a sleeper at 16:57 to win the first match. The second fall took only 1:57 as the team of Folger and Lewis won after the Baron did a very good monkeyflip on Folger but he got hung up in the wrong corner where the Baron got doubleteamed. The Baron opened up a mean gash on his forehead and the real Pa Commissioner Doctor stopped the fall because of blood. The Baron was taken to the lockerroom to be treated. The third fall had the Beast all by himself against Folger and Lewis. The Beast got the worst

of it until the Baron came out looking like one of those "Spirit of 76" soldiers all bandaged up around his head to make the save. It was bedlam in and out of the ring as the Baron took Appleton's golf club from him and belted everyone in his path. At 1:35 the Beast threw out Folger hard over the top ropes for a great fall. Beast then threw Lewis on the scorers' table which collapsed. At 5:01 after a couple of minutes of mass mayhem, the wounded Baron pinned Lewis with a piledriver to enable him and his partner the Beast to become the new Tri-State Tag Champs. (6) JUMPIN' JACK FLASH won a 9 Man Battle Royal in 5:10. * (B) * This was a fine battle royal. Order of elimination was Vladimir Markoff and Goliath who both went out within the first minute. Irish Red Walsh was then thrown out by Folger. The Beast and Bill Fishinger were the next to go. Bobby Adonis was next thrown out by Lewis. Another fun incident happened here as Adonis was catching his breath after getting thrown out, a lady came out who appeared to be his mom or aunt and she came over and planted a big kiss on her son/nephew's cheek. I loved it! And Adonis was a heel in the battle royal! Lewis, Folger and Flash now remained. Flash double dropkicked both guys and threw out Lewis and then Folger in quick and exciting fashion.

NOTES & STUFF: The show was downright fun. All the grapplers worked very hard and they seemed to enjoy being here. Their enthusiasm was a refreshing change. Most of them, including the heels, willingly signed autographs for the kids. I just wish this group can get more shows in the Pittsburgh area. Yes, I'll admit it. This was better than going to the Arena to see the WWF. The atmosphere created here watching these guys work their butts off was greatly appreciated. This group appears on cable in the city of Pittsburgh but they need to get on the suburban cable systems and have some sort of regular show to publicize themselves. Doug and Dave were very impressed with the show and they both indicated to me that they would return. Dave Creedon and Jay Steele were in attendance also. I have to agree with Dave Creedon and Anastasia Pantsios in their regard for independant shows like this one. They are good shows with wrestlers who care about their performances, since most of them are young guys willing to work hard or old wily veterans who wrestle for the love of the sport. This past Thursday, I had my interview for Deputy Commissioner with Commissioner Baer and his top aide, Jerry Parr. They indicated to me that my name will be recommended to the State Athletic Commission Office in Harrisburg and that I should become a Pennsylvania Deputy Commissioner within 6 weeks. Some good news on the TV front here in Pittsburgh. The NWA PRO WRESTLING show has been put on the air at the Saturday noon slot. Their show on November 11 at the Pittsburgh Civic Arena is still on but they have not done any advertising yet. My tentative line-up of upcoming shows:

CWA - TV Taping at WMC Studios - MEMPHIS, TN - SAT 10/8/88

CWA - MID-SOUTH COLISEUM - MEMPHIS, TN - MON 10/10/88

-- JOHN H. LANIGAN REPORT --

P.S. Does anybody remember who CRABBY APPLETON is or was? I can't remember.
John

UAWF/CWA — 8818 WMC-TV Studio -- Memphis, TN
Saturday 10/8/88 -- ATT - (estimated) - 200 --

FOOD REPORT: Reports 3818 and 3819 are part of my trip to the United Association of Wrestling Fans 1st Annual Convention held in Memphis from Friday October 7 thru Monday October 10. The UAWF held the convention at the Days Inn Riverside in Memphis. My home base in Memphis was at my Aunt Ann & Uncle Andy Tinnen's home in Ellendale, TN, about 45 minutes from the Days Inn. It's a fortunate thing that I stayed with my relatives as I gained about 10 pounds in 5 days eating all that good old Southern home cooking. I had at least 5 or 6 sausages and 10 biscuits every morning plus casserole chicken, homemade pizza, and the best roast I have ever had. Aunt Ann made a delicious carrot cake and strawberry shortcake to help quell any hunger pains that might have come along every two hours or so. Was I ever lucky! Tom Burke of Massachusetts and Donny Laible of New York told me that the Days Inn cook quit during the convention and that one of the poor harried waitresses stayed there for a 48 hour period. Aunt Ann and I arrived for our first function Friday evening to meet the other fans at a wine and cheese party. The hotel did bring out an impressive and delicious fruit tray. I didn't see any cheese but the fruit was fresh and delicious, especially the honeydew. The wine was white and plentiful. The highlight for me was meeting Jon Gallagher, the founding father of the UAWF. We settled our differences about two months ago and we did that Hogan-Savage handshake that no one observed nor cared to. Mary and little Kelly Gallagher were there and both were stunning as I have never met an unattractive expecting lady and 4 year old Kelly was as cute as a button and took a liking to my Aunt Ann immediately. Another highlight was finally meeting Harry White of St. Louis for the first time. Other folks I met here were Jamie Ward of Secane, PA, Jeff Seigal of Chicago, Danny Reilly of Connecticut, J.D. McKay and Bob Ivy of Mississippi, Rod Gerlach of Green Bay, Don Dawson of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, Luis Fortuna's great friend, John McAdam of New Hampshire, Randy Smith of Sinking Spring, Pa, Ron Dobratz of Illinois, and one of my all-time favorites, Al Costello of the legendary Kangaroos. Other guys there to renew friendships were my number #1 wrestling buddy, Ron Lemieux of Connecticut, Mike Gunter of North Carolina, Travis Brautigan of Houston, Andy Dragos of Van Nuys, California, Boyd Pierce of Texas, Tom Burke, Donny Liabile, Scott Dickinson of Massachusetts, Phil Dedrick of Illinois, who couldn't find a piece of good pecan pie, and Johnny Mercedes of Chicago. Last but not least was getting a big hug and kiss from Betsey Anderson of Boston. There were only several ladies here for this convention and I thought it detracted from the convention from being a more complete success.

On Saturday Aunt Ann and I met the fans at the WMC studios prior to the taping where I renewed my friendship with the legendary Dave Meltzer from San Jose who arrived earlier that morning after getting his Observer mailed out. Now, promoted by Jarrett Promotions, on to the TV taping matches:

(1) BILL DUNDEE & TODD MORTON beat KEITH ERIC & THE HANGMAN in a squash at 2:37. DUNDEE put a sleeper on Eric to get the pin. Todd is a lot bigger than Ricky Morton but does not have his namesake's ability yet in the ring. Lance Russell and Dave Brown were both here doing the TV announcing. I was shocked to see how small the TV studio was in person. It looks much larger on television.

(2) THE RPM'S. MIKE DAVIS & TOMMY LANE beat RODNEY NAPER & ALAN REYNOLDS in 58 seconds. The squash had a tremendous ending. LANE gave Naper an inverted atomic drop slam that looked very effective. Mike Davis has undyed his hair and it now appears in a reddish brown hue.

(3) SID VICIOUS pinned KEN RAPER in 2:16 with a leg bomb off the second rope. Vicious was the Humongous who wrestled recently in the Continental Alabama area. This guy is big and powerfully built. He looks taller than Hogan but not as wide as Hogan and Sid facially resembles Iron Mike Sharpe. He is big and mean and can go a long way in the wrestling world.

(4) BRICKHOUSE BROWN & JEFF JARRETT beat PHIL HICKERSON & CACTUS JACK at 4:05 by DQ when Robert Fuller interfered. * (C+) * Jarrett took the upper hand and the good guys prevailed. Brown threw a nice hip toss on Hickerson at 1:50. Hickerson took over on Jarrett with slugs and a clothesline at 3:13 but Brown interfered and the match broke down. Fuller and Jimmy Golden interfered for the DQ and the RPM's came to the ring all trying to take off Jarrett's loaded boot. However, Brown & Jarrett held off everyone in a nice surprise being outnumbered 6 to 2.

(5) JERRY "THE KING" LAWLER pinned TERRY ADONIS at 3:26. Adonis gave a clean break at the opening and the fans applauded but he then slapped Lawler the next time and the King slugged him out at 1:18. Adonis had Lawler in an arm lock but Lawler got out of it with a fist at 3:04 and the King pinned Adonis with his fist drop from the second ropes.

(6) JERRY "THE KING" LAWLER beat TERRY ADONIS with PHIL HICKERSON at 1:54 in a rematch. Lawler had Adonis in an arm lock but both grapplers collided with ref Jerry Calhoun and all three went down. Hickerson pulled off his shoe to hit Lawler who was being held by Adonis but Lawler ducked and Hickerson hit Adonis by mistake enabling Lawler to get the pin as the ref came to his senses.

NOTES & STUFF: After the studio matches, Aunt Ann, Ron Lemieux, Betsey Anderson, Dan Reilly and myself went to visit Graceland, the home of Elvis Presley. Sadly, Harry White was not with us as expected and I apologize to Harry for any screwups on my part. On the way due to Dan's insistence, we stopped at Bojangle's Chicken for a mid-day repast. I ordered the Buffalo chicken wings and everyone else ordered normal fare. I think they went to Buffalo to get my wings because everyone got their order immediately but me and we had to wait at least 15 minutes for my order. Aunt Ann and Betsey said their Cajun sandwich and biscuit were OK but Ron did not like his. However, Dan said his two piece chicken with dirty rice was "greasy but delicious" and was quite elated he ate at Bojangles. My Buffalo wings were very spicy. It tasted like they used one of those hot Mexican jalapeno chiles for the sauce. I must admit that there was ample chicken on the wings but I was unprepared for the sauce. I'm glad I ordered the large iced tea. Graceland was something

else. The parking lot was unique. It seemed that every state was represented here including one from Mexico. I never seen anything like it. Due to the large number of fans that visit Elvis's home during the weekend, we had to wait almost 1½ hours before taking the tour to Graceland. The grounds and exterior of Graceland were most beautiful. However, my tastes on interior decorating differ with Elvis. I did enjoy his billiard room which took 3 men ten days to put up the tapestry to completely cover the four walls and ceiling. We also saw Elvis's cars, his handball court and his Walk of Fame where all his gold records, outfits, awards and other memorabilia are displayed. It's a good thing Ken Levitt wasn't here as we would all still be trying to pry him from the residence. We all spent a moment at his gravesite to reflect on this remarkable superstar. Go and see Graceland when you visit Memphis.

On Sunday night, the UAWF held its first "Ring of Immortals" banquet. Prior to the banquet, I got to meet Eddie Gilbert, Mr. Lou Thesz, Debbie and Cora Combs, Missy Hyatt and Paul E. Dangerously. My Aunt Ann came up with the line of the evening when she was introduced to Paul E. she said: *"Paul, you don't look like yourself"*. For the first time in his career, I bet Paul was speechless. Everyone cracked up. Paul made my day as he came to me and shook my hand said: *"So you're John Lanigan, I read your reports all the time!"*. He made me feel like a million bucks. Missy made my day too when we discovered that our favorite wrestler is the Honkeytonkman. She cracked up when I pulled my photo of Honky out of my wallet. The food was mediocre. Aunt Ann complained about the cold rolls. I complained that the mashed potatoes were the instant variety. However, Harry White went back for seconds and so did Ron Lemieux who pigged out on a heaping plate of peach cobbler which was very good. I'm prejudiced because the Southern Style Cookin' banquet did not match my aunt's cooking on her worst day.

The William Wilson award for Correspondent of the Year presented by Dave Meltzer went rightfully to Ron Lemieux. Gee! I sure hope this doesn't go to his head. Tom Burke won the Terry Justice award for Fan of the Year presented by Donny Laible. Again, I can't think of a more deserving guy. I just wish Tom would stand up when he speaks. Ha! Ha! Promoter Sam DeCero, a real nice guy, presented the first Promoter Ring of Immortal Awards which were won by Vince McMahon Sr and Sam Muchnick. I voted for Mr. McMahon. The two Managers who became Immortals were Ernie Roth, aka The Grand Wizard, and Wild Red Berry. Paul E. did a nice job in accepting for the late Mr. Roth. Boyd Pierce won the Announcer Immortal this year presented by Lance Russell. This was the highlight for me hearing Lance and Boyd extol their love for wrestling. I'm glad I'll be getting a tape of the banquet just to hear their remarks. The two wrestlers who made the Immortals were Bruiser Brody and Lou Thesz. Lou looks like he could go into the ring right now at 70 years of age. I voted for Thesz, Gorgeous George and Frank Gotch. The banquet was a huge success and well done with videos of Brody and Thesz complementing their induction. Poor Jon Gallagher looked harried, worried and exhausted for the banquet all to no avail as it went very smoothly.

WRESTLING: The 10/13 team of Kevin and Kerry Von Erich, Steve Cox and Frank Dusek beat the Tennessee squad of Jerry Lawler, Jeff Jarrett, Bill Dundee and Eddie Marlin at the Mid-South Coliseum Monday night. In other matches, World Class light heavyweight champ Eric Embry beat Bill Justin; Jimmy Valiant beat Tommy Rich; Jarrett and Brickhouse Brown beat Robert Fuller and Jimmy Golden by disqualification; the Rock and Roll RPM's beat Dundee and Todd Morton; Phil Hickerson and Darryl Justin; Cactus Jack and Gary Young beat Cat Garrett and Allen Reynolds; and Scott Steiner beat Terry Adonis.

CWA — **8819** Mid-South Coliseum -- Memphis, TN
Monday 10/10/88 -- ATT - (estimated) - 2000 --

FOOD REPORT: Mike Gunter said that the nachos were crisp but the cheese sauce was very watery which made this morsel very unappealing. Jon Gallagher lamented to me that the hotdog was awful and that he is still searching for a "real red dog". One bright spot was Betsey Anderson reported that that corny dog was "the best and chewsome". At the souvenir stand, Jimmy Valiant was signing autographs and coerced me into buying his 45 record for \$3.00 which I gave to my Memphis buddy Scott Bowden for taping the 10/8 WMC IV show for me. Kerry Von Erich was signing autographs for \$4.00 and the famous Jeff Jarrett poster was going for \$5.00. The UAWF fans were festive and sad too as this would be the last opportunity to see one another until the following year. After the Star Spangled Banner, Ron Lemieux, Dan Reilly and myself sang "O' Canada" to Don Dawson to make him feel at home. Now, on to the matches:

(1) **SCOTT STEINER** pinned **BOBBY ADONIS** at 3:40. * (D+) * Both exchanged loud slaps at 1:10. Steiner did a nice arm drag on Adonis at 2:57 using only one arm, proceeded by a long arm lock followed by a stomp on Adonis' fingers at 3:40. End came when Steiner executed a nice back body drop, dropkick and body slam combination for the pin. Steiner and Cactus Jack are my two candidates for rookie of the year.

(2) **CACTUS JACK & GARY YOUNG** beat **ALAN REYNOLDS & CAT GARRETT** at 4:40. **CACTUS JACK** pinned **REYNOLDS**. * (D) * The Top Guns were no-shows and Lance Russell told the audience that John Paul of the Top Guns was injured. The opening was nice with a good flurry by Reynolds and Garrett bodyslamming their opponents at will. Jack took over at 3:09 on Reynolds and Young got in with a kneedrop at 4:11. The pin came when Cactus Jack delivered a Russian leg sweep on Reynolds.

(3) **PHIL HICKERSON** with manager **DOWNTOWN BRUNO HICKERSON**, as he likes to be called now since he's become Phil's adopted son, pinned **NATURE'S BEST DARRYL JUSTIN** at 6:28 to retain the CWA championship. * (D) * Justin put Hickerson in a headlock for the opening minutes and even climbed the post holding onto Phil. Hickerson picked up Justin at 4:10 and sideslammed him to gain the advantage and pummel Justin. Hickerson missed a leg bomb at 6:07 and Justin countered with a back bodydrop but Hickerson was ready for the second back bodydrop and nailed Justin with a DDT for the pin.

(4) **THE RPM'S, MIKE DAVIS & TOMMY LANE** with **DOWNTOWN BRUNO** beat **BILL DUNDEE & TODD MORTON** with Dundee's son **JAIME** in a strap stipulation match at 11:54. **TOMMY LANE** pinned **TODD MORTON**. * (C-) * If Bruno's team lost, Jaime could give Bruno 10 lashes with the belt and vice versa. Fans started yelling "Gumby! Gumby!" at Jaime and he made a crude gesture with his hips. Morton, Dundee & Jaime did a lot of illegal stuff

on Lane and the fans began to yell "Go Ricky! Go!" at Morton at 4:45. Bruno tripped up Morton but Jaime & his daddy came to the rescue and slugged out Bruno but the RPM's held the advantage on Morton who got flung into the corners at will. Match broke down and Morton did a flying body press on Lane and had him pinned but Davis used a chair on Morton to allow Lane to get the pin. After the match Bruno gave Jaime 5 lashes but Davis grabbed the belt and everyone got into it again and the winners fled the ring.

(5) BRICKHOUSE BROWN & JEFF JARRETT beat JIMMY GOLDEN & CACTUS JACK at 11:04 by DQ. * (B+) * Best match of the night. Robert Fuller came to the ring limping on his crutch claiming he was still unable to wrestle and that one of his Stable, Cactus Jack, would take his place. Bruno came down also to assist the Stable. It was all Jarrett & Brown for the opening as Jarrett used his loaded boot and Brickhouse cleaned house at 3:52. At 5:15 Fuller hit Jarrett in the back with his crutch and at 6:51 Jarrett fell out of the ring where Fuller & Bruno beat up on young Jeff who really is a fine worker. At 9:47 Jarrett loaded up his boot and popped Cactus Jack who bled buckets. Fuller then got involved and got DQed for hitting Jarrett with the crutch. Jack bled more than anyone I've ever seen. There was a pool of blood on the concrete where he landed after getting booted by Jarrett. Then Hickerson and the RPM's came to the ring to beat up on Brown and Jarrett but both the good guys held them all off by themselves. A great finish.

(6) ERIC EMBRY pinned NATURE'S BEST BILL JUSTIN to retain the WCCW Lightweight Title at 5:02. * (C-) * Both guys worked real hard and fans started yelling "Erica! Erica!" at 3:29. Embry took over at 4:00 with a fine standing suplex and finished off Justin with a headbutt dive off the top turnbuckle for the pin.

(7) JIMMY VALIANT beat TOMMY RICH by COR in a New York Street Rumble at 6:48 in a real bloodbath. * (C+) * Anything goes in this match as Valiant head-posted Rich at 39 and at 1:08 choked Rich with a hose. Valiant used a chair at 1:42 and by 2:32 Rich was covered with blood. At 3:26 Rich used a chair on Valiant and the Boogie Man bled at 3:57. Rich was all red. I bet he has bled enough blood to start his own blood bank. Ref Frank Morell went down at 6:17 and Phil Hickerson came down to help Rich but Dundee and Jarrett came down for the rescue enabling Valiant to get into the ring before Rich to win by countout. Lots of the fans were turned off by this match. I wasn't and can see why some of these guys bleed so much. The Eastern fans probably seen more blood in the last two matches than they have seen in the past 4 or 5 years.

(8) KEVIN VON ERICH, KERRY VON ERICH, STEVE COX & FRANK DUSEK beat BILL DUNDEE, JERRY LAWLER, JEFF JARRETT & EDDIE MARLIN in an 8-Man Texas/Tennessee Shoot-Out at 14:45. DUSEK pinned Marlin. * (B) * This was the best 8 Man match I have ever seen and I saw my last two with the 4 Horsemen. Both Kevin & Kerry received ½ cheers and boos. Little Kelly Gallagher sat on my aunt's lap during this match and I suggested that

this was the appropriate time to kidnap her because her parents were watching the main event. Shucks! My aunt just laughed along with Kelly. Jarrett and Kerry looked good and Jeff threw Kerry over the top ropes at 3:36. Match broke down for the first time at 4:24 with all 8 in the ring and ended with Lawler against Kerry at 5:26 with Kerry ending up bleeding during the first fracas. Kevin came in and kicked his brother in the crotch by mistake as Lawler jumped up at 7:07. At 8:01 Kevin put the claw on Lawler but Dundee interfered to break it up at 8:42. Kerry & Dundee got into it with Kerry coming out on top. Cox did a back bodydrop on Dundee at 10:12 who then got tripled-dropkicked by the Von Erichs and Dusek. Kevin was in on Dundee at 13:40 and shortly the match broke down again with Dusek pinning Eddie Marlin. This was a very exciting match done with very little stalling. The match sets up a cage match with Kerry against Lawler for another Title Unification attempt. Fans were really into this match as much as the preceding one.

NOTES & STUFF: The best line of the night was mine, I think, when during the first intermission, in line in the mens room, I was right behind Canadian Don Dawson and I said to him, *"Here's a good chance to get rid of all that acid rain"*. He smiled but it went over everyone else's heads in the boys room. Now to compare the two fans confabs. Both were really different from each other. The Dallas gettogether was among folks who have known each other a rather long time. This group had a strong local, Freddie Fargo, who got things planned that Jon Gallagher was unable to do because I don't think there was anyone locally helping out Jon with hotels, buses, local sightseeing activities, etc. The Dallas group had many more ladies and I missed them. I sit with mostly women in the shows at Pittsburgh and not seeing all the gals was my only critical aspect of the Memphis confab. This is no fault of Jon's. I just think it would be more fun to have the ladies there because they're more inclined to try other activities such as dancing, barhopping, shopping, and sightseeing than the guys and would have coaxed some of the guys into seeing something of Memphis besides the hotel, the TV studio, and Coliseum. The Memphis group was a younger one with lots of guys in their twenties but a real great group. It was nice to see because they'll keep wrestling alive when us real old folks decide to quit doing reports, conventions, etc. I would think the best thing to do is for the WFIA splinter group and the UAWF to combine forces. Jon Gallagher is the perfect convention president. He went out of his way to make everyone welcome and I applaud his efforts. I appreciated Jon's eagerness to listen and being available and affable to all. Jon has some great ideas and things worked because of his dedication. I probably will try and go to both conventions next year at Denver with the splinter group and the UAWF which may be in Atlanta or Chicago. However, two trips can get expensive and one big one would be the way to go. I would hate to play favorites in 1990 because I would be upset not going to one of them. The key here is that we should all be friends of wrestling and work toward that goal.

-- JOHN H. LANIGAN REPORT --

Continental Wrestling Federation

Mississippi Coliseum - Jackson, Mississippi

September 28, 1988

(1) PVT. PYLE v. DAVEY RICH

Rich won with a flying body press.
Not exciting, but an okay match.

(2) DIRTY WHITE BOY w/ Dirty White Girl v. DR. TOM PRITCHARD

Dr. Tom won by DQ when Jerry Stubbs interferred.
Dr. Tom is a favorite so that was a more interesting match.
Lots of laughs between DW Boy and an old drunk woman.
She really was heckling him when he started shouting, "Who brought that woman here?" "Did you", pointing to a man next to her. "Well, take her on back home." Of course that just made her keep on more and more. He finally yelled, "Woman, have you been drinking?" She held up her cup and nodded. (Really she could barely stand up she was so drunk.)
Anyway, the banter between them really kept everyone's attention, but the wrestling was also good.

(3) GRAPPLER II v. Nightmare Danny Davis.

Grappler won when he was given a foreign object by Ken Wayne who suddenly appeared at ringside.
It was an o.k. match, but not real exciting.

(4) SAMOAN WARRIOR and Mr. Allen Martin v. Humongous and Johnny Rich.

Humongous executed a clothesline and then a leg drop on Martin for the pin.
Samoan just a bit tooooooo fat. Humongous is tall and very nicely built, but not as big as the way they present him to be.
All in all, it was a good match.

(5) Bunkhouse rules match between Ken Wayne and Jerry Stubbs v. Willie B. Hert and Austin Idol.

Good match. Willie is very popular here as a good ole Mississippi boy. Seems so different from when he was being Shaska Whatley. It was the first match he was in that I really enjoyed. Austin Idol didn't really show me that much, I was disappointed as it was the first time I had seen him in person.

The Good guys won because Danny Davis came and took away a foreign object from Ken Wayne and hit Wayne with it so he was layed out for Idol to pin him. Of course referee Pee Wee Anderson didn't see the object or interference.

(6) Over* the top rope elimination - pole match for a check at the top of the pole (not sure what you'd call that)

(13) Danny Davis won. Others were Dirty Dutch Mantell. Austin Idol, Johnny Rich, Davey Rich, Ken Wayne, Grappler II, Dirty White Boy, Pvt. Pyle, Dr. Tom Pritchard, Allen Martin, Jerry Stubbs and Willie B. Hert.

Larry Zbyszko

W.

The Italian Stallion

Zbyszko pinned The Stallion after the use of a good neck-breaker.

Al Perez

DREW

Ron Simmons

Both ~~men~~ did everything they could think of to defeated the other. The end came as follows: Both were fighting outside the ring. The referee started his count. The bell sounded, before the referee finished his count. The match was ruled a time limit drew.

The Road Warriors (Animal & Hawk)

W.

Mike Rotundo & Rick Steiner -C.O.R.

The Warriors double clotheslined their opponents. This action sent Rotundo and Steiner out of the ring. The referee did not see this action. When the official turned around he saw Mike and Rick on the arena floor. He started to count. Both did not make it back into the ring on time. The Road Warriors were then declared the winners by count out.

Kevin Sullivan

W.

Eddie Gilbert

Sullivan pinned Gilbert, after the use of the spike in Gilbert's groin.

The Russian Assassins

W.

Ivan & Nikita Koloff

One of The Assassins pinned Nikita, after the use of a foreign object on his head.

Barry Windham

W.

The Stinger - C.O.R.

The Finale occurred as follows: Both men were fighting outside the ring. Barry rammed The Stinger's neck into the gate that seperates the fans from the ring. The referee was taking the count. Barry, then, made it back into the ring before the offical finished his count. The Stinger was still on the arena floor. He was then counted out, outside the ring. This match was very good with alot of action. Both men looked great in mat action.

The Midnight Express

W.

The Fantastics

Tommy Rogers was trying to suplex Bobby Eaton. Lane came in and tripped Rogers leg. Eaton, then, fell on top of Rogers and pinned him.

James J. Dillon

W.

Jim Cornett (steel Cage Match)

Dillon won this match by pin, after punching Cornett in the head.

M.G.

9/1/88 SALEM, OREGON / Steve Doll DREW The Grappler -- Al Madril W.
Billy Two Eagles -- Top Gun W. Col DeBeers -DQ. Steve Doll & Peterson W.
Buddy Rose & Avalanche -- Top Gun won a battle royal.

9/1/88 RIMBY, CANADA / Makhan Singh D.C.O.R. Steve "Strangler" DiSalvo
Chris Benoit & Lance Idol W. The Cuban Commandos -- Cowboy Lang W. Sky
Low Low -- Johnny Smith W. Biff Wellington -- Bruce Hart W. Goldie
Rogers -- Gary Albright W. Steve Blackman

9/2/88 MEXICO CITY, MEXICO / Mil Mascaras & Enrique Vera W. El Canek &
El Gran Markus, Jr. -- Anibal & Atlantis & Principe Island W. Brazo De Oro &
Kung Fu & Indomito -- Impacto & Villano 1 & 4 W. Los Temerarios -- Arquero
Del Espacio W. Cosaco Asesion -DQ. -- Amenaza Axteca & Ciclon Azul W. El
Valiente & Cachorro Negro -- Dios Rojo, Jr. & Dios Negro, Jr. W. Oro 1 & 2

9/3/88 YUREKA, CALIFORNIA / The Beast W. Louis Spicolli -- Terrible Tim
Jones W. Bulldozer Tony Palasano -- Reggie Beenett W. The Flame -- Billy
Anderson & Tim Patterson W. Harley Davidson & Jim Gibbs -- Bob Bradley, Jr.
defeated Chacal Rivera -DQ. -- Tony Palasano won a battle Royal.

9/3/88 EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA / Steve Disalvo W. Makhan Singh -DQ.
The Cuban Commandos W. Lance Idol & Chris Benoit -- Johnny Smith W. Bruce
Hart -DQ. -- Gary Albright W. Biff Wellington -- Steve Blackman W. Bill
Jodoin -- Goldie Rogers W. Akam Singh

9/4/88 FORT WORTH, TEXAS / Terry Gordy W. John Tatum
The Samoans W. Kerry & Kevin Von Erich -DQ. -- Black Bart W. Matt Borne
Wild Bill Irwin W. Jimmy Jack Funk -- Steve Cox W. Jack Victory -- Michael
Hayes W. King Parsons -DQ.

9/5/88 MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE / Phil Hickerson W. Jeff Jarrett
Jerry Lawler & Jimmy Valiant W. Tommy Rich & Buddy Landell -- Robert
Fuller W. Bill Dundee -- Brickhouse Brown W. Jimmy Title -- The Rock &
Roll RPM's W. Billy Travis & Shawn Baxter -- Cactus Jack Foley W. Scott
Steiner -- Gary Young W. Ray Oddesee

9/6/88 KUJI, JAPAN / Miss A DREW Eagle Sawai -- Kandori & Harley Saito W.
Devil Masami & Yamazaki

9/6/88 KUMAMOTO, JAPAN / Lioness Asuka W. Komatsu -- The Jumping Bomb
Angles W. Maeda & Takahashi

9/9/88 NAGASAKI, JAPAN / The Super Strong Machine W. Ron Starr -- Fujiwara
defeated The Great Kokina -- Bam Bam Bieglow W. George Takano -- Masa
Saito & Cho Shu W. The Gasper Brothers

9/9/88 DALLAS, TEXAS / Eric Embry W. Vince Apollo -- Tim Brooks W. Kendall
Windham -- The Beast W. Dan Fowler -- The Super Ninja W. Jerry Newton
Terry Gordy W. Ice Man King Parsons -DQ. -- Steve Cox & Bill Irwin W. The
Samoan Swat Team -DQ. -- Jerry Lawler N.C. Kerry Von Erich

9/9/88 DERBY, ENGLAND / Iron Fist DREW Johnny Elijah -- Pete Roberts W.
Caswell Martin -- Ray Rogers W. Akan Singh -- Steve Goron W. Gary
Robinson

9/10/88 PORTLAND, OREGON / Top Gun W. The Grappler -- Steve Doll W. Al
Madril -DQ. -- Two Eagles DREW Sandy Barr

9/10/88 DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA / Stu Simpson W. Jumbo Big Daddy -- Steve &
Shaun Simpson W. Steve Ray & The Masked Invader -- Flash Gordon W. Leon
Venter -- Mat Borne D.DQ. Gama Singh -- Abdul Kader W. Koos Kruger

9/12/88 MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE / Gary Young DREW Billy Travis -- **The Rock &**
Roll RPM's W. Shawn Baxter & Ray Odyssey -- Brickhouse Brown W. Cactus
Jack Foley -- Phil Hickerson W. Jeff Jarrett -- Bill Dundee & Jimmy
Valiant W. Jimmy Golden & Robert Fuller -- Jerry Lawler & Kerry Von Erich
defeated Buddy Landell & Tommy Landell

9/14/88 DOUGLAS, ENGLAND / Princess Paula W. Busty Keegan -- Salvo The
Gypsy W. Micky Williams -DQ. -- Gentelman Athol Hathaway W. Birmingham
Bill -- Dave Ward DREW Jim Chan

9/15/88 LONDON, ONTARIO, CANADA / Tony Atlas D.C.O.R. The Iron Sheik
The Heart-Breakers D.DQ. The Wild Samoans -- Johnny V W. Johnny K-9
Special Delivery Jones DREW Jerry Graham, Jr. -- Calypso Jim W. Prince
Muhammed -- Olympia Hartower W. Sheena The Voodoo Queen -- Little Wolf W.
Farmer Pete

9/16/88 KANSAS CITY, KANSAS / Jason Sterling W. J.R. Hogg -- The Grim
Reaper W. Rip McCord -- Chris Adams DREW Eddie Gilbert -- Tommy & Doug
Gilbert W. Teddy Love & Chuck Singer -- Mike George W. Chris Adams

9/16/88 DALLAS, TEXAS / Kerry Von Erich & Kendall Windham W. The Ice Man &
The Beast -- Kendall Windham W. Killer Tim Brooks -- Jimmy Jack Funk D.DQ.
Wild Bill Irwin -- Michael Hayes & Steve Cox W. The Samoan Swat Team
Terry Gordy W. John Tatum

9/17/88 DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA / Gama Singh W. Matt Borne -- Steve Simpson &
Danny Voges W. Lance Von Erich & Steve Ray -- Shaun Simpson W. The Masked
Invader -- Stu Simpson W. Spider Nel -- Kalahari Boerboel W. John Powers
Les Van Der Westhuizen W. Gert Strydom

9/18/88 MARIETTA, GEORGIA / Moondog Spot W. Eddie Sweat -- Joey Maggs &
Mike Rose DREW The Southern Boys -- John Michaels W. Steve Lawler -DQ.
Mr. Wrestling #2 W. Dutch Mantell -C.O.R. -- Moondog Spot W. Chic Donovan
Steve Pritchard W. Ken Mantell -- Tommy Rich W. The Bullet -- Al Minnelli
and Steve Lawler W. Mike Rose & Charlie Allen

9/18/88 LAKE LAND, FLORIDA / Lou Perez DREW Frank Lancaster -- Dustin
Rhodes W. Rex King -- Brett Sawyer & Mark Starr W. Jimmy Backlund & Scott
The Body -- Dick Slater W. Johnny Ace -- Mike Graham & Steve Keirn W. The
Star Riders

9/23/88 TILLSONBURG, ONTARIO, CANADA

Chico Fernandez W. Mad Dog Rex -DQ.
The Voodoo Queen W. Silver Rose
Preety Boy Chuck Simms D.C.O.R. Buster Bloodborth
The Canadian Giant W. Eric The Red -DQ.

9/28/88 MEXICO CITY, MEXICO

Mil Mascaras & Halcon & Enrique Vera
W.

The Killer & Cien Caras & Mascara Ano Dos Mil
Fantasma & Solmar & Falcon

W.

Cuchillo & Universo Dos Mil & Negro Navarro
Lola Gonzales & Suleyma W. India Azteca & India Souix
Depredador & Cosmos W. Rayo Dorado & Mando Amezcua

9/29/88 MIAMI, FLORIDA

Attendance was 6,700

Jim Powers W. Iron Mike Sharpe

The Hart Foundation (Jim Neidhart & Brett Hart)

W.

The Rougeau Brothers (Raymond & Jacques)

Ax & Smash (The Demolition)

W.

The British Bulldogs (The Dynamite Kid & Davey Boy Smith)

Greg "The Hammer" Valentine W. Don "The Rock" Muraco

Jake "The Snake" Roberts W. Ric Rude

Curt "Mr. Perfect" Henning W. Jumping Jim Brunzell

The Blue Blaser W. Barry Horowitz

Hulk Hogan The Former World Wrestling Federation Heavyweight Champion defeate
The Big Bossman. The Bossman was counted out, after Hogan clotheslined him.
This action sent him out of the ring on to the arena floor. The Boss Man did
not return to the ring before the referee finished his count. The Bossman was
then counted out, outside the ring.

9/30/88 WELLS, ENGLAND

Iron Fist W. John Hurley

Pete Roberts W. Justin Myers

Ian Brown & Ben Alexander

W.

The Outlaws

Danny Boyle DREW Jack Borrax

THE WORLD OF NOSTALGIA

THIRTY NINE YEARS AGO, 10/11/49 MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Bob Burns W. Bob Wagner

Verne Gagne W. Tony Verdie

Ray Villmer DREW Johnny Long

Paul Stanlee W. Charro Azteca

THIRTY NINE YEARS AGO, 1958 BUFFALO, NEW YORK PROMOTER PEDRO MARTINEZ

Jan. 3, 1958 Buffalo, N.Y.
Big Bill-Ed Miller drew Roy McClarity-
Whipper Billy Watson.
Frank Townsend won Frank Fozo.
Bobo Brazil won Wild Bill Austin.
Dan Miller won Pierre LaSalle.
Fred Atkins drew Joe Blanchard.
(Att.-3226)

Jan. 10, 1958 (Att.-7223)
Gorgeous George won Frank Townsend.
Bobo Brazil won Hi Lee.
Lord Littlebrook-Little Beaver won
Sky Low Low-Fuzzy Cupid.
Joe Blanchard won Frank Fozo.
Fred Atkins drew Tony Baillargeon.

Jan. 17, 1958 (Att.-5531)
Whipper Watson won Gorgeous George.
Ed-Bill Miller won Al Costello-Roy
Heffernan. (The Kangaroos)
Bobo Brazil won Jim Bernard.
Pat Flanagan drew Tony Baillargeon.
Joe Blanchard drew Dan Miller.

Jan. 24, 1958 (Att.-8277)
Argentina Rocca won Dr. Jerry Graham.
The Kangaroos vs Big Bill-Ed Miller-
Both teams Disq.
Bobo Brazil won Harry Lewis.
Lord Littlebrook won Ivan the Terrible.
Dan Miller won Tony Baillargeon.

Jan. 31, 1958 (Att.-8464)
Bobo Brazil won Ed Miller-UTC.
(UTC - unable to Continue)
Yukon Eric won Baron Gattoni-Disq.
The Kangaroos won Fred Atkins-
Frank Fozo.
Roy McClarity won Tony Baillargeon.
Madman Martin won Maurice LaPointe.

Feb. 7, 1958 (Att.-8511)
Bill-Ed Miller won The Kangaroos.
Bobo Brazil won Dan Miller.
Yukon Eric won Madman Martin.
Baron Gattoni won Dick Derwald.
Fred Atkins drew Roy McClarity.
Pat Flanagan won Frank Fozo.

Feb. 14, 1958 (Att.-7143)
Yukon Eric-Roy McClarity drew
Big Bill-Ed Miller.
Bobo Brazil won Baron Gattoni.
Fritz Von Erich won Frank Townsend-COR.
Tony Baillargeon drew Pierre LaSalle.
Dan Miller won Adrian Baillargeon.

Feb. 21, 1958 (Att.-5226)
Bobo Brazil drew Fritz Von Erich-Both COR.
Dr. Big Bill Miller won Roy McClarity.
The Kangaroos won Fred Atkins-Madman Martin.
Tony Baillargeon vs Joe Blanchard.
Maurice LaPointe vs Frank Fozo.

Feb. 28, 1958 (Att.-7115)
Bobo Brazil won Fritz Von Erich.
Tarzan Killer Kowalski won Joe Blanchard.
Wilbur Snyder won Madman Martin.
Roy McClarity won Wally Greb.
Ed-Dan Miller drew The Kangaroos.

March 7, 1958 (Att.-8143)
Bobo Brazil drew Gene Kiniski.
Reggie-Stan Lisowski won Adrian-Tony Baillargeon.
Wilbur Snyder won Pierre LaSalle.
Roy McClarity won Maurice LaPointe.
Pat Flanagan drew Fred Atkins.

March 14, 1958 (Att.-7404)
Bobo Brazil drew Bill Miller.
Ed-Dan Miller won Lord Athol Layton-Frank Townsend.
Wilbur Snyder won Frank Fozo.
Stan Lisowski won Maurice LaPointe.
Reggie Lisowski won Waldo Von Sieber.

March 21, 1958 (Att.-7464)
Whipper Billy Watson-Bobo Brazil won Ed-Dan Miller.
Bill Miller won Lord Layton-Disq.
Baron Gattoni drew Frank (Farmer Boy) Townsend.
Johnny Rougeau won Frank Hurley.
Fred Atkins drew Maurice LaPointe.

March 28, 1958 no card.

April 4, 1958 (Att.-5223)
Bobo Brazil won Gene Kiniski-Disq. (Gene shook Bobo's
hand after the match, leaving fans speechless.)
Lord Littlebrook-Tiny Tim won Irish Jackie-
Ivan the Terrible.
Lord Layton won Madman Martin.
Dick Beyer drew Johnny Rougeau.
Tim Geohagen won Al Korman.

April 11, 1958 no card.

April 18, 1958 (Att.-4707)
Bill-Ed Miller drew Whipper Watson-Bobo Brazil.
Dan Miller won Adrian Baillargeon.
Tim Geohagen drew Tony Baillargeon.
Baron Gattoni won Maurice LaPointe.
Bibber McCoy won Frank Hurley.

April 25, 1958 (Att.-4226)
Bobo Brazil won Ed Miller-Disq.
Reggie-Stan Lisowski won Tim Geohagen-Frank Townsend.
Bill Miller won Ken Kenneth.
Dan Miller won Maurice LaPointe.
Wilbur Snyder won Wally Greb.

May 2, 1958 no card.

May 9, 1958 Buffalo, N.Y.
Big Bill Miller drew Bobo Brazil.
Lord Layton drew Ed Miller.
Wilbur Snyder won Dan Miller.
Lord Littlebrook-Tiny Tim won
Ivan the Terrible-Irish Jackie.
Pat Flanagan won Martino Angelo.

May 16, 1958
Reggie-Stan Lisowski won
Big Bill-Ed Miller.
Wilbur Snyder won Fred Atkins.
Wild Bill Longson won Frank Townsend.
Dan Miller drew Tim Geohagen.
Bibber McCoy drew Abe Zvonkin.

May 23, 1958
Reggie-Stan Lisowski won
Bobo Brazil-Yukon Eric-Disq.
Lord Layton won Baron Gattoni-Disq.
Bill Longson won Adrian Baillargeon.
Fred Atkins won Tony Baillargeon.
Tony Simon drew Abe Zvonkin.

June 6, 1958 Buffalo, N.Y.
Bobo Brazil won Paul Bunyan.
Ivan-Karol Kalmikoff won Lord Layton-
Tim Geohagen.
Dan Miller won Frank Townsend.
Baron Gattoni won Tony Simon.
Pat Flanagan won Abe Zvonkin.

June 13, 1958
Antonino Rocca won Baron Gattoni.
Reggie-Stan Lisowski won
Lord Layton-Frank Townsend.
Dara Singh won Harry Lewis.
Bob Orton won Adrian Baillargeon.
Tim Geohagen drew Fred Atkins.

June 20, 1958
Whipper Watson won Gene Kiniski.
Verne Gagne drew Hans Schmidt.
Dick the Bruiser won Jackie Nichols.
Ivan-Karol Kalmikoff won
Wilbur Snyder-Vic Christy.
Bob Orton won Herb Gerwig.
Paul Carpentier won Red O'Malley.
Steve Stanlee drew Dan Miller.

June 27, 1958
Bobo Brazil won Stan Lisowski.
Reggie Lisowski won Yukon Eric.
Little Beaver won Fuzzy Cupid.
Dara Singh-Tim Geohagen won
Fred Atkins-Baron Gattoni-Disq.
Lee Henning drew Vic Christy.

Aug. 15, 1958 Buffalo, N.Y.
Lou Thesz won Ed Miller-Disq.
Bill-Dan Miller drew Reggie-Stan Lisowski.
Wilbur Snyder won Karl (Killer) Kulaski.
Fred Atkins drew Leo Garibaldi.
Dick Beyer won Tiger Tasker.

Sept. 5, 1958
Whipper Watson-Bobo Brazil won Bill-Ed Miller.
Wilbur Snyder drew Dick Beyer.
Leo Garibaldi won Lee Henning-Disq.
Tony Marino won Tiger Tasker.
Maurice LaPointe won Al Korman.

Sept. 12, 1958
DICK HUTTON drew Bobo Brazil.
Guy-Joe Brunetti drew Ivan-Karol Kalmikoff.
Hans Schmidt won Maurice Lapointe.
Roy McClarity won Killer Kulaski.
Tony Marino drew Lee Henning.

Sept. 19, 1958
Hans Schmidt won Bobo Brazil-Disq.
Guy-Joe Brunetti won Fred Atkins-Lee Henning.
Maurice LaPointe won Killer Kulaski.
Roy McClarity won Tony Marino.
Leo Garibaldi drew Steve Stanlee.

Sept. 26, 1958
Hans Schmidt vs Guy Brunetti-Both Disq.
Bobo Brazil won Baron Gattoni.
Ivan-Karol Kalmikoff won Joe Brunetti-Steve
(Mr. America) Stanlee.
Lord Layton won Karl (Killer) Kulaski.
Pat Flanagan drew Tony Marino.

Oct. 3, 1958
Hans Schmidt won Bobo Brazil.
Masked Marvel won Tony Marino.
Guy-Joe Brunetti won Fred Atkins-Lee Henning.
Ilio DiPaolo won Killer Kulaski.
Roy McClarity won Steve Stanlee.

Oct. 10, 1958
Hans Schmidt drew Bobo Brazil.
Cowboy Bradley-Farmer McGregor won
Sky Low Low-Pee Wee James.
Masked Marvel won Steve Stanlee.
Dick (the Bruiser) Afflis won Danny Ferrazza.
Ilio DiPaolo won Firpo Zbyszko.
Roy McClarity won Killer Kulaski.

Oct. 17, 1958
Guy-Joe Brunetti drew Hans Schmidt-Ludwig von
Krupp.
Ilio DiPaolo won Al Albertino.
Masked Marvel won Tim Geohagen.
Lord Layton drew Fred Atkins.
Lee Henning drew Tony Marino.

Oct. 24, 1958 Buffalo, N.Y.
Hans Schmidt won Masked Marvel-Disq.
Guy-Joe Brunetti won Baron
Gattoni-Al Albertino.
Verne Gagne won Lee Henning.
Ilio DiPaolo won Wally Greb.
Tim Geohagen drew Tony Marino.

Nov. 7, 1958
Ilio DiPaolo dec. Masked Marvel.
Little Beaver-Tiny Tim won
Fuzzy Cupid-Irish Jackie.
Don Arnold won Baron Gattoni.
Doc-Mike Gallagher won
Tony Marino-Pat Flanagan.
Fred Atkins drew Maurice LaPointe.

Nov. 14, 1958
Argentina Rocca won Bill Miller-Disq.
Guy-Joe Brunetti drew Doc-Mike
Gallagher.
Miguel Perez won Harry Lewis.
Don Arnold won Tarzan Tourville.
Tony Marino won Wally Greb.

Nov. 21, 1958
Masked Marvel won Hans Schmidt-Disq.
Ilio DiPaolo won Dan Miller.
Bill-Ed Miller won Don Arnold-
Roy McClarity.
Joe Brunetti won Maurice LaPointe.
Fred Atkins drew Baron Gattoni.

Nov. 28, 1958
Bobo Brazil won Hans Schmidt-Disq.
Guy-Joe Brunetti drew Doc-Mike
Gallagher.
Miguel Perez won Wally Greb.
Roy McClarity drew Baron Gattoni.
Don Arnold won Al Albertino.

Dec. 5, 1958 no card.

Dec. 12, 1958
Ilio DiPaolo won Masked Marvel. (unmasked as
Jim (Bull) Wright)
Doc-Mike Gallagher won Guy-Joe Brunetti.
Lord Littlebrook-Cowboy Bradley won
Tiny Roe-Bull Brummell.
Baron Gattoni drew Don Arnold.
Bobby Brown won Al Albertino.

Dec. 19, 1958
Ilio DiPaolo won Jim Wright.
Bill-Ed Miller won Roy McClarity-Don Arnold.
Farmer McGregor-Billy the Kid won
Tom Thumb-Tiny Roe. (midgets)
Doc Gallagher drew Guy Brunetti.
Joe Brunetti drew Mike Gallagher.
Bobby Brown won Al Warshawski.

Dec. 26, 1958 Buffalo, N.Y.
Ilio DiPaolo won Ed Miller.
Cowboy Bradley-Billy the Kid won Tom Thumb-
Tiny Roe. (midgets)
Hombre (Man Mt.) Montana won Mule Malone.
Bobby Brown won Baron Gattoni-Disq.

NOTES: Fred Atkins passed away May 13, 1988 at the age of 77. He lived in Ontario after coming from Australia. One year in the 1970's he trained the Buffalo Sabres hockey team. Large defenseman Jim Schoenfeld stated that Fred was still no one to mess with, being one powerful guy. Fred once held the British Empire championship, as recognized in Canada. Likely he was a very good shooter.

Karl (Killer) Kulaski was Karl Kowalski. Likely he was called Kulaski, so not to confuse him with Wladek (Killer) Kowalski.

It seems that the promoters of that era felt that brother tag teams were better drawing cards. So they came up with new family members. Guy Brunetti and Joe Tangaro were a top team around St. Louis. When they hit the East, Tangaro became Joe Brunetti. Stan Holek was made into Reggie Lisowski's brother Stan. Karol Krauser became Karol Kalmikoff.

Of course there were real brother teams. Adrian and Tony Baillargeon, from Quebec, were two of a large family of wrestlers. Paul, Lionel, and Jean Baillargeon were other brothers of the mat sport.

Dr. Bill Miller and Dan were real brothers. ~~It is likely Ed Miller was all so.~~
Wally Greb (Grabek) told me that the promoter wanted him known as Mule Malone. So he tried it. The fans knew who he was.

The Up & Comers

Entrepreneurs

With TitanSports, Inc., wrestling promoter Vince McMahon has built a well-oiled marketing machine. Whoever thought wrestling would turn into this?

"We want to be like Disney"

By Christopher Palmeri

MONDAY MORNING, and another limousine pulls up to another mansion in exclusive Greenwich, Conn. This limo, however, is not headed for Wall Street. It is headed for nearby Stamford, where its occupant, a strapping 6-foot-3 amateur bodybuilder, name of Vince McMahon, is building a serious business out of the least serious of sports—professional wrestling. The World Wrestling Federation, a subsidiary of TitanSports, which is wholly owned by McMahon, now spreads through three buildings in Stamford. It has already outgrown the office building he bought for it just two years ago.

The WWF owes its success to a simple—some say simply brilliant—marketing strategy conceived by Vince McMahon. Professional wrestling has always been popular with a particular kind of adult who enjoys watching 300-pounders toss one another around a ring in a carefully choreographed "contest," in which a Good Guy clobbers a Bad Guy and no one gets hurt. In the Forties it was an All-American trouncing a Nazi. In the Boesky-bashing climate of the late Eighties a nasty

piece of work called the Million Dollar Man is a popular Bad Guy. Whatever the fashion in heroes and villains, McMahon, like no one before him, figured out a way to leave behind

professional wrestling's origins in gamey gymnasiums and regularly put his shows in the same arenas where people take their kids to watch the Ice Capades or a traveling Sesame Street show—with television and product marketing blended into the package.

The last thing McMahon needs is any notion that professional wrestling is an athletic competition. "We are the wonderful hybrid of sports and entertainment," brags WWF's marketing director, Basil DeVito Jr. "When you walk into an arena that has WWF on the bill—the pictures, the show, the music—it's all part of a bigger goal to entertain you from the minute you walk in. We want to be like Disney."

The WWF sold \$80 million worth of tickets to live wrestling shows last year. Add that to merchandise sold at the shows, advertising sales on WWF television programs, videos and other sources of revenue, and you have a company grossing \$145 million. Retail sales of such things as

wrestling lunch boxes and action figures account for another \$170 million; the 3% licensing fee that the WWF collects on this is just gravy to the bottom line. In all, FORBES estimates that the company had a cash flow last year of around \$19 million. "Live events are our business," says DeVito. "They have always been the mainstay and the lion's share of our business."

McMahon was born to the sport. His grandfather promoted boxing and professional wrestling events in the early 1900s. McMahon's father took over in the 1950s and led the World Wrestling Federation at a time when promoters operated in regions with well-defined boundaries. The WWF controlled the Northeast, including New York City. Vincent, now in his early 40s, joined the company in 1968 with no scruples about invading other territories; in 1982 he bought out his father. Then he began applying pressure in earnest.

McMahon declined to be interviewed for this article.



Vince McMahon, with wrestler Jesse Ventura
"I do my own thinking, got a lot of big plans."

persuasive account of what drives him in a song he sings on *Piledriver*, one of two albums the WWF has released:

They never understood the kind of man I am.

I do my own thinking, got a lot of big plans.

I'm a man running wild, beading for the top,

Never slowing down, never going to stop.

Along the way you're going to see a lot of men drop.

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Blithely ignoring wrestling's former boundaries, McMahon stole stars from other promoters and bought time on local TV stations to air his wrestling shows. WWF events are now staged in 48 states and 7 countries year-round.

McMahon spent last summer working on an action-adventure movie he is producing independently. He chose to film in Atlanta, where promoter Jim Crockett has a satellite office. He cast Hulk Hogan, wrestling's biggest star, to play a wrestler named Rip Rohrem in the film. He had lured Hulk away from another promoter in Minneapolis five years ago to wrestle for the WWF. Says Crockett, now the nation's second-biggest wrestling promoter, without rancor: "Six or seven years ago there were 26 active and successful wrestling promoters in the U.S. Right now, I consider Vince and I the only active and successful left."

McMahon obviously thinks he has all the leverage he needs to stay on top. Many of the 80 wrestlers WWF employs have to think that they now hold the most lucrative jobs they'll ever find. So, dealing with mercurial stars, however vexing it is elsewhere in show biz, is not much of a trial at WWF. In 1984 the WWF fired a wrestler who hit ABC newsmen John Stossel after the reporter asked him if wrestling matches were fake. Less than two years ago one of the WWF's biggest stars, the Iron Sheik, found himself suspended very soon after being picked up for cocaine possession in New Jersey. The charges were later dropped.

McMahon personally controls all of what the consumer sees of the WWF, including the production of magazines, programs, posters, videos and records featuring WWF stars and events. The WWF produces five television shows internally—three syndicated nationally, two offered to the USA Network—that are tailor-made to promote shows in local markets.

McMahon used to pay TV stations to air his programs; now they play his shows at no charge and take a piece of advertising revenues generated by WWF's sales force. For a 30-second spot on a WWF wrestling show, advertisers like Hostess, Mars and the National Dairy Association will sometimes pay half of what they would for a sitcom delivering the same number of bodies. But the WWF does all right over and above the ad revenues—the TV exposure definitely helps build the live gate.

How long the good times will roll at WWF is hard to say, but for now the going is still good. The company has consistently had one of the top ten television shows in syndication. It has four of the top-selling sports videos (beating even Jane Fonda), and last year's Wrestlemania III extravaganza

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set an attendance record for any indoor event at the 90,000-seat Silverdome in Pontiac, Mich. The WWF now produces foreign-language editions of its television shows, some of which coincide with newly scheduled events overseas.

Pay-per-view cable may also hold promise for McMahon's WWF. This year's Wrestlemania IV was held at the much smaller Trump Plaza but grossed a record \$30 million thanks to 1 million pay-TV fans who paid \$15 per household. The WWF is strengthening its leadership in pay-per-view by diversifying. McMahon recently acquired the rights to broadcast a Sugar Ray Leonard fight this November. "Before you and I are old and gray," says DeVito, "the WWF will have played every kind of venue everywhere."

Vince McMahon is now easily a centimillionaire—the WWF alone is worth some \$100 million, say experts in the entertainment industry. Some of the same experts think that, in the WWF's hands, wrestling has a shot at becoming a staple in America's entertainment diet. "They've got the secrets as to the product and the characters," says Jon Findley, program director at Fox' WNYW-TV in New York, which carries two of WWF's shows. "I really think there is some longevity to it because they are handling it so well." Six years ago, would anyone have believed he was talking about professional wrestling? ■

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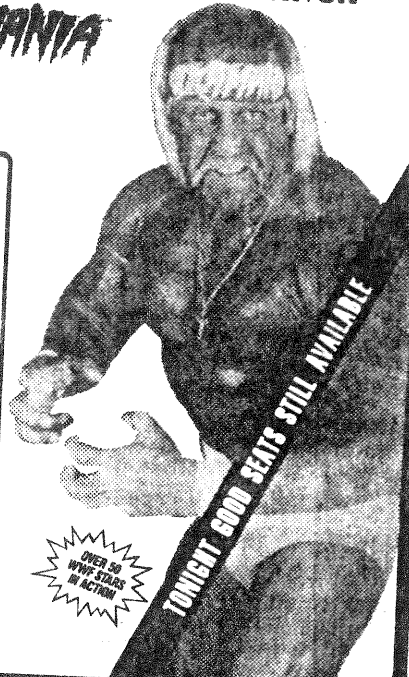
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