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CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING



TONIGHT'S OFFICIAL LINE-UP



RAPIDES PARISH COLISEUM — SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30th, 1988 — ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA

N.W.A. World Championship

NATURE BOY RIC FLAIR

vs.

LEX LUGER

World Tag Team Title

THE MIDNIGHT EXPRESS
with Jim Cornette

VS.

THE ROAD WARRIORS
with Paul Ellering

U.S. Championship

BARRY WINDHAM
with J.J. Dillon

vs.

DR. DEATH STEVE WILLIAMS

STING and GORGEOUS JIMMY GARVIN
with Precious and Rick Steiner

vs.

**MIKE ROTUNDA and
KEVIN SULLIVAN**

NIKITA KOLOFF

vs.

RUSSIAN ASSASSIN #1

RON SIMMONS

vs.

AL PEREZ

IVAN KOLOFF

vs.

RUSSIAN ASSASSIN #2
with Paul Jones

THE FANTASTICS

vs.

THE SHEEPHERDERS

BRAD ARMSTRONG

vs.

LARRY ZBYSZKO

ITALIAN STALLION

vs.

RIP MORGAN

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SUNDAY at 9:00 a.m.

RAPIDES PARISH COLISEUM - Alexandria, Louisiana
October 30, 1988
Attendance 2793

REPORTER: Boogie Guillory

- (1) 6 man tag match
SHEEPHERDERS and RIP MORGAN v. FANTASTICS and RON SIMMONS

The Fantastics brought out an American Flag and said the Pledge of Allegiance. Ron Simmons did an over the ropes sunset flip on Rip Morgan to get the pin. Good match. B+

- (2) RUSSIAN ASSASSIN #2 w/ Paul Jones v. IVAN KOLOFF

Most of the match was armbars by the Assassin and fighting out of the ring. Assassin #1 came to ringside -- went into the ring. #2 tried to sling Ivan into #1 but it was reversed and the Assassins collided with each other. Ivan then got the pin. C-

- (3) World T.V. Title bout
ITALIAN STALLION v. MIKE ROTUNDA

Rotunda kept accusing Stallion of hair pulling, but when the ref would ask Rick Steiner, who was ringside, he would deny it. Rotunda kept yelling at and pushing on Steiner. Steiner was leading the crowd in a chant of "Syracuse Sucks" behind Rotunda's back of course. Steiner kept helping the Stallion. Rotunda won with a double-arm suplex. Steiner was holding the TV title belt and would not give it back to Rotunda. Rotunda shoved Steiner and they were about to fight when Rotunda grabbed the belt and ran to the dressing room. C+ (mainly for Steiner).

- (4) RUSSIAN ASSASSIN #1 w/ Paul Jones v. EDDIE GILBERT

Assassin #2 came in and they got disqualified. The Assassins were pounding on Eddie when Ivan came in to save him. C

- (5) LARRY ZBYSZKO v. DR. DEATH STEVE WILLIAMS

Doc's lost a lot of weight. Doc won with a stampede. Very short match and thus a low rating. D+

- (6) U. S. Title Bout
BARRY WINDHAM v. STING

They announced that Sting was injured by the Roadies and couldn't wrestle, but he came out with a neckbrace and insisted on wrestling. Both were counted out of the ring. B+

- (7) RIC FLAIR and AL PEREZ v. NIKITA KOLOFF and LEX LUGER
w/ Gary Hart

The ref was chasing Flair out of the ring while Nikita and Lex double clotheslined Perez. Lex left the ring and Nikita pinned Perez. A-

- (8) World Tag Title Bout
ROAD WARRIORS with Paul Ellering v. MIDNIGHT EXPRESS with Jim Cornette

Roadies came in with the belts and were introduced as the new tag champions. Everyone was preoccupied with Stan and Cornett vs. Ellering outside the ring while the Roadies were working on Bobby inside the ring. When the ref got back in the ring Animal was pinning Robby. R-

NWA -- 8820 War Memorial Arena -- Johnstown, PA,
Thursday 11/10/88 -- ATT - 1549 -- GATE -- \$ 15,660.95

FOOD REPORT: It's always a pleasure to attend a card at the War Memorial Arena. The hot dogs here are the best arena hot dogs I have tasted. Only cards at high schools where the parents do the cooking are they any better. The Arena staff must have taken my suggestion and heeded to it as they warmed the buns! The only thing lacking was that the onions were starting to go bad as they had a slight brown hue to them. Huge Cokes were on sale for a very reasonable \$2.00. At the souvenir stand, Ric Flair and the new Road Warrior T-shirts with the little skulls were being sold for \$15. They didn't have their usual large assortment of goodies.

COMMISSION REPORT: Yes, let it be duly noted that John Lanigan has become a Deputy State Athletic Commissioner for the Commonwealth of the State of Pennsylvania. It became official October 27 and this was the first show that I was summoned to work. The duties of the Deputy Commissioners are getting the wrestlers to fill out forms for the doctor, guarding the door to the wrestlers' dressing rooms, counting the tickets and gate receipts, insuring that crowd security is present, plus other duties that I'm not that familiar to comment upon at this time. My duty tonight was to get all the wrestlers to sign their medical forms and have them prepared for the doctor to review..

Being that I am in the dressing room and have to talk to the wrestlers and promoters to fulfill my duties, I think it would be prudent not to say anything derogatory about the ones who were jerks. I'll just comment on the guys who were nice or any funny anecdotes that might have occurred. If you want to know the jerks, I'll be more than happy to tell you privately.

Since I am "learning the ropes", my main job here was to go into the dressing rooms, and get the wrestlers to fill out the forms and get their ages, weight, and vital statistics such as that. It was a blur as to who was how old and how much they weigh. I guess a good medium would be age around 29 and weight about 250. The guys who were extremely friendly to me were ref Tommy Young who wanted to talk to me about Ron Lemieux's kid brother, Mario, the hockey superstar for the Pittsburgh Penguins. I told Tommy that I know as much about hockey as Dusty Rhodes knows about dieting. Dr. Death was rather jovial to all and was suprisingly very anxious and eager to have the doctor examine him. Kevin Sullivan and myself discussed the weather and we both agreed that Pittsburgh weather is poor with very little sunshine. Animal and Hawk take you aback as they are both very soft-spoken. The funniest line of the night happened back in the dressing room when Hawk said: "Are there any mirrors around?" One of the other deputies wisecracked: "What do you need a mirror for with your hair?" Hawk did a doubletake and retorted: "What do we got here ? A _____ comedian?" Believe me, it was a whole lot funnier in person than it sounds here. Ron Simmons, Dennis Condrey, Randy Rose, Eddie Gilbert, Bam Bam Bigelow and especially Jim Cornette were very cordial and made my job go rather smoothly for the first

evening. I missed the first four matches but my cousin gave me a short rundown on what occurred. Now, promoted by Elliot Murnick, of the NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE, onto the matches:

- (1) THE ORIGINAL MIDNIGHT EXPRESS, DENNIS CONDREY & RANDY ROSE, beat THE ITALIAN STALLION & DANTE DeNUCCI at 12:13. ROSE pinned DeNUCCI. Paul E. Dangerously, the Original Midnights' manager, was not present. DeNucci is really Mark Keenan trained by Dominic DeNucci and has really come a long way in the past year and a half.
- (2) "DR. DEATH" STEVE WILLIAMS pinned RON SIMMONS at 9:10 using the ropes. Dr. Death had more gold on in the dressing room than a Las Vegas blackjack dealer.
- (3) KEVIN SULLIVAN pinned EDDIE GILBERT in 5:44. Said to have been the best match of the night. Both fought on the floor for the first 5 minutes and used chairs on each other.
- (4) BAM BAM BIGELOW went DCOR with MIKE ROTUNDA at 11:24. Oliver Humperdinck was managing Bam Bam and Kevin Sullivan was with Rotunda.
- (5) THE ROAD WARRIORS beat THE MIDNITE EXPRESS with JIM CORNETTE in a hot 7:11. * (C+) * ANIMAL pinned LANE. Crowd was 60-40 for the Midnites but when Animal pinned Lane, they wildly cheered the Road Warriors. Animal & Hawk mostly beat up on Eaton and slammed his head twice into the scorers' table. It was vintage Road Warriors stuff. Hawk hit Eaton with a chair and then Lane smacked Hawk with one and cleaned house until Animal clotheslined Lane for the pin.
- (6) STING & LEX LUGER beat RIC FLAIR & BARRY WINDHAM by DQ in 18:25.
* (B) * The first 4 minutes was clowning and stalling by Flair. Flair yelled at Sting: "You better show some respect". Luger gave Flair a body press at 4:10 and then slammed him. Flair ran down the runway but Sting caught him and carried him back to the ring. The fans loved it. Luger pressed Flair again at 7:40. Sting pressed Windham at 8:35 but missed a dropkick at 9:50 and Flair beat up on Sting delivering some very loud, brisk slaps on his chest. Windham suplexed Sting at 14:57 and both then collided into each other and fell to the mat. End came when Luger had Windham in a torture rack and Flair came in to kick Luger's legs out from under him. Sting came in but Tommy Young put him back to his corner and turned around to see Flair & Windham throw Luger over the top ropes for the disqualification. A good match as Flair was on the offensive more than I have ever seen him but there was too much clowning.

By Mark Madden

Post-Gazette Staff Writer

Say what you will about how pro-wrestling's results are obtained. And say what you will about it being entertainment, not sport.

But say that "Nature Boy" Ric Flair is a champion. The 38-year-old, six-time National Wrestling Alliance world heavyweight champion has, over a 16-year-career, carved out a niche as the greatest wrestler of all time. Better than Ross Township's Bruno Sammartino, Pittsburgh? Believe it.

Flair headlines tonight's NWA card at the Civic Arena, defending his belt against Lex Luger.

"I'd like to think I'm the best ever, at least in my generation," said Flair, placid compared to his wild-eyed TV interview style. "I have the God-given gifts of wrestling ability and physical skills, and I have the gift of gab. All of those have made it possible for me to be successful."

Dave Meltzer, wrestling's top unaffiliated expert and editor of the *Wrestling Observer*, says the only person to compare with "Slick Ric" is retired six-time NWA champ Lou Thesz.

"You could definitely say Flair is the best ever," Meltzer said. "For combining flamboyance, showmanship, athletic ability and endurance, he's the best for sure. From 1979 through 1987, he was the best every year. He has the desire to be the best every night."

Agreed NWA promoter Elliott Murnick, "For combining wrestling and showmanship, he's the best ever. Gorgeous George, for example, may have been a better showman. Lou Thesz may have been a better wrestler. But if you take all items into consideration, there's never been better than Ric Flair."

Flair is not only NWA champ but also the group's lead heel. But there's never been a more popular "bad guy" — witness fans attending matches in three-piece suits and sunglasses *a la* Flair while flashing the sign of the Four Horsemen, Flair's killer elite group of heels.

You're right, it doesn't make sense. Meltzer expects Flair to turn babyface soon now that Turner Broadcasting System (which airs NWA shows) has purchased the alliance. Flair was last a "good guy" in 1983.

Flair, a Minneapolis native, trained under former American Wrestling Association champ Verne Gagne in 1973, then broke into the NWA in Charlotte, N.C., in 1974. Flair resides in Charlotte with his wife and four children.

He says his career turned in 1975, when a plane crash sidelined him for seven months. He thought long and hard about the way he presented himself in that time and came back as the Nature Boy, a bleached-blond egomaniac in expensive robes who backed up his talk with action in the mold of '60s star Buddy Rogers.

And make no mistake, Ric Flair talks as well as he wrestles — and he's a great

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wrestler. The World Wrestling Federation's Hulk Hogan has the hype, but the Nature Boy can really walk and talk it.

Flair didn't serve up any TV patter over the phone from Charlotte, coming across as sincere and likable — which he probably is. But give him a camera and a microphone, and the memorable lines fly.

"Hey, I'm high on life," Flair said, laughing. "I'm just a guy with a positive attitude who can express it. I say what I think and believe and people may not like it but they listen to it. I didn't realize what a part of my appeal it was until I heard people imitate it."

As for a comparison to retired two-time WWF champ Sammartino, Flair considers it an honor. Meltzer doesn't even consider it.

"Bruno just doesn't compare as an all-around performer — Ric's more versatile and has more stamina," Meltzer said. "The only way they compare is in charisma, and Bruno had a different kind."

Said Flair, "I respect Bruno. I know he was a real competitive guy and that wrestling was the bottom line with him. He was second to none in his day and to hear my name mentioned with his is great."

One thing Flair says he never hears is people questioning wrestling's veracity — maybe because everyone knows the truth by now. But he says he makes the money of a "real" athlete, in excess of \$1 million per year.

"I heard stuff like that 10 years ago," Flair said. "But I socialize with people like [Chicago Bears' No. 1 pick] Brad Muster, Michael Jordan and Dale Murphy and I've never heard them say it, maybe because my sport has achieved the status where I make the kind of money they do."

Flair wants to wrestle eight more years, staying in the NWA unless he loses his NWA title and becomes "just another competitor." As for who can take his place as wrestling's top performer, his answer is succinct: "I don't see anybody."

He's right. So when you hear "2001: A Space Odyssey" tonight and see a man styling and profiling his way to the ring, walking that aisle like only he can, know that you're seeing — ha, ha! — the very best. Ever. *Whooo* ...

If you're going

The NWA Wrestling matches begin tonight at 8 at the Civic Arena. Tickets are \$8, \$10 and \$15.

NWA — 8821 Pittsburgh Civic Arena -- Pittsburgh, PA
Friday 11/11/88 -- ATT - 3400 -- GATE -- \$ 35,000

FOOD REPORT: This was my first time in the Arena since July 8 when the last wrestling card was hld here. I got in a foul mood very quickly as they raised the parking rates from \$2.50 to \$4.00! I asked the attendant if they wash and wax the cars for that price and he said if I would leave it in a certain area that he would "see to it that something would be done". I declined. The Arena completely remodeled the concession areas and now they are all similiar in format to the drive-in movie theatre setup. I wasn't that hungry so I opted for the nachos for \$2.50. The nachoes were very crisp but not warm. The cheese was warm but very spicy. In fact I had to throw away about ½ of them as the cheese sauce kind of sneaks up on you. I wish the Arena would offer a smaller version for \$1.75 as it would fit the bill nicely. T-shirts were selling for the princely sum of \$18 instead of \$15 at Johnstown. They even had the nerve to sell 4 Horsemen T-shirts with Arn & Tully and Rock & Roll Express ones for the \$18 too. The sweatshirts were going for a outrageous \$25. I sat with the heel fan contingent, led by the Irresistible One, as they were gracious and thoughtful enough to buy me a ticket for this match while I was away in Memphis for the UAWF convention. Now, promoted by Elliot Murnick, of the NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE, onto the matches:

- (1) THE ORIGINAL MIDNIGHT EXPRESS. DENNIS CONDREY & RANDY ROSE, beat JUMPIN JACK FLASH & DANTE DeNUCCI at 4:51. CONDREY pinned DeNUCCI.
* (D) * Paul E. Dangerously, the Original Midnights' manager, was not present again. Tomsco, one of the heel fans, yelled to Condrey & Rose about their young opponents: "Hurry up! These guys got to be home by 10 o'clock!". The Irresistible One chimed in for his first dig against DeNucci with: "I don't know who I hate the worst, you or your aardvarked-nosed uncle!"
- (2) "DR. DEATH" STEVE WILLIAMS, with KEVIN SULLIVAN pinned EDDIE GILBERT at 10:47. * (C) * Top comments made were to Eddie: "Hey Eddie, you left 100 lbs in the dressing room" when he stared down Williams. The best one directed to Dr. Death referingto Gilbert: "Hey Doc! Gilbert's a cheater, he's from Nebraska, Oklahoma Number One!" Dr. Death beat up on Gilbert most of the match and fans started yelling "We want Steiner!". End came when Gilbert went after the distracting Sullivan at the ropes, Dr. Death kneed him from behind to get the pin.
- (3) MIKE ROTUNDA with KEVIN SULLIVAN went to draw with NIKITA KOLOFF at the 20 minute time limit at 19:07. * (C+) * Gee, now that I'm a deputy commissioner, I hope I become timekeeper some day as I'll make these guys worked every second unless it's of course, an Andre vs JYD fray where I'll shave off 16 or 17 minutes of a 20 minute match. Fans started yelling "Nikita!" right away. Heel fans got on Nikita for hair pulls saying: "We got different rules in the USA!" and began their "USA!" chant. Sullivan got Chief Assistant Commissioner Parr ticked off by using a stick of wood on Nikita at 10:30 outside the ring. Lots of 2 counts by Nikita near the end of this hard-fought match for these two.

(4) THE ROAD WARRIORS beat THE ITALIAN STALLION & RON SIMMONS at 5:38. ANIMAL pinned ITALIAN STALLION. * (C+) * The Irresistible One was on a roll here taunting Simmons with goodies such as: "You dye your hair black. You're not natural like Buch Reed", "Drugs..Number One!", and "I want every kid to go on drugs!". Fans were cheering wildly for the Roadies as they like their killing style here. Italian Stallion missed on a dropkick and Animal clotheslined him for a pin. After match, Simmons yelled to the Irresistible One: "Why don't you get in the ring?" and Irresistible One came up with a gem: "I don't have to prove myself to you!".

(5) STING beat BARRY WINDHAM at 8:59 by DQ. * (B-) * The whole second row of heel fans got up and held their noses and yelled "Stink! Stink!" when Sting was introduced. Stink did the poor and tasteless crotch swivel for his retort. Heel fans started yelling "Road Warriors!" at Sting. Great opening flurry to start the match. Lots of back body drops and other aerial stuff. Windham threw Sting over the top ropes to get disqualified.

(6) DUSTY RHODES & BAM BAM BIGELOW with SIR OLIVER HUMPERDINK beat THE MIDNITE EXPRESS with JIM CORNETTE at 12:22. DUSTY pinned EATON. * (D) * Some great barbs here. The Irresistible One got off two good ones with: "Hey Humperdink! Where did you come from, GQ magazine?" and "Hey Dusty! Nice boil!". When Dusty got the tag at 3:30 the crowd died as you could practically here no one screaming. A fan came up to Cornette by the barrier and started yelling at him and Cornette came off with a good one exclaiming "Sit down! Defect!". Another fan got up and yelled to Cornette: "Hey Jim! there's a phone call for you." Jim responded with: "Yeah! I got one from your mother to meet me later". Cornette smacked Dusty with the racket at 8:40 in the back. End came when the match broke down and Rose & Condrey ran into the ring to double clothesline Eaton to enable a dumbfounded Dusty to pin Eaton. Bam Bam chased out Rose and Condrey and then both teams shook hands with each other. At least Cornette didn't shake hands with Dusty. The heel fans started chanting "Mamma's Boy!" at Cornette after his turn.

(7) RIC FLAIR went DCOR with LEX LUGER at 22:24. * (B+) * Best match of the night. The people in front of me in the first row had to leave at the start of the match so I was lucky to take a whole roll of film of just this match. Tommy Young was allowed to referee this match and I just love it when Flair beckons him over to open up the ropes for him when the champ enters the ring. Crowd was 60-40 in favor of Luger. Heel fans chanted "Urine test! Urine test!" at Luger. Luger didn't sell anything for the first 5 minutes. Luger missed an elbow smash at 5:44 to enable Flair to recover and to ram Luger into the crowd barrier twice. He put Luger in a wrist lock at 11:21 and exhorted: "Come on, big man! Wooo!" Luger finally broke the wrist lock at 14:09 with punches and proceeded to groin post the champ but Flair recovered at 15:05 when Luger missed on a dropkick. Flair put Luger in a figure four at 16:00 but Luger broke out of it very nicely at 17:41. At 19:36 Flair ran away

from Luger down the runway but Luger caught the champ and carried him back to the ring. Luger did a very nice reverse backslide for a two count at 20:17 and both were slugging it out outside the ring for the double countout. Again, Flair was more aggressive and didn't do much of that coward stuff. Luger was really tired at the end and I never seen anyone sweat as much as he did but he carried his part of the match. Guest referee Tommy Young was surprising in that in the 5 matches he officiated in these past two cards, he didn't take a fall once. I can see why Flair is such a fine wrestler. He adapts himself to fit to his opponents' best characteristics to make most of his matches exciting to watch.

NOTES & STUFF: Hot Rumors! Jim Crockett is under the gun by Ted Turner. If Crockett doesn't run a profitable month while he is in charge of running things to Turner's liking, then he's history. Several of the managers will all not be traveling to shows just like the WWF to cut down on expenses.

Other tidbits: the NWA cancelled a December date here and I can't blame them. There is no wrestling on the horizon for the Civic Arena as the WWF has no shows scheduled and has been rumored not to appear here for at least another year and a half. Thanks to Steve Beverly of Auburn, Alabama for supplying me with the Crabby Appleton answer as being a cartoon character on the Tom & Jerry cartoon series. My upcoming schedule of shows are:

IND - MARS HIGH SCHOOL - MARS, PA - SAT 11/12/88 - Johnny Valiant vs David Sammartino

WWF - WHEELING CIVIC CENTER - WHEELING, WV - SAT 11/19/88 - DiBiase vs Hercules, Arn & Tully vs Stallions, Honkey vs Ultimate Warrior, Blue Blazer vs Danny Davis. Note: This should be a fun night as I'll be going with the Irresistible One and his contingent. I hope Mel Phillips is there for our abuse.

WWF - ERIE CIVIC CENTER - ERIE, PA - TUE 11/22/88 - I'll be working this show as deputy commissioner so I don't know what I'll be able to report on as of yet.

-- **JOHN H. LANIGAN REPORT** --

IND — 8822 Mars Area Senior High School -- Mars, PA
Saturday 11/12/88 -- ATT - (estimated) - 250 --

FOOD REPORT: Yes, I'll go all the way to Mars to see a show. Actually, Mars is about an hour away, north of Pittsburgh. The parents' educational association put on this independent card and, as usual, the food fare was wonderful. For only 60¢, hot dogs with sauerkraut could be had. The dogs were pressure-cooked with the buns, so they were a bit soggy. But for only 60¢, who can complain? 12oz cans of soda pop were going for just 50¢. Pizza and many varieties of candies were also available. Seeing prices this low and getting better quality than received at most arenas, makes you wonder how greedy those bigtime food concessionaires really are. Since the miserly Dom DeNucci was the promoter, I bypassed the souvenir stand to save my money. Shane Douglas was here and selling his cutoff T-shirts to the fans. Now, promoted by Dominic DeNucci, onto the matches:

(1) DOMINIC DeNUCCI beat BIG RED MACHINE with manager MARK CURTIS by DQ in 15:07. * (D-) * Manager Curtis grabbed the mike at the start and said to DeNucci: "I didn't know this was Senior Citizens Night at Mars High School?" Curtis was not far off as DeNucci is 58 years old, seven years older than Bruno Sammartino. DeNucci mostly played around with this green rookie. It was fun watching ref Bucky Palermo berate DeNucci for his hair-pulling and choking. The end came when DeNucci had Big Red in a stump puller, also known as "The Gondola Hold" moniker, made famous by Chilly Bill Cardille on his local Pittsburgh wrestling TV show in the early 1970's. Curtis came into the ring and whacked DeNucci to get disqualified.

(2) SHANE DOUGLAS pinned KURT KAUFMANN with a body slam at 11:45. * (D+) * Contrary to printed reports, Shane has not retired from the ring. He is looking for work as a teacher in the Pittsburgh area and is now doing some substitute teaching in Ambridge, PA about 25 miles north of Pittsburgh. Shane is willing to work independent shows around Pittsburgh, Ohio and West Virginia. The opening minutes were dominated by hairpulls by Kaufmann. However, Kaufmann suffered a sitting piledriver and then took one of those bumps on the mat with his head and rolls over like Ted DiBiase does so well at 4:48. Shane did a nice snap suplex on Kaufmann at 10:32. Douglas later gave Kaufmann a back body drop followed by a very weak body slam in which he almost slipped to get the pin. Douglas looked rather rusty in this match and Kaufmann did a good job on his end.

(3) KIM KOZAK pinned KEYSTONE KELLY in 8:14 in a horrendous ladies match. * (D-) * Kelly was announced as weighing a whopping 195 lbs and she was every bit of that if not more. She should have been a Russian as she could possibly have somewhat of a reasonable career around these parts. One wag yelled at Kozak trying to slug the hefty Kelly: "Hey Kim! How can you miss?" The ladies mostly rolled around the mat. Kelly took a

nasty bump on her head coming back into the ring after rolling away for a figure four hold. Kozak did a reasonable monkeyflip on Kelly at 7:43 and the clincher was a flying body press off the top ropes at 8:14 for the pin.

4) DAVID SAMMARTINO pinned LUSCIOUS JOHNNY VALIANT with MARK CURTIS in 13:53. * (C-) * Best match of the night. David looks really fantastic not like the Pillsbury Dough Boy image he had back in 1985. He could do without the blond hair, however. Lots of brawling by these two and David threw Johnny V halfway across the ring on a body slam in the opening minutes. Valiant looks better than he did in his waning days in the WWF last year. At 6:57 Valiant slammed David into the scorers' table and took control for the next several minutes. At 8:55 Johnny threw David out of the ring but David came back in quickly and slammed Johnny, gave him a back body drop. But Johnny came to quickly to grab David and slam him from the top rope as David was readvancing himself to pounce on the Luscious One. Sammartino returned the favor as Johnny tried to do the same thing to David. David delivered a groin post to Johnny at 10:58 and did a double head knocker on Johnny and his manager Curtis at 12:00. Valiant recovered and punched out David as the fans started chanting "David! David!" as they began to trade blows at 13:22. David pinned Johnny as Mark Curtis mistakenly hit his man with the foreign object. Valiant then slugged out Curtis for his losing the match. Actually, this was the best match I have ever seen Johnny wrestle.

5) THE HEARTBREAKERS, BOBBY FOX & DANTE DeNUCCI beat PRESTON STEELE & SLEDGEHAMMER with MARK CURTIS. FOX pinned SLEDGEHAMMER. * (D) * I began to start suffering "wrestling burnout" at this match. Three cards in a row is my limit. The Heartbreakers cleared the ring at the bell and the heels stalled until 2:49. Fox did a leapfrog onto Steele's arm at 5:08 followed by a suplex by DeNucci at 5:32 in a quick tag. At 6:55 the heels beat up Fox in their corner and good heat ensued. Fox tagged in but he got the worst of it. However, Fox got in and helped his partner with a double shoulder block on Steele at 11:26. The Heartbreakers missed several moves as their timing was way off. Curtis tripped Fox at 12:43 and Sledgehammer went to work on Fox. Fox recovered and delivered about 17 head smashes into the turnbuckle on Sledgehammer at 14:05. The end came when the Heartbreakers executed a double atomic drop on Sledgehammer and Fox followed it up with a dropkick off the top turnbuckle to get the pin. This time Curtis and Steele beat up on Sledgehammer for losing the match and left him for dead. This was a very tedious match to watch but all the participants did try.

Stan Lane W. The Italian Stallion (Jim Cornett, the manager of Stan Lane, came to the ring with his tennis racquet. Cornett was wearing a purple jacket, red shirt, pink tie, light blue pants and black shoes. What is he trying to do, be like a rainbow? Lane executed a good hip toss. Lane kicked The Stallion in the stomach. Cornett hit The Stallion in the back with the racquet. Lane kicked his opponent in the stomach, again sending The Stallion out of the ring. The Italian back flipped and body slammed Lane and then monkey flipped him. The Stallion tried to monkey flip Lane again, but Lane held on to the ropes. Stan got up and executed a flying elbow smash to the chest/throat area. He hooked The Stallion's leg and pinned him. This match gets a 7.)

The Original Midnight Express (Dennis Condrey & Randy Rose) W. The Fantastics (Tommy Rogers & Bobby Fulton) (The Express came out with their manager, Paul E. Dangerously. Fulton and Rose started things off. Fulton leaped over Rose and then started to stomp on his neck, sending Rose out of the ring. Tommy Rogers flung Fulton in to Condrey. During the match, Paul was giving his men instructions. Randy gave Fulton a good hip toss and two body slams. Randy suplexed Tommy. Condrey, gave Rogers two side suplexes, a shoulder block, a clothesline and then stomped on Roger's stomach. Dennis, then, back slammed Rogers outside the ring. Tommy's neck hit the gate that separates the fans from the ring area. Bobby gave his opponents a double dropkick. Fulton was going to pin Condrey. The referee was busy with the other two. Paul, then, came into the ring and hit Fulton with a telephone. Fulton rolled off Condrey Paul rolled Condrey on top of Fulton. The referee, at this point, turned around and took the pin count. The Express were declared the winners. This match gets a 10.)

Ivan Koloff W. The Russian Assassin #2 (This was to be a tag team. The other Assassin was injured, they said. Ivan and Nikita flipped a coin. Ivan won, so he got to wrestle. They went at it outside the ring. Ivan kicked, The Assassin in the stomach. The Assassin suplexed Koloff. Ivan won with an elbow slam to the chest/throat area, after coming off the top rope. This match gets a 6.)

Mike Rotundo & Dr. Death Steve Williams W. Bam Bam Bieglow & Ron Simmons (Rotundo and Williams came to the ring with Kevin Sullivan. Fans were holding a banner that said, Syracuse stinks. They were also chanting the same. Rotundo is from Syracuse New York. Rotundo and Williams left the ring at the start of the match to consult with Sullivan. Rotundo body slammed and then hip tossed Rotundo. Simmons body slammed, hip tossed and dropkicked Rotundo. During the match it looked like Sullivan was talking to photographer George Napolitano at ringside. Dr Death kicked Bieglow in the stomach with his knee Bam Bam gave Rotundo a shoulder block. Bam Bam picked Rotundo up over his head, and slammed him to the arena floor. Bieglow gave Rotundo a head butt to the neck/chest area. Williams and Bieglow clotheslined each other at the same time. Simmons clotheslined Rotundo and started to punch Mike. Rotundo, finally, grabbed a foreign object and used it on Simmons face. He, then, pushed Simmons in the head. Simmons fell to the mat floor and Mike pinned him. This match gets a 9.)

Ric Steiner W. Barry Windham -DQ. (Steiner wore a shirt that said "Syracuse stinks". Steiner slapped Windham and leaped frog over Windham. He tried to pin Windham with a cradle, but no luck. Windham argued with the referee. Steiner started to punch Windham in the head. Windham suplexed Steiner off

the top rope, and then tried to pin Steiner, but Ric was able to kick out. Steiner gave Windham a good back flip, a great body slam and a belly to belly. Windham, then, flipped Steiner over the top rope and got himself disqualified. This match gets a 9.)

Lex Luger & The Stinger D.C.O.R. The Road Warriors (Animal & Hawk) (Even though The Warriors truned from clean to villians, they were still cheered. Lex and Sting were cheered also. The Warriors came to the ring with Paul Ellering. This was the best match of the night. Sting gave Animal a flying body press and a drop kick sending The warrior to the arena floor. We must say that the referee had his hands full in this match. Sting pile-driven and dropkicked Hawk. Hawk atomic dropped Sting. Luger clotheslined Animal over the top rope. Hawk and Sting went at it outside the ring and Hawk used a chair on Sting. Animal came off the top rope. Luger moved out of the way and Animal hit his head into the mat floor. Sting, body slammed Animal. The Warriors double clotheslined Sting. They all started to fight outside the ring. Both teams were conted, out, outside the ring. This match gets a complete 10. This was not to bad a card and gets a 6-1/2.)

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11/26/88 MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK



WWF

SATURDAY, NOV. 26
8:00 P.M.

★ **MAIN EVENT** ★

HULK HOGAN

VS.

BIG BOSS MAN

HERCULES

VS.

THE MILLION DOLLAR MAN
TED DIBIASE

WWF TAG TEAM
★ **TITLE MATCH** ★

POWERS OF PAIN

VS.

DEMOLITION
(Champions)

Tito Santana

VS.

Greg the Hammer Valentine

PLUS FIVE OTHER WWF MATCHES

Lanny Poffo W. Barry Horowitz (Lanny slapped Barry a couple of times and gave him a body slam. Poffo tried to pin Horowitz with a half cradle, but no luck. Horowitz executed a good back breaker and a good suplex. Poffo, finally, won with a small package cradle off the top ropes. This match gets a 5.)

Curt, "Mr. Perfect" Hennig W. Paul Roma (Hennig executed a good take down. Roma executed two good body slams and a very good head scissors. Roma executed a good take down and another body slam, plus a leap frog. Hennig threw Roma over the top rope and suplexed him. Paul dropkicked Curt in the face, gave him an atomic drop and dropkicked him in the face again. Curt, finally, executed a suplex and pinned Roma. This match was good and gets a 8.)

Mr. Fuji came to the ring to speak. He said he has severed ties with The Demolition and now represent The Powers Of Pain. Paul Roma was still in the ring and Fuji kicked him. Roma Dropkicked Fuji. The Powers Of Pain, then, came out and used a guillotine move on Roma. Paul was carried out of the ring on a stretcher.

Ted DiBlase W. Herculez (Ted told the crowd that he owns Hercules. Hernandez back flipped Ted and clotheslined him over the top rope. Hercules rammed Ted's head into the turnbuckle about ten times. Ted elbowed Hernandez in the head, after coming off the top rope. Ted suplexed Hernandez twice. Hernandez punched Ted in the face and stomach and started to slap him in the face. Hernandez had him in a back breaker. Virgil came off the top rope to try and break it up, but Hernandez released his hold and then turned and caught Virgil. The referee, at this point, was knocked out. Ted used brass knucks on Hernandez and went for the pin. The referee regained his composure. Ted, then, got the pin combination and was declared the winner. This match gets a 8.)

Akeem W. Special Delivery Jones (Why dose The W.W.F. give the fans such a terrible match. Akeem is twice the size of S.D. Jones. If S.D. was to pin him, it would be a miracle. Akeem pinned Jones with a big splash. This match gets a three. We should not have given this match a three, but S.D. came in to the ring to try, even though he couldn't do nothing.)

The Powers Of Pain D.D.Q. The Demolition (Demolition came out to cheers. Mr. Fuji came out with The Powers Of Pain. The Demolition started to work on Konga's back. The Warlord went to work on one of The Demolition. One of The Demolition started to sledge hammer The Warlord on the back. Fuji came into interfere and The Demolition caught his cane and used it on Fuji. Both teams were disqualified. This match was ruled a double disqualification. This match gets a 7.)

Nikolai Volkoff W. Mike Sharpe (By pin, with a rolling cradle. These two men have been wrestling for a long time. They could of put out more effort. This match was very boring and gets a 2.)

Greg Valentine DREW Tito Santana (Before the match started, wrestler and manager, the great Fred Blassie was introduced. Greg went over to Blassie, but Fred wanted no part of Valentine. Blassie stayed at ringside and was commentating. Valentine came off the top rope with an elbow to the back. He elbowed Santana in the head twice. Valentine elbowed Santana several times in the chest/neck area. Tito started to punch valentine in the head. Sant tried to pin Valentine with a roll up cradle, but no luck. This match, finally went to a time limit draw and was rulled a draw. This match gets a 5.)

Rockin' Robin W. Sensational Shern (Sherri punched Robin and dropkicked her. Sherri kicked Robin in the stomach. Robin executed a sunset flip and body slammed Sherri. The Sensational One started to head butt Robin in the stomach. Robin came off the top rope and executed a cradle pin. Sherri and Robin both looked alright in mat action. This match gets a 6.)

Hulk Hogan W. The Big Boss Man -C.O.R. (Hogan started things off by cleaning The Boss Man nose with his bandanna. Hogan did a number on slick. He, then, kicked The Boss Man in the face with his foot. The Boss Man went to work on Hogans back. The Hulkster started to give The Boss Man a few punches. The Boss Man had The Hulkster in a bear hug. He gave Hulk a very good clothesline. The Boss Man came off the top rope and Hogan moved out of the way. The Boss Man tried to handcuff Hogan, but Hogan turned the tables and handcuffed him. The big One fell out of the ring, still handcuffed to the rope. The referee started to count, and The Big Boss Man did not come back in time. The match was then awarded to Hogan via a count out. This match gets an 8. This cards a 4-1/2.)

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THE WORLD OF NOSTALGIA

SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, 1983

9/8/83 ACKLUND, NEW ZEALAND

TOURNAMENT:

FIRST ROUND:

Rip Morgan W. Al Hobman -- John Garcia W. Ale Tuhinga -- Mike Ryan W.
Merv Fortune -DQ. -- Tony Rickard W. Jak Laki -- Samoan Joe W. Sam Brown
Tama Sasa W. Peter Lauder

SECOND ROUND:

Rip Morgan W. John Garcia -- Tony Rickard DREW Mike Ryan -- Samoan Joe W.
Tama Sasa -- Rip Morgan beat Samoan Joe to win the tournament. This tournament was held to determine The New Zealand Champion.

9/17/83 AMMAN, JORDAN / Joe Cagle W. Mike Dupree -- The Spoiler W. Dave Kochen -- Ric Patterson W. Randy Rich -- Tiny Tom Thumb W. Little Chilli Bowl -- Little Tokyo W. Little Cocoa -- Rick Patterson W. Master Sgt. Al Tomko -- Timothy & Peter Flowers W. Moondog Moretti & Randy Rich

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

10/7/83

Arpad Weber & Ross Hart W. Inca Wiracocha & Paco Ramirez -- Don Goya W.
Crusher Verdue -DQ. -- Mammoth Siki DREW Oscar Lago -- Mandouh Farag W. Jean Claudin -- Rudi Pegac W. Gil Franz

10/9/83 (MORNING)

Don Goya & Ross Hart W. Jean Claudin & Inca Wiracocha -- Crusher Verdu W.
Oscar Lago -- Mammoth Siki W. Rudi Pegac -- Don Goya W. Paco Ramirez
Mandouh Farag W. Inca Wiracocha -- Crusher Verdu won a battle royal.

10/9/83 (EVENING) / Ross Hart W. Oscar Lago

Don Goya & Mammoth Siki W. Inca Wiracocha & Jean Claudin -- Crusher Verdue W.
Rudi Pegac -- Mandouh Farag W. Gil Franz -- Don Goya W. Paco Ramirez (15)

"THE INTERNATIONAL WRESTLING STAR WARS CARD 1983"

6/17/83 THE REUNION ARENA, DALLAS, TEXAS

Tenryu W. Johnny Mantell (By pin, with A One Leg Cradle, after a Flying Elbow Drop, off the ring ropes-corner turnbuckle .. Tenryu looked very impressive, against a rugged Mantell.)

Vicki Carranza W. Lola Gonzales (By pin, with a Double Leg Cradle. Both of these ladies wrestled well, in this hard fought match.)

King Parsons N.C. Buddy (The Fabulous Freebird) Roberts (Hair VS. Hair Match, Loser To Lose Hair: This bout was filled, with mat action galore. King and Buddy gave each other what for, in this action packed event. Roberts used his expertise, against the speedy, Parsons. Roberts pinned Parsons, for the three count, with a reverse of a Rolling Reverse Cradle. Buddy held King's trunks, to secure the three count pin. At this point, the referee was unaware of how Roberts scored the pin. Roberts, then, was all set, to use the hair removing solution, on Parsons. King, then, got the solution, away from Buddy, and used it on the head of The Freebird. Michael Hayes, The Freebird, came to ringside, to save Buddy, and help him. Hayes did not do much to save Buddy's hair, he couldn't. Roberts, due to the solution, is now bald, or it seemed, at the time. Hayes went into the ring, to fight, with Parsons. King gave Hayes what for. Parsons wanted to use the hair removing solution, on Michael, but Hayes left the ring, fast. Michael and Buddy went back, to the dressing room, real quick. Buddy had a towel on his head, when he left the ringside area. Michael, indeed, did not want his hair removed, by Parsons. During this insane affair, Buddy was hit, by King's Flying Rear end Bump. The referee, of course, at this point, did not count the pin, that Buddy made, on King. The referee found out, Roberts pulled Parsons' trunks, to score the pin. The referee could not control the action, that was going down. There was no official announcement made, on the decision, of this bout, but it would be assumed; that due to all the craziness, that the official ruling should be a "NO CONTEST". Buddy looked plenty tough, against Parsons, but King looked good, also, in this dynamic bout.)

Jose Lothario & Chavo Guerrero & Chris Adams W. The Fishman & The Mongol & "Wild" Bill Irwin (Guerrero pinned The Mongol, with a sensational Flying Body Press, off the top rope-corner turnbuckle. All six grapplers fought Tooth N' Nail, in this super battle. Irwin entered the ring, at the beginning of the match, snapping his long "Texas Bull Whip".)

David Von Erich N.C./D.C. "Gorgeous" Jim Garvin (Garvin had his Valet Sunshine, in his corner. "Sunshine", indeed, is a very pretty young lady to say the least. This was a knock down, dragged out affair, between two rough competitors. Both Von Erich and Garvin fought like two men possessed. Both men wanted to win, and win bad. Von Erich employed his fearsome Iron Claw, and giant Knee Drive to Garvin, and Jim used his big Forearm Smash, to David. They tried their best, in every way to overcome one another. The ending of this bout, so to speak, came off like this: Garvin scored a pin, on David, with A Top Body Press, when Jim's Valet, "Sunshine", held Von Erich's foot/leg, over the bottom ring rope. This helped Jim get the pin, due to leverage, on the part of "Sunshine". The referee, at this point, in time, was unaware of what really happened. Garvin was given the victory, but he did not deserve it. Several minutes later, the win was taken away from Garvin, because of the rule infraction, caused by Jim's Valet. This was a decision change (D.C.), by the officials of the N.W.A.. This match had no official ruling, except that it can be termed, as a "NO CONTEST/DECISION CHANGE", by most spectators, even

though nothing was really announced. This match had real great action, from start to finish. Too bad that they did not announce the decision of this bout, to the fans.)

Jumbo Tsuruta W. Ted DiBiase (Both of These Grapplers are two of the finest, in the sport, today. They displayed a great deal of wrestling holds, and counter holds, in this most sensational event. Jumbo used three different types of Suplex Holds, on Ted. DiBiase used a Special Suplex of his own, to down Jumbo. Ted also used a Great Pile-Driver, on The Japanese Mat Ace. During this brilliant encounter, Tsuruta's knee was injured, and Ted went to work on it, in fine fashion. At the finish, Ted went for his Figure Four Leg-Lock Submission Hold, on Jumbo, but The Japanese Mat Ace pulled DiBiase into an Inside Cradle Pinning Combination, to win. During this bout, Ted and Jumbo, also, traded Forearm Smashes, and Judo Chops, on each other. Both were very evenly matched. This match could have gone either way. Jumbo used a Fantastic Flying Vertical Body Block Scissors Take-Down, on Ted, but of course, at that point, he could not score a three count. Even though, Jumbo had an injured knee, due to Ted, he overcame The Great DiBiase Submission Hold, The Figure Leg-Lock. This was one of the best matches any spectator of the sport could ever witness, hands down.)

Giant Baba W. King Kong Bundy (Bundy missed, with a Flying Big Splash, on The Japanese Giant. King Kong, then, fell victim, to Baba's Big Kick, to the head. Baba, then, pinned Bundy, with a One Leg Cradle. Bundy looked good, against Baba, but The Japanese Giant prevailed, of course, due to his great ring experience. Both Heavyweights gave their all, in this tough struggle.)

Kimala, The Ugandan Giant W. Arman Hussian & Tora Yatsu & Mike Bond (Handicap Match, Two Referees: The stipulation for this handicap bout, was that Kimala had to defeat all three opponents, to win the fall, and the match. In Kimala's corner during this event, was his Manager, Scandor Akbar, and his second, "Friday". First off, Kimala pinned Yatsu with his devastating Big Splash. Hussian, then, left the ring, and was counted out, outside of the ring, by the referee. Hussian helped an injured Yatsu, to the dressing room. Kimala, then, destroyed Bond, when he pinned him, after a number of Big Splashes. Bond was, indeed, in very bad shape. Bruiser Brody, then, came out of the dressing room, and entered the ring. He then did a number on The Ugandan Giant. Kimala, of course, left the ring area, for the safety of the dressing room. Kimala did not want any part of an angry Bruiser Brody. Kimala won this match, by destroying these three men, who participated in this bout. Let's see if Kimala could down Bruiser Brody. The Ugandan Giant used His Famous Neck-Stretching Hangman Hold, on Yatsu and Hussian. Let's see if Kimala could use this move, on Bruiser Brody. This Bout was pretty good.)

Harley Race W. Kevin Von Erich -DQ. (Special Stipulations Match: Over The Top Rope is Legal, The Title Can Change Hands On A Disqualification: This match started off, with a bang. Kevin tried to do in, The Wiley Veteran, Race, early in this bout. Race, then, tried his Suplex Hold, on Kevin, only to have Von Erich slip out of it, and execute a Sleeper Hold, on Harley. Harley, of course, got out of the sleeper hold. Kevin, also, used his Iron Claw Hold, on Race's forehead area. Kevin tried to weaken Race, with a series of Standing Body Scissors to Race's Mid-Section. During this rugged battle, Kevin's shoulder was injured. Harley, then, went to work on Kevin's injured shoulder. Race employed a Bone-Crushing Shoulder-Breaker, to Kevin. Race wanted to finish Von Erich off, in the worst way. During this titanic struggle, Kevin used his Fantastic Standing Drop-Kick, to Knock Race Down, to the mat. The end came, when David Von Erich, Kevin's Brother, came to ringside, to see how bad Kevin's Shoulder Was. Kevin was hurt pretty bad, and Race wanted to defeat Kevin right away. David, then, entered the ring, and gave Harley a good beating. David Von Erich destroyed Race, and left him lying on the mat, beaten to a pulp. David humiliated Race, to pieces. Kevin was disqualified, by the referee, for outside interference, by his brother, David. This was a super

bout, between Kevin and Harley, but the scene with David getting down, on Race, was too much. Harley should not have purposely tried to hurt Kevin's shoulder, more than it was, but of course, Race wanted to win. Harley won this bout via the disqualification route. David, indeed, has a wild temper, and seeing his brother, Kevin hurt, set him a flame. Race is a great wrestler, and so is Kevin. This was a great bout. Also, David's outside interference, made this bout even greater.)
Bruiser Brody & Kerry Von Erich

W.

The Fabulous Freebirds (Terry Gordy & Michael Hayes)

(This match had alot of mayhem, in it. Brody and Kerry mixed it up, with The Freebirds, to no end. Brody gave Terry and Michael what for, and Von Erich didn't do bad, against The Freebirds, either. Brody devastated The Freebirds, by giving each of them, a One Arm Body Slam. This move really rocked The Freebirds. Also, during this insane fracas, The Freebirds Floored Brody, with a Double clothesline attack. The Bruiser hit the mat, with a big thud. As this bout continued, Michael used two Giant Flying Elbow Drops, on the threat area of Brody, who was leveled, on the mat floor. Brody and Kerry went wild, against Gordy and Hayes, as this match progressed. This bout ended, when Brody picked up Kerry, and tossed him, on top of Michael. Von Erich, then, pinned Hayes, with a One Leg Cradle. Brody and Kerry were the happy victors, and The Freebirds were the sad losers. The fans went wild, over this most exciting event.)

UPCOMING TO THE DALLAS SPORTATORIUM: 6/24/83:

Chris Adams VS. Michael Hayes

Bruiser Brody VS. Terry Gordy

Kerry Von Erich VS. "Gorgeous" Jim Garvin

PLUS OTHER BOUTS

NOTES ON THE DALLAS, TEXAS CARD:

This card was fantastic, with top flight mat action. Seeing "The Fabulous Freebird", Buddy Roberts, in a Hair VS. Hair Match, Loser To Lose Hair, against King Parsons, was incredible. Both Grapplers worked well, and put on a terrific bout. David Von Erich's match, with "Gorgeous" Jim Garvin, was a sight to be seen. These two grapplers hate one another's guts. This is one feud that keeps on going, and going. It will soon have to come to a halt. This match was for The Vacant N.W.A. Texas Heavyweight Championship. The N.W.A./P.W.F. United National Heavyweight Champion Of Japan, Jumbo Tsuruta, against The Former M.S.W.A. North American Heavyweight Champion, Ted DiBiase, was sensational, to say the least. These two young mat sensations gave their best, to all the spectators, that saw their thrilling match. One of these men will one day, become The N.W.A. World Heavyweight Champion. It could be either one of them, because they are super talented wrestlers. N.W.A./P.W.F. Heavyweight Champion, Giant Baba, wrestled well, against the rough and tough, King Kong Bundy. It was a treat, to watch The Great Veteran, Baba, wrestle. It was great to see N.W.A. Official Represenative, Former N.W.A President, and Wrestling Great, Fritz Von Erich, father of The Von Erich Brothers. Fritz addressed the fans before Jumbo's match, and before Baba's bout. It was interesting, to see Kimala, The Ugandan Giant, wipe out three wrestlers, in a handicap encounter. Kimala is one big, rough dude, and could mix it up, with the best of them. N.W.A. American Heavyweight Champion, Kevin Von Erich, wrestled N.W.A. World Heavyweight Champion, Harley Race, in a tremendous World Heavyweight Title Match. Kevin wants Race's Title, in the worst way, but, of course, he could not overcome The Wiley Veteran, Race. Harley is a great wrestler, and gave Kevin, who is an excellent wrestler, a very tough Bout. This was an exciting bout, with non-stop mat action, all the way. "The Fabulous Freebirds (Terry Gordy and Michael Hayes) put forth a great match, against the duo of Bruiser

Brody and Kerry Von Erich. This was one hell of a match, with all four combatants going wild. In this exciting event, Brody and Kerry whipped The Freebirds, for The N.W.A. American Tag Team Championship. It was great, to see such a prestigious title, change hands. A lot of these mat stars came out, to the ring, with their own theme music playing, this was interesting, indeed. "The Fabulous Freebirds" (Terry Gordy and Michael Hayes), of course, came out, to the ring, to the tune of "Freebird". They, also, entered the arena, waving a Large Confederate/Southern Flag. The Freebirds are such an exciting team, to see, in person. They give the fans a lot of mat action, through and through. This writer, (Paul Abbinante), would like to return, to The Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas area, real soon, to see another Super Card.

THIS CARD WAS PROMOTED AND PRESENTED BY THE WORLD CLASS WRESTLING ASSOCIATION ORGANIZATION, IN CONJUNCTION, WITH THE NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE (N.W.A.).

6/19/83 THE OMNI, ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Brett Wayne W. Pat Rose (By Submission, with a Figure Four Leg-Lock. Both mat men fought well, in this tough bout.)

Rick Rood W. Bob Roop (Ref. Dec.) (This match went to the full time limit, and could have been called a "DRAW". The referee gave the win, by decision, to Rood. Rick is a good up-and-coming young wrestler, and Roop, of course, is a great veteran ring tactician.)

"Wild" Bill Irwin W. "Chief" Joe Lightfoot (By pin, with a One Leg Cradle, after a giant Kick, to the head. Joe is a good wrestler, but Irwin is a "First Class" wrestler. At the beginning of this bout, Bill entered the ring, snapping his long "Texas Bull Whip".)

"Pistol" Pez Whatley W. The Super Destroyer (By pin, with a Flying Cross Body Block Press, into a One Leg Cradle. Whatley looked good, in this bout, against the Rugged Masked Ruffian, who is a great wrestler.)

Stan Hansen & Tommy "Wildfire" Rich D.D.Q. The Road Warriors (In the corner of Hansen and Rich was Ole Anderson, who was in street clothes, and is on the injured list, at this time. In the corner of The Warriors were Arn Anderson, who is Ole's Cousin, and Manager/Wrestler, "Precious" Paul Ellering. This match had a lot of fast moving mat action going on, from the first second it started. Rich held his own, during this wild fracas, against The Warriors, who are a very rough duo. Tommy took a great deal of punishment, from this combo. Hansen in this battle, fought like a wild man, giving his all. The end came, when The Warriors doubled teamed Tommy, and were doing a number, on him. Stan was outside of the ring fighting, with Arn Anderson. The Warriors Manager, Ellering, then entered the fray. Stan Hansen was getting into the ring action, also. Ole Anderson, who was the second, for The Hansen-Rich Duo, came into the ring, only to be beaten up, by Ellering and The Warriors. Arn Anderson, who was the second for The Warriors, then came into the ring, to rescue and help his injured cousin, Ole Anderson. Ole took some beating, at the hands of Ellering and The Warriors. Arn turned on Ellering and The Warriors, because they beat up on his already injured cousin, Ole. Arn did not strike Ellering, or The Warriors, in this battle; all he did was comfort his badly beaten up cousin, Ole. The referee, of course, could not control this action, in this wild bout, and called it a double disqualification. During the course of this match, Stan beat the living Daylights out of The Warriors. Tommy tried his best, to pin one of The Warriors, with a Flying Vertical Body Block Scissors Take-Down, but he could not secure a pin. The Warriors looked great, in this brutal battle, against Hansen and Rich. This was one tremendous bout.)

Ronnie Garvin W. The Iron Sheik (The Sheik's Manager, "Precious" Paul Ellering, was in his man's corner. At the finish, Garvin scored a pin, on The Sheik, with a Double Leg Cradle. To secure this pin, Ronnie had his feet on the middle ring rope, unaware to the referee. Garvin and The Sheik are two sensational veteran ring technicians, and look terrific, in mat combat.)

Buzz Sawyer W. Dick Murdoch (Leather Strap Match, Loser Leaves Town: Both grapplers were tied together, wrist to wrist, with a long leather strap. They whipped, and punched each other, to no end. Buzz rammed Dick into the steel ring post, causing Dick to bleed all over his face. He was cut, bad on his forehead. Soon after, Dick repaid the favor, to Buzz, the same way, in fine fashion. Both wrestlers were extremely bloody, and tried their best, to destroy one another. At the finish, Buzz struck Dick, in the groin area, hurting Murdoch. The referee was unaware of what Buzz did, because the official was stunned himself, after being knocked down, to the mat, during this rough struggle. Buzz saw that Dick was in very bad shape, and dragged him around the ring, touching all four turnbuckles. The referee seeing this, declared Buzz the victor. These two bloody wrestlers fought like wild savages, in this brawl, and gave their all, in trying to wipe each other out. They really wanted to end each other's wrestling career. These two grapplers hate one another's guts, for sure, by the way they went at it. This was a vicious, brutal and exciting match, to say the least.)

Mr. Wrestling 2 W. Killer Brooks (Bout One Of A Handicap Match: Rick Rood was in the corner of the Famed Masked Wonder, and Larry Zbyszko was in the corner of The Texas Ruffian. This stanza ended, when Brooks was busy paying attention, to Rick and Larry, and had his back turned on Wrestling 2. Brooks was by the ring ropes, and was caught unaware, by Wrestling 2. The Masked Man, then, pinned The Killer, with a Back Rolling Reverse Cradle. Brooks, then, left for dressing room. The stipulation of this handicap match was, if Wrestling 2 beats Brooks, he then gets to wrestle Larry Zbyszko. This bout between Wrestling 2 and Brooks was filled, with alot of top flight wrestling action, from start to finish.)

Mr. Wrestling 2 N.C.-D.DQ. Larry Zbyszko (Bout Two Of The Handicap Match: This bout had a crazy finish, Wrestling 2 went to give Larry a Big Knee Lift, and Zbyszko, then, pulled the referee into The Masked Man's great finishing move. The referee, then, fell to the mat, and did not move, he was out like a light. Wrestling 2 then gave Larry a terrific Back Suplex, and went for the pin. Of course, there was no referee to count to three. Rood, who was Wrestling 2's second, saw the situation, and came into the ring; and acting as a referee, counted the masked wonder's pin on Zbyszko. Rood is not a licensed referee, and should not have interfered, in this insane fracas. First off, Larry should not have pulled the referee into Wrestling 2's Big Knee Lift. These two infractions of the rules, turned this bout, into a controversial mess. There was no official ruling announced, and one would assume, when nothing is announced, this event has to be called a "NO CONTEST-DOUBLE DISQUALIFICATION". Both Zbyszko and Wrestling 2 were later penalized, for what went down, in this torrid encounter. Wrestling 2 looked great, in this two match affair, and so did Brooks and Zbyszko. This match had the fans going wild. It's a shame, that the decision of this event, was not announced, to the spectators.)

UPCOMING TO ATLANTA'S OMNI: 7/3/83:

Ronnie Garvin VS. The Iron Sheik
Ole Anderson & Stan Hansen & Tommy Rich
VS.

"Precious" Paul Ellering & The Road Warriors
Mr. Wrestling 2 VS. Larry Zbyszko (Two Special Guest Referees, Mr. Wrestling 1 & Killer Brooks)

PLUS OTHER BOUTS

(Continued)

NOTES ON THE ATLANTA, GEORGIA CARD:

This card was tremendous, with alot of fast paced mat action. Seeing the team of Stan Hansen and Tommy "Wildfire" Rich was a real treat, they work very well together. Their opposition, the team of "The Road Warriors", managed by "Precious" Paul Ellering, were a devastating combo, and will give any team, a very hard time. They are big, tough, and fast. Ellering really molded himself quite a pair of wrestling machines. This was a great match between "The Road Warriors", who are The N.W.A National Tag Team Champions, and their rivals, "Badman" Stan Hansen and Tommy "Wildfire" Rich, Former N.W.A. World Heavyweight Champion. The feud between Ronnie Garvin and The Iron Sheik, The National T.V. Champion of The N.W.A., managed by "Precious" Paul Ellering, added another violent chapter, with both grapplers very evenly matched. These two mat giants gave forth a terrific bout. Another feud that is just as violent, added another stanza, was between, "Captain Redneck", Dick Murdoch and "The Mad Dog", Buzz Sawyer. These two competitors were sensational, to witness, in ring combat. Mat Veteran, Mr. Wrestling 2 and N.W.A National Heavyweight Champion, Larry Zbyszko, fought a real tough match, that had the fans going wild. These two men "Have No Love Lost", For each other, thats for sure. All in all the wrestling in this circuit is top notch, all the way. They give the fans some exciting bouts, that leave everyone in awe. This Writer (Paul Abbinante) will always want to see one of their fantastic cards.

THIS CARD WAS PROMOTED AND PRESENTED BY THE WORLD/GEORGIA CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING, INCORPORATED ORGANIZATION, IN CONJUNCTION, WITH THE NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE (N.W.A.).

SPECIAL CLOSING NOTES ON THE TRIP:

This Writer, (Paul Abbinante), forgot to mention, in The Dallas, Texas segment the following information: The Dallas card was taped, for U.S. Television, and Japanese Television, to be shown at a later date. Accompanying this writer was Mr. Travel, (D.J.P.). This gentleman is an expert, on Pro Wrestling. We also met with a top Japanese Correspondent, while attending the card, in Atlanta, Georgia. We enjoyed both cards, to the fullest. This trip to Dallas, Texas; and Atlanta, Georgia, was well worth it.

6/17/83 WESLACO, TEXAS

Armando Guerrero W. The Ninja Warrior
Tully Blanchard W. Rick McGraw
Bob Sweetan W. Black Gordman
The Shepherders W. Sweet Brown Sugar & Eric Embry
Scott Casey W. Bobby Jagers (Canadian Lumberjack Match)

6/17/83 EUGENE, OREGON

Burt Hennig & Billy Jack N.C. Rip Oliver & The Assassin
Buddy Rose W. Al Madril
Ron Ritchie W. Chief Tapu
Scott Ferris W. The Great Tio

6/18/83 PORTLAND, OREGON

Burt Hennig & Billy Jack W. Rip Oliver & The Assassin -DQ.
The Dynamite Kid W. Ron Ritchie
Stan Stasiak DREW Scott Ferris
Jesse Barr W. Chief Tapu
Al Madril W. The Great Tio

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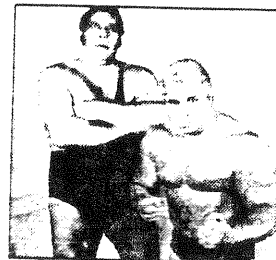


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PRO WRESTLING

Wrestlers treat their followers

By PAT GALBINCEA

STAFF WRITER

Whether you enjoyed the World Wrestling Federation's "Survivor Series II" last night at the Coliseum depends upon who you are.

Most of the 20,000-plus fans who attended said they had a great time, noting that the Coliseum was the perfect place to be on an otherwise slow Thanksgiving evening.

Most of the pro wrestlers would have preferred to be elsewhere.

While no wrestlers were overjoyed at giving up a holiday, they were treated royally to a lavish banquet at 3:30 p.m.

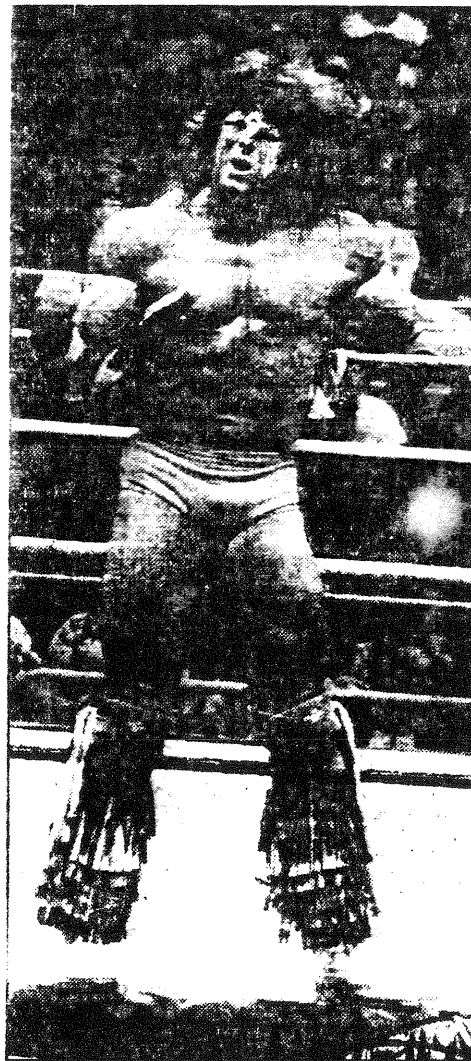
"We try to make being away from home as enjoyable as possible," said Michael Weber, director of media relations for the WWF. "After all, pro wrestlers are human beings, too."

Pro wrestlers also are characters out of the ring as much as they are in it. Many had interesting observations about spending Thanksgiving in Cleveland.

"This is a holiday for some people," said Jake (The Snake) Roberts, "but for me, it's just another day. I have to choose my own holidays."

The Honky Tonk Man, whose real name is Wayne Ferris, had another wisecrack.

"No matter what the holiday, I know my fans want to see me. They need to see me," he said. "And I'm sure they're thankful that the Honky Tonk Man came to Cleveland. That's the least I could do for my fans here."



PD/JIM GAYLE

The Ultimate Warrior taunts Survivor Series II fans last night at the Coliseum.

Popular pro wrestling commentator Jesse (The Body) Ventura, who has appeared in two movies with Arnold Schwarzenegger ("The Predator" and "The Running Man"), quipped:

"How lucky can I get. I get to come to the number one place in the world — Cleveland. There's no greater place to spend Thanksgiving.

"Actually, it makes you give thanks that you don't live in Cleveland."

Hacksaw Jim Duggan was one wrestler who didn't mind spending the holiday here.

"I've been in sports all my life," said Duggan, who played football for Southern Methodist University and the Atlanta Falcons. "I've always either played football or wrestled on Thanksgiving. Even though I can't spend it with my family, I'm always glad to have a chance to share it with my fans."

As for the fans, Lakewood's Mike Bobich seemed to sum it up best. "The Survivor Series is a good way to spend an otherwise dull Thanksgiving night," Bobich said. "My son and I enjoyed coming to a WWF match a few months ago, and we watch it on television every weekend."

Winners of the Single Survivor Series were Randy Savage and Hulk Hogan in the main event, the Ultimate Warrior in the second series and Dino Bravo and Curt Hennig in the third. The Powers of Pain were winners of the Tag Team Series.

A coincidence of the series had Hennig tagged up with Harley Race. The latter gained his pro wrestling fame by wrestling

tag team matches with Larry Hennig, Curt's father, in the 1960's.

"That should make anyone feel old," said Race. "I'm thankful to have good health at this stage in my life."

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Brutus Beefcake caught Dangerous Danny Davis in a sleeper submission; Bad News Brown pinned Jim Brunzell; Bad News Brown then left his own team after arguing with Greg Valentine; Ron Bass pinned Sam Houston; Greg Valentine caught the Blue Blazer in a figure-4 submission; Brutus Beefcake and the Honky Tonk Man were both counted out of the ring; The Ultimate Warrior pinned Ron Bass; The Ultimate Warrior won Single Series II by pinning Greg Valentine.

Tag Team Survivor Series

Brett Hart pinned Jacques Rougeau (Rougeau Brothers eliminated); Boris Zulkoff pinned Jim Powers (Young Stallions eliminated); Rocker-Gianetti pinned Boris Zulkoff (Bolsheviks eliminated); Brett Hart was disqualified for illegally pinning Tully Blanchard (Hart Foundation eliminated); The Rockers and the Brain Busters were both disqualified; Demolition-Smash was counted out of the ring against the Warlord (Demolition eliminated); The Powers of Pain won the Tag Team Survivor Series when the Barbarian pinned Conquistadors.

Single Series III

Rick Rude pinned Ken Patera; Dino Bravo pinned Scott Casey; Tito Santana pinned Harley Race; Andre the Giant pinned Tito Santana; Hacksaw Jim Duggan was disqualified for using a 2 x 4 against Dino Bravo; Jake Roberts pinned Rick Rude; Andre the Giant was disqualified for choking Jake Roberts; Curt Hennig and Dino Bravo won Single Series III when Hennig pinned Jake Roberts.

Single Series Main Event

Randy Savage pinned Terry Taylor; Akeem pinned Hillbilly Jim; Big Boss Man pinned Koko B. Ware; Ted DiBiase pinned Hercules; Randy Savage pinned Ted DiBiase; The Big Boss Man was counted out of the ring; Akeem was disqualified against Randy Savage; Hulk Hogan and Randy Savage won the Single Series Main Event when Hogan pinned King Haku.

The above article has a mistake, concerning the result of the Tag Team Survivor Series. The correction is as follows: during the Tag Team Survivor Series; after Rockers and Brain Busters were eliminated by disqualification, they left out Demolition Smash pinning The Dynamite Kid and continue from there.

LATE RESULTS

10/1/88 PORTLAND, OREGON/ Top Gunn & Steve Doll W Buddy Rose & Al Madril
Buddy Rose D.C.O.R. Billy Two Eagles -- Scott Peterson W. The Grappler -DQ
The Avalanche DREW Mike Golen 10/1/88 BECKLEY, WEST VIRGINIA/ Lisa Monroe W.
Babby Doll Dalton -- The Little Road Warrior W. The Little Mercenary
Corporal Kirshner D.C.O.R. The Iron Sheik -- Cousin, Jr. W. Moondog Spot
Cousin, Jr. & JR Hogg D.DQ. Black Bart & Moondog Spot -- Buggy McGraw & Jimmy
Valiant W. JR Hogg & Ricky Fargo -- Dale Mann W. The Mad Mongolian

10/1/88 TOKYO, JAPAN / Yoshiki Yatsu & Jumbo Tsuruta W. Danny Spivey & Dan
Kroffat -- The Rock & Roll Express W. Masa Fuchi & Mighty Inoue -- Abdullah The
Butcher W. Isao Takagi -- Doug Furnas W. Isamu Teranishi -- Giant Baba & John
Tenta W. Rusher Kimura & Goro Tsurumi -- Toshiaki Kawada W. Kenta Kobashi
Joel & David Deaton D.C.O.R. Tiger Mask & Shinichi

10/3/88 HANLEY, ENGLAND / Terry Rudge W. Pete Roberts -- Pat Roach DREW Tay
Steele -- Alan Kilby W. John Wilkie -- Farmers Boy W. Sid Cooper

10/5/88 TOKYO, JAPAN / Tatsumi Fujinami & Antonio Inoki W. Bam Bam Bieglow &
Steve Casey -- Dr. Death Steve Williams W. The Super Strong Machine -- Riki
Choshu & Hiroshi Hase W. Shiro Koshinaka & Yoshiki Fujiwara -- Kengo Kimura W.
Tony St. Clair -- Masa Saito W. George Takano -- Yamada W. Biff Wellington
El Canek & Pero Aguayo W. Hiro Saito & Kobayashi

10/7/88 LARKSPUR, CALIFORNIA / Hacksaw Jim Duggan W. Ted DiBiase -DQ. -- The
Karate Kid W. Little Tokyo -- The Powers Of Pain W. The Bolsheviks -- Hercules
Hernandez W. Ken Patera -- ~~Coco Samoa W.~~ Bulldog Bob Brown -- Paul Roma W.
Danny Davis

10/8/88 HAMBURG, WEST GERMANY / Klondike Mike Shaw W. Steve Regal -- Bernie
Wright DREW Terry Rudge -- Martin Myura W. Rolo Brazil -- Franz Von Buyten W.
Rene Lasartesse -DQ. -- Indio Guajardo & Rasputin #2 W. Kato Lopez & Richie
Brooks

10/10/88 PORTLAND, OREGON / Curt Hennig W. Sam Houston -- The Rockers W. The
Conquistadors -- Brutus Beefcake W. Ron Bass -- Jake Roberts W. Rick Rude
Hulk Hogan W. The Big Bossman -DQ. -- Jim Powers W. Sandy Beach -- Terry Taylor
defeated Jim Brunzell 10/10/88 TOKYO, JAPAN / Mike Suzuki & Hisako Uno W.
Bull Nakano & The Dynamite Kid -- Chigusa Nagayo W. Toriyo Yamada -- Mike
Suzuki & Hisako Uno W. The Fire Jets

10/12/88 BRADFORD, ENGLAND / Brian Maxine W. Lucky Jordan -- Kendo Nagazaki W.
Steve Regal -- Blonde Barrett D.DQ. Bob Brookside -- Tracey Kemp DREW Princess
Paula

10/15/88 PORTLAND, OREGON / Top Gun W. Al Madril -DQ. -- The Grappler DREW
Tatsumi Fujinami -- Mike Golden DREW Steve Doll -- Scott Peterson W.
Avalanche -DQ. -- Matt Borne W. Buddy Rose -DQ. 10/15/88 SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO
The Wrestling Machines W. Victor Jovica & Maelo Huertas Gonzales -- Bobby
Jaggers W. The Invader #3 -- Rufus R. Jones W. Kareem Muhammed The Wild Samoan
Afa W. Chris Adams -- Carlos Colon W. The Iron Sheik -- TNT D.DQ. Terry Funk
Ronnie Garvin W. Bob Orton, Jr -- Miquel Perez & Hurrican Castillo, Jr. W. Dr.
Death & Mr. Pogo 10/15/88 LAS VEGAS, NEVADA / Chief Jay Strongbow, Jr. W. Alex
Knight -- Greg Gagne W. Teijo Khan -- Sgt. Slaughter W. Soldat Ustinov
Mando & Charo Guerrero W. Paul Diamond & Pat Tanaka -- Wahoo McDaniel W. Manny
Fernandez -- Chigusa Nagayo W. Madusa Miceli -DQ.

10/16/88 CLEVELAND, OHIO / The Savage W. R. Mudd Boone -- The Pink Pussycat W.
The Mercenary -- Vladamir Markoff W. Loverboy Arrowstar -- Demon Of Darkness
D.DQ. Pysco Mike

10/17/88 HIROSHIMA, JAPAN / Stan Hansen DREW Jumbo Tsuruta -- Ashura Hara & Tenryu W. Tiger Mask & Taue -- Rock & Roll Express W. Inoue & Ishikawa -- John Tenta & Yoshiki Yatsu W. Danny Spivy & Krofatz -- Giant Baba & George Nakano DREW Dough Furnas & Rusher Kimura -- David Brown W. Kobashi -- Joel Deaton W. Okuma

10/18/88 MANCHESTER, ENGLAND / John Kenny W. Bob Brooks -- Dave Taylor W. Steve Casey -- Mark Rocco W. Mal Kojak Saunders -- Clive Meyers W. Ian Wilson

10/21/88 AUBURN HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN / Randy Savage W. King Haku -- The Rougeau Brothers W. The Hart Foundation -- The Ultimate Warrior W. The Honky Tonk Man via disqualification -- Dino Bravo W. Jim Duggan -C.O.R. -- Ted DiBiase W. Hercules Hernandez -- The Blue Blazer W. Steve Lombardi -- The Rockers W. The Conquistadors -- 10/21/88 DETROIT, MICHIGAN / The Shepherders W. Tony Staro and The Italian Stallion -- The Midnight Express D.D.Q. The Roadies -- Eddie Gilbert W. Kevin Sullivan -DQ. -- Mike Rotundo W. The Italian Stallion -- The Fantastics W. Larry Zbyszko & Rip Morgan -- The Stinger W. Ric Flair -DQ.

10/22/88 WOODBURY, NEW JERSEY / Chief T-Mt W. George Custer III -- Joe Daniels defeated Jungle Jim -- Sean & Brian O'Rielly W. The Pit Bulls -- Tony Stetson defeated Beetle Juice -- Graveyard Grimes W. Sweet Daddy Falcone -- Frank Burns defeated Amazing Martin -- Patty O'Brien W. Outlaw Sonny Austin 10/22 AUKLAND NEW ZEALAND / Paul Sanger W. Billy Slam -- Peter Glenn DREW Peter Lauder Tama Sasa & Johnny Garcia W. Sharkey Ward & Bruno Bekkar 10/22/88 WAKAYAMA, JAPAN Antonio Inoki & Yamada & Koshinaka W. Bam Bam Bieglow & El Canek & Perro Aguayo Riki Choshu W. Steve Casey -- Tony St. Clair & Steve Williams W. Kido & Fujiwara Hiro Saito W. Biff Wellington -- George Takano & Kengo Kimura W. The Super Strong Machine & Kobayashi

10/24/88 HANLEY, ENGLAND / The Masked UFO W. Kid McCoy -- Tom Brown W. John Wilkie -- Pete Ross W. Eddie Riley -- Rex Lane W. Mike Weaver 10/24/88 Memphis TENNESSEE / Jerry Lawler W. Kerry Von Erich to win The "Unification" World Title Match -- Gary Young & Cactus Jack Foley W. Todd Morton & Bill Dundee Scott Steiner & Brian Lee & Natures Best W. Robert Fuller & Jim Golden -DQ. (Handicap Match) -- Bill Dundee & Todd Morton W. The Rock & Roll RPM's

10/28/88 KANSAS CITY, KANSAS / Mike George D.C.O.R. Wahoo McDaniels -- Rick McCord W. Bruce Blackwell -- Karate Kid W. Lil Tokyo -- TC Carter W. Russell Sapp -- Ray Stevens & Ric McCord W. Akio Sato & The Grim Reaper

10/29/88 LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA / Sammy Delgado W. The Golden Starr -- Jack Armstrong D.D.Q. Chief Jay Strongbow, Jr. -- Steve Strong W. Billy Anderson The Great Goliath DREW Tony Rocco -- Alexis Smirnoff W. Carlos Mata -- Mando Guerrero & Peter Miavia, Jr. W. The Lords Of Discipline -DQ. 10/29/88 HANLEY, ENGLAND / Ray Stevens W. Jamaica George -- Alan Kilby W. Chris Cougar Richie Brooks W. The Mighty Atom -- Pat Roach W. Terry Rudge 10/29/88 PORTLAND OREGON / The Grappler & Abdda Dein W. Steve Doll & Greg Peterson -- Matt Borne W. Art Barr -- Col DeBeers W. King? -- Top Gun DREW Avalanche -- Top Gun defeated Top Gun

10/30/88 CAMROSE, ALBERTA, CANADA / Leo Burke W. Rip Rogers -- Rhonda Singh W. Lola Gonzales -- Chris Benoit D.C.O.R. Johnny Smith -- Steve DiSalvo & Steve Blackman W. The Cuban Commandos 10/30/88 VICTORVILLE, CALIFORNIA / Alexis Sminoff W. Sammy Delgado -- The Great Goliath W. Billy Anderson -- Steve Strong defeated Tony Rocco -- Chief Jay Strongbow, Jr. W. Jack Armstrong -- Peter Maivai, Jr. & Mando Guerrero W. The Lords Of Discipline -- Chavo Guerrero W. Terry Funk 10/30/88 DALLAS, TEXAS / Kevin Von Erich Super Black Ninja -DQ. Kevin & Kerry & Eric Embry W. King Parsons & Black Bart & The Beast -- Bill Irwin & Steve Cox W. The Samoan -- Kendell Windham W. Batswin Beach --

NWA Wrestling
Columbus, Ohio: Fairgrounds Coliseum.
Saturday November 12, 1988. 8:00pm.

Crowd estimate - 2500-3000.

I happened to be in Columbus for a record convention and by lovely coincidence, there was an NWA card that very night. So my friend Valerie from Columbus and I headed over.

The first action was in the lobby where hundreds crowded trying to get tickets. It took about a $\frac{1}{2}$ hour to get to the ticket window, so I chatted with folks around me. A boy behind me insisted he knew from "reliable sources" that Turner was paying Dusty a lot of money to retire in January. I told him to stop raising people's hopes. I was already annoyed to hear that Dusty vs Flair was the main event tonight.

By the time we got in the first match was in full swing, and I didn't recognize ANY of the participants. We finally ascertained that one of the teams was Randy Rose and Dennis Condrey. The other team was listed in the program as "Opponents to be Named." and none of the people I asked, including those at the officials' table, could identify them.

1. Randy Rose and Dennis Condrey, the so-called "Original" Midnight Express vs Opponents to Be Named. Rose pins? I just sat and snickered at the sight of these guys flailing away at the bottom of the card getting no crowd reaction. Paul E. Dangerously was not even there, because he was probably in Connecticut begging Vinnie to let him wash his car or weed his driveway or whatever in return for a break. Further comments later.

2. Steve Williams w. Kevin Sullivan vs Eddie Gilbert. Williams wins. Most of this match consisted of Dr Death pounding little Eddie with big power moves. Eddie's best defense was rolling out of the way. This isn't his kind of match and he's being poorly used. He got pinned when he went after Sullivan who kept interfering and Dr D bashed him from behind, then pinned him with a big handful of tights that exposed quite a bit of Eddie.

3. Mike Rotunda w. Kevin Sullivan vs Nikita Koloff. Time limit draw. This got started slowly with Rotunda bitching endlessly to the ref, then making a big production of hiding a foreign object in his knee pad. The first 10 minutes consisted of about 2 minutes of wrestling and 8 minutes of whining. Nikita kept crying that Rotunda was pulling his hair- so why doesn't he shave it again? Rotunda hit the mat and Nikita leapt over him so awkwardly, he deserved to go flying out of the ring, where Sullivan pummeled him. At one point, Rotunda had Nikita on the floor in a headlock and the crowd started chanting encouragement like little Hulkamaniacs. Towards the end, Sullivan made a production of putting an object in Rotunda's hand- how many objects does this guy need anyway? At the end, Nikita thinks he's won and when he realizes he hasn't, all hell breaks loose. He grabs Sullivan as he's climbing in the ring and presses him and then bashes on Rotunda. Nikita was introduced as being from Lithuania- what's this about? Moscow isn't in Lithuania.

INTERMISSION.

4. Road Warriors vs Ron Simmons and Italian Stallion. Hawk pins Stallion, in about $1\frac{1}{2}$ minutes. The Roadies practically phoned this one in and who can blame them? World Tag Team Champs wrestling...the Italian Stallion?? If the NWA was hoping to revive the Roadies by turning them bad, they've GOT to do better than THIS. Ellering wasn't there and the Roadies charged in with no belts, no leather- wearing jeans, sweatpants and tank tops. They bashed away with chairs, then settled down with Hawk in against Stallion, standing patiently while Stallion tried to knock him around- then he scooped him up and pinned him. Bye-bye Stallion. At least, Simmons didn't lecture the crowd about saying no to drugs.

5. Sting vs Barry Windham. Sting wins on dq when Barry throws him over the top rope. Valerie thought this got the best crowd reaction of the night.

Indeed, the crowd got up and stayed up, as the two turned in an action-filled if slightly repetitive match that flowed nicely. At one point, Barry turned on Tommy Young, who backed off and jumped out of the ring. I thought the ref was supposed to be in CHARGE.

6. Midnight Express w. Jim Cornette vs Lex Luger & Bam Bam Bigelow w. Oliver Humperdinck. Luger pins Lane. I thought THIS got the best response. The crowd went nuts when Cornette came in and started to work the house. Diatribe #1: What's my beef against Dangerously? Well, first of all, I disagree with you dweebs who think the guy is so great he'd be as hot as Cornette with the right push. But my main beef is Dangerously's openly stated ambition to go with the WWF. It's a Road Warriors-Powers of Pain scenario all over, bringing in some upstarts to destroy your best attraction and then watch them decamp to the WWF. And Dangerously has given fair WARNING, so I can't comprehend the NWA being this dumb. Cornette has almost single-handedly kept their tv shows of the past year from being a wasteland of boredom and he deserves better than to be asked to play the straight-man role for a mediocre, WWF-worshipping crud like Dangerously-you all KNOW the villain role is juicier. They owe Cornette better than this.

ANYWAY, Cornette started right in, posing on the ring posts and hugging Bobby and kissing him on the lips, and then when Tommy came over to tell them to cut it out and start wrestling, he threatened to kiss Tommy on the lips. Much of the real action was outside the ring, where Humperdinck kept chasing Cornette complaining that he was interfering, and when Tommy chased Humperdinck back to his corner, the Midnights double-teamed Bigelow who was stuck in the ring for most of the match, while Luger stood outside, jumping up and down and shaking the ropes like he'd od'd on Ultimate Warrior matches. Stan was great against Bigelow, leveling him with karates moves and using his own weight against him. Finally Luger tagged in and cleaned house, pinning Stan. But WAIT! The action wasn't over. Cornette threw a tantrum, then went after Tommy with a chair. Tommy grabbed a chair and they faced off, until Tommy dropped his chair, jumped in the ring and lay down, challenging Cornette to pin him. When Cornette got up on the rope and jumped, Tommy rolled out of the way. Naturally, Jimbo was mucho upset and led out hollering. A stellar performance. Dangerously- go HOME - or go to the WWF NOW.

7. Ric Flair vs Lardbucket. Flair pins Lardy. Worst Flair match I've seen.

How long do you think it took me to become totally disgusted? Uh-oh- we're into Diatribe #2 already! It was when Lardy got this big build-up and then Flair came in with no music or anything. But he LOOKED so fabulous in his white silver-trimmed robe and that champion aura that he galvanised the crowd anyway.

It was the usual match. You've seen it more times than you can count. Lardy mostly knocked Flair around. They did the Figure 4-reverse bit, of course. Lardy got good response coming in but it died fast. Valerie noted that when Flair got him in a headlock and he started wiggling his fingers, he didn't get the crowd going at all. He got tossed out and came up bleeding from his eyesocket and the side of the head. Out of the crowd came the best comment of the night: "Hey, fat boy, peel off some more scar tissue."

After Flair won and started to leave with the belt, Tommy chased him, grabbed the belt and demanded to know if he'd used the ropes to pin Dusty. So what was he going to do- he didn't SEE it. While they argued, Dusty bashed Flair and got the belt which he left with. Valerie's comment? "His hair looks like a sheep's ass." "When he does that thing with his hands, he looks like he's got boogers on his fingers and he's shaking them off." "I'd rather see Flair wrestle Mike Rotunda." Me: I preferred the tv match he did on WTBS this very night with George South- it cut this match to shreds. Even Flair seemed bored. I certainly was.

Note: Dusty seems to have acquired a bulging red spot on his leg to match the one on his stomach!

Proposed wrestling reform #11: No wrestler over 300 lbs to be referred to as an "athlete" EVER.



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LOS ANGELES SPORTS ARENA

November 17, 1988

Attendance - 10,000

1. Blue Blazer FIN Danny Davis

B

Good match, hi-lited by a vicious under-the-bottom-rope dropkick by Blazer. This one must have "smarted". Unlike the last couple of Blazer matches there were no missed moves (credit Davis). The end came with a super-splash that wasn't quite as daring as Snuka's, but very good anyway (hands and knees obviously took the brunt of the bump).

2. Rockers PIN The Conquistadores

B+

This match had great team work and well executed high spots. The Rockers are easily my favorite team to watch, at least until they team my dream-team of Iron Mike Sharpe and Bad News Brown. Both teams took great bumps and worked the crowd very well. Marty took a great bump over the top rope when he missed a high cross body block as Estrada ducked (well-executed). The Conquistadores did effective switching throughout the match. The complicated ending was well done. Michaels in the process of "cleaning house", mule-kicked Estrada through the ropes and held Rivera from behind so that Marty can come off the ropes to cream him. Jose, however, pulled down the top rope and out went Janetty and the heels double-teamed Michaels. He then ducked under a double-clothesline. Marty then tripped up Estrada from outside the ring and Shawn got the pin on Rivera with a flying cross body block.

3. Bad NewsBrown PIN Ken Patera

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Bad News won this one with the "ghetto blaster" because Patera missed a shoulder block in the corner once again. He got his shoulder closer to the post this time but his body is just not made for this move. No heat, for good reason.

4. Brutus Beefcake PIN "Outlaw" Ron Bass

C+

The Barber is very big here and they should run a local angle involving him. This is probably why he dominated this bout. This wasn't a bad bout as both did their job with few mistakes and good ring psychology. Local referee Jesse Hernandez got involved with a good bump. Brutus won with a good flying body press. An angry Bass grabbed Miss Betsy and choked Brutus. Beefcake rammed him to the corner and took the whip. He snapped it a couple of times in Bass' general direction and Ron "high-tailed" it out of there.

5. Hulk Hogan COR Big Boss Man C+

Good Hulk Hogan bout with the usual Hogan heat. Nothing new here except the finish when, in his attempt to handcuff Hogan, BBM somehow got himself handcuffed and took a good clothesline bump over the top rope. He was then counted out and Hogan began his posing. As Jesse says "How much longer do I gotta sit here and take this McMahon." It should be mentioned that Slick did some good ring work.

6. The Brainbusters PIN The Young Stallions B

I enjoyed this bout a lot as the B.B. took there usual NWA bumps. The crowd had no idea what they were watching as there was no crowd noise. The Stallions looked so pumped up its scary. I hope everything goes well for them as I really enjoy the effort they put out. They showed some great flying moves. This match had an excellent finish when Arn set up Roma for the brainbuster and Tully helped him culminate the finisher.

7. Hercules SUBMISSION "The Bodyguard" Virgil C

As expected Virgil took a bunch of bumps. Herc finally got the full nelson clamped on and it was all over. DiBiase was at ringside and tried to break up the hold with a chair, to no avail. Finally the old "choke-him-with-a-chain" trick saved Virgil from damage and the heels quickly escaped.

8. The Ultimate Warrior PIN Honkey Tonk Man C

The Warrior physically carried Hart back to the dressing room much to the delight of the crowd. Heres another guy thats "over" with the L.A. fans. This bout was mostly power moves and HTM bumps. Trying to walk back to the dressing room in the middle of the match, HTM literally got dragged back by the hair. Warrior then lifted him over his head and threw him back into the ring over the second rope. The tide shortly changed and HTM choked him with one of his pieces of cloth. This was reversed and Hart, by this time returned to the ring, climbed to the top rope in an effort to save HTM. Warrior grabbed him, hoisted him over his head and toppled him on top of HTM. He then hooked him for the pin.

NOTES:

Once again Z-Channel taped the entire card and the guys put out. This makes for an enjoyable show. Also judging by the

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scarcity of mistakes that this was at the end of the cycle and that these matches have made the rounds. The TV production was done very well and there was no crowd sweetening. Thank goodness that this feature was eliminated, it was horrendous, especially the boos. The ticket situation remains the same, my old section isn't even sold. Either the people in that section come to the event 45 minutes late or that's how long it takes for people to sneak to those seats, as it remained empty for a couple of matches. Also freebies were prevalent. One guy bought a freebie from a scalper for \$30.00 and he was 50 feet from the ring. KNAC (Rock) + KZLA (country) still have a lot to do with the production and KZLA was announced as sponsoring the pre-match autograph session by the Ultimate Warrior. KROQ was also present.

FOOD REPORT:

"Louisiana Hots" were hearty enough for even the most dedicated chile pepper eater which prompted an immediate dose of diet caffeine.

Announced for Saturday December 17, 1988

Bad News Brown to appear
Boris Zhukov vs Blue Blazer
Akeem the Dream vs Koko B. Ware
Rockin' Robin vs Sensational Sherri
Greg Valentine vs Chico Santana
Demolition vs. Powers of Pain
Big Boss Man vs Hulk Hogan

The Russian Assassin W. The Italian Stallion (The Assassin won with the use of a sleeper hold. This match was quite booring ang gets a 3.)

The Fantastics (Tommy Rogers & Bobby Fulton) W. Rip Morgan & Johnathan Holliday (Johnathan refused to wrestle. He wouldn't even take off is jacket. Holliday started with the referee. He took the microphone and told everyone that if we didn't shot up, he was going to leave. He started to walk out and, then, went over to a young lady sitting in the first row of the ringside and gave her a kiss. Give us a break! Fulton got hold of Holliday, gave a back flip and then, threw him out of the ring. Holliday still had his jacket on. Fulton kicked Holliday in the rear end. Fulton and Holliday started to punch one another. Rogers clotheslined Morgan and executed a flying elbow off the top rope. Rip clotheslined Rogers. The Fantastics used a double head scissors. Rogers, finally, pinned Holliday with his famous rocket launcher. This match gets a 7.)

The Originall Midnight Express (Dennis Condrey & Randy ose) W. The Texas Bronkos (Dustin Rhodes & Kendell Windham) (Rose and Kendell started things off Dennis entered the ring and used the elbow as dose his father, Dusty. Dustin executed a body slam on Rose. Condrey came off the top rope and Dustin moved out of the way. Dustin, once again gave Condrey a body slam. Condrey hit Dusti with the telephone given to him by Paul E. Dangerously, manager of The Express Randy tried to pin Dustin, but no luck. Windham clotheslined and body slammed Rose. Kendell had Rose in a roll up and Rose reversed it and pinned him. This match gets an 8.)

Ivan Koloff W. The Russian Assassin #2 (Koloff let The Assassin have it. The Assassin then, hit his head into the turnbuckle. He, then, fell to the mat floor and Ivan wasted no time to pin his opponent. This match gets a 5.)

Barry Windham W. Eddie Gilbert (Eddie started to let Windham have it, by punching him. Barry, then, fell through the ropes. Eddie executed a good back flip and scoked Barry in the chest/throat area. Gilbert started to punch Windham in the head. Barry hit Eddie in the groin and hit gilbert again throwi him out of the ring. Windham slammed Gilbert's head into the officials tabel. Gilbert started to kick Windham in the stomach and then flipped Barry and tried to pin him, but no luck. Windham, finally, pinned Gilbert with his feet on the ropes. This match gets an 8.)

Dusty Rhodes & Rick Steiner W. The Varsity Club (Kevin Sullivan & Dr. Death Steve Williams) (They said that Rotundo was injured, so Sullivan took his place Sullivan threw Steiner out of the ring. Mike Rotundo was at ringside and started with Steiner, but Rotundo learned fast, that was a big mistake. Steine put his foot into Williams chest and started to punch Williams in the head. Rhodes let Sullivan and Williams both have it, by elbowing each one in the hea He, did the same to Rotundo. Steiner body slammed Williams and tried to pin him, but no luck. Sullivan came into the ring and pulled Steiner off of Williams. Steiner dropkicked Williams out off the ring and Dusty threw him back into the ring. Williams started to kick Steiner in the groin. Steiner monkey flipped Williams into the ropes and Rhodes was waiting and slapped Williams in the face. Sullivan clotheslined Steiner and Dusty gave Sullivan a good d.dt. Everybody came into the ring, including Rotundo. Rhodes grabbed Sullivan and started to work him over. The others were still going at it. Rhodes, finally pinned Sullivan, by hooking the legs. After the match Stein clotheslined Rotundo. This match gets an 8.)

(Continued)

The Stinger & Lex Luger W. The Road Warriors (Animal & Hawk) (If a wrestler loses a fall he must leave the ring. Sting and Hawk started things off. The chased one another out of the ring. Sting, then, gave Hawk a d.d.t and drop kicked him out of the ring. Luger body slammed Animal with one hell of a force. Hawk gave Luger a cross body block. Luger drop kicked Hawk, sending him over the top rope. Luger body slammed Animal. Hawk was giving Sting a sleeper hold, but he got out of it. Sting clotheslined Animal. Luger drop kicked Animal out of the ring. The referee, then, counted them both out and eliminated Sting and Hawk. This left Luger and Animal in the ring. Animal gave Luger a clothesline. Luger body slammed Animal. Luger had Animal across his shoulders in a back breaker. He started to swing Animal around in mid-air. Animal's foot hit the referee, knocking him down. Ellering came in and knocked Luger down. The referee regained his composure and saw Animal on top of Luger. Another referee came in and told the first referee, that Ellering had interfered. The official automatically disqualified Animal. This was the best match of the night and it gets a ten. This card was not too bad and scored a 7.)

11/16/88 RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

The Original Midnight Express W. Mike Justice & Curtis Thompson
 Eddie Gilbert W. The Italian Stallion
 Bobby Fulton W. The Cruel Connection #1
 Dr. Death Steve Williams W. Ron Simmons
 Ivan & Nikita Koloff W. The Russian Assassins #1 & #2
 The Road Warriors W. Stan Lane & Bobby Eaton

11/24/88 KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

T.C. Carter DREW Ric Reagan
 The Grim Reaper W. Mike Enos
 Steve Ray W. Akio Sato -DQ.
 Bad Company W. Ric McCord & Derric Dukes
 Mike George D.DQ. The Iron Sheik
 Steve Ray won a twelve man battle royal.

11/24/88 ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI

Ric Reagan W. The Grim Reaper
 Bob Brown W. T.C. Carter
 Bad Company & Akio Sato W. Ric McCord & Mike Enos & Derrick Dukes
 Mike George D.C.O.R. Steve Ray
 Sgt. Slaughter W. The Iron Sheik -DQ.
 Pat Tanaka won a twelve man battle royal.

11/27/88 AHOSKIE, NORTH CAROLINA

Dale Turner W. Tommy Eaton
 Pretty Boy Bobby Rose W. The Funktown Kid
 The Super Enforcer & Chief David Three Feathers W. The Untouchables
 The Mod Squad D.DQ. Lazertron & The African
 Jimmy Valiant W. The Cuban Assassin (New York Street Fight Match)

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