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ON THE ROAD

THE KANSAS CITY WRESTLING SCENE

By

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6/4/89 THE KEMPNER ARENA, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

The NWA came to the Kempner Arena, Kansas City, MO. Sunday, June 4, 1989 with eight matches ranging from squashes, and "Romper Room" style matches, to outstanding four-star calibre matches. This card featured something for everyone - from an autograph session from 7:20PM to 8:00PM (Yes, I got the autographs despite the NWA's lack of organization) with The Dynamic Dudes, Lex Luger, and Dick Murdoch present, to the souvenir stands displaying Flair, Luger, Steamboat, Road Warriors, Battlestar '88, and Starrcade '88 t-shirts selling for \$18:00 each. Four Horseman caps selling for 8:00 each, and NWA title belt replicas for \$28:00 each. The concession stands featured the typical foods for a sporting event--hot dogs, nachos, soft drinks, etc., plus ice cream sundae stands were in operation all over the arena. Unfortunately, only one hundred programs were available--again, not good organization on the NWA's part (would Titan allow this to happen?).

Only 1,500 fans answered the NWA's call of "Guts and Glory" as they encountered rainy weather to attend this card.

AND NOW, ON WITH THE SHOW!!

DYNAMIC DUDES VS. JACK VICTORY & THE RAIDER

Jack Victory, dressed olive-green, commando style with combat boots, and The Masked Raider were already in the ring when The Dudes' "Wipeout" theme blasted on the P.A. system. The Dudes (Shane Douglas and Johnny Ace) emerged on the ringside scene complete with skateboards to a cheering crowd. I had the good fortune to sit in the "wild and crazy" section of the arena as these fans put the heat on the wrestlers in each match all night. Raider was the unfortunate recipient of the "You s_ck" chant from the crowd throughout the match. Best line of the night went to Jack Victory as he shouted to an obese fan sitting in the front row, "You're making up for two seats lady!", to which Shane Douglas, already outside the ring, came to the fan's rescue by shaking hands with her, causing the crowd to pop. Dudes made the tag, Victory gets beaten up, and Johnny Ace slipped out of the ring, shook hands with this same fan while he did the "Kiss my ___" routine to Victory. The match consisted of punches and doubleteaming by both teams. However, doubleteaming got the best

of Victory and Raider where Raider was the victim of the doubleteaming suplex by the dudes, pinning Radier. This match gets a C rating.

STEVE "DR. DEATH" WILLIAMS VS. "PARTS INKNOWN"

The emergence of "Dr. Death" Steve Williams to Springsteen's "Born in the USA" song brought a thunderous response of cheers from the fans. This match started immediately with no ring introductions. Williams was on the offense for this squash, culminating with a press slam, elbow smash and the Oklahoma Stampede to ensure the pin. After the match, Williams used the house microphone to address Kevin Sullivan, of the Varsity Club: "A dog will fight back... there's a new doctor making housecalls." Sorry Williams is no Jim Cornette. This match gets a D- rating. There is no place for a squash match on a live Card. Save it for the TV tapings, please.

DICK MURDOCH VS. "WILD" BILL IRWIN

This match replaced the Bob Orton, Jr. vs. Eddie Gilbert match scheduled. This match brought the "Wild and crazies" out of the crowd with such chants directed at Irwin as "You s_ck" and "Chicken sh_t." Match began with Irwin entering the ring cracking his whip and yelling "Shut up!" to the fans, followed by Murdoch entering the ring. Irwin brought a chair, attempted to use it on Murdoch but Murdoch reversed it by hitting Irwin, and atomic dropped him on the chair. Irwin got into verbal confrontations with the referee where Murdoch came from behind Irwin and hit him in the face. Action consisted of punching, kicking, and restholds. Murdoch locked Irwin's left arm in an arm bar. Irwin reached with his right hand for the ropes and the referee kicked Irwin's arm off the rope. Murdoch circled the ring with Irwin's locked arm, and pivoted behind Irwin to set up an opportunity for the ref to punch Irwin, which he didn't despite the fans urgings--as a result, Murdoch punched his opponent in the che Irwin went on the offensive with a raking job across Murdoch's eyes, slammed his head into the turnbuckles. The scales turned in favor of Murdoch as he attempted to pin Irwin but no success--finally, Irwin got pinned from Murdoch elbow smash. After the pinfall, Irwin choked Murdoch with his whip. This match drew tremendous heat due to stalling tactics. Irwin will get over in the NWA if he stays. He provides heat and the fans respond to it. This match gets a C-rating due to little action and too much stalling.

BUTCH REED VS. RANGER ROSS

"Caissons Go Rolling Along" played in the background as Ranger Ross, donning black ring jacket, green beret, and carrying the American flag circled the outside the ring before entering the inside of the ring. Reed was greeted with anti-WWF remarks--"Go back to WWF", and "This is the NWA not the WWF!" crowd loyalties were split in this match. Action went fast and furious as Reed executed a vertical suplex on Ross with the knockout at two by Ross. Ross got hurled into the ropes and got kicked in the throat, then fell victim to the lariat. Reed jumped off the top rope where Ross punched him in the stomach. Ross got on the offensive by using the turnbuckles to administer ten punches to Reed's head. Reed hurled Ross across the ring to the turnbuckles--Ross attempted a flying bodypress but missed. Reed delivered an elbow smash to Ross to get the pinfall and the win. This match gets a C rating.

MIKE ROTUNDO VS. SCOTT STEINER

This match pitted the standing, vertical suplex vs. the belly-to belly suplex. This match stipulated that the match must be won with the use of a suplex.

Chants of "Syracuse sucks" are voiced at Rotundo, resulted in his heading for the dressing room. The referee counted to six, then Rotunda took off his jacket and entered the ring. The match consisted of restholds and stalling. Rotundo drew heat in this match by frequently adjusting his kneepad--the fans expected an illegality by Rotunda. Rotunda threw Steiner out of the ring to slow him down. Scott suplexed (belly-to-belly) Rotunda. Steiner attempted to dive onto Rotunda but was caught with a punch to his stomach from Rotunda's raised knees. At this point, Rotundo suplexed Steiner and Steiner kicked at 2, then was bodyslammed by Rotunda. Rotunda climbed to the top of the turnbuckle where Steiner punched and bodyslammed him. Steiner did a belly-to-belly suplex to Rotunda but could not get the pin because both men were too close to the ropes. Rotunda took charge again by vertically suplexing Steiner resulting in a pinfall despite Steiner's foot being draped across the ropes. After Rotunda was given the win, the referee was greeted with angry protests from fans in their efforts to tell him Steiner's foot was on the ropes, but no avail. Match gets a C rating.

THE GREAT MUTA (with Manager Gary Hart) VS. RICK STEAMBOAT

Action in this match began as soon as the ring introductions were completed as Muta took the "Pearl Harbor" offense with help from manager Gary Hart. This match featured something for everyone from Steamboat hants, Muta hants, fast and furious offensives from both wrestlers, and restholds. Referee built up heat by verbally assaulting Hart for outside interference while fans chanted "Steamboat, Steamboat", culminating in Hart addressing the fans "would you shut up ?" Hart was not aware Muta was using his crowd chants to his advantage as this was clearly a babyface vs. babyface match. Muta threw Steamboat out of the ring, into the steel railing, and bodyslammed him on the floor. Hart punched Steamboat outside of the ring then Muta threw his opponent back into the ring, then performed an armdrag takedown. Steamboat slowed the pacing as he engaged Muta in restholds, headlocks, and armlocks. Muta put Steamboat in the sleeper hold and he came close to a pinfall by submission, but with the help of the crowd's chanting and his strength, Steamboat successfully fought his way out of the hold. Steamboat atomic dropped Muta, then used chops and kicks where SUPRISE! Muta did a flying bodypress onto Steamboat and nearly pinned him. Next, Muta cartwheeled following through with his Karate kick intended for his opponent but missed. At this point, the crowd popped and Steamboat went on the rampage and cleaned house with Karate chops to Muta (in the ring and off the top rope), and chased Hart to no avail. Steamboat beat the ref's count by getting back into the ring and came off the ropes, and Hart's interference caused him to go over the top rope. Steamboat chased Hart, where he is sneak-attacked by Muta. The action spilled into the ring where Steamboat performed a flying bodypress onto Muta and the action stopped. The referee had awarded the match to Steamboat via disqualification for being thrown over the top rope. This match turned out to be the best match of the night -- it gets an A-

ROAD WARRIORS
(w/Paul Ellering)

VS.

SAMOAN SWAT TEAM
(w/ Paul E. Dangerously)

Both teams attacked each other with absolutely no regard for the rules. Ellering chased Dangerously around the ring and back to the dressing room to keep him from interfering in the match, while the Warriors and the SST continued with their barrage of punching, brawling, and posting. Both teams were counted out of the ring by the referee resulting in a double disqualification due to double countout.

This match gets an F rating. This match was a squash match and one dose not pay \$15 to see a squash match one can view on TV for free plus a match against
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two good teams who have the potential to create an exciting feud. Seeing Ellering chase Dangerously into the dressing room and the ensuing ring action qualifies this match for "Romper Room."

LEX LUGER VS. MICHAEL HAYES
LIGHTS OUT--BADSTREET MATCH

This match was billed as a lights out Badstreet match, but one thought Hayes had forgotten as the referee reminded him "This is a Badstreet match, your match, there are no rules, anything goes." Hayes confronted the crowd and after stalling from Luger's punches, finally removed his belt and whipped Luger in the back and choked him. As both wrestlers criss-crossed the ropes, the belt came loose, Luger grabbed it, and hit Hayes. Action spilled outside the ring as Hayes pushed Luger into the steel railing and the announcer's table, however, both were back in the ring by the end of the ref's count. Hayes still had the boot and he used it to hit Luger in the back of the head and the upper back. Luger grabbed the boot and punched Hayes and hit him over head with the boot. The place popped when Luger removed his shirt and in this momentum, threw Hayes into the turnbuckles giving him five punches. Luger delivered a lariat to Hayes from the ropes and repeated this same procedure using a power slam. A ref bump resulted from an attempted maneuver by Luger and a foreign (brass knuckles) slipped out. Luger snatched it and punched Hayes in the face. Luger wins this match via pinfall. This match gets a B rating.

NOTES AND STUFF: I talked to a number of fans at this card and many were WWF fans. Tidbits I heard was Al Perez is heading to World Class, Jimmy Garvin will undergo Freebird Fantasia (or will be a tour guide for Badstreet), Barr Windham is WWF bound, Powers of Pain face reunion as will the Hart Foundation and Bossman and Akeem are likely to split up with Slick staying with Akeem

THE LOS ANGELES WRESTLING SCENE

BY

ANDY DRAGOS

6/16/89 THE LOS ANGELES SPORTS ARENA, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The Attendance was a sell-out, 14,500

"The Genius" PIN Jim Powers

C+ 83 deg

It looks like they have dropped Lanny's name completely as there was no mention of his real name at all. At the beginning "The Genius" (do I have to put in the quotation marks all the time?) recited something which I can only assume was a poem as the P.A. System here is atrocious and the fans are not as patient with him. Lanny's new style has lent itself to "gentiler" aerobatics and more punching. The bout was fair and both men got their share of heat, making it a good opener. The end came when Powers performed a suplex but accidentally pinned himself as Lanny got his shoulder up.

Chico Santana NO CONTEST Rick Martel

No Grade 97 de

Santana was attacked before the bell and was unable to continue. It was announced if Chico was able, the match would take place later in the evening.

Jimmy "Superfly" Snuka PIN Honkeytonk Man

C+ 99 deg

Snuka did a credible job and HTM Sold well. The fans still love the finisher (even though there has been better versions). The flying maneuver did the job cleanly this time out.

Tom "Mega Man" Magee PIN Tim Horner

C 40 deg

The mystery was solved as I couldn't figure out why Tim Horner was announced as coming in. It was the W.W.F. way to give a push to Mega Man (Not Horner). The fans did not give the guys a chance. Maybe they sensed the manipulation, nah never happen. They weren't told to cheer. The unwarranted chant of "boring" rang throughout. Are all wrestling fans ignorant or just in Los Angeles? They wanted no part of this bout and it was the guys fault. This was the first time seeing Magee. He rally tried and Tim did all he could to take him over. There were very few mistakes but you can tell it was because of practice not talent. The end came when Tom reversed a pinning attempted after a flying body block.

Demolition DQ. Twin Towers

A- 110 deg

Outstanding bout with both guys getting their sledgehammer tactics in. There were great hot tags and bumps. The ref. took a bump, which enabled B.B.M. to use the night stick and allowed Akeem to cover Smash. The revived ref. tapped Akeem's shoulder three times and called for the bell. I'll bet 70-80% of the crowd thought the title had changed hands.

The Barbarian PINNED Jim "The Anvil" Neidhart

C 55 deg

Fuji grabbed Anvil's leg while he was attempting a body slam near the ropes. This allowed The Babarian to get the pin.

Rick Martel PIN Chico Santana

C+ 85deg

Standard bout for these guys. It was mostly to get Martel over as a heel. Martel utilized the ropes to secure the pin with Slick's help.

Bad News Brown PIN Blue Blazer

C 75 deg

Blazer got the best of Brown throughout the bout. Owen's moves were not that spectacular but effective. Brown surprised Blazer with "The Ghetto Buster" and got the pin.

Hulk Hogan DQ. Randy "Macho Man" Savage

A 118 deg

An outstanding bout with all the participants getting credit for putting on a great show. Scary Sheri made this bout a classic. The bumps she took were absolutely phenomenal. The most bumps I had ever seen a woman take from a man. Savage accidentally kneed Sheri in the chest, awesome. For the first time Hogan did not get the pin after the dread leg bomb. Actually he refused to pin him so he could get at Sheri. Where else but in wrestling can 15,000 people enjoy a women get beat up by a 6'5" guy? The crowd was whipped to a frenzy with perfect execution. The best overall Hogan bout that I had seen.

NOTES:

Arsenio Hall was in attendance and really got into it. It probably accounted for the great work rate. Hogan has really picked up his work rate the last few times. He's added about 5 minutes to his matches (probably because of his opponents). The next card won't have Hogan, but the advance ticket line was really long. There is a correlation between Mega Man and The Blue Angel debut. They both came into the Sports Arena cold. Owen left them cheering and Tom had all he could to execute standard moves without a high and had them disinterested.

Announced for Saturday, July 18, 1989

"King" Duggin vs. Haku, Greg Valentine will appear

Santana vs Martel, The Red Rooster Vs. Brooklyn Brawler (negative fan reaction Rick Rude vs. The Ultimate Warrior, Dino Bravo vs Hillbilly Jim

Rougeaus vs Rockers (Roddy Piper special referee)

Food report by Arthur Ford. Kenny, Marty, Joel and I went to a mall in downtown New Haven before the card. The same one we went to before the last NWA card in New Haven, back in April. Kenny had a roast beef & turkey delistyle sandwich, which came with a side order of patato salad, and a sprite. Kenny said his sandwich was alright. As he said, "what can they do wrong with roast beef and turkey?". Marty had fish and chips. The same thing he had last time and a fruit punch. Just like last time, Marty said the fish was fresh and good, but the fries were poor and not hot. Marty didn't like his fruit punch at all and said it was overpriced as well. I decided to try "Big Al's", a fast food franchise run by Al Molinaro and Anson Williams formerly of Happy Days. Actually if the service I got is any indication, Its not really accurate to call it "fast" food. I ordered a bacon-cheeseberger, fries and a coke. I got a regular cheeseberger-no bacon, but with lettuce, tomato, and an incredible amount of cheap mayonaise. I have never had a hamburger or any kind of sandwich, with so much mayonaise. It was ridiculous. The fries, meanwhile, were of the shoestring variety but to crisp. If this is representative of Big Al's food, then McDonalds has nothing to worry about.

At the arena, I had one of their chicken sandwiches and some fries (Better than Big Al's). The only problem was when I was looking at the condiments for the sandwich, I saw the last thing I wanted to see mayonaise! YUCK! The chicken sandwich was fine with just mustard, though, and it's a tremendous value, especially by arena food standards, for \$1.75. Kenny had a small coke and Marty had a large Sprite, though Marty was disappointed that they had run out of ice at the refreshment stand, so the sodas were not to cold. Nonetheless, they're a good value at \$1.25 for probably a 24-ounce cup. The NWA ran out of programs as usuall. Now on to the matches promoted by The National Wres' 'i Alliance (N.W.A.)

(1) Dan Spivey & Mike Rotundo W. Scott Hall & Brian Pillman (Rotundo and Spivey started to work on Hall. Hall tried to pin spivey, but no luck. Spivey gave Hall an elbow to the chest. Brian executed a good dropkick on Rotundo. Mike, finally, pinned Brian, by picking him up and throwing him neck first on the ropes. Brian, then, fell to the mat floor and Rotundo hooked his leg and pinned him. Tihs match gets an 8. Time of match 8:37.)

(2) Norman The Lunatic W. Steve Casey (Casey rammed Norman's head into the turnbuckles, and started to hit Norman in the head. Norman headbutted Casey twice. Norman body slammed Casey and, then, fell on him. Norman pinned casey with a big splash off the second rope. This match gets a 4. Casey was no competition for Norman. Time of match 4:57)

(3) The Dynamic Dudes (Shane Douglas & Johnny Ace) W. The New Zealand Militia (Rip Morgan & Jack Victory) (Jack body slammed Shane. Douglas dropkicked Victory and, then, they both dropkicked The Militia. Johnny body slammed Rip. Morgan picked up Douglas by the neck twice, and threw him twice to the mat floor. Both Militia picked up Douglas, and threw him to the mat floor. Johnny dropkicked Rip twice and clotheslined him. Johnny pinned Morgan with a rollin cradle in 12:37. This match gets a 6.)

(4) The Midnight Express (Stan Lane & Bobby Eaton) W. Wild Bill Irwin and Ron Simmons. (Irwin body slammed Eaton. Simmons body slammed and, then, Eaton a leg drop. Irwin punched Eaton in the head. Stan clotheslined Simmons. Simmons and Irwin double clotheslined Lane. The Express won in 9:19, when Eaton kicked Simmons in the head and then rolled his partner Stan Lane on top of Simmons. Lane, then, hooked simmons leg for the pin. This match gets an 8

(5) Michael Hayes and Sting were the winners of the two ring battle royal. The Stinger threw Hayes out of the ring, to win the whole thing. After the royal ended, Terry Funk came charging out and used the branding iron to nail Sting. Sting was to wrestle Funk later in the show, but couldn't because of what happened. Sting was taken out on a stretcher. This match gets a 9. It was a good royal.

(6) The Great Muta W. Eddie Gilbert (Dragon Shi Match) (Muta dropkicked Gilbe out of the ring. Gilbert was then counted out, outside the ring. This match gets a 6. Time 15:21.)

(7) The Fabulous Freebirds (Michael Hayes & Terry Gordy & Jimmy Garvin) W. Rick & Scott Steiner & Dr. Death Steve Williams (At the beginning Scott knock Gordy down several times. Gordy, then, left the ring, only to have Hayes come after him and tell him to continue to wrestle. Terry Gordy rammed his foot into Dr. Death's stomach/chest area. Dr. Death lifted all three Freebirds, one by one. Rick Steiner clotheslined Gordy and then Garvin. Scott had Garvin in a cradle. Hayes then D.Dted Scott while the referee was not looking. Garvin then, got on top of him. The referee turned around and saw Garvin on top of Scott and took the three count. This match gets an 8 and time was 16:28.)

(8) Terry Funk was to wrestle The Stinger, but Sting was injured earlier in the match. Funk won by default. Funk called Flair and Sting Yellow.

(9) The Road Warriors D.C.O.R. The Samoan Swat Team (No announcements, they just went at it. This match had nothing but action. Paul E. Dangerously start to bang on the mat floor with his hand. Hawk executed a good neck breaker. **This match was a double count out.** Both teams fough back to the dressing room. Our seats were right on top of the entrance were they fought back to. This match gets an 8. Time 5:29.

(10) Lex Luger W. Ricky Steamboat (Steamboat didn't make into the ring becaus Luger attacked him. When Ricky got into the ring he still wore his jacket. They started to fight out of the ring. Steamboat clotheslined Luger, and gave him a good hip toss and several more clotheslines. Luger elbowed Steamboat several times to the throat area. Steamboat tried to pin Luger several times, but no luck. Luger pinned Steamboat, by using the ropes for leverage. This match gets a 9. The time of match was 13:45. This card gets a 5-1/2.

THE PITTSBURGH WERSTLING SCENE

BY

JOHN H. LANIGAN

6/25/89 THE WHEELING CIVIC CENTER, WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

Attendance was 4,119.

FOOD REPORT: I became bold and actually bought something to eat here for the first time in over a year. The Civic Center is not known for its "home cooking". I got a decent amount of nachos with an extra dosage of cheese for only \$1.50. The nachos were very crisp, fresh, but not warmed. The cheese was cooked wonderfully being creamy and hot. However, it was American cheese. Gee what good are nachos if the cheese dosen't have some picante and pizazza to it. Still, I shouldn't complain as a West Virginian outfit made an almost noble attempt to present decent food to the public. 20oz cokes were selling for only \$1 and they sure were nice and sweet in the inadequately air-conditioned Civic Center. At the souvenir stand, The WWF didn't miss a trick

as the headliner for this evening's card, Ultimate Warrior was featured prominently among all the merchandise. Ultimate Warrior's 20oz sport bottles for \$4, a paper mask going for \$4 (I bet it cost 39¢ to make), and T-shirts for \$13. At least the WWF doesn't gouge the public on T-shirts as the NWA does. To get a head start on Christmas Cards or for that special occasion, the WWF thoughtfully displayed a set of five WWF greeting cards that were selling for \$5. Tony Garea and George Steele were the booker and agent respectively. Now, promoted by the TITAN SPORTS, onto the matches:

(1) TIM HORNER pinned BORIS ZHUKOV at 11:35. * (D+) * The highlight for me was baptizing my brand new Olympus Infinity Super Zoom 300 camera. It's supposedly the state-of-the-art autofocus do-everything camera with a built-in 35-105mm zoom lens. I can't believe I took my first picture with Boris Zhukov as the subject. Boris startled everyone when he pearl-harbored Horner while he was singing the Russian National Anthem. Horner recovered and put Zhukov in a headlock and the Irresistible One shouted to the ref: "He's pulling his beard! He's an American Cheater! U.S.S.R.!". The end came when Horner Irish-whipped Zhukov into the ropes and followed it up with a sunset flip for the pin.

(2) DUSTY RHODES pinned TED DiBIASE with VIRGIL at 9:20 * (D+) * This match almost received an A+ as Dusty gave the Million Dollar Man's money away to the fans. I missed by two folks in the first row of getting \$50 that he was distributing. Rhodes did his supreme role for the first 4-1/2 minutes. The fans loved it. Virgil came up to the ring apron and Dusty started going after him to enable DiBiase to charge Rhodes. Rhodes ducked, and DiBiase knocked down his bodyguard and Dusty rolled up DiBiase's legs for the pin. DiBiase's bumps were good.

(3) ROCKIN ROBIN pinned JUDY MARTIN with a bulldog at 8:26 to retain her WWF Ladies Championship. * (D) * It was mostly comedy stuff by Robin. Robin got thrown out twice and Martin gave Robin a piledriver at 7:36 but only got a two count. Martin missed a running clothesline and Robin responded with the winning bulldog.

(4) BRUTUS BEEFCAKE pinned GREG VALENTINE with RON GARVIN as guest referee with a roll-up from behind at 16:16 * (D+) * Now, I am beginning to see the light about Brutus. Yes, I'll admit it. He's all show and no wrestling ability. It took him over five minutes to strut and take off his coat when he entered the ring. Valentine tried twice to put on the figure four but Brutus shoved him off with his free foot and Valentine went plummeting out of the ring at 13:38. Valentine tried.

(5) HERCULES beat DINO BRAVO with a reversed decision at 7:53 * (C-) * Hercules appeared to have fell asleep at the pool as his back was quite sunburned. The One shouted at Hercules "Slave! Slave! You should have taken the job as a slave, because you can't wrestle!". Lots of bouncing around and banging into each other. Bravo actually pinned Hercules but had his feet on the ropes. Ron Garvin came down to ringside to get the other referee to reverse the decision in Hercules' behalf.

(6) THE FABULOUS ROUGEAUS beat THE ROCKERS at 14:54 RAYMOND ROUGEAU pinned MARTY JANETTY * (B) * Best match of the night. I got 10 American flags for prior to the card and the heel fan contingent waved them proudly to the Rougeaus. Shawn Michaels got the tar beaten out of him by the Rougeaus for at least 10 minutes. Midway through the match Raymond gave Michaels a savate kick that knocked Michaels over the ropes and onto the floor. Raymond kned kned his brother Jacques by mistake at 13:07 to give Janetty the chance for

the hot tag. Janetty delivered missed dropkicks that took away the quality of this fine match. The Ref screwed up too as he stopped counting as Michaels got into the ring to keep one of the Rougeaus from interfering. I never seen a referee stop a count before due to the threat of interference. Jacques came in and reversed a small package to give his brother the pin.

(7) RED ROOSTER pinned BROOKLYN BRAWLER in 6:53 * (C) * Brawler clotheslined Rooster out of the ring at 2:28. Both did their fair share of struggling. Rooster pummelled Brawler into the turnbuckles going from the top to the bottom one. He then Irish-whipped Brawler into the opposite corner and rolled him up for the pin.

(8) ULTIMATE WARRIOR beat RIC RUDE by DQ at 9:45. * (C) * The fans here really showed their support for the Warrior. Warrior stormed into the ring and cleaned Rude's clock. It seemed that Warrior would do a power move and then Rude would recover by propping up his knees or moving in time to miss Warrior's splashes. Rude gave Warrior a piledriver at 5:43 but only got a two count. Rude had Warrior in a sitting camel clutch for three minutes and Warrior got out of it with a headbutt to the groin area. They ended up brawling outside the ring and Rude got disqualified for attempting to smack Warrior with the ring bell which was deftly snatched up by the referee.

My tentative lineup of upcoming cards:

WWF - WAR MEMORIAL ARENA - JOHNSTOWN, PA - THU 7/6/89 - Dusty vs DiBiase (I hope I get \$50 this time), DEMOLITION vs Twin Towers

IND - DENVER COLORADO GET-TOGETHER - FRI 7/14/89 & SAT 7/15/89 - Col DeBeers, Boyd Pierce, Ed Sharkey, John Tolos announced as attending.

NWA - PITTSBURGH CIVIC ARENA - FRI 8/11/89

WWF - WHEELING WV CIVIC CENTER - FRI 8/18/89 - Hogan vs Savage

6/2/89 MONTREAL, QUEBEC, CANADA

Tim Horner W. Barry Horowitz -- Paul Roma W. Boris Zhukov -- The Warlord W. Jim Neidhart -- Curt Hennig DREW Bret Hart -- Dino Bravo W. Hercules -- Dusty Rhodes W. Ted DiBiase -- Demolition W. The Twin Towers -- Randy Savage W. Hulk Hogan -C.O.R.

6/16/89 SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

Curt Hennig W. Koko B. Ware - The Warlord W. Bret Hart - Dusty Rhodes W. Ted DiBiase - Hacksaw Jim Duggan & Hillybilly Jim W. Andre & Haku - Brutus Beefcake defeated Greg Valentine - The Rockers W. The Rougeaus

6/16/89 CLEVELAND, OHIO

Brian Pillman W. The Raider -- The Freebirds W. Scott Hall & Randy Rose - Dudes defeated New Zealand Militia -- Terry Gordy W. Scott Steiner-Steve Williams W. Bill Irwin - Swat Team D.C.O.R. The Road Warriors - Lex Luger W. Rick Steamboat

6/18/89 ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Ho Chi Wen W. Brett Sawyer -- Steve Keirn W. Comrade Busick -- Nasty Boys W. Jomo Kenya & Luis Astea -- Dustin Rhodes retained his championship by defeating The Terminator -- Big Steel Man W. Al Perez -C.O.R.

6/23/89 HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

Lanny Poffo W. Paul Roma -- Terry Taylor W. Boris Zhukov -- Dino Bravo W. Hercules -- Demolition W. The Twin Towers -- Jimmy Snuka W. Ric Rude -DQ. Demolition & Tito Santana W. The Rougeau's & Rick Martel -- Randy Savage W. Hulk Hogan -C.O.R.

6/24/89 ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Boris Zhukov W. Tim Horner -- Rockin Robin W. Judy Martin -- Terry Taylor W. Brooklyn Brawler -- Brutus Beefcake W. Greg Valentine -- The Rougeaus W. The Rockers -- Hercules W. Dino Bravo -- The Ultimate Warrior W. Ric Rude -C.O.

6/25/89 PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Sting WON two ring battle royal. -- Lex Luger W. Ricky Steamboat -- The Road Warriors W. The Samoan Swat Team -- Rick & Scott Steiner & Steve Williams W. The Fabulous Freebirds -- The Great Muta W. Eddie Gilbert -C.O.R. (Dragon Shi Match) -- Terry Funk W. The Stinger (Forfeit) -- The Midnight Express W. Ron Simmons & Al Green -- The New Zealand Militia Lost to the Dynamic Dudes - Norm The Lunatic W. Steve Casey -- Mike Rotundo & Danny Spivey W. Scott Hall & Brian Pillman -- Wild Bill Irwin W. Kurt Kaufman

RECOMMENDENT READING

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