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THE CLEVELAND WRESTLING SCENE

BY

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11/17/89 THE FRONT ROW THEATRE, CLEVELAND, OHIO

(1) Sam Houston vs Lord Zoltan for the Jr. Heaveyweight title. Houston's stint with the WWF seems to have made him more hectic, but less able to work with the crowd - he didn't go in for the interaction he used to with the NWA. This match, like a lot of them, featured much pre-match arguing and stalling. It also, featured a lot of arm-bars, although in the main, it wasn't too bad. Houston won, whipping an abbreviated bulldog out of nowhere, and kept his belt. However, Zoltan beat him up and swiped it.

(2) Fabulous Moolah vs Rockin' Robin. Time limit draw - Robin reatains women's belt. This match was quite as fast and flashy as the typical women's match; Moolah's age is showing. But so is her experience, as far as how to keep things on track in the ring. Except for a little too much of Moolah berating the ref, this match moved pretty well. There was a lot of punching and brawling, a lot of torture holds, as advantage see-sawed back and forth between the two women so that a draw was a logical conclusion. There were a bunch of two counts.

(3) Psycho Mike vs Krusher Klebanski. Krusher wins when Orndorff sneaks in while the ref's back is turned and piledrives Psycho. These two local wrestlers have improved by leaps and bounds. Their timing is good and they paced the match well with an aggressive start that slowed down a little towards the middle. Krusher lost 60 pounds that has done him much good, though pyscho still uses the old ploy of getting the crowd to call him "Shamu." At a couple of points the match descends to banging and bumping but on the whole, these guys looked as pro as most WWF matches.

(4) Ivan Koloff vs Paul Jones. Oboy - a replay of the worst of the old Jim Crockett NWA! All we needed to make it perfect was Jimmy VALIANT. Ivan has let himself go - he's looking flabby He gets crowd chanting "Weasel." Ho-hum. End comes when Ivan gets up on post to do his jump and Jones shakes the ropes. His first pin Ivan gets out of, but then he pins him again using the rope. Did I miss something or when did Ivan become a babyface?

(5) Jerry Lawler "United World Champion" vs Kamala with Paul Jones. Lawler appeared and grabbing the microphone, introduced and brought to his corner three members of the Cleveland Browns, apparently chosen for their large, hulky (sorry!) appearance. When he took off his robe, he revealed that he was wearing special "Browns" tights. Lawler lived in Cleveland for seven

years and has many friends and relatives here; he visits frequently. He did not however remember to bring his ring music and had asked me before the match if I had anything he could use. I brought in all the tapes from me car which he went through and complained that it's all this devil music (e.g. heavy metal.) He finally settled on "Bad Medicine" by that devil-ba Bon Jovi.

Jones of course is furious that Lawler has so much help in his corner, but uses dirty tactic he can to gain advantage. Lawler works on wearing Kamala down, at first unable to gain an advantage and getting "Splashed" a few times, while his pals encourage him to hang on. At one point, he steps on Kamala's bare toes which leads to much Jones whining and eventually one of the football players chasing Jones around. Lawler finally wins with a leap off the top ropes. When Jones gets in the ring to protest, Lawler and the football players grab Jones and tear off the Cincinnati "Bengals" shirt he is wearing.

(6) Manny Fernandez vs Jerry Lawler. Fernandez comes out and then the ring announcer starts to announce the no-show of Iceman. Guys behind me yell "refund! We don't want to see Sam Houston again!" They are about to award Manny the match by forfeit when Lawler comes down to answer the alleged "repeated challenges" from Manny. Manny strikes a football pose and taunts Lawler, "Come on, Mr. Football." This match featured a lot of sleeper holds as Manny had the upper hand on an undoubtedly tired Lawler. Manny throws Lawler over top rope and is dq. While Manny gloats, Lawler grabs mike and makes "anytime anyplace" speech. (Canned wrestling speech #1)

(7) Orndorff vs Kerry Von Erich. Audience wisecracks about steroids start flying as these two hunks hit the ring, both looking outstanding (There was speculation that Orndorff would have let himself go, but no way!) Not only that but these two are good, mixing carefully timed lulls with really fast paced action. My favorite was when they were backed on the ropes and the ref started counting "One - two" and some joker yelled out "That's as high as he knows how to count."

This one got really hot, with participants falling out of the ring, and beating each other's heads on the ringside table. Kerry gets Orndorff woozy and then gives him a couple of "discus punches." Back in the ring, he gets the ever-popular "claw" on him. Finally Kerry throws Orndorff over the top rope and is dq- Orndorff is awarded the belt and struts around with it for a while until they announce he can't have it on a dq. Orndorff gets pissed off and beats up on ref Lou Kokely while Kerry runs back in to help him out.

(8) The Killer Bees (Brian Blair & Jim Brunzell) vs Manny and Larry Zbyszko with Baby Doll. Larry of course gets things off to a slow start via whining. His usual request that you not call him "spudhead" is met by - you guessed it - chants of 'spudhead." He grabs the mike and announces that Cleveland sucks. The ring announcer asks what we think of Pittsburgh, Larry's hometown. The Bees start by pushing Larry for a while before he tags off to Manny. There's a lot of Larry and Manny getting a Bee in their corner and double-teaming him while Baby Doll gloats approvingly. Larry gets into choking Blair with the corner rope. Finally The Bees whip out those cute masks, to the consternation of their opponents, and Blair pins Larry.

I don't know what the future holds for Great Lakes Wrestling here because of the low attendance. Clearly, Cleveland needs to rebuild some sort of wrestling tradition. Last Sunday's WWF card at Richfield (main event: Duggan vs Savage) drew about 3000, so that wasn't the problem. The Problem is no one wants to come. This Great Lakes card was fairly heavily promoted too, on tv, radio and in print.

# THE PITTSBURGH WRESTLING SCENE

BY

DAVID A SAVKO

11/19/89 THE PITTSBURGH CIVIC CENTER, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

(1) THE Z MAN pinned the IRON SHEIK. Tommy Young ref. This match got off to a slow start. The fans were chanting USA USA. The Sheik left the ring and told the ref if the crowd did not stop shouting USA he would leave. The fans shouted louder USA. The Sheik left. This went on for about 3 mins. When the wrestling did start the end came quick. The Z Man got the pin with a sun set flip 5:18 D-

(2) SST and the SAMOAN SAVAGE with manager Oliver H. W Tommy Rich & Eddie Gilbert & Ranger Ross. Tommy R. and the Samoan Savage started things off. A lot of quick tags and alot of dobble and triple teaming. The SST'S look very bad from the start. But once they got there act together they started doing a number on Tommy Rich. He was getting badly beaten. All 3 of the SST'S were on Tommy. Tommy Rich finally tag in Eddie Gilbert and Eddie went wild. Eddie Gilbert then tag with Ranger Ross and the SST's did a number on Ross. The end came when the Ssamoan Savage pinned Ranger Ross 12:58 C.

(3) DANNY SPIVEY with T. Long VS. ANIMAL with Paul E. Tommy Young ref. It was all Animal from the start. But Danny got going and threw Animal out of the ring, but this did not phase him. He was back in the ring and back in action. Most of the match was about even. T. Long out side the ring went for an object on the bell table and came in to hit Animal, while Danny S. had him in a bear hug. He missed and the object dropped to the mat. Animal picked it up. The ref. then saw Animal with the object and DQed him 7:17 C-

(NOTE. This was a very bad ending this could have been a better match)

(4) MIDNIGHT EXPRESS with Jim Cornette W THE DYNAMIC DUDES. A lot of action with this match. The Dudes were looking good. They looked like they were out for blood, because of what happen to them. A lot of quick tags by The Dudes. Bobby Eaton gave Shane D. a couple of good slaps to the face. Bobby Eaton did not look to be doing a very good job of wrestling. So Jim Cornette came in to talk to him. They started to argue and Jim slapped Bobby in the face and told him to get his act together. Bobby then came after Jim Cornette out side the ring. Everything got back to normal and the end came when all four men were in the ring and the ref. did not see Jim Cornette hit Shane Douglas with the tennis racket. Shane fell down and Bobby Eaton rolled on him for the pin. 20:43 B.

(5) DOOM with Women VS. The STEINER BROTHERS. Rick Steiner started things off. He was doing great. Both of Doom were double teaming Rick but he was ready for this match. At the 6:00 min. mark all 4 wrestlers were in the ring. It was a free for all. The Steiners then threw Doom out of the ring. The end came When Rick S. was pinning Doom 1 and Woman came in to the ring to hit Rick with her shoe. Rick blocked it and then went after her. Doom was DQed in 15:23 B-.

(NOTE ON THIS MATCH)

I did not do to much reporting on this match because Woman was standing right in front of us at ringside. So I was taking some pictures. She is very nice looking in person.

(6) LEX LUGER W THE Z MAN (NOTE - The Z Man wrestled because Brian Pillman did not make the show.)

Lex was looking great. Looks like he has been keeping in shape at the weight room. It was all Lex. The Z Man was looking Bad. This was not a very good match up. They should of had some one eles in there to wrestle Lex. The end came when The Z Man threw Lex in to the ref and knocked him out. Lex then got the belt and hit The Z Man and knocked him out. Lex went for the pin. The ref came to for the three count 13:04 C-.

(7) RIC FLAIR VS MUTA with Gary Hart. Tommy Young Ref. When Ric Flair came to the ring they did not play his music. They might of been having trouble with the sound system. The action started off real slow. 8:00 min. in to match and not any real good action. At 10:30 Muta got Flair into a bow and arrow position. Muta then threw Flair outside the ring and picked up a chair and hit him with it. Gary Hart came over and put a towel around Flair's nose and mouth, so he could not breath. Flair got back in to the ring and it was all Muta. The fans shouted Lets go Ric. Ric made the come back and started slaping Muta to the chest. Ric Flair was in control. Ric put on the figure four and it appeared to be over until Muta sprayed the green mist right in Ric's face. The ref. DQed Muta and Flair was the winner. 22:08 B.

#### NOTES & STUFF

The turn out for the show was around 2,000. Not a very good turnout. I think it was because of it being a Sunday night show and also The Pittsburgh Steelers played at home that day. All in all it was a pretty fair show over all. Rating C+. The next NWA show for Pittsburgh will be in January. There will be no show in December so I will be taking a break for the month. So I am wishing everyone to have a nice holiday and a Happy New Year.

### THE PHILADELPHIA WRESTLING SCENE

BY

MARTY GORMAN & KENNETH LEVITT

#### 11/25/89 THE PHILDELPHIA CIVIC CENTER, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA (AFTERNOON

(1) The New Zealand Militia (Rip Morgan & Jack Victory W. Trent Knight & Brad Anderson (The Militia came to the ring with their manager Lord Littlebrook. Rip and Trent started things off. Victory, then, came in and went to work on Trent's arm. Jack executed a clothesline on Anderson. Knight executed a dropkick on both Militia. Jack, finally, pinned Brad after a double body slam. Not a bad oponer. This match gets a 7.)

(2) Mike Rotundo W. Norman The Lunatic (The fans yelled that Syracuse S--ks. Norman came out dressed as Santa Claus. Norman was throwing something to the fans. We think it was candy canes. Norman body slammed Rotundo and executed an atomic drop. Rotundo started to punch Norman in the face. Norman executed a clothesline and then tried for a pin, but no **luck** Rotundo executed a suplex. Norman head-butted Rotundo twice and then punched him in the head ten times. Norman gave Rotundo an avalanche. Rotundo came off ti rope with an elbow smash to the back and pinned Norman. This match gets a 7.

(3) The Z Man W. Michael Hayes (Michael twisted The Z Man's arm. The Z Man executed a clothesline and atomic dropped Hayes over the top rope. Hayes fell out of the ring. The Z Man tried for a flying body press and Hayes moved out of the way. Hayes threw The Z Man out of the ring, executed a d.d.t and a clothesline. The Z Man executed a back body drop. Michael came off the ropes for a pin. Hayes fell on top of The Z Man. The referee started the pin count, but The Z Man reversed it and pinned Hayes. This match gets a 7.)

(4) Animal W. Dan Spivey -DQ. (Animal executed a flying shoulder block. Dan executed a suplex and Animal used a clothesline. Spivey kicked Animal in the stomach twice and Animal monkey flipped spivey. Dan executed a side suplex and elbow to the chest. Animal clotheslined Spivey and power slammed him. Spivey was disqualified because his manager brought a chair in the ring to use on Animal. This match gets a 9.)

(5) Rick & Scott Steiner W. Doom (Doom came to the ring with their manager Women. Doom told the fat ladies in the audience to look at Women. Ric executed a good flying body press and Scott executed a flying leg drop. Doom executed a double chop to Rick's stomach. One of Doom executed a neck breaker on Ric. Ric executed a flying clothesline. Scott, finally, pinned one of Doom. This match gets an 8.)

(6) The Midnight Express (Bobby Eaton & Stan Lane W. The Dynamic Dudes (Shane Douglas & Johnny Ace) (They all entered the ring and went at it. Douglas punched Lane in the face and they both fought out of the ring. Johnny punched Bobby in the face. Cornette slapped Eaton in the face. The Express had an altercation with their manager, Jimmy Cornette. Johnny rammed Eaton's head into the ring post. Cornette took his sport jacket off and started to taunt The Dudes. Douglas executed a flying dropkick on Eaton. Bobby gave Cornette a shoulder block as Jim was coming into the ring. The shoulder block was meant for one of The Dudes. Cornette punched Johnny Ace. Bobby pinned Douglas after Cornette hit Douglas with the racket on his back. This match gets a 10. This was the best match of the afternoon.)

(7) The Samoan Swat Team & The Samoan Savage W. Tommy Rich & Eddie Gilbert & Ranger Ross (The Samoan did some kind of praying. Eddie hip tossed The Savage a couple of times. The Savage kicked Rich in the throat and rammed his head into Gilbert's thighs. One of The Swat Team tried a flying body press, but Gilbert moved out of the way. Ross was pinned by one of The Swat Team after a flying head-butt. This match gets an 8.)

(8) The Stinger D.C.O.R. Lex Luger (Luger tried to enter the ring, but Sting wouldn't let him in. Sting grabbed Luger's head and slammed him to the mat. He, kept slamming Luger's head into the mat. Sting body slammed Luger on the table, kicked him in the stomach and punched him in the face. Sting tried to pin Luger, but no luck. Sting fell over the top rope and Luger executed a clothesline. Luger rammed Sting's head into the gate and clotheslined him again. Sting kicked Luger in the stomach several times. Luger tried to pin Sting, but was not successful. Luger came off the top rope with a flying clothesline. Sting started to punch Luger in the face. Both men were, finally, counted out. They fought all the way back to the dressing room. This match gets a 9.)

(10) Ric Flair W. The Great Muta -DQ. (Muta broke a chair. Flair gave Muta a karate chop to the throat. Muta tried to pin Flair, but no luck. Flair executed a back body drop. They started to chop at one another. Muta ex-

ecuted a backwards kick, leg lock and gave Flair a chop to the stomach. Flair karate chopped Muta on the neck, elbowed Muta to the neck and stomped right over him. Flair excuted a double suplex and atomic drop. Flair stomped his foot on to Muta's thigh and punched him in the head about eleven times. Flair suplexed Muta again. Muta executed a good karate kick to the throat. Flair was executing a figure four leg lock. Luger came charging to the ring. Flair broke the hold and went after Luger. Muta and Luger started to kick Flair. Sting came out to help Flair. Muta was disqualified because of Luger's action. This match gets an 8. This was not the best show we have seen, but it's better then anything we have seen, by the WWF in a long while. This card gets an 8.)

## THE ERIE WRESTLING SCENE

BY

JOHN H. LANIGAN

11/3/89 THE ERIE CIVIC CENTER, ERIE, PENNSLVANIA

FOOD REPORT: I like to make this sojourn to Erie an annaul one, on my trek to the New York wineries to stock up for the winter months. Besides WWF wrestling, I enjoy wine tastings to a degree. The Civic Center offerings were medicore. I first tried their famous hot susage for \$2:50. The susage was cooked well and larger than my last time here in 1987. They came with fried onions and peppers at your request. However, some poor fan tried to use the ketchup container before me, whose lid was not securely fastened. The net result was that the dispenser lid plopped on his coat. I hope he sends the dry cleaning bill to the civic center. I then sampled the bland nachos made even worse by a watery, lukewarm and tasteless cheese sauce. not to be undone, the Coke was watered down more than a B-girl's drink. I should have stopped and gotten a fish sandwich at McDonald's. At the souvenir stand a new Brutus Beefcake poster was going for \$5 and their yearly calander for a reasonable \$9. The fans looked extremely seedy here. It reminded me of a typical NWA crowd or being at any Columbus, Ohio wrestling show. Now promoted by the Titan Sports, the best in sports entertainment, onto the matches.

(1) CANADIAN EARTHQUAKE pinned MARK YOUNG at 3:09 with a gingerly Thesz sit down press. \* (B-) \* It was the "John" Tenta of the Wheeling TV tapings a month back. Earthquake reminds me of Akeem. He's massive and has a Ken Patera style outlift. He looked pretty good beating up the NWA reject. Young was favoring his ribs as he left the ring.

(2) GREG VALENTINE vs RON GARVIN went to a DRAW at 20:25 \*(B) \* That's a first for the WWF. They went overthe actual time limit for a draw. They locked up and held onto each other for the first 1-1/2 minutes. Valentine threw Garvin out of the ring at 10:10 after a long headlock but Garvin reversed the flow winning the slapfest at 12:22 and did his stomp at 13:56. Valentine put on the figure four at 17:02 until Garvin made it to the ropes at 18:00. Garvin took off Valentine's ankle protector at 19:47 and attached a scorpion hold when the WWF timekeeper belatedly rang the bell. Valentine carried this match as Garvin seemed to have favored his leg. Their 9/30/89 MSG bout was better.

(3) ULTIMATE WARRIOR pinned ANDRE THE GIANT in sixteen seconds. \* (B-) \* I started the clock when Warrior delivered his first clothesline. I rated the match so highly because the fans really popped at the outcome. Warrior is so much better and popular than his old partner, that smelly bum Sting



(4) RICK "THE MODEL" MARTEL pinned BRUTUS BEEFCAKE at 15:50 using the ropes \* (B-) \* Brutus Beefcake is my candidate for most underated wrestler of 1989. He is a great wrestler and barber too! Both grapplers took turns posing in the corners and didn't lock up until 3:38 when Beefcake clothes-lined Martel. "Our Man Kenny", one of the heel fans, came up with the line of the night here with "Hey that's illegal" Well, I thought it was funny. "Educated Man" chimed in with "Hey Brutus Doughboy! How about another Twinkie?" The end came after a brawl outside the ring as Beefcake sunset-flipped himself over the ropes. However, Martel held onto the ropes for the pin. Good action here.

(5) HILLBILLY JIM pinned BROOKLYN BRAWLER at 6:45 with the boot to the face \* (C) \* A real bad match but better then most bouts from the North Carolina group. The Irresistible One yelled "Take a bath, Hillbilly!". Hillbilly's finishing move was awesome. Nothing come close in the pretender wrestling organization. The crowd loved the Hillbilly because he goes around the ring and greets everyone.

(6) HERCULES beat BADNEWS BROWN by DQ. at 10:13 when Brown used Hercules' chains on a choke attempt. \* (A-) \* Match was outstanding because of Brown's constant badgering with the crowd. I wish the heel wrestlers would do this more it really intensifies the matches. We started yelling "Slave! Slave!" at Hercules and both wrestlers started smiling. Brown did a good job to make this match very exciting.

(7) THE ROCKERS beat the ROUGEAU BROTHERS in tag team action at 10:55 SHAWN MICHAELS pinned JACQUES ROUGEAU \* (A-) \* Best match of the night. Another good matchup between these teams. It reminds me of the many Rock 'n Roll vs Midnites and The Bulldogs vs Hart Foundation matches that I saw. You feel a bit bored anticipating the contest but the match turns out all right because they do it differently. The Rougeaus were not smiling and carrying on and pearl-harbored the Rockers when they entered the ring. The Irresistible One yelled at Jannetty: " Hey Kermit! Where's your lily pad?" and Jannetty broke out laughing. Both teams did illegal tags while the ref was restraining the foe's partner from entering the fray. The Rougeaus did the double team effort on Jannetty until Raymond clobbered his brother by mistake with a hip bump at 9:11. Michaels got the hot tag and cleaned house. Jacques gave Michaels a great piledriver and was waiting for the ref to count who was busy detaining partner Raymond. Jannetty snuck in and piledrove Jacques and put Michaels on top for the pin. Another good match with a different and entertaining ending.

NOTES & STUFF The Erie paper the following morning mentioned that both Tim Horner and Ronnie Garvin were sent to the hospital after their matches. Horner was not there but I assumed it was young for his rib injury since they stated that Earthquake was his opponent. Garvin, the paper noted, suffered a leg injury during his match with Valentine. It figures. When the NWA wrestlers come to the major leagues, they get hurt because they can't wrestle as good and are not in top physical condition.

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11/3/89 DALLAS, TEXAS

Gary Young & Billy Travis W. Eric Embry & Bill Dundee -- Uncle Elmer & Cousin Junior W. Solomon Grundy & Sheik Braddock -- Jeff Jarrett W. P.Y. Chu-Hi -DQ. -- Dustin Rhodes W. Dog-of-War -- Jerry Lawler W. Terry Gordy Jimmy Jack Funk W. Tara Bulba

## THE WORLD OF NOSTALGIA

### THE CHARLOTTE WRESTLING SCENE

BY

PAUL ABBINANTE

3/6/82 MID-ATLANTIC CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA T.V. TAPING, SHOWN ON WBT T.V. (C.B.S.) CHANNEL 3, TAPED ON 3/3/ 82. IN CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA (ONE HOUR)

Austin Idol W. Vinnie Valentino (By submission, with The Las Vegas Grapevine, Figure Four Leg Lock

David Patterson W. Rick Benfield (By pin, with a one leg/1/2 Jack-knife, after, a Russian leg sweep takedown.)

Jimmy Valiant W. Steve Sybert (By pin, after a flying elbow drop.)

Jack & Jerry Brisco W. Bill White & Mike Miller (Jack beat Miller, by submission, with the figure four leg lock, while Jerry took care of White.

Austin Idol was at ringside, filming this bout, with a movie camera.)

Pvt. Kernodle & Pvt. Nelson W. Ron Richie & Tony Anthony (Kernodle beat Anthony, by pin with a one leg/1/2 jack knife/inside cradle, to set up the win. Nelson held Anthony while Kernodle came off the top rope, turnbuckle; with a flying clothesline, to the head and neck of Anthony.)

#### NOTES ON THE T.V. CARD:

The regular commentator, and special guest color commentator, Roddy piper, interviewed Jack & Jerry Brisco. Piper was trying his best by teasing The Brisco Brothers. The Brisco Brothers gave it right back to piper, verbally. The regular commentator, then, interviewed Jake Roberts, who spoke about an incident regarding a match; that recently, took place, in Greensboro, North Carolina. They then showed a film of what happened, after the finale of a bout between N.W.A. World H.C., Ric Flair, and top challenger, Ricky Steamboat. N.W.A. Mid-Atlantic U.S. H.C., Sgt. Slaughter, and Pvt. Kernodle and Pvt. Nelson, beating up on Ricky Steamboat. Flair, then, returned to the ring, to help Steamboat. The Sgt. and his Privates, then beat up on Ric Flair, also. They beat Flair bloody, with a championship belt. Flair's forehead was a bloody mess. After this skirmish, Steamboat carried a badly bloodied and battered Flair, back to the dressing room. The commentator, then interviewed Sgt. Slaughter, who talked about Jack Brisco. Ray Stevens was then interviewed by the commentator. Stevens talked about Ole Anderson and Stan Hansen. All of a sudden, music started playing loudly, it was the song, "The Boy From New York City". Jimmy Valiant, then, came out, dancing and moving, to his theme song. Valiant, then, started bothering Piper, Anderson and Hansen. Valiant, then, entered the ring, and started in with N.W.A. Mid-Atlantic T.V. Champion, Ivan Koloff. Valiant and Koloff, got into a big thing. Ray Stevens and Blackjack Mulligan, Jr., then, came into the ring, to save Valiant, from being beaten up, by the villains. The regular commentator, then interviewed Ivan Koloff, who talked about Jimmy Valiant. Also, interviewed was Austin Idol. Sgt. Slaughter, then, spoke once again, about Jack Brisco. Ray Stevens was once again, giving his views, on Ole Anderson and Stan Hansen. Then, one of the regular commentators, interviewed Pvt. Kernodle and Pvt. Nelson, who spoke about how good they are. The final interview, was with



Ricky Steamboat, who spoke his piece. Most of the time, during the interview portions of this program, the commentator would just hold the microphone; or just stand there, while the wrestler held the microphone, and spoke to the T.V. audience. The bouts shown, were very exciting, also. All and all, this was a very good T.V. Taping, with a lot of excitement, through and through.

3/7/82 THE CHARLOTTE COLISEUM, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA (EVENING)

(1) Jerry Brisco W. David Patterson (Brisco caught Patterson, in a standing guillotine/abdominal stretch, and then turned it into a lateral guillotine/cradle takedown-pinning combination.)

(2) Tommy Rich D.C.O.R. Jumbo Tsuruta (Both grapplers fought very hard, with many holds being traded, back and fourth. Tsuruta hit Rich, with a series of terrific uppercut forearm smashes. Rich, then, hit Tsuruta, with some great forearm smashes of his own, stunning The Japanese Warrior. The finale came, when Rich executed a sensational vertical body block attack, on Tsuruta. Only to have Tsuruta grab Rich, in a bone-crushing bear hug. This fast paced action took place, by the ropes. Both wrestlers, then, toppled over the top rope, falling down, and landing on the ringside floor. Both mat men tried to prevent the other, from re-entering the ring, as the referee was tolling the fatal count. The referee counted both of them out, outside of the ring. After this decision was announced. Tsuruta wanted to shake Rich's hand, but the Blond Wonder hesitated to do so. After a while, Rich shook The Japanese Mat Ace's out-stretched hand. Tsuruta had a lot of repect, for Rich, and Rich had a lot of repect, for Tsuruta. Both wrestlers, then, left the ring, to the sound of a happy audience.)

(3) Ivan Koloff & Alexis Smirnoff W. Giant Baba & Tenryu -DQ. (The end of this occurred, when smirnoff tried an abdominal stretch hold on Baba, This action took place, by the ropes. Baba, then, got out of Smirnoff's hold, by hip-tossing him over the top rope, sending Alexis, to the ringside floor. Baba was then promptly disqualified, for this action. During this wild en-fer counter, Baba put his deadly chop, and big foot, to good use, against The Russian Duo. Koloff and Smirnoff worked on Tenryu, throughout this skirmish, but the young Japanese Mat Star refused to be beaten. He gave The Russians fits, because he took all of their vicious punishment. Koloff and Smirnoff did not really want any part of Baba, so of course they went after Tenryu. Baba, indeed, gave The Russian what for, in this rough bout.)

(4) Mr. Onita W. Chavo Guerrero (Onita scored a tremendous win, when he suprised Chavo, by pinning him, with a standing back-flip-sunset flip/cradle jack-knife. Before this pinning combination took place, Chavo did everything he could, to beat his equally talented foe. At one point, during this bout, Chavo knocked Onita out of the ring, by giving him a rear end body bump attack. Onita, then, landed right by the fans. Chavo, then, made a ~~spectac~~ular flying dive, through the ropes, landing on Onita. When the grapplers re-entered the ring, Chavo started to punch Onita's forehead. Onita was bleeding badly. Onita definitely got his forehead cut, when he was outside of the ring, fighting with Chavo. Both men fought fast and furious, in this rough struggle. Terry Funk was at ringside, during this event, and advised Onita, a couple of times. Terry Funk was very happy, when Onita won. Terry Funk dose not like Chavo, and of course, Chavo dose not like Terry Funk. Suprisingly, Chavo and Terry Funk, did not get into any battles, with each other, during this bout.)

- (5) Dory Funk, Jr. DREW Billy Robinson (These two great veterans fought a battle of battles. Dory used a series of terrific uppercut forearm smashes, on Billy. Billy in turn, hit Dory, in the lower back area, with a couple of stinging jabs. These blows appeared to be kidney punches. Dory was annoyed, with Billy's tactics, indeed. After a while, they were locked, in leg lock combat. Billy had the advantage, then, Dory reversed it, and had the advantage. Both men hit each other, with their own brand of punishing forearm smashes. Dory tried to defeat Billy, by putting him into the spinning toe-hold, and Billy tried to overcome Dory, by giving him an over the knee back-breaker. Both of these wrestlers used their pet holds, on each other, but they could not put the other away, with their holds. They also tried to pin one another, but to no avail. At the end, they both were in the ropes, locked in bitter battle, with one another, when the bell rang, to signal the end of the match. This bout went to the full time limit and was decided a draw. Both mat men looked in great shape, and did their best to beat the other.)
- (6) Ole Anderson & Stan Hansen W. Ray Stevens & Dusty Rhodes (This bout was wild and crazy. Dusty made good use of his elbow, and Hansen made good use of his lariat. Both Dusty and Stevens dislike Ole Anderson, with a passion. During this fracas, the original referee was slightly injured, and out of the ring, due to the brutal tactics, and fast pace of the participants. Another referee came into the ring, to try and straighten things out. Rhodes was having an altercation, with Wrestler-Manager, Gene Anderson, who is the brother of Ole, and the manager of the duo comprised of Ole Anderson and Stan Hansen. While Dusty and Gene were involved, in their own situation, this second referee had his back turned on Stevens, Ole and Stan, and was only paying attention to Dusty, and the interfering Gene Anderson. As all of this was happening, Hansen took advantage of the situation, and nailed Stevens, with his famous, but deadly, lariat hold. Stevens, then, hit the mat, and then, Stan dumped Ole Anderson, who was the legal man in the ring, on Ray Stevens. The referee, then, turned around, and saw Ole on top of Stevens. He then counted to three, giving the winning decision, to the duo of Ole Anderson and Stan Hansen. Dusty was very upset, and so was Ray, because they lost. It was a shame that the referee did not realize, what really occurred, in this rough bout.)
- (7) Jack Brisco W. Sgt. Slaughter -DQ. (During this tough encounter. Slaughter gave Brisco a good going over, but he could not put Jack away. Jack has a "never say die" attitude, and no matter what Slaughter did to him, he did not want to quit. The big marine put Jack into his cobra clutch submission hold, and he also dumped Jack, throat first, on the top rope. Slaughter even used his vicious clothesline, and once again, put the cobra clutch, on Jack; but again, Brisco escaped the brutal hold. Jack tried to beat Slaughter, with the figure four leg lock, but the big marine escaped. Jack, also, tried to beat Slaughter, with a reverse rolling cradle pinning combination, but the big marine got out of it. The end came, when Slaughter threw Brisco on purpose, over the top rope. Brisco fell to the ringside floor. The referee, witnessing this action, immediately disqualified Slaughter, and gave the winning decision, to Brisco. After the decision was given, Jack Brisco's brother, Jerry Brisco, joined him, in his victory. Slaughter was called "Gomer, Gomer", by the fans, before the bout, during the bout, and of course, after the bout.)

The T.V. Card, and the Coliseum Card, were both presented by Mid-Atlantic Championship Wrestling/Jim Crockett Promotions, Incorporated, and sanctioned by The National Wrestling Alliance (N.W.A.)

NOTES ON THE COLISEUM CARD:

This card was one of the best cards that this writer, Paul Abbinante, ever attendant, hands down. It was more or less, a parade of champions, a battle of superstars.

First off, seeing Former N.W.A. World Jr. H.C., and Former one hlf of The N.W.A. North American T.T.C. of Florida, with his brother Jack Brisco, Jerry Brisco. Jerry faced the rough and tough David Patterson, who also wrestled under the name, David Sierra, in The N.W.A. Florida and Georgia Circuits. N.W.A. referee for this bout, between Brisco and Patterson, was former wrestler, Sonny "Rough House" Fargo. Sonny is one hell of a referee.

Next up, was the sensational battle of two of the world's premier Grapplers, "Wildfire" Tommy Rich and Jumbo Tsuruta. Tsuruta is The United National H.C. reconized in Japan, under The N.W.A./P.W.F. Banner. This bout was for Tsuruta's title, indeed. At this time, Tommy Rich, is reconized as The N.W.A. National H.C. of Georgia. Rich's belt was not on the line in this bout. This I believe, was the first time, Tsuruta has faced Rich, ever. Both of these grapplers were great in action. Top N.W.A. Referee, Bill Alfonso, from Florida, officiated this match. Alfonso is a very good referee. N.W.A. President, and Mid-Atlantic main man, Jim Crockett, Jr., announced the bout between Tsuruta and Rich.

The next bout, was between a pair of Japanese wrestlers, and a pair of Russian Wrestlers. Current N.W.A./P.W.F. World H.C. of Japan, and Former N.W.A. World H.C., Giant Baba, and top young Japanese sensation, Tenryu, looked great in mat combat against Russia's finest, N.W.A. Mid-Atlantic T.V. Champion, Ivan Koloff and his partner, Alexis Smirnoff. All four grapplers put forth a great effort. Sonny Fargo was the referee in this rough showdown

Next in line, was a battle for The N.W.A./P.W.F. International Jr. HC., between defending Champion, Chavo Guerrero and Mr. Onita. Both men gave their all, in this terrific scrap, with Onita leaving the ring, as the new titleholder. Referee for this rough and tumble affair was Sonny Fargo. Jim Crockett, Jr. announced this exciting title match.

Rolling along was a bout for The N.W.A./ P.W.F. International H.C., defending titleholder, Dory Funk, Jr., who of course, was the Former N.W.A. World H.C. Dory faced a great veteran, Former A.W.A./C.W.A. World H.C., Billy Robinson. Both of these mat superstars clashed in a titanic struggle. Bill Alfonso refereed this tremendous encounter. Jim Crockett, Jr., also, once again, was the announcer for this most important bout.

What else could be said about the following match, between Ray Stevens and Dusty Rhodes, wrestling against Ole Anderson and Stan Hansen? All four of these grapplers gave one hundred percent, in a real donnybrook, that had the fan's on their feet, throughout this event. Sonny Fargo was the originall referee in this bout. Fargo was slightly injured, and second referee, Bill Alfonso, finished off officiating this wild affair.

Last, but not least, was a bout between Former N.W.A. World H.C., and Former one-half of The N.W.A North American T.T.C. of Florida, with his brother, Jerry Brisco, Jack Brisco. Jack faced The Current N.W.A. Mid-Atlantic U.S. H.C., Sgt Slaughter. Brisco and Slaughter conducted an incredible war, within the squared circle. Bill Alfonso, once again, was the referee, in this top-

notch contest. All and all, The N.W.A. Mid-Atlantic/Crockett Promotions Group, is a well oiled Pro Wrestling Machine. Some day soon, this writer, Paul Abbinante; will once again, return to this area, to see some outstanding matches.

3/8/82 GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

Dusty Rhodes W. Sgt. Slaughter  
Jimmy Valiant D.DQ. Ivan Koloff  
Ole Anderson & Stan Hansen W. Jack & Jerry Brisco  
Kelly Kiniski W. Mike Miller  
David Patterson W. Keith Larson  
Mike George W. Bill White

3/9/82 COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

Keith Larson W. Bill White  
Ron Ritchie W. Jeff Sword  
Mike George W. Chris Markoff  
LeRoy Brown W. John Studd  
Ray Stevens & Ricky Steamboat W. Austin Idol & Roddy Piper

3/12/82 RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Vinnie Valentino W. Steve Sybert  
Mike Davis W. Jeff Sword  
Ron Ritchie W. Bill White  
Mike George & Jake Roberts W. Pvt. Kernodle & Pvt. Nelson  
Ricky Steamboat W. Austin Idol  
Stan Hansen & Roddy Piper W. Ray Stevens & LeRoy Brown  
Jack Brisco W. Sgt. Slaughter -DQ.

3/13/82 GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

Tony Anthony W. Bill White  
David Patterson W. Tim Horner  
Johnny Weaver W. Pretty Boy Fergie  
Jerry Brisco & Jake Roberts W. Austin Idol & John Studd  
Jack Brisco W. Roddy Piper -DQ.  
Ole Anderson & Stan Hansen W. Ray Stevens & Dusty Rhodes -DQ.  
Ricky Steamboat W. Sgt. Slaughter

3/16/82 COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

Mike George W. Steve Sybert  
Ron Richie W. Tony Russo  
Ninja W. Keith Larson  
Pork Chop Cash W. Mike Miller  
John Studd & Roddy Piper W. Ray Stevens & Ricky Steamboat

3/22/82 GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

Bob Armstrong W. Roddy Piper -C.O.R.  
Ray Stevens & Jimmy Valiant W. Ivan Koloff & John Studd  
Ole Anderson W. Jay Youngblood  
Les Thornton DREW Terry Taylor  
Kelly Kiniski W. Jeff Sword  
Bill White W. Ken Timbs

3/23/82 COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

Tony Anthony W. Chris Markoff  
Terry Taylor W. Jeff Sword  
Mike George W. Ken Timbs  
Les Thornton W. Ron Ritchie  
Ray Stevens & Ricky Steamboat & LeRoy Brown W. Austin Idol & John Studd &  
Roddy Piper

10/27/89 ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA

Tug Boat Thomas W. Barry Horowitz -- Lanny Poffo W. Paul Roma -- Rick Martel W. Brutus Beefcake -- Jim Neidhart D.C.O.R. Haku -- Honky Tonk Man defeated Terry Taylor -- The Rockers W. The Rougeau -- Jake Roberts W. Ted DiBiase -DQ.

10/29/89 WAYNE, NEW JERSEY

Magnificent Mimi W. Bodyguard Venus -DQ. -- Mike Kaluha W. Tony Rocca Little Ninja W. Little Moses -- Johnny Valiant & Davey O'Hannon W. The Heartbreakers -- Dominic DeNucci W. Preston Steele -- Ken Patera W. Nikolia Volkoff -DQ. -- Larry Zbyszko W. David Sammartino

10/30/89 KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN

Hercules W. Akeem -- Dino Bravo W. Brett Hart -- Curt Hennig W. Jimmy Snuka Dusty Rhodes W. The Big Boss Man -- Randy Savage W. Jim Duggan -- Demolition defeated The Brain Busters

11/3/89 DENVER, COLORADO

Tugboat Thomas W. Boris Zhukov -- Curt Hennig W. Jimmy Snuka -- Tito Santana W. Conquistador #1 -- Rick Rude W. Roddy Piper -DQ. -- The Powers Of Pain W. The Bushwackers -- Lanny Poffo W. Paul Roma -- Jake Roberts W. Ted DiBiase

11/4/89 SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Attendance was 6,723

Lanny Poffo W. Paul Roma -- Tugboat Thomas W. Boris Zhukov -- Tito Santana defeated Conquistador #1 -- Curt Hennig W. Jimmy Snuka -- Jake Roberts W. Ted DiBiase -- The Bushwackers W. The Powers Of Pain -DQ. -- Rick Rude W. Roddy Piper -DQ.

11/9/89 STATEN ISLAND, NEW YORK

Bam Bam Bigelow W. Kimala -DQ. -- Ivan Koloff W. Jose Rivera Jason The Terrible W. Chrid Duffy -- David Sammartino W. The Shadow The Darksiders W. Sunny Blaze & Gino Caruso -- Sandy Beach W. The Black Panther -- Big John Studd W. Bialo The Giant -- The Irish Leprechaun W. Little Louie -- S.D. Jones W. Mike Sharpe

11/12/89 SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA

Attendance was 225

Bob Bradley W. Tim Tall Tree -- Mando Guerrero & Ultraman 11 W. The Mercenary #3 & El Indu -- Black Gordman W. Conan -- Chacal Rivera W. Super Boy Mercenary #1 & #2 W. Mr. Pepto & Bella Adan -- Ultraman II won a 16 man battle royal.

11/16/89 COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

Ivan The Red Rage W. The Bone Crusher -- Too Cold Scorpio W. Buddy Rose Professor Cottrell W. Little Tokyo -- Mike George W. Todd "The Terminator" Ciccarelli on a reverse decision. -- Steve "Golden Boy" Sawyer DREW Doug Masters -- Professor Cottrell & Steve Sawyer & Too Cold Scorpio W. Todd Ciccarelli & Ivan The Red Rage & Doug Masters -- Colonel DeBerrs lost to Randy Rhodes -DQ. -- Steve Sawyer won a battle royal.

11/17/89 RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA

Attendance was 150.

Tim Tall Tree W. Tank Morgan -- Super Boy W. Mercurio -- Mercenary #1 W. Robbie Allen -- Friar #2 W. Chacal Rivera -- Carlos Mata W. Super Star Black Steele & Captain Oro W. Bob Bradley & Uranus

11/17/89 SUFFIELD, CONNECTICUT

Misty Blue W. Linda Dallas -- Little Louie W. The Irish Leprechaun -- The Cheetah Kid & Big Sweet Williams W. Rhino Power -- S.D. Jones W. Mike Sharpe -- Nikolai Volkoff W. Hillbilly Cousin Luke -- Johnny Rodz W. Manoleen

11/17/89 IRVINGTON, NEW JERSEY

Dynamite Dennis W. Jungle Jim -- Mr. New Jersey W. King Kahlua -- Larry Winters & Tommy Norton W. D.C. Drake & D.J. Petruzzzi -- Sika W. The Junk Yard Dog -- Sgt. Slaughter W. Bam Bam Bigelow

11/18/89 ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA (TELEVISION TAPINGS)

Trooper & Paul Diamond W. Pat Tanaka & Akio Sato -- Nikolia Koloff W. Doug Somers -- Mr. Saito W. Pat Tanaka in a special karate challenge, which was part of the challenge series -- Jerry Blackwell & The Fantastics W. The Destruction Crew & Johnny Valiant -- Paul Diamond W. Pat Tanaka -DQ. The Fantastics W. The Destruction Crew -DQ. -- Larry Zbyszko W. Nikita Koloff -DQ. -- Mr. Saito & The Monster Machine W. Jim Evans & Randy Fox Johnnie Stewart W. Spike Jones -- Tommy Jammer W. Frankie De Falco

11/18/89 BRUSH, COLORADO

Bone Crusher W. Ivan The Red Rage -- Steve Sawyer D.C.O.R. Doug Masters Todd Ciccarelli W. Mike George -- Randy Rhodes W. Colonel DeBeers Professor Cottrell defeated Little Tokyo -- Shirley Black W. Peggy Patterson -- Peggy Patterson & Professor Cottrell W. Shirley Black & Little Tokyo -- The Bone Crusher won a battle royal.

11/21/89 RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

The New Zealand Militia W. Brad Anderson & Trent Knight -- Tom Zenk W. Bob Emory -- Mike Rotundo W. Norman The Lunatic -- Hawk W. Dan Spivey -DQ. The Samoan Swat Team & Samoan Savage W. Ranger Ross & Tommy Rich & Eddie Gilbert -- Rick Steiner W. Ron "Doom" Simmons -- The Midnight Express W. The Dynamic Dudes -- Lex Luger D.C.O.R. The Stinger -- Ric Flair W. The Great Muta -DQ.

11/23/89 KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

Ric McCord W. Mike Blackhart -- Doug Button W. T.C. Carter -DQ. -- Rufus R. Jones W. Bobby Jagers -- Akio Saito W. Steve Sawyer -- Bulldog Bob Brown Lost via a disqualification to Mike George -- Steve Ray DREW Curtis Hughes Little Tokyo W. Shaka -- Rufus R. Jones won a twelve man battle royal.

11/25/89 BALTIMORE, MARYLAND (EVENING)

The New Zealand Militia W. Trent Knight & Brad Anderson -- Mike Rotundo W. Norman The Lunatic -- Tom Zenk W. Michael Hayes -- Animal W. Dan Spivey Ric Flair W. The Great Muta -DQ. -- The Midnight Express W. The Dynamic Dude Lex Luger W. Sting -- Doom W. The Steiners -DQ. -- The Samoan Swat Team & The Samoan Savage W. Ranger Ross & Eddie Gilbert & Tommy Rich

11/25/89 SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA (AFTERNOON)

The Canadian Earthquake W. Sam Houston -- Koko B. Ware W. Conquistador #1 Smash W. The Warlord -- The Babarian W. Ax -- Rick Martel W. Jimmy Snuka Curt Hennig W. Brutus Beefcake -- The Ultimate Warrior W. Lanny Poffo

11/25/89 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA (EVENING)

Koko B. Ware W. Conquistador #1 -- The Canadian Earthquake W. Barry Horowitz Curt Hennig W. Jimmy Snuka -- Lanny Poffo W. Sam Houston -- Rick Martel W. Brutus Beefcake -- Demolition W. The Powers Of Pain -- The Ultimate Warrior defeated Andre -DQ.



11/26/89 PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Attendance was 376

The Black Mamba W. The Beast -DQ. -- Tim Tall Tree W. Stephen DeLeon  
The Ranger W. C.C. Starr -- Sgt. Shultz W. The Thrill Seeker -- The  
Renegade W. El Magnifico -- Billy Anderson & Louie Spicolli & Riki Ataki  
defeated Sgt. Schultz & Krusher Krugnoff & Eruption

11/27/89 BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

Attendance 2,978

Tugboat Thomas W. Boris Zhukov -- Curt Hennig W. Jimmy Snuka -- The  
Bushwackers W. The Rougeau Brothers -- Jose Luis Rivera W. Conquistador #2  
Ronnie Garvin W. Greg Valentine -- Jake Roberts W. Ted DiBiase -DQ.

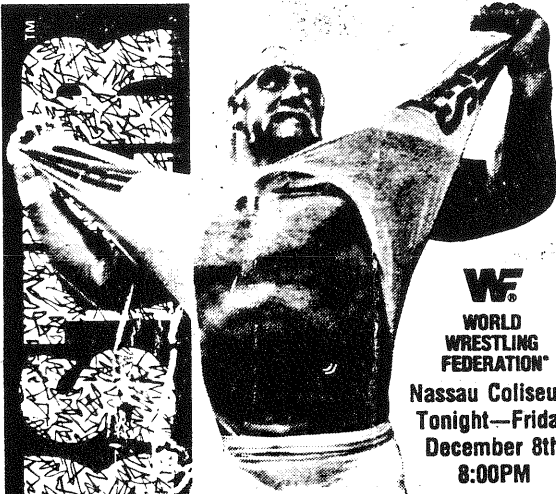
11/28/89 TAMPA, FLORIDA

This was the television tapings at station WEDU TV Studios.

Brickhouse Brown W. Scrap Iron -- Tyree Pride W. Ron Slinker -- Lou Perez  
defeated Mark Starr -DQ. -- Jimmy Backlund W. Mike Graham -- Brickhouse  
Brown beat a masked jobber -- The Bounty Hunters W. Scrap Iron and another  
jobber. -- Lou Perez & Tyree Pride W. Ron Slinker & Mark Starr -DQ.  
Bodyguard Mark W. Jimmy Backlund -C.O.R.

12/2/89 LAKE LAND, FLORIDA

Paul Roma W. Barry Horowitz -- Jimmy Snuka W. Bad News Brown -- Andre The  
Giant & Haku W. The Demolition -DQ. -- Bret Hart W. Honkey Tonk Man  
Tugboat Thomas W. Conquistador #1 -- Randy Savage W. Hacksaw Duggan -- Rodd  
Piper W. Rick Rude -DQ.



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## THE UNIONDALE WRESTLING SCENE

BY

KENNETH LEVITT

### 12/8/89 THE NASSASU VETERANS MEMORIAL COLISEUM, UNIONDALE, NEW YORK

Lanny Poffo W. Sam Houston (Sam executed some dropkicks and a leap frog. Poffo decided to box Houston. Poffo dropkicked Sam out of the ring and executed a suplex. Houston executed a bull dog. Lanny, finally, won with a roll up pin. This match gets a 4.)

The Conquistador #1 Lost to Mark Young (Mark entered the ring to music. Mark started to break dance. This match had very little action. Young pinned The Conquistador with a side flip off the top rope and hooked the legs. Mark can break dance very well, but ~~showed~~ me very little wrestling ability. This match gets 3.)

Ronnie Garvin DREW Greg Valentine (Garvin threw Valentine's face to the mat. They started to slap each other. Ronnie stomped on Greg's throat. Garvin executed a sleeper and **Greg slapped** Ronnie in the chest. Greg elbowed Ronnie in the chest and used the figure four leg lock. This match finally, went to a time limit draw. This match gets a 6.)

Curt Hennig W. Hulk Hogan -C.O.R. (Best match of the night. Hogan **gave** Curt three body slams. Curt threw Hogan into the turnbuckle. Hogan knocked Curt's head into Poffo's head. Hogan executed a clothesline. Lanny worked Hogan over with, the metal scroll. Curt poked Hogan in the eye and used a sleeper hold. Hogan was thrown out of the ring and Lanny put a bag over his head. Hogan went at it with Lanny. Curt was still in the ring. Hogan, then, was counted out of the ring. This match gets an 8.)

The Bushwackers W. The Bolsheviks (This match had very little action. Butch pinned Zhukov after Luke used his boot on Zhukov. This match gets a 3.)

Dino Bravo W. Tito Santana (Bravo executed an atomic drop. Santana gave Bravo a good dropkick. During this match they started to slap each other. Bravo, finally, pinned Santana after the use of a side slam. This match gets a 5.)

Dusty Rhodes W. The Big Boss Man (ball and chain match) (This match was the worst of the night. Dusty looks totally ridiculous. The Big Boss Man should lose some weight. Dusty, finally, pinned the Boss man with a roll up pin. After the match Rhodes put the ball and chain on The Boss man's leg. The Bushwacker came out to help Rhodes. This match gets a 2. This card gets a 4-1/2.)

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## Wrestler's advice on using steroids: Do it and be sorry

Professional wrestler Bruno Sammartino is on his way to becoming as hot an attraction on the college-lecture circuit as he was in the ring.

Instead of arch rival Crusher Kowalski, Sammartino, 54, who gave up delivering atomic drops and body slams for a living in 1981, is grappling these days with the dangers of using steroids, drugs used by some athletes to add weight and build strength.

"The problem is that you still hear a doctor now and then saying there haven't been enough studies to really know if they're all that harmful," Sammartino said.

"But that sends exactly the wrong message to users, who want to believe it won't hurt them. The people I knew who were on that stuff 15 years ago are either dead or look like sick old men."

Sammartino, the retired World Wrestling Federation champion and host of a New York radio talk show, will be hammering that message home at an all-day clinic on steroid use Saturday at Slippery Rock University.

Karl Schwab, a spokesman for the university, said about 300 high school and college coaches, athletes and athletic directors are expected to attend. Sammartino's son, Darryl, who throws the javelin, is a member of Slippery Rock's track team.

Under new National Collegiate Athletic Association rules, Schwab said, the top three finishers in championship track meets will be tested for steroid use, as will one member of each team at random.

Also participating in the conference will be Dr. Chuck Yesalis of Penn State University; Garry Benford, physical fitness director for the YMCA of Columbus, Ohio; and William Lennox, athletic director at Slippery Rock.

Sammartino said he first heard about steroids while working out as a weight lifter in a gym in New York City in 1964.

"But as God as my judge, I was never tempted to take steroids and never took them, because I don't like drugs of any kind. I doubt if I've taken 10 aspirins in my life," he said.

"And as far as my kids were concerned, I was talking to them about drugs and steroids six months before they were born."

Steroids will build strength and add weight to an athlete at a rapid rate, but the risk of heart, liver and kidney damage is too great, Sammartino said.

"I was in Indianapolis in 1967 when I first met this wrestler. He was a big guy, about 6 feet 7, and looked fairly normal.

"The next time I saw him was about a year later in Japan. He came up to me and asked me, 'Do you know who I am?' I barely recognized him because he was such a monster, he was so big," Sammartino recalled.

"One day, while we were in Japan, I get a phone call asking me to go to this wrestler's hotel room because nobody could wake him up. The reason was that he was dead. His heart had grown so big that it burst."

The cost of attending the conference is \$7 for students and \$15 for adults. Group rates also are available. For more information, call 794-7820.



Bruno Sammartino

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Recently the people at TV GUIDE picked their top twenty personalities of the 1980s.

- 1) Bill Cosby 2) Larry Hagman 3) Oprah Winfrey 4) Ronald Reagan 5) Joan Collins 6) Ted Koppel 7) Vanna White 8) David Letterman 9) Michael J. Fox 10) Tom Selleck 11) The California Raisins 12) Sam Donaldson 13) John Madden 14) Hulk Hogan

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## Hulk Hogan

Professional wrestling came of age—big time—in the '80s. And with it came the full-blown prominence of the sport's master of the universe: Hulk Hogan. Here was a wrestling lead man for all ages. At 6-feet-8, 303 pounds, he thundered across the ring with a ballerina's grace and a hangman's grim determination. Audiences glommed onto his act when he became the champion of the World Wrestling Federation nearly six years ago, and he's had the adulation of fans in a headlock ever since. Hulk rode the cable-TV boom in the '80s as skillfully as a communications tycoon. He has three unmistakable trademarks: a frightfully powerful body with biceps thicker than a network executive's expense report; long, thinning blond hair, and a Fu Manchu mustache. But he's ahead of the game: the Hulkster has always won fans, admirers and television ratings faster than he's lost hair.



- 15) Don Johnson 16) Roseanne Barr 17) Dan Rather 18) Morton Downey, Jr. 19) Alf 20) Pee-wee Herman

N.W.A. WORLD HEAVEYWEIGHT CHAMPION IS RIC FLAIR

A.W.A. WORLD HEAVEYWEIGHT CHAMPION IS LARRY ZEYSZKO

N.W.F. WORLD HEAVEYWEIGHT CHAMPION IS HULK HOGAN

# THE BROOKLYN WRESTLING SCENE

BY

KENNETH LEVITT & JOEL MANISON

12/15/89 GLEASON'S ARENA, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

Ray Odyssey W. Robbie Ellis (Odyssey executed a good hip toss and so did Ellis. Robbie executed a good back body drop and a take down. Odyssey executed a flying dropkick, but Ellis moved out of the way. Odyssey tried for a pin, but no luck. Ellis kicked Odyssey in the stomach with his foot, a flying clothesline and a flying dropkick. Odyssey, finally, pinned Ellis with a very good back slide. This match gets a 7.)

Little Mighty Moses W. Little Ninja (Moses was taking off his shirt. He was faced towards the ring post, when Ninja started to attack him in the back. Moses started to Slam Ninja's head in to the mat, monkey flipped him and tossed him out of the ring. They started to fight on the arena floor. The referee told Moses to get back in to the ring. Moses started yelling, "I'm coming, I,m coming". Moses hooked Ninja's leg for a pin combination. This match gets an 8.)

Mr. Pogo W. Chris Michaels (Mr. Pogo started to chop away at Chris. Michaels executed some good hip tosses. Pogo won with a head butt to the chest and a pin. This match gets a 4.)

The Undertakers W. Sonny Blaze & Erick Sciacchia (The undertakers started to work Erick over. One of The Undertakers pounded Erick in the shoulders and suplexed him. Erick tried to tag his partner, but couldn't. One of The Undertakers clothesline Erick, elbowed him 6 times to the chest and executed a leg drop. Sonny, finally, came in and started to dropkick both of his opponents. Sonny rammed both Undertakers' heads into each other. One of the Undertakers pinned Erick with a big splash. This match gets a 6.)

## Battle Royal - Order of elimination.

1) Boston Play Boy 2) Robbie Ellis 3) Erick Sciacchia, 4) Sonny Blaze 5) Undertaker #1 6) Undertaker #2 7) Vic Steamboat last man in the ring. Vic faced ICW Champ Tony Atlas latter that night, because he won the battle royal. This gets a 6.

There was a Danger Zone with Paul E. Dangerously and Dr. Tom Prichard. The Rochester Road Block came out and said he lives in Brooklyn. Paul E. Said the women in Brooklyn smell and the men s--k. The Road Block picked up Paul E. by the neck and then Tom attacked The Road Block.

Dr. Tom Prichard VS. Ray Odyssey (No referee) (Tom executed a good hip toss and started to work Odysseys over. Ray, then, left and The Rochester Road Block came in and Prichard left the ring in a hurry. He came back with referee Al Vace. Prichard seemed to be afraid of The Road Block. Rochester picked Prichard up by the neck and threw him out of the ring. The referee left the ring only to be brought back by Paul E. The Road Block called Prichard a wimp. Prichard told him to calm down. Prichard was making the referee go nuts After each manauver that The Road Block executed, Prichard would leave the ring. Prichard, finally, left the ring for good. This free-for-all gets an 8. This was not really a match, because nobody got pinned; but it was different.)

Vic Steamboat W. Tony Atlas -DQ. (Atlas is The ICW. Champion. Atlas took his time coming to the ring. Steamboat started to yell that Atlas was chicken. Tony came to the ring with his manager, The Duke. Joel and Ken were sitting in the first row. Tony yelled at Joel. He told Joel that he is a fat slob and eats too much lasagna. Tony told the audience, that he is a real man. The fans were yelling "Steamboat, Steamboat". The fans started to call Atlas "Bold Headed Geek". Atlas elbowed and threw Steamboat twice in to the turnbuckle. Atlas head butted Steamboat. Atlas threw vic out of the ring and clotheslined him. Vic karate chopped Atlas several times and threw Tony's head in to the turnbuckle. Vic executed a sleeper. He started to pin Atlas, but after the two count the referee stopped the match and awarded the decision to Vic. It was announced that Tony was disqualified because he attacked the referee. After the match Vic let Atlas have it. Vic called Atlas a cheat and asked for five more minutes. Atlas entered the ring and let him have it. Atlas left the ring. The referee, then left for the dressing room. This match gets an 8. This card gets a 7.)

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## STARRCADE REVIEW

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December 13th, 1989 will go down as a great day in professional wrestling history. The N.W.A. held its annual Starrcade. This year it was entitled "Future Shock". This was a singels and tag team tournament. The matches on this show were excellent. All matches were 15 minute time limits. Most of the matches went over ten minutes. There was action from the start of the show to the end. There was not one best match, because the whole card was great. The Road Warriors won the tag tournament and Sting won the singels tournament. The people who were in the Omni in Atlanta, Georgia and the people watching at home really got their money's worth.

My friends Jerry Norwat, Teddy Seigle and his sons Scotty and Craig who watched the show with me agreed that this was the best show of the year that they have seen. The commentators were also excellent. The N.W.A. should be commended for the excellent job they did.

The N.W.A. said, that their next show on Pay Per View is February 25, 1990. If Future Shock is any indication of what the future holds the fans will be treated to a great card of professional wrestling. If The N.W.A. comes to your area, by all means go and see the matches. You are assured of a great night of fun and action. All of us watching this show could not remember when The W.W.F. put on a show of this caliber.

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### 12/3/89 ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Jimmy Backlund W. Mike Awesome -- Lou Perez & Tommy Rogers W. The Bounty Hunters -DQ. -- Mike Awesome W. Grizzly Bear Ray -- Steve Keirn W. Ron Slinker -- Mike Graham & Buggy McGraw W. Blackjack Mulligan & Jumbo Beretta

### 12/3/89 MIAMI, FLORIDA

Attendance was 2,900 -- Jimmy Snuka W. Bad News Brown  
Andre The Giant & Haku W. Demolition -DQ. -- Roddy Piper W. Rick Rude  
Bret Hart W. The Honkey Ton Man -- Tugboat Thomas W. The Conquistador  
Paul Roma W. Barry Horowitz -- Randy Savage W. Jim Duggan

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At this time, we would like to thank our contributing correspondents. Have a happy and healthy holiday season.