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2/12/84 THE EDDIE GRAHAM SPORTS STADIUM, ORLANDO, FLORIDA

(1) Penny Mitchell & Despina Montagus W. Lei Lani Kai & Joel Martin (Mitchell pinned Kai with a well executed sunset flip cradle, off the ring ropes. During this match, there was alot of wild action. Both teams looked very good throughout the entire match.)

(2) Kendo Nagasaki W. Dennis Brown (The end of this match occurred as follows Both men were fighting outside the ring on the arena floor. As this action was going on Kendo's Manager Jimmy Holiday, was on the outside ring apron distracting the referee. Finally, both men got back into the ring, to continue their fierce battle. Brown tried to ram Kendo into the ring corner, but The Oriental Giant was able to reverse it. Brown, then, fell to the mat floor. Kendo, then, gave Brown a knee to the chest area. Kendo, then, hooked Brown's legs for a pinning combination. During the match, Kendo used his mysterious green mist, that he blows from his mouth. This match had a lot of action, through and through. Brown looked good during this match, but Kendo looked great.)

(3) Hacksaw (Jim) Duggan & The One Man Gang W. Joe Lightfoot & Mike Davis (Duggan pinned Davis, after The Gang gave Davis a foot to the upper chest/throat area.)

(4) Hector Guerrero W. Joe Lightfoot (This match started off with a bang. Hector was originally, to fight Mike Graham, but the ring announcer, Bruce Tharpe, announced that Mike could not make it to the arena, because he could not get a plane out of Atlanta, Georgia. This announcement made Hector very mad. He was standing in the ring with no opponent. Hector, then, got hold of the microphone and said a few choice words about Mike. He, then, challenged anybody in the building, to fight him. Joe Lightfoot came running from the dressing room, to accept his challenge. During this match, each athlete tried everything he could think of, to down the other. The finale came, when Joe tried a roll over pin, but Guerrero was able to reverse it, and pin Lightfoot. When the decision was announced, that Guerrero was the winner, Joe got very upset, and went wild. Joe threw Hector to the ring ropes. Guerrero, then, came off the ropes, and Joe gave him a chop to the upper chest/throat area. Both men looked extremly good in this very rough battle.)

(4) Mike Rotundo W. Black Bart (Texas Bunkhouse Match: Mike won this match, by pinning Bart, after a well executed sunset flip cradle, off the ring ropes.

During the match, Bart was bleeding from his forehead. Both men looked very good in mat action)

(5) Bill Jack W. Kharma -DQ. (The end of this match occurred as follows: Kevin Sullivan who was outside the ring, during the match, came up to the outside ring apron and tried to throw salt into Bill's eyes, but missed. The salt, instead, landed in Kharma's eyes. The referee seeing this action, signaled for the bell and disqualified Kharma for outside interference. After the match ended, Billy got a hold of Sullivan. Billy, then, executed a swinging full nelson, and put a lot of pressure on the hold. The referee could not stop this action. A few wrestlers came running from the dressing room, to help the referee break up this wild mess. This match had a lot of action, with Billy showing Sullivan and Kharma who the boss really is.)

(6) Ron Bass W. Barry Windham -C.O.R. (This match started off fast and furious. Barry gave Ron a couple of dropkicks, sending Bass to the arena floor. During the match, Windham gave Bass a body slam and three atomic knee drops, in a row, sending Bass to the mat floor. During the match, both Bass and Windham were fighting on the arena floor. Bass, during this wild encounter, executed a very good pile driver and a forearm, to the back of the head. Bass and Windham left the ring again, and fought on the arena floor. Bass threw Windham into the wooden barrier, head first. Barry started to bleed very badly from this action. Windham, finally, regained his composure, and let Bass have it. They, finally, both entered the ring, and went at it like wild tigers. Windham came off the ring ropes, and flew over Bass. Windham, by doing this action, knocked the referee out of the ring. Bass and Windham still went at it. Black Bart came running from the dressing room into the ring, and hit Barry with his boot. He then went back to the dressing room. Windham, after being struck by Bart's boot, fell out of the ring, onto the arena floor. At this point, the referee had gained his composure, and counted Windham out, outside of the ring. Another referee came into the ring, to tell the first referee what had transpired, while he was knocked out of the ring. While the two referees were talking, Barry executed a sunset flip cradle, off the ring ropes. One of the referees, seeing this, took the three count. Everybody in the arena, including Barry, thought he won the match and The Southern Heavyweight Title. Barry left the ring with the belt. Right after he left the ring, the referee raised Ron's hands in a token of victory. The next morning, in the newspaper, the result read that Bass won the match on a count out. This match had a lot of action in it with both athletes looking very good. In the opinion of this writer this was one of the strangest endings I have ever witnessed in the years I have been following this great sport of wrestling.)

2/15/84 THE TAMPA SPORTATORIUM, THE HOME OF CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING FROM FLORIDA (TV TAPINGS, MORNING)

FIRST HOUR:

Gordon Solie interviewed Kevin Sullivan and Kharma
Kevin Sullivan W. Mike Allen (By pin, with a shoulder breaker.)
Barry Windham W. Marvin Turner (By pin, with a clothesline.)
Gordon interviewed Barry Windham and Dusty Rhodes
Joe Lightfoot W. Kendo Nagasaki -DQ. (Kendo was disqualified for hitting Joe in the throat. Billy Jack came out to help Joe, but was struck repeatedly by Nagasaki, with his kendo stick. Other wrestlers came out to help Billy and Joe back to the dressing room.)
Hacksaw Duggan W. Ron Sexton (Duggan went into the ropes, and held onto it. Sexton tried to drop kick Duggan and missed. Sexton fell to the mat floor. Ron then got up, dazed, not knowing what happened. Duggan seeing that his opponent was dazed, wasted no time, and used a football block on Ron, and then, pinned him.)

Mike Rotundo & Barry Windham W. Ron Bass & Black Bart (Bart threw Windham out of the ring. At the same time, Bass and Rotundo were slugging it out by the corner turnbuckle. Barry, finally regained his composure, and came into the ring. He gave Bart a clothesline. He, then, pinned Bart.)

Kharma & The One Man Gang W. Dennis Brown & Mike Fever (Karma pinned Fever, after the use of a neck breaker.)

SECOND HOUR:

Kevin Sullivan W. Bill Snyder (By pin, with a shoulder Breaker.)

Gordon Solie interviewed Sullivan and Kharma

The One Man Gang W. Tony Diamato (By pin, after a knee to the chest and a big splash.) Black Bart W. Ron Sexton (Ron threw Bart into the corner turnbuckle. Ron then tried to ram him, but could not. Bart, then, caught Ron and body slammed him. He, then, gave Ron a pile driver, and then pinned him.)

Mike Rotundo W. Marvin Turner (By pin, with an airplane spin.)

Barbara Clary interviewed Les Thornton on her Take Five Segment of the show. Les Thornton DREW Mike Davis (This match had alot of action. The match was stopped by the referee, when television time ran out.)

2/15/84 THE MIAMI BEACH CONVENTION CENTER, MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA (EVENING)

Dennis Brown W. Anthony Charles

Les Thornton W. Hector Guerrero

Mike Graham & Joe Lightfott & Mike Davis W. Hacksaw Duggan & The One Man Gang & Black Bart (This match had alot of action throughout the entire match. The finale came, when Lightfoot pinned Bart, after executing a very good sunset flip cradle, off the ring ropes. Both teams looked superb in mat action)

Ron Bass DREW Mike Rotundo (During the match, both athletes tried everything in their power to down the other. The finale of this action packed match occurred as follows: Rotundo had bass in an airplane spin. Mike, then, went for a pinning combination. While the referee was taking the pin count, the bell rang to signal the end of the match. The bell rang before the referee finished his count. The official announcement stated that this match was a time limit draw. Both Ron and Mike looked in very good shape throughout the entire match.

Dusty Rhodes & Billy Jack W. Kevin Sullivan & Kharma (Texas Tornado Match) (Billy picked up Dusty and dropped him on top of Kharma. Rhodes, then, hooked Kharma's legs for a pinning combination. Both teams looked very good in mat combat.)

Ric Flair W. Barry Windham -DQ (This match had alot of action, with both men giving it their all, to try and do the other in. During the match, Flair and Windham were fighting outside the ring, on the arena floor. Both Flair and Windham were bleeding very badly from their foreheads. The referee had a very hard time controlling these two men. The finale came, when Barry knocked the referee down. When the official regained his composure, he signaled for the bell and disqualified Barry for knocking him down. Ric may have won this match on a disqualification, but nevertheless, it was a proud victory.)

NOTE ON THE MIAMI CARD:

I missed the first two matches because of delay in travel from Tampa where I saw the TV tapings that morning.

NOTES ON THE THREE CARDS:

While I was in florida I attended three fantastic cards. I saw several champions in action. World Heaverweight Ric Flair, Junior Heaveyweight, Les Thornton, Southern Heaveyweight Ron Bass and Florida Junior Heaveyweight Hector Guerrero. Seeing these champions in action is always a treat, because, these great athletes showed the fans what real champions are made of. I was also fortunate in that I saw Kendo Nagasaki, Kevin Sullivan, Kharma, Billy

Jack, Barry Windham and Mike Rotundo, amongst many other good wrestlers. Seeing these athletes in action is a real treat, because they always give the fans, what they want, Non-Stop Action.

SPECIAL NOTE:

I would like to thank Gordon Solie and his crew making us feel so welcome at the TV Tapings in Tampa, After the TV Tapings, I met the dean of wrestling commentators, Gordon Solie, who also welcomed me warmly. My friends and fellow wrestling fans, Gerry Norwat and Joel Manison were my companions on this trip. All the cards and places visited were made more pleasureable by their company. We all enjoyed the cards in The "Sunshine State" and would like to return to see many more.

These cards were promoted and presented by Championship Wrestling From Florida (C.W.F.), in conjunction with The National Wrestling Alliance (N.W.A.)

2/19/84 ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Hector Guerrero W. Anthony Charles
Kendo Nagasaki W. Dennis Brown
Hacksaw Duggan W. Mike Davis
Joe Lightfoot W. The One Man Gang -C.O.R.
Barry Windham & Billy Jack W. Ron Bass & Black Bart -DQ.
Mike Rotundo DREW Ric Flair
Dusty Rhodes W. Kharma (Lights Out Match)

2/20/84 WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

Hector Guerrero W. Mike Allen
Kharma W. Dennis Brown
Hacksaw Duggan & Black Bart W. Joe Lightfoot & Mike Davis
Mike Rotundo W. The One Man Gang
Barry Windham W. Black Bart (Dog Collar Chain VS. Texas Bull Rope/Death Match?)

2/21/84 TAMPA, FLORIDA

Dennis Brown & Anthony Charles W. The Infernos #1 & #2
Mike Davis DREW Hector Guerrero
Joe Lightfoot W. The One Man Gang
Mike Graham W. Kharma
Barry Windham & Mike Rotundo DREW Ron Bass & Black Bart
Kendo Nagaski W. Billy Jack -DQ.
Hacksaw Duggan W. Dusty Rhodes (Lights Out-First Blood Match)

THE PHILIPPINES WRESTLING SCENE FEBUARY 1984

QUEZON CITY - MANILA, LUZON,

Takeshi Oiso & M. Maturao W. Killer Khan & Animal Hamaguchi -DQ.
Tatsumi Fujinami W. Mike Sharpe
Riki Choshu W. Akira Maeda
Seiji Sakaguchi W. Osamu Kido
(The Above Card Was 2/12/84)

2/13/84

Tatsumi Fujinami W. Killer Khan
Antonio Inoki & Akira Maeda W. Riki Choshu & Animal Hamaguchi
Takeshi Oiso & M. Matsuro W. Osamu Kido & Yoshiaki Fujiwara
Seiji Sakaguchi N.C. Mike Sharpe

✓ Check it out

ATTENTION TO ALL YOU WRESTLING FANS. WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS SUMMER? THE FOLLOWING PLANS SHOULD BE OF INTEREST TO YOU

THE VIRGINIA WRESTLING ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

There will be a wrestling convention August 24th - 26th. This great event will take place in Richmond, Virginia. The host will be The Virginia Wrestling Association. This great event will be highlighted by a two night wrestling tournament. This tournament will feature many top stars, as well as the regular Virginia Wrestling Association grapplers.

There will be many different activities, including a wrestling game, display, autograph session, auction, trivia contest and a ring event. The weekend will be culminated by a cookout and softball game involving, the wrestlers and fans who will be attending the convention.

The Sheraton Hotel will be the site for this great event. A very reasonable rate has been made by the hotel. The rate will be \$47.95 per night for 1-4 people. The Sheraton has a lounge and swimming pool.

The cost for this weekend convention activities will be only \$50.00 per person. This fee will include admission to the two night tournament, in a special designated ringside area, admission to the convention (Sat 8/25 from 10:00 AM till 5:00 PM), the cookout and softball game.

If you plan to stay a few more days, Busch Gardens, Virginia Beach and Williamsburg are not to distant from Richmond.

If you decide to be part of this fantastic weekend of excitement and fun, fill out the form below. Your money should be in no later than August 1st.

The telephone number to The Sheraton is 1-800-628-7601. Make your checks for the convention payable to David Leehy. His address is P.O. Box 34142 Richmond, Virginia 23234. If you like professional wrestling, then this is a convention for you. Mail form to David Leehy.

NAME: _____

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STATE: _____

ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE: _____

NWA hopes the JYD no longer dogs it

If just two weeks ago someone had suggested that National Wrestling Alliance champion Ric Flair's next opponent would be the Junkyard Dog, most of the group's wrestlers and hardcore fans would have have laughed.



GRUNT AND GRIN

BY DAVE MELTZER
FOR THE NATIONAL

After all, the Dog was well known in wrestling circles for taking his career from wrestling's penthouse to its doghouse in recent years. With his weight ballooned up to a Buddy Rose-like 330 pounds, he had become almost as well known by his underground nickname: the Junkfood Dog.

Nobody's laughing today. The NWA, beset with the losses of Flair's two leading challengers (Lex Luger and Sting) to legitimate knee injuries, needed a new challenger for Flair.

Ole Anderson, who was named booker for the group earlier this month, decided the way to turn around the fortunes of the red-ink laden promotion was to bring back names from years past.

To the shock of nearly everyone, the prime focus of Anderson's ideas was to resurrect JYD. Dog, 38, pinned Flair in a few nontitle matches over the week-

Junkyard Dog, from a line in an old Jim Croce song, was given to Sylvester Ritter by Louisiana promoter Bill Watts in 1979. The Dog's star skyrocketed that year, when he headlined several shows at the Superdome in New Orleans that drew more than 20,000 fans. At 6-foot-2½ and 260 pounds, and with a body like granite, he looked and could talk the sport.

Though the Dog couldn't wrestle the part, Watts hid that by mainly putting him in the ring with the best wrestlers in his area.

When Vince McMahon started his national expansion of the World Wrestling Federation in 1984, JYD was one of the first men he went after. The Dog became an instant star and was earning upwards of \$250,000 per year.

Approaching 280 pounds, his live and philosophizing interviews turned into barking when McMahon changed his character. For a time he trailed only Hulk Hogan as McMahon's top "baby face" (good guy) attraction.

But the Dog had a problem with showing up for his matches. This led to his being fired for the first time by the WWF in 1987. McMahon gave him a second, third and fourth chance, but his no-show and weight problems didn't improve. His popularity and drawing power had waned badly, and by 1988, the once-unbeatable superhero was losing opening matches to the likes of Ron Bass. By autumn, he was let go for the final time.

The NWA tried to revive his career. But all the problems that had killed him in the WWF remained. The theory that he still could draw should

have been disproved when his early 1989 series of matches with Flair were the championship's worst-drawing title matches up to that time.

By May, after failing to show for a major live promotion and then a pay-per-view card, JYD was fired.

LARGEST LIVE WRESTLING GATES

(Note: Gates all in U.S. dollar equivalents at the time of the event)

Date/Site	Match	Gate
2/10/90 Tokyo Egg Dome	Riki Choshu & George Takano vs. Tiger Mask & Genichiro Tenryu	\$3.88 million
4/1/90 Toronto SkyDome	Hulk Hogan vs. Ultimate Warrior	\$3.45 million
11/29/90 Tokyo Egg Dome	Akira Maeda vs. Willie Wilhelm	\$2.98 million
4/24/89 Tokyo Egg Dome	Antonio Inoki vs. Shota Chochiyashvili	\$2.78 million
4/13/90 Tokyo Egg Dome	Hulk Hogan vs. Stan "The Lariat" Hansen	\$2.16 million
5/4/89 Osaka Baseball Stadium	Akira Maeda vs. Chris Doiman	\$1.71 million
4/2/89 Trump Plaza/Atlantic City	Hulk Hogan vs. Randy Savage	\$1.63 million
3/29/87 Pontiac Silverdome	Hulk Hogan vs. Andre the Giant	\$1.60 million
8/5/89 Yokohama Arena	Akira Maeda vs. Yoshitaka Fujiwara	\$1.41 million
3/29/88 Trump Plaza/Atlantic City	WWF title tournament	\$1.10 million

end. This set up several championship encounters, the most important of which takes place June 13 in Charleston, S.C., on a card billed as "Coastal Crunch." A live, prime-time wrestling special on TBS.

The Dog was one of the biggest box office attractions from 1979 to 1986.

The name

ROCKY MOUNTAIN WRESTLING ASSOCIATION, INC.

MAMMOTH EVENTS CENTER - MAY 24, 1990

RING ANNOUCER - MICK FROID

A CROWD OF 550 FANS TURNED OUT THIS NIGHT BEFORE THE START OF MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND TO WITNESS THE BEST WRESTLING MATCHES SEEN IN THE MILE HIGH CITY IN A NUMBER OF YEARS.

AND, THE MATCHES WERE TAPED BY "SEASON TICKET" FOR HOME VIDEO. THE TAPE WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE BY MAIL ORDER!

ALSO TAPING THE ENTIRE NIGHT OF WILD ACTION WAS KMGH-TV, CHANNEL 7 IN DENVER. THEY WILL BE DOING A FEATURE ON RMWA!

THE OPENING EVENT BETWEEN THE MASKED AIRBORNE RANGER AND TOO COLD SCORPIO SAW BOTH MEN FLYING BUT THE POPULAR SCORPIO WAS THE VICTOR. SCORPIO DID A FLYING ROLL OVER THE ROPES AND A PRESS TO MAKE THE PIN.

MAKING HIS RMWA DEBUT WAS U.S. JUNIOR HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION, "THE PRINCE" RIC McCORD. HE FACED DOUG "BLACK MAGIC" MASTERS IN AN EXCELLENT MATCH THAT WAS FAST PACED. WRESTLER TED NALL CAME TO AID MASTERS AFTER HE HAD BEEN DROPKICKED OUTSIDE THE RING AND HELPED DOUG INSIDE.

NALL CONTINUED TO STAY AT RINGSIDE AND TRIPPED McCORD COMING OFF THE ROPES. MASTERS MADE THE PIN. HOWEVER, JERRY STEVENS WHO WAS SITTING AT THE RINGSIDE TABLE, GOT INTO THE RING AND EXPLAINED TO REFEREE JEFF SLADEN WHAT HAPPENED.

SLADEN THEN EXTENDED THE MATCH DUE TO THE INTERFERENCE BY NALL. RIC McCORD CAME BACK TO WIN USING A CRADLE! THEN NALL AND MASTERS DOUBLE TEAMED McCORD. STEVENS RUSHED TO HELP RIC.

JERRY CHALLENGED NALL AND MASTERS WITH McCORD AS HIS PARTNER TO A MATCH IMMEDIATELY. THE FOUR RETURNED LATER ON.

THE PREDATOR GOT THE BEST OF DON JUAN (WITH VALET TERRY) IN A ROUGH AND TUMBLE MATCH. PREDATOR WON WITH THE SUPLEX AND PRESS. DON JUAN WAS QUITE UPSET AT THE VERDICT AND ARGUED WITH REFEREE STEVE HARMS. WHEN DON PUSHED THE REFEREE REPEATEDLY, HARMS HAULED OFF AND FLOORED HIM. VALET TERRY PUT HER TWO CENTS IN AND ENDED UP GETTING SLAPPED ON THE REAR BY HARMS WHO LEFT THE RING!

INTERVIEWS -- "GOLDEN BOY" STEVE SAWYER, BARRY O, DOUG MASTERS AND RANDY RHODES.

IN A BATTLE OF "STEVES", "GOLDEN BOY" STEVE SAWYER TOOK ON STEVE "MR. ELECTRICITY" REGAL. THIS WAS ALSO THE DEBUT FOR RMWA OF REGAL WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED TO RINGSIDE BY BARRY O. BARRY DEMANDED THAT HE ANNOUCE REGAL! BARRY O LEFT RINGSIDE BUT INTERFERED IN THE MATCH WHEN REFEREE JEFF SLADEN'S BACK WAS TURNED. REGAL CRADLED SAWYER FOR THE UNPOPULAR

WIN. DESPITE WHAT FANS AND SAWYER SAID, THAT VERDICT REMAINED IN REGAL'S FAVOR.

BY POPULAR DEMAND, THOSE EXTREMELY PLEASING RMWA FAVORITES RETURNED - THE MIDGETS! LITTLE TOKYO HAS GAINED A FOLLOWING AMONG RMWA FANS REGARDLESS OF HIS RING TACTICS. HE COULDN'T GET THE BEST OF COWBOY JIMMY COTTRELL. THE CUTE COWBOY WON WITH HIS BULLDOG SLAM AND PRESS.

PROVING A TOP COMBO, JERRY STEVENS AND RIC MCCORD FACED TED NALL AND DOUG MASTERS. THIS WAS TOP ACTION. IN A BEAUTIFUL MOVE, AT THE EXACT TIME, JERRY AND RIC USED ROLLING CRADLES TO WIN THE MATCH IN A DOUBLE COUNT PIN. JERRY PINNED NALL WITH RIC PINNING MASTERS.

"THE PRINCE" WAS THEN TOSSED FROM THE RING ONTO THE FLOOR. STEVENS GOT DOUBLE TEAMED BEFORE THINGS WERE BACK IN ORDER AND ALL FOUR WRESTLERS SENT TO THE LOCKER ROOM.

THE LONG AWAITED MAIN EVENT ENDED THE EVENING. THIS WAS A NON-SANCTIONED MATCH BY RMWA - A TEXAS BULLROPE MATCH BETWEEN BARRY O AND RIVAL RANDY RHODES. YOU HAD TO BE HERE TO BELIEVE IT.

FANS WILL BE TALKING ABOUT THIS MATCH FOR A LONG TIME! IT WAS THE BLOODIEST MATCH I HAVE SEEN SINCE A CHAIN MATCH BETWEEN GREAT MALENKO AND RONNIE GARVIN AT KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE IN 1978!

BOTH MEN WERE BLEEDING PROFUSELY. THERE WERE POOLS OF BLOOD ALL OVER THE CANVAS (NOT TO MENTION THE LOCKER ROOM AREA LATER!) THEY FOUGHT INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE RING.

THIS WAS A NO DISQUALIFICATION MATCH. HOWEVER, REFEREE STEVE HARMS FEARING SOMEONE WAS BLEEDING TO DEATH STOPPED THE MATCH! BARRY O'S FRIEND STEVE REGAL RACED TO THE RING HELPING BARRY CONTINUE HIS ATTACK ON THE PRONED RHODES.

GOLDEN BOY STEVE SAWYER ALSO APPEARED AT RINGSIDE TO HELP RANDY. THIS MATCH HAD ALL THE WRESTLERS WATCHING AND THE FANS ON THEIR FEET! YOU MISSED A REAL BLOOD BATH IF YOU DIDN'T SEE THIS ONE!

BARRY O HAD THE LESSER INJURY AND DIDN'T REQUIRE STITCHES. RANDY RHODES WAS TAKEN BY JUDA AND DIANE TO ROSE MEDICAL CENTER EMERGENCY ROOM.

I BET THIS IS THE FIRST AND ONLY TIME SOMEONE HAS BEEN TO THE ER WITH INJURIES FROM A BULLROPE MATCH AT ROSE. IT WAS A BIT AMUSING WHEN RANDY EXPLAINED HOW HE WAS INJURED TO THE ADMITTING CLERK! I EXPLAINED HE WAS A PRO WRESTLER - THEN THE WHOLE ER GOT EXCITED!

JUDA AND I WATCHED THE DOCTOR AS HE STITCHED RANDY'S FOREHEAD. HE USED 12 STITCHES TO CLOSE THE WOUND!!!

WELCOME TO THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF PRO WRESTLING!! IT'S NOT ALWAYS AN EASY LIFE!

5/5/90 THE RPI HOUSTON FIELD HOUSE, TROY, NEW YORK

The attendance was approx. 800

Johnny Ace W. Dutch Mantel

Rick Steiner W. Bam Bam Bigelow -DQ.

Scott Steiner W. Bobby Eaton

The Steiner Brothers W. Doom

Ric Steiner won battle royal.

5/11/90 THE DOME ARENA, ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

"Flyin" Brian Pillman pinned The Cuban Assassin in 12 minutes

The Midnight Express defeated Johnny Ace and Johnnie Stewart in 15 minutes

"Captain" Mike Rotundo beat Bam Bam Bigelow via disqualification after outside interference by "Big Kahuna" Sir Oliver Humperdink.

"Flyin" Brian Pillman & Tom Zenk defeated The Samoans in 12 minutes.

The Steiner Brothers (Rick & Scott) Beat Doom in 17 minutes

5/12/90 THE COBO ARENA, DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Rick Steiner defeated NWA World Heavyweight Champion on a disqualification when Flair threw the referee at 20:48.

US. Champion Lex Luger scheduled to face Flair was hospitalized for a knee injury

"Flyin" Brian Pillman & Tom Zenk defeated The Wild Samoans in 12:47.

The Road Warriors (Animal & Hawk) W. Doom (Butch Reed & Ron Simmons) in a Chicago Street Fight Match when Hawk pinned Ron Simmons at 8:30.

Scott Steiner and Mike Rotundo pinned The Midnight Express in 18:41.

Johnny Stewart W. Kevin Sullivan by disqualification in 38 seconds

Bam Bam Bigelow W. Paul Drake in 5:52.

Robby Idol pinned Ned Brady in 6:56.

5/18/90 THE DALLAS SPORTATORIUM, DALLAS, TEXAS

Jeff Gaylord W. Jeff Rattz

Kevin Von Erich W. Sheik Braddock

Matt Borne W. Jimmy Jack Funk

Chris Adams W. Steve Austin

Bill Dundee W. John Tatum

The Dirty White Boys & Rick Gossett W. Jeff Jarrett & Billy Joe Travis & The Giant

5/21/90 THE PALACE INN, MONROEVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

Sean Partick W. Diamond Danny Ferrari -DQ.

Gentleman James Folger W. Tank Sherman

Bobby Anselmo W. The Mighty Goliath via a reversed decision.

Dante DeNucci & Irish Red Walsh W. Lord Zoltan & T.J. Sampson

Mighty Moses W. The Little Ninja in a special Man Vs. Miget Match.

Mighty Moses won a \$500 12 man battle royal.

HULK HOGAN IN THE MOVIES

Movie producer Bob Kaufman is planning a new film called "Ugh!" in which Hulk Hogan, the Robert Redford of world wrestling champions, will star. Bob thinks Hogan is one of the most fascinating men in wrestling, and totally underrated by the film industry. But this won't be about wrestling. It'll be a thriller, says Bob, who's putting it together for New Line Cinema, which made "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles."



BY RANDY SHAFFER

Daily News Assistant City Editor
The battle is on for your wrestling dollar.

Picture Vince McMahon and Ted Turner grappling somewhere between the Civic Arena and the A.J. Palumbo Center on Duquesne University's campus to determine who will win title to the area's grappling fans and that's what we have in store for us next month.

Both the World Wrestling Federation and National Wrestling Alliance have scheduled shows within an eight-day period in June. And both are "A" cards.

Turner's NWA will stage a card featuring a Lex Luger-Ric Flair main event on June 1 at 8 p.m. at Palumbo Center. McMahon's WWF comes to town with Rick Rude vs. Ultimate Warrior as headliner on June 9 at 8 p.m. at the Arena.

Next month's WWF event was announced during last weekend's show to the more than 9,000 fans who attended the card, which was topped by Earthquake's victory over "Hacksaw" Jim Duggan.

The next day, the NWA revealed its Palumbo plans during its syndicated TV programs. Its last appearance here was at the Civic Arena during the Great American Bash tour last summer.

Local wrestling fans only can win during such a battle of the big promoters, but what remains to be seen is if the area can support monthly appearances by both. The NWA is following its strategy of booking small arenas and shouldn't have a hard time filling the Palumbo Center.

The WWF, however hasn't filled the Arena since Hulk Hogan's last appearances here and hasn't come close to a sellout since local favorite Bruno Sammartino donned the tights. The NWA packed a good crowd into the Arena a couple years ago for the Bunkhouse Stampede

cage match final between Dusty Rhodes and Big Bubba Rogers, alias Big Boss Man.

The June 1 NWA program also includes a Road Warriors-Doom match, Rick Steiner against Barry Windham and Abdullah the Butcher vs. Bam Bam Bigelow.

Also on the June 9 WWF card are "Mr. Perfect" Kurt Hennig vs. Brutus "the Barber" Beefcake; Rhythm and Blues, Honky Tonk Man and Greg "the Hammer" Valentine, faces Luke and Butch of the Bushwhackers; Barbarian vs. "Superfly" Jimmy Snuka; Dino Bravo opposes Tito Santana, and Akeem vs. Hercules Hernandez.

Beefcake defeated Hennig's companion, "The Genius" Lanny Poffo, with a sleeper hold at last weekend's show. He proceeded to give Poffo a haircut and pull off his wig that was covering the damage from the last trim Beefcake administered at Wrestlemania.

Hernandez lost to "The Model" Rick Martel after Martel reversed a pin attempt by Hernandez after a powerslam and grabbed a handful of tights to aid the cover.

Best match on last Friday's card was the tag team title tilt between champions Demolition and the Hart Foundation, which ended in a double disqualification and a long after-bout brawl between the two teams that included several wrestlers from the dressing room who ran to the ring to "help break up the battle" after the bell rang.

IN OTHER LEAGUES — "The Russian Nightmare" Nikita Koloff is prime challenger for Larry Zbyszko's AWA world title belt. Fan-favorite Koloff now wears both the U.S. and USSR flags on the back of his warmup jacket.

Zbyszko, who briefly lost the title to Mr. Saito, will defend his belt on TV against The Trooper on AWA "Championship Wrestling" May 21 at 4 p.m. on ESPN.

The Destruction Crew, Mean Mike Enos and Wayne "The Train" Bloom, continue to defend the AWA tag team belts while they fulfill their masked roles as Minnesota Wrecking Crew II in the NWA.

USWA matchmakers have come up with yet another type of bout: the Eight-Man Texas Tornado Tough Man Contest, which aired on last weekend's USWA telecasts. The match consisted of Eric Emery, Jeff Jarrett, Bill "Superstar" Dundee and manager Percy Pringle on one side, and Gary Young, Jeff Gaylord, Steve Austin and manager Scandar Akbar on the other team.

The match starts as a normal eight-man tag match, but after each pinfall the winning team can designate a member of the opposing squad to step into the ring to get the heck beat out of him by all four opponents for 60 seconds. After one minute is up, if the victim cannot answer a 10-count his team loses the match.

The team of Emery, Jarrett, Dundee and Pringle won after Akbar was counted out.

NO MORE, DUDES — Shane Douglas has left the NWA, thus breaking up the Dynamic Dudes tag team. Ex-partner Johnny Ace remains as a singles grappler. Eddie Gilbert and Tommy Rich will replace the Dudes in the Capital Combat match against Samoan Swat Team. Ace remains on the card and will face Mean Mark Callous. Douglas apparently left the NWA after becoming dissatisfied with his current status and thought he should be given higher billing.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE — "Some men can paint their faces, shake the ropes and take a bunch of drugs and can't wrestle an ounce."

— Lee Marshall, during last week's AWA "Championship Wrestling" telecast.

I wonder who he could have been thinking of?

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