

FRIDAY UPDATE: NEW WWE CHARACTER DEBUTS TONIGHT; WHITE'S PREDICTIONS ARE LOW; WWE STAR GETS MARRIED

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We're looking for reports on the TNA house show last night in Jamestown, NY, as well as tonight's TNA house show in Hamilton, ONT and tonight's WWE show in Manila, Philippines at dave@wrestlingobserver.com

The WWE returns stateside with television tapings with Raw on Monday in Orlando at the Amway Arena with a dark match of John Cena & HHH vs. Randy Orton & Big Show. Smackdown and ECW will be taped on Tuesday from Miami.

Tonight's Smackdown lineup:

*Jeff Hardy vs. Kane

*John Morrison vs. Dolph Ziggler

*Melina & Eve Torres vs. Michelle McCool & Layla

*Great Khali vs. C.M. Punk

*Cryme Tyme vs. David Hart Smith & Tyson Kidd

*Rey Mysterio vs. Chris Jericho for the IC title

The main event is said to be very close to the level of their match at the last PPV, and that was one of the best WWE matches of the year.

--Bryan and I will be doing an audio update on the site tonight covering the weigh-in and any other late news. We will also have live coverage of UFC on the site starting at about 7:45 p.m. Eastern time tomorrow, and a post-show audio report covering the show and the post-show activities. We will also have the post-show press conference audio up on the site tomorrow night.

--I'm a guest on Inside MMA on HDNet (Ch. 79 on DirecTV) with Josh Barnett and Ken Shamrock. Show starts at 9 p.m. Eastern time tonight.

--Jerry Lawler has said that he is running for mayor of Memphis, and he realizes that if he wins the election, he won't have the time to continue as a WWE announcer.

--Doctors have yet to give Edge a timetable for a return to the ring after his surgery to repair a torn Achilles tendon. It's going to be at least six months most likely.

--Alex Marvez at <http://www.foxsports.com> has an interview with Dana White. Some interesting stuff including White saying that when UFC becomes a top mainstream sport, he'll have accomplished his goal and he'll walk away and never look back.

--Dos Caras Jr., who had said that he would get to use his name and bypass developmental, did a job for Kris Logan in developmental, just using the name Dos. So I guess he was half right on the name, and wrong on the bypassing.

--John Cena will be getting married tomorrow in Boston, which explains why he left the Australia tour early, missing several advertised dates. He's marrying the woman he dated back in high school.

--TNA will be doing a fan fest in Irvine, CA on 10/17, the day before Bound for Glory

--Paul Heyman talks about when Brock Lesnar broke his neck doing an F-5, and his thoughts on tomorrow's fight at <http://heymanhustle.craveonline.com/blogs/>

--Dana White predicts 1 million buys, or less than his predictions for Lesnar-Couture and St.Pierre-Serra, both of which he was way high on, at <http://www.cnbc.com/id/31851208>

--Already controversy on the new character for Ron Killings which debuts tonight on Smackdown

--Kevin Nash launches a worldwide search for his new valet, so I guess Jenna isn't lasting long. The winner will manage Nash on the 12/20 Final Resolution PPV in Orlando. He said you don't have to be 20, and said your best bet is if you know something about a Quinn Martin Production. Maybe Lee Meriweather can come out of retirement then. You need to email a photo and an explanation as to why you want that gig in 50 words or less, with age (you can lie, this is wrestling), phone number, e-mail and essay to bigsexytour@tnawrestling.com

--George St. Pierre brief in New York Magazine at <http://nymag.com/news/intelligencer/57762/>

--The Cleveland Plain Dealer has a story on Mark Coleman at http://www.cleveland.com/sports/index.ssf/2009/07/at_44_former_ohio_state_wrestl.html

--Brent Albright vs. Claudio Castagnoli with European rules (I'm guessing that means rounds) on 7/25 in Toronto. 7/24 in Toronto has Sonjay Dutt vs. El Generico

--Pat Barry vs. Antoni Hardonk is expected for the 10/24 UFC show in Los Angeles.

--Mirko Cro Cop vs. Junior Dos Santos looks to main event the 9/19 UFC show in Dallas.

--Time Magazine, believe it or not, has a story on Fedor Emelianenko not being signed with UFC and how it's a black eye, comparing it to if Tiger Woods wasn't playing in the PGA.

--The next season of Ultimate Fighter ended filming on Wednesday in Las Vegas. The cast members for the all heavyweight season are

Kimbo Slice

Zak Jensen - who wrestled on the same college team as Roger Huerta

Marcus Jones - Former Tampa Bay Buccaneer lineman who was a No. 1 draft choice in 1996

Scott Junk - Who fought in UFC in the past

James McSweeney - A Muay Thai champion

John Madsen - Who beat Brock Lesnar in wrestling when both were in high school

Matt Mitrione - Formerly with the New York Giants and Minnesota Vikings

Roy Nelson - The White Kamala, former IFL heavyweight champion and the favorite to win it all

Demico Rogers

Brendan Schaub - Formerly with the Buffalo Bills

Darrill Schoonover - Unbeaten fighter and co-favorite, current Texas heavyweight champion

Wes Chivers - Formerly with the Tennessee Titans and Atlanta Falcons

Wes Sims - 6-10, 260 pound former UFC fighter best known for being knocked out by Frank Mir in the clip that has been played on every commercial all week

Abe Wagner - Former college football linebacker

Mike Wessel - Who fought in UFC in the past, a powerlifter and college football strength coach

Justin Wren - A teenage national wrestling champion

--King of the Cage runs 8/15 in Everett, WA at the Events Center. It's the first KOTC show in the Northwest. Presale tickets are available at www.comcastarenaeverett.com/promo with KNOCKOUT as the password

--Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. tomorrow for a Raw show on 9/6 in Madison, WI, the former home of the late Sailor Art Thomas through Ticketmaster

--Vinny Magalhaes of TUF fights on 7/18 in Amarillo for shark fight 5.5, with free admission to the show at the Gamboa Outdoor Event Center. Magalhaes faces Marcus Sursa. Former UFC fighter Nissen Osterneck also fights.

--Alex Marvez on Jake Roberts in the circus is at <http://www.scrippsnews.com/node/44464>