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We're looking for your thoughts on Thursday night's UFC show and tonight's Strikeforce show, so you can leave a thumbs up, thumbs down or thumbs in the middle along with a best and worst match for each show to

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We're looking for reports on tonight's Raw show in Alexandria, LA (The Miz vs. John Cena vs. C.M. Punk and Daniel Bryan vs. Ted DiBiase for the U.S. title), Smackdown show in Albuquerque (Edge vs. Rey Mysterio vs. Alberto Del Rio vs. Cody Rhodes) and TNA house show in Salem, OR. Strikeforce tonight at 10 p.m. on Showtime Prelims off television J.P.

. Felty (0-0, 170.5) vs. John Kuhner (0-2, 170.5)  
Marc Cofer (3-3, 185) vs. Mitch Whitesel (15-20, 182.5)  
Brian Rogers (6-2, 184.5) vs. Ian Rammel (4-2, 180.5)  
Jason Riley (9-5, 259) vs. Jason Freeman (6-5, 221.5)  
Jorge Gurgel (13-7, 155) vs. Billy Vaughan (9-6, 152.5)  
Roger Bowling (8-1, 170) vs. Josh Thornburg (5-1,170)

Live on Showtime

Jorge Masvidal (20-6, 155) vs. Billy Evangelista (11-0, 1 NC, 155.5)

Tim Kennedy (12-3, 186) vs. Melvin Manhoef (24-8-1, 185)

Marloes Coenen (18-4, 135) vs. Liz Carmouche (6-0, 134) for Strikeforce women's welterweight title

Rafael Feijao (10-2, 204.5) vs. Dan Henderson (26-8, 204.5) for Strikeforce light heavyweight title

We will have live coverage on the site starting at 10 p.m.

Bellator tonight at 9 p.m. on MTV 2

Prelims

Jesus Castro (135) vs. Paul Ruiz (134.8)

Brandon Bender (146.4) vs. Josh Herrick (145.2)

Jamie Jara (174.4) vs. Waachim Spiritwolf (173.4)

Zoila Frausto (125.6) vs. Karina Helinan (125) in a non-title fight - this will make television time permitting

Live on MTV2 - first round fights of a season long welterweight tournament

Dan Hornbuckle (170) vs. Brent Weedman (169.4)

Rick Hawn (170.6) vs. Jim Wallhead (170)

Jay Hieron (170.8) vs. Anthony Lapsley (170.8)

Lyman Good (170.8) vs. Chris Lozano (170.6)

Sunday's major show is Zero-One at Tokyo Sumo Hall with Daisuke Sekimoto vs. Ryoji Sai for the Zero-One World title, Shinjiro Otani vs. Yoshihiro Takayama, Yuji Nagata vs. Masato Tanaka and the pro debut of Daichi Hashimoto (son of Shinya Hashimoto) vs. Masahiro Chono.

WWE runs Sunday in College Station, TX for Raw and in Waco, TX for Smackdown.

Monday is Raw from the American Airlines Center in Dallas featuring Steve Austin's return.

Smackdown and the beginning of the new season of NXT will be on Tuesday in Houston at the Toyota Center. The main event being advertised is HHH & John Cena & Rey Mysterio

& Edge & Big Show vs. Wade Barrett & Alberto Del Rio & Heath Slater & Justin Gabriel & Ezekiel Jackson.

The newest issue of the Wrestling Observer Newsletter, for this coming Monday, just went up on the web site earlier today, which has the complete WrestleMania show, and notes on the hottest programs on the show. We also have a look at every controversy coming out of UFC 127, more on Mistico in WWE, Strikeforce's future big shows and plans for the rest of the year, and more on the biggest threats facing both the UFC and WWE business years from now.

Our lead story covers WrestleMania 27, with a match-by-match breakdown, including what staple of the show is no longer there, and the building of the Rock/Cena angle.

We also look at UFC 127, including business numbers, ratings numbers, what the ratings show, early PPV numbers. We look at what long-term major match fell apart, at the welterweight division going forward, Fitch vs. Penn judging and round two in detail, Dana White's view on the fight, polls on the fight, what pro wrestler debuted on the UFC show and White's reaction to him, and all the Michael Bisping vs. Jorge Rivera controversy, how it started why it started and how real it was or wasn't. We've also got match-by-match coverage and poll results on the show.

The issue is up today on the web site and a second issue from late 1993 will be up later this week on the site. You can sign up on the front page, and all issues from recent years are in the newsletter archives tab. Each month there are approximately ten Observers and four new Figure Four Weeklies added to the site along with several audio shows daily and coverage of every major event in pro wrestling and MMA.

You can also order print copies of the Observer with details below.

We look at the WWE and CMLL press conferences on Thursday regarding Mistico. We look at Jim Ross' comments at the press conference, Smackdown vs. Raw for him, the history of Latino stars on Smackdown, the challenges facing the former Mistico, now Sin Cara, in WWE, as well as the CMLL reaction to losing its top star.

We also look at how "The Chaperone" did in its small theatrical release, and a lot more on newcomers signed by WWE in recent weeks and their background. We also look at the WWE All-Stars roster, WWE comes back to Mexico, business notes from both the foreign and domestic shows this past week and highlights from all the WWE house shows.

We also have more on CMLL's first major show of the year, and the CMLL and AAA situation in Mexico as WWE has gotten network caliber television.

We also look at the future of Strikeforce and the heavyweight tournament.

We also look at the problems facing UFC and WWE going forward, as well as how it affects other sports.

We've got coverage of the ROH 9th anniversary show as well as how the iPPV did.

We've got notes on the Royal Rumble buy rate, both domestic and international, as well as early indications on Elimination Chamber and Against All Odds.

We've got ratings of all the national shows including how every segment on Raw did the past two weeks, the impact of the return of Rock, HHH and Undertaker, how their segments did, and what superstar segments did not do well, as well as how every segment of Impact did this past week. We look at what audience has grown the most since the return of The Rock, and unique things about the TNA ratings this week.

We also have our usual weekly features with results of the major arena shows from around the world, and the major TV show rundowns and reviews.

The Wrestling Observer ranges from 25,000 to 40,000 words covering pro wrestling and MMA all over the world.

Each issue has coverage and analysis of all the major news, plus every issue breaks major news stories before the Internet sites and has the most complete look at the business as a whole anywhere. The Observer is now in its 28th year of being the leading insider pro wrestling publication in the world. The biggest and most influential names in the pro wrestling industry as well as the MMA industry, from bookers, to promoters to Hall of Fame wrestlers and fighters to the biggest current names, both on camera, and behind the scenes, along with thousands of readers in all 50 states and 30 countries subscribe. Many have subscribed as long as 20 years or more straight. They get the most detailed and inside coverage of what is going on all over the world and an accuracy from having the most inside sources that can't be found on the web. Everyone from Wall Street to the major offices to the TV networks in U.S. and Japan turn to the Observer for what is going on in the business. If you are a new subscriber ordering 24 or more issues, you can get one free classic issue of your choice sent to you today. With a 40 issue subscription, you can get two free classic issues sent to you today. Just send your Visa or Master Card order with your name, address, phone number, Visa or Master Card number and an expiration date to [dave@wrestlingobserver.com](mailto:dave@wrestlingobserver.com) or you can order by faxing that information to 408-244-3402. You can also subscribe via paypal at [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com) and using the [dave@wrestlingobserver.com](mailto:dave@wrestlingobserver.com) address or subscribe via check, cash or money order, as well as credit card, by mail, by sending to Wrestling Observer Newsletter, P.O. Box 1228, Campbell, CA 95009-1228.

Also in this week's issues: --The national incredible partners tournament in CMLL ends --What the ratings in Mexico say  
--Update on AAA's Rey de Reyes and top angles  
--Dragon Gate star returns over the weekend  
--U.S. star gets Dragon Gate tile match  
--Hall of Fame pro wrestler returns in late March as a father-and-son tag team  
--Biggest Zero-One show in recent history featuring wrestlers from many groups and son of Hall of Famer debuting  
--Tons of Chris Jericho news, what projects he has, how his book is doing, Dancing with the Stars and concerts  
--Three different promotions sign national television deals this past week, we look at their starts and chances  
--Update on a major theatrical release movie about a pro wrestling iconic figure  
--WXW comes to U.S.

- Former TNA tag champs face current ROH tag champs
- Behind new ROH signings
- More on TNA's TV taping in Fayetteville
- A look at celebs at the show and why they were used
- Update on TNA taping television outside Orlando
- Hogan filed another lawsuit
- Backstage employee leaves TNA for WWE
- How Impact is doing on TV in the U.K.
- Notes from the weekend TNA house shows
- UFC talks international plans
- UFC moves to 3-D coverage
- More on UFC relationship with bars
- UFC star goes into legit sports Hall of Fame
- Update on the Brock Lesnar autobiography
- UFC fans get ripped off by scam in Australia
- Lots of more new UFC matches
- Story behind challenger in upcoming Strikeforce title match
- Fedor Emelianenko update
- Notes on new Bellator season
- Return of Steve Austin
- Chris Jericho talks WWE return
- More on Bob Armstrong
- WWE new major marketing deal

New subscribers ordering 24 or 40 issues can get free issues from the last 18 years. You can get 2 free back issues by ordering 40 or more issues and one for 24. Let us know which stories you are most interested in and we'll send the issue with the best coverage of that story. We've got coverage of every major PPV event and world wide spectacular, every major star switching promotions, histories of companies like FMW, Rings and New Japan, retirement and obit issues of every major star who fits into those descriptions over the past 18 years, as well as our biggest issue every year, the annual awards issue, and our most controversial issue of every year, the Hall of Fame issue. Our most requested issues in our history are:

\*November 17, 1997 (full details of everything leading to the most famous wrestling match finish of modern times at the Survivor Series plus a history of in-ring double-crosses)\*December 21, 1998 (the complete Vince McMahon-Bret Hart conversation right before the Survivor Series match so you'll know exactly what was said--the conversation played in edited form both on the inaugural broadcast of Confidential as well as in Wrestling with Shadows, but everything that was said between the two about the match that was going to take place that same night)

\*August 1, 1994 (the most detailed coverage anywhere of the Vince McMahon

steroid trial, an issue praised in numerous newspaper article and Sex, Lies and Headlocks)

\*March 26, 2001 (death of WCW and history of pro wrestling on the Turner networks)

\*October 22, 2001 (why the adult audience has left pro wrestling in such great numbers and what needed to have been done to save them)

\*July 8, 1991 (Ric Flair leaves WCW as world champion/Zahorian steroid trial)

\*February 8, 1993 (the life and times of Andre the Giant)

\*May 13, 2002 (the life story of the most incredible pro wrestling career ever, a look at Lou Thesz, in one of the largest issues of our history)

\*January 27, 2003 (part one of the two-part series covering the career and life of The Sheik)

\*February 3, 2003 (Part two on The Sheik including thoughts from people who worked with him and where he stands historically)

\*March 24, 2003 (history of the WWWF title, inside behind the Sammartino, Backlund and Backlund era)

\*April 21, 2003 (history of WWF continues with the expansion nationally, the death of the regional territories and the rise of Hulk Hogan)

\*May 12, 2003 (The life and death of Elizabeth, and the rise of fall of Lex Luger)

\*June 9, 2003 (Part 1 of history of WWF vs. WCW wars and what many say was the greatest year in U.S. wrestling; plus a look at Fred Blassie)

\*June 16, 2003 (Freddie Blassie through the eyes of his biggest rivals and friends)

\*July 28, 2003 (Part 2 of the history of the WWF vs. WCW war and the plans to make new superstars in the early 90s, what happened, and the night where the three biggest wrestling companies in the world combined for a joint show and what happened)

\*August 25, 2003 (2003 Hall of Fame issue with huge profiles on the

controversial career of Shawn Michaels, Chris Benoit as well as historical features on Earl Caddock and Francisco Flores)

\*September 22, 2003 (Part 3 of the history of the WWF vs WCW war with the seeds that caused the collapse of the industry in the 90s, Zahorian trial, Gulf War controversy, Flair leaves WCW while holding world title and much more)

\*October 27, 2003 (The fascinating life of Stu Hart plus the story of Road Warrior Hawk)

\*January 19, 2004 (2003 Awards issue)

\*February 2, 2004 (History of Toronto wrestling, Jack Tunney life story, Royal Rumble and Battle Royal history)

\*February 23, 2004 (History of Guerrero family with Eddy's win over Brock Lesnar)

\*March 1, 2004 (History of WWF continues with the period that brought the company down in early 1992, the mistakes, the real stories and how the business changed)

\*March 8, 2004 (History of Wrestlemania, its greatest matches and best and worst shows as voted both by wrestlers and non-wrestlers and Wrestlemania history books)

\*July 5, 2004 (A look behind the scenes and Ric Flair's book and his background with Eric Bischoff and Hulk Hogan)

\*July 12, 2004 (A look at more on Ric Flair's book and his comments on Bruno Sammartino, Bret Hart and Mick Foley)

\*August 16, 2004 (History of the Olympians in pro wrestling)

\*August 23, 2004 (2004 Hall of Fame issue and biggest issue of the year with huge profiles on Kazushi Sakuraba, Undertaker, Bob Backlund, Masahiro Chono, Ultimo Dragon, Kurt Angle and Tarzan Lopez--this counts as one issue if you are asking for a free issue, but ordered separately, due to size, is \$6 in North America and \$7 overseas)

\*October 4, 2004 (the life and times of Big Bossman; as well as details of the life and times of one of the most influential men world wide in pro wrestling history, Jim Barnett)

\*November 15, 2004 (the full story of what happened between Kurt Angle

and Daniel Puder, plus coverage of the most important week in the history of TNA)

\*January 24, 2005 (2004 Awards issue, Rock and WWE part company)

\*March 14, 2005 (the 50 biggest money players in the history of WWF and a look at their Hall of Fame)

\*May 9, 2005 (the life and times of Chris Candido)

\*June 20, 2005 (The full story behind Paul Heyman and the death of ECW, as well as coverage of One Night Stand, Hardcore Homecoming and behind the scenes of both shows)

\*July 18, 2005 (death of Shinya Hashimoto and his records with a look at the fall of New Japan, the Matt Hardy angle, tons of WWE firings, Cornette firing in detail as well as problems of a WWE developmental territory in our biggest news issue of the year which is a double-sized issue and would be \$6 on its own and \$7 overseas)

\*August 24, 2005 (2005 Hall of Fame issue with career profiles of Paul Heyman, HHH and Freebirds plus debut of MMA Hall of Fame)

\*September 12, 2005 (History of Mid South Wrestling)

\*October 10, 2005 (Life and Times of the Ultimate Warrior)

\*November 21, 2005 (Life and Times of Eddy Guerrero and Crusher, double issue \$6 on its own and \$7 overseas)

\*December 5, 2005 (The Eddy Guerrero special issue, double issue \$6 on its own, \$7 overseas)

\*January 9, 2006 (The life and times of Superstar Billy Graham, plus New Year's Eve 2005 coverage)

\*January 16, 2006 (2005 Awards double issue, \$6 or \$7 overseas)

\*April 3, 2006 (Story of Ann Calvello and the history of Roller Derby--many called this the best issue of the Observer ever)

\*April 10, 2006 (Behind the scenes at the 2006 Wrestlemania/Hall of Fame week)

\*July 24, 2006 (The History of the Von Erichs and World Class Championship Wrestling--the most unreal story ever in wrestling)

\*September 4, 2006 (The Rise and Fall of Kurt Angle; 2006 Hall of Fame inductions of Eddie Guerrero, Paul Bowser, Masakatsu Funaki, Aja Kong and Hiroshi Hase including tons of wrestling history around the world from the 20s through the 60s, the evolution of working to not working in Japan, and a look at Guerrero in hindsight, double issue \$6 or \$7 overseas)

\*October 9, 2006 (A look back nine years later at the life and legacy of Brian Pillman with tons of inside information about what made him tick as his real objectives)

\*November 15, 2006 (History of WCW part one, Eric Bischoff's book and how the industry was changed forever)

\*November 20, 2006 (History of WCW part two, Why Jim Ross left WCW, How Bischoff changed the company, signing of Hulk Hogan, Beginning of Nitro, Jesse Ventura, Brian Pillman, Chris Jericho and signing Wrestlemania planned celebrity away)

\*November 27, 2006 (History of WCW part three, When Bischoff challenged McMahon to fight; Truth and fiction around Bret Hart signing with WCW and why it didn't click)

\*December 6, 2006 (details behind Pride's offers to sell promotion and Part four of History of WCW part four, Hogan-Goldberg match and why there was no rematch, WCW loses NBC network deal in 1999 and the real reasons the company fell apart)

\*January 22, 2007 (2006 Awards issue, double issue \$7 on its own, \$8 overseas)

\*February 14, 2007 (Life and Times of Bam Bam Bigelow)

\*March 5, 2007 (WWE begins plans that will change the business)

\*March 12, 2007 (Life and Times of Mike Awesome)

\*March 19, 2007 (Life and Times of Ernie Ladd)

\*April 4, 2007 (Life and Times of Badnews Allen Coage--which many are calling one of the best issues in history)

\*July 2, 2007 (Part one of the Benoit double murder-suicide)

\*July 5, 2007 (Part two of the Benoit double murder-suicide)



- \*July 10, 2007 (Part three of the Benoit double murder-suicide)
- \*July 19, 2007 (Part four of the Benoit double murder-suicide)
- \*July 23, 2007 (Part five of Benoit double murder-suicide)
- \*July 25, 2007 (Part six of Benoit double murder-suicide)
- \*August 15, 2007 (The legend of the God of Japanese wrestling and his influence on MMA, Karl Gotch)
- \*October 15 (2007 Hall of Fame double issue, \$7 on its own, \$8 overseas including inductions of The Rock, Tom Packs and the original Strangler Lewis)
- \*November 12, 2007 (Life and times of Fabulous Moolah and history of U.S. women's wrestling) .
- \*December 31, 2007 (History of Ric Flair and the heyday of wrestling at the Greensboro Coliseum)
- \*January 21, 2008 (2007 Awards issue, double issue \$7 on its own, \$8 overseas)
- \*March 17, 2008 (Life and times of Johnny Weaver)
- \*March 24, 2008 (Life and times of Gary Hart)
- \*April 10, 2008 (Farewell to Ric Flair; My thoughts, Shawn Michaels talks of Flair's meaning to him; Hall of Fame; Wrestlemania double issue, \$7 on its own, \$8 overseas)
- \*August 11, 2008 (Ric Flair leaves WWE; Updated history of pro wrestlers and MMA fighters who went to the Olympics)
- \*September 8, 2008 (2008 Hall of Fame double issue, \$7 on its own, \$8 overseas; part one of Killer Kowalski bio)\*September 15, 2008 (Life and Times of Evan Tanner)
- \*September 22, 2008 (The amazing career of Killer Kowalski, one of our most in-depth bios)

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We also have available personally autographed copies of Tributes II, our latest book, as well as a DVD that comes with it talking more about

the subjects in the book. The book covers the life stories of Lou Thesz, Wahoo McDaniel, Elizabeth, Fred Blassie, Road Warrior Hawk,

Andre the Giant, Curt Hennig, Johnny Valentine, Davey Boy Smith, Terry Gordy, Owen Hart, Stu Hart, Gorilla Monsoon, The Sheik and Tim Woods. To get all of those biographies as back issues of the Observer would be a \$60 value today. This is a collection of some of the best Observer articles of the past several years in a hardcover, full-color format that is 239 pages.

There is also a foreword by Bret Hart. The book price is \$12.95 plus \$3.50 for shipping costs in the U.S., \$10 for shipping costs to Canada and \$12 for shipping costs outside North America.

You can order the book the same way you order the newsletter. --An article in the Star Phoenix at

<http://www.thestarpheoenix.com/sports/mixed-martial-arts/>

notes that despite UFC listing in a release that UFC 131 would be 6/11 in Vancouver at Rogers Arena, that UFC Director of Canadian Operations Tom Wright said that no deal is finalized and no announcement should have been made. UFC has been working on closing the deal for months, and Wright said they remain positive that the deal will be completed, but it has not been signed and agreed to by the city of Vancouver.

--We've got an article on Cris Cyborg and WWE rumors at

<http://www.yahoo.com>

in the UFC section. Suffice to say she is under contract to Strikeforce so WWE would need their approval to use her. Unlike UFC, they would likely be amenable to doing so. But WWE is likely not amenable to promoting on their television under contract to another organization unless they are a celebrity like Brock Lesnar who can make them big money. However, she is in the process of negotiating a new Strikeforce deal. WWE denied ever making her a contract offer.

--John Cena promises a "final knockout" of The Rock in an interview he will do on Monday night on Raw. Hopefully it's better than the one he did this past Monday.

--On the NXT show that airs in New Zealand, at the start of the show they had John Cena give a message dedicating the show to victims of the recent earthquake and praising the firefighters, Red Cross and rescue workers. (thanks to Nicholas Graves)

--Dana White on Thursday night's post-fight show on Versus said that he believed the knee Michael Bisping threw was intentional and that Bisping is in a lot of trouble. Marc Ratner has been quoted as saying that the ref should have disqualified Bisping or at least deducted two points instead of one.

--There were Bellator ads on the screen on Spike TV late this week. Spike is heavily promoting

the show which is very interesting. (thanks to Jeff Gagliardo)

--Pope D'Angelo Dinero was in the front row at the UFC show in Louisville (I believe he lives there. and if not, certainly has lots of friends there due to all his time in OVW). He was sitting next to Pat Barry, but he left before the television portion of the show started. He may have been friends with Cyrille Diabate since he was jumping up and down and cheering for him, and then left after his fight ended (thanks to Ehren Schaffter)

--ESPN's Pardon the Interruption talked about Bart Scott doing TNA and being put in the ankle lock by Kurt Angle.

--Bryan and I will be back tonight talking both the Strikeforce show, the debut of Bellator, last night's TNA house show in Kent, WA and WWE news on Observer radio. If you've got any questions on wrestling or MMA you can send them to

[mailbag@wrestlingobserver.com](mailto:mailbag@wrestlingobserver.com)

--Poll on Impact

Excellent 15.1%

Good 34.9%

Average 14.4%

Fair 5.5%

Poor 30.1%

30.8% of those responding didn't see the show

--Poll on Superstars

Excellent 15.2%

Good 33.3%

Average 21.2%

Fair 12.1%

Poor 18.2%

70.0% of those responding didn't see the show

--For tonight, what are you planning on watching

Strikeforce 22.0%

Strikeforce and Bellator both 19.5%

Only Bellator 3.9%

Nether 54.6%

--Web site for World of Hurt, the reality show based on Lance Storm's wrestling camp in Calgary which debuts on Canadian TV on 5/1 is at

<http://www.wohtv.com/>

--Wrestling Eclipse tonight in Vaugh, ONT at the Sportsplex headlined by Michael Elgin vs. Anthony Fiasco

--NWA Main Event from Thursday night in Nashville: Mike Cobbs & Super Barney b Damien Payne & Dave Adkins, Sebastian Stardust b Kaige Kuttler, Psycho Medic b Ox Harley, Shawn Schultz & Big Bully Douglas b Adam Graves & Kirk Patrick, Derrick Neal b Kevin Dunn, Will Owens NC Steve O. (thanks to Lekisha Oliver)

--TWA on Sunday in St. Catherines, ONT at the TWA Powerhouse

--ASW from last night in Tampa: Don Maximo b Josh Rayne, Josh Allen b Wayne Van Dyke, James Boys b Damon Divine & Brian Badical, Kennedy Kendrick b Colby Godwin, Mike Cruz & Gus Money b Eric Cooper & Eddie Taurus to win tag titles. Next show is 3/5 in Orlando at the National Guard Armory. Traci Brooks, Chris Harris, Jay Lethal and Jesse Neal will be on that show with Neal vs. Francisco Ciatso, Lethal & Simon Sez vs. Cooper & Taurus and Brooks vs.

Christina Von Eerie. (thanks to Alan Wojcik)

--Both CMLL and AAA have bullring shows as part of the Lucha festival this weekend in Guadalajara. The CMLL show is today with Negro Casas & Felino & Mr. Niebla vs. Atlantis & Rey Bucanero & Ultimo Guerrero, plus Oro II vs. Fantasma de la Opera in a mask vs. mask match. The AAA show has Cibernetico & Dr. Wagner Jr. & La Parka vs. L.A. Park & Silver Kain & Zorro, plus Electroshock & Jack Evans & Mesias vs. The Clowns. (thanks to Kris Zellner)

--USWO from last night in Nashville before 98 fans: C.D. Thiller b Drifter, Saint b Mike Cobbs, Kevin Dunn b Eric Hodge, Mike Woods b Danny Copass, Jocephus b Panther, Damien Payne b Psycho Medic (thanks to Jimmie Daniel)

--Mickie James will challenge Claudia Reiff for the Funking Conservatory's womens' title on 3/26 in Ocala, FL at the Bang TV Sound Stage.

--Southern All-Star Wrestling from last night in Millersville, TN: David Matthews b Anthony Wayne, Lee Cross & LBK DCOR Wild Boys, Cody Weatherby b Dave Adkins, Arrick Andrews b Kevin Weatherby, Derrick Neal b Shane Eden, Hammerjack b Lonestar

--New Era Wrestling on 3/19 in Shelbyville, IN at the Boys Club

--Bushwhacker Luke Williams appears tonight on the USWO show in Nashville at the Stadium Inn, facing Damien Payne. Williams and partners Butch Miller and Rip Morgan had numerous battles in Nashville in the early 80s against The Fabulous Ones.

--Danish photographer Sara Brincher Galbiati's series of Lucha Libre photos from Mexico won an award for best sports picture series. It's quite an accomplishment to win in the sports category, particularly since there is almost no knowledge of Lucha Libre in Denmark. You can see the photos at

<http://www.saragalbiati.com/index.php?/projects/lucha-libre-mexican-wrestling/>

(thanks to Ole Kirk)