

# All-American Wrestling – March 31, 1985 – It's Wrestlemania Sunday

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Host: Gene Okerlund

Commentators: Jack Reynolds, Jesse Ventura, Vince McMahon, Bruno Sammartino

No Mercy 03 is downloading so here's a show you don't often see: it's from Wrestlemania Sunday. Who knows when this was taped but it's literally airing hours before the biggest show ever. This should be interesting as far as seeing what they say about the upcoming show. Other than that I don't know what to expect but the matches are taped so it's not like we'll be missing much. Let's get to it.

The theme song is very patriotic.

The featured match is the Bulldogs vs. Goulet/Barry O. I'm riveted to see that. Yep Gene is talking about Mania which is today at 1pm. He runs down the card for today and plugs Wrestlemania whenever he can.

## British Bulldogs vs. Barry O/Rene Goulet

The announcer messes up Barry's name by calling him Bobby. Dynamite and Barry start us off and Dynamite uses the speed to escape whatever is thrown at him. Off to Davey and this must be near their debut. Jesse says he's never seen the Bulldogs before so you know it's early in their run. Back to Davey who hooks a crucifix for two. Off to Goulet and both guys get missile dropkicks from Dynamite. Goulet hits a clothesline to bring in Barry. Davey cleans house and the Bulldogs use their stepping stone headbutt spot to pin Barry. BIG pop for the

Bulldogs.

**Rating:** C+. Just a squash, but man the Bulldogs were great when they started out. They were pulling off stuff that had never been seen in America so everyone reacted to them very strongly. Dynamite was so far ahead of his time it's unreal. Can you imagine him against Jericho or Mysterio in 1996? It would have been incredible.

UPDATE! With Lord Alfred Hayes. It's about JYD who likes to dance with kids. Ok then.

### Big John Studd vs. Jim Young

Studd has \$15,000 cash and Andre the Giant's hair. Young fails at a slam and the pain begins. Andre comes out and beats Studd up for the quick DQ.

Gene sums up the big matches for Mania.

Cyndi Lauper says her girl Wendi Richter will win the title back on Sunday.

Gene is on the phone with Liberace who wants to know where Orndorff gets his robes. He has to drop the call though to talk to the camera.

### Mad Maxine vs. Susan Starr

Maxine is a freak with a green mohawk and allegedly 6'4 but that looks like a stretch. Starr runs away a lot but they spend most of the time circling each other. Starr even gets a leg lock on her. Maxine shrugs it all off and hits a suplex for the pin. This was really bad.

Gene reminds us that you have to see Mania on closed circuit.

Off to Piper's Pit with Orndorff and Orton. They make fun of the Mania poster. Mr. T. is called a souped up spider monkey and has a banana smeared over his face. Hogan gets an egg.

Orton's arm is still hurt. It's a very slow healing injury you see.

Mr. T. and Hogan are in New York to train. They're on a building somewhere but Mr. T. wants to go to Central Park and beat up muggers. And that's just what they do. Well they go to Central Park and T gives him training in "street fighting", which means running in place. They go to the gym to train to Eye of the Tiger and hit each other in the head while sitting on the floor with their legs interlocked. Then they get on a train while people cheer. Now they're in MSG with a piece of wood on the floor. They fire each other up, and that's it. This was out there man.

Gene talks about Mania some more.

#### Greg Valentine vs. Pete Pompeii

Bruno is alone on commentary and this is joined in progress. Oh thank goodness Vince jumps in. Valentine is IC Champion here but it's non-title of course. This is a squash and Valentine pounds him down before hooking a chinlock. He hooks a quick half crab, drops a middle rope elbow, and finishes with the Figure Four.

**Rating:** D. Just a squash but a long one. That being said, we needed something longer than usual to fill in the time. Vince can't pronounce the jobber's name, calling him Pompell which is funny to me for some reason. Other than that, not much to see here but it's a squash so what are you looking for?

Gene runs down the card again and brings in the US Express. Albano is here too and is clean shaven. He says they'll win and keep the titles. The champs say the same.

Gene talks about Wrestlemania a lot to end the show.

**Overall Rating:** C-. You can't complain much about the show because the majority of this was to talk about Wrestlemania.

It's a big commercial and to their credit, they hyped the show up pretty well. It's still boring but they were trying at least which is really all you can ask for. Plus if its the day of the show and you have to go somewhere to see it, you'll already know if you're going or not by this point.

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