

Thought of the Day: TNA's Ancestor

Since they're on the verge of death. For roughly the 100th time in ten years. You often hear people comparing TNA to WCW and I don't really get why. In theory it's because they're the second biggest company in the country, but the situations are completely different. Think about this for a second.

WCW has a basically unlimited budget. They could pay for anything and anyone they wanted and never had to blink an eye. They could routinely steal talent from WWF, whereas TNA has to pick up whatever released talent they can or sign someone from the indies.

TNA basically caters to the live audience. Look at their ECW reunions to pop a big response from the fans in the arena and ignoring how the fans watching on TV feel about it. It's all about listening to the fans chant TNA instead of creating stars and making new fans.

The biggest thing of all though, and the hardest pill for TNA fans to swallow, they're not competition to WWE. At least not serious competition to WWE. It's as much competition to WWE as the Arena Football League is to the NFL. WWE is so far and ahead of TNA that they can't even notice them back there. The other thing people so often overlook: other than a few weeks in 2010, WWE and TNA have never been in direct competition. I can watch Raw, Impact and Smackdown without any scheduling conflicts or additional costs. Other than their once every four month PPVs, TNA has nothing that directly challenges WWE, and if they tried, WWE would squash them like Barry Horowitz.

I could keep going for a long time, but the point should be clear. TNA is much more like a modern day ECW than WCW as

they're basically a fly buzzing around WWE's head instead of a tiger trying to kill them.

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