

HIDDEN GEM: When Steve Austin Met Rico

It was a special event (and a good one too).

From January 31, 2001 in Ohio Valley Wrestling.

Jim Ross brings out Steve Austin, fresh off winning the Royal Rumble, for a chat. The place (the Louisville Gardens as this is a special show) goes coconuts of course and Austin hits all four buckles as only he can. JR thinks Austin is going to beat whoever is the WWF Champion at Wrestlemania and Austin talks about the Mexican food he has been having today. Austin wants to know if the fans are ready to see him at Wrestlemania and that would be an affirmative.

Beer is consumed and Austin badmouths Vince McMahon a bit. Cue Kenny Bolin and Rico Constantino (his ace) with Austin telling them to get out. Rico gets in Austin's face and Austin isn't impressed. Rico says he's coming to the WWF to go after Austin because he's a role model here in Louisville. Austin thinks that's a threat and goes to have more beer but Rico says "don't you turn your back on me son." Stunning and drinking ensue. I still want to see what Rico could have done with a serious gimmick.