

# WWF Wrestling Challenge – October 25, 1986: They're Getting Ready To Get Ready

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We're still going with a look back at this show, which makes for some very fun moments. It's such a simpler time and yet the storylines are being advanced to make you want to see what happens at live events. I get why things have changed so much today, but it still makes for such easy to watch television. Let's get to it.

[Here are last week's results if you need a recap.](#)

Opening sequence.

Here's what's coming on the show.

### Bob Orton/Don Muraco vs. Mike Kelly/Nick Kiniski

There's quite a bit to unpack here actually. Muraco and Orton have Jimmy Hart and Mr. Fuji with them and Orton is in a kilt to mock Roddy Piper, along with coming to the ring to his theme song. Kiniski is the son of Gene, minus anything resembling the talent or interest. Kiniski gets taken into the corner and powered around by Orton, allowing Kelly to come in. Muraco (with an amazing beard) Tombstones Kelly for the pin at 2:11. Kelly would be a bit better when he changed his name to Shane Douglas.

We get a Wrestlers' Rebuttal from Bobby Heenan and King Harley Race, with Heenan complaining about people not kneeling before royalty. And then the other wrestlers think they belong in the

same ring as Race! What rudeness!

### Hillbilly Jim vs. Al Navarro

Navarro bounces off of him to start and a hammerlock doesn't seem to work much better. A big boot and the bearhug finish for Jim at 2:32, a lot of which was spent walking around before they got started.

As Jim leaves, he is given a picture of the new WWF Magazine with Miss Elizabeth, which he kisses. So he's chosen death.

Jake Roberts says Ricky Steamboat beat him in a fluke and he's not afraid of anyone. Bring on George Steele, Tito Santana or Koko B. Ware. If you bring Frankie B. Ware around his snake, Frankie B. Gone soon. Roberts isn't afraid of anyone, and he wants the Intercontinental Title. Once you have that, you can face Hulk Hogan anytime you want. So why not just go after Hogan? Either way, he warns Randy Savage to be ready.

### Butch Reed vs. Don Driggers

Slick handles Reed's introduction and we get an insert promo from Junkyard Dog, who says there is nothing natural about the Natural. Reed shoves Driggers down to start and gets in the posing, which works so well that he does it again. Some forearms put Driggers down again and Reed plants him with a slam. The middle rope clothesline finishes for Reed at 2:41.

The Honky Tonk Man talks about being up for 48 hours and rocking all night. He's ready to strut n stroll and rock n roll. And his favorite song is Great Balls Of Fire. This was a parody right? It has to be. I would say no one could be that stupid but...yeah.

The Machines tried to buy a compact car but asked about the price in yen. Why they're in their wrestling gear isn't clear. Of course they're not quite able to fit into the car and hilarity...well is teased but it doesn't ensue.

### Dino Bravo vs. Sivi Afi

Bravo, with dark hair, is Johnny V.'s newest star. Bravo takes him down without much trouble and hits a clothesline. A hard chop puts Afi down for a knee to the head as the dominance is on. Afi misses a charge into the corner and a fairly nasty belly to back suplex finishes for Bravo at 2:38.

It's time for the Snake Pit, with the Honky Tonk Man as the special guest. Roberts asks if he's a strong and successful man like his mama wanted. Honky Tonk Man isn't sure what Roberts would know what it means to make a mama happy. Roberts doesn't see Honky Tonk's name on any walls so has he ever been this close to a real man? That doesn't work for Honky Tonk, who thinks anyone who plays with a snake is a sick human being. Honky Tonk isn't scared of Roberts or the snake but leaves anyway.

### Killer Bees vs. Moondog Spot/Jimmy Jack Funk

What a weird heel team. Heenan wants to know why the Bees are introduced in the masks, get their names announced, and then take the masks off. Monsoon brushes it off despite Heenan having a totally fair question. Blair works on Spot's arm to start as we get an insert interview from Dave Hebner talking about how hard it is to be a referee, which doesn't make Danny Davis look good.

It's off to Brunzell, who gets slammed down by Funk as the villains actually take over. A middle rope fist drop gets two as Heenan insists he never makes excuses if his men lose a match. Brunzell's jumping knee gets two as everything breaks down. An atomic drop/dropkick combination finishes Funk at 3:36.

**Rating:** C. Not bad here, with the Bees being yet another team added to the already awesome division. It says a lot when the Bees, who would be at the top of almost any tag division, are in the middle of the pack at this point. They're good at what

they do and this was the kind of match that helps them get established as a bigger deal.

Ricky Steamboat, in a sweet Saturday Night's Main Event hat, says don't do drugs.

Back in 1984, Kamala, with Freddie Blassie and Kim Chee (called Friday here), was on Tuesday Night Titans with Blassie talking about how brutal Kamala can be. Then Kamala was presented with a live chicken, sending Vince McMahon into quite the rant. Not on THIS show of course. They really couldn't do something new here and needed to go back two years for such a clip?

### Kamala vs. Tony Nando

Kamala, with the Wizard and Kim Chee, chops him down to start and chokes near the apron. A big boot sets up the splash for the pin on Nando at 1:25.

After the match, we see a photo from the previously mentioned Tuesday Night Titans with Kamala looking at the camera with feathers around his face.

Ricky Steamboat is ready for another round with Jake Roberts. When it comes to becoming a champion, just do as Hulk Hogan told you to do and say your prayers, take your vitamins and train hard. Steamboat would love to be the Intercontinental Champion because it makes you a top contender to the WWF Title. Elizabeth is mentioned but George Steele runs in to say Savage is USING Elizabeth. Steele worries about her and Steamboat is going to beat Savage. Maybe Steele will hurt Savage too!

Here's what's coming next week.

Roll the highlights.

**Overall Rating:** C+. I liked this one more than the previous week, as it felt like it was starting to build to some bigger

things. You can see wrestlers starting to talk about each other and that should make for a good slate of house shows down the line. That has me wondering what we're going to see and these shows are the appetizers on the way to the more important stuff.

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