

Mid-South Wrestling – November 2, 1984: Mr. TV Announcer (Includes Full Show)

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Location: Irish McNeil Boys Club, Shreveport, Louisiana

Commentators: Joel Watts, Jim Ross

I took a look at the first one and had a good time so let's do the second. This is the week after the previous show and it's fun to get some fallout. The big stories coming out of last week are the destruction of Jim Duggan and Ricky Morton, which won't end well. There is also a new North American Champion in the form of Ernie Ladd and that feels secondary. Let's get to it.

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

This is billed as presented in the most complete form possible, which makes me think there are some music issues.

Opening sequence.

Ernie Ladd is at the commentary desk (and refers to Jim Ross as "Mr. TV Announcer", a trademark of his) and says that Magnum TA might be younger and faster, but Ladd is older and smarter and won the title fair and square. We look at the title change, which involved Ladd choking with some tape. Back in the arena, Ladd talks about how he's the champion because he's that smart. Ross runs down the rest of the card, with Ladd glaring at him.

We look back at Jim Duggan's bloody promo from last week. The

more I look at him, the more impressive he is, as he looked like he got hit by a bus and bounced along the road. He blames Ted DiBiase and swears revenge before being taken away.

Steve Williams vs. Gary Cortinelli

Cortinelli is better known as the Italian Stallion. Williams runs him over to start and shouts for Duggan while pulling Cortinelli up. The bearhug goes on and Cortinelli fights out, even managing a hiptoss. Williams isn't having that and finishes with the Oklahoma Stampede at 1:50.

Hercules Hernandez vs. Thomas Ivy

Hernandez has the masked (due to baldness) Jim Cornette in his corner and doing his entrance. Said entrance also includes a request for Skandor Akbar to handle some negotiations. On the other hand, Ivy looks like he took third in a Mr. T. lookalike contest. Ivy works on the arm to start and Hernandez kicks him down without much trouble. The big clothesline sets up a chinlock on Ivy as Cornette approves. That's switched into a cobra clutch and Ivy is out at 2:03.

Earlier today, Skandor Akbar and Buddy Landel were in the ring, with Akbar wanting results from Landel, which he apparently promised. Landel says some people call Akbar's money "blood money" but he wants some more of it. Akbar pulls out a gold watch and that see to be payment enough, though he wants results next week. With Landel happy, Akbar offers threats about Ted DiBiase being back. Just as Jim Duggan about it.

Buddy Landel/Butch Reed vs. Steve Brinson/Mike Jackson

Jackson grabs a headlock takeover to take Landel down before doing it again with a running shoulder. Back up and Landel grabs a rather high hiptoss but gets kicked down, allowing Brinson to come in for a headlock. Jackson comes back in for a

headlock of his own but Reed gets in a knee from the apron. Landel stomps away and grabs a backdrop, followed by Reed's middle rope fist to the head. It's already back to Landel, who misses a knee drop but Brinson gets suplexed. The gorilla press drops Brinson and Landel begs to come back in so the corkscrew elbow can finish at 4:16.

Rating: C. Landel is someone who was around in a lot of these promotions back in the day and it's easy to see why. When he was on, he was rather worth having around, especially if you needed Dollar Store Ric Flair. His stuff with Akbar should be interesting soon enough, especially when we find out...whatever it is that he's doing.

Ted DiBiase vs. Master G.

Master G. is the future George Wells (well also current and past it's his real name) and I'm guessing the edit is to his music. Skandor Akbar and Butch Reed are here with DiBiase as he and G. back each other into the corners. G. fights back and hits a big backdrop to send DiBiase outside. Back in and DiBiase goes for a piledriver but gets knocked away, only for DiBiase to go after the leg. The Figure Four is blocked though and DiBiase is kicked out to the floor. Reed offers a distraction though and DiBiase gets in the loaded punch, allowing the Figure Four to finish G. at 4:28.

Rating: C+. DiBiase and that black glove are always worth something, as it was built up for a long time and became established as a big deal. It's good to have him back, as he instantly feels like one of the biggest stars on the show. As for G...uh yeah he's certainly a person who is here too. He was fine enough as a warm body here, but I didn't get much out of the four or so minutes we got from him here.

Post match DiBiase won't let go and it's a DQ instead. Magnum TA, Bill Dundee and Brickhouse Brown run in for the save.

Magnum TA vs. Missing Link

Skandor Akbar is here with Link, who does right to the eyes to start. Magnum knocks him outside so Link rams his own head into the steps. Back in and Magnum strikes away but gets caught with a headbutt. Link's middle rope headbutt has Magnum in more trouble but he fights back, with Akbar getting on the apron. Link runs into him by mistake and Magnum grabs the belly to belly for the pin at 2:02. Well that was fast.

TV Title: Adrian Street vs. Bill Dundee

Street, with Miss Linda, is defending. Dundee takes him down by the legs to start and there's the catapult into the corner, with Street being more than over the top in the crash. Street rolls away to get out of a wristlock and chops away in the corner. Some shots to the face let Street take him down again and an elbow to the jaw gets two.

Back up and Dundee gets in a hard shot to the face before sending Street crashing out to the floor. A shot to the throat takes Dundee down again but he fires off the right hands to the face. An airplane spin has the referee knocked outside so Linda comes in to count. Dundee gets distracted and Linda sprays him with perfume, allowing Street to hit a running forearm for the pin at 4:15.

Rating: B-. Street, with Linda, is another act that makes me want to see more and more every time he's in the ring. He wasn't exactly doing something ground breaking, but he did it so well and had the ability to back it up in the ring. This was a fun main event, as Dundee was trying to figure

Commentary previews next week's show.

Roll credits.

Overall Rating: B-. This was more about the fallout from last week and that worked well, with Williams getting to do something and TA getting some heat back. DiBiase continues to

feel like one of the biggest stars around here and that went well with Ladd's rather good promo to start the show. I could absolutely go for more from Mid-South as it definitely lives up to the hype.

Results

Steve Williams b. Gary Cortinelli – Oklahoma Stampede

Hercules Hernandez b. Thomas Ivy – Cobra clutch

Buddy Landel/Butch Reed b. Steve Brinson/Mike Jackson – Corkscrew elbow to Brinson

Master G. b. Ted DiBiase via DQ when DiBiase would not release the Figure Four

Magnum TA b. Missing Link – Belly to belly suplex

Adrian Street b. Bill Dundee – Running forearm

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