

On This Day: February 15, 1985 – Mid Atlantic Championship Wrestling: WCW's Grandfather

Mid-Atlantic Championship Wrestling

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Location: WPCQ Studios, Charlotte, North Carolina

Commentators: Bob Caudle, Johnny Weaver

This is another territory that I've touched on before and we'll be taking another look at it here now. I only have one episode at the moment but if this goes well I'll see if I can find some more. This isn't the main WCW show but rather a territory still, although I'd bet pretty strongly that you'll see a lot of the same people. Let's get to it.

I'm a little sketchy on the time period because this show should be called World Championship Wrestling. This doesn't look like the Atlanta studios though. The opening sequence says Mid-Atlantic too.

Upon further investigation (and by that I mean I did the World Championship Wrestling show from this date already), this is the B show and would be the forerunner to WCW Pro. I think I've got this now.

Caudle says we have new world tag champions but with him are the former champions, the Rock N Roll Express. They say they're coming for Cornette and their titles.

Manny Fernandez vs. Mike Semani

No idea if I spelled that last name right. Manny takes him down immediately and does kind of a reverse leapfrog out of

the corner and the Flying Burrito (that's the real name. It's a flying forearm) gets the pin.

Ron Bass says he thinks he's stronger than Barbarian. If he wins whatever challenge that follows, he'll get \$10,000.

Arn Anderson, the TV Champion, rants about how Dusty Rhodes has apparently been stealing money from him.

Rock N Roll Express vs. ???/???

Two unnamed jobbers here. Robert starts with the one in green and after some armdrags it's time for Ricky. Double dropkick to the second one and we're done in 30 seconds. Replay shows that Robert's literally missed by 10 inches.

We get a clip of Nikita saving Ivan Koloff from getting pinned by Magnum's belly to belly. Baron Von Raschke came in for a 3-1 beatdown. Dusty tried to make the save but got beaten down as well. Baby Doll, Dusty's chick, tried to help also but it only got Dusty beaten down even worse until the Road Warriors and Rock N Roll made the save.

Black Bart vs. Ron Rossi

Bart is a big evil cowboy and he wins with a middle rope double legdrop in about 20 seconds. This would be the case a lot.

Midnight Express vs. Rocky King/Ben Alexander

This would be Condrey and Eaton. The Rock N Roll Express comes out to watch and the place erupts. The jobbers are Rocky King and Ben Alexander. Not that it matters but I try to be informative. Top rope splash by Eaton, 45 seconds. That's a long match for this show.

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House show ads. Anderson isn't worried about defending the

title in a cage against Dusty.

Cornette says that the Midnights are ready for Rhodes and Magnum in South Carolina.

Dusty says he and Magnum want to take out the Russians.

Magnum says pretty much the same thing.

Nelson Royal/Sam Houston vs. Jim Jeffers/Tony Zane

Everything breaks down to start and we finally get it does to Houston and Zane. Houston is Mid-Atlantic Heavyweight Champion. Off to Royal who puts a knee in Zane's ribs and it's off to Jeffers. Royal dropkicks him down and it's off to Houston for some abuse. Royal takes him down with a headlock takeover and Houston hits an atomic drop. This is going a lot longer than I thought it would. Royal uses a spinning toe hold to get the submission.

Rating: D. This was long and not that good. When I say long I mean about four minutes but for this show that's a marathon. This could have been accomplished in about 45 seconds but I guess they had to fill in the time somehow. I don't remember much about Royal but Houston would go to WWF soon and wouldn't mean anything.

The Midnights say they're awesome and any team can come after them that wants to.

Paul Jones and Barbarian say they're sick of Jones being called a weasel. Bass' challenge is accepted.

Ron Bass vs. George South

Bass throws him around and easily breaks any hold that South tries. Claw ends this quick.

More house show ads. Baby Doll says Arn has no chance against Dusty in a Texas Death Match. For the South Carolina show, the

Midnights need to be ready for America's Team.

Baby Doll is in the arena now and says Dusty is on a movie set in Arizona with Willie Nelson.

TV Title: Arn Anderson vs. Italian Stallion

The fans chant for Dusty which gets on Arn's nerves. A quick rollup gets two for Stallion and he grabs an armbar. Arn finally wakes up and pounds on his back before sending Stallion to the floor. Now Arn hooks the arm as is his custom. The fans keep chanting Dusty as Arn stays on the arm. Arn literally works on it with basically the same hold for five minutes. He wraps it around the post a few times and Stallion makes his comeback. He charges into a hot shot and the gordbuster ends this.

Rating: D-. This is a good example of a match that is long but not good. The match runs almost ten minutes but like I said, almost seven or eight of that is a boring arm hold. When it doesn't even play into the finish, that doesn't make things interesting. It makes them long and uninteresting, which isn't good. Really boring match.

Houston, Royal and Fernandez say they've got Magnum's back against the Russians.

Overall Rating: D. I wasn't that interested in this. You can tell that it's the B show here as there's not much of interest going on here. The main focus is on the two tag team feuds and Flair is nowhere in sight. It's not the worst show I've ever seen but there's nothing of note going on here. I might take a look at one more episode of this but if it's not any better I won't be doing more than that.

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The Official Rules of Professional Wrestling

I saw a link to this and thought it was pretty cool. Over the years, wrestling rules basically are altered to fit whatever story was going on. This however is an official set of NWA wrestling rules circa 1974 from a souvenir sold in the Mid-Atlantic area. It's pretty cool stuff.

<http://www.ddtdigest.com/features/prog1974/pictures/backib.jpg>

I'd LOVE to see a WWF version of this just for the sake of comedy.