

USWA Wrestling Challenge – December 23, 1989 – Jeff Jarrett And Not Much Else

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Date: December 23, 1989

Location: Sportatorium, Dallas, Texas

Commentators: Marc Lowrance, Terrance Garvin

Since I only have three shows from the USWA from the late 80s/early 90s, I figured I'd go old school marathon style on them and get all of them out of the way in a row. This is from December of 89 and after this we jump ahead to the end of the year. My guess is this is going to focus on Eric Embry. Just a hunch. Let's get to it.

We open with a clip from last week where Eric Embry and Chris Adams beat up Gary Young and Billy Joe Travis. Eric accidentally hit Adams and Joe got the pin.

I wonder if that's Terry Garvin, who is known for his little black book of men to sleep with around the country. Well he's in pink and purple and is very flamboyant so you figure it out. Gorilla once said Garvin would always be behind someone in one of those lines you only get if you know your history.

Apparently it's tag team title tournament week and we're in the second round.

Tag Team Title Tournament Second Round: Robert Fuller/Brian Lee vs. Dustin Rhodes/Jimmy Jack Funk

Joined in progress. Dustin is 20 here so he's very new. Lee you might know as Chainz from the DOA or the Fake Undertaker in 1994. Fuller is Colonel Parker and Funk is Art Barr's less talented brother. We're joined in progress with Dustin

dropkicking Lee and it's off to Fuller who is awful. The heels are the Stud Stable and Dustin's team is the Texas Connection. Fuller and Lee are knocked to the floor as Garvin runs down women.

Dustin controls Lee with a headlock on the mat and Lee looks like he's trying to remember if he picked up his dry cleaning. Up to their feet and Dustin punches like his daddy. Off to Fuller as we take a break. Back with Lee holding Dustin in a chinlock. The less Fuller I see in the ring the happier I am. Lee gets a knee to the ribs and it's off to Fuller.

Miss Sylvia, the Stable's manager, hits Dustin in the head with a cane so Fuller grabs the arm. Back to Lee who collides with Dustin to put both guys down. There's the tag to Funk and everything breaks down. Funk powerslams Lee but there's no count. Sylvia slides in the cane and Lee cracks Funk with it to advance to the finals.

Rating: D. Pretty boring match here for the most part with the heels dominating for far too long. Dustin was clearly very green at this point but his time would come soon enough. The Stud Stable was a long running top heel stable in the south so they knew how to be all old school bad. That doesn't mean it worked, but they had an idea of what they were doing at least.

Tag Team Title Tournament Second Round: Gary Young/Billy Joe Travis vs. Jeff Jarrett/Matt Borne

This is a semi-final match. Young and Travis have the Ryder half trunks/half tights thing going on. Borne and Jarrett are the former champions but they were stripped for some reason. Jeff vs. Travis starts us off. Akbar jumps in on commentary for a few seconds and says exactly what you would expect a heel manager to say. Jarrett and Travis have nothing going on here so it's off to Young.

Jarrett controls again and it's off to Borne who hits a German for two. This is really boring so far. Jarrett comes in for

some armdrags and we take a break. Back with Borne knocking Travis to the floor. Travis loses the string in his tights somehow which Lowrance finds much funnier than he should. Borne gets double teamed in the corner and it's Young working him over.

Travis punches Borne and please let this end soon. The finals are later tonight apparently. Borne kicks Travis low and makes the hot tag to Simply Irresistible Jeff Jarrett. He fires off dropkicks all around and everything breaks down. Akbar trips Jarrett so Jeff pounds on him. He chokes Akbar with his own whip and that's a DQ win for Travis and Young somehow. Dustin comes out and somehow gets the decision reversed, sending Jarrett/Borne to the finals.

Rating: D-. Technically this was fine I guess but OH MY GOODNESS it went on forever. I was hoping for this to end which is never what you want out of a match. Young and Travis are semi-cowardly heels which means a long match is really not what you want out of them. Borne seemed inept but Jarrett looked like a more energetic version of his 1994 self but as a face. Take that for what its worth.

Tag Titles: Matt Borne/Jeff Jarrett vs. Robert Fuller/Brian Lee

This is either at a different show or the company is kind of stupid as Jarrett/Borne have another full entrance. Fuller and Jarrett start us off. Fuller is a lot taller than I thought he was. Jarrett armdrags him a few times and Fuller bails to the floor. Lee comes in and gets his arm worked on as well. Jeff moves around too fast and we get heel miscommunication. Now Lee works on Jeff's arm as the announcers argue over how tall Lee is.

Off to Borne and WE GET IT. YOU KNOW HOW TO WORK ON AN ARM. We take a break with Jarrett in the enemy corner. Jeff gets thrown to the floor where Sylvia hits him with a stick. Off to

Borne and Lee with Borne hitting a side suplex for two. The heels take over on the future Doink the Clown as this is going very slowly. Borne kicks Lee in the ribs and tags Jeff back in. Jeff cleans house with an assortment of punches and everything breaks down. In a really weak ending, Jarrett brings Sylvia in for a spanking, allowing Fuller to kick him in the back of the head for the pin and the titles.

Rating: D. Another boring match here which seems to be a running theme on this show. Jarrett again was the lone bright spot in this, primarily due to everyone else either having not much talent or being brand new at this point. Not much to see here but we get some heel champions which gives us a bunch of teams to want to beat on them.

Lowrance wraps it up.

Overall Rating: D-. Seeing new champions for free is cool but WOW things don't go well for this company when it's based on in ring action instead of drama. I was digging the stuff from August and September but this was almost a chore to sit through. When your show is 39 minutes not counting commercials, that's reaching NXT levels of bad.

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Continental Championship
Wrestling TV – January 4,

1986: Someone Find Me Heroes Of Wrestling

Continental Championship Wrestling

Date: January 4, 1986

Location: Boutwell Auditorium, Birmingham, Alabama

Commentator: Gordon Solie

Back to that Alabama based company since I have more time to kill before No Mercy finishes downloading. I don't know anything about this company at this time but in previous episodes I've seen Yokozuna and Masahiro Chono pop in so who knows what might be here tonight. Let's get to it.

For those of you confused, this is the CWF before it changed names.

We open with Gordon Solie who brings in Ronnie West, the troubleshooting referee of the NWA. The US Junior Heavyweight Title has been stripped or something. He says if anyone wants to sponsor the show, give him a call. That doesn't sound good.

Tommy Rich/Johnny Rich vs. Larry Clark/The Inferno

Johnny and Clark start things off. Gordon again tries to pitch the idea of using CCW as a fundraiser. I know a lot of smaller companies do that, but having it lead off the show isn't a good thing. The Riches hammer down everyone but the Nightmares run in and break things up. They tar and feather Johnny. This was an angle, not a match.

The Nightmares are very happy about what they did.

The Riches say watch your backs Nightmares.

Jason Walker vs. Adrian Street

Adrian Street is from the Adrian Adonis/Rico family of

wrestlers if you get my drift. Street is Southeastern Heavyweight Champion, which I think is the top title in this company. Street prances around to play mind games. He takes Walker to the mat and it turns into a technical match. Miss Linda, Adrian's manager, chokes a bit as Adrian drops elbows. A knee to the ribs and a splash end this.

Rating: D+. Dull match and I'm not sure why they did the finishing sequence twice. Anyway, Street was an interesting kind of character as no one had seen someone like him in a long time. The effeminate character is one that's almost always going to work because wrestling is such a masculine sport and wrestling fans are kind of scared of anything different.

Post match Walker attacks Street when Norville Austin comes in to beat on him also. Lady Maxine (Mad Maxine from WWF) comes in to cancel out Miss Linda. Austin would win the title two days later.

Austin and Maxine say that's just the beginning. We get some clips of a match where Street beat up women or something like that. It's really hard to make out the audio.

Street and Linda talk about an upcoming house show. Austin and Maxine reply by saying they'll be ready. I think it's a mixed tag.

Tim Horner will face someone for the Junior Heavyweight Title at Night of Champions.

Tim Horner vs. Paul Brown

Apparently the guy Horner will be facing is named Ken Timbs. Horner takes him to the mat and then grabs a top wristlock to control. Brown comes back with brawling tactics and gets a small package for two. O'Connor Roll gets two for Horner. A victory roll gets him the pin.

Rating: D. How was that a six and a half minute match? This program is reaching new levels of boring as I can't bring myself to care about it at all. Horner was a guy that was ok for the most part so in a company like this, he was a big deal. He wouldn't win the title at Night of Champions but he'd win it soon thereafter.

The Bullet says he's sorry the Flame is gone because he didn't get to beat him up enough. Some other masked guy named Mr. Olympia has been trying to steal Bullet's mask. They tried to take Bullet's mask but Brad Armstrong came in to help. The mask came off but Brad covered his face with a towel. There was another brawl with Tennessee Stud involved too. Olympia vs. Bullet for Night of Champions.

Roberto Soto and Boomer Lynch have a match for the Alabama Title and talk about their match. It'll be big you see.

Gordon plugs some homebuilding company.

TV Title: Robert Fuller vs. Brad Armstrong

Fuller is champion and is more famous as Colonel Robert Parker. The title hadn't been around for about five years but Fuller reactivated it for all of a month. Fuller is your standard "I'm pretty" character. Armstrong knocks him to the floor quickly and Fuller stalls a lot. Back into the ring and it's off to an armbar by Armstrong. Fuller comes back and uses a variety of slams as I look for blunt instruments to hit myself with. Armstrong dropkicks him down and out to the floor. Some of Fuller's friends come out and apparently TV time is up and the title is held up until next week.

Rating: F. The biggest move in a 4 minute match was a dropkick. You figure out the rest.

Fuller yells a lot.

Armstrong and Bullet yell a lot too.

Olympia starts yelling and we're out of time.

Overall Rating: F. WOW this was boring. I watched the shows from 1988 of this company and they were bad. They were uninteresting, they weren't that good and they were poorly put together. They look like masterpieces compared to this though. This show was just not interesting in the slightest and the production was awful. Usually I give a show two runs to see if I'll keep it up or not but I'm done with this already. Just incredibly boring.

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