

When Baseball Meets Wrestling

So I took in the Lexington Legends game last night. The Legends are co-owned by former MLB star Brandon Phillips, who has a certain wrestling wife. It happened to be Phillips' birthday last night and his wife seems to have been there to see him. I was down in the concourse between innings and ran into someone.



Very nice lady who seemed pleased that someone recognized her. Granted being taller than I am, the biceps, the hair and the AEW shirt tied around her waist were some hints.

Pick A Summerslam For Me To Redo

It's that time again. We are coming up on Summerslam and that means I need to redo some shows. As usual, I'm going to let you pick one of them, as I'll be doing the 2021 edition but need an older show as well. You can pick whatever you want, save for the following, which I've either done too often or recently:

1998

2001

2006

2007

2020

Vote in the comments below, with the Count-Up starting on Sunday!

Things Are Going To Be A Bit Slow For A Little While

Have to spend some time in the hospital, though the wife and I will be coming home with someone new later this week. I have no idea when I'll be able to get the weekly shows done but I'll see what I can squeeze in.

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Hooray For Nine Hour Delays

So I've been stuck in Houston for about nine hours and won't be getting back to Louisville until around 11:15 local time, followed by about an hour and fifteen minute drive back to the house. Since I'm on about 90 minutes sleep, odds are NXT won't be up tonight. I apologize in advance in a hope to avoid further emails saying:

*Wrestlemania is over. Get up off yo lazy a** and get back to work!!!!*

For clarification, I believe that was due to me not answering a question in less than six hours. And yeah it's probably petty to mention this but it's been a long day.

I've got most of Stand & Deliver up and then I'll start plowing through the pile again tomorrow.

Thank you again for your patience with me.

KB

I'm Off To Wrestlemania

I'm heading back to Dallas for this year's Wrestlemania and I've got a pretty packed schedule. As a result, I won't have anything up immediately after any shows until next week, but I'll try to get up some quick thoughts on each show that I take in. I'm flying this year so things should be back to normal on Tuesday, when I'll start knocking down everything that I've missed over the weekend, plus all kinds of shows from outside the major companies. I should have some downtime on Sunday and Monday so I'll try to squeeze in what I can (hotel wi-fi permitting).

I'd like to thank all of you for being so supportive over the years. I get to go on these trips to shows because you stick with me and it has absolutely changed my life in so many ways. This is what I get to do for a living and you have no idea how thankful I am to all of you who read my babbling about wrestling every day. Thank you all so very much.

KB

I'm Going To Wrestlemania (And I Have A Schedule)

I'll be heading down to Dallas for Wrestlemania week and as you might have guessed, I'll be taking in quite a bit of wrestling. Here's what I have on tap, with reviews of each one coming as soon as possible (thankfully I'm flying this time so I'll be back Tuesday afternoon with no exhaustion):

Thursday (March 31)

Axxess

WrestleCon 1

AAA Show

WrestleCon SuperShow

Friday (April 1)

WrestleCon 2

WrestleCon 3

Zicky Dice's Trouble In Paradise 2

NJPW Strong

Impact Wrestling

Impact Wrestling Retro Show

Saturday (April 2)

WrestleCon 4

NXT Stand & Deliver

WrestleMania Night One

Sunday (April 3)

WrestleMania Night Two

Monday (April 4)

Raw

Undertaker Panel At Axxess

I'm going to be really, really tired.

Professional Wrestling's Best Nicknames



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Throughout decades of WWE wrestling, we've seen some of the biggest personalities make the walk down to the ring. These athletes often come with their own nicknames that represent their character and the qualities they present. There have been way too many memorable nicknames to count, but these ones stand among the best.

While the "Wild West" had nicknames like ["Billy the Kid"](#), ["Wild Bill" Hickok](#) and ["Buffalo Bill"](#), other industries have taken this trend even farther. For instance, the poker world is filled with memorable nicknames for their players, and professional fighters choose names that will make them seem

more fearsome. In the world of wrestling however, nicknames are all about giving the athlete more personality.

"Latino Heat" Eddie Guerrero

The late Eddie Guerrero is a wrestler that will never be forgotten and alongside Rey Mysterio, he is an icon for Mexican-Americans. While the seldom spoken Mysterio was known for his high-flying acrobatics, Eddie made his name with his fiery personality and charisma. He was a scrappy wrestler that would do anything to win, including cheat and play dirty. "Latino Heat" is what you came to expect when you faced Guerrero in the ring.

"Nature Boy" Ric Flair

Ric Flair was a master of the microphone, a true "natural" when it came to promoting and getting the crowd whipped into a frenzy. His nickname "Nature Boy" really means "The Natural" and is a homage to early wrestling legend Buddy Rogers. The name was passed down to Ric and this is precisely why it's so great. "Nature Boy" Ric Flair is a piece of wrestling history that carried Ric to the highest level of the sport. His other nickname, "The Dirtiest Player in the Game" wasn't too bad either.

"The Heartbreak Kid" Shawn Michaels

Shawn Michaels took a different avenue when it came to creating his character. Instead of being overly muscular and bulky, Michaels had a more athletic figure and used more high-energy moves in the ring. He also played up the "ladies man" persona with his nickname, "The Heartbreak Kid."



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"Big Poppa Pump" Scott Steiner

Wrestlers were always trying to out muscle each other and "Big Poppa Pump" [Scott Steiner](#) made it a point that he wanted to be the biggest and most muscular of all. His name is absolutely ridiculous but somehow was perfectly fitting when he entered the ring in his bizarre trademark chainmail headdress,

reminiscent of what a knight would wear.

"Macho Man" Randy Savage

In the era when professional wrestling was all about masculinity and testosterone, one man stood as the most "macho" of all. "Macho Man" Randy Savage is a legend of the 80s golden era. His trademark raspy voice combined with his muscular figure and bright flamboyant attire made him a fan favorite during his title reign.

"Stone Cold" Steve Austin

Almost assuredly [the greatest wrestler of all time](#), "Stone Cold" Steve Austin was an incredible success. His nickname was everything at once, exciting, fearsome, and catchy. Combined with his signature move, the "Stone Cold Stunner" he became a superstar of the sport. His other nickname, "The Texas Rattlesnake" was equally monumental, as it illustrated his loner attitude and quickness to strike at friends and foes alike.

"The People's Champion" The Rock

People forget that movie star and [part-time Olympics hype man](#) Dwayne Johnson started off his career in pro wrestling. Long

before his film days he was "The People's Champion," The Rock. This is an iconic nickname because of what it represented. Much like the equivalent in the later cliché nickname of "The Champ" John Cena, this name represents the fact that at the time The Rock was the biggest star on the roster. He was the ultimate face of the franchise and let the fans know he was here for them.

"The Eighth Wonder of the World"

André The Giant

André The Giant was a wrestler that didn't need a nickname. His massive 7'4", 520lbs figure made him one of the largest entertainers of all time. André could be seen towering over the crowd as he made his way to the ring. With all of these features in mind, "The Eighth Wonder of the World" was the ideal nickname for André. It underlined the truth of the man, that he was a one-of-a-kind human being and it was a true marvel that he existed at all.

Pick TWO Wrestlemanias For Me To Redo

It's that time of year again, as we are getting ready for the biggest show of the year. That also means it's time to look back at the show's history, which will include one review a day starting on February 24. As usual, I'll be redoing last year's edition, but you get to pick the other two I'll be redoing. I'd like to have one older one and one modern one,

so pick whichever two you would like and I'll take another look at them. Any edition is eligible, save for the following, which I've either done recently or far too often:

Wrestlemania XVII

Wrestlemania XXIII

Wrestlemania XXX

Wrestlemania XXXI

Wrestlemania XXXVI

Vote in the comments below.

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It's Time To Rumble!

As in the Royal Rumble, and I'll be in the stadium for the show. As a result, the review will probably be up tomorrow, as we have a 250 mile trip home tomorrow so I'll probably be getting some rest when we get back to the hotel. I'll pop in with some live thoughts/reactions though.

If you're at the show and see a guy in a University of Kentucky hoodie/Superman shirt with glasses who needs to lose some weight with a rather pretty brunette, please say hi.

KB

Merry Christmas To All

First and foremost, Merry Christmas. Enjoy some time with your friends/family, eat something good, and remember that it's a celebration of Jesus' birth. I know it might not be the most popular thing and I won't go into it very often, but he can change your life for the better (He certainly has in mine). It's certainly worth your time.

Other than that, thank you all so much for everything, including just coming here to read what I have to say. It's the greatest gift I could have asked for and somehow this is what I get to do for a living. In something you probably don't know, the wife and I are expecting our first child in June and the fact that I can do support a family from watching wrestling makes my head spin every day. Thank you all so much and I'll be trying to get better (as well as caught up) in the next few days and weeks.