

The Wrestling Crew Newsletter

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Issue 1

Hello, my name is Matt Lytle, and thank you for reading my newsletter. This is the very first one, so please be patient, and bare with me. I'm not exactly sure what I want to do with this, but I think it'll be fun. I'm not sure how often these will come out. Whether they will be monthly, weekly, or what, I'm not really sure at this time. The reason I've started doing these, is because I have thought up some pretty cool things in wrestling, and seen them come true. I predict things all the time, and they end up becoming true. But, I do not write them down, or publish them, so now, I'll have proof! That, and I also feel I have a pretty good knowledge of professional wrestling, and would like to share that. I do not have any inside sources like other newsletters. These are just my thoughts and opinions. Thank you for reading, and I hope that you will continue to do so.

First off I want to say that I am 23 years old, and have watched wrestling for as long as I can remember. I can not recall the first wrestling match or event I saw in my life, but the first pay per view that I can actually remember watching, was the first ever Survivor Series on Thanksgiving Day of 1987. I remember eating Thanksgiving snacks and watching Jesse Venture put on a big Pilgrim hat over his headset.

I love professional wrestling, and doubt I will ever stop watching. I love studying about wrestling, and obviously still keeping current. Some of my all time favorite wrestlers are "Stone Cold" Steve Austin, Hulk Hogan, Shawn Michaels, and Kurt Angle.

Anyway, enough about me, let's get on to wrestling. Again, I'd like to thank you for reading, and hope that you check out future issues.

TNA

I'll start with TNA. And the first thing I have to say is, I don't want to knock Christian, because I think he's a good wrestler nad has a lot of charisma, but Christian is not World Title material. This is kinda my fantasy booking, but here's my idea...

Have Kurt Angle beat Christian for the NWA World Heavyweight Title. Have it be a decent match, but have Kurt look very impressive, that he is obviously the best. Then, have Kurt keep the title, and defend it against all comers, winning convincingly

each match. Finally, have Samoa Joe face Angle for the strap...and lose! Spread this out for quite a while, but not too long. Having Joe almost win numerous times, having Kurt snatch a victory right out of the jaws of defeat. Only have Joe tap maybe once, if that. Then, finally have Samoa Joe beat Kurt for the championship in a five star, back and forth, blockbuster of a match, that goes 30-40 minutes. Therefore, both wrestlers look great, they get over, and the NWA World Heavyweight Title looks awesome.

I don't have a whole lot more to say about TNA. I think that the shows are getting much better than the confusing cluster that they used to have. It's obvious to everyone that TNA is not utilizing the talent that they currently have on their roster. I hope one day to see the X-Division guys being used a lot better than what they are now.

Jay Lethal does a great Macho Man impression, but doing an impression of a wrestler from the 80's isn't going to get Lethal anywhere. What ever happened to Gillberg? The answer is nothing. He pranced around making fun of Goldberg, and now he isn't up to anything. I know Jay Lethal's future is a lot brighter than Gillberg's, but I hope that TNA figures out that this gimmick they gave him is useless, and give him something a lot better.

WWE

I think that WWE is doing a very good job with their programming as of late. I have really been impressed with Raw lately. I think ECW could do better, and so could SmackDown, but wrestling has really been catching my attention lately. Obviously part of the reason is WrestleMania 23. Hying WrestleMania is always going to be interesting, and fun. The WrestleMania card when looked at on paper, doesn't look to be a real great event, but I think it has potential to be pretty good. That could just be because I am going, but I'd like to think that it'll be a good show.

Joey Mercury was released on Monday. No one knows the specifics, but everyone figures that it is some to do with the wellness policy. Mercury had to go to rehab last year sometime, so I assume that the WWE didn't have any more tolerance for him. I'm sure more news will come out later on.

I'm glad to see that WWE didn't have to start any of their programming out with a screen dedicating the show to anyone. We had so many wrestlers pass away there for a while, I was afraid it wasn't going to stop.

Monday Night on Raw they announced that Jim Ross was going to get inducted into the Hall of Fame. I knew it was only a matter of time, and that he was going to get inducted this year. Good Ol' JR had some tears in his eyes during that standing ovation, and I have to be honest with you, I almost got choked up too. JR is a good man, and I'm happy to see him going into the Hall of Fame.

Speaking of the Hall of Fame. Also joining JR, will be Dusty Rhodes, Mr. Perfect, Jerry "The King" Lawler, Nick Bockwinkel, The Sheik, The Wild Samoans, and Mr. Fuji. I am pretty happy with the Class of 2007. I believe all of these men deserve to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. This Saturday Night on the USA Network, at midnight, there will be a special on the Hall of Fame. I believe it'll only be an hour long, and it'll feature Dusty Rhodes, JR, Jerry Lawler, and Mr. Perfect's inductions. I also think that like last year, it'll be edited, and you will not see the entire inductions of these men. It'll just show certain things they say. Either way, I'm happy that they are going to be showing some of the inductions, and look forward to watching on Saturday.

WrestleMania 23

WrestleMania 23 is going to be at Ford Field in Detroit, Michigan, and this year, I am going to be there! I've never been to a WrestleMania in my life, and I am so pumped to go. I am taking my two good friends Jeremy and Justin. This is actually Justin's first WWE show ever, and it's Jeremy's second WrestleMania. The lucky SOB got to go to WrestleMania 8 in Indiana. Anyway, the following is a rundown of the matches booked for WrestleMania, and what I think is going to happen.

WWE Title Match

-C- John Cena v.s. Shawn Michaels

Shawn hit the superkick on Monday Night, which means John Cena will go over at Mania. I'm not the biggest Cena fan at all, but I really think this match has potential. If anyone can bring out the best of John Cena in that ring, it's the Heartbreak Kid. I'm looking forward to this match. I would rather see Shawn Michaels win the title though.

World Heavyweight Title Match

-C- Batista v.s. Undertaker

On Raw, Batista got to pin WWE Champion John Cena in a tag team match. That means, he got his big win of the moment. So, at Mania, I am expecting to see The Undertaker come out victorious with the strap, keeping his undefeated

WrestleMania streak intact. I'm thinking they'll have a lot of false finishes, with the Batista Bomb, and spinebusters. It should be pretty cool to see Taker win the title one more time.

Battle of the Billionaires

Bobby Lashley w/ Donald Trump v.s. Umaga w/ Vince McMahon

("Stone Cold" Steve Austin as guest referee)

I'm going back to Raw again. Vince McMahon defeated Bobby Lashley on Raw, which means Bobby will go over at WrestleMania against Umaga, and Vince will be humiliated by getting his head shaved. Everyone should have already known that Trump wouldn't lose his hair. The only thing that makes me wonder, is that every single time Trump and McMahon have appeared on television together, Trump has made McMahon look like a dumbass. Even at the WrestleMania 23 press conference that was held on March 28th, Donald smacked Vince across the face. But after Vince beat Lashley on Monday, it pretty much guaranteed that Lashley will go over, and Vince will leave Detroit, Michigan bald. And after Trump shaves him, I figure "Stone Cold" will give him the Stunner.

Money in the Bank Ladder Match

Edge v.s. Randy Orton v.s. King Booker v.s. Finlay v.s. Ken Kennedy v.s. Jeff Hardy v.s. Matt Hardy v.s. CM Punk

This may be one of the hardest matches to predict on this year's WrestleMania card. I've heard many different predictions for this one. Me, I'm going with Randy Orton, which will really help add some heat to the Orton/Edge feud that's coming up. If not Orton, I figure Edge will win it. Either way, I think Rated RKO will be the two to be climbing the ladder at the end, with one screwing the other and getting the briefcase. I'd really like to see Ken Kennedy come out the winner, but that probably will not be happening.

WWE United States Title Match

-C- Chris Benoit v.s. MVP

I'm sad to say this, but I figured MVP is going to win the U.S. Title from Chris Benoit on April 1st at Ford Field. As much as I don't like seeing Chris Benoit as the U.S. Champion (because he deserves so much better), I'd rather not see MVP take the belt from him. Now, if Benoit is losing this title to get a push to the World or WWE Titles, that's fine with me, but I doubt that is why he'll drop the belt. The only thing that makes me unsure about this match, is MVP keeps bringing out jobbers and destroying them on SmackDown, making himself look good. So Benoit may be the one to shut him up and make him tap at WrestleMania. I'm going to

go with MVP, even though I would love to see Chris win this one.

WWE Women's Title Match

-C- Melina v.s. Ashley

(Lumberjill Match)

I figure the lumberjills will be there so the guys can gawk at them. I have heard that depending on how well this match goes, will have a direct effect on the future Melina has in the company. I have a feeling that Ashley isn't going to do a very good job, which is going to make Melina look bad also. I do think Melina will win the match and retain her title. How long she will have the match after WrestleMania is beyond me, because like I said, depending on the quality of the match, Melina may not work for WWE much longer.

ECW Originals v.s. New Breed

Tommy Dreamer, Rob Van Dam, Sandman, & Sabu v.s. Elijah Burke, Kevin Thorn, Matt Striker, & Marcus Cor Von

I don't think this match will be anything special. I think the New Breed will win. I've heard some people say that CM Punk will turn heel, and assist the New Breed, but I don't think that'll happen. Punk still has some more time as a face before a turn. Although, when he turns heel, he could end up being huge! Anyway, I've heard that after this match, Sandman and Sabu may get released by WWE. And, Rob Van Dam has made it known that he is not interested in staying in WWE. That's more reason for the New Breed to come out victorious.

Kane v.s. The Great Khali

I think this will obviously be the worst match of the night, unless the girls really stink it up. I'm hoping that Kane defeats Khali, but I don't see that happening. Kane has said he is planning on taking some time off after WrestleMania, so I'm looking for Khali to "injure" him.

I hope that there are more matches added on to the WrestleMania card, like a Cruiserweight Title Match, and maybe a WWE Tag Team Title Match. Maybe London & Kendrick v.s. The Worlds Greatest Tag Team. Who knows? WrestleMania is supposed to be four hours, and with the current card, I don't think they'll fill four hours, so I'm assuming that more matches will be added...maybe this Friday on SmackDown.

Well, I guess that's it for right now. I'm sure I'll write another newsletter in the near future. Probably highlighting my very busy weekend of taking Jeremy and Justin to WrestleMania in Detroit, then rushing back to Ohio to take my wife Amanda

and Jeremy to Raw which will be held in the Nutter Center in Dayton, Ohio. To go see WrestleMania, and the Raw the night after is like a dream come true for me. Although it'll be tiring, and a whole lot of driving, I am very much looking forward to going. I'm counting down the days!

Thank you for reading. Feel free to leave feedback. If you have any questions or comments, don't be afraid to e-mail me. My e-mail address is thewrestlingcrew@hotmail.com.

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