

Fighting Females

Giving Women's Wrestling the coverage it deserves

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Allison Danger

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Interviews with Awesome Kong and MsChif

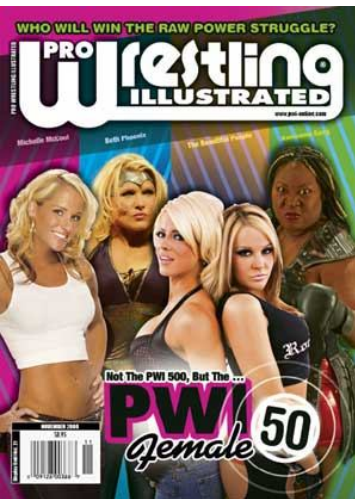


Initial Thoughts

By Steve Ashfield, Editor of Fighting Females

Welcome to the second edition of 'Fighting Females' and a big thank you to everyone who told us how much they enjoyed our first edition. This month we have another great line-up of interviews and some new features with more planned for our final edition of the year due online in December. Don't forget you can also read our 'Fighting Females' section in every edition of our sister publication 'Piledriver Online', the next edition of is due online at www.piledriver-online.co.uk next weekend.

Pro Wrestling Illustrated have just released their first ever 'PWI Female 50' with Awesome Kong in first place followed by WWE Women's Champion Beth Phoenix in the runners-up spot and Gail Kim third. Does the list really tell us who the best female wrestlers are, sadly it doesn't.



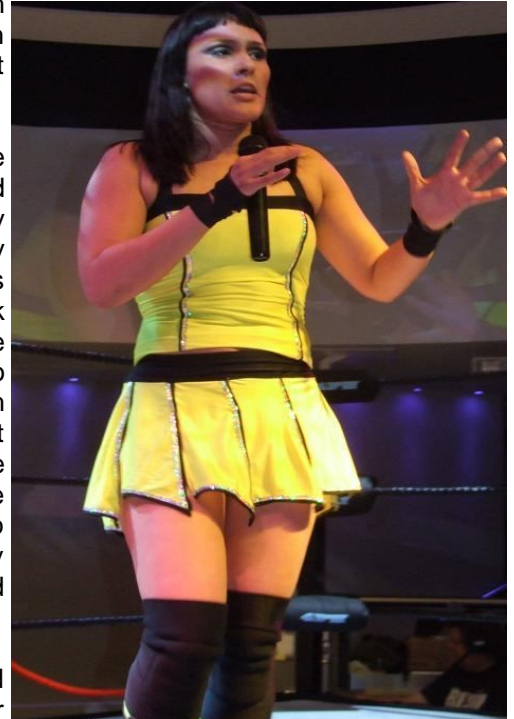
For starters the list doesn't include female wrestlers who are appearing in Mexico and Japan due to the difference in style. They also wanted to "shine the spotlight" primarily on American and Canadian female wrestlers so Europeans such as Jetta, Eden Black and Wesna who have appeared in the States for SHIMMER in the past year. not to forget Sweet Saraya, Blue Nikita and Sarah Jones. also don't get a look in which doesn't make much sense to me. In fact if that rule had been applied to a list drawn up a couple of years ago would Awesome Kong who

wrestled mainly in Japan have even been included? PWI do however say that if response to the list is strong they will consider extending the list and including international competitors in the future.

Another problem with the list is that of those who are actually considered this isn't a list based solely on talent. The mere fact that Cheerleader Melissa is placed as low as number 28 confirms that fact. PWI have looked at achievements over the past year and their career as a whole (explaining the high placing of Malia Hosaka and April Hunter) but also "prominence and marketability". That explains why WWE and 'Playboy' star Maria is only one place below Cheerleader Melissa and Jillian Hall finds herself more than ten places above LuFisto. If the list does take notice of achievements over a whole career then surely Melissa and several others on the list should have been placed higher. Then again Melissa does have a slight problem in TNA in that her character is hardly going to sell tons of merchandise and a photo shoot would hardly be that revealing would it?

I asked LuFisto about her views on the list. "I'm not really concerned about the rankings because PWI considers exposure being more important then anything else. I'm no WWE diva or TNA Knockout so I knew I wouldn't be ranked high. I don't understand why someone like Cheerleader Melissa is #28 though... Ah well, it doesn't really matter as the most important thing is that female wrestling is finally being recognized as important. The only bad thing I could say is that people who write the bio should research a little bit more... Honestly, my bio was 75% wrong! LOL." More from LuFisto later in this edition.

Of the top ten, five come from WWE with Beth Phoenix at 2, Mickie James at 4, Melina at 8, Michelle McCool at 9 and Candice Michelle at 10. That's also a bit surprising considering the time Melina and Candice Michelle have spent on the injured list. TNA fill just two of the top ten places, Kong at number one and Roxxi Laveaux at number seven, though of course the recently departed Gail Kim is at number four. It is good though to see current SHIMMER and NWA World Women's Champion Mschif at number five and former SHIMMER Champion Sarah Del Rey at number six. Notable exceptions from those who PWI will have considered? Well I can't see any reason why current WSU Champion Angel Orsini has been left out, perhaps PSI should start buying WSU DVDs especially those that include her title matches with Mercedes Martinez (who does make the list at number 11). The edition of Pro Wrestling Illustrated that includes the list is out now and can be ordered online at www.PWI-Online.com



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Interview with WXW Women's Champion Kacee Carlisle

You seem to have always been a big wrestling fan, what first got you interested in pro wrestling?

My sister was watching it one night, and called me in to watch with her. She lost interest about two weeks later and obviously, I never did. Everything about wrestling fascinated me in some way. The characters, the stories, the drama, the excitement and suspense. Watching basic good vs. evil play out in front of me each week just drew me in. Add to that the fact that I was only eight years old, and you can imagine how much larger than life it all seemed. I was hooked immediately.

Your favourite wrestler when you were first starting to watch WWE was Brutus 'The Barber' Beefcake. What was it about him you liked so much?

Everything. I loved the fact that his tights were different from the other wrestlers. They were bright, and all cut and ripped up. I loved that he had such energy in his interviews, in his entrance, and his matches. I can't pinpoint one specific thing that made him my favourite. It was just the overall image of him. I was in awe.

Did you always want to be a wrestler rather than just a fan?

I wanted to be a manager. When I was a kid, that's how I pictured myself. I'd go in my backyard and imagine being like Elizabeth, leading my wrestler down to the ring. As I grew older, I began thinking of what it would be like to wrestle. I was a manager for three years before moving into wrestling.

Who trained you and what was the hardest part of the process for you?

I was trained by Shorty Smalls. Honestly, the hardest part was, and still is, not getting frustrated with myself. I put so much pressure on myself and set my standards for myself so high, I get really upset if I don't get something right within the first few tries. Next to that, the hardest part was learning to



get used to being really sore the next day!

When did you make your debut and what was that match like?

I made my wrestling debut on July 30, 2005. My opponent was Krissy Vaine. I was a last minute replacement for her original opponent, who wasn't able to come to the show. It was decided I would take her place about an hour before belltime! To say I was nervous would be a HUGE understatement. I felt sick to my stomach with nerves, from the moment I agreed to fill in to the moment I was back in the locker room. The match itself wasn't too bad, especially considering it was my first. I was lucky to have a good worker as my opponent. She made me look better than I was. I just went out there and did what came naturally to me. The crowd didn't like me much, which was music to my ears. I knew if I just took my time and did what I was comfortable with, I'd be able to get through it, and I did. It was definitely an experience!

You're not afraid to tell the fans and your opponents what you think of them. What's the worst thing you've ever told them?

Well, I've never said anything I consider to be too horrible, but the worst thing was probably yelling at somebody who was heckling to get up and confront me as I came to the ring. That normally isn't bad, but they were in a wheelchair. That's kinda mean. Other than that, just insulting people about their weight, encouraging them to look into weight loss programs, to buy multiple tickets and such. It's hilarious because I'm not exactly skinny, but I feel the need to tell everybody just how bad they look.

You won your first title the same time your parents saw you wrestle for the first time, how emotional a match was that for you?

It was great. Not everybody can say that, and I'm happy I can. My parents knew I loved wrestling like nothing else, and as a kid, it was all I talked about or cared about. I'd tape every show on TV, and my parents would buy me as many figures, videos, posters, trading cards, magazines, etc. as they could. I'd tell people I was going to be a wrestler when I grew up. Not long ago I overheard my mom tell somebody that I always said I'd be in wrestling, but she and my father didn't think it would actually happen. To know that, and then win a title with them in attendance was very cool. It was like we'd come full circle in some small way. They were always taking me to shows, buying things for me, then they got to see me in the ring. It was very cool.



Looking at your MySpace blog you went through a time earlier this year when you didn't seem to be enjoying your career and were even considering retiring at the end of the year. What caused that feeling?

That's a little tough to answer without a lot of detail. Basically, as I stated earlier, I put A LOT of pressure on myself. I still do, and probably always will. It's a problem really, because I'm constantly comparing myself to others, and when I do that, I never measure up. I'm my own worst critic, as many are. I have trouble recognizing the progress I've made, seeing the positive in myself; instead I focus on what I DON'T do well, and need to improve. I get frustrated and feel discouraged. Earlier this year, I was overwhelming myself with negativity and was considering calling it quits. I was also hurting much of the time, and was beginning to miss having a 'normal' life. Then I realized that I've never really had a normal life. Even before I was wrestling, I'd accompany my husband (Shorty) to shows every weekend, travelling hours from home and being away from my family. My body hurting is just part of the game, which I've always known. I decided that I was just hurting myself with that mindset, and I'm trying to have a more positive self image overall. It's easy for others to see the good in you, but when you have to look to yourself, it can be very hard. I'm working on not beating myself up so much, and I'm trying to remember to have fun first, and worry about everything else after that.

What was it like attending the Hall of Fame ceremony and WrestleMania 24 earlier this year and what did you think of the Diva's match on that card?

Attending the Hall of Fame was amazing. It was fun, emotional and inspiring all at once. To see the legends of years past inducted was so special. It made me think of how much I love the business, and how lucky I am to be a part of it. I was upset that there were so many fans in attendance who couldn't appreciate that, and felt it necessary to chant and make noise at inappropriate times. Attending WrestleMania was also an awesome experience. It was my first WrestleMania, and it was just so...huge. Everything about it was larger than life, and it was so cool to be there, experiencing the energy and feeling from a fan's perspective. I just kicked back and enjoyed it. The Divas match was ok. There's room for improvement in any match really. In my opinion, it came across on TV better than it did live. I don't think the ladies get enough credit for how hard they work. There are a lot of people who decide they don't like somebody and refuse to pay them any compliments, regardless of how much they've improved or how hard they try. The fact is, they're out there taking the same bumps and risks as others, and should be recognized for it.

What are your memories of the WXW Elite 8 Tournament and will you be taking part in this year's tournament?

The WXW Elite 8 Tournament is so much fun. It's such a compliment to be chosen as a participant. The first year I was involved in the tournament was 2006. I ended up making it to the finals before loosing to Mercedes Martinez. All three of my matches that night were tough, but it was great to meet the other ladies and be able to watch everybody and learn from them. Last year I wasn't in the tournament because the Champion isn't eligible to participate. I had a match against Missy Sampson, and she proved to be quite tough. In the end I was victorious, but it was a hard earned victory. I'm not involved in this year's tournament, but I'm sure it'll be just as great as it's been in previous years.

You're the current WXW Women's Champion, who do you see as the main rivals to your title?

Anybody. If they're good enough to get a title shot, they're certainly good enough to take the title away from me. That's why I have to be on my toes and ready to defend against all comers. Any and all opponents are potential threats.



This edition of 'Fighting Females' also includes an interview with Discord. Why do you hate her so much and what message do you have for the new ACPW Women's Champion?

Discord is a little girl pretending to be a woman. She still carries a doll! She was trying her best to overcome me in WXW, and had mild success. Now she's trying to pull the same shenanigans in ACPW. She thinks because she's the champion there everything is peachy. Don't get me wrong, she's a tough girl and a very formidable opponent. However, unfortunately for her, I'm on her heels, and I plan on taking her title in no time. She may be good, but she's not Kacee. She'll learn her lesson, hang her head, and she and her little dollies can ride into the sunset. I'll be left to rule the ACPW Women's Division.

How strong do you think women's wrestling is in the States at present?

Very strong. Look how many all women's promotions and shows are popping up around the country. In years past, these were very special events, but also rare. Now they're taking place on a regular basis. You have promotions like WSU, Shimmer, WWW, PGWA and companies such as SlamminLadies strictly devoted to women's wrestling. The ladies on the rosters are first class, and the best you can find. Any of them have the potential and ability to steal any show they're on. I think more and more fans are realizing that even though the women in the business are beautiful, they're also athletes and very hard working wrestlers. In the end, it's not just eye candy and T&A anymore. There is certainly a place for that, but more and more it boils down to wrestling. Hopefully, with time, dedication, fan's support and exposure you'll be seeing more and more quality women's wrestling all around the U.S.

What ambitions do you have in professional wrestling?

My ambitions are not unlike any other wrestler, male or female. I'd love to make it to WWE or TNA. I am, however, also realistic. The chances of that happening are slim, so my main focus is to constantly improve, learn as much as I can, work hard, have fun, and do what's best for the business. I respect the wrestling business tremendously, and I feel the best way to show that is to perform to the best of my ability in each match, and do what I can to advance women's wrestling, and wrestling as a whole. I want to teach young wrestlers what it means to pay dues, to understand why it's a privilege to be able to call yourself a professional wrestler, and to know and appreciate the history of wrestling. Maybe I'll be a trainer someday, maybe I'll be a booker or something, who knows. I want to be involved with the business as much as I can for as long as I can. It's my passion in life, and I thrive on it.

Have you decided on your Halloween costume yet?

Haha, no, I haven't. I have a few ideas in mind, but I can't narrow it down yet. I always have trouble deciding if I want to try attempt to be cute, scary, wacky, etc. I think I know what my final choice will be, but I haven't decided 100% yet. When I do, pictures will be taken and posted to my MySpace page, of course.

How can my readers find out more about you and your career?

They can visit my MySpace page at [www. Myspace. com/KaceeCarlisle](http://www.Myspace.com/KaceeCarlisle). I have a Yahoo Group, which can be found at [http://sports. groups. yahoo. com/group/KaceeCarlisle/](http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/KaceeCarlisle/). They can also view my profile on GLORY at [www. GloryWrestling. com](http://www.GloryWrestling.com). I try to answer all my messages, so don't hesitate to come by and say hello! Thank you so much!!

DVD News and Reviews



Fight Hard The Allison Danger Story

Just released by Strong Style Productions this documentary about Allison Danger is absolutely top notch material. There's over three hours of material here as Allison talks about her career in great depth. It's not really a shoot interview though, this is a step above that. There's a soundtrack, quotes about her from fellow wrestlers and match highlights.

Allison certainly has a lot to talk about that's for sure. From growing up in the Corino family when despite Steve's ambitions she wasn't totally determined to follow the same direction to her time in ROH and helping to create SHIMMER there's plenty to discuss.



We find out about her time with the Christopher Street Connection, the decision to finally admit in the ring that Steve was her brother, how a visit to Hiroshima affected her so much personally, the many injuries she's suffered and her work with SHIMMER that means so much to her. Also find out why Allison won't phone Matt Hardy's father and the wedding dress she definitely didn't wear when getting married to Ares.

This is a two-disc set with more from the interview on disc two as well as two matches, a tag bout and a singles encounter against Daizee Haze.

Quick Shootin' with Allison Danger

If you've already decided to get a copy of 'Fighting Hard' then you might be asking yourself do you really need to buy this DVD. Surely Allison must go over some of the ground covered there but the answer is that she doesn't and you really do need to get your hands on copies of both releases.

'Quick Shooting' is more your traditional shoot interview DVD. This time around you get to hear the questions being asked and in a great Irish accent too and a fair share of the questions concentrate on Allison being asked about topics such as how WWE and TNA treat women's wrestling. There's a great segment when Allison tells us what would have to happen for a bra and panties match to ever take place in SHIMMER. Allison also talks about the large number of injuries she's suffered in her career and the worries she has about how that might affect her desire to have children in the future. There's advice for any women who want to make it in professional wrestling, we discover just who she'd tag with as 'Monkeys in a Tree' and reveals who spoons her when they sleep in the same bed.

On a more serious matter Allison discusses the subject of custom matches. Although Allison admits she'd never ever take part in anything which is pornographic she admits that she has taken part in more respectable versions of the matches and can see why, in a business where there are still fewer opportunities for women to make money, some women do take part in the more seedier side of the business.

One great aspect of this two-disc DVD is when she's asked to give her opinions on almost the entire SHIMMER roster one after the other, then onto women wrestlers in WWE, TNA and Europe (just what did she do to Kelly Adam's food on a visit to the UK?) and then onto the male side of the business as she looks back on her time in ROH particularly and the important part Christopher Daniels has played in her career.

To place your order for both of these DVDs go to www.strongstyleproductions.com

WOMEN SUPERSTARS UNCENSORED: "ARMY OF ONE" DVD REVIEW (June 21, 2008)

By Brad Dykens

Alere Little Feather and Missy Sampson vs. Kacee Carlisle and Kylie Pierce

Alere Little Feather is one of my favourites, and I have great hopes for her. That's why I'm pushing for TNA to give her a look. Kylie Pierce, that little she-devil, tried to use a foreign object but it backfired and Missy Sampson scored the pin to win! After the match, Kacee and Kylie handcuffed Missy to the ropes and double-teamed Little Feather. The heels left with their heat in tact.



'The Definition of Technician' Cindy Rogers vs. Lea Morrison

Cindy Rogers set out to stretch and pulverize the little Latina cutie in magnificent tight shorts known as Lea Morrison. I'm not 100% sure that Lea is a Latina but I am prepared to make an ass out of you and me. She might be Native American. Cindy gave Lea a free lesson in technical wrestling before making her submit for the victory.

The Beatdown Betties (Roxie Cotton and Rick Cataldo) vs. The Soul Sisters (Jana and Latasha)

Roxie Cotton is my all-time favourite Valley Girl and now she has a cool t-shirt with that name printed on her sexy front. Her partner shouldn't even be in the wrestling business. The Soul Sisters have reunited to begin their quest for the soon-to-be-sanctioned WSU Tag Team championship. Roxie's partner put about half of his body weight on the bottom rope and it effectively snapped from the pressure. Way to break the ring! The Beatdown Betties proved that they belonged in the hunt for the Tag Team titles with a victory over the Soul Sisters. After the match, Rick Cataldo made good on a pre-match stipulation and kissed WSU commentator Sean Hanson.

'Primetime' Amy Lee vs. Awesome Kong:

Amy Lee's promos will make you feel extremely embarrassed to be a wrestling fan, especially if someone whose respect you cherish is sitting in the next room within earshot of your TV. Save yourself the humiliation and keep your finger on the mute button. Nevertheless, it was enormously fascinating to watch Kong vs. Lee do battle in their highly anticipated rematch. It's sort of like watching Godzilla vs. King Kong. Godzilla, I mean Amy Lee, took off her stinky boot and cold-cocked Kong in the head before making the cover. Unfortunately the referee had been knocked senseless a few moments before and when he woke up he called for a disqualification. Amy Lee rallied the fans and started a "Bullsh*t" chant before challenging Kong to a third match at the next show. Kong accepted, and Lee said there would be no rules, and it would be "last bitch standing."

Dawn Marie and Portia Perez vs. Becky Bayless and Angelina Love

Becky Bayless came out holding hands with TNA's Angelina Love but they were both attacked by Dawn Marie and my favourite little Canadian spitfire, Portia Perez. The brawl lasted ten seconds, and Dawn Marie pinned Bayless five seconds after entering the ring. Wow, I feel like I was totally screwed out of a high profile tag team match.

WSU CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH Angel Orsini vs. Mercedes Martinez

These two tough cookies have been allies in the past, teaming up on more than one occasion to take on a common enemy. They put their friendship aside tonight to fight for the WSU championship. It started out as a genuine technical tour de force until the battle spilled outside the squared circle and travelled throughout the entire building. They tussled up and down, from side to side, and ended up on an elevated platform. Mercedes launched Angel off of one balcony down onto another just below! They continued to brawl until they were getting closer to the ring, when Orsini did the unthinkable and faked an injury to gain sympathy from her friend.

Orsini waited for the right moment and rolled up Martinez on the floor for the 1-2-3 to retain her WSU title in an act of total desperation. Martinez was clearly offended by the betrayal and will most likely get a second opportunity at the WSU championship in the future. Hopefully she will be a little more aggressive and a little less trusting. All is fair in love and war.

BONUS MATCH (JAPW) Nikki Roxx vs. Angel Orsini

This is the match where Angel Orsini captured the WSU championship. It's weird to see Nikki Roxx wrestle as "Nikki Roxx" but still using her Roxxi Laveaux gimmick. It's not like she can hide that sexy bald head! Everybody knows Roxx is tough as nails, so she was a great physical opponent for Angel Orsini. Nikki did the right thing and congratulated Angel after the match, but quickly turned and knocked her out with her newly won WSU championship belt! Amy Lee and Missy Sampson made the save, but Angel showed how much she cared by yelling "whatever!" at them!

You can read more of Brad's work at www.onlineworldofwrestling.com

There are more WSU DVDs available and there's a special offer at present with all three of this month's releases available to buy together, three DVDs with the action from the latest shows for just \$42. For more information go to www.wsuwrestling.com and www.declarationofindependents.net

JETTA DVD NOW ON SALE

Some of Jetta's best matches are finally available as a compilation DVD and are expected to be available in time to be sold at the upcoming 1PW show in Doncaster and on the GSW card in Germany the following day. The DVD includes matches that have taken place from 2006. There's bouts against Jezebel, Erin Angel, Skye and Sean King from LDN, her challenge for the RQW Women's title in a four-way match against Jezebel, Amazing Kong and Wesna and her titanic battle against Jezebel in Dartford last year plus an encounter with Daizee Haze on an Irish Whip Wrestling show last year plus her match with Allison Danger on a GSW card in Germany last August.

The DVD costs £10 plus shipping if ordered via her Myspace page, www.myspace.com/jettas87 and Paypal is acceptable.

TNA Knocked Out: Pro Wrestling's Greatest Women's Division

One of the biggest successes in TNA has been its Knock Out division. The feud between Awesome Kong and Gail Kim was one of the best seen on American television in recent years and is a long way from a lingerie match involving Maria and Melina believe me.

Now some of the best action from recent times has been released. It lasts nearly three and a half hours and includes interviews with all the top Knockouts with the exception of Awesome Kong who's discussed by her fellow roster members. The interviews cover how they got into the business, some personal details and their views on the Knockouts divisions as well as video footage and photos of their careers.

Matches on the DVD include the Battle Royal from 'Bound For Glory' in 2007, a four-way match from the 2007 'Genesis' PPV as Gail Kim faces Roxxi Laveaux, Angel Williams and ODB and of course the epic feud between Awesome Kong and Gail Kim.

Also included are matches from this year's 'Sacrifice' and 'Lockdown' PPVs and the Awesome Kong \$25,000 challenge that culminated in Taylor Wilde winning the Knockouts title.

Bonus features include the final interview with Gail Kim before she left TNA and the Street Fight Kim had with Awesome Kong on Impact.

"TNA Knocked Out : Pro Wrestling's Greatest Women's Division" is out now and is available from www.shopTNA.com



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The year Moolah and Chyna both won titles in WWE!

So what was happening in the Women's division in WWE nine years ago? Well remarkably Fabulous Moolah was feuding with champion Ivory leading to a title match at the 'No Mercy' PPV.

The previous month on the September 27th edition of 'Monday Night Raw' Moolah and Mae Young beat Ivory in a handicap Evening Gown match. Two weeks later Raw was held in Atlanta and while 'Stone Cold' Steve Austin was punching Chyna in the face as his feud with Triple H reached boiling point, Ivory was busy defending her women's title against Mae Young. The champion hit Young with her title belt causing Fabulous Moolah to make the save. Actually that was a pretty crazy edition of Raw as Stephanie McMahon had amnesia and couldn't remember her fiancée Test.

The feud between Moolah and Ivory escalated resulting in a title match at 'No Mercy' held on October 17th and incredibly Moolah who was well into her seventies beat Ivory to regain the title she had first won an astonishing 43 years beforehand. The following day at Raw, Moolah received a challenge for a title match but it wasn't from the former champion but her best friend Mae Young. Elsewhere on the show Miss Kitty was now Chyna's slave and came out dressed like her mistress. The Moolah v Mae Young match took place on Smackdown on October 21st ending in a no-contest. Moolah's title reign ended the following Monday, Moolah and Young patched things up and Moolah announced she was retiring and vacating the title. However, former champion Ivory revealed she had a rematch clause and took advantage of that setting up an impromptu match in which Ivory regained her title.

Chyna wasn't interested in chasing the women's title and in June became the first woman to qualify for the King of the Ring tournament and at one time was even the number one challenger to the WWE title before losing that position when going down to defeat against Mick Foley at 'Summerslam.' Her attentions then switched to the Inter-Continental title as she began a feud with the champion Jeff Jarrett. Her first shot at the belt took place at 'Unforgiven' but at 'No Mercy' she beat the soon to depart Jarrett in a 'Good Housekeeping' match to win the belt and become the first and so far only female Intercontinental champion.

Twenty years ago this month the WWE Women's title changed hands in Paris, France when 'Rockin' Robin' beat the late Sensational Sherri to win the title. Robin held the title until she left the company in 1990 causing the title to be retired by WWE until 1993 when Alundra Blayze (aka Madusa Miceli) beat Heidi Lee Morgan to win the belt. Blayze lost the title to Bull Nakano wife on tour in Japan the following year on an AJPW card regaining the title five months later. August 1995 saw her lose the title to the late Bertha Faye but 13 years ago this month she regained her title only to leave the company two months later to return to WCW under her former name 'Madusa Miceli' and famously made her first appearance on Nitro throwing the WWE Women's title belt into a trash can.

Klondyke Kate announces her retirement

Earlier this year one of the UK's top female wrestlers Klondyke Kate announced her retirement. Kate has been a stalwart of the British women's scene for the past 31 years. Making the announcement on her Myspace page, she said

that despite having made a similar announcement in the past and even having a farewell show at the Victoria Hall in Hanley "this time is different I know once I stop this time I won't step in the ring as a wrestler again and I know I will miss it."



Kate added that her health has been poor for some time and "it has got harder and harder to motivate myself to perform to the best of my ability and now it is no longer fun."

There's no way Kate won't be involved with the business in the future though. Her husband Justin Starr is still an active wrestler, her daughter is also becoming involved and Kate has promoted shows successfully in recent years. Her in-ring wrestling career however is nearing its end. Over the years Kate had a great feud with Mitzi Mueller and took part in the first ever women's match held at the Royal Albert Hall. Kate won the British and European Women's Titles during her career. In her Myspace blog Kate commented "My life as a pro wrestler has been up and down with many highs and lows but always with excitement and never knowing what is around the corner. It's been the most wonderful life. I've met the most amazing people on my travels, been to amazing places and done amazing things."

Klondyke Kate first won the British Women's Title back in 1983 with the title switching between Kate and long-time Mitzi Mueller. After Mitzi retired in 1987 Kate won the title for the third time beating Nicki Monroe in a tournament final held in Leamington Spa. Kate won the title two more times as she feuded with Sweet Saraya and also won the European Title and the World Hardcore title in a match with Luna Vachon that saw her suffer a broken leg. Back in 1979 Kate teamed up with Hellcat Haggerty to win the British Women's Tag title.

Klondyke Kate looks back at an amazing career

This year saw the end of an illustrious wrestling career when Klondyke Kate retired from the ring. Although it may be said that the wrestling halls around the country will be a lot quieter, they'll also be missing one of the best women's wrestlers we've ever had in this country. Here Klondyke Kate talks about her career, it's one of the best interviews Fighting Females has ever published so I hope you enjoy it.

You spoke to promoter Bobby Baron initially to complain about the blood that ended up on your dress courtesy of the Mighty Chang. How did that conversation get turned round into your asking if you could become a wrestler?

The conversation just sort of flowed into that I think he was just being kind and trying to lighten the problem but I bit hook, line and sinker. I said I always wanted to wrestle but had never seen girls in the ring until that day and didn't even know they had existed.

What was it about the business that made you so determined to become a pro wrestler?

I'd wanted to be a wrestler for as long as I could remember. I was a regular fan at my local Hall which was a well established wrestling venue called the Victoria Hall in Hanley My nan was one of the handbag brigade on the front row. I thought it was magical to watch and even at a young age I understood the power these people had to ride a crowd and get them into a frenzy then take them down again. I was never a shouter I always watched quietly taking it all in and also I watched the crowds reactions to different wrestlers. I wanted to have that power. Also I wanted to be famous!

Your training certainly wasn't easy and at one time you suffered a broken ankle, was there any point you thought of giving up and do you think the fact you didn't helped gain respect from the male wrestlers?

Wrestlers come and go some manage a little training and decide it isn't for them, others do it for a little while until something else comes along but others like myself as a kid lived and breathed it and I was told I would quit in no time. I wanted to prove everyone wrong and I did. I broke my ankle on my first training session I was slammed and my leg was underneath me and it went, but six weeks later I was back for more learning on a concrete floor with posts cemented into the garage floor and a canvas, that bloody hurt it really did. I trained with Bob (who had also been a good amateur in his day) his wife Rita who wrestled as the Apache Princess and various other Blackpool regulars including Steve Peacock, Crusher Mason (Mighty Chang), Steve Taylor, Harry Palin, Jimmy Munroe loads of others too many to mention but all were great with me but still gave me a hard time. I think that's where the respect comes from when you work hard and don't think you are better than you are. I also did the wrestling booths which the other girls had turned down.



Who were the biggest influences in your career?

I would have to say in the beginning Crusher Mason who was an awesome underrated super heavyweight. He saw a spark in me that no one else did at first and he helped me more than he'll ever know. I had also watched people like Rocco, Tony Banger Walsh, Steve Logan all these villains had very different styles but each were brilliant at working a crowd. A little later on Orig Williams took me under his wing and I learned so much with him training with Frank Chic Cullen and his stable of girls who at the time were Rusty Blair, Cherokee Princess and Tina Star to name but a few

How nervous were you before you had your first match with Mitzi Mueller?

Actually a couple of weeks before I met her there'd been a piece in the 'News of the World' about her and a wrestler called Viv Martell who was a bit of a wild girl. They'd had a backstage fracas and it had got very nasty and both landed in the papers. So I was a bit dubious to say the least. I'd just started to work for Brian Dixon and working for

him was a whole new ball game bigger shows, larger crowds and a bit scary for a 16 year old

You had plenty of matches against Mitzi. What was she like to wrestle against and what are your memories of the tag match you had at the Royal Albert Hall?

I worked with Mitzi for about 15 years and she was an utmost professional, she looked amazing the ultimate lady but I have to say that because Brian Dixon is her husband! No she was great to wrestle and she taught me a lot over the years. The tag match at the Royal Albert Hall I remember well because it was my first job back after having my son Adam. I was living with Doc Dean at the time and I had been on the road several nights when I was taken ill. I thought I was having or had had a stroke. I went to my GP and told him my symptoms which were left hand side pins and needles in my face arm and leg. He examined me and then told me the baby was pressing on nerves in my back causing the pins and needles. Baby! what baby????????? Sure enough after Doc needing gas and air and me with my jaw on the floor we went to the hospital and sure enough sucking his thumb was a boy. Two weeks later I had him. So I remember that time well.



I felt sad that would be her farewell but she had suffered for many years with a recurring back problem that left her in agony and on several occasions her spine was so unaligned her hip was higher than the other side it was awful to see someone suffer but always the professional the show went on and as she hit the stage her smile would be there and the crowds loved her.

How did the women's scene change after Mitzi retired?

.Slowly the first generation of women wrestlers began to leave, Lolita Loren, Gemma Best, Lena, Paula Valdez (Finlay) etc. and it wasn't the same but then Sweet Saraya came on the scene and a few other girls and it slowly picked up again. Saraya is a breath of fresh air she was like a pitbull and full of life which I loved. At last someone I felt had a bit of go in them.

What was it like when you toured Japan and wrestled in 36 venues in 40 days and how did their style of wrestling compare to that in the UK?

Their style blew everyone away. They were doing the stuff 25 years ago in 1982 when I went out there that is done in the UK today nothing new to them. they were all bullies and wanted to show you who were the boss but once you showed them you wasn't taken any s**t they calmed down and the matches were great. It was an eye opener to me working in front of a 72,000 strong audience in Osaka. There are still some of them working today I worked with Chegusa, Devil Masami, Lioness Aska etc I see them on tv all the time they have done well to still be wrestling because I expected them all to be in wheelchairs by the time they were in their 20's from major injuries. Tough girls, Beautiful country.

In 'The Wrestling' published 12 years ago you spoke about not wanting to carry on wrestling back then and hated the travelling. What kept you going for another decade?

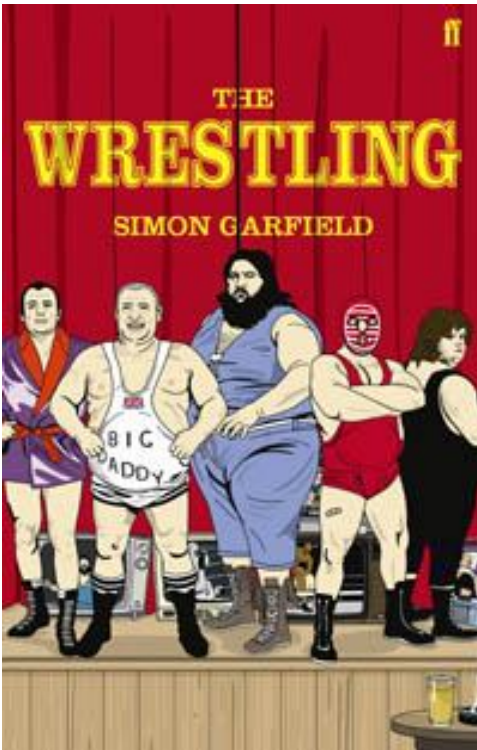
At the time I had a lot of things going on in my life. I had decided to go back to college and do 5 GCSE's and 2 A levels. I had left school early to be a wrestler and not given my education a second thought. I also wanted a career in Youth Work and did several foundation courses in that field. I was ready to leave the wrestling behind. I'd met my now ex husband and we had a child together and I felt happy enough to stop. I think I lasted two months and I was enticed back by Crusher to do a charity show. I was hooked again. Wrestling is like a drug you get addicted and it's very hard to wean off and when you do it gives you terrible withdrawal symptoms and unfortunately I wasn't ready to stop.

These days there are all-women cards, what do you think of that idea and do they make you wish you'd been born later?

Not at all. What a lot of people don't know is Brian Dixon did all girl shows 30 years ago and they went down a bomb. Nearly all his team were girls and at first he only had a few lads on his books so the idea of all girls is by far a new one.

How would you compare British wrestling now to when you started out?

I know people will read this and say here we go again harping on the good old days but they were! So here goes. It is so easy to get into wrestling now and anyone can go along to a so called school pay their money and learn absolutely nothing. People are teaching kids to wrestle who need teaching themselves. They do 10 wrestling matches a year and think they can teach others WELL YOU CAN'T. Up until about five years ago I was averaging 300 matches a year. I have done thousands upon thousands of matches over the years. Now that is experience. There is some great talent out there and some are with the right people others are talented and being brainwashed by morons who think the job is a bit of fun. Great but to others it is a livelihood and I hate to see it go down the pan because of what we call p*ss pot promoters (a lovely little name for bad companies)



Years ago everyone had to fight their way in to wrestling there were no schools if they liked your face they'd give you a try and beat the s**t out of you to see if you have what it takes. If they didn't they tell you to get lost. I have been unmercilessly ribbed as a youngster, tea girl, laundry washer and stick a brush up my bum and I'll sweep up girl but I did it I took all the tricks and ribs I got played on me and I loved every minute of it because once you get past that stage you are then respected and treated like one of the boys. I often sit and watch matches and think god that was awesome. Sometimes that charisma is missing and that for me is the match.

A few years back you suffered a bad injury during a match against Luna Vachon, how bad was that and how difficult was it to recover and get back in the ring?

It's really weird. all that day I had the feeling of impending doom I know it sounds dramatic but I said to Justin (Starr) "something is going to happen to me tonight and I'm not going to like it." I respect Luna very much we are the same age and started the same time. I had wrestled her a few times before and felt fine. However, tonight was a World Hardcore championship match and I knew lots of things could go wrong. It didn't help when I looked into her dressing room and she was on all fours praying and chattering away to herself I thought she had completely lost the plot. I felt like my head was going to explode from the blows she'd rained on my head with a crow bar, fire extinguisher, road sign etc. I duct taped her to a chair, see something on the outside of the ring so I jump down off the apron and feel this pop behind my knee. I thought nothing of it carried on and won the belt. I get back to the dressing rooms I have the most enormous lumps and bumps on my head, she'd bit me! I was black and blue and my knee just felt slightly sore. I showered went home and went to bed aching all over.

The next morning I try to get out of bed and collapse on the floor in a heap I can't put my leg down and it begins burning inside. I knew I had to go to the hospital so get there and have an x ray no breaks but you can see my ligaments are torn and my cartilage is damaged. They were about to send me home when another doctor moves my leg around and said oh dear this isn't right you could swing the bottom half of my leg from side to side. It made me quite sick! So for twelve weeks I was hip to toe in plaster and in pain. It was a frustrating 12 weeks but it came and went. I was scared to put my foot down that day but it felt fine. I did a few weeks physio and they told me no wrestling again for a few months. Well how daft is that to tell me. I wrestled that weekend against everyone's advice and although absolutely scared to death it has held up since. TOUCH WOOD!!

What do you think of the current crop of British female wrestlers?

I'm afraid the answer to that is not a lot. I see them doing good moves and holds etc. But once again lacking in charisma and get up and go. I feel like they need a rocket up their backsides. There are a few exceptions. For me the most underrated girl in this country is Erin Angel she is fearless and willing to learn. She is always lacking opponents and often wrestles the men and my God she can hold her own in there. Lisa Fury has prospects she is so focused on going to the USA I hope she makes it there. Pippa L'vinn to me is a fantastic technical wrestler a true pro.

There seems to be more female wrestlers at the moment but only a handful of companies in the UK actually have a women's title why do you think that is?

To this day women are never pushed forward we are show fillers. How often do you see women on a show full of men top of the bill, very rare? Women will always be show fillers because there aren't any female characters that shine out not any more. Lots of promoters think the girls aren't good enough and for some they are right in thinking that

How will you feel after you wrestle your last match and do you think despite what you've written in your blog, in a few months you might want to get back in the ring just one more time?

At this moment in time I am genuinely planning on never wrestling again after the end of May. I will always want to be around the shows but not in the ring. As long as I am around it, it will be enough and if I find it too tempting to get back in the ring then I will probably keep away from it until my addiction is cured! I know I will have a lump in my throat the size of an apple and it will be emotional for me but no one will care. Wrestlers are ten a penny we come and go like traffic.

What are your memories of the shows you put on for Blackpool Gay Pride?

Absolutely love them and I'm very upset we are not there this year. I enjoyed refereeing and the atmosphere was so great 2006 we rode the bus in the parade I felt like royalty waving to the crowds although I looked a little underdressed with all the drag queens on board. I think they are marvellous celebrations of people's sexuality. Long may they go on.

What was it like receiving an award at last year's Southern Wrestler's Reunion?

Slightly embarrassing because for once I couldn't get my words out and I also felt very proud to get it. It's nice to be acknowledged by people who have inspired you and people who were your heroes as a kid.



You're still going to be involved in wrestling with High Impact Promotions and wrestling school what are your plans for the future with that concern?

Unfortunately through lack of time our training school is very hit and miss. We can only do it when time allows which isn't very often. I would like to see a time when we could make it a weekly event possibly a five-day week opening but that is in the future. High Impact will continue to partner with Live Wrestling (Phil Powers) and do regular summer shows. At the moment we are in discussions for more shows in the Dorset, Cornwall and Devon area plus of course our camps. None of this would be possible without Justin Starr he is a great wrestler and my bit of calm in a stressed out world he is so laid back he's almost comatose until he gets in the ring then he lights up like a beacon!

I saw photos of your daughter Connor on your MySpace page in wrestling gear, do you think she'll follow you into the wrestling ring?

She is a very bright girl and at 15 knows what she wants to do she ultimately wants to be a Drama Therapist which is lots of years in Uni and a commitment beyond bounds but I feel she will do anything she sets her mind at. Yes she does want to wrestle and yes I will support her in this. I'm hoping she can do it and get it out of her system. She is training and from what I see she is confident and has prospects in the ring. She's not ready yet but she's had training from some of the best wrestlers in the south. Where I come in is keeping the boys away from her!

I'd just like to say to everyone who reads this and anyone who has supported professional wrestling but mainly to the wrestlers I have worked for and with. Thanks for a wonderful life, for all the friends I've made along the way and for the most amazing memories that will be with me for the rest of my days, but mostly to Crusher Mason who saw something in me that no one else did. He saw a glint in my eye, a future villain and he saw someone who he knew would love the wrestling business with a passion. He's been gone for several years now and I miss his advice and his friendship and love. Klondyke Kate.

To find out more about Klondyke Kate go to www.myspace.com/klondyke_kate and look out for her autobiography sometime in the future which I'm sure will be a great read.

From Amazing to Awesome

Part One of our look back at the career of TNA Knockout Awesome Kong

Recently voted number one in the first ever PWI 50 Awesome Kong continues to be one of the most dominant figures in women's wrestling. Like male wrestlers such as Bam Bam Bigelow, Kong doesn't just have the size and the strength but the agility too. Put all that together and you have one heck of a wrestler. In this edition we take a look at how Kong established herself in Japan rather than in her home country of the USA through to 2007 when she won the ChickFight tournament held in Orpington, England and headed back to the States. I managed to interview Kong in Orpington so here she tells us the story of what I suppose you could call part one of her career.

Time to travel back in time now to look back at the incredible career of the current NWA World Women's Champion. So how did she first get interested in professional wrestling?

"My little brother is three years younger than me, his name's Anthony and we grew up in the mid-80s and back then the WWE was big. You had Hogan, Savage, Junk Yard Dog but his favourite was The Iron Sheik, me I was into Strawberry Shortcake dolls then. So he watched his little wrestling thing and me in the corner with my dolls. Whenever it would get exciting he'd pull me over and put me in the camel clutch. I would be in that hold until an adult walked into the room or when the show was over and I couldn't scream because he told me if you scream I'm going to take my underwear off which had skid marks on them, then I'd stuff them in your mouth and he was sadistic!

So I got pretty tired of that so I decided to go to the other television upstairs and watch this pro wrestling myself and I learned those moves and practiced those moves on my strawberry shortcake dolls and next time he came near me, well, I still ended up in the Camel clutch but it was really, really hard to get me in there. So after that we wrestled a lot and I got respect from my brother because I could fight back and we would watch the shows together."

I still can't quite imagine Amazing Kong playing with her Strawberry Shortcake Dolls, can you? A few years passed but after a brief lack of interest, she soon went back to watching WWE. "When WWE weren't doing so well when they were still WWF and WCW were on top, Steve Austin came to WWE and he brought them back up and I think I was one of the first people to stand up and say 'have you seen this Austin guy?'

You've got to watch WWE now he's awesome.' I hadn't watched wrestling for a while but he got me back into wrestling and then there was the Rock 'n Sock Connection which was awesome. Then her love of wrestling turned into a desire to actually become a professional wrestler and it led to an encounter with Jim Ross who made a big mistake. "I loved The Rock and thought 'I could do that'. My brother-in-law wanted to go for 'Tough Enough 2' and he called me and I downloaded the application form. "I thought I'd have a go too They asked me to come to Las Vegas where they had a try out and I went and JR (Jim Ross) told me I was too big to ever be a wrestler, I'd never be a wrestler, could never make it, that's it."

"For women I think he likes them petite and Diva like and I didn't fit that criteria for him and actually I was a lot smaller than I am now so it was very odd. So I said ok, fine, I didn't accept that though. So there was another show that a friend of mine recommended called 'Body Challenge' which was for the Discovery channel. I went up for that and they gave you all the tools you needed to change your life for the better and I said I wanted to be a wrestler, so they surprised me one day with Joanie Laurer (Chyna). At the time she was training at the Dojo and we were there and I got to meet her and the people at the Dojo said that anytime you want to train, come and train. I'd just taken my first bump two weeks before that and I trained about a week and the next thing I knew was All Japan needed



somebody because Aja (Kong) had pulled out of the show. They saw me and said what we're going to do is we're going to keep a Kong on the card and we're going to bring her out as Amazing Kong, that way they made some money. I went out there and I stayed for five years and I trained in the ring, they threw me in the ring and they said wrestle wrestle and I didn't know what that meant. I learnt in the ring and we had shows every other day, so on the off days we trained. It took a while for me and I understood what they were saying and what they wanted me to do. It was a very hard process, I don't know how I got through it. I thought this was it'd be like every day but it wasn't. I was only training for about two weeks."

What's it like training in Japan compared to learning your trade in the USA? "Well because in Japan it's an occupation and you're there from sunrise to sundown training and we had matches so often you get a flow going. You get into a groove faster, you realise your mistakes faster and you can fix them faster so you don't make those mistakes again. Women in the States don't have that opportunity yet, we're working on changing that but we don't have that opportunity yet. You don't get the chance to wrestle whenever you want and if your last match was a month ago you may have forgotten what you've learnt so you have to start all over again. That's the problem right now with women's wrestling in the States, it's not often enough, promoters are scared."



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How did fans react to her in the early days of her career? "At first they thought 'Oh my God'. I'm big but I have the power too. I didn't have enough skill sometimes, it took a while for them to respect me for what I do, At first I wasn't taken too seriously and I had to work hard to stay there. I went over there because of my looks but I stayed there because of my work ethic."

In time Kong teamed up with Aja Kong, what was that like? "That was further down the line, that was years later. Before we teamed we had a match, a Kong v Kong match. Teaming with her, since then a lot of doors have opened for me and she protects me in every situation. I was given her name without her permission but she has really embraced me and we've dominated the Japanese tag teams, we were the last AWA Tag champions."

2007 saw Kong win the NWA World Women's title from MsChif (who's since regained the title) how did that title chance come about? "We had a really good match at SHIMMER and as a consequence of that I was able to challenge her for her belt, it was awesome." Little did she know how important to her the last word of that sentence would become. Typical of Kong though she had big plans for her reign as champion and it wasn't just the women's belt that interested her. "Challengers are welcome but I'm more focused on obtaining other belts. I've got the NWA Women's Title belt and if people want to challenge me that's their problem. I'm looking for other stuff, I'm looking for the NWA World Championship belt period. I've got the women's belt but the men's championship belt I want to go for that." Could that possibly happen? "I've made a challenge and let's see what they have to say."



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Amazing Kong came to the UK last year and it proved to be a weekend she'll never forget. A storming match against Cheerleader Melissa in Cardiff was quickly followed by her dethroning RQW Women's Champion 'The Jezebel' Eden Black before getting disqualified after attacking eventual winner Wesna outside the ring. Within the hour she was in hospital and most of us believed she'd wouldn't be fit enough for the following days ChickFight 9 event in Orpington. But you try telling her that! Not only did Amazing Kong make it to Orpington but she managed to beat, well destroy, Blue Nikita and Jezebel to win ChickFight 9.

Amazing Kong's UK debut didn't get off to the best of starts when one of the biggest nightmares that can befall a

travelling wrestler happened. "My luggage went missing" said Amazing Kong "and I had to get it back if I was to have my proper costume."

Her in-ring debut took place on June 15th on a Celtic Wrestling card in Cardiff as she faced rival Cheerleader Melissa. "Melissa and I, we've wrestled before in APW in San Francisco and this match in Cardiff was pretty much like that. I think we both put a little bit more into it because John James the C/W Interactive Champion, he roused us up about women's wrestling killing the business so I think we both put a little bit extra in to prove a point."

And prove a point they did but why on earth did he say that in the first place? "I guess he's against women wrestling and he believes it's not a women's place, can you believe that? He said he booked it under duress under the

demand for women's wrestling nowadays so it was good for business but he made his feelings felt. But Melissa got to batter him in the end, she beat him up pretty good and he has a bruise above his right eye in the shape of London or England."



So onto Colchester and the RQW Show that saw Amazing Kong, Wesna and Jetta challenge 'The Jezebel' Eden Black for her RQW Women's Title. Jez didn't last that long before succumbing to a splash from the American ending her title reign and leaving Kong to battle with Wesna while a rather sensible Jetta did her best to stay out of their way. Getting Wesna in the ring was just what Kong wanted.

"Wesna, I don't get along with right now because she was in my team. Back in Japan I have a team called REM that stands for Real Evil Makers, simple English for Japanese people to understand and I guess she didn't like the way I was running things so she decided to turn on me a bit, you know leave my group so I couldn't let that go by."

Amazing Kong certainly tried to get revenge on Wesna but her eagerness to get that revenge cost her the match as she was disqualified for attacking Wesna outside the ring, well she was trying to strangle her with some cable at the time. That left Wesna to beat Jetta and become the new RQW Women's Champion. She may not be in Amazing Kong's good books at the moment but there's definitely some respect for the Croatian. and she agrees that Wesna is one of the bravest wrestlers out there. "Yeah she is, she proved that tonight, she went toe to toe with Melissa for about an hour today."

That period of time was an important one for her career as it was finally time to leave Japan and head back home to the States, so why the decision to leave Japan? "I've done Japan, I've done everything I wanted to do in Japan. I've got a two count on Tenryu, what woman can say that? I've had a two count on the Dudley Boys, what woman can say that? I've done everything I need to do in Japan. They know my history, there's nothing for me to do there now. I have to work on England now and I have to work on Germany and Mexico. "I have to return and I have to sew up some loose ends in Japan and that's all it is. This is my job, I don't have another job like other women wrestlers have, this is my living."

In our next edition we take a look at Kong's return to the States and her time in TNA.

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On August 7th, the final show before the 'Hard Justice' PPV, Roxxi beat Jacqueline in an Anything Goes Bimbo Brawl with Traci Brooks as the special guest referee. After a Rough Cut with Taylor Wilde, the former Knockouts champion Awesome Kong beat Salinas and on the orders of The Beautiful People continued to attack her until Gail Kim, ODB and Taylor Wilde made the save. Kong attacked Wilde before Abyss made the save followed by a stare-down with Kong. Saeed slapped him across the face but then ran off when Abyss got hold of a chair and who can blame her?

'Hard Justice' took place on August 10th the team of ODB, Gail Kim and Taylor Wilde beat Angelina Love, Velvet Sky and Awesome Kong when Wilde pinned Love.

On August 14th The Beautiful People requested to be the guests on 'Karen's Angle' and Kip James is now Cute Kip having suddenly learnt hairdressing skills. Meanwhile love-struck Jay Lethal revealed that Val hasn't spoken to him since the PPV but the relationship won't be over till he says so.

Taylor Wilde beat Christy Hemme in a non-title match and it was announced that Traci Brooks will now referee all the Knockouts matches. After the match Awesome Kong and Raisha Saeed come to the ring. Brooks grabs Kong (brave girl) but gets choke-slammed. Wilde also gets attacked but Gail Kim makes the save laying out Saeed but gets thrown down by Kong but she recovers and gives Kong a dropkick followed by a chair shot before dropkicking her out of the ring as her sister Katie Kim watches at ringside.

On August 21st So Cal Val is the guest on Karen's Angle and Karen tells her she has to choose between Sonjay and Black Machismo (in the same way she has to choose between Angle and Styles). Sonjay Dutt interrupts and tells Val he loves her, he tries to kiss her but Black Machismo spears him. He then tries to punch Dutt but accidentally hits Val in the jaw. It's announced that Taylor Wilde will defend her Knockouts title against Angelina Love at 'No Surrender' as Wilde gets made up by The Beautiful People and Cute Kip.

Backstage the departing Gail Kim (that wasn't known though when this was taped) is interviewed by Lauren and isn't happy when she's asked about the way Kong, who she faces in a streetfight later on has dominated her since joining TNA. Awesome Kong beat Gail Kim in a Street Fight with Gail being helped by sister Katie. ODB and Roxxi made the save just as Kong was about to give her an Awesome Bomb onto a chair,

On August 28th Awesome Kong beat Sojourner Bolt (aka Josie) but as she continues to attack her after the match ODB makes the save leading to the pair brawling before security break it up. Backstage Lauren interviews ODB who tells her she's more of a beast than Kong will ever be. I'll believe that when I see it. After Curry Man beats Jimmy Rave Lance Rock joins Rave and Christy Hemme to triple team Curry Man before Shark Boy and Super Eric make the save. Backstage Jim Cornette announces that at the PPV The Rock 'n' Rave Infection will team up with Christy Hemme to face The Prince Justice Brotherhood. Cornette also makes Traci Brooks the 'Knockout Law' putting her in charge of the Knockouts Division and to replace those whose shelf life is up. When Lauren asks Brooks what 'shelf life' means she's told she may soon find out.

Backstage So Cal Val has a black eye and says she's sick of all the fighting and talks of another gimmick match with her engagement ring suspended above the ring and whoever out of Black Machismo and Sonjay Dutt retrieves it gets her.

Main event time and the Beautiful People beat Roxxi and Taylor Wilde when Love pins Roxxi after having hair spray sprayed in her face by Velvet Sky. After the match they attack Taylor Wilde and try to cut her hair before Rhino makes the save.

ODB beat Raisha Saeed on October 4th and then attempted to take her opponents mask off, she escapes and the action goes to the back and then back to ringside where Kong appears and attacks ODB. Roxxi tries to make the

save but gets attacked from behind by Saeed and Kong then gives her an Awesome Bomb. The Beautiful People announce that next week it's Angelina Love v Taylor Wilde in a Beauty Pageant.

On September 11th The Beauty Pageant between Angelina Love and Taylor Wilde starts next with The Prince Justice Brotherhood as judges. It's the Evening Gown competition first and Wilde wins the vote. Backstage Lauren interviews Sonjay Dutt who believes this Sunday will finally see him win Val's heart. I'm amazed that's not being suspended from the ceiling to be honest.

The bikini part of the Beauty Pageant follows and Angelina levels the score. It's a Bimbo Brawl next (would you dare call Kong a bimbo?) as Awesome Kong destroys Roxxi and busts her open after a chair shot to the face. Kong wipes Roxxi's blood on her hands and licks it and goes for another Awesome Bomb onto two chairs but ODB makes the save and then hits the ref with a chair.

The final part of the Beauty Pageant follows and it's the talent contest. Love does a knock knock joke and then reads a poem taking the proverbial out of Wilde followed by a terrible version of 'Row, Row Your Boat.' Wilde plays the drums and wins the vote. Predictably the Beautiful People attack Wilde after she slaps Kip James who then attacks Curry Man before Rhino makes the save.

The No Surrender PPV took place in Oshawa, Ontario on September 14th. The Prince Justice Brotherhood beat The Rock N' Rave Infection when Curry Man pinned Christy Hemme. Knockouts action next as Awesome Kong beats ODB in a Falls Count Anywhere match getting the win after a spinebuster through a table. Taylor Wilde defended her Knockouts title against Angelina Love with Rhino in the champs corner and Cute Kip and Velvet Sky with the challenger. Wilde retains her title after kicking Love into Sky and pinning her challenger, after which she hugs Rhino.

Time for a gimmick match next as Jay Lethal faces Sonjay Dutt in a 'Ladder of Love' match with Val's engagement ring hanging above the ring. Dutt gets the ring and the girl. He gets down on one knee and puts the ring on Val's finger and then make out.

On September 18th Jacqueline got into an argument with Hector Guerrero slapping him twice before Beer Money attack him from behind before LAX made the save. Traci Brooks tells Jacqueline and Guerrero to go to Cornette's office immediately. Once there the headmaster, sorry Jim Cornette, sets up a six-person tag match between Beer Money Inc with Jacqueline against LAX and Hector Guerrero and the losing team also loses their manager. Meanwhile an upset to say the least Jay Lethal is interviewed by Lauren and he tells her that he'll kill Sonjay and Val when he sees them. Later Lethal loses to Booker T after being tripped up by Sharmell.

Sad news to report next as Angelina Love breaks down in tears after revealing she woke up with a pimple this morning (if it'd been WWE a few years ago it'd have been her pimp) and is going to see a Dermatologist. Mixed tag team action followed as Rhino and Taylor Wilde beat Velvet Sky and Cute Kip when Sky tried to hit Wilde with the steel pipe Love had given her, misses and gets pinned by the champ.

After the match The Beautiful People (one soldiering on with a pimple) and Kip attacked Rhino and Wilde before the champ hit a double clothesline on Sky and Love. Awesome Kong comes to the ring and Wilde comes off the top rope with a flying cross body onto the former champ. Kong throws Wilde into the guard rail and The Beautiful People paper bag both Rhino and Wilde.

September 25th saw Awesome Kong beat Mercedes Steele (aka Lexxus) in just over a minute. After the match Saeed has two chairs and orders Kong to continue attacking Steele but then hits Kong with a chair. Is this the Saeed face turn? Will she unmask, take off her gear and reveal she's Cheerleader Melissa? No, not this week it's actually Roxxi in disguise who continues to attack Kong while we see Saeed on the ramp tied up.

The losing team loses their manager forever match saw Beer Money Inc beat LAX so it's goodbye to Hector. Wondered where Dutt and Val were? Well it turns out they've been in bed together for the past ten days though Val seems to be more interested in whether Dutt inherits his aging father's fortune when he dies.

On October 2nd ODB and Rhaka Khan beat The Beautiful People, after the match Cute Kip helped Love and Sky attack their opponents before Rhino made the save. October 9th saw the announcement that at 'Bound for Glory' (aka 'Bound to be a win for Sting'), Rhino, ODB and Rhaka Khan would face The Beautiful People and Cute Kip. Awesome Kong and Raisha Saeed got a win over Taylor Wilde and Roxxi.

TNA's biggest PPV of the year 'Bound For Glory' or as it's also known 'Sting wins the title' took place on October 12th with a Bimbo Brawl as the team of Rhino (definitely not a Bimbo), ODB and Rhaka Khan beat The Beautiful



People and Cute Kip (probably a Bimbo).

Taylor Wilde retained her Knockouts title beating Roxxi and Awesome Kong when she pinned Roxxi while Kong was out of the ring after being knocked off the second rope by Wilde.

On October 16th Roxxi got a win over Raisha Saeed but was attacked by Kong after the match. The next edition of Impact is live from Las Vegas on October 23rd.

News in Brief

Both Gail Kim and Karen Angle have left TNA recently. Angle intends to stay in the business and is available for conventions etc. It was expected that Gail Kim would make a return to WWE but at the time

of writing this there's still no news of who Kim will work for next.

WWE

RAW

On August 4th Mickie James beat Katie Lea to retain her Women's title but after the match was attacked by Beth Phoenix as Santino Marella applauded her and then slapped her on the butt. Backstage Marella and Phoenix asked Raw GM Mike Adamle for title matches at Summerslam but were told there's only room for one more title match on the PPV. Marella thought out loud about becoming women's champ (well it worked for Wippleman) so Adamle set up a mixed tag match for Summerslam as Kingston and James face Marella and Phoenix with both titles on the line. Meanwhile Layla dumped Jamie Noble because he's a loser.

On August 11th the final Raw before Summerslam Beth Phoenix beat Kelly Kelly with Santino on commentary. Phoenix tried to attack Kelly after the match but Mickie James and Kofi Kingston made the save. Santino then challenged Mickie to a match and she accepted, No embarrassment this time though after his previous loss to Beth Phoenix getting the win after interference by Phoenix.

In Chicago on August 18th Mickie James and Kelly Kelly beat Katie Lea and Jillian Hall. Women's Champion Beth Phoenix interfered in Santino Marella's match against D-Lo Brown acting as a human shield to protect Santino before slapping Brown and getting Marella disqualified.

On August 25th Women's Champion Beth Phoenix (with Santino) lost to Kelly Kelly in a non-title match after the champion was distracted by Santino. Phoenix attacked Santino after the match. On September 1st Candice Michelle made her comeback teaming up with Mickie James and Kelly Kelly against Beth Phoenix, Jillian Hall and Katie Lea. Candice pinned Phoenix to get the win.

Beth Phoenix defended her title against Mickie James on September 8th with the winner facing Candice Michelle (who's at ringside) at No Mercy. Phoenix got the win and had the traditional stare down with Candice Michelle who survived the week without getting injured. Backstage Jamie Noble was seen with Layla who he described as his good luck charm, he asked her to be at ringside for his tiebreaker match with mid-carder William Regal and got Jillian Hall to murder 'Layla' which didn't delight her but she still came to ringside. Regal got the win and then walked off with Layla.

On September 15th after some appalling singing, Jillian Hall lost to Candice Michelle. Beth Phoenix was at ringside and Candice invited her into the ring which she tried to do but Candice dropkicked her to the floor.

That wasn't the last we saw of Beth Phoenix as she later joined Santino to confront Randy Orton and get an apology for the derogatory comments he'd been making about the current champions on Raw. JBL and Batista came to the ring with Batista throwing the 'lipstick on a pig' insult at Beth Phoenix. Santino dug himself even deeper into a hole by telling Batista just because she squeals doesn't mean she's a pig (he obviously went to the Jamie Noble charm school). Batista told Santino that when he regains his title he'll give Beth Phoenix a title shot Batista then floored Santino but got slapped twice by Phoenix before giving her a Batista Bomb onto Santino. Santino's not the only one having women problems as Layla told Jamie Noble she's now going out with William Regal.

Kelly Kelly got another win over Women's Champion Beth Phoenix on September 22nd after more incompetent

interference by Santino. After the match Phoenix grabbed Kelly but out came Batista. Phoenix bad-mouthed him while Santino came from behind and then punched the former champion but to no avail as Batista hits Santino on his already damaged nose and then spears him.

On the 29th Batista beat Santino Marella, after the match Phoenix distracted Batista allowing JBL to hit the Clothesline from Hell. Backstage Jamie Noble failed to charm Jillian Hall into becoming his tag partner. Lines such as your singing is terrible but I respect your wrestling ability weren't exactly going to win her heart. Somehow he persuaded Mickie James to partner him and they beat the team of Paul Burchill and Katie Lea.

Beth Phoenix asked Santino not to be at ringside for her tag match because he keeps costing her matches. For once he did what he was told and Phoenix teamed up with Jillian to beat Kelly Kelly and Candice Michelle when Beth pinned Kelly.

In Seattle on October 6th Beth must have changed her mind about Santino being at ringside as she teamed up with him to face Jamie Noble and Mickie James. The champs got the win when Santino pinned Noble after distraction by Beth. After the match Noble chased Santino away but then brawled with William Regal before Noble and James made their escape. Later on the show Kelly Kelly beat Jillian Hall.

'Jackass' star Johnny Knoxville was on the October 13th edition of Raw and didn't delight Beth Phoenix by calling her a man. At least she left before The Boogeyman turned up. Kelly Kelly teamed up with Cryme Tyme to defeat The Miz, John Morrison and Jillian Hall

Smackdown

On August 8th with the Olympics in full flow the Diva's were in a six-women tag match in which they were all dressed for Olympic events. Maryse, Victoria and Natalya beat Michelle, Cherry and Maria when Natalya made Maria submit.

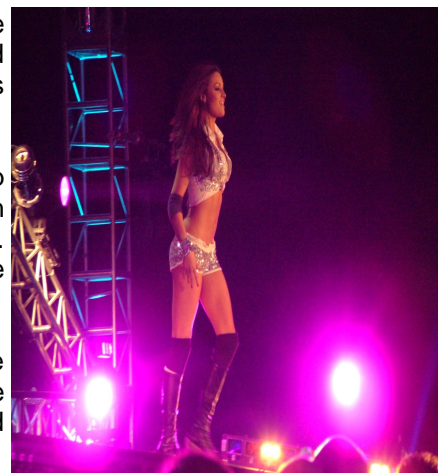
More tag action the following week and again Michelle McCool found herself on the losing team as Natalya and Maryse got the win against the Diva's Champion and her partner Maria when Natalya pinned McCool.

On the show first aired in the States on August 22nd Maria got a DQ win over Natalya after being attacked by Maryse. Michelle McCool made the save. On August 29th Maryse interrupted Michelle McCool who was in the middle of a photo shoot and told her to enjoy the title while she can because it'll look better on her. Photo shoot over McCool teamed up with Maria to take on Maryse and Natalya. The heels got the win when Maryse pins Maria. After the match Maryse attacked McCool with Natalya joining in.

Victoria took on the latest recruit from FCW Brie Bella. Victoria had the momentum but then Bella went under the ring and when she reappeared looked slightly larger. She got the pin and fans went home to check the FCW results and realise Brie is one half of the Bella Twins!

On September 5th Maryse interrupted Maria while she was having her make-up done Their match followed once all the slap was put on and Maryse got the pin with a DDT. She then posed on the ramp until McCool appeared behind her. After a stare-down Maryse walked off. Victoria had a return match against Brie Bella who again did the switch under the ring and her twin sister got the win.

Tag action on September 12th but was it actually a handicap match? Maryse teamed up with Victoria and Natalya to take on Michelle McCool, Maria and Brie Bella. Bella goes under the ring again and a suddenly rejuvenated Diva pinned Victoria. After the match McCool and Maria knocked Natalya and Maryse down.



After her recent successes Maryse got a title shot on the edition shown on September 19th but it was Michelle who got her first win in ages beating her challenger to retain her title. Elsewhere Eve Torres told Smackdown GM Vickie Guerrero that she'd been training really hard and wanted to wrestle. The mystery of just why Brie Bella continually goes under the ring took an unexpected twist when Victoria with Natalya claimed Brie was having an affair with Hornswoggle. They challenged Maria and Brie to a match the following week when they'd finally work out what was happening with Brie.

On September 26th Maria and Brie Bella beat Victoria and Natalya and again the switch with her twin sister took place.

Smackdown made its debut on MyNetwork TV on October 3rd and to pull out all the stops Diva's Champion Michelle McCool took on WWE Women's Champion Beth Phoenix in a non-title LumberJill match featuring all the Diva's from Raw and Smackdown. Phoenix got the win thanks to interference by Maryse.

In Washington on October 10th Brie Bella beat Natalya (accompanied by Victoria), this time when Brie went under the ring Hornswoggle came out and chased Victoria away. Bella made her reappearance and got the pin over Natalya.

News in Brief

Melina is likely to make her in-ring return next January according to Jim Ross in a blog at www.jrsbabq.com. Melina severely injured a heel in June.

WWE Diva Victoria hinted at retirement in her latest MySpace blog writing "between you and me, I think I have one more championship run left before I hang up the wrestling boots. What do you think?" With Victoria not in the title picture at present though it looks like we could be seeing a lot more of her in the months ahead.

However, will we be seeing more of Kelly Kelly in 2009? Rumours persist that she'll be the next Diva to appear in 'Playboy' but in her MySpace blog she rubbished those reports writing "I'm not posing for Playboy. nothing against Playboy at all but I don't know who is posing for Playboy but it won't be me. I just want to concentrate on wrestling right now."

SHIMMER

Volumes 21 and 22 will be taped at the Berwyn Eagles on October 19th with the show starting at the earlier time of 2pm. The first ever SHIMMER Tag Team Champions will be crowned as part of Volume 21. Rather than having a seven-match tournament on a single DVD release the company will be holding a tag team gauntlet with the winners wearing the belts created by Reggie Parks and Rico Mann.

32 female wrestlers will be seen on the 19th, 28 on the tapings and four more appearing on the pre-show 'Sparkle.' that starts at 1.30pm. Confirmed for the tag team Gauntlet are: The International Home Wrecking Crew (Rain and Jetta), 'The Experience' of Lexie Fyfe and Malia Hosaka, Ashley Lane and Nevaeh, Australian team 'The Pink Ladies' (Madison Eagles and Jessie McKay) and The Canadian Ninjas (Portia Perez and Nicole Matthews). Also appearing will be SHIMMER Champion MsChif who will be defending her title, Amazing Kong, Jennifer Blake, Wesna Busic, Cheerleader Melissa, Daffney, Danyah, Serena Deeb, Sara Del Rey, Daizee Haze, LuFisto, Lorelei Lee, Mercedes Martinez, the debuting Miss Natural, Amber O'Neal, Portuguese Princess Ariel, Cat Power and Nikki Roxx. Confirmed for 'Sparkle' are Cherry Bomb, Sassy Stephie, Rachel Summerlyn and Melanie Cruise.

Front row seats have already sold out and general admission tickets are still on sale but a sell-out looks extremely likely. You can still place a ticket order online at <http://www.freewebs.com/shimmerwomen/tickets.html> or email dave_prazak@yahoo.com with tickets collected on the door.

The SHIMMER after-party will be held at Michael Anthony's Restaurant and Bar at 6434 Ogden Ave, in Berwyn. You can check out a commercial promoting the taping on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9hPFf0a8ldY>.



To view some stunning posed photographs of the SHIMMER roster taken by Gilda Pasquil go to <http://shimmerwomen.proboards50.com/index.cgi?board=shimmer&action=display&thread=2359> You can see Ringside photos taken by Walter Lippmann at the last tapings at www.wrestlingwally.com SHIMMER DVDs are available at www.rohwrestling.com.

SHIMMER have announced that their first ever training course will be starting on October 27th with Daizee Haze confirmed as trainer. The course will run for six months with a minimum of eight classes a month. Training sessions will be held at the ROH wrestling facility in Bristol, PA on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

The course is for people with previous wrestling experience to no wrestling experience at all and will help you to learn everything you need to know in order to start your wrestling career. The course will include emphasis on the fundamentals, Drills, Conditioning and weight training, ring psychology, development of timing and positioning, continuous evaluation. advice on character development, assistance with promos, etiquette and safety.

The course requires a \$750 down payment on the first day of class and \$300 per month starting with the second month with a total cost expected of \$2250.00. If you make the entire payment on the first day of training the cost is reduced to \$2000. A liability waiver has to be signed on the first day of the course but there are no contracts involved. Trainees must be 18 years old but with the consent of a parent or legal guardian, seventeen year olds will be allowed to enrol.

To enrol for the course send your name, hometown, age, height, weight, previous wrestling experience and email address to Daizee Haze at shimmerschool@hotmail.com

For more information go to www.shimmerwrestling.com

POWW

On October 18th members of the SHIMMER roster will be appearing on a POWW show at the VFW Hall in Woodstock. Jennifer Blake teams up with Danyah to take on Cat Power and Melanie Cruise and Sara Del Rey faces Justin James in an inter-gender match. More information at www.powwentertainment.com

ROH

At the Cleveland Gray's Armory on August 15th, Daizee Haze tried to talk Delirious out of joining The Age of The Fall but to no avail. In-ring action saw Sara Del Rey beat Sassie Stephanie. The following day at the Frontier Fieldhouse in Chicago the situation between Delirious and Daizee Haze escalated. Pelle Primeau was scheduled to be teaming up with new Age of The Fall member Delirious but came to the ring alone and told fans Delirious had been missing all day. Daizee Haze made her entrance and said Rhett Titus has lying and she should have said yes to Delirious, she was then distracted by Jimmy Jacobs and attacked from behind by MsChif.

WSU

On August 21st on an NWS card, Portia Perez beat WSU Champion Angel Orsini in a non-title match. The following day in Neptune Reyna Fire who's a protégé of Mercedes Martinez was attacked by WSU Champion Angel Orsini who was intent on sending out a message to her number one challenger. Dawn Marie and Portia Perez made the save. The planned tag match between the teams of Dawn Marie and Portia Perez and Becky Bayless and Angel Orsini was changed into a triple threat match after Becky Bayless was unable to make the show.

Roxie Cotton beat Trixie Lynn. Melissa Coates beat Joey Jannella in an inter-gender match, Rick Cataldo beat Autumn Breeze, Missy Hyatt interviewed Nicole Matthews in her 'Missy's Manor' segment but was interrupted by Cataldo and Cotton who tried to recruit Matthews into the Beatdown Betties but were rejected. They then attacked Matthews leading to an impromptu triple threat match between the trio won by Matthews. In the main event Angel Orsini retained her WSU title beating Dawn Marie and Portia Perez when she pinned Dawn Marie. Dawn Marie did pin Orsini after ten minutes but the match was restarted when a TV replay showed the champion had her feet on the ropes.

All five matches, segments & tons of backstage footage will be on the DVD release. Also added to this DVD will be a special bonus match from the 8/16 JAPW event featuring Angel Orsini defending her championship against all three members of the Beatdown Betties- Rick Cataldo, Annie Social & Roxie Cotton.

In Belleville on August 23rd Dawn Marie made an open challenge which was answered by Trixie Lynn. They went to a no-contest after interference by Angel Orsini and Portia Perez. As a result NWS Commissioner Gino Moore decided that the Orsini v Perez title match would be a Lumberjill contest.

Nicole Matthews beat Roxie Cotton, Melissa Coates defeated Autumn Breeze, Jana beat Rick Cataldo and in the main event Angel Orsini beat Portia Perez to retain her title. Lumberjills were Reyna Fire, Dawn Marie, Trixie Lynn,

Nicole Matthews, The Beatdown Betties, Melissa Coates, Jana and Autumn Breeze

On September 20th at the Golden Door Charter School in Jersey City Angel Orsini successfully defended her WSU title against Annie Social on a JAPW card.

Angel Orsini retained her WSU Title when she beat former WWE star Kara 'Cherri' Slice on October 4th on an NWS show in Brick, New Jersey. The challenger actually made Orsini tap out to a crossface but with the referee down at the time it wasn't to give her the title. As Slice tried to revive the referee Orsini hit her with the WSU title belt leading to her pinfall victory. They meet again on a NWS card in Red Bank. Also on that card Roxxie Cotton beat Princess Jana after her 'love slave' A C Kewl distracted the referee. A C Kewl beat JD Smoothie with help from Roxxie Cotton. After the match Smoothie challenged Kewl and Cotton to an inter-gender tag match against himself and Princess Jana and that takes place at the same venue in January.

On the 10th in Bergenfield, New Jersey, Soul Sister Jana beat Miss April, Missy Hyatt hosted 'Missy's Manor' and had a go at NWS Commissioner Gino Moore for claiming he had sex with her, something he denies claiming and someone else on the WSU roster was spreading the story. Hyatt then interviewed Little Jeanne until she was interrupted by Roxxie Cotton setting up an impromptu match between the pair won by Little Jeannie. In tag action the team of Melissa Coates and Trixxie Lynn (with Tammy Sytch) beat Annie Social and Rick Cataldo with plenty of heat between Sytch and Cataldo. Reyna Fire beat Roxxie Cotton by DQ after WSU Champion Angel Orsini attacked Reyna to such an extent she's out of action for two weeks and out of tag tournament. In the main event Orsini went to a 15 minute draw with Mercedes Martinez. Commissioner Moore allowed another five minutes of action but still there was no positive result and with the building having an 11pm curfew the match was over and Orsini remains champion.



The first taping saw the start of the tag team title tournament with the team of Amy Lee and Missy Sampson (accompanied by Alere Little Feather) beating Little Jeannie and Lea Morrison (who replaced Kacee Carlisle and Kylie Pierce after Carlisle pulled out of the show due to a family emergency). After the match Lee said men in the ring wouldn't be allowed anymore meaning goodbye to Rick Cataldo but moves are afoot to bring him back. Malia Hosaka and Miss April beat The Soul Sisters, The Beatdown Betties beat Melissa Coates and Trixxie Lynn giving Social her first win in WSU and the team of Mercedes Martinez and WSU Champion Angel Orsini (the champion believed teaming up with her number one challenger would be her best chance of winning the tag belts hence her hospitalising Martinez' original partner Reyna Fire the night before) took on Bobcat and Gorgeous George. It looked as if Martinez was about to win the match but then Little Jeanne and Orsini attacked Martinez with Jeanne taking over as Orsini's partner and eventually getting the win.

In the semi-finals The Beatdown Betties beat Malia Hosaka and Miss April and the team of Amy Lee and Missy Sampson defeated Angel Orsini and Little Jeanne after Martinez distracted Orsini allowing Lee to pin her. As a result of that win Amy Lee will now face Angel Orsini for her WSU title on a JAPW card on October 18th.

Molly Holly was interviewed by Missy Hyatt in her 'Missy Manor' segment and the former WWE Women's champion spoke warmly of Cindy Rogers who's currently out injured. Rogers came to the ring to talk about her recovery and told the fans when she returns to the ring she wants a title shot regardless of whoever the champion is.

The second taping began with Miss April telling fans she felt let down by the performance of her tag partner Malia Hosaka who apologized for their loss. April then told Hosaka how much she respected her and it would be her dream to face her in the ring and Hosaka accepted the challenge. Hosaka got the win despite a brave battle by the rookie. Next up was a Battle Royal with the winner getting a title shot against Angel Orsini later on the show with Jana, Bobcat, Mercedes Martinez, Trixxie Lynn, Melissa Coates, Little Jeanne, Latasha and Gorgeous George taking part. Bobcat got the win and the title shot after Angel Orsini cost Martinez the match. Molly Holly then came to the ring and told the champ this isn't the Angel Orsini show and named herself special guest referee for the title match as approved by WSU Commissioner Dawn Marie.

The final of the tag team tournament was next in the ring and it was the Beatdown Betties who beat Amy Lee and Missy Sampson to win the tag team titles. A rematch is a certainty though as Lee and Sampson have been named number one challengers.

In the main event Angel Orsini beat Bobcat to retain her WSU title but after the match Mercedes Martinez came to

the ring and hit Orsini with the title belt, followed that up by DDTing her onto a steel chair and then Brainbusted her through a table. Martinez then announced that on January 10th she'd be facing Orsini in a steel cage match with the title on the line if Orsini still holds the belt.



Also confirmed for that January show is the return of Awesome Kong and a mystery wrestler who's been contacting WSU promising the company will never be the same again after the January show.

Angel Orsini is set to defend her title against Amy Lee in JAPW (more about that in the next section) and Lizzy Valentine on a card

promoted by TWF on October 25th in Long Island. More information about WSU on our DVD pages and at www.wsuwrestling.com



JAPW

On August 16th at the Arts Factory in Bayonne, WSU Champion Angel Orsini beat Annie Social, Roxie Cotton and Rick Cataldo to retain her title. The following month on September 20th at the Golden Door Charter School in Jersey City Angel Orsini beat Annie Social to retain her WSU title when Roxie Cotton's interference went wrong. After the match Social rowed with Cotton and Rhino and Johnny D came to the ring leading to Rhino goring Cotton.

'Halloween Hell' takes place at The Arts Factory in Bayonne on October 18th Angel Orsini defends her WSU title against Amy Lee who pinned her in the tag tournament last week. The 11th Year Anniversary Show takes place at the Rec Center in Rahway on December 13th with TNA Knockouts Champion Taylor Wilde is due to debut for the company in December.

The company are to introduce a women's division and their debut show 'Female Revolution' takes place on January 10th at the Arts Factory in Bayonne. One match has been confirmed and LuFisto takes on ODB. Also scheduled to appear are Sara Del Rey, Cheerleader Melissa, Nikki Roxx, Portia Perez, Daizee Haze, Danyah, Sassy Stephanie, Ariel and Cherry Bomb with more to be announced. Tickets cost \$15 each, more information by emailing fatrkjap1@aol.com There will be a special meet and greet at 6pm down-stairs in the bar area!

Tickets cost \$15 and go on sale at the 11th Year Anniversary show in Rahway on December 13th and online at www.japw.net two days later. For more info email wdjapw@gmail.com and keep a close eye on the message board at www.mboard.japw.net and at www.myspace.com/wdjapw

There's a ChickFight match on the Pro Wrestling Revolution show on November 8th in San Jose when Cheerleader Melissa takes on Yvvan Nakano (seen right and soon to be interviewed in Fighting Females). All ChickFight DVDs are available at www.clickwrestle.com More news about ChickFight in the UK section and at www.chickfight.tv

In **3Kwrestling** on October 4th at the Roanoke High School Daffney and Alex Anthony beat Eva of Destruction and Sean Haze when Daffney pinned Eva Discord retained her **ACPW** Women's title at the Cisco Arena in Oaks on September 20th despite a DQ loss to Kacee Carlisle after the champion was distracted by Gina Nicole who stole



Discord's dolls. Nicole was then attacked by Nero, a real-life doll who returned the dolls to Discord. Both Discord and Kacee Carlisle are interviewed in this edition of 'Fighting Females.' Also on the card Gorgeous George Frankenstein helped Helter Skelter beat Sal Sincere to retain his ACPW Tri-State title. On October 18th the company make history when at the Cardinal Krol Center in Springfield Discord defends her title against Monique in the first ever women's casket match. .

Atomic Championship Wrestling returns to the Smokestown Fire Company, located at 860 Smokestown Road, Denver PA on Saturday night, October 25th. ACW Womens Champion Chrissy Rivera and Miss Dixie take on Autumn Breeze and Roxie Cotton

APCW hold 'Fans Appreciation Night' on November 9th at the American Legion Post #311 in Seekonk, Massachusetts. Sammi Lane makes the first defence of her Vixen's title against an opponent yet to be confirmed. Also appearing will be Gorgeous George Frankenstein

Taylor Nicole retained her Jersey Shore Women's title with a win against Liz Savage on an **AWESOME** card. Awesome Kong will be appearing at the next !BANG! TV tapings, Support the Troops 33 'Morbidity Power' that takes place on October 26th at the Funking Conservatory. Kong will be facing Claudia 'The Claw' Reiff

Lexxus, who recently made an appearance in TNA beat Ariel in two shows promoted on October 10th and 11th by **Big Time Wrestling**.

In **CZW** Ryan Eagles beat Jessie McKay at 'Down with the Sickness 4-Ever' held on September 13th. October 11th saw the team of LuFisto, Jessie McKay and Pinkie Sanchez beat Ryan Eagles and Sami Callihan. 'Night of Infamy 7 -Greed' takes place at the New Alhambra Arena on November 8th with LuFisto taking on Sami Callihan with the winner getting entry into this year's Cage of Death match in December.

FIP held 'Heatstroke 2008' on August 23rd at the National Guard Armory in Crystal River and Mercedes Martinez defeated Lorelei Lee. MsChif retained her SHIMMER Title at 'Impact of Honor 2' in Crystal River on October 10th beating fellow Age of the Fall member Rain.

On October 18th at Hamilton Hall in Egg Harbor City **Force One Wrestling** hold 'Breaking Point' Little Jeannie makes her debut for the company and faces Roxie Cotton. For more information go to www.forceoneprowrestling.com

WXW hold the 7th annual Elite 8 All Women Tournament takes place on November 15th at the Leesburg Armory in Florida. More information at www.wxwwrestling.com

IPW hold 'Insane Intentions' on November 1st at the Fountain Square Salvation Army Community Center in Indianapolis and in women's tag action it's Ashley Lane and Neveah against Hellena Heavenly and Sassy Stephie **IWA-MS** held 'We Are Family 2' at the Hartman Rec. Center in Joilet on August 17th raising funds to help Mickie Knuckles with her medical treatment. The 2008 Ted Petty Invitational took place at the same venue on September 26th and 27th with Sara Del Rey making it all the way to the semi-finals. After wins over Trik Davis and Mexican star Cassandro her run finally came to an end when she lost to Claudio Castagnoli.

The team of Delirious and Daizee Haze beat Dennis Gregory and Sara Del Rey at **IWC's** 'Boiling Point 3' held on September 13th. At the AWS Shop in Rowland Heights on October 4th Candice LeRae won a four-way elimination match against Carla Jade, Aiden Riley and Lucky O'Shea. More info at www.alternativewrestlingshow.com

The same day on an **NWA Pro/Mach 1 Wrestling** show held at the Santa Ana High School in Santa Ana, California Carla Jade beat Candice LeRae. **NWA Pro/Empire Wrestling Federation** held 'October Onslaught' at the Knights of Columbus in Corvina, CA on October 10th and Aiden Riley got a win over Ellen Degenerate. The following day it was 'Vendetta' at the American Sports University in San Bernardino, CA with Yyan Nakano beating Lucky O'Shea. More info at www.empirewrestlingfederation.com In **TWF** it was 'Slamtember X' on September 20th and Miss TNT won a three-way match against Jelena and Ferrari

Josie is on a winning run in **OVW** at present. On August 13th at a TV Taping in Louisville, Kentucky she beat Melody and two weeks later got a win over Sara Del Rey. On September 17th Josie beat Psychotica who was actually Sucio in drag. **'A Banner Night'** is being held on November 15th at the SAW Arena in Millersville, Tennessee. The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost \$10. The evening will pay tribute to the late Penny Banner who died earlier this year. Confirmed for the show so far are Nikki Roxx defending her PGWA title and also appearing will be Tasha Simone, Tracy Taylor, Scarlett Rose, Mia Martinez and more to be confirmed. For more information go to

www.ladysports.com

PWL's 'Wanna Be Startin' Something' takes place at the ACE Arena in Union City on November 29th. with Daizee Haze taking on Traci Brooks in a special challenge match. In **PWU** it was announced by Missy Hyatt (who celebrated her birthday this week) that the women's division will now be hardcore only. 'Dark Night '08' takes place at Boyle's World Gym in Philadelphia. on October 25th with Missy Sampson defending her Women's title against former champion Amy Lee in PWU's first ever women's hardcore match. At the Police Athletic League Hall in Fall River on October 3rd on a **Top Rope Promotions** card Luscious Latasha pinned Sammi Lane. In **NECW** at 'Autumn Unleashed' held in Quincy on September 20th Jessie McKay and Lexxus beat Ariel and Madison Eagles.

On September 5th Autumn Breeze beat Roxie Cotton by DQ after interference by Chrissy Rivera to retain her **WPW** Women's title. On October 3rd though she lost her belt in a four-way match won by Psycho Bitch in a match that also included Roxie Cotton and Chrissy Rivera. More info at www.worldprofessionalwrestling.com World Premier Wrestling are at the Aviator Sports and Recreation in Brooklyn on November 1st. TNA Knockouts Champion Taylor Wilde faces Angelina Love and Rahka Khan takes on Amy Lee More information at www.worldpremierwrestling.com

Ring Warriors hold 'Wrestlegrowl '08' at the Alachua County Fair in Gainesville, Florida on October 20th. Betsy Ruth and Sybil Pageant face Jessika Haze and Kimberly in a Wild Women of Wrestling match and also present will be Terri Runnels. **WUW** are at the Washington Avenue Amory in Albany, NY on October 25th with a three-way inter-gender match as Melissa Coates takes on Rick Cataldo and a mystery female opponent. Mercedes Martinez beat Rain on a **WXW-C4** card held at the Minneola Recreation Center on September 20th.

CANADA

ALF

The ALF Championship changed hands on September 12th. La Parfaite Caroline has had to vacate the title due to a leg injury and LuFisto became the new champion beating Kacey Diamond for the vacant title. Also on the card, Tank went to a no-contest with Charlotte Lamothe, Candygirl beat Kymberly, Karen Brooks defeated Rachel, in an inter-gender tag match Kalamity and James Kraven beat Portia Perez and Stupefied and Nikki Perrier beat Cassandra.

On October 10th the team of Miss Danyah and former WWE star Sylvian Grenier beat ALF Champion LuFisto and Tank, 21st Century Fox beat Cherry Bomb, Karen Brooks beat Cassandra and then defeated Eve by DQ, Charlotte Lamothe beat Anna Minoushka and the team of Mary Lollipop and Nova Cain won a four-way tag match against Kalamity and James Kraven, Portia Perez and Don Paysan and Misty Haven and Michael Von Payton.

The next show is on November 14th when the mixed tag team tournament 'Amazones et Titans' takes place. Confirmed for the tournament are: Misty Haven and Michael Von Payton, Portia Perez and Don Paysan, 21st Century Fox and Giovanni, Kalamity and James Kraven, Kacey Diamond and Marko Estrada, Mary Lollipop and Nova Cain, Miss Danyah and Stupefied and Cherry Bomb and Jimmy Stone. The winners of this tournament will be awarded the Sherri Martel Cup. Last years winners were LuFisto and El Generico, by beating Stefany Sinclair and Kevin Steen in the final. More info at www.flqalf.com

Great Canadian Wrestling

On October 9th at the Royal Canadian Legend in Oshawa, Ontario the match between Jennifer Blake and PJ Tyler turned into a tag match that saw Tyler and Crazy Steve beat Blake and Brad Martin.



In the next Fighting Females

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The Feud: Dawn Marie v Torrie Wilson



THE PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

UK**RDW:** Sweet Saraya**RQW:** Sweet Saraya**RWA:** Purple Haze**WAW/WAWW:** Sweet Saraya (right)**W3L:** Sara**USA****ACPW:** Discord**APCW:** Sammi Lane**DCW** Sara Brooks**Jersey Shore Women's Champion** Nicole Rules**PWGA:** Nikki Roxx**NWA World Women's Champion:** MsChif**NWA Midwest Women's Championship** Mschif**NWA SW/PWF** Starr**OVW:** Serena**PWU:** Missy Sampson**SHIMMER:** MsChif**TNA:** Taylor Wilde**WPW:** Psycho Bitch**WSU:** Angel Orsini**Tag Champions:** The Beatdown Betties**WXW** Kacee Carlisle**WWW:** 'Portuguese Princess' Ariel**WWE: WWE Women's Champion (Raw):** Beth Phoenix**WWE Diva's Champion (Smackdown):**
Michelle McCool**Canada****ALF Championship** LuFisto**Australia****PWWA:** Jessie McKay**Europe****Queens of Chaos**

World Champion: April Hunter

European Champion: Sarah 'Minx' Jones

IWCA: Allison Danger**ICW:** Lisa Schianto**EWA:** Fuka**Germany****GSW:** Steve Douglas (confused? All is explained below)**European News**

Strange goings on for sure in GSW where the women's title is now held by 'The Vision' Steve Douglas. He won the belt from Wesna in a title v title match on August 30th and made a successful first defence beating Jetta on September 27th. Also on that card Blue Nikita beat Sarah Jones. 'Fright Night' is being held on November 1st and as well as taking on Psycosis he'll also be defending his Women's title.

In Italy ICW held 'Academy Attack 9' at JKS Gym in Pavia with Lisa Schianto beating Kia to retain her title. Britani Knight made her way to Oslo in Norway on October 5th for an NWF show going down in defeat to Mina.

ChickFight action came to Revolution Pro Wrestling in early August when Wesna had a series of matches against Blue Nikita with Nikita winning three of their four matches.

Pro Wrestling Revolution in partnership with Chick-Fight are to enter the world of reality TV after agreeing a deal with Nappic Communications for a show called XS4Play. Cheerleader Melissa and Nikki Roxx have been confirmed as taking part.

Few details are available at the moment but Gabriel Ramirez, owner of Pro Wrestling Revolution said "I am looking forward to working with such great people and thankful for the opportunity to promote pro wrestling, the National Wrestling Alliance, and Pro Wrestling Revolution.

We look forward to seeing the end result and hope that we can be of help in the success of this project"





Enter the Disturbed World of DISCORD

On October 18th the ACPW Women's Champion Discord makes history and anyone who's seen or heard of this young female wrestler will know that it's going to be a crazy night when she takes on Monique in the first ever women's casket match. Time to find out more about the disturbed world of Discord.

When did you first get interested in pro wrestling and did you always want to become a wrestler?

It all started early for me. Probably when I was about 8 or 9. I used to watch wrestling every week. I even remember my first "celebrity crush" being Shawn Michaels. I wanted to become a wrestler when I was about 15 or so.

What was it like being trained at the Wild Samoan Training Center?

I was able to learn from the best. They taught me the fundamentals of wrestling and so much more. It was hard work, but I loved every minute of it. Pops (Afa) cares about his students like they were his own children. I couldn't ask for anything better.

Reading up about you I've seen it written that you're in your own "disturbed world." would you say that's the case?

I see things a bit different than other people might. And just because they don't agree with it, doesn't make it wrong.



What is it with all this pulling out of your hair?

I try to make the voices go away sometimes. They tell me certain things and I can't decipher what to do. It stresses me out a bit. Hence the reason I end up taking it out on my opponent.

Just why do you talk to dolls?

Because they're my friends. They accept me the way I am. I don't have to worry about them betraying me.

Apparently you "do whatever the voices tell me to do" when did you start hearing these voices?

Many years ago and they've only gotten progressively worse. Or better depending on how you want to look at it.



What were the circumstances that led to the feud with Acid Zero having to include a casket match and what was it like wrestling such a match?

I made my debut with American Championship Pro Wrestling in March of '08. Luckily for me, KCS were looking to recruit a woman to take on Annie Social, who was part of the Kash Krew, which whom they were feuding with at the time. I just happened to be in the right place at the right time.

The casket match between Acid Zero and myself was the last straw in the Bloodline connection. After the Purifier became tyrannical, and the rest of the members in Bloodline revolted, Acid and I tried stick together. But it all fell apart when Acid decided to grow a backbone and go against what I told him to do. He made the challenge to me and when it came time to fight, he backed down saying he didn't want to wrestle a girl. But he wanted a fight, so he got one. Once I put him in the casket, that was the end of that relationship.



Earlier this year you injured your shoulder, how did that happen?

It was at training. I went to take a mexican arm drag and the person whipped me over quickly and my shoulder hit the mat causing my ligaments to tear which in turn seperated the joint.

You had to return to the ring for your title matches with Roxie Cotton, how difficult was it for you to wrestle those matches so soon after the injury?

The doctor originally said I'd be out up to 8 weeks. I returned to the ring 3 weeks after my injury. I had the opportunity for a title, and I wasn't about to give that up. The first night I wrestled Roxie, I ended up landing on it when I took her out with a clothesline. It hurt like hell,



but at the same time I kind of liked it.

You won the ACPW title earlier this year beating Roxie Cotton having previously won a non-title match and then losing a title bout to her by count out, what was it like winning the title from her in the end?

I proved that an injury wasn't going to keep me from attaining my goal of becoming champion. I know people will say I had help from KCS, but the ref (Missy Sampson) made the 3 count and I won. That's all that matters. It was the first and only title I've held thus far. It was a very glorious moment for me.

Since then you've defended the title against Monique, including a dog collar match. How difficult an opponent is Monique and and who do you see as the main rivals to your title?

Mo'nique is a very tough competitor. She's able to wrestle and, being a boxer, she has the ability to knock you out as well. I'd say she's definitely one of the people I'll keep my eye on. Another girl would be Kacee Carlisle. She gives me a run for my money. I won't discredit former ACPW Womens Champions Roxie Cotten or Annie Social. Those 2 had the title for a reason and I'm sure they'd be willing to prove why at any given moment.

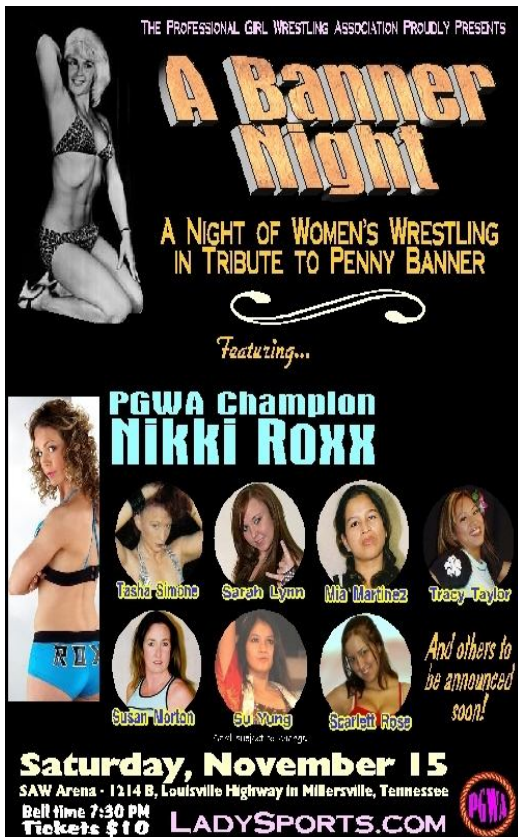
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Tribute to Penny Banner

Penny Banner, one of the founding pioneers of women's wrestling died on May 12th aged 73. A night of women's wrestling in tribute to Penny takes place on November 15th, full details in our USA News Centre.

Born in St Louis, Missouri Mary-Anne Katesky had absolutely no intention of becoming a professional wrestler. She worked as a governess taking care of three children and a wrestling career wasn't really in her mind. She did work out though and had Judo lessons. She also worked in the evenings as a waitress and attracted the attention of a friend of the then NWA President Sam Muchnick who had been told about the fact that Penny could do 200 sit-ups leading to a \$20 bet to see if that really was the case,

it was and after Muchnick was told she was contacted but refused the offers to become a female wrestler not being a fan of the business or even a viewer. Eventually Sam Muchnick himself contacted her with an invite to see him in his office. Finally she agreed to attend and when she realized just how serious they were Penny finally accepted their offer. Thanks to her high level of fitness and her judo training she was soon beating girls who'd been training for six months

She made her debut under her real name in 1954 against Kathy Branch with her opponent suffering a broken ankle. Then came the name

change, the surname 'Banner' came from a film role played by her favourite actor Charlton Heston. and she took the name 'Penny' because she felt so insignificant. Amazingly Penny Banner made her debut before even watching a match on television. Initially Penny wrestled as a face but soon after turned heel and stayed that way for the next six years before reverting to being a face again. Penny Banner made history when she became the first AWA Women's Champion in 1961. Other titles won during her career included the Canadian and USA Ladies Tag titles on three occasions and the Texas Ladies Championship in 1963 Teaming with Lorraine Johnson the pair became known as the Glamour Girls of the Ring.

Penny retired from the ring in 1977 due to a lack of opponents in the Carolinas especially after June Byers retired. The pair had feuded over Byers' NWA Women's title for many years. In retirement Penny (who dated a certain Elvis Presley on and off between 1956 and 1958) certainly had a varied life becoming a real estate broker agent but also getting involved in rodeo and taking part in the National Senior Olympics taking part in swimming, shot put and the discus. She wasn't a fan of WWE however stating in an interview that "Vince exploits women and I hate to see what was a sport for me demeaned into 'eye candy competition'." She also felt that Fabulous Moolah wouldn't allow her to be in WWE and wasn't impressed with how she and Mae Young made fools of themselves in WWE. Her autobiography 'Banner Days' was published in 2005 but sadly towards the end of that year she was diagnosed with cancer

How to help Molly McShane

If you go to www.ladysports.com you can download a match between Molly McShane and Miss Tiff. All proceeds from the video go to Molly to help cover the costs of her recent shoulder surgery and her current convalescence.



UK NEWS CENTRE

The good news is that more and more UK companies are starting to include women's matches on their cards. IPW:UK will be staging their first women's match on October 26th at the Great Hall in Bromley Civic Centre. Jetta beat Bubbles in 1PW's first women's match held on September 26th at the Granby in Doncaster but Bubbles got revenge over Jetta on a SLAM card held in Melton Mowbray on October 11th. Wrestle Midlands card also held their first women's match at the Weoley Castle in Birmingham on October 10th when Jetta beat Ursula.

Chickfight were at the Caribbean Centre in Ipswich on August 3rd. Jetta and Wesna beat Team Blossom, Jade beat Faith Lehane, Blue Nikita won a four-way elimination match against Maya, Scarlet Venom and Becky James, Jetta beat Faith Lehane, Blue Nikita defeated Wesna in a No DQ match and Eden Black beat Jetta and Black won't be retiring after all.



Dann Read has announced that due to health reasons - he needs a new knee and also recently had Deep Vein Thrombosis - he will be unable to promote another ChickFight show in the UK. However he remains part of the management group dealing with television, PR etc. More info about the company at www.chickfight.tv

The day before that show in Ipswich Wesna beat Blue Nikita on a Shooting Star Wrestling show held at the Montgomery Hall in Rotherham.

Real Deal Wrestling were at the Suncastle in Skegness on August 24th and Dragon Aisu beat Bubbles. The company were in Brigg on September 27th and Bubbles teamed up with Martin Kirby to beat Prince Mohamed Ameen and Italian star Maya, after the match Maya slapped Ameen and then attacked Bubbles until Kirby made the save.

The fourth anniversary show is being held at the Suncastle in Skegness on November 22nd with the RDW Women's title, currently held by Sweet Saraya on the line in a Scramble match that also features Bubbles, Jetta and Maya. The match starts with two wrestlers in the ring with the next wrestler entering the ring four minutes later. The winner of the title will be the last person to score a pinfall or submission before the 20 minute time limit expires. For more information go to www.realdealpromotions.co.uk.

To WAW next and on August 17th at the Marina Centre in Great Yarmouth Destiny made her in-ring return beating Britani Knight At the Bank Holiday Spectacular held at the same venue on August 25th, The four-way elimination match between Sweet Saraya, Jetta, Britani Knight and Destiny went to a no-contest after the ref lost control and it took the WAW roster to calm things down, On August 31st Jetta beat Britani Knight and Destiny to become the number one challenge to the RQW Women's title currently held by Sweet Saraya (who was the ref for this match).

Herts and Essex Wrestling (HEW) held 'Nothing's Gonna Stop Us' on August 9th at the Takeley Silver Jubilee Hall. The bout between Jetta, Britani Knight and Sweet Saraya went to a no-contest after interference by Sam Knee and Jade. Ricky Knight and The Zebra Kid also got involved but Knee gave Zebra a low-blow and attacked Knight's injured leg, Brett Meadows tried to hit Britani with a guitar but had that taken off him by Zak Zodiac who then tried to hit Meadows with it only to hit his sister Britani.

'Halloween 2008' takes place on October 25th at the Takeley Silver Jubilee Hall in Bishops Stortford with Sweet Saraya facing Britani Knight. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.30pm start, tickets cost £10 for adults, £8 for children and a family ticket is £30.

Skarlett and Faith Lehane have been feuding around the country over the past few weeks for a number of companies. Skarlett got a win on a CSF card in Weston-Super-Mare on September 27th but Faith got her revenge on another CSF show, this time at the Melksham Assembly Hall on October 10th. Two days later Skarlett got a win over Faith on a BAWA show in Banbury.

In GNP on August 22nd it was 'Title Night' at the Creswell Social Centre and Team Blossom beat Team S.E.X. but were attacked by their beaten opponents after the match until Bubblegum made the save. On October 10th at the same venue the team of Travis the Menace (Kris Travis now believing he's 'Dennis the Menace') and Team Blossom beat Bret Valentine, Brad Flash and Prince Mohamed Ameen. Also on that card Casey Hanson won an inter-gender match against Bubbles.

The feud continues at the Pudsey Civic Hall in Leeds on November 7th when The Nightmares (Scotty Hexx, Brad Flash, Bret Valentine and Martin Kirby) face The Luchas (El Ligero, Team Blossom and Reece Jordan) in an eight-person elimination match.

Team Blossom were also in action on a PCW card in Worcester on September 27th losing to the new team of Donna and Ursula. Despite the defeat though it's good to see Team Blossom facing some female tag teams rather than inter-gender matches. The following week PCW were at the Green Bank Leisure Centre in Swadlincote on October 4th the team of Stephanie Scope and Stixx (congratulations on their recent wedding) beat Jetta and Spud.

In our last edition we took a look at the feud between 'Hellbunny' Vicky Morton and her husband Mr #1 Jonny Rose. Well on July 31st Vicky took on Jonny in a stipulation match where if Vicky had lost she'd have had to have her hair shaved. However Vicky won the match and as a result Jonny had to wear a dress for his next match on September 4th. Vicky Morton told us: "I "Really enjoyed beating my husband for the third time, This was the one that meant the most as despite the fact he tried to get out of it and run away Jonny DID wear his dress. He looked like Ann from Little Britain in a hot looking purple night dress, I really looking forward to seeing him September 4th when he has to wrestle a full match with it on"

An upset Jonny Rose commented: "What just happened to me was a disgrace, I clearly won that match the bell had rang but the ref decided to re start it because he listened to the pesky kids at ring side who lied about me using the ropes to gain my submission on her in doors, I am a real man and real men should not have to wear girly outfits like this, but I am also a man of my word and will be there September 4th to prove it to the world and wrestle dress on" Hellbunny Vicky Morton retained her Women's title with a win over Ursula. Morton appeared for RPW at Sheffield Wednesday FC on October 17th and is also due to be on their show at the All Saints Community Centre in South Kirby on the 18th

Former WWE stars Chyna and Bret Hart will be guests at the Memorabilia event at the NEC in Birmingham on November 22nd and 23rd. In Rhyl on August 21st on an Orig Williams Promotions card Pippa L'Vinn beat Shelby Beach. Becky James beat Nadia on a 4FW show held at the Churchdown Community Centre in Gloucester on August 2nd.

On an LPW card at the Lea Hall in Birmingham on September 28th Mad Mike beat Aphrodite in a TLC match ending their long feud. Aphrodite had more success though for PTW during their summer season at the Isle of Sheppey Holiday Village in Leyesdown. On August 6th she beat MTX and on the 13th beat Dragonian by DQ. RAW held 'When Psycho Met Loon' in Gillingham on October 11th and the team of Jane Beatrix Dunne, Ninja and The Motley Two beat Tate Lavigne, Stevie Lee and Boo Lemont while in singles action 'The Jackal' Izumi Clarke beat The Goatface Killa

'RWA Fallout' took place on September 13th at the Grangeway Leisure Centre in Runcorn. Stacey Kay and The Ring Blingz beat Women's Champion Purple Haze, Greg Hammond and Deacon Kay and Bryan B beat Pete Washington. Purple Haze puts her title on the line against Stacey Kay at 'All Hallows Brawl III' at the same venue on October 18th.

Sara has had a busy few weeks in Scotland. On September 19th on a W3L Show she retained her title beating Sweet Saraya at the Musselburgh Leisure Centre. The following day SWA held 'The Gathering II: Call To Arms' at the Kelvin Hall in Glasgow on September 20th. Sara teamed up with Majik going down in defeat to the team of Ricky Knight and Sweet Saraya. In October

W3L held 'Wrestlution 2' at the Carnegie Centre in Dunfermline on October 4th Sara beat EG Mackie in an inter-gender match with her title on the line but her defeated opponent then returned to the ring and chucked a bucket of water over her. Apparently the champion's agony continued backstage when Mackie stole her hair straighteners. October 11th saw Sara retain her title again beating Roxxi at PBW's 'Maximum Impact' show.

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Proving her Critics Wrong Fighting Females interviews LuFisto

What first got you interested in pro wrestling and from that point onwards did you always want to get in the ring and wrestle?

I started watching wrestling at a very young age with my grandma but I was into music back then. I played in a band starting from 12 years old but I needed something more challenging. So by age 14, I got back into watching wrestling as many of my friends were big fans.

A wrestling school opened up in my hometown in 1997 and almost everybody was telling me I wouldn't be able to go through the classes. I was too small, too fat and just a girl. I wanted to prove everybody wrong so I joined the school and decided I would become the best in the class, being the only girl there.

Who trained you and how difficult did you find the process?

I was trained by many people along the way. First, local hometown wrestlers Pierre Marchessault and Patrick Lewis were my main trainers. Then, I trained with Len «Kojak» Shelly and the Proulx Brothers in Montreal. Later in 2003, I also trained in Japan with Mariko Yoshida and Akino.

A problem female wrestlers often have is getting the respect of the male wrestlers in the company they represent, did you find that to be a problem for you?

It was at the beginning. Everybody wanted to use me as a manager because for about 2 years, I was the only female wrestler in my province but there was no way I would do that. So I really had to prove myself as a serious wrestler, wrestle guys, getting beat up by them to show how much I wanted this and how tough I was. It took a little while and it was quite painful but I finally proved my point.

Your family didn't approve of you becoming a wrestler, how difficult did that make it for you knowing you didn't have their approval?

It's always hard when nobody backs up your dream and your goals. However, I had good friends who were very supportive. Also, although my mom never liked the fact that I wrestle, she never judged me and helped me any way she could. She is always the first to take care of me when I get hurt. She's a nurse so she knows all of my injuries! LOL

How do your family feel now about your career especially considering the type of matches you often have?

People think I do a lot of hardcore but I don't. 90% of my matches are quite normal. However, I do work the strong style of wrestling so quite often, I'll come home pretty beat up. My family is always afraid I will be seriously injured and most of them think that after 11 years, I should stop. However, they think it's quite cool that I get to travel the world

When you were starting out there were some people out there who didn't think you'd make it in the business because of your size, you've certainly proved them wrong but how determined to succeed did those

comments make you?

Quite determined. I liked wrestling so bad that nothing could stop me I guess. However, I did cry so much for this damn business. It's very demanding to push your limits every day and prove people wrong. I was drained most of the time.



You've been fairly critical of female wrestlers who can't do "real wrestling". How frustrating is it that WWE in particular tend to employ female wrestlers for their looks rather than their wrestling ability?

I understand why they do it. It sells tones of merchandise and on a business point of view, they are doing what they believe will bring them more money. I can't argue with that. However, for all those serious wrestlers out there who work really hard, it can be quite frustrating to know their work doesn't mean a thing, that they should get boobs instead of training. I'm all for promoting looks. However, you shouldn't hire looks and try to turn it into talent... You should hire talent and change the look if needed.

What was it about Bull Nakano that makes you such a big fan of hers?

That such a big girl could move so easily. She had the moves, worked the crowd and could fly like a cruiserweight! The total package!

You trained in Japan in 2003, how big an impact did that make on your career and how did it differ from your experiences in Canada?

It definitely changed my wrestling style. I'm a lot more confident and solid when I hit. Also, I learned how to work with a bad knee and how to make the best of an injury, which I applied later when I hurt my back. In Canada, the training is very good, but in Japan everything is more real, it looks a little more like a fight

How did the character of LuFisto come about?

The name LuFisto comes from my previous name «Precious Lucy». Japanese could not pronounced it right so I kept «Lu» and took «Phisto» from MacPhisto, a Batman character. I wanted something simple and easy to pronounced in any language. I decided to use Fisto for Jedi Fisto in Star Wars and the name LuFisto was created. The character was inspired by Japanese Animes and Mangas. They are cute when you meet them but oh so violent when they fight! :)

How did you feel the first time you got involved in matches that included light tubes, thumbtacks and barbed wire?

Nervous but really determined to succeed. It was important for me to be as good as the guys and not scared.

You've suffered your fair share of injuries and you've said before you'll never be 100%, have there been any times that you considered retiring?

Many times. However, I want this to be done right. I'm still thinking about it quite often because right now, I don't know what I could do more. I will probably never be able to go into the big promotions because I don't look the way they would like me to so... So it's one match at the time... When I know how I want to leave and that I have somebody to share my life because I'm single for now, I guess that'll be it.

You recently won the ALF Championship in Canada, how important was that a victory for you in your home country?

Very important because ALF is home for all the female Canadian wrestlers. It's our own promotion where girls are the stars and guys the



extras. It's also my first ever female championship in Quebec so I'm very proud.

The next SHIMMER tapings are on the horizon, how important is that company to you as a female wrestler?

Very important. It's definitely the place where you want to go if you want to be seen as a serious wrestler. Dave Prazak and Allison Danger are great to work for and take very good care of us. I'm always excited to attend a Shimmer event!

In July of this year you took on Cheerleader Melissa going down in defeat but earning a standing ovation, what are your recollections of that match?

The main thing I can remember is that wrestling Melissa felt right. The chemistry was just there. Everything just came together. I knew in the middle of the match that something special was happening. I felt so proud after the match because so many people think that I only do hardcore when it's really not the case. If anything, I'm not a hardcore wrestler but a wrestler who's not afraid to take sick bumps. That match showed what I could do against such a great opponent as Melissa.

In the UK for a long time female wrestlers weren't allowed to wrestle in London, you encountered a similar problem in Ontario where women weren't allowed to wrestle men, how frustrating was that for you especially with the lack of female opposition at that time and how did you feel when the ruling was finally overturned?

It was very frustrating and it was wrong. You can't stop somebody from doing something because of their gender, period. So I did what I had to do. It took forever but I'm glad it's over. My biggest pride is that female wrestlers e-mailed me to thank me like Jen Blake. Her dream was to wrestle her boyfriend Derek Wyld and was able to do it because of the fight I went through. That's my biggest reward.

In 2006 you competed against men to win the CZW Iron Man Championship and the Stranglehold Wrestling Death Match tournament in Canada and also took part in the Cage of Death. What are your memories of those tournaments and what did the rest of the roster think about a woman winning?

Well, it was a painful year but very rewarding. The roster was very happy for me on all three occasions. I can't complain as most of my fellow wrestlers are quite supportive. I only have good things to say about CZW. They have given me so many chances at trying new things, push my limits and have good matches against awesome opponents such as Sabian, B-Boy, Sami Callihan so so much more.

When I started, I use to encounter such problems as men not being happy to put a woman over but today, it rarely happens. Even the Dudleys did wrestle me and made me look like a million bucks. I'll forever be thankful to them for that too.



In 2007 you won the IWA-Mid South Queen of the Deathmatch tournament what was it like finally taking on women in hardcore matches?

It wasn't new for me to wrestle women in hardcore matches because I had been doing so since 2003 in Mexico. I had many hardcore matches with Princess Sugay and Polly Star. It's quite different or not depending on who you are taking on. Wrestling Mickie for example was awesome. It's really like wrestling a man because she's as tough and solid. Also, she is no garbage wrestler, Mickie knows how to work so every match with her, hardcore or not, is a blessing.

You're now teaming up with Jennifer Blake as 'The Suicide Blondes' how did that partnership come about and how's it going so far?

The team came about following a match Blake and I had at LLW in Hamilton. We shook hand after she beat me and that was the beginning. The following show, we beat the great team of the Flatliners and went on fighting at LLW and ALF in Montreal. I've always wanted to have a female partner taking on guys or girls and it came true with Jen Blake. Unfortunately, the Blondes are pretty much on hiatus now that I'm the ALF champ and that LLW isn't running shows anymore. I hope we have the opportunity to work together soon though. I love this team and miss it very much

As well as being a pro wrestler you're also a musician and a singer and have a University Certificate in Multimedia Design and Graphics in Desktop Application. Are there ever times when you think you should be playing in a band or working on a computer rather than taking on men in hardcore matches?

I work all week in front of a computer as a designer. Wrestling is pretty much a weekend thing now. But yeah, I miss playing in a band often. I haven't done hardcore since July and I don't miss it. I'm not planning anything hardcore right now. I just want to have good, solid matches

You've had a busy weekend defending your title in ALF and then appearing in CZW, how did the weekend go?

Actually, I wasn't defending the ALF title, I was in a mix tag with partner Tank VS Miss Danyah and former WWE Superstar Sylvain Grenier of la Resistance. Tank got pinned, I got suspended for a month because I attacked a fan but the match was very good!



CZW was lots of fun as usual as the Philly crowd is always behind me. I just love this place... I was involved in a 3 VS 2 tag match and found myself one very tough opponent in Sami Callihan, one very talented and weird individual. He knocked me out cold but I will get revenge in a one-on-one match soon.

Back from Philly, I wrestled 2 matches at ICW where I lost my Olympic belt in a 4 way (I wasn't pinned), turned my back on the fans to ally myself with the most hated wrestler there, Serge Proulx. We then fought the ICW champ Mobster and Sweet Cherrie where Serge got pinned... I was busy fighting outside with Cherrie... So yeah, been busy! LOL

You've yet to appear in the UK, is that something you'd like to do in the future?

I got promoters e-mailing me about coming down but it never ends in an agreement. Many would like me to come for a month it's impossible with my design job. Anything in the weekend though, I'm there. I would LOVE to wrestle in the UK

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Screaming her way to the top Fighting Females interviews SHIMMER and NWA World Women's Champion MsChif

When did you first become interested in professional wrestling and when did that interest develop into a desire to actually become a wrestler?

I've always watched wrestling, but it wasn't until my college days that I decided to find a school and actually become a wrestler.

How difficult did you find the training?

I had a very good trainer. I didn't find training very difficult, it seemed to come pretty naturally. The ring I trained in was one of the stiffest rings I've ever been in. So yes, it really hurt until your body adjusted and got more use to it. I'm actually really glad I trained in such a stiff ring. It's prepared me well.

The only other female trainee there was Christine, was it tough being in a male-orientated atmosphere and did it put more pressure on you?

Not at all. The guys were great there and treated me like the rest.

What do you remember of your pro debut?

How crappy it was. Seriously. The promoter put me on a show after only eight training sessions. He needed a women's match and Christine had already been training for about six months. So it went decent, but that's all I can say for it.

When did the now legendary scream begin and what was the reaction the first time you did that?

It began with my 1st match in July 2001. I'm not sure anyone knew what to think of it.



You're on record as saying the WWE Diva's product is "disgraceful" do you find it irritating that the biggest company in the world has to treat women's wrestling that way?

It's very irritating. They've had some talented women in the past, and it's sad to see their talent go to waste because WWE would rather showboat them sexually instead of showing their athletic talent in the ring.

With ChickFight and Shimmer now, do you think that people's perception of women's wrestling will change?

For the fans that follow Indy wrestling, definitely. SHIMMER and Chickfight have done awesome in showing the best of women wrestlers and letting them wrestle good length matches instead of short six -eight minute matches. Unfortunately many of the WWE fans don't even seem to know about Indy wrestling, and they are seriously missing out!

You've feuded across the country with Daizee Haze, what have been the highlights and what's it like to

work with her?

Daizee is fantastic to work with. She is excellent with her technical abilities. I always learn something when I work with her. Some people think, "but she's so small". She may be, but she's packing some explosive power. She's one of the hardest hitters I've been in the ring with and I've wrestled quite a few. I wouldn't want it any different either. As great as it is to work singles matches with her, many highlights come from inter gender tag team matches we've done. Delirious and I vs. Daizee and Matt Sydal were always great matches to do.



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I was watching a match you had in IWA-MS at the Ted Petty Invitational, what are your memories of that six-way elimination match?

The 2004 TPI 6 way elimination was a hard fought battle. Especially considering I had just severed my left ACL in a match only two weeks earlier which remains severed today, hence the knee brace. I recall the knee hurting like hell at one point in the match, but hey, the show must go on. At the time I didn't yet know what was wrong with it. I was still waiting on test results. I recall being impressed with the strength of Mercedes Martinez. As I set her up for the desecrator, she countered me by picking me up above her with only one arm.



In 2006 year you travelled to Japan for the first time, how did you find that and how different was it from wrestling in the States?

Japan was unbelievable. I was so glad I got the chance to go. I didn't really find the wrestling itself that much different than what we do in SHIMMER or Chickfights. Communication was near impossible though, they hardly spoke a word of English and I don't speak Japanese. The fans were very vocal. Also very appreciative. It was cool to see women wrestlers respected over there.

In the last year you've lost and regained the NWA World Women's title with both matches being against Amazing Kong. What are your memories of both of those matches especially when you regained the title in a match you won by count out and a pre-match stipulation meant the title could change hands in that way?

Memories of feeling bruised and battered for the following week. That just comes with the territory, it's to be expected when you're in the ring with the likes of Amazing Kong and Sara Del Rey. Any match with them is always going to be a tough challenge. Both are brutal opponents. It's one thing to see it, but near insanity to feel it. It takes complete

determination to survive a match with either woman.

The same weekend you won the NWA title you also won the SHIMMER title, could you ever have dreamed of two days like that?

Hell No! That was a seriously unbelievable weekend.

You won the SHIMMER Title by beating Sara Del Rey How tough a match was that and how much of a threat will the former champion be in the future now she seems to have changed her attitude?

Del Rey will definitely be a big threat and her new attitude doesn't help matters. She's one of the toughest women wrestlers I've ever faced. I've seen the path of destruction she's on trying to make her way back to the SHIMMER title. She tried to destroy Ariel and attempted to put Serena Deeb out of action with relentlessly punishing her knee through their entire match. I know what she is capable of, but I also know how to keep her down for those three seconds.

At the last SHIMMER tapings you successfully defeated Jetta and Mercedes Martinez to keep your title, what were those matches like and how difficult do you think it will be to hold onto that title considering the strength in depth of the SHIMMER roster?

Of course it will be difficult, there are many great lady wrestlers in SHIMMER. Jetta was a slight surprise with her intensity of attack. Of course when you're challenging for the most prestigious women's title, you're going to put everything you possibly have into the match. Mercedes is an excellent wrestler. Very strong and very determined. I knew facing her would be difficult but not impossible.

I just saw a blog by Cheerleader Melissa and she says of you "I was totally unaware of her amazing flexibility, which I'm my opinion, is one of her greatest strengths, yet one of her weaknesses at the same time. Her flexibility is so amazing, that she has the ability to execute submissions and certain moves that no other wrestler, male or female can do unless they are as flexible as she is. Yet, then there's people like me, who will use that flexibility against her using her own foot to bash her head! " Do you agree with those comments?

Yeah, people like twisting me around in all sorts of submissions. I think Melissa unleashed the imagination of every wrestler once she discovered what she could do with her inverted cloverleaf.