

## JIM CROCKETT PROMOTIONS 1971: A Year in the Life

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# Territory Fact Sheet

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PRO WRESTLING TERRITORY FACT SHEET		1971														
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WED 10/27	<b>ASHEVILLE</b>															
THU 10/28	<b>ANDERSON</b> <b>NORFOLK</b> <b>ROCKY MOUNT</b>															
FRI 10/29	<b>ELON (BURLINGTON)</b> <b>LYNCHBURG</b> <b>RICHMOND</b>															
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## Rankings

This is a list of the “most pushed acts” in the territory during the year.

### **RANKINGS FOR JIM CROCKETT PROMOTIONS - 1971**

- 1 - RIP HAWK & SWEDE HANSON**
- 2 - NELSON ROYAL & PAUL JONES**
- 3 - BRUTE BERNARD & THE MISSOURI MAULER**
- 4 - JERRY BRISCO & SANDY SCOTT**
- 5 - THE MASKED MARVELS (STARR & GARRETT)**
- 6 - ART NELSON & GENE ANDERSON**
- 7 - GEORGE BECKER & JOHNNY WEAVER**
- 8 - THE MISSOURI MAULER**
- 9 - PAMPERO FIRPO & ROCK HUNTER**
- 10 - DANNY MILLER & LES THATCHER**
- 11 - JOHNNY WEAVER**
- 12 - ABE JACOBS & ARGENTINA APOLLO**
- 13 - BILL BOWMAN & JOE TURNER**
- 14 - ARGENTINA APOLLO**
- 15 - KARL & KURT VON STEIGER**

Wrestlers are ranked based on their week-by-week **SPOT Rating** as well as the total number of weeks they were in the territory during the designated time period

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## Wrestler Profiles by David Gibb

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### JOHNNY WEAVER AND GEORGE BECKER

Looking back at the top area babyfaces of the 1960s and early '70s, Johnny Weaver's name might not be on the tip of the tongue like Verne Gagne or Bruno Sammartino, but to fans in Jim Crockett's territory – especially the Carolinas – Weaver was as revered as anybody in the business.

Like most of the territory era's top stars, Weaver was a major attraction because he reflected local culture and values while embodying the unique flavor of area wrestling. Although he came from the Midwest and his government name was "Kenneth Eugene Weaver," the pseudonym "Johnny Weaver" would've had deep resonance in the Carolinas, as John Weaver (1763 – 1830) was one of the founders of Buncombe County, NC, and the Weaver name was still strong in the area centuries later. As the Crockett stalwart of Crockett stalwarts, Weaver was also a tag team wrestler, with George Becker serving as his primary partner from 1965 to '71. In other parts of the country, lingering too long in a team early in a wrestler's career could put a ceiling on them, but that wasn't the case in the Carolinas, where the fans were conditioned to the psychological beats of a long main event tag match.



It's hard to nail down exactly when Johnny Weaver started wrestling because he transitioned basically seamlessly from carrying ring jackets at shows his friend's father promoted in his early teens to wrestling at the near-main event level by his late teens. Around 1960, he graduated to making appearances on TV in the Dusek territory. One of those opportunities was a loss to Verne Gagne, which impressed promoter Jim Barnett so much that he invited Weaver to join his crew as he opened an office in Indianapolis.

Johnny became one half of The Weaver Brothers in Indianapolis, teaming with Sonny (Myers), a dozen years his senior. Johnny studied Sonny carefully and continued to use signature moves from his mentor's arsenal throughout the rest of his career (particularly the atomic drop and sleeper hold, which became known as the "Weaver Lock").

Crockett star Rip Hawk was traveling the Midwest regularly at that point and discovered Weaver, first bringing him to Evansville, Indiana as an opponent for himself and then, ultimately, Crockett in February of 1962. Hawk and Weaver quickly became embroiled in a TV angle promoting a series of matches in the Raleigh area, and Johnny Weaver's legendary run in JCP was off to the races.

In those early weeks, Weaver formed a temporary tag team with George Becker, one of the area's most popular stars and a veteran with a career dating back to the '30s, but that one-off appearance

was a preview of things to come. The two men continued on different paths until 1965, when they became full-time tag partners. In the interim, Weaver also established himself as a top singles wrestler, facing Lou Thesz and Gene Kiniski for the NWA World Heavyweight Title at least 11 times, serving as Kiniski's primary rival in the Carolinas.

To say George Becker and Johnny Weaver were a dominant babyface combination is an understatement. Between 1965 and 1970, they were the only babyfaces to hold Crockett's tag team titles, feuding with a rotating rogues gallery that would've made Batman blush. Their top opponents during that time included Aldo Bogni & Bronko Lubich, two different versions of The Andersons (Gene & Lars, then Gene & Ole), and their biggest rivals, The Blonde Bombers (Rip Hawk & Swede Hanson).

Becker and Weaver were the area's top team on the strength of their charisma and ability, but it didn't hurt that George was Crockett's booker. In '62, Crockett had given Becker control of the show to avoid losing his longtime star to a potential big-money feud with the Von Brauners in Florida. By 1971, however, the bloom was off the rose for the team who had dominated the last half-decade. Becker's booking had run its course and fallen into a somewhat repetitive cycle, so as the '70s opened, he stepped down, passing control of storylines to the tandem of Weaver and Rip Hawk, who had been informal assistants for several years.

In September of 1970, The Andersons lost the Atlantic Coast Tag Team Titles to Nelson Royal & Paul Jones, the first new babyfaces to win the titles in five years. Although Weaver & Becker slid down the rollcall a bit, they remained massively popular in the Carolinas and Virginia, even as Becker turned 57 in January of 1971. On February 1<sup>st</sup>, Weaver battled new NWA World Heavyweight Champion Dory Funk Jr. to a draw in Charlotte, galvanizing himself as the area's most valuable star under his own new administration.

On March 27<sup>th</sup> in Hampton, VA, more than 11,000 fans reportedly packed themselves into the Hampton Roads Coliseum to see Becker & Weaver challenge Hawk & Hanson, now managed by Gary Hart, for the tag team titles (which the heel duo had won from Jones & Royal a few months prior) with former world heavyweight boxing champion Joe Louis as special referee. Weaver & Becker won the match, and while a newspaper article the following day claimed they won the titles that night, it is believed that they actually won via disqualification, meaning the titles did not change hands.

Weaver & Becker did regain the titles on June 3<sup>rd</sup> in Greensboro in a Texas Death Match over Hawk & Hanson, capturing the championships in what must've been a satisfying win over their long-time rivals. A month later, a rematch in Greensboro drew a reported 5,849 fans.

That same July, the World Champion returned to the territory, with Weaver among those receiving title shots against Junior. Weaver and Funk's hour Broadway in Charlotte on July 5<sup>th</sup> resulted in a frustrated Junior putting a bounty on the head of his pesky rival, resulting in brother Terry answering the call on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Terry Funk captured the first fall against Weaver, but Johnny claimed two straight to foil the Funks again. The next bounty hunter was The Great Malenko, who made the trip from Florida to try and claim \$4,000 of Junior's money for taking out Weaver but was dispatched as well.

By the fall of 1971, it was finally time for George Becker to wrap up in the Carolinas. Although the exact circumstances of the situation aren't known, Weaver & Becker lost the Atlantic Coast Tag Team Titles to Brute Bernard & The Missouri Mauler in late September or early October. It was truly the end of an era after a half-dozen years on top in one of wrestling's most prestigious territories.

From there, Becker disappeared into the night, and his exit changed things for Johnny Weaver immediately. Weaver had been in tag matches about 80% of the time for the first three quarters of 1971. After his partner left, he began wrestling as a single on 50% of cards on which he appeared through the end of the year.

With the obstacles out of the way and his importance as a key singles wrestler reinforced, Johnny Weaver was poised to get what was possibly his best-ever shot at the NWA World Heavyweight Title. On September 6<sup>th</sup> in Charlotte, he captured the first fall against Junior, which must've put the crowd on the edge of their seats. To their dismay, however, the champion eked out two straight falls to retain.

The Funks obviously saw money in their chemistry with Weaver, as he appeared in Amarillo on October 29<sup>th</sup> as "The Crippler," a bounty hunter under the charge of manager J.C. Dykes. The Crippler did his best to take out Dory Funk Senior while his sons were out of town, but he was foiled by the hometown hero, just as he had foiled the Funks when he was the hometown hero. The wily Senior defended himself successfully and unmasked Weaver, acknowledging him as one of his sons' top rivals.

That series of angles spanning two territories led to a show in Raleigh on November 23<sup>rd</sup> that saw Dory Sr. & Terry Funk defeat Nelson Royal & Bob Griffin before another hour-long main event between Johnny Weaver and Junior. Like their Charlotte main event in July, time expired before either man could capture the decisive fall. Funk Jr. could not be beaten, but neither could Johnny Weaver – at least not on his home turf.

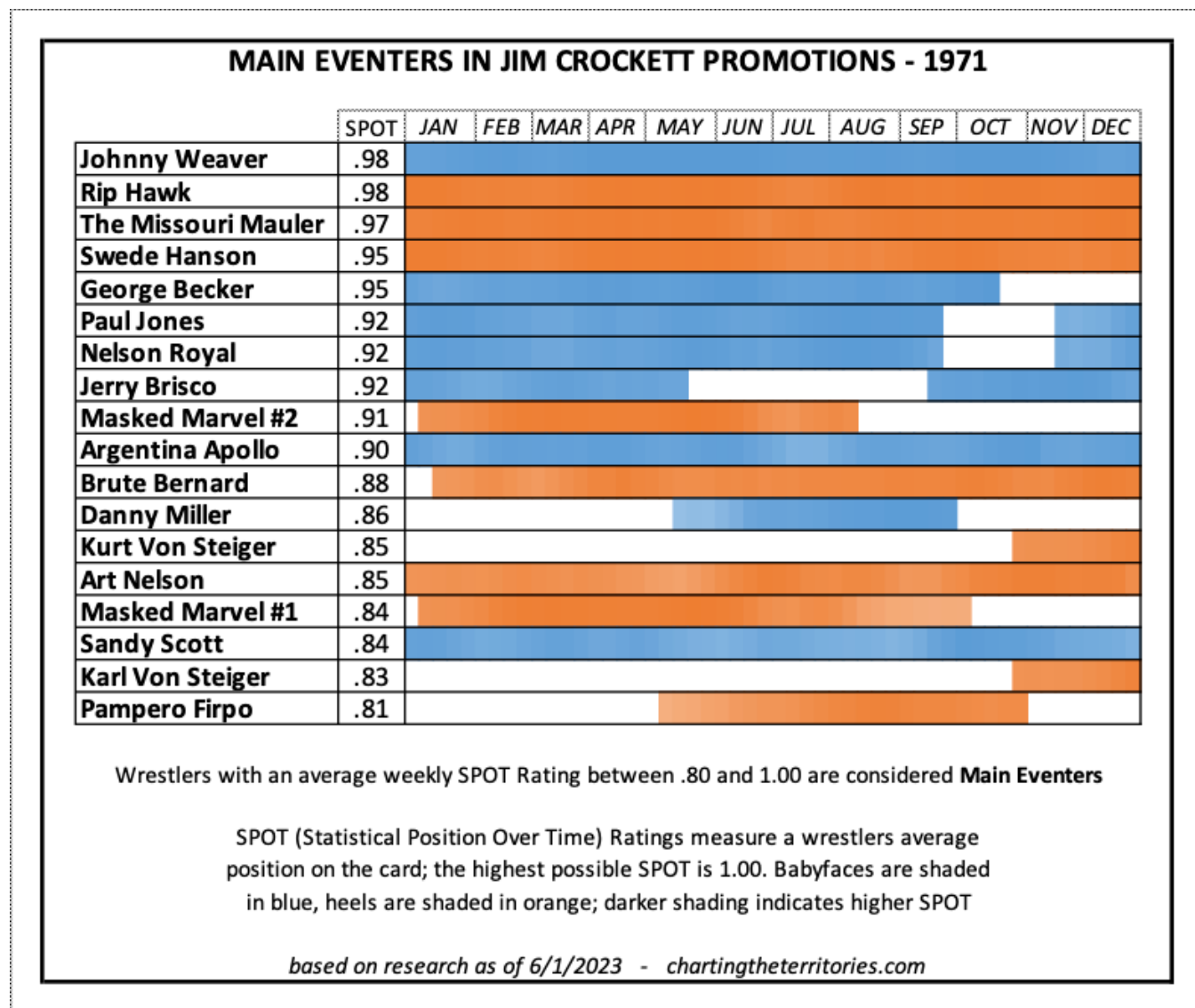
As 1971 opened, Johnny Weaver probably thought his career had peaked. He was on top. He was one half of the booking team, partnering with his biggest rival and major mentor. He was a respected local contender for the World Heavyweight Championship. People loved him. By the end of the year, however, he had undeniably gone to the next level and become the ace face of the Mid-Atlantic area, participating in more personal, modern-feeling angles that would extend his career and drawing power.

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## Roster

All the wrestlers who completed regularly in the territory are listed below, grouped into categories based on their average position on the cards using a metric called Statistical Position Over Time (SPOT for short). After each category, you will find links to articles/biographies/obituaries for many of the wrestlers from SLAM Wrestling.



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Paul Jones <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2018/04/19/no-1-paul-jones-was-a-beloved-hero-hated-heel/>



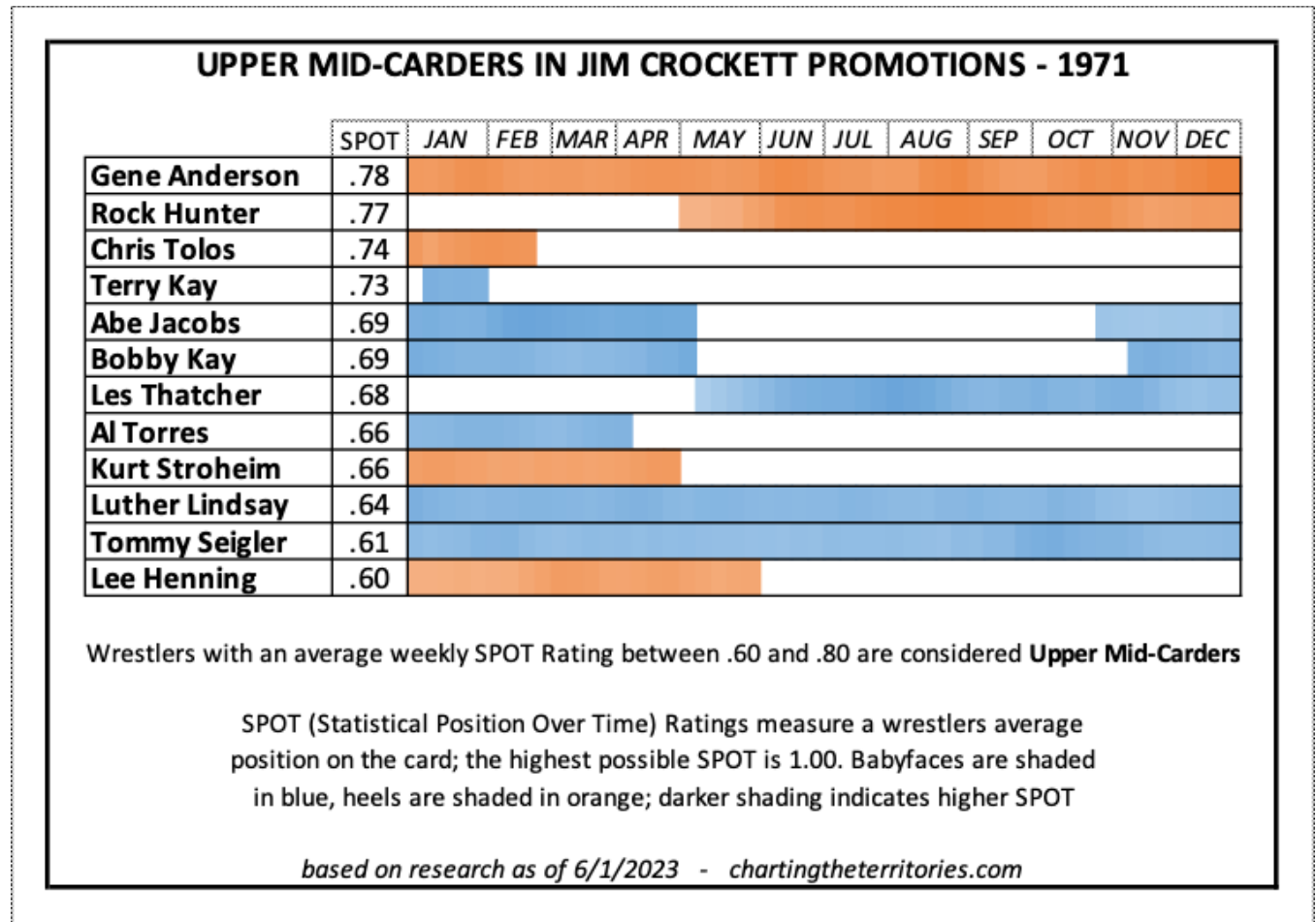
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Sandy Scott <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2010/03/11/sandy-scott-dead-at-75/>

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### MID-CARDERS IN JIM CROCKETT PROMOTIONS - 1971

	SPOT	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Frank Hester	.58												
Bill Bowman	.57												
Joe Turner	.57												
Jim Dillon	.56												
Koa Tiki	.53												
Bob Griffin	.51												
Frank Morrell	.51												
Matti Suzuki	.51												
Jesse James	.50												
Pedro Godoy	.49												
Joe Furr	.48												
Joe Soto	.48												
Doctor X	.48												
El Gaucho	.47												
Jim Grabmire	.45												
Tony Romano	.45												
Krusher Karlson	.43												
Tinker Todd	.42												
Bob Brunell	.41												

Wrestlers with an average weekly SPOT Rating between .40 and .60 are considered **Mid-Carders**

SPOT (Statistical Position Over Time) Ratings measure a wrestlers average position on the card; the highest possible SPOT is 1.00. Babyfaces are shaded in blue, heels are shaded in orange; darker shading indicates higher SPOT

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Bill Bowman <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2015/10/09/bowman-was-star-as-bill-sky-and-an-intern/>

Joe Turner <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2014/05/03/southern-tag-team-legend-joe-turner-dead-at-74/>

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## PRELIMINARY WRESTLERS IN JIM CROCKETT PROMOTIONS - 1971

	SPOT	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
<b>Butch Jackson</b>	.38												
<b>Bobby Paul</b>	.38												
<b>Alex Medina</b>	.38												
<b>Johnny Heidman</b>	.37												
<b>Nikita Mulkovich</b>	.37												
<b>Pancho Valdez</b>	.35												
<b>Angelo Martinelli</b>	.34												
<b>Nick Russo</b>	.30												
<b>George Grant</b>	.29												
<b>Bobby Burns</b>	.29												

Wrestlers with an average weekly SPOT Rating below .40 are considered **Preliminary Wrestlers**

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Johnny Heidman <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2011/01/27/johnny-heidemann-dead-at-90/>

## PART-TIME WRESTLERS IN JIM CROCKETT PROMOTIONS - 1971

	SPOT	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
<b>Chris Markoff</b>	.98												
<b>Bronco Lubich</b>	.96												
<b>George Harris</b>	.94												
<b>Jack Brisco</b>	.91												
<b>Bobby Williams</b>	.57												
<b>Ron Wright</b>	.55												
<b>Tom Bradley</b>	.36												
<b>David Finley</b>	.36												
<b>Mr. X</b>	.33												
<b>Sonny Fargo</b>	.24												

Wrestlers who meet at least one of the below criteria are considered **Part-Time Wrestlers**

- 1) Were not booked as a regular for at least four consecutive weeks during the time period
- 2) Had less than 40% bookings per week as the most frequently booked wrestlers in the territory

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Bronco Lubich <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2007/08/12/the-life-of-bronko-lubich-wrestler-referee-and-trainer/>

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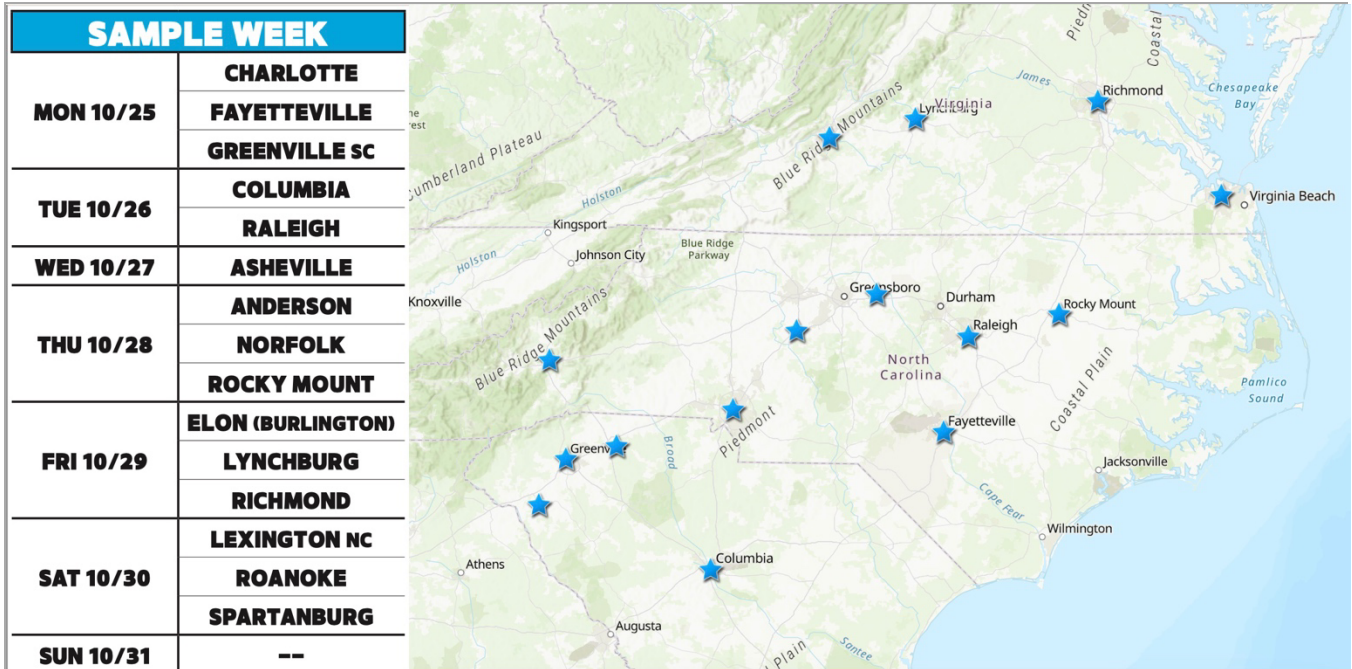
Sonny (Roughhouse) Fargo <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2008/08/23/roughhouse-fargo-was-a-wrestling-original/>

## Event Center

A look at a week's worth of house shows in the territory.

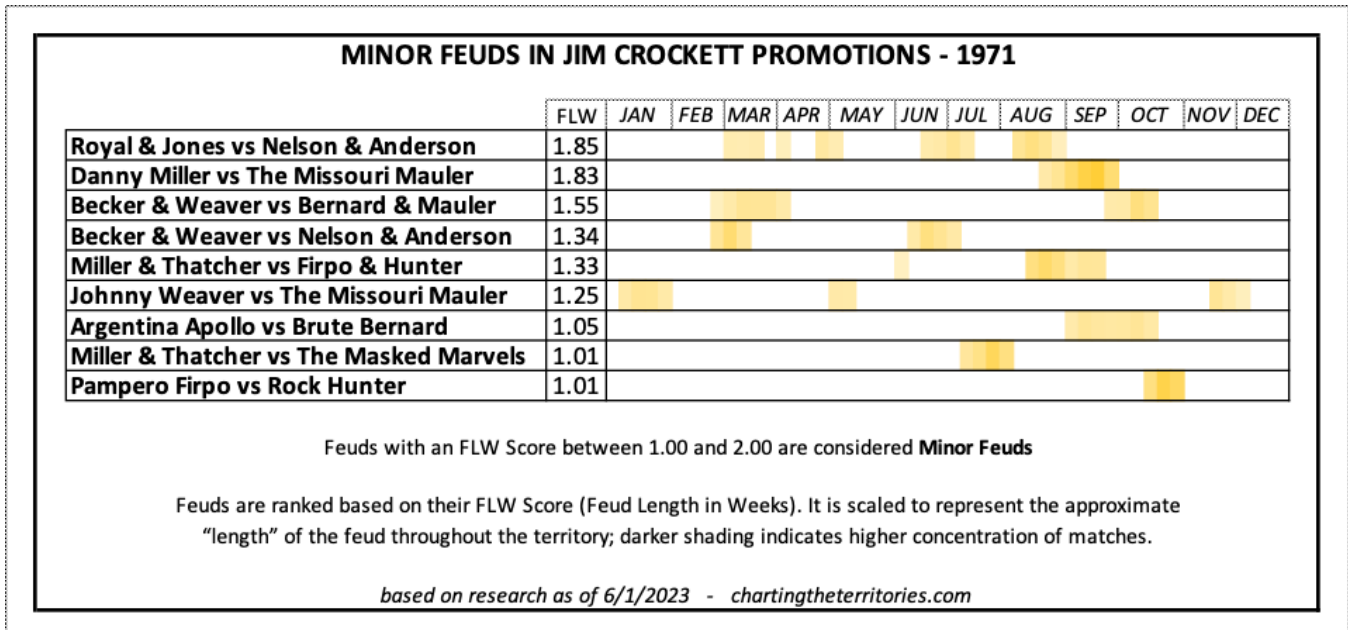
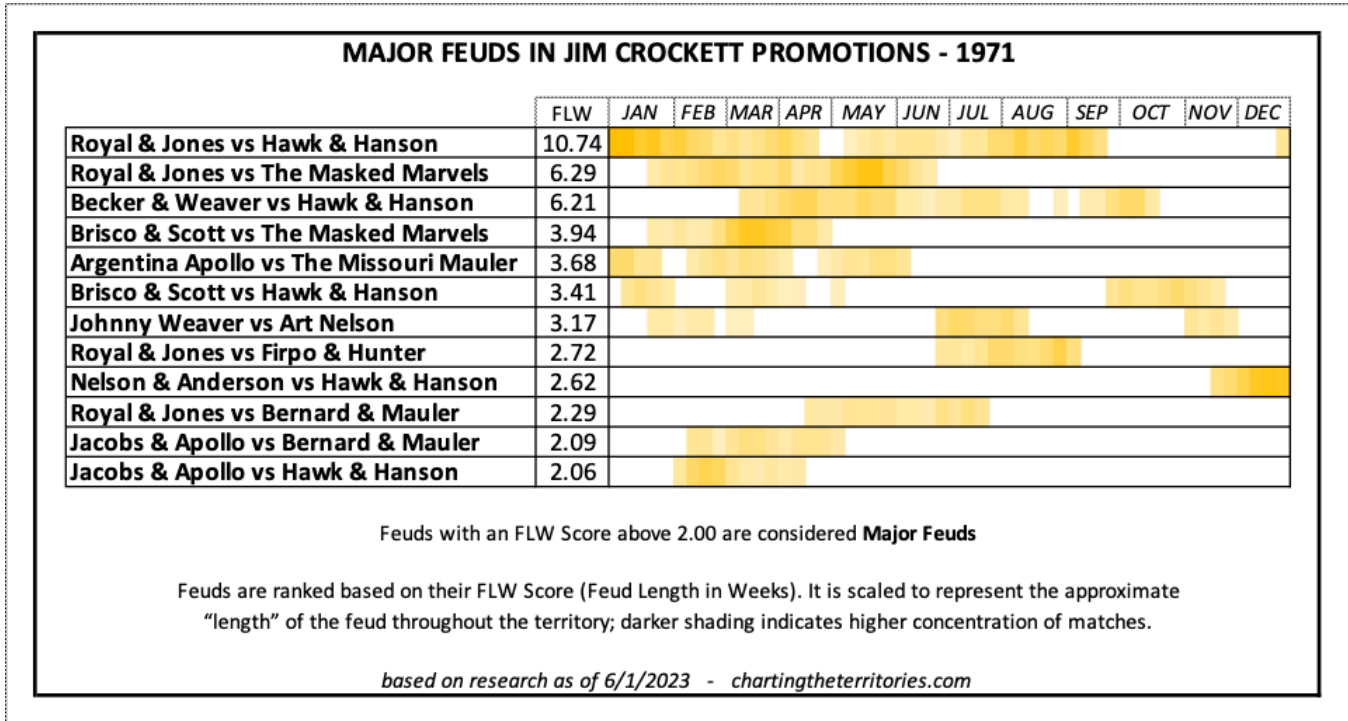
Video available on the Charting the Territories channel on YouTube

<https://youtu.be/m-4ybpdn84>



## Feuds

Here are two charts listing the biggest feuds in the territory using a metric called Feud Length in Weeks (FLW for short).



The progression of feuds often differed from city to city. This led to each market having its own narrative. If a main event drew well the first time out in some cities, they could build to a rematch the

following week. In other cities where it didn't draw well, they may choose to have that first match end in a clean finish and present a different main event the following week.

Below are examples of how some of the bigger feuds played out in select cities.

**Nelson Royal & Paul Jones vs Rip Hawk & Swede Hanson in Greenville, SC (12/25/70-1/25/71)**

- 12/25/70 Atlantic Coast Tag Team titles: Royal & Jones won (presumably by disqualification)
- 1/1/71 Atlantic Coast Tag Team titles, no disqualification: Royal & Jones won the first fall and the 60-minute time limit expired before another fall was taken
- 1/11 Atlantic Coast Tag Team titles, no disqualification, 90-minute time limit: Hawk & Hanson won
- 1/18 Texas death match: Royal & Jones won
- 1/25 Logger (aka lumberjack) match, no disqualification: Hawk & Hanson won

**Nelson Royal & Paul Jones vs Rip Hawk & Swede Hanson in Columbia, SC (7/27-8/31)**

- 7/27 Royal & Jones won; after the match, Hawk "left his mark by landing a piledriver that left Royal cold for 15 minutes"
- 8/3 Piledriver legal: results not available
- 8/10 Texas death match: Royal & Jones won after 7 falls and 35 minutes; after the match, Jones "got bounced into a corner where three wrestlers were required to carry him to the dressing room"
- 8/24 Texas death match: Royal & Jones won; it was reported that Hawk & Hanson "left the ring and failed to return in time"
- 8/31 Fence match: Royal & Jones won; after the match, Jones was knocked unconscious by Hawk

**Jerry Brisco & Sandy Scott vs The Masked Marvels in Raleigh, NC**

- 3/2 results not available
- 3/9 Winner take all: the Marvels won, taking the first and third falls
- 3/23 Texas royal (aka Texas tornado match): Brisco & Scott won

**Argentina Apollo vs Missouri Mauler in Asheville, NC**

- 4/28 Eastern title: Both men were counted out during the third fall when Apollo had a back breaker on Mauler outside the ring
- 5/5 Eastern title: Apollo won two falls, but the second fall was by disqualification (after Mauler threw the referee into Apollo)
- 6/2 Texas death match: Apollo won when Mauler was unable to continue the match after the eighth fall (six of which had been won by Apollo)

**Art Nelson vs Johnny Weaver in Raleigh, NC**

- 6/29 Lights out match: Weaver won
- 7/6 10 rounds boxing: this match was not listed in the results for the card
- 7/20 10 rounds boxing: Weaver won

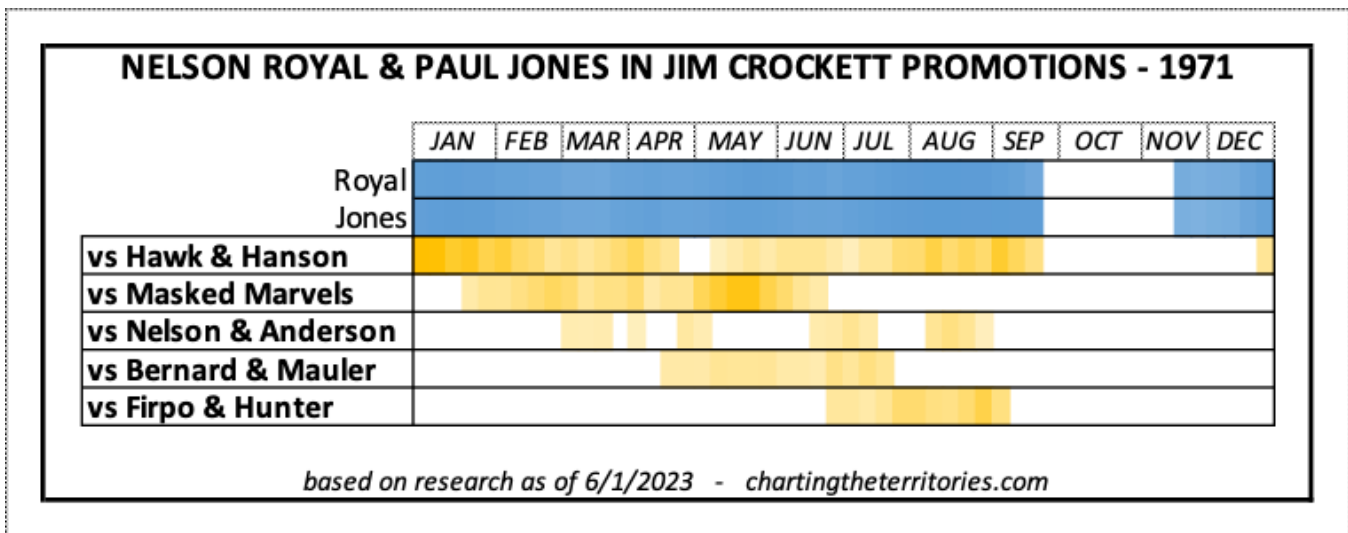
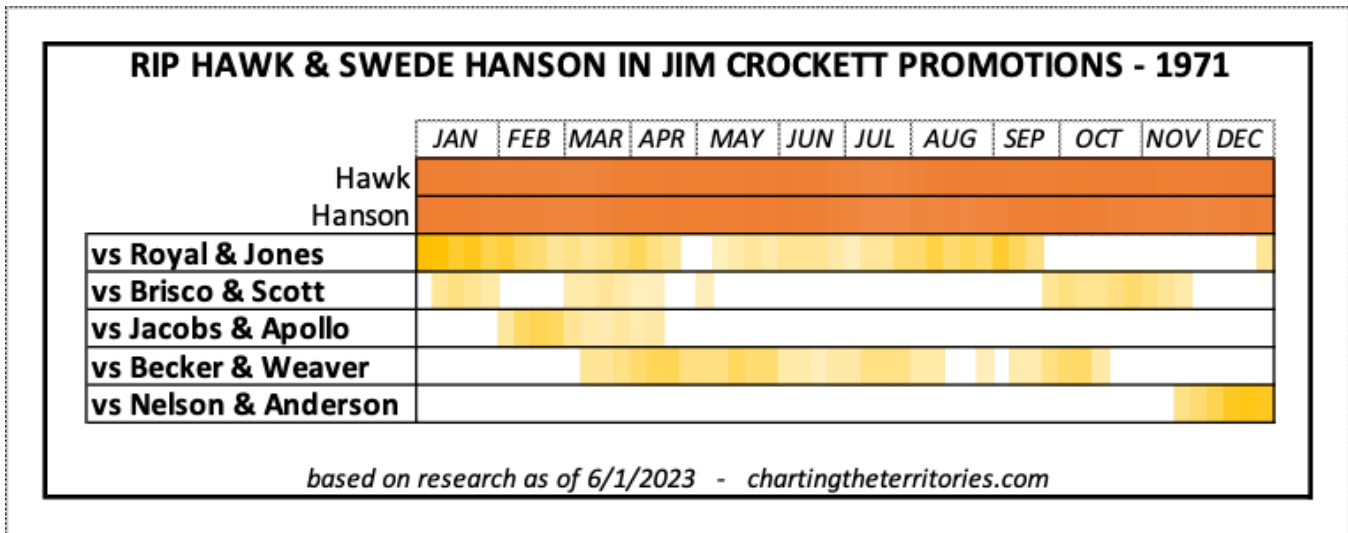
- 8/3 Fight to a knockout: Weaver knocked out Nelson in the 12<sup>th</sup> round

**Danny Miller & Les Thatcher vs Pampero Firpo & Rock Hunter in Asheville, NC**

- 9/15 results not available, though the following week it was reported that Firpo & Hunter “ran from the ring”
- 9/22 Logger match: Hunter & Firpo won

**Feuds by Wrestler**

By listing feuds of the top wrestlers in chronological order, you can get a better feel for their “arc” during the year.





### BRUTE BERNARD & MISSOURI MAULER IN JIM CROCKETT PROMOTIONS - 1971

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Bernard	[Orange bar]											
Mauler	[Orange bar]											
Mauler vs Argentina Apollo	[Yellow]	[Yellow]	[Yellow]	[Yellow]	[Yellow]	[Yellow]	[Yellow]					
Mauler vs Johnny Weaver	[Yellow]	[Yellow]			[Yellow]						[Yellow]	[Yellow]
vs Jacobs & Apollo		[Yellow]	[Yellow]	[Yellow]	[Yellow]							
vs Becker & Weaver			[Yellow]	[Yellow]	[Yellow]					[Yellow]	[Yellow]	
vs Royal & Jones				[Yellow]	[Yellow]	[Yellow]	[Yellow]	[Yellow]				
Mauler vs Danny Miller								[Yellow]	[Yellow]	[Yellow]		
Bernard vs Apollo									[Yellow]	[Yellow]	[Yellow]	

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### JERRY BRISCO & SANDY SCOTT IN JIM CROCKETT PROMOTIONS - 1971

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Brisco	[Blue bar]									[Blue bar]		
Scott	[Blue bar]											
vs Hawk & Hanson	[Yellow]	[Yellow]	[Yellow]	[Yellow]	[Yellow]					[Yellow]	[Yellow]	[Yellow]
vs Masked Marvels	[Yellow]	[Yellow]	[Yellow]	[Yellow]	[Yellow]							

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### THE MASKED MARVELS IN JIM CROCKETT PROMOTIONS - 1971

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Marvel #1 (Garrett)	[Orange bar]											
Marvel #2 (Starr)	[Orange bar]											
vs Royal & Jones	[Yellow]	[Yellow]	[Yellow]	[Yellow]	[Yellow]	[Yellow]	[Yellow]					
vs Brisco & Scott	[Yellow]	[Yellow]	[Yellow]	[Yellow]	[Yellow]							
vs Miller & Thatcher							[Yellow]	[Yellow]				

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### ART NELSON & GENE ANDERSON IN JIM CROCKETT PROMOTIONS - 1971

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Nelson	[Orange bar]											
Anderson	[Orange bar]											
Nelson vs Johnny Weaver		[Yellow]	[Yellow]				[Yellow]	[Yellow]			[Yellow]	[Yellow]
vs Becker & Weaver			[Yellow]			[Yellow]	[Yellow]					
vs Royal & Jones			[Yellow]	[Yellow]	[Yellow]		[Yellow]		[Yellow]			
vs Hawk & Hanson											[Yellow]	[Yellow]

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### GEORGE BECKER & JOHNNY WEAVER IN JIM CROCKETT PROMOTIONS - 1971

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Becker	[Blue bar]											
Weaver	[Blue bar]											
Weaver vs Missouri Mauler	[Yellow]	[Yellow]			[Yellow]							[Yellow]
Weaver vs Art Nelson		[Yellow]	[Yellow]				[Yellow]	[Yellow]			[Yellow]	[Yellow]
vs Bernard & Mauler			[Yellow]	[Yellow]						[Yellow]	[Yellow]	
vs Nelson & Anderson			[Yellow]			[Yellow]	[Yellow]					
vs Hawk & Hanson			[Yellow]	[Yellow]	[Yellow]	[Yellow]	[Yellow]	[Yellow]	[Yellow]	[Yellow]	[Yellow]	[Yellow]

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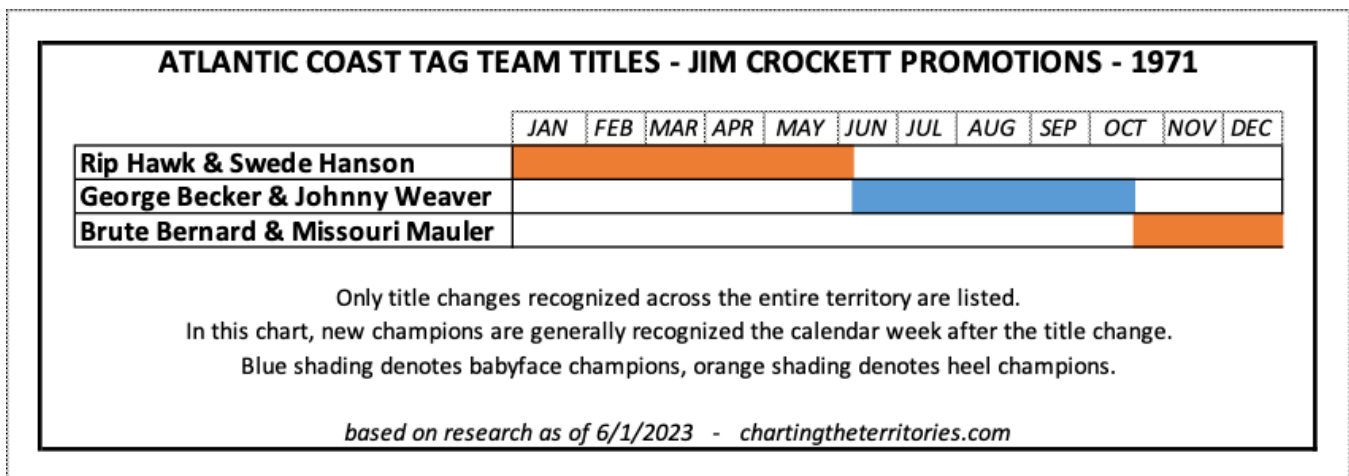
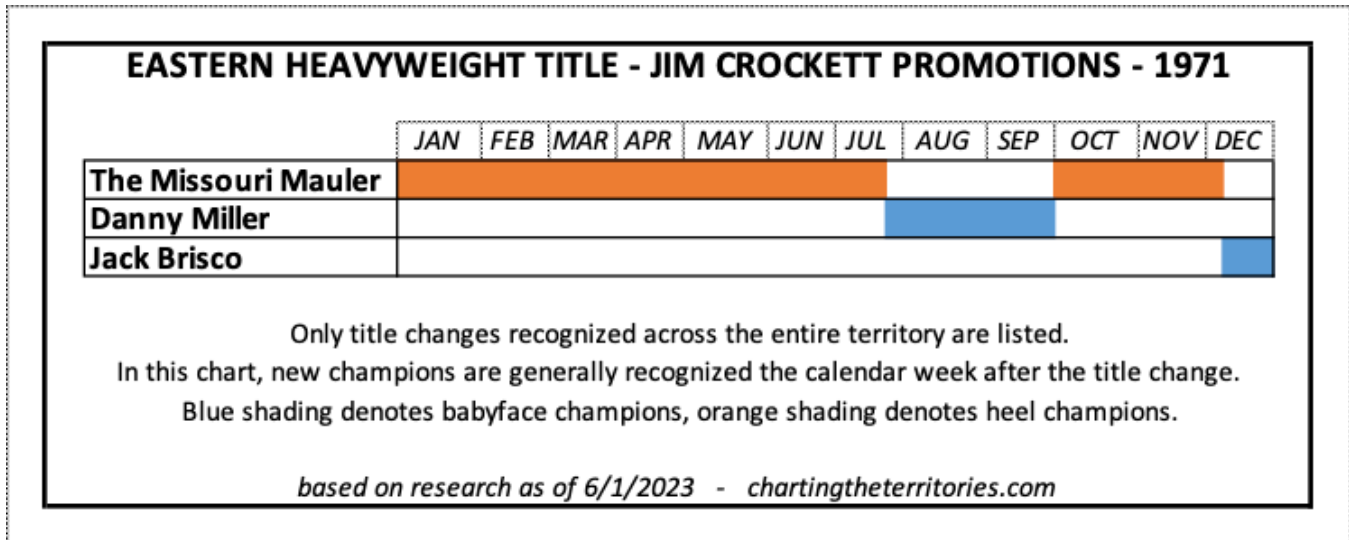
### PAMPERO FIRPO & ROCK HUNTER IN JIM CROCKETT PROMOTIONS - 1971

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Firpo					[Orange bar]							
Hunter				[Orange bar]								
vs Miller & Thatcher						[Yellow]		[Yellow]	[Yellow]			
vs Royal & Jones						[Yellow]	[Yellow]	[Yellow]	[Yellow]			
Firpo vs Hunter										[Yellow]	[Yellow]	

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## Title Holders and Histories

The following charts show the chronological progression of title holders in the territory. Looking at them this way gives you a better feel for the length of title reigns, and how they may have differed between babyface champs and heel champs.



### Charting the World Champ

In 1971, NWA World Heavyweight champion Dory Funk Jr. had 4 stints in the territory. All matches were title bouts unless otherwise noted.

February 1<sup>st</sup> through February 5<sup>th</sup>

- 2/1 Charlotte: Dory vs Johnny Weaver. Each man scored one fall before the one hour time limit expired.
- 2/2 Raleigh: Dory vs Gene Anderson. Dory won.
- 2/4 Norfolk: Dory vs Luther Lindsay. Dory won.

- 2/5 Richmond (this was not explicitly listed as a title match): Dory vs Jerry Brisco. Dory won when he “took the last two falls in 13 minutes”.

#### July 5<sup>th</sup> through July 8<sup>th</sup>

- 7/5 Charlotte: Dory vs Johnny Weaver. The match went to a one hour draw.
- 7/6 Raleigh: Dory vs Nelson Royal. Dory won, taking the second and third falls.
- 7/7 Asheville: Dory vs Gene Anderson. Dory won.
- 7/8 Norfolk: Dory vs Johnny Weaver. Results not available.

#### September 6<sup>th</sup> through September 10<sup>th</sup>

- 9/6 Charlotte: Dory vs Johnny Weaver, 90-minute time limit, no disqualification. Dory won, taking the second and third falls.
- 9/7 Columbia: Dory vs Brute Bernard. Dory won.
- 9/9 Greensboro: Dory vs Danny Miller. Dory won. Miller took the first fall with a chicken wing in 18 minutes, Dory took the second with a double wrist lock in 11 minutes, and Dory took the third with a backslide in 14 minutes.
- 9/10 Richmond (this was not explicitly listed as a title match): Dory vs Danny Miller. Dory won, taking the second and third falls.

#### November 22<sup>nd</sup> through November 25<sup>th</sup>

- 11/22 Charlotte: Dory vs Jerry Brisco. Dory won, taking the second and third falls.
- 11/23 Raleigh: Dory vs Johnny Weaver. The match went to a one hour draw.
- 11/24 Asheville: Dory vs Rock Hunter, special referee Joe Louis. The card was canceled due to inclement weather.
- 11/25 Norfolk: Dory vs Jerry Brisco. Dory won, taking the second and third falls.

## Taking Attendance

In this section, we look at any attendance (and/or gate) figures we have. Unless otherwise noted, these numbers come from newspaper reports. They should be taken with several grains of salt.

We have attendance figures for a total of 21 cards in 1971 from a variety of towns both big and small.

Greensboro was run a total of 11 times during the year, and we have attendance figures for 5 of the cards:

- 1/28/71 drew 2,607 (Missouri Mauler vs Argentina Apollo for the Eastern title and Jerry Brisco & Sandy Scott vs Chris Tolos & Gene Anderson in a no-DQ match)
- 3/4/71 drew 4,500 (Rip Hawk & Swede Hanson vs George Becker & Johnny Weaver for the Atlantic Coast Tag Team titles and Missouri Mauler vs Jerry Brisco for the Eastern title)
- 7/15/71 drew 5,849 (Missouri Mauler vs Danny Miller in a lumberjack match for the Eastern title and George Becker & Johnny Weaver vs Rip Hawk & Swede Hanson for the Atlantic Coast Tag Team titles)
- 9/9/71 drew 5,600 (Dory Funk Jr. vs Danny Miller for the NWA World Heavyweight title and George Becker & Johnny Weaver & Argentina Apollo vs Missouri Mauler & Brute Bernard & Art Nelson)
- 11/25/71 in Greensboro drew "over 9,000" (Johnny Weaver & Argentina Apollo & Bobby Kay vs Missouri Mauler & Brute Bernard & Art Nelson in a fence match with special referee Joe Louis and Rip Hawk & Swede Hanson vs Les Thatcher & Frank Hester)

Winston-Salem was run twice during the year:

- 8/5/71 drew 5,149 (Danny Miller vs Rip Hawk for the Eastern title and Missouri Mauler & Art Nelson & Brute Bernard vs Argentina Apollo & George Becker & Johnny Weaver)
- 12/27/71 drew 7,000 (Jack Brisco vs Missouri Mauler for the Eastern title and Johnny Weaver & Argentina Apollo vs Kurt Von Steiger & Karl Von Steiger)

Hampton, VA was run four times during the year, but we only have one attendance figure:

- 3/27/71 drew "more than 11,000" for the very first wrestling card at the Hampton Roads Coliseum (George Becker & Johnny Weaver vs Rip Hawk & Swede Hanson for the Atlantic Tag Team titles with special referee Joe Louis and Missouri Mauler vs Argentina Apollo in a lumberjack match for the Eastern title)

We have a handful of attendance figures for a few of the weekly towns in the territory:

Columbia, SC

- 8/10/71 drew 3,100 (Nelson Royal & Paul Jones vs Rip Hawk & Swede Hanson in a Texas death match)
- 8/17/71 drew "approximately 3,500" (Argentina Apollo & George Becker & Johnny Weaver vs Brute Bernard & Missouri Mauler & Gene Anderson)
- 8/31/71 drew 2,900 (Rip Hawk & Swede Hanson vs Nelson Royal & Paul Jones in a fence match)
- 10/12/71 drew "over 3,300" (Jack Brisco & Jerry Brisco vs Rip Hawk & Swede Hanson)

Norfolk, VA

- 8/26/71 drew 3,500 (Argentina Apollo & George Becker & Johnny Weaver vs Brute Bernard & Missouri Mauler & Gene Anderson)

Spartanburg, SC

- 2/20/71 drew 3,000 (Rip Hawk & Swede Hanson & Gene Anderson vs Jerry Brisco & Sandy Scott & Luther Lindsay)

Other towns:

- 7/1/71 in Burlington, NC drew 1,500 (Rip Hawk & Swede Hanson vs Danny Miller & Sandy Scott)
- 8/12/71 in Durham drew 600 (Art Nelson & Gene Anderson vs Paul Jones & Nelson Royal)
- 2/25/71 in Rockingham, NC drew "about 2,000" (Johnny Weaver & George Becker vs Gene Anderson & Art Nelson)
- 8/19/71 in Rocky Mount, NC drew (approximately 3,000" (Johnny Weaver & George Becker vs Brute Bernard & Missouri Mauler)
- 7/12/71 in Roxboro, NC drew "about 2,000" (Brute Bernard & Missouri Mauler vs Paul Jones & Nelson Royal)
- 8/2/71 in Roxboro, NC drew "about 1,500" (Paul Jones & Nelson Royal vs the Masked Marvels)
- 3/18/71 in Spencer, NC drew 1,300 (Missouri Mauler & Brute Bernard vs George Becker & Johnny Weaver)

## House Show Lineups and Results

There are records for over 700 shows from this territory in 1971 available on [wrestlingdata.com](http://wrestlingdata.com) including both house shows and TV tapings.

To see the cards and all available results, visit

<https://www.wrestlingdata.com/index.php?befehl=shows&sort=liga&kategorie=1&liga=4&jahr=1971&monat=0&showart=&ansicht=1>