PRO WRESTLING TERRITORY FACT SHEET

# **PACIFIC NORTHWEST WRESTLING**

#### SAMPLE WEEKS

MON 4/26	LONGVIEW, WA
TUE 4/27	WHITE SALMON, WA
WED 4/20	MEDFORD, OR
WED 4/28	WASHOUGAL, WA
THU 4/29	SALEM, OR
FRI 4/30	EUGENE, OR
SAT 5/1	PORTLAND, OR
SUN 5/2	



1971

TOP SINGLES	TOP TEAMS
DUTCH SAVAGE	THE ROYAL
JOHNNY BOYD	KANGAROOS (J. BOYD & N.
STAN STASIAK	CHARLES)
KARL V. STEIGER	KURT & KARL VON STEIGER
KURT V. STEIGER	DUTCH SAVAGE &
FRANKIE LANE	BEAUREGARD

			Tresho	PARE CONTRACT	
		HOUSE SHO	W RECORD	5	
DOCUMENTED HOUSE SHOWS	240	SHOWS PER WEEK	4.6	ESTIMA COMPLET	TED 70-85%
		MISC. BOO	KING STATS		
HEEL/FACE TUR	RNS	1	ROSTER TU	RNOVER	215%
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## **TOP FEUDS**

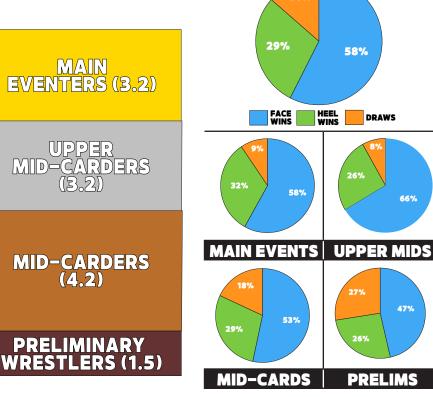
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**DUTCH SAVAGE VS JOHNNY BOYD** 

**BILL & ED FRANCIS VS ROYAL KANGAROOS** 

**DUTCH SAVAGE VS STAN STASIAK** 

TITLE CHAN	GES
PNW HEAVYWEIGHT	5
BABYFACE CHAMP	13%
HEEL CHAMP	87%
PNW TAG TEAM	8
BABYFACE CHAMPS	18%
HEEL CHAMPS	82%



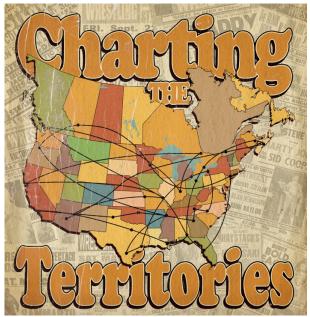
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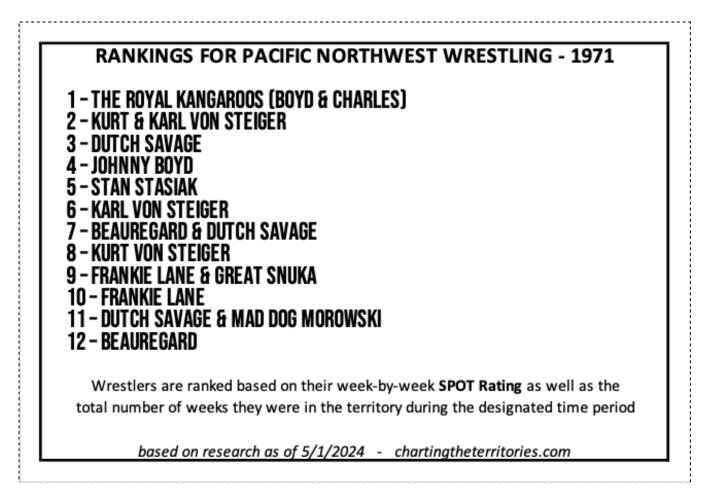
# **PACIFIC NORTHWEST WRESTLING 1971: A Year in the Life**

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## Rankings

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



## Territory Profile (1971-1973) by David Gibb

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During the territory era, talent movement was a key feature of the business. It was what kept things fresh and created opportunities for wrestlers and promoters to take risks and try new things. In smaller territories like Pacific Northwest Wrestling (or, simply, "Portland"), the churn was faster and sometimes led to mini crises where an area roster might stop making sense.

Such was the case at the end of 1970. For much of the fourth quarter of the year, the territory had relied heavily on the likes of Carlos Belafonte (Carlos Colon) and Dean Kailani (Dean Higuchi/Ho) to provide some babyface flair to what were otherwise grinding cards loaded with tough heels like Dutch Savage and The Claw (Tom Andrews) taking on babyfaces who were often heels the



Dutch Savage

people had come to respect, like Lonnie Mayne and "Tough" Tony Borne. As the calendar turned, there was a clear directive for the territory: they had to make a new babyface.

Dutch Savage opened 1971 as PNW Heavyweight Champion and a hated villain in the Portland area, although he was feuding primarily against Kurt & Karl Von Steiger with partner Mad Dog (Moose) Morowski. After deflecting the Germans, Dutch feuded with The Avenger, a masked Felipe Ham Lee, who also wrestled as Bing Ki Lee and Hahn Lee. Savage was a tough-and-nasty type who didn't have much time for masked do-gooders, but he was positioned as a fan favorite against the Germans.

His first real challenge of the year came against a familiar face: Stan "Crusher" Stasiak. In the first quarter of 1971, the two faced each other five times in the Portland Sports Arena, with Savage escaping with his title intact by various means the first four times before Stasiak scored a decisive victory to take the championship on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Savage and Stasiak would each claim a fall in their April 17<sup>th</sup> Portland rematch before a doublecountout ended their feud and sent Dutch to Vancouver-based All-Star Wrestling for the summer.

Just three days after Savage finished up, a sensational new star burst onto the scene in Portland. "The Great Snuka's" incredible body, quirky charisma, and exotic backstory as an alleged cliff diver (likely inspired by glamour footage of Acapulco, a popular vacation destination in the '60s) set him apart from anything the fans in the Pacific Northwest had seen before.

Snuka was just a year or so in the business, but he got the future star treatment that spring and summer in Portland, winning more than 80% of his matches over a four-month run. He partnered with Frankie Lane to feud with the Von Steigers, briefly capturing the PNW Tag Team titles in the process.

With the Germans defanged, a new team of evil outsiders sprung up to take their place: The Royal Kangaroos, Johnny Boyd & Norman Frederick Charles III. While Snuka was rising as a babyface, the

Kangaroos were conquering the territory as heels. Boyd became PNW Heavyweight Champion in short order, and the Australians replaced the Von Steigers as tag champions. Boyd put an exclamation point on their conquest at the end of the summer, serving Jimmy Snuka his first singles losses.

As Snuka was finishing up that August, Dutch Savage returned – but it was a new Dutch Savage. While he was initially wrestling against babyfaces, he was not resorting to egregious rule-breaking or senseless meanness. This new philosophy soon found him at odds with Boyd & Charles, who were feeling especially confident having run off Snuka.

For the rest of 1971, Savage would feud extensively with both Johnny Boyd in singles matches and the Kangaroos in tag team bouts. For the two-on-two matches, Savage would get backup from a surprising source: far-out cat Beauregard (Larry Pitchford). The heavyweight and tag team titles were both traded back and forth multiple times in the course of the rivalry, although the year would end with the Kangaroos in control of the tag belts and Dutch Savage the territory's top singles champion.

In early 1972, two new challengers would emerge for Savage: Akbar the Arab (Skandar Akbar) and Manuel "Bull" Ramos. Both massive men were approaching the decade mark in their careers and brought major credentials, as Akbar was coming off a successful run with McGuirk, while Ramos had main evented against Bruno Sammartino in 1968. The issue with Akbar helped fill out the cards, but Bull Ramos became a truly special opponent for Dutch Savage.

On February 12<sup>th</sup> in Portland, Ramos and Savage kicked off a rivalry that would stretch up and down the Oregon stretch of Interstate 5, from Portland to Salem to Eugene to Medford. They faced each other in a number of title matches as well as non-title bouts with special stipulations, often Dutch's signature Coal Miner's Glove Match or Ramos' Apache Death match. After a ten-week run pounding the crap out of each other, Ramos dethroned Dutch to capture the PNW Heavyweight title at the end of April.

Rather than chase Ramos, Dutch refocused on the rascally Kangaroos, teaming up with West Coast legend Lonnie Mayne, who along with "Tough" Tony Borne had helped carry the Portland territory in the mid-to-late '60s. The team of Savage and Mayne channeled their combined intensity to defeat the Kangaroos soundly in June, capturing the PNW Tag Team titles. They would hold them through September until Mayne's old partner, Tony Borne, showed up with a new friend: The Skull (a jacked and shaved Buggsy McGraw, who was also "Brutus" or "The Brute" in some places). Borne & Skull took the titles for a month, but Savage & Mayne regained them October 4<sup>th</sup> in Medford. The two top babyfaces, who between them represented the last half-decade of the territory's history, would hold those titles through the rest of the year.

Of course, Lonnie Mayne left Portland in early 1973 to become a Moondog in the WWWF. Within the storyline, Dutch Savage was allowed to choose a new partner, selecting Steven Little Bear (Steven Vincent Kovacs AKA Vince Bryant).

When he wasn't teaming with Little Bear in early '73, Savage was feuding with Baron Scicluna, who – like Bull Ramos – was a well-regarded opponent for rugged babyfaces in the WWWF. While Dutch

fought off Scicluna with one hand, he was grasping at the PNW World Heavyweight championship belt with the other, getting a series of rematches against Ramos in late January and early February.

On February 7<sup>th</sup> in Medford, Ramos struck Al Madril, who was serving as referee for the bout, seeking an intentional disqualification. (Madril was entering just his second full year as a pro, and Portland often used younger wrestlers as referees once or twice a week, giving them a unique vantage point to observe and learn from the vets they were allegedly adjudicating). The rookie official refused to take the bait and let the match continue, with Dutch Savage going on to prevail via pinfall, winning the heavyweight title back for the first time in almost a year.

That wasn't the end for the rivalry between Savage and Ramos, though. They would continue battling throughout the territory through the winter and into the spring. On April 10<sup>th</sup>, at the Sports Arena in Portland, Ramos stunned the crowd by winning a hair vs. hair match but could only shave Savage's beard before a near-riot prevented him from sheering the ultra-popular Dutch's signature slicked-back locks. A much-anticipated rematch two weeks later was contingent on each man putting up a \$1,000 bond to ensure they would allow their hair to be cut in the event of a loss. Dutch got the win, and Ramos did indeed do the deed.

In many territories, one or both wrestlers might disappear after a series of main event matches like that, but the Savage-Ramos issue rolled on into the summer. Ramos regained the PNW Heavyweight title *and* wrested the PNW Tag Team championships from Savage & Little Bear, teaming with Clay Spencer (a young Ken Lusk, better known as Ken Mantell).

Jimmy Snuka also returned that summer, dropping his claim on being "Great" and quickly climbing back up the cards. A few other newcomers entered the territory in heavy rotation around that time, including Manny Cruz (the infamous "Invader I" Jose Gonzalez) and the flamboyant Ripper Collins. Cruz would team with Al Madril to take the Tag Team titles from Bull & Clay, but it was basically a pretext for Ramos to upgrade his tag team partner, recapturing the belts with Ripper Collins on August 11<sup>th</sup>.

The new champions quickly became opponents for the super team of Dutch Savage and Jimmy Snuka. On October 20<sup>th</sup>, the babyfaces got a bittersweet taste of victory with a disqualification win. A week later, however, Savage was able to pin Bull Ramos in the third fall, winning the match and claiming one half of the PNW Tag Team titles again.

A few weeks later, it would be Snuka, not Savage, who would unseat Ramos as the territory's heavyweight champion. To reinforce the victory, Snuka defeated Ramos in a rematch where the loser was supposed to leave *the country* (the Bull naturally showed up in East Texas), starting off his first-ever singles title reign with a bang.

The early '70s in Portland was truly a transitional time that saw Dutch Savage transform from hated rulebreaker to beloved hero (who still had to break the rules sometimes) and the rise of two new stars who would become mainstays for years to come: the hated Bull Ramos and the heroic Jimmy Snuka. (What's that old line about the babyfaces being the heels and the heels being the babyfaces?)

## 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). There are also links to articles/biographies/obituaries for many of the wrestlers from SLAM Wrestling.

	SPOT	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ост	NOV	DEC
Ed Francis	.90												_
Gorgeous George Jr.	.87												
Karl Von Steiger	.86												
Johnny Boyd	.85												
Dutch Savage	.84												
Frankie Lane	.83												
Kurt Von Steiger	.82												
Wrestlers with an ave	rage we	eekly S	SPOT I	Rating	betwe	een .80	) and :	1.00 a	re cons	idered	Main	Event	ers

Gorgeous George Jr. https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2012/05/14/gorgeous-george-jr-dies/

Karl Von Steiger https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2023/02/20/confirmed-months-later-karl-von-steiger-has-died/

Dutch Savage <a href="https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2004/08/04/dutch-savage-perennial-all-star/">https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2004/08/04/dutch-savage-perennial-all-star/</a>

Frankie Lane <a href="https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2016/05/28/cowboy-frankie-lane-dies/">https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2016/05/28/cowboy-frankie-lane-dies/</a>

	SPOT	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC
Stan Stasiak	.78												
Norman Frederick Charles	.75												
Beauregard	.74												
Great Snuka	.71												
Carlos Belafonte	.63												
Eddie Morrow	.61												

Stan Stasiak <a href="https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/1999/06/30/stan-stasiak-was-indeed-the-man/">https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/1999/06/30/stan-stasiak-was-indeed-the-man/</a>

Great (Jimmy) Snuka https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2017/01/15/jimmy-superfly-snuka-dead-at-73/

#### MID-CARDERS IN PACIFIC NORTHWEST WRESTLING - 1971 SPOT JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC The Avenger/Bing Ki Lee .58 Rocky Montero .57 Mad Dog Morowski .55 .55 Tony Borne Bill Francis .52 Haru Sasaki .52 Len Shelley .50 Chuck Karbo .50 **Rick Renaldo** .50 The Beast .49 Eric Froelich .48 Geronimo .45 .44 Pancho Lopez Dean Kailani .43 **Bobby Nichols** .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 based on research as of 5/1/2024 - chartingtheterritories.com

Mad Dog (Moose) Morowski https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2016/09/12/moose-morowski-dead-at-81/

Tony Borne <a href="https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2010/08/27/tough-tony-borne-dead-at-84/">https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2010/08/27/tough-tony-borne-dead-at-84/</a>

Eric Froelich <a href="https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2023/02/11/eric-froelich-dead-at-85/">https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2023/02/11/eric-froelich-dead-at-85/</a>

Dean Kailani (aka Dean Ho/Higuchi) https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2021/02/28/dean-ho-dies/

	SPOT	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV DEC
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Lonnie Mayne	.85												
Man Mountain Mike	.83												
Freddy Baron	.69												
Pierre LeGrand	.56												
Ivan Kameroff	.51												
Paul Dupree	.44												
Mike Webster	.42												
Bill Cody	.40												
Frenchy Robierre	.30												
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Paul Dupree (Chris Colt) https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2024/04/09/chris-colt-maybe-the-darkest-dark-side-yet/

Mike Webster <a href="https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2011/09/14/the-evolution-of-mike-webster-wrestling/">https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2011/09/14/the-evolution-of-mike-webster-wrestling/</a>

## Feuds

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

	FLW	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC
Beauregard & D. Savage vs J. Boyd & N. Charles	4.21												
Dutch Savage vs Johnny Boyd	3.13												
Bill & Ed Francis vs J. Boyd & N. Charles	2.03												
Feuds with an FLW S	core abo	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	0 are i	consid	ered N	Maior F	euds						

	FLW	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SE	P OCI	r NO	V DEC
Dutch Savage vs Stan Stasiak	1.87												
H. Sasaki & T. Borne vs Karl & Kurt Von Steiger	1.74												
D. Savage & M. Morowski vs Karl & Kurt Von Steiger	1.46												
Johnny Boyd vs Kurt Von Steiger	1.41												
Avenger vs Dutch Savage	1.17												
Johnny Boyd vs Stan Stasiak	1.15												
F. Lane & Great Snuka vs Karl & Kurt Von Steiger	1.11												
Kurt Von Steiger vs Stan Stasiak	1.05												
Beauregard vs Gorgeous George Jr.	1.00												
Feuds with an FLW Score betw Feuds are ranked based on their FLW Score (Fe "length" of the feud throughout the territon	eud Len	gth in	Week	s). It i	s scale	ed to re	prese	nt the			ate		

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 next time. 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 show.

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

#### **BEAUREGARD & DUTCH SAVAGE vs THE ROYAL KANGAROOS**

#### Coos Bay

- 9/14 Beauregard & Savage won
- 11/9 Texas death match: Beauregard & Savage won
- 12/7 Northwest Tag Team titles: The Kangaroos won the match and titles

#### Eugene

- 10/1 Beauregard & Savage won by DQ
- 10/8 No disqualification: Beauregard & Savage won
- 10/29 Northwest Tag Team titles: Beauregard & Savage won, taking one of the falls by disqualification (thus not winning the titles)
- 11/5 Northwest Tag Team titles, no disqualification: Beauregard & Savage won the match and titles
- 12/26 Northwest Tag Team titles: The match went to a draw with both teams winning one fall

#### Longview

- 9/13 Northwest Tag Team titles: Beauregard & Savage won when the Kangaroos were DQ'd for hitting the referee with a boomerang
- 9/27 Northwest Tag Team titles: Beauregard & Savage won when the Kangaroos were DQ'd for "slugging" the referee

### Medford

- 11/24 Northwest Tag Team titles, death match: Beauregard & Savage won when Norman Charles was unable to answer the bell for the seventh fall after Savage gave him a piledriver on the floor
- 12/29 Northwest Tag Team titles: The Kangaroos won by disqualification after Beauregard hit referee Shag Thomas

### Salem

- 9/16 Beauregard & Savage won by DQ after Johnny Boyd hit Savage with a boomerang
- 11/11 The Kangaroos won
- 11/18 Northwest Tag Team titles: Beauregard & Savage won by DQ when Charles was caught using the ropes for leverage while pinning Beauregard

#### DUTCH SAVAGE vs STAN STASIAK

#### Portland

- 1/16 Stasiak won by DQ after Mad Dog Morowski interfered
- 2/13 Stasiak won by stoppage after "it was ruled Savage had suffered injuries to[o] severe to let the bout continue"
- 2/20 Northwest title, must be a winner: Savage won
- 3/20 Stasiak won
- 3/27 Northwest title: Stasiak won the match and title
- 4/17 Northwest title: Both men were counted out in the third fall

#### Other matches in March and April

- 3/25 Salem: Stasiak won, taking the third fall after referee Tony Borne caught Dutch Savage using a foreign object
- 3/26 Eugene: Savage won
- 3/30 Roseburg Northwest title: result unknown
- 3/31 Medford Six rounds boxing: Stasiak won by knockout in the third round
- 4/2 Eugene: Stasiak won
- 4/8 Salem Boxing match: Stasiak won by TKO in the third round
- 4/9 Coos Bay Northwest title: Stasiak won (reported locally as him "winning the title" he had won in Portland two weeks' prior

#### HARU SASAKI & TONY BORNE vs THE VON STEIGERS

#### Portland

- 1/23 The match went to a draw; it was noted prior to the match that Sasaki and Borne were "usually mat enemies"
- 1/30 No time limit: Sasaki & Borne won by countout
- 2/6 Guards posted at ringside (aka lumberjack match): Sasaki & Borne won when the Von Steigers were "disqualified for remaining outside the ring"
- 3/13 Sasaki & Borne won when the Von Steigers "walked out of the ring" after Sasaki "performed karate" on them
- 5/22 The Von Steigers won

## Wrestler Data

A look at the "character arc" for select wrestlers, showing their weekly SPOT Ratings, biggest feuds, and title reigns chronologically.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DE
SPOT Rating										·		ζ
Johnny Boyd												
Norman Frederick Charles												
Feuds												
vs Beauregard & D. Savage												
vs Dutch Savage (Boyd)												
vs Bill & Ed Francis												
vs Kurt Von Steiger (Boyd)												
vs Stan Stasiak (Boyd)												
Titles												
PNW Tag Team												
PNW Heavyweight (Boyd)												

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC
SPOT Rating												
Karl Von Steiger												
Kurt Von Steiger												
Feuds												
vs H. Sasaki & T. Borne												
vs D. Savage & M. Morowski												
vs Johnny Boyd (Kurt)												
vs F. Lane & Snuka												
vs Stan Stasiak (Kurt)												
Titles												
PNW Tag Team												
PNW Heavyweight (Kurt)												

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ост	NOV	DEC
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Feuds												
vs J. Boyd & N. Charles (w/Beauregard)												
vs Johnny Boyd												
vs Stan Stasiak												
vs Karl & Kurt Von Steiger (w/Morowski)												
vs Avenger												
Titles												
PNW Heavyweight												
PNW Tag Team (w/Beauregard)												

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC
SPOT Rating												
Feuds												
vs Dutch Savage												
vs Johnny Boyd												
vs Kurt Von Steiger												
vs Karl & Kurt Von Steiger (w/C. Belafonte)												
vs Karl & Kurt Von Steiger (w/F. Lane)												
Titles												
PNW Heavyweight												

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ост	NOV	DEC
SPOT Rating												
Feuds												
vs J. Boyd & N. Charles (w/D. Savage)												
vs Gorgeous George Jr.												
vs Chuck Karbo												
Titles												
PNW Tag Team (w/D. Savage)												

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ост	NOV	DEC
SPOT Rating		3	1								1	
Feuds												
vs Karl & Kurt Von Steiger (w/Snuka)												
vs Karl Von Steiger												
vs Karl & Kurt Von Steiger (w/Stasiak)												
vs Karl & Kurt Von Steiger (w/B. Nichols)												
vs H. Sasaki & Karl V. Steiger (w/Snuka)												
Titles												
PNW Tag Team (w/B. Nichols)												
PNW Tag Team (w/Snuka)												

## 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.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ост	NOV	DEC
Dutch Savage												
Stan Stasiak												
Kurt Von Steiger												
Jonathan Boyd												
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	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MA	Y JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC
Lonnie Mayne & Tony Borne												
Kurt & Karl Von Steiger												
Frankie Lane & Bobby Nichols												
Frankie Lane & Great Snuka												
Jonathan Boyd & Norman Charles												
Dutch Savage & Beauregard												
Only title change In this chart, new champions ar Blue shading denotes baby	e gene	rally r	ecogn	ized tł	ne cal	endar v	veek	after th			e.	

#### **Charting the World Champ**

In 1971, NWA World Heavyweight champion Dory Funk Jr. had 11 documented matches in the territory. All singles matches were title bouts unless otherwise noted.

- 3/2 Portland: Dory vs Dutch Savage. Dory won.
- 3/3 Medford: Dory vs Karl Von Steiger. Dory won the first fall with the spinning toe hold, Von Steiger won the second fall after a "suplex backward slam", and Dory won the third fall with a rollup.
- 3/4 Salem: Dory vs Kurt Von Steiger. Dory won.
- 3/5 Eugene: Dory vs Stan Stasiak. Dory won.
- 3/6 Portland: Dory & Stan Stasiak vs Dutch Savage & Mad Dog Morowski. Dory & Stasiak won; during the match, Savage was "thrown by Funk through an overhead light in the ring". Savage was reportedly taken to the hospital.
- 3/16 Portland: Dory vs Lonnie Mayne. The match went to a time-limit draw. Mayne won the first fall with a "bombs away maneuver" and Dory won the second fall with the spinning toehold.
- 6/8 Portland: Dory vs Kurt Von Steiger. Dory won.
- 6/10 Salem: Dory vs Johnny Boyd. Dory won, winning the third fall after Boyd was distracted by Karl Von Steiger.
- 6/11 Eugene: Dory vs Karl Von Steiger. Dory won, taking the second and third falls.
- 11/2 Portland: Dory vs Lonnie Mayne, two-hour time limit. Dory won.
- 11/3 Salem: Dory vs Johnny Boyd, two-hour time limit. Dory won; Boyd had originally won the third fall after Norman Charles tripped Funk, but the referee reversed the decision.

## 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 and gate figures that were reported to the State Athletic Commission for every house show held in Washington state in 1971 as well as a handful of attendance figures reported in newspapers for shows held in Oregon.

#### LONGVIEW, WA

17 shows held in the city had an average attendance of 316 and an average gate of \$742. The highest attendance was 523, the lowest was 171. The January 11<sup>th</sup> show had a reported attendance of 232 to the State Athletic Commission, while a newspaper report listed attendance as 600.

Other Washington attendance figures:

- 3/29/71 Battle Ground drew 657 paying \$1,393.50
- 4/27/71 White Salmon drew 357 paying \$817
- 4/28/71 Washougal drew 159 paying \$350.50
- 7/19/71 Vancouver (WA) drew 257 paying \$585.25
- 7/24/71 Battle Ground drew 238 paying \$535.50
- 8/16/71 Ilwaco drew 356 paying \$860
- 11/29/71 Ilwaco drew 260 paying \$584

Oregon attendance figures:

- 3/3/71 in Medford drew "more than 700", reported as "the largest crowd of the season" [Dory Funk Jr. vs Karl Von Steiger]
- 3/16/71 in Portland drew 2,500 [Dory Funk Jr. vs Lonnie Mayne and the Von Steigers vs Mad Dog & Butcher Vachon]
- 8/3/71 in Portland drew 2,000 [The Royal Kangaroos vs Eric Froelich & Len Shelley plus Frankie Lane's wedding(!)]
- 8/20/71 in Albany drew 700 [Johnny Boyd vs Beauregard plus a midget tag team match]
- 11/26/71 in Eugene drew "an overflow crowd of better than 1,000" [Dutch Savage vs Johnny Boyd in an Australian death match]

## Link to House Show Lineups and Results

We have shared our newspaper clippings and other documents with wrestlingdata.com to aid them in providing comprehensive information.

To see the cards and all available results from 1971, visit <a href="https://www.wrestlingdata.com/index.php?befehl=shows&sort=liga&kategorie=8&liga=761&jahr=1971&monat=0&showart=&ansicht=1">https://www.wrestlingdata.com/index.php?befehl=shows&sort=liga&kategorie=8&liga=761&jahr=1971&monat=0&showart=&ansicht=1</a>