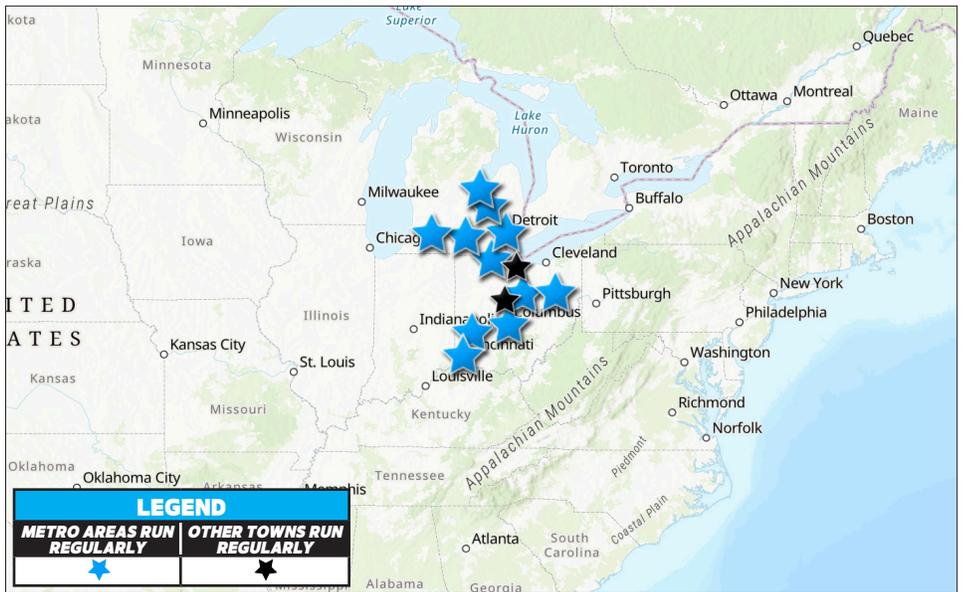


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SAMPLE WEEK

MON 5/10	KALAMAZOO
TUE 5/11	CINCINNATI
	SHEFFIELD LAKE
WED 5/12	--
THU 5/13	TOLEDO
FRI 5/14	CANTON
	SANDUSKY
SAT 5/15	DAYTON
	DETROIT
SUN 5/16	--

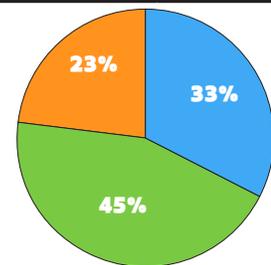


TOP SINGLES	TOP TEAMS
BOBO BRAZIL THE SHEIK BULL CURRY THE STOMPER MIGHTY IGOR	THE FABULOUS KANGAROOS (COSTELLO & KENT) MITSU ARAKAWA & YOSHINO SATO THE SKULL BROTHERS

HOUSE SHOW RECORDS			
DOCUMENTED HOUSE SHOWS	254	SHOWS PER WEEK	4.9
		ESTIMATED COMPLETENESS	55-70%
MISC. BOOKING STATS			
HEEL/FACE TURNS	0	ROSTER TURNOVER	158%
ROSTER SIZE/COMPOSITION		MATCH RESULTS	

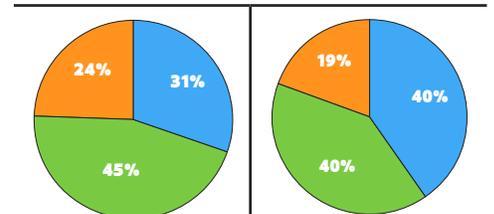
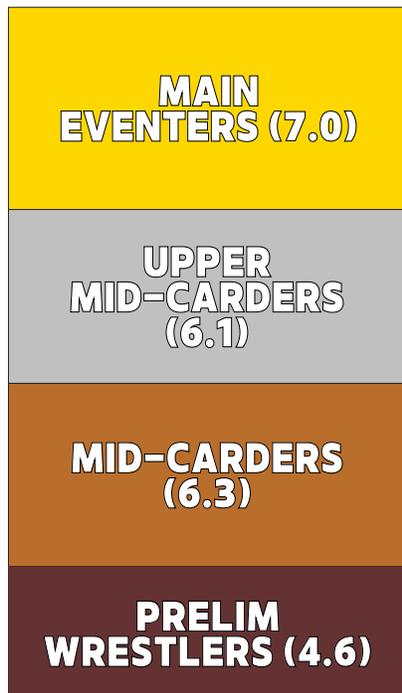
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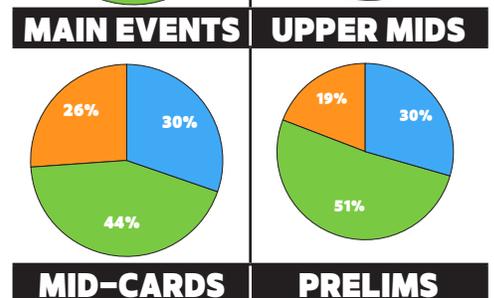


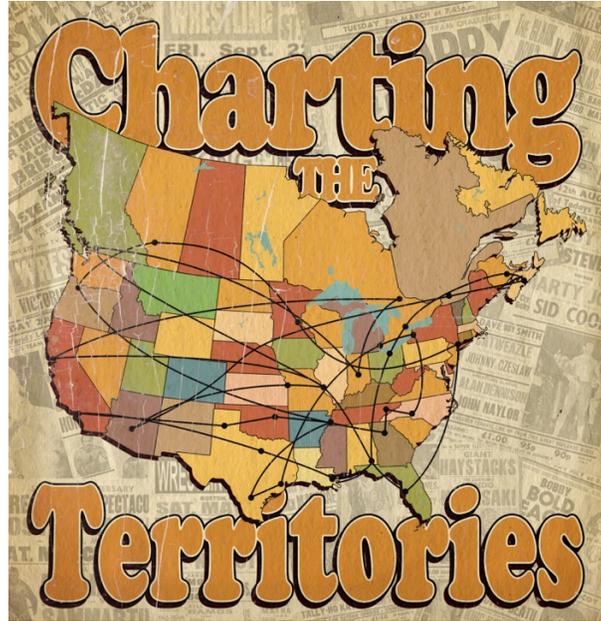
TOP FEUDS

- BOBO BRAZIL VS BULL CURRY
- STOMPER VS SWEET DADDY SIKI
- MIGHTY IGOR VS BULL CURRY
- FRED CURRY VS SHEIK
- TEX MCKENZIE VS SHEIK



TITLE CHANGES	
U.S. HEAVYWEIGHT	1
BABYFACE CHAMP	60%
HEEL CHAMP	40%
WORLD TAG TEAM	1 OR 2
BABYFACE CHAMPS	0%
HEEL CHAMPS	100%





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Rankings

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

RANKINGS FOR BIG TIME WRESTLING (FARHAT, MI/OH) - 1971

- 1 - BOBO BRAZIL**
- 2 - THE SHEIK**
- 3 - BULL CURRY**
- 4 - THE STOMPER**
- 5 - MIGHTY IGOR**
- 6 - FRED CURRY**
- 7 - SWEET DADDY SIKI**
- 8 - ERNIE LADD**
- 9 - TEX MCKENZIE**
- 10 - LUIS MARTINEZ**
- 11 - THE FABULOUS KANGAROOS (COSTELLO & KENT)**
- 12 - MITSU ARAKAWA & YOSHINO SATO**
- 13 - CHRIS TOLOS**
- 14 - DINGO THE SUNDOWNER**
- 15 - THE SKULL BROTHERS**

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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Territory Profile (1971-1973) by Al Getz

As the 1970s began, The Sheik (Edward George Farhat) was one of the biggest professional wrestling stars in the U.S. and Canada. As owner, booker, and perennial champion of Big Time Wrestling, he had been packing an average of over 8,000 fans into Detroit's Cobo Arena regularly dating back to late 1964, when he started the promotion after buying out Jim Barnett and Johnny Doyle. Besides Detroit, the promotion ran four other major metropolitan areas with populations of over half a million people (Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton, and Toledo) and numerous smaller locales in Michigan and Ohio.

The Sheik's influence extended well beyond the borders of Big Time Wrestling. He was a draw in Cleveland for Pedro Martinez, Los Angeles for Mike LeBell, and Hawaii for Ed Francis. To the north, attendance at Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto had more than doubled since he was named booker for Frank Tunney's Major League Wrestling. A key to that success was The Sheik establishing himself as the undefeated top star starting in February 1969.

Farhat also pushed himself as the top star in Big Time, though he wasn't quite as unbeatable there as in Toronto. According to wrestlingdata.com, he won 65 out of his 99 singles matches at Cobo Arena from late 1964 through the end of 1970, with 20 bouts going to draws (typically of the double disqualification or "no contest" variety) and just 14 losses for The Sheik (typically being disqualified for his brand of over-the-top violence). Effectively, this equated to winning 76% of his matches (counting draws as half a win and half a loss). The Sheik had a stranglehold on the United States Heavyweight title, holding it for most of that six-year period with the notable exception of six weeks in 1967 when Bobo Brazil was champion. In his book *Blood and Fire: The Unbelievable Real-Life Story of Wrestling's Original Sheik*, author Brian R. Solomon opined that this short-term title change had been done in response to the horrific five-day long riot between mostly Black residents and the Detroit Police Department over the summer.

Bobo was The Sheik's in-ring rival for many years. Their earliest documented singles match took place in 1956; their last one took place 30 years later. In the first five months of 1971, their feud made stops in Flint, Saginaw, Cincinnati, and Detroit. On May 29th, a steel cage match at Cobo saw Bobo defeat The Sheik to win the U.S. Championship for a second time. This title reign would not, however, be a short-term band aid; Bobo would hold the title for the rest of the year and much of 1972.

While The Sheik came up short in his 1971 battles with Brazil, he was determined to come out on top of the next big feud that came his way in the fall. The challenge came from another wrestler he had history with, but this battle would not be fought in the ring – or at least not in the *same* ring.

Dick Afflis, who wrestled as Dick the Bruiser and was the owner of the Indianapolis-based World Wrestling Alliance (WWA), decided to make a run at Detroit. First, he got television on a station in Windsor, Ontario whose signal reached the Motor City. Then, he scheduled a show at The Olympia on October 23rd, head to head with the previously scheduled Big Time Wrestling card at Cobo Arena (less than four miles away).

Farhat was a member of the National Wrestling Alliance, while Afflis was not. As was often the case when a non-NWA member tried to run in the same city as a member, the Alliance troops rallied around their brethren, sending some of their top stars to Detroit to load up the card. Dory Funk Jr. defended the NWA World Heavyweight title against Ernie Ladd in the main event of Farhat's show, which also featured appearances from Johnny Valentine, Rocky Johnson, Pat O'Connor, Ciclon Negro, Mil Mascaras, Fred Blassie, Eddie Graham, and Buddy Fuller. Even the WWWF, who had mended fences with the NWA and rejoined their ranks earlier in the year, sent Gorilla Monsoon and Luke Graham. The veritable who's who of wrestling drew 8,748 fans to Cobo, more than doubling the WWA's debut card in the city.

Dick the Bruiser was not fazed by that night's box office receipts; he was in it for the long haul. He continued running The Olympia, though he moved away from holding his cards on the same night as Farhat's by the summer of 1972. He gradually closed the attendance gap, but Farhat had an ace up his sleeve: restraint. While he had been loading up the cards in Detroit with top talent and big matches, he had kept himself out of the championship picture and thus, away from his biggest career rival.

On December 30, 1972, Bobo Brazil defended the U.S. title against The Sheik. It was their first singles meeting at Cobo since Brazil had won the title over nineteen months earlier. While fans were surely prepared to come out for the big match, Farhat added another wrinkle: he booked one of the greatest boxers of all time, Joe Louis, to serve as special referee. "The Brown Bomber" had been making similar appearances on wrestling shows for a few years in various territories, generally drawing big crowds anxious to get a glimpse of the legendary boxer. Louis grew up in Detroit, making this appearance even more special.

Somehow, somehow, The Sheik overcame not only Bobo, but also the pugilist arbiter, to regain the U.S. title in front of 12,438 fans. It was the first Cobo sellout in over nine months, and it kicked off a streak of five straight sellouts in the venue.

As Big Time Wrestling was selling out in Detroit, Dick the Bruiser's WWA was trending in the opposite direction for most of 1973. After one last gasp in Detroit in January 1974, Afflis pulled out of the city. He made amends behind the scenes with Farhat, and in what should be no surprise to those who understand wrestling history, the two began an in-ring rivalry that crossed promotional lines, with matches taking place in both Detroit and Indianapolis.

The war had taken a lot out of Farhat. In order to fend off Afflis, he had to load up his cards in Detroit, often with a dozen or more matches on each. Fans now expected that many bouts on the card, but Farhat's core talent roster wasn't quite up to the task without the NWA reinforcements. The cards weren't very deep, and the talent on top were no longer spring chickens. Bobo Brazil would turn 50 in the summer of 1973, and Farhat himself was only a couple of years younger.

Two other main eventers, Pampero Firpo and Johnny Valentine, were in their forties, but their bodies belied their age (and not in a good way). Firpo, who had been in the territory since late 1971, had to take it easy because he'd had a foot-long section of his intestine removed several years earlier, which meant a stiff blow to the abdomen could legitimately threaten his life. The Argentinian "Wild Bull of

the Pampas”, once one of the business’ premier wild men, was now notorious for telling his opponents ahead of time not to hit him in the stomach. Valentine, meanwhile, had long been considered one of the toughest men in wrestling. In March 1973, the 43-year-old suffered a heart attack. He returned to the ring less than two months later, having adopted a lower-risk, lower-speed style. While this was good (and likely necessary) for him personally, it may have led to fans at the time feeling like they weren’t getting their money’s worth.

The Sheik tried to elevate a few of his regulars to get some new (and younger) blood in the main events. Tim Brooks had been wrestling for Farhat since 1970, starting as a preliminary wrestler before taking on his “Killer” moniker and gradually moving up the cards. In 1973, Farhat elevated Brooks to the main events, pitting him against Tony Marino, Luis Martinez, and even Bobo Brazil. In the summer of ‘73, perennial babyface tag team Ben Justice & The Stomper (Guy Mitchell aka Jerry Valiant) split up, with Justice turning heel. Neither the “Killer” Tim Brooks push nor the Stomper-Justice feud set the territory on fire, and by the end of 1973, attendance at Cobo had fallen significantly, often dipping below 8,000.

That might not sound like a bad number, but it represents The Sheik’s attendance at Cobo rapidly regressing towards the lowest it had ever been on his watch. In 1971, the venue had a reported average attendance of 8,425. In 1972, as the war against Dick the Bruiser kicked in to full gear, it was 9,131. In the first six months of 1973, it was up even further to 9,904. As outlined above, however, attendance took a dive for the rest of the year, averaging 7,930 from July through December.

Ed Farhat and Big Time’s defeat of the WWA was ultimately a Pyrrhic victory. By the end, The Sheik had exhausted his core of aging stars, spoiled his fans rotten with great matchups, and worn out the booking methodology he’d employed since 1964. Between those wrestling factors and a recession that gripped the U.S. from November 1973 to March 1975, attendance in Detroit took a big dive. The average attendance in the city in 1975 was 5,764, and the following year it dropped to 4,377 – not even half of what it had been three years prior. While the recession ultimately ended, fans just didn’t come back. A few years later, in 1980, Ed Farhat’s Big Time Wrestling ceased operations.

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). The list includes singles wrestlers and tag teams; wrestlers may appear more than once if they competed regularly as a single and as part of a team (or as part of more than one team).

MAIN EVENT ACTS IN BIG TIME WRESTLING (FARHAT, MI/OH) - 1971

	SPOT	Bk/Mo	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
The Sheik	.99	5.45	1.00	.96	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	.94		1.00	1.00	1.00	.99
Bobo Brazil	.96	5.67	.88	1.00	1.00	.83	.94	1.00	.98	1.00	1.00	.92	.96	.98
Ernie Ladd	.93	5.00					.89	.90	.96	1.00	.91	.75		
Sweet Daddy Siki	.86	7.57	.72	.85	.83	.99	.82	.87	1.00					
Mighty Igor	.84	3.36	.87	.68	.75	.93	.88	.93	1.00		.75	.80	.82	.79
Bull Curry	.83	6.64	.85	.89	.77	.79	.79	.90	.94	.64		.74	.95	.77
The Stomper	.82	6.92	.84	.80	.84	.98	.85	.81	1.00	.92	.79	.53	.72	.70

Wrestlers with an average SPOT Rating between .80 and 1.00 are considered **Main Eventers**
 SPOT (Statistical Position Over Time) measures average position on the card in primary markets
 Highest possible SPOT is 1.00; babyfaces shaded blue, heels orange, darker shading = higher SPOT
 Bk/Mo is the average # of monthly bookings the wrestler (or team) had in primary markets

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UPPER MID-CARD ACTS IN BIG TIME WRESTLING (FARHAT, MI/OH) - 1971

	SPOT	Bk/Mo	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Tex McKenzie	.79	4.50	.56	.92	.88	.76	.94	.86	.80					1.00
Ben Justice & The Stomper	.77	2.33		.75	.65									.87
Chris Tolos	.75	7.43					.56		.49	.78	.77	.83	.75	.70
Fred Curry	.73	5.64	.73	.82	.87	.69		.65	.70	.52	.71	.94	.74	.71
King Curtis	.69	5.00											.78	.66
Kangaroos (Costello & Kent)	.69	5.00	.72	.83	.92		.50	.49	.58	.58	.77	.81	.55	.76
Haystack Calhoun	.68	1.78	1.00	.60	.50	.85		.80	.58	.44		1.00		.49
Blackjack Mulligan	.68	6.00							.68	.69				
Luis Martinez	.68	3.58	.66	.87	.75	.65	.86	.65	.65	.44	.39	.58	.78	.56
Fred Curry & The Stomper	.67	2.25									.50	.73	.56	1.00
Tiger Jeet Singh	.63	2.25							.52	.83	.37	.83		
The Skull Brothers	.61	6.50		.65	.51	.69	.68							
Mitsu Arakawa & Yoshino Sato	.61	5.64		.25	.71	.50	.64	.62	.60	.74	.69	.57	.46	.80
Dingo the Sundowner	.61	8.00									.25	.52	.71	.95

Wrestlers with an average weekly SPOT Rating between .60 and .80 are considered **Upper Mid-Carders**
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MID-CARD ACTS IN BIG TIME WRESTLING (FARHAT, MI/OH) - 1971

	SPOT	Bk/Mo	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Gene Madrid	.59	6.33		.33	.57	.56	.76	.49	.57					
Dewey Robertson	.53	2.25						.83		.61	.38	.49		
Jess Ortega	.53	4.40	.39	.50	.45	.75	.63	.46			.54	.50	.81	.59
Sonny King	.49	2.25	.43				.70	.17						.70
Ben Justice	.48	3.13	.47	.31	.63	.50	1.00			.17			.80	.46
Hans Schmidt	.46	2.50	.49	.40	.50	.47	.60	.28			.42	.34	.71	.13
The Bounty Hunter	.41	3.33	.45	.23	.48									
Tim Brooks	.40	3.90	.30		.56	.41		.40	.47	.35	.38	.31	.48	.31
Lou Klein	.40	2.92	.52	.38	.30	.39	.44	.42	.38	.50	.35	.44	.40	.35
Mike Loren	.40	2.57	.46	.55	.38	.50	.29	.14						.33

Wrestlers with an average weekly SPOT Rating between .40 and .60 are considered **Mid-Carders**
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PRELIMINARY ACTS IN BIG TIME WRESTLING (FARHAT, MI/OH) - 1971

	SPOT	Bk/Mo	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
John Quinn	.39	6.00					.35	.40						
Hank James	.38	1.67	.50	.50	.33	.50		.33	.33					
Mickey Doyle	.32	2.50		.33	.23	.33	.44	.32	.19	.33	.32	.50		.40
Ivan Kalmikoff	.29	2.36	.24	.35	.33	.31		.25	.43	.25	.25	.23	.38	.21
Hell's Angel #1	.29	4.50											.20	.30
Ron Sanders	.27	4.00											.34	.16

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Feuds

Here are two charts listing the biggest feuds in the territory. The first chart lists matches that occurred most frequently in all of the primary markets, and the second chart lists the matches that occurred most frequently in each individual market.

TOP FEUDS IN BIG TIME WRESTLING (FARHAT, MI/OH) - 1971														
	Score	Matches	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Bobo Brazil vs Bull Curry	18.32	19	2	2	2			3	4	1			3	2
Stomper vs Sweet Daddy Siki	16.73	17	1		5	8	2	1						
Mighty Igor vs Bull Curry	13.52	16			1	2	6	3	1			2	1	
Fred Curry vs Sheik	13.00	13	3	3	3				1		1		1	1
Tex McKenzie vs Sheik	12.89	13	2	1	3	1	3	1	1					1
Arakawa & Soto vs Kangaroos	11.00	16					1		1	5	8			1
Stomper vs Bull Curry	10.65	12	2	2	1	1	1	2	1					2
Bobo Brazil vs Ernie Ladd	10.00	10							1	4	4			1
Bobo Brazil vs Sheik	10.00	10	1		1	1	2					1		4

Feuds are ranked based on the number of times the match occurred in primary markets and their spot on the card
The number of times the match occurred per month is listed; darker shading = more matches

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TOP FEUDS BY MARKET IN BIG TIME WRESTLING (FARHAT, MI/OH) - 1971														
DETROIT														
	Score	Matches	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Tex McKenzie vs Sheik	6.89	7	2	1	1	1			1					1
Bobo Brazil vs Bull Curry	3.82	4							1	1		2		
Bobo Brazil vs Ernie Ladd	3.00	3								1	1		1	
CINCINNATI														
	Score	Matches	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Fred Curry vs Sheik	5.00	5	2	1							1			1
Mighty Igor vs Bull Curry	3.80	4				1	3							
Arakawa & Sato vs Kangaroos	3.43	5							1	2	2			
DAYTON														
	Score	Matches	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Stomper vs Bull Curry	3.75	4			1	1							2	
Luis Martinez vs Gene Madrid	3.00	3					3							
Arakawa & Sato vs Kangaroos	2.80	4								2	1			1
TOLEDO														
	Score	Matches	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Stomper vs Sweet Daddy Siki	4.86	5			1	3		1						
Stomper vs Chris Tolos	3.80	4									4			
Fred Curry vs Sweet Daddy Siki	3.38	4	1	2				1						
FLINT														
	Score	Matches	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Bobo Brazil vs Sheik	3.00	3	1		1									1
CANTON														
	Score	Matches	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Stomper vs Sweet Daddy Siki	5.00	5	1		2	2								
Luis Martinez vs Gene Madrid	3.00	4			1	1	2							
Luis Martinez vs Sweet Daddy Siki	2.35	3		1				2						
SAGINAW														
	Score	Matches	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Fred Curry vs Sheik	5.00	5	1	2	2									
JACKSON														
	Score	Matches	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Stomper vs Sweet Daddy Siki	4.00	4			2	1	1							
Stomper vs Bull Curry	3.00	3	2	1										
Fred Curry vs Chris Tolos	2.50	3									2	1		
MANSFIELD														
	Score	Matches	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Bobo Brazil vs Bull Curry	4.00	4		1	1				1					1
Bobo Brazil vs Sweet Daddy Siki	3.00	3			1		1	1						

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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.

TEX MCKENZIE vs THE SHEIK in DETROIT

- 1/9 U.S. title: McKenzie won by disqualification when Sheik's manager Abdullah Farouk (Ernie "The Grand Wizard" Roth) "jumped into the ring and disrupted the wrestling match"
- 1/23 U.S. title, no disqualification, Abdullah Farouk barred from Cobo: The match went to a no contest after the referee was thrown out of the ring and knocked unconscious
- 2/6 U.S. title, two referees, Bobo Brazil sitting at ringside: The match went to a draw after both men "knocked each other out after 23 minutes"
- 3/20 U.S. title: McKenzie won by disqualification
- 4/3 U.S. title, Texas death match: The Sheik won

BOBO BRAZIL vs BULL CURRY in DETROIT

- 7/17 U.S. title: The match went to a draw when both men "knocked each other out"
- 8/7 U.S. title, cage match: Bobo won
- 10/23 Both men were disqualified
- 10/30 Death match: Bobo won by disqualification

MIGHTY IGOR vs BULL CURRY in CINCINNATI

- 4/6 Bull Curry won by disqualification
- 5/4 Both men were disqualified for "receiving outside help"
- 5/18 Both men were disqualified
- 5/25 Igor won

MITSU ARAKAWA & YOSHINO SATO vs THE FABULOUS KANGAROOS IN CINCINNATI

- 7/27 The match went to a draw
- 8/10 Both teams were disqualified
- 8/24 The Kangaroos won
- 9/7 The Kangaroos won by disqualification
- 9/21 Arakawa & Sato won

THE STOMPER vs CHRIS TOLOS in TOLEDO

- 9/2 The Stomper won by disqualification
- 9/9 Tolos won in 24 ½ minutes
- 9/23 Tolos won by countout in 8:17
- 9/30 Steel cage match: Tolos won

THE STOMPER vs SWEET DADDY SIKI in CANTON

- 1/20 Siki won
- 3/3 The match went to a no-decision in 15:10 when “the ref couldn’t control matters”
- 3/17 The match was stopped by the referee after both men “disregarded rules”
- 4/14 Steel cage match: Siki won
- 4/28 “Stretcher & handcuff match”: Stomper won

FRED CURRY vs THE SHEIK in SAGINAW

- 1/27 U.S. title: Curry won by disqualification
- 2/10 U.S. title, no time limit, no disqualification, “fight to the finish”: The match was called a draw by the referee
- 2/24 U.S. title, 90-minute time limit, no disqualification: Both men were counted out of the ring
- 3/10 U.S. title, steel cage match: The Sheik won by escaping the cage when the referee was knocked out “during a melee that broke out among wrestlers”
- 3/24 U.S. title, steel cage match: The Sheik won

Wrestler Data

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

BOBO BRAZIL IN BIG TIME WRESTLING (FARHAT, MI/OH) IN 1971												
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SPOT Rating	.88	1.00	1.00	.83	.94	1.00	.98	1.00	1.00	.92	.96	.98
Top Feuds	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
vs Bull Curry	2	2	2			3	4	1		3	2	
vs Ernie Ladd							1	4	4		1	
vs Sheik	1		1	1	2					1		4
vs Sweet Daddy Siki			2		1	4	1					
vs Dingo the Sundowner										1	2	5
Titles	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
U.S. Heavyweight												

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THE SHEIK IN BIG TIME WRESTLING (FARHAT, MI/OH) IN 1971												
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SPOT Rating	1.00	.96	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	.94		1.00	1.00	1.00	.99
Top Feuds	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
vs Fred Curry	3	3	3				1		1		1	1
vs Tex McKenzie	2	1	3	1	3	1	1					1
vs Bobo Brazil	1		1	1	2					1		4
vs The Stomper	3			1	3	1					1	
vs Mighty Igor	2	1								1	2	
Titles	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
U.S. Heavyweight												

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BULL CURRY IN BIG TIME WRESTLING (FARHAT, MI/OH) IN 1971

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SPOT Rating	.85	.89	.77	.79	.79	.90	.94	.64		.74	.95	.77

Top Feuds	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
vs Bobo Brazil	2	2	2			3	4	1		3	2	
vs Mighty Igor			1	2	6	3	1			2	1	
vs The Stomper	2	2	1	1	1	2	1				2	
vs Tex McKenzie		1	2			1	1					
vs Luis Martinez			1	1			1			1		

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THE STOMPER IN BIG TIME WRESTLING (FARHAT, MI/OH) IN 1971

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SPOT Rating	.84	.80	.84	.98	.85	.81	1.00	.92	.79	.53	.72	.70

Top Feuds	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
vs Sweet Daddy Siki	1		5	8	2	1						
vs Bull Curry	2	2	1	1	1	2	1				2	
vs The Sheik	3			1	3	1					1	
vs Ernie Ladd						2		4	3			
vs Chris Tolos								1	6	1	2	

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FRED CURRY IN BIG TIME WRESTLING (FARHAT, MI/OH) IN 1971

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SPOT Rating	.73	.82	.87	.69		.65	.70	.52	.71	.94	.74	.71

Top Feuds	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
vs The Sheik	3	3	3				1		1		1	1
vs Chris Tolos									4	3		3
vs Sweet Daddy Siki	1	3	1			4						
vs Tim Brooks	1			1		2	1	1	1		1	1
vs Gene Madrid		1	1	4		2	1					

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SWEET DADDY SIKI IN BIG TIME WRESTLING (FARHAT, MI/OH) IN 1971

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SPOT Rating	.72	.85	.83	.99	.82	.87	1.00					

Top Feuds	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
vs The Stomper	1		5	8	2	1						
vs Bobo Brazil			2		1	4	1					
vs Fred Curry	1	3	1			4						
vs Luis Martinez	1	3			1	4						
vs Lou Klein	1		3	1								

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ERNIE LADD IN BIG TIME WRESTLING (FARHAT, MI/OH) IN 1971

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SPOT Rating					.89	.90	.96	1.00	.91	.75		

Top Feuds	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
vs Bobo Brazil							1	4	4		1	
vs The Stomper						2		4	3			
vs Bobo & F. Curry (w/Sheik)							1		1	1		
vs Tex McKenzie						1	2					
vs Fred Curry									3			1

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LUIS MARTINEZ IN BIG TIME WRESTLING (FARHAT, MI/OH) IN 1971

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SPOT Rating	.66	.87	.75	.65	.86	.65	.65	.44	.39	.58	.78	.56

Top Feuds	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
vs Gene Madrid			1	1	8							
vs Sweet Daddy Siki		1	3		1	4						
vs Arakawa & Sato (w/Stomper)						5						
vs Tim Brooks		1		1			1	1	2			
vs Bull Curry			1	1			1			1		

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CHRIS TOLOS IN BIG TIME WRESTLING (FARHAT, MI/OH) IN 1971

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SPOT Rating					.56		.49	.78	.77	.83	.75	.70

Top Feuds	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
vs The Stomper								1	6	1	2	
vs Fred Curry									4	3		3
vs Bobo Brazil										4	1	1
vs Mighty Igor									1	2	1	1
vs Jess Ortega										4	2	

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FABULOUS KANGAROOS IN BIG TIME WRESTLING (FARHAT, MI/OH) IN 1971

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SPOT Rating	.72	.83	.92		.50	.49	.58	.58	.77	.81	.55	.76

Top Feuds	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
vs Arakawa & Sato	3	3	3				1		1		1	1
vs F. Curry & Stomper	2	1	3	1	3	1	1					1
vs Bobo & Stomper	1		1	1	2					1		4

Titles	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
World Tag Team												

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Title Holders and Histories

The Sheik held the United States Heavyweight title at the beginning of the year. Bobo Brazil defeated him on May 29th in Detroit to win the title and retained it through the end of the year. They did two angles in Detroit where the title was “held up” due to controversial finishes to set up a rematch (one with Bull Curry and one with Ernie Ladd) that Bobo would win.

The title history of the promotion’s World Tag Team titles in 1971 are unclear. Many reputable sources list the titles as having been vacant since December 1970, with The Fabulous Kangaroos winning them in a tournament on December 18th, 1971, in Detroit (beating Ben Justice & The Stomper in the finals). However, this does not appear to be accurate...

On April 3rd in Detroit, there were four tag team matches billed as part of a “World Tag Team Tournament”. Another tournament match was held two weeks later in Detroit, but it is unclear if those were the finals or if there were other matches. In June, Mitsu Arakawa & Yoshino Sato compete in two matches in Jackson, MI, that are billed as “Countdown Elimination for World Tag Team Championship” matches. In July and August, it appears that The Fabulous Kangaroos are recognized as champions in Jackson. On August 14th in Dayton, the Kangaroos beat Arakawa & Sato in what was billed as a “World Tag Team title tournament match”. The same two teams face each other two times in title matches in Jackson, though it is unclear which team was billed as champions and there are no results available. On December 18th in Detroit (the date that the Kangaroos allegedly won the titles in a tournament), Ben Justice & The Stomper defeated the Kangaroos at Cobo Arena. However, on the next card at Cobo nine days later, the Kangaroos are billed as champions for a match against Luis Martinez & Tony Marino.

I can’t really state to any degree of certainty what the ‘actual’ lineage of these titles are in 1971. And to be clear, I don’t think anyone else can objectively state it either.

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 21 of the 29 Big Time cards held in Detroit. All but one of them were at Cobo Arena. The average attendance for these cards was 8,044

- 1/9 drew 10,530
- 1/23 drew 11,238
- 2/6 drew 10,103
- 2/20 drew 9,663
- 4/3 drew 8,923
- 4/17 drew 8,926
- 5/1 drew 8,333
- 5/15 drew 8,172
- 6/12 drew 6,742
- 7/3 drew 6,430
- 9/18 drew 7,797
- 10/2 drew 7,863
- 10/23 drew 8,748
- 10/30 drew 6,321
- 11/6 drew 7,112
- 11/20 drew 7,214
- 11/26 drew 6,820 (at the Michigan State Fair Coliseum)
- 12/4 drew 8,383
- 12/10 drew 4,336
- 12/18 drew 8,136
- 12/27 drew 7,132

We have attendance figures for 8 out of the 12 cards held at Meyers Lake Amusement Park in Canton, OH. The average attendance for these cards was 995

- 1/20 drew 910
- 2/3 drew 1,000
- 3/3 drew 650
- 3/17 drew "over 900"
- 3/31 drew "approximately 1,100"
- 4/14 drew 1,200
- 4/28 drew 1,100
- 5/28 drew 1,100

Additional attendance figures:

- 2/25 in Battle Creek, MI drew "about 450"
- 3/26 in Shelby, OH drew 700
- 11/16 in Holland, MI drew 973

Link to House Show Lineups and Results

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