

# GEORGIA CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING 1971: A Year in the Life

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# Territory Fact Sheet

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PRO WRESTLING TERRITORY FACT SHEET

1971

## GEORGIA CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING

### SAMPLE WEEK

MON 8/30	WAYCROSS
TUE 8/31	MACON
	SAVANNAH
WED 9/1	CARTERSVILLE
	COLUMBUS
	PERRY
THU 9/2	ALBANY
FRI 9/3	ATLANTA
SAT 9/4	GRIFFIN
SUN 9/5	

**LEGEND**

METRO AREAS RUN REGULARLY (Large Star)

OTHER TOWNS RUN REGULARLY (Small Star)

### TOP SINGLES

**BUDDY COLT**

**BIG JOHN**

**EL MONGOL**

**BILL DROMO**

**KLONDIKE BILL**

### TOP TAG TEAMS

**THE ASSASSINS**

**FLASH & ROCKET MONROE**

**EL MONGOL & KUBLA KHAN**

### HOUSE SHOW RECORDS

DOCUMENTED HOUSE SHOWS	366	SHOWS PER WEEK	7.0	ESTIMATED COMPLETENESS	70-75%
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### MISC. BOOKING STATS

HEEL/FACE TURNS	2	ROSTER TURNOVER	149%
ROSTER SIZE/COMPOSITION		MATCH RESULTS	

### TOP RIVALRIES

**BILL DROMO VS BUDDY COLT**

**EL MONGOL VS BIG JOHN**

**EL MONGOL VS BUDDY COLT**

**BILL DROMO & BOB ARMSTRONG VS THE ASSASSINS**

### TITLE CHANGES

<b>GEORGIA HEAVYWEIGHT</b>	2
<b>GEORGIA TAG TEAM</b>	4
<b>SOUTHEASTERN TAG TEAM</b>	7
<b>COLUMBUS HEAVYWEIGHT</b>	3
<b>MACON TAG TEAM</b>	3

### AVERAGE # OF WRESTLERS: 23.3

MAIN EVENTERS (7.5)
UPPER MID-CARDERS (5.5)
MID-CARDERS (6.6)
PRELIMINARY WRESTLERS (3.8)

### OVERALL

FACE WINS	21%	HEEL WINS	20%	DRAWS	58%
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### MAIN EVENTS

FACE WINS	15%	HEEL WINS	18%	DRAWS	66%
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### UPPER MIDS

FACE WINS	22%	HEEL WINS	20%	DRAWS	58%
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### MID-CARDS

FACE WINS	21%	HEEL WINS	22%	DRAWS	57%
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### PRELIMS

FACE WINS	28%	HEEL WINS	22%	DRAWS	51%
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## Rankings

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

### **RANKINGS FOR GEORGIA CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING - 1971**

- 1 - BUDDY COLT**
- 2 - THE ASSASSINS (RENESTO & HAMILTON)**
- 3 - BIG JOHN**
- 4 - EL MONGOL**
- 5 - BILL DROMO**
- 6 - KLONDIKE BILL**
- 7 - FLASH & ROCKET MONROE**
- 8 - LUKE GRAHAM**
- 9 - KUBLA KHAN**
- 10 - PAUL DEMARCO**
- 11 - BOB ARMSTRONG**
- 12 - DICK STEINBORN**

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

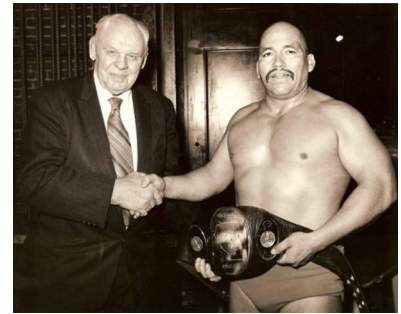
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## Wrestler Profiles

### **EL MONGOL**

*(written by Al Getz)*

For several decades following World War II, professional wrestling in North America was seemingly overrun with stereotypical German and Japanese heels. With that said, plenty of wrestlers billed themselves from equally faraway but less transparently jingoistic locales. Numerous grapplers over the years claimed to be from Mongolia, a nation perhaps most famous for the founder of the Mongol Empire, Genghis Khan. Canadian-born Archie Gouldie found great success as the Mongolian Stomper. In addition, numerous wrestlers billed themselves as “The Mongol” or slight variations of that name.



*El Mongol with promoter Paul Jones*

But if you ask any Georgia Championship Wrestling fan of the late 60s and early 70s, they may very well tell you there was only one Mongolian in wrestling that mattered, and that was El Mongol.

Raul Molina was born in Chihuahua, Mexico in 1930 and turned pro in the early 1950s. He spent several years wrestling in Mexico, including regular appearances in Guadalajara for promoter Elias Simon Kuri. His earliest documented appearances in the U.S. were in Western States Sports (Amarillo) in 1960. After a few years wrestling mostly in the western half of the country and in western Canada, he ventured east and first came to Georgia in December 1966.

He found great success in the Peach State, initially as a heel and then as a babyface. His biggest feud as a heel was with Mr. Wrestling (Tim Woods), though he also had a series of matches with Louie Tillet in the first half of 1968. Mongol turned babyface in early July after he & Tarzan Tyler lost tag team bouts to Alberto & Ramon Torres on consecutive days, first in the finals of a tournament to crown new Georgia Tag Team champions and then in a return bout on TV. Tyler and manager Dandy Jack Crawford viciously attacked Mongol afterwards, blaming him for their losses. Mongol would spend the next couple of years feuding with wrestlers such as Paul DeMarco, Buddy Colt, and Nick Bockwinkel.

As 1971 began, El Mongol was positioned as one of the top babyfaces in the territory. During the year, he had four separate runs as a tag team champion (winning each of the three active titles in the territory at least once) and had a four-month run as Georgia Heavyweight champ.

His singles title reign came by virtue of winning a one-night tournament in February. After receiving a bye in the first round, Mongol defeated Luke Graham, Assassin #2, and Nick Bockwinkel in succession to win the title. His reign came to an end in early June at the hands of a man he faced many times during the year, Buddy Colt. In Macon, Mongol and Colt had four singles bouts in an eight-week period (and in two of the other weeks they were on opposite sides of tag bouts). A Texas death match on March 16th was won by Mongol, but the Macon blowoff came several weeks later. That match, a fence match with no time limit where you had to win two straight falls in order to claim victory, was also won by Mongol.

In the tag team ranks, Mongol & Bob Armstrong won the Macon Tag Team titles from the Assassins in January, holding them through October. Mongol & Armstrong also had two brief runs with the Southeastern Tag Team titles (which were recognized solely in the Georgia towns promoted by Fred Ward), first winning them in a one-night tournament in February and later in the year defeating the Assassins for another go-round. Mongol teamed with Ray Gunkel to hold the Georgia Tag Team titles for a couple of months in the spring, winning them from (and subsequently losing them back to) the Assassins.

Big John (aka Big Bad John) was another frequent opponent of El Mongol's during 1971. In Atlanta, they squared off for three straight weeks in July. Their first match on July 16th went to a no-contest. The rematch the following week was a Texas death match, won by Big John. Some level of shenanigans likely occurred during that match, as they were rematched a week later, once again in a Texas death match but this time with the ring enclosed in wire. The third time was the charm for Mongol, as he finally defeated John. They had a two-match series in Columbus and in Griffin, and the blowoff in each of those towns was also a Texas death match with the ring enclosed in wire. El Mongol won the Columbus match; while no results are available for Griffin, it's probably a safe bet to say Mongol won the blowoff there as well.

Despite holding every title available in the state at some point in 1971, El Mongol finished the year with no gold around his waist. He had been a fixture in the state for most of the last five years and had faced many of the same names year in and year out. It's possible fans grew weary of the stale roster and may have wanted to see a huge shakeup. Later in 1972, due to circumstances nobody could have seen coming, they got exactly that.

## THE ASSASSINS

*(written by David Gibb; David is a writer and author of "[How to Ace Your Comeback](#)")*

Dozens of competitors in the 1960s and '70s were "Assassins" for a night or a couple of weeks, but when wrestlers and historians discuss *The Masked Assassins*, they're invariably talking about the team of Jody Hamilton and Tom Renesto.

Like so many of wrestling's greatest and best-drawing gimmicks, The Assassins were born out of a great mind's remix of an idea that had already worked once before. In this case, the inspiration was "The Great Bolo" Al Lovelock, a major star out west in the 1950s, and the mind was Tom Renesto.

In 1958, Renesto became Lovelock's tag team partner in Jim Crockett Promotions. As "The Great Bolo" and "The Mighty Bolo," Lovelock and Renesto were effectively proto-Assassins. They were near-twins in their ring attire and innovated many of the heel tag team spots and misdirections that would become standard storytelling beats in matches of the '70s and '80s. In spite of their success in the Carolinas, Lovelock was a westerner at heart and playing out the back nine of his career. When he decided to leave Crockett, he agreed to allow his partner Renesto to assume his mantle as "The Great Bolo," either in the Carolinas or the east generally, depending on who you believe.



Following Lovelock's exit, Renesto took Larry Hamilton ("The Missouri Mauler") as his tag team partner in 1959. The two were vicious and effective heels but, of note, not masked twins like The Bolos. Two years later, Renesto made Larry's younger brother Joe (called Jody) into the new Mighty Bolo. In Crockett, Renesto and Jody Hamilton were "The Bolos" thanks to the name Lovelock and Renesto had established previously, but everywhere else, they were The Assassins (perhaps due to Lovelock reconsidering his generosity and getting litigious). They became the undisputed tag team of the 1960s.

By 1971, The Assassins were two of wrestling's biggest and most relied-upon stars, especially in the Southeast, where they were based out of Georgia Championship Wrestling. Both Renesto and Hamilton had grown into respected minds, both in terms of in-match psychology and big-arc storytelling. As the year opened, they were Georgia Tag Team champions as well as Macon Tag Team champions.

Like many territories, Georgia's "true" tag teams were almost exclusively heel pairings, with a variety of makeshift alliances of top babyfaces filling out the division. As top heels, The Assassins were frequently feuding with completely different combinations of main event babyfaces in different towns throughout the area. Renesto and Hamilton's ability to have what felt like meaningful feuds and main events that were tailored to each town around the horn with a variety of talent was what made them so incredibly valuable.

In Atlanta, for example, they faced the team of El Mongol and top area star Ray Gunkel four out of six weeks in March and April. Gunkel and Mongol got the better of The Assassins with a non-title win, but the wily heels retained their belts in the return title match with an intentional disqualification, setting up rematches with barbed wire, Texas Tornado stipulations, and co-promoter/area legend Paul Jones as a guest referee. With the deck properly stacked in favor of goodness, Gunkel and Mongol won the titles, although The Assassins would regain the belts in June before one more big main event with Gunkel and Mongol in August.

About 100 miles away in Columbus, their biggest rivalry was with the team of local heroes "Big" Bill Dromo and Bob Armstrong. As in Atlanta, The Assassins would settle for intentional disqualification losses in their defenses of the Southeastern Tag Titles, eventually earning Dromo and Armstrong a match in which the "no title change on a DQ" rule was waived, allowing the babyfaces to capture the titles when The Assassins resorted to their go-to tactics and were disqualified.

Two weeks later, the teams returned with the DQ rule again suspended and a titles vs. masks stipulation. Each team captured a fall in that match, but time expired, necessitating a rematch with no time limit. Somehow, by the skin of their teeth, The Assassins regained the Southeastern Tag Titles and kept their identities concealed.

As Assassin #2, Jody Hamilton was also the Columbus Heavyweight Champion from June into September, illustrating how essential The Assassins were to getting over the area's top babyfaces in singles matches as well as tags.

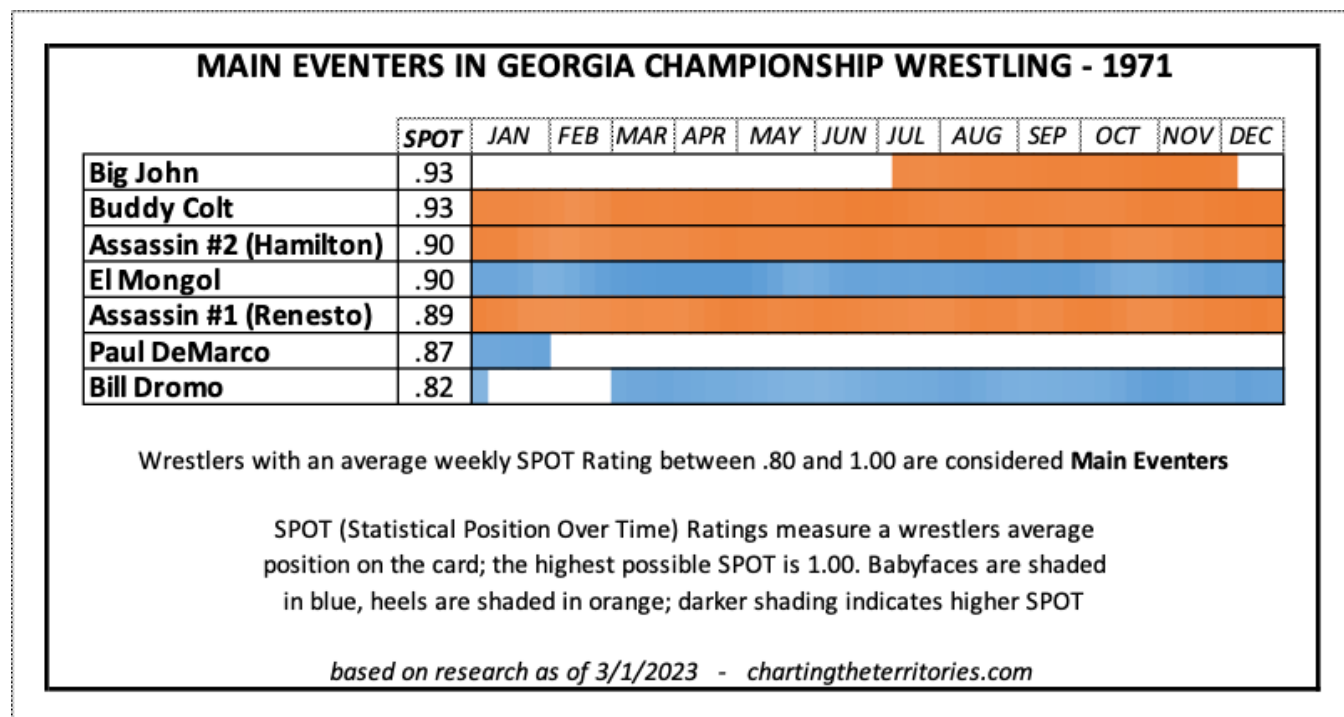
Another 100 miles away in Macon, The Assassins tangled with a combination of their Atlanta and Columbus foes: the team of El Mongol and Bob Armstrong. On May 4, Mongol and Armstrong defended the Macon Tag Team Titles, earning them a shot at the masked men's Southeastern Titles. Again, in two consecutive matches, The Assassins frustrated their opponents by accepting DQs rather than fighting to a fair finish.

Throughout this run, it is believed that Georgia's booker was Tom Renesto, the original Assassin (or second Bolo) himself. As Atlanta, Columbus, and Macon all illustrate, Renesto's main strategy was to get heat on The Assassins with intentional DQs and hot finishes to set up big title wins for the hodgepodge babyface teams. He was cashing in the heat equity his team had built as the top heels for several years running to get pops and keep the top stars strong without needing to do anything too fancy.

As 1971 turned into 1972, Tom Renesto and Jody Hamilton probably felt – perhaps rightfully – that Georgia Championship Wrestling was their kingdom. Renesto was a trusted advisor of promoter and 45% owner Ray Gunkel. Hamilton was a top star in both singles and tag team matches. Their successful collaboration with Gunkel over the years had made The Assassins a region- and era-defining team, earning the loyalty the two wrestlers would repay in the coming promotional war.

## 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.



Buddy Colt <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2021/03/05/legendary-buddy-colt-dies/>

Assassin #2 <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2021/08/03/jody-hamilton-assassin-trainer-dies/>

Bill Dromo <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2012/12/29/bill-dromo-dead-at-75/>



## UPPER MID-CARDERS IN GEORGIA CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING - 1971

	SPOT	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
Luke Graham	.79	Orange												
Bob Armstrong	.78	Blue												
Dick Steinborn	.78					Blue								White
Klondike Bill	.78				Blue									
The Professional	.76	Blue					Blue							
Rocket Monroe	.74						Orange							
George Scott	.73								Blue					
Flash Monroe	.73						Orange							
Kubla Khan	.69	Orange					Blue							
Jimmy Dancing Bear	.60											Blue		
Jim Wilson	.60	Blue												

Wrestlers with an average weekly SPOT Rating between .60 and .80 are considered **Upper Mid-Carders**

SPOT (Statistical Position Over Time) Ratings measure a wrestler's 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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Luke Graham <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2006/06/23/crazy-luke-graham-remembered-fondly/>

Bob Armstrong <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2020/08/28/bullet-bob-armstrong-dead-at-80/>

Dick Steinborn <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2020/04/19/a-piece-of-history-passes-with-steinborns-death/>

Klondike Bill <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2000/10/03/klondike-bill-passes-away/>

The Professional (Doug Gilbert) <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2013/11/05/doug-lindzy-a-masked-professional-with-a-redbeard-dead-at-76/>

Rocket Monroe <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2010/06/08/maury-high-the-second-rocket-monroe-dies/>

George Scott <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2014/01/21/george-scott-dead-at-84/>

Jim Wilson <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2009/02/08/controversial-jim-wilson-dead-at-67/>

## MID-CARDERS IN GEORGIA CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING - 1971

	SPOT	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC		
<b>Bob Griffin</b>	.59	Babyface					Heel								
<b>Karl Von Stroheim</b>	.59	Heel													
<b>Jim Dalton</b>	.59	Babyface		Heel											
<b>Guillotine Gordon</b>	.58	Heel													
<b>Jack Dalton</b>	.57	Babyface		Heel											
<b>Scandor Akbar</b>	.56	Heel		Heel											
<b>Mr. X</b>	.55	Heel					Babyface		Heel						
<b>Mr. Ito</b>	.54	Heel			Heel										
<b>Roberto Soto</b>	.54	Babyface													
<b>Krusher Karlson</b>	.54	Heel													
<b>Robert Fuller</b>	.53	Heel													
<b>Michel Dubois</b>	.53	Heel					Heel								
<b>Fidel Castillo</b>	.53	Heel													
<b>Mighty Koma</b>	.49	Heel													
<b>Billy Spears</b>	.49	Heel													
<b>Great Ota</b>	.48	Heel													
<b>Oki Shikina</b>	.48	Heel													
<b>Bob Boyer</b>	.47	Heel													
<b>Bill White</b>	.46	Heel													
<b>Sabu Singh</b>	.43	Babyface					Heel								
<b>Joe Turco</b>	.42	Heel													
<b>Salvador Lothario</b>	.42	Heel													
<b>Eduardo de Lynch</b>	.42	Babyface				Heel									
<b>The Scorpion</b>	.41	Babyface				Heel									
<b>Nikita Mulkovich</b>	.40	Heel													

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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Karl Von Stroheim <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2006/08/15/hockey-injury-led-to-wrestling-for-karl-von-stroheim/>

Scandor Akbar <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2010/08/20/the-celebrated-career-of-the-late-skandor-akbar/>

Mr. Ito <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2011/12/21/umanosuke-ueda-professor-ito-dies-at-71/>

Michel Dubois <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2019/01/05/alexis-smirnoff-michel-le-justice-dubois-dies/>

Bill White <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2006/07/12/bill-white-solid-blue-collar-worker/>

## PRELIMINARY WRESTLERS IN GEORGIA CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING - 1971

	SPOT	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
<b>Alex Medina</b>	.39												
<b>Cisco Grimaldo</b>	.37												
<b>Jerry Oates</b>	.36												
<b>Ken Russell</b>	.36												
<b>Silento Rodriguez</b>	.30												
<b>The Champ</b>	.29												

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

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## PART-TIME WRESTLERS IN GEORGIA CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING - 1971

	SPOT	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Ray Gunkel	.95	█		█	█		█	█	█			█	
Buddy Fuller	.90				█								
Leon Ogle	.87		█		█								
Louie Tillet	.87										█		
Choo Choo Lynn	.84						█				█		
Bobby Shane	.76	█											
Timothy Geohagen	.41			█									
Nick Adams	.33		█										
Gene Bobo	.32		█	█			█	█					
Red Demon	.32											█	
Darrell Cochran	.31						█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Corsica Jean	.30	█	█	█	█		█						

Wrestlers who meet at least one of the below criteria are considered **Preliminary Wrestlers**

- 1) Were not booked as a regular for at least four consecutive weeks during the time period
- 2) Were booked less than 40% of the time (as compared to the most frequently booked wrestlers)

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Ray Gunkel <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2008/06/27/how-ray-gunkels-death-changed-wrestling/>

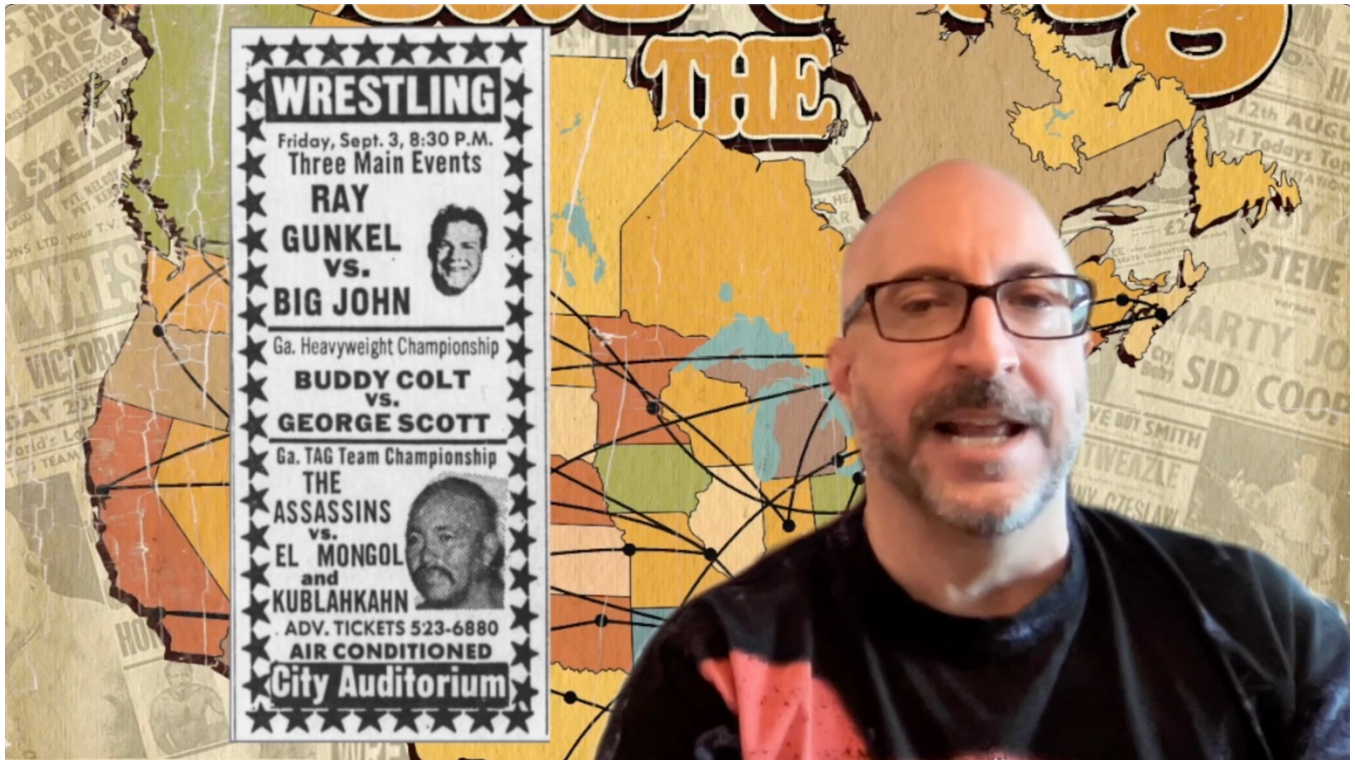
Louie Tillet <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2011/08/22/size-never-mattered-to-louie-tillet/>

## Event Center

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

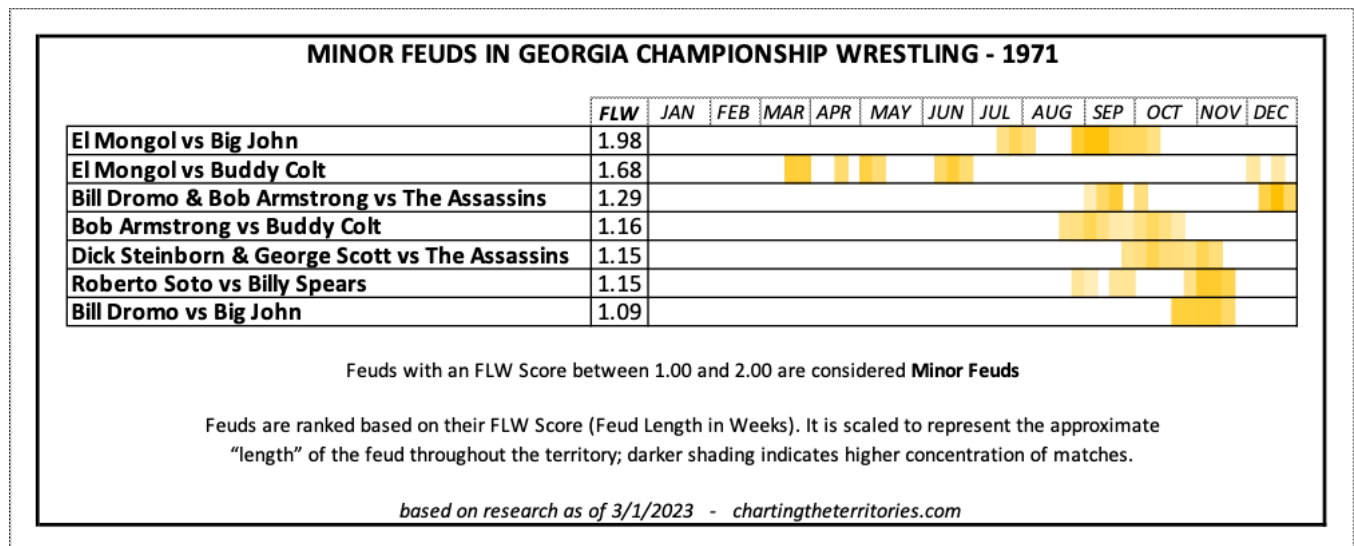
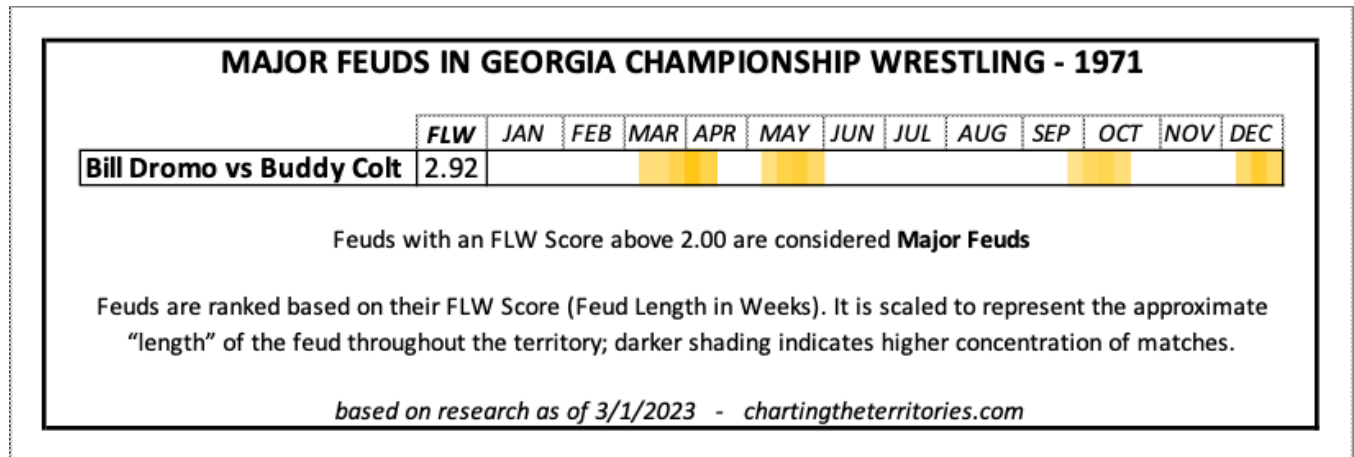
Video available on the Charting the Territories channel on YouTube

<https://youtu.be/83quhdVdB2E>



## 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.

#### **Bill Dromo vs Buddy Colt in Columbus**

- 3/3 Columbus title: Dromo won two falls to none, though the second fall was by disqualification when Colt's manager Homer O'Dell "deliberately interfered".
- 3/24 Columbus title: Colt won the first fall with a neck breaker and Dromo won the second fall with an atomic drop. In the third fall, Colt "used karate on Dromo" and was disqualified. Local promoter Fred Ward then "held up" the title, believing Colt "deliberately got himself disqualified to save his title".
- 3/31 Columbus title, disqualification rule waived: After splitting the first two falls, both wrestlers were disqualified in the third fall.
- 4/7 Columbus title, disqualification rule waived, must be a winner: Colt defeated Dromo.

#### **El Mongol vs Big John in Columbus**

- 9/1 One fall to a finish, no time limit: Mongol won; this match had been set up the previous week when both men were disqualified during an elimination-style eight-man tag team match.
- 9/8 Texas death match with ring enclosed in wire fence: Mongol won.

#### **Dick Steinborn & George Scott vs The Assassins in Atlanta**

- 9/17 Steinborn & Scott won.
- 10/1 Georgia Tag Team titles: According to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Scott & Steinborn won this match. According to Georgia Wrestling History (GWH), the Assassins won the match. If Scott & Steinborn had won, it was likely by a disqualification of some sort. Steinborn was taken from the ring on a stretcher, and GWH reported that promoter Paul Jones "held up" the titles pending a rematch.
- 10/8 No disqualification, two referees: The match went to a draw. This bout was for the "held up" titles; additionally there was a stipulation that unless Scott & Steinborn won the match, the Assassins would "continue to reign" as champions. Since the match ended in a draw, the Assassins had the titles "returned to them".
- 11/5 The Assassins won.

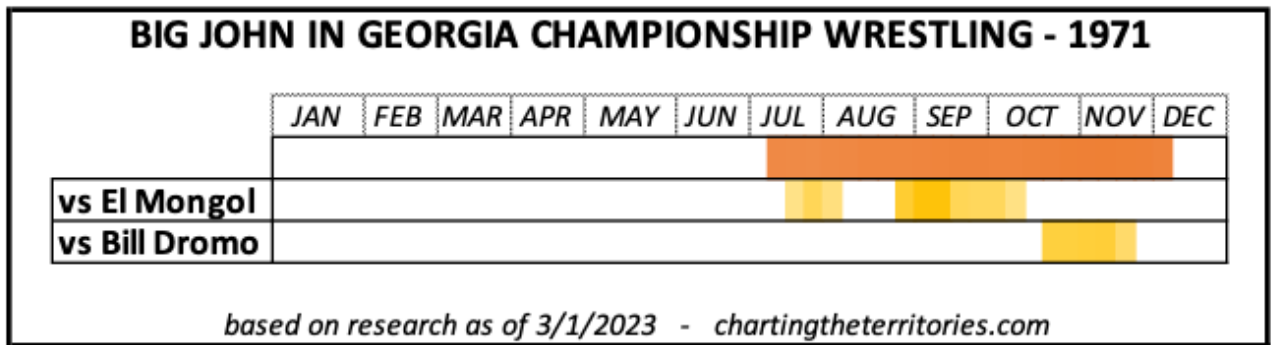
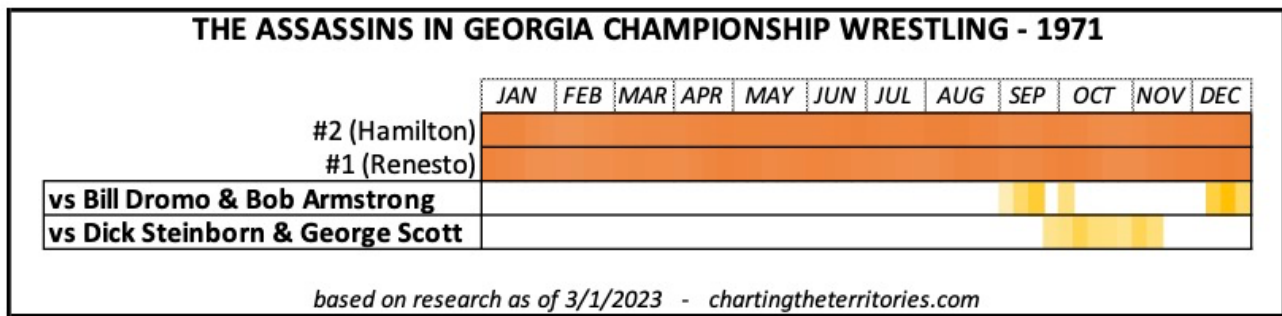
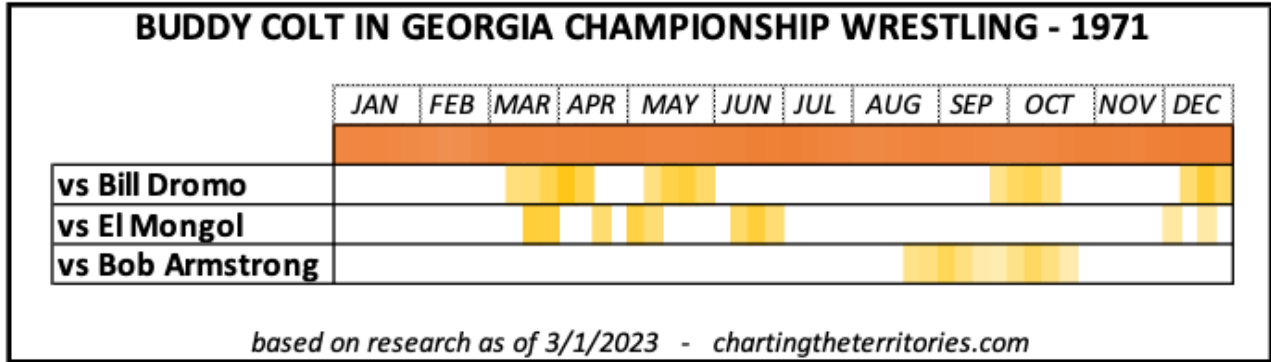
#### **Roberto Soto vs Billy Spears in Waycross**

- 8/9 Both men were disqualified in the third fall after 32 minutes.
- 8/16 10 rounds boxing: Results not available.
- 9/13 Lights out match: Spears won in 37 minutes.



### 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.



## EL MONGOL IN GEORGIA CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING - 1971

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
	[Blue bar spanning all months]												
vs Buddy Colt			█	█	█	█						█	█
vs Big John							█	█	█	█			

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## BILL DROMO IN GEORGIA CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING - 1971

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
	█		[Blue bar spanning from Feb to Dec]									
vs Buddy Colt			█	█	█	█				█	█	█
vs The Assassins (w/Bob Armstrong)									█	█	█	█
vs Big John											█	█

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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.

### GEORGIA HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE - GEORGIA - 1971

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
<b>El Mongol</b>		Blue shading											
<b>Buddy Colt</b>							Orange shading						

Only title changes recognized across the entire territory are listed.  
 In this chart, new champions are generally recognized the calendar week after the title change.  
 Blue shading denotes babyface champions, orange shading denotes heel champions.

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### GEORGIA TAG TEAM TITLES - GEORGIA - 1971

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
<b>The Assassins</b>	Orange shading						Orange shading					
<b>El Mongol &amp; Ray Gunkel</b>				Blue shading								
<b>Buddy Fuller &amp; Ray Gunkel</b>												Blue shading

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### SOUTHEASTERN TAG TEAM TITLES - GEORGIA - 1971

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
<b>Bob Armstrong &amp; El Mongol</b>												
<b>The Assassins</b>												
<b>Bill Dromo &amp; Bob Armstrong</b>												

*These titles were primily acknowledged in Fred Ward's towns (Columbus, Macon, Albany)*

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### COLUMBUS HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE - GEORGIA - 1971

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
<b>Bob Armstrong</b>												
<b>Buddy Colt</b>												
<b>Assassin #2</b>												
<b>Bill Dromo</b>												

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## MACON TAG TEAM TITLES - GEORGIA - 1971

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
<b>The Assassins</b>												
<b>Bob Armstrong &amp; El Mongol</b>												
<b>Big Bad John &amp; Buddy Colt</b>												
<b>Bill Dromo &amp; Bob Armstrong</b>												

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## Charting the World Champ

In 1971, NWA World Heavyweight champion Dory Funk Jr. made two trips to the territory. All matches were title bouts unless otherwise noted.

January 20<sup>th</sup> through January 23<sup>rd</sup>

- 1/20 Columbus: Dory vs Assassin #2. Funk won the second and third falls to win the match. Assassin won the first fall with a back breaker, then Dory won the second fall with “his famous spinning toe hold” and the third “with a cradle hold in a hectic finish”.
- 1/22 Atlanta: Dory vs Paul DeMarco. Funk won the match; during the match, DeMarco reportedly “created a gash” over Dory’s right eye that required ten stitches.
- 1/23 Griffin: Dory vs Kubla Khan. Results not available.

August 17<sup>th</sup> through August 20<sup>th</sup>

- 8/17 Macon: Dory vs Bob Armstrong. The match ended in a draw.
- 8/18 Columbus: Dory & El Mongol vs Buddy Colt & Big John. Dory & Mongol won, with Mongol beating John in the first fall and Funk beating Colt in the second fall.
- 8/20 Atlanta: Dory vs Buddy Colt. Funk won by disqualification after Homer O’Dell interfered.

## 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.

Unfortunately we only have one concrete attendance figure from this territory for the year. On April 14<sup>th</sup> in Columbus, they drew “over 3,000” for a card that featured a battle royal.

## House Show Lineups and Results

We have shared our newspaper clippings for over 360 house shows in the territory during the year with [wrestlingdata.com](https://www.wrestlingdata.com) to aid them in providing comprehensive information. In addition, they have results from 100 television tapings (weekly live TV in Columbus and in Atlanta).

To see the cards and all available results, visit

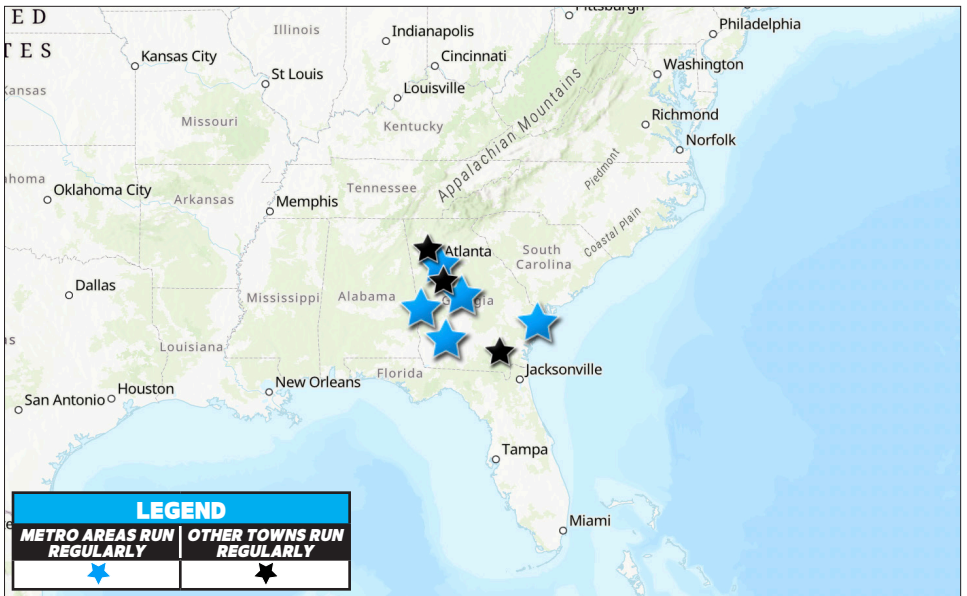
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# GEORGIA CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING

## SAMPLE WEEK

<b>MON 8/30</b>	<b>WAYCROSS</b>
<b>TUE 8/31</b>	<b>MACON</b>
	<b>SAVANNAH</b>
<b>WED 9/1</b>	<b>CARTERSVILLE</b>
	<b>COLUMBUS</b>
	<b>PERRY</b>
<b>THU 9/2</b>	<b>ALBANY</b>
<b>FRI 9/3</b>	<b>ATLANTA</b>
<b>SAT 9/4</b>	<b>GRIFFIN</b>
<b>SUN 9/5</b>	



### TOP SINGLES

**BUDDY COLT**  
**BIG JOHN**  
**EL MONGOL**  
**BILL DROMO**  
**KLONDIKE BILL**

### TOP TAG TEAMS

**THE ASSASSINS**  
**FLASH & ROCKET MONROE**  
**EL MONGOL & KUBLA KHAN**

## TOP RIVALRIES

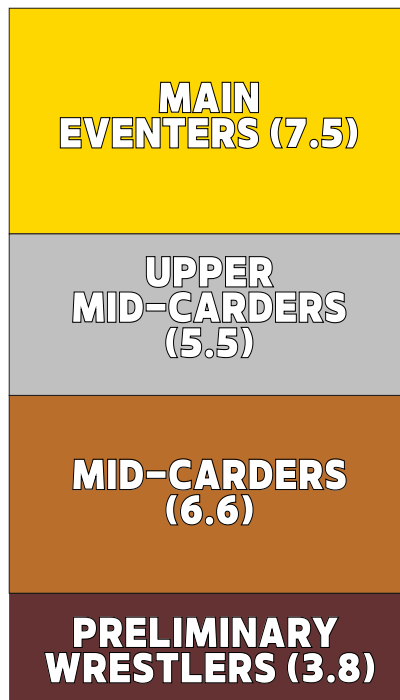
**BILL DROMO VS BUDDY COLT**  
**EL MONGOL VS BIG JOHN**  
**EL MONGOL VS BUDDY COLT**  
**BILL DROMO & BOB ARMSTRONG VS THE ASSASSINS**

## TITLE CHANGES

<b>GEORGIA HEAVYWEIGHT</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>GEORGIA TAG TEAM</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>SOUTHEASTERN TAG TEAM</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>COLUMBUS HEAVYWEIGHT</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>MACON TAG TEAM</b>	<b>3</b>

HOUSE SHOW RECORDS			
DOCUMENTED HOUSE SHOWS	<b>366</b>	SHOWS PER WEEK	<b>7.0</b>
		ESTIMATED COMPLETENESS	<b>70-75%</b>
MISC. BOOKING STATS			
HEEL/FACE TURNS	<b>2</b>	ROSTER TURNOVER	<b>149%</b>
ROSTER SIZE/COMPOSITION		MATCH RESULTS	

## AVERAGE # OF WRESTLERS: 23.3



## OVERALL

