

WESTERN STATES SPORTS (Amarillo) 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.

RANKINGS FOR WESTERN STATES SPORTS (Amarillo) - 1971

- 1 - CICLON NEGRO**
- 2 - RICKY ROMERO**
- 3 - TERRY FUNK**
- 4 - THE INFERNOS (CURTIS & ROCKY SMITH)**
- 5 - KILLER KARL KOX**
- 6 - DORY FUNK SR.**
- 7 - PAK SONG**
- 8 - BOB ROOP**
- 9 - DORY FUNK JR.**
- 10 - BOBBY HART & LORENZO PARENTE**
- 11 - BULL RAMOS**
- 12 - THE SPARTAN (RICKY HUNTER)**
- 13 - THE BEAST & BUTCHER BROWER**
- 14 - BOBBY DUNCUM & WOODY FARMER**

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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CICLON NEGRO

Before getting into pro wrestling, Ramon Eduardo Rodriguez was a welder, boxer, and local strongman from San Felipe, Venezuela. His career in athletics got off to an auspicious start, facing Floyd Patterson at the 1951 Pan-Am Games at just 19 years old. By his early 20s, his dreams of professional boxing were over, allegedly in part because he'd caught the bodybuilding bug and gotten so big that the sweet science was no longer practical for his frame.



At 6'1" and around 250 pounds, Rodriguez was massive by the standards of his home nation. Even today, the average Venezuelan man stands less than 5'7". In 1954, at the age of 22, Rodriguez became a professional wrestler, quickly rising to local stardom under the name Ciclón Venezuelao ("The Venezuelan Cyclone," a title that hinted at his boxing background and carried an undeniable midcentury radio flair).

Within six years, Ciclón was looking to raise his profile and paychecks, touring France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Belgium, and Great Britain intermittently throughout the mid-60s. At some point during that run, he was discovered by Miguel "Blackie" Guzman, a veteran of the U.S. territories serving as a scout for Houston promoter Paul Boesch.

With help from Guzman, Ciclón started taking bookings in the U.S.-based NWA territories as Ciclón Negro ("The Black Cyclone," likely a nod to Rodriguez's shoe polish black hair and mahogany complexion) with tours in Texas, Indianapolis, and D.C. before settling in Florida from 1969 until 1971. Working for Eddie Graham as a babyface, Ciclón attained the Florida Heavyweight Championship, the Brass Knuckles Championship, and three runs with the Florida Tag Team Championship (twice partnering with top area star Jack Brisco and once with legend Sammy Steamboat).

On March 8, Ciclón Negro made his debut in El Paso for Western States Sports as a heel, beating Terry Funk in a "loser leaves town" match. Two nights later in Lubbock, it happened again, officially chasing the youngest Funk from the territory for a couple of months. Fans were likely shocked to see local hero Terry chased from town by a newcomer, but in reality, the move served several purposes. The victories established Ciclón as the biggest heel in the territory overnight and allowed Terry to make a polite exit for an upcoming tour of Florida.

His victories over the younger Funk brother also made Ciclón a logical foe for World Champion Dory Funk Jr. when he returned to the territory two weeks later. Funk Jr. retained in El Paso and Lubbock (scoring a measure of vengeance for his brother), but Ciclón kept his heat after his losses, notably cutting the World Champion with a belt shot after the El Paso affair.

Those four matches in the spring of 1971 were merely the opening salvos in what would become a long-running war between Ciclón Negro and the Funk family. Between 1971 and 1975, Ciclón faced Terry in at least 81 singles matches and Dory Jr. in at least 36 in this territory. He ultimately had a losing record against both brothers, although he certainly got his licks in, especially against the more beatable Terry.

In June of 1971, Ciclón got a rare win against Dory Jr. in a non-title Texas Death Match in El Paso, setting up a rematch for the World Heavyweight title in August. In what was billed as the first-ever defense of the NWA's top title under Texas Death Match rules, Junior retained the title when Ciclón Negro could not answer the referee's post-fall ten count because he had become hopelessly entangled in the ropes.

While he couldn't take wrestling's richest prize from Dory Jr., Ciclón had better luck a few days later against another Funk. On August 26, he defeated Terry for the Western States Heavyweight Title on a card that was advertised as celebrating the 50th anniversary of wrestling in Amarillo, dealing the Funk family another major *ojo negro* in their hometown. A week later, the two were rematched in a Russian Chain Match, which was becoming Terry's "specialty" in the same way his father and brother were considered masters of the Texas Death Match. Before the main event, Terry was "injured" in an angle with Bob Roop, allowing Ciclón Negro to carry Terry to all four corners for the win.

In addition to feuding with both Funk brothers, Ciclón faced family patriarch Dory Sr. in at least 45 singles matches between the former's debut and the latter's sudden death in 1973. While Ciclón Negro couldn't seem to beat World Champion Junior in his signature match, he defeated Funk Sr. seven out of eleven times they faced under Texas Death Match rules in 1971 (in the decade prior, Senior had won more than 75% of all such matches he was involved in). On May 20, Ciclón even defeated the master of the Texas Death Match in Amarillo itself following an assist from J.C. Dykes, the manager of The Infernos.

In less than six months, somehow, a jacked-up welder from Venezuela had run roughshod over all three Funks: the elder statesman of the business, the NWA World Heavyweight Champion, and one of the sport's most in-demand and box office-proven young stars. Without doubt, a cyclone came through Western States Sports in 1971 and shook the territory to its foundation.

BOBBY HART & LORENZO PARENTE

Bobby Hart was a second-generation Canadian wrestler with a legacy in the business – just not *that* Hart legacy. Bobby's father, "The Flying Dutchman" Frankie Hart had broken out as a light heavyweight title contender in the 1930s after emigrating from the Netherlands to the Toronto area. Billed around 190lbs, Frankie Hart was known as a fitness freak in the old-time calisthenic sense: he was a renowned Greco-Roman wrestler, swimmer, equestrian, and gymnast.

Unlike his father, Bobby Hart wouldn't go on to have a career that spanned three decades – he wrestled only about a dozen years before calling it quits – but in that relatively short period, he proved himself as a highly successful and even influential tag team wrestler.



Hart & Parente with the U.S. Tag Team titles (McGuirk OK/LA territory)

In 1969, Bobby began teaming with Frankie Cain as the masked Dante & Mephisto (with Hart being Dante), terrorizing the Gulas/Welch territory and Florida as the '60s became the '70s. Dante & Mephisto got over so well as a heel team in Tennessee that while they were away in Florida, the office brought in a new masked pair called The Spoilers, who were Joey Corea and Lorenzo Parente, to do a similar gimmick.

About a decade earlier, Lorenzo Parente had started in the Amarillo area as "Pancho López," a small heavyweight who enjoyed main events against many of the area's top stars, including a North American Championship feud with Mike DiBiase. He'd become a notable champion of circumstance in the mid '60s, when one of Danny Hodge's car accidents landed Parente a run with LeRoy McGuirk's NWA World Junior Heavyweight Title.

When Hart and Cain returned to Tennessee from Florida, both of the area's somewhat redundant masked teams seemingly ran their course and dissolved. Perhaps feeling like there was more juice left to squeeze, Parente and Hart began teaming, first in Chattanooga and then across the territory. By April of '71, both men were wrapping up for the Gulas office and heading to the Lone Star State as a package deal.

In Western States Sports, Hart & Parente quickly became known as The Continental Warriors and employed Buck Robley as their manager. Robley would famously "load up" a cast on his right forearm, a gimmick he came by opportunistically after a car accident of his own, to blindside the Warriors' opponents and earn them dubious wins. Robley's unique brand of wrestling color (skinny with a protruding gut and a loud mouth) leant Hart & Parente the personality that both men – each regarded as a strong in-ring technician – lacked.

Just over a month after arriving in West Texas, The Continental Warriors captured the Western States Tag Team Titles, defeating Bobby Duncum (Sr.) & Woody Farmer. From May through the summer, the Warriors won a series of rematches against the former champs while also taking on a variety of rotating babyface combinations.

While Hart & Parente had no trouble breaking the hearts of the area's heroes, their stiffest competition that summer came against another team of rulebreakers: The Infernos (Rocky and Curtis Smith under the management of J.C. Dykes). Of course, Bobby Hart's former partner Frankie Cain had previously been an Inferno, and their formula was markedly similar to that used by Dante & Mephisto and The Spoilers, with the famous addition of one partner possessing a visibly built-up "loaded" boot. The Infernos gave their fellow heels a run for their money, capturing the Western States Tag Team Titles from The Continental Warriors in August before losing them back a week later.

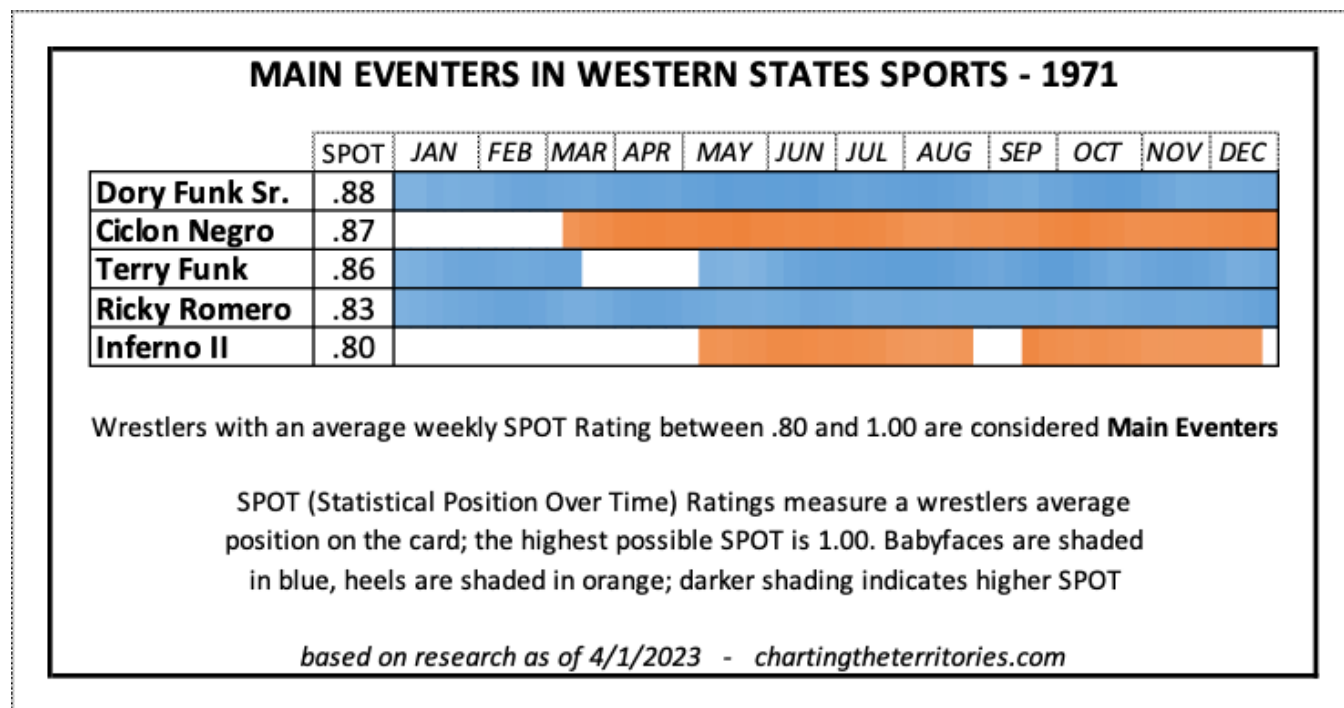
Since both teams had managers who Amarillo-area fans wanted to see get beat up, the feud expanded into six-man tags, with Robley and Dykes joining the fray (likely after a series of finishes where they asserted themselves from ringside). The two managers generated such a great reaction that they were spun out into special main event singles matches with various stipulations including Russian Chain and Texas Death Matches. According to in-person accounts, the colorful Robley received the bulk of fan support against the tuxedoed Dykes.

On November 5th in Brownwood, Texas, Robley and Dykes were scheduled for the main event with the stipulation that the losers' team must leave Texas (so if Dykes lost, the Infernos would have to leave; if Robley lost, Hart & Parente would go). Prior to that match, the Infernos and Continental Warriors would face each other with the winning team earning the right to "name the rules" for the main event. With no results available for this card, we don't know who won the tag match nor do we know what rules the main event was fought under. But we do know for a fact it was Hart & Parente's last documented appearance as a tag team for Western States Sports, so J.C. Dykes had to have won the main event.

The Continental Warriors might have been done in the Amarillo area, but they weren't done for good. Before going their separate ways, Hart & Parente went on to enjoy successful runs for LeRoy McGuirk and in the Gulas/Welch territory after leaving Western States. In a relatively short window, the Warriors made the most of their time together: they had more than a dozen individual tag team title reigns in three different territories over three years.

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.



Dory Funk Sr. <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2013/01/02/dory-funk-sr-s-last-day/>

Ciclon Negro <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2013/07/24/singing-a-song-of-ciclon-negro/>

Terry Funk <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2010/05/06/terry-funk-q-a/>

Ricky Romero <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2006/01/16/ricky-romero-passes-away/>

UPPER MID-CARDERS IN WESTERN STATES SPORTS - 1971

	SPOT	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
The Spartan	.76												
Inferno I	.75												
Bull Ramos	.74												
Killer Karl Kox	.73												
The Beast	.69												
Butcher Brower	.69												
Buck Robley	.69												
Lord Alfred Hayes	.68												
Ramon Torres	.68												
Pak Song	.68												
Bob Roop	.68												
The Gladiator	.65												
Nick Kozak	.64												

Wrestlers with an average weekly SPOT Rating between .60 and .80 are considered **Upper 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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The Spartan (Ricky Hunter) <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2022/02/08/gladiator-ricky-hunter-dies/>

Bull Ramos <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2006/05/28/apache-bull-ramos-dies/>

Killer Karl Kox <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2011/11/10/killer-karl-kox-dies/>

Butcher Brower (Freddie Sweetan) <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2005/02/02/the-tragic-end-of-freddie-sweetan/>

Buck Robley <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2013/05/28/buck-robley-one-of-wrestlings-brightest-minds-dies/>

Lord Alfred Hayes <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2005/07/21/lord-al-hayes-dead-at-76/>

Bob Roop <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2000/09/19/olympics-just-another-step-for-bob-roop/>

The Gladiator (Tom Jones) <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2017/03/06/tom-jones-remembered-by-friends/>

MID-CARDERS IN WESTERN STATES SPORTS - 1971

	SPOT	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Jerry Kozak	.59	[Blue shading]											
Bobby Hart	.59	[Orange shading]											
Mr. Wrestling	.59	[Blue shading]											
Lorenzo Parente	.58	[Orange shading]											
Man Mountain Mike	.57	[Blue shading]											
Mr. Okuma	.57	[Orange shading]											
Woody Farmer	.56	[Blue shading]											
Eric Rommel	.56	[Blue shading]											
Lightning R. Jones	.56	[Blue shading]											
Luke Brown	.54	[Blue shading]											
Masio Koma	.53	[Orange shading]											
Bobby Duncum	.53	[Blue shading]											
Sakaguchi	.48	[Orange shading]											
Gorgeous George Jr.	.48	[Blue shading]											
Sal Dominguez	.42	[Blue shading]											
Duke Myers	.42	[Orange shading]											
Don Duffy	.41	[Orange shading]											
Cowboy Carlson	.40	[Blue shading]											

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

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Jerry Kozak <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2014/03/10/jerry-kozak-dies-at-79/>

Bobby Hart <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2010/03/14/father-and-son-wore-hart-name-proudly/>

Mr. Wrestling (Gordon Nelson) <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2012/12/19/mr-wrestling-gordon-nelson-dead-at-82/>

Woody Farmer <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2007/04/23/woody-farmer-leads-three-generations-to-battle/>

Eric Rommel (Eric Froelich) <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2023/02/11/eric-froelich-dead-at-85/>

Lightning R. Jones (Sonny King) <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2010/05/31/sonny-king-talks-about-his-career-for-the-first-time/>

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

Duke Myers <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2015/08/22/duke-myers-dies/>

PRELIMINARY WRESTLERS IN WESTERN STATES SPORTS - 1971

	SPOT	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Apache Gringo	.37												
Bob Boyer	.33												
Ron Paul	.29												

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

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PART-TIME WRESTLERS IN WESTERN STATES SPORTS - 1971

	SPOT	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Dory Funk Jr.	1.00												
Harley Race	.90												
Hiro Matsuda	.87												
Rufus R. Jones	.86												
The Lawman	.60												
Cornelio Hernandez	.43												
The Hood	.43												
Spartan #2	.43												
Black Bart	.41												
The Red Devil	.40												
Chief Little Eagle	.36												
Al Velasco	.35												
Alex Perez	.34												

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) Had less than 40% bookings per week as the most frequently booked wrestlers in the territory

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Dory Funk Jr. <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2006/11/03/thrill-not-gone-for-dory-funk-jr/>

Harley Race <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/2019/08/01/legendary-harley-race-dies/>


Hiro Matsuda <https://slamwrestling.net/index.php/1999/11/28/hiro-matsuda-remembered/>

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

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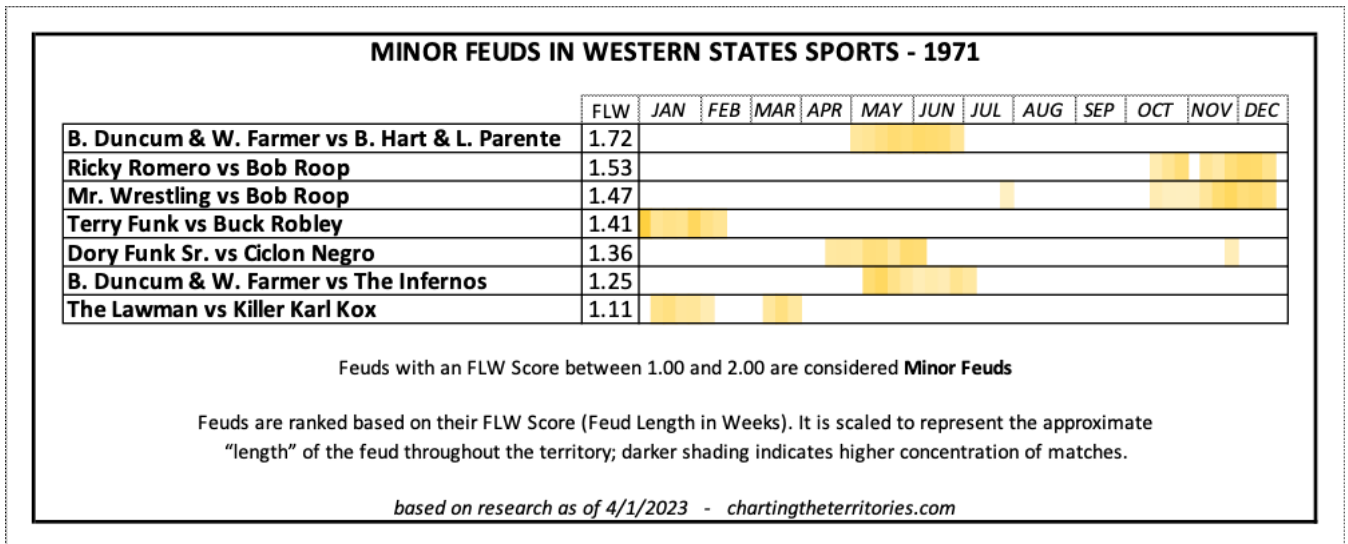
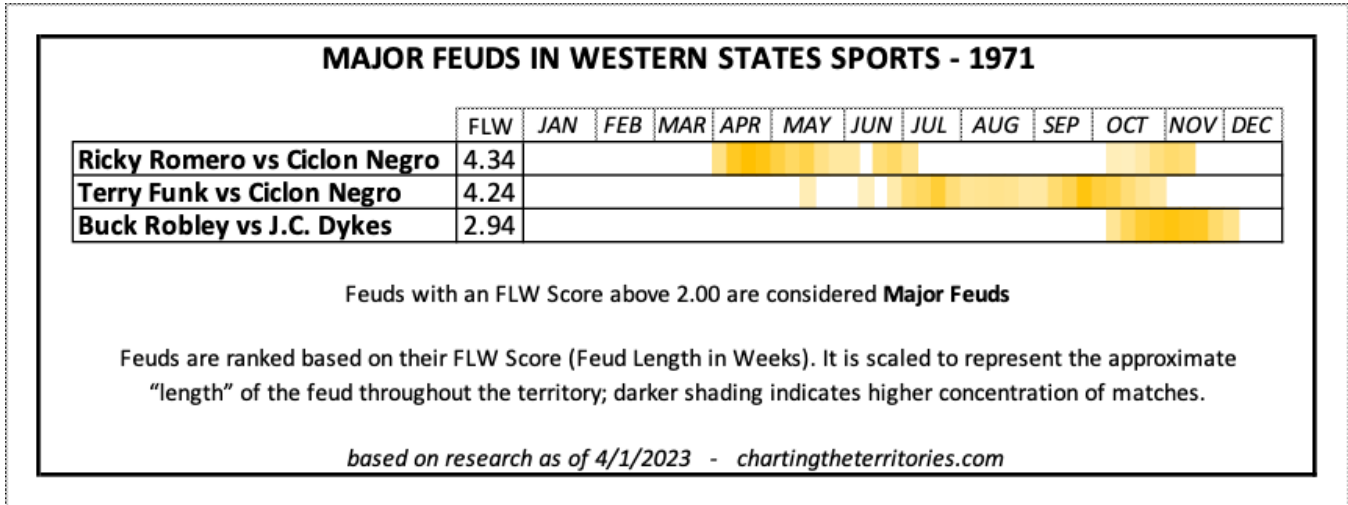
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Feuds

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.

Terry Funk vs Ciclon Negro in Amarillo

- 5/6 Western States title vs 4,000 bolivars (equivalent of \$1000): Funk won by disqualification after Ciclon threw him into a chair that was being held against the ropes by The Spartan.
- 5/27 Terry was unable to appear because of a neck injury and Ciclon defeated substitute Jerry Kozak.
- 6/10 Ciclon won by pinfall; Terry had his foot “hung in the ropes” but referee Ron Paul, who was “dazed”, missed it.
- 7/15 Western States title: Terry won by disqualification. In the third fall, referee Alex Perez was knocked out of the ring by Ciclon. Sal Dominguez came to the ring to take over as referee and made the three-count after Ciclon gave Terry a knee-drop. Ciclon was announced as the winner and took the title, but then original referee Alex Perez got back in the ring and announced the disqualification.
- 8/26 Western States title: Ciclon won the match and title.
- 9/2 Western States title, Russian chain match: Ciclon won the match; Terry had been banged up earlier in the evening when he became involved in a fracas after the match between his father and Bob Roop.
- 9/16 Western States title: The match went to a draw; each man won 1 fall before the 60-minute time limit expired.
- 9/30 Western States title, must be a winner, NWA judge at ringside: Ciclon beat Funk to win the match and title. In the third fall, Terry applied “a double backslide” on Ciclon. Both men’s’ shoulders were down as the referee counted the pinfall attempt, with Ciclon pulling up one shoulder just before the three-count.

Buck Robley vs J.C. Dykes in Odessa

- 10/26 Robley won.
- 11/2 Russian chain match: Robley won.
- 11/23 Robley won.

Bobby Duncum & Woody Farmer vs Bobby Hart & Lorenzo Parente in Amarillo

- 4/22 Western States Tag Team titles: Duncum & Farmer won the third fall by disqualification after Hart & Parente double-teamed Farmer.
- 5/27 Western States Tag Team titles, no disqualification: Hart & Parente won the match and titles.
- 6/10 Western States Tag Team titles: Duncum & Farmer won by disqualification after Parente “struck the official”.
- 6/17 No disqualification: Duncum & Farmer won.

Bob Roop vs Ricky Romero in Lubbock

- 10/13 The match went to a draw.
- 10/27 Both men were counted out.
- 11/3 Lumberjack match: Romero won.

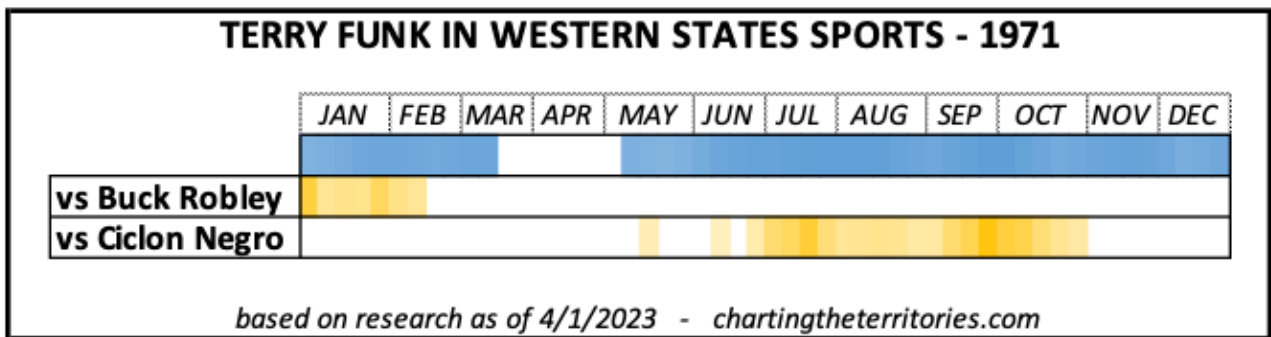
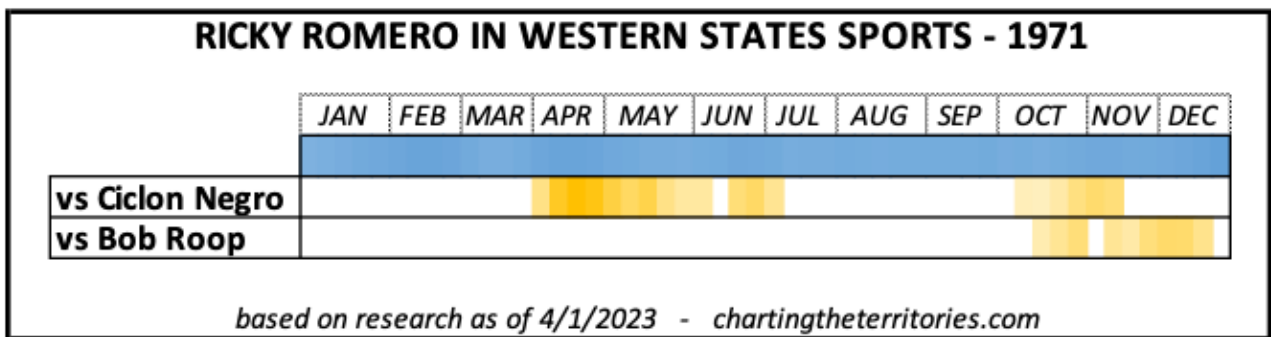
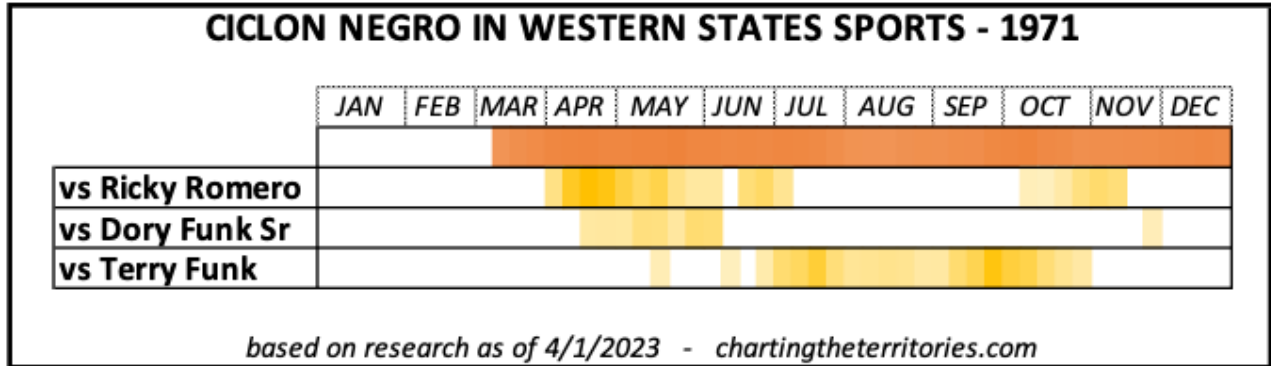
- 12/15 Roop was reportedly injured in a match in Albuquerque and Romero beat substitute Killer Karl Kox.

The Lawman vs Killer Karl Kox in Abilene

- 1/4 Kox won.
- 1/11 Brass Knucks rules: Both men were disqualified after they “decided to take their differences to the parking lot”.
- 1/18 Texas death match: Kox won with the aid of a loaded glove.
- 2/1 Chain match: Kox won after The Beast interfered on his behalf.
- 3/8 Standard match with pinfall/submission rules with the added stipulation that the first man to throw the other over the top rope during the match will get last week's \$1,000 battle royal purse: Both men were disqualified for fighting “all over the Coliseum”, though The Lawman was able to throw Kox over the top rope during the match to win the \$1,000.
- 3/15 Ring surrounded by fence, chain match, four fans picked as referees: Kox won a “bloody, grueling battle”; after the winner was announced, the two continued to fight for another 20 minutes.
- 3/22 No time limit, must be a winner, Lawman's hair vs Kox' leaving town: The Lawman 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.



THE INFERNOS IN WESTERN STATES SPORTS - 1971

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Inferno I												
Inferno II												
vs Bobby Duncum & Woody Farmer												

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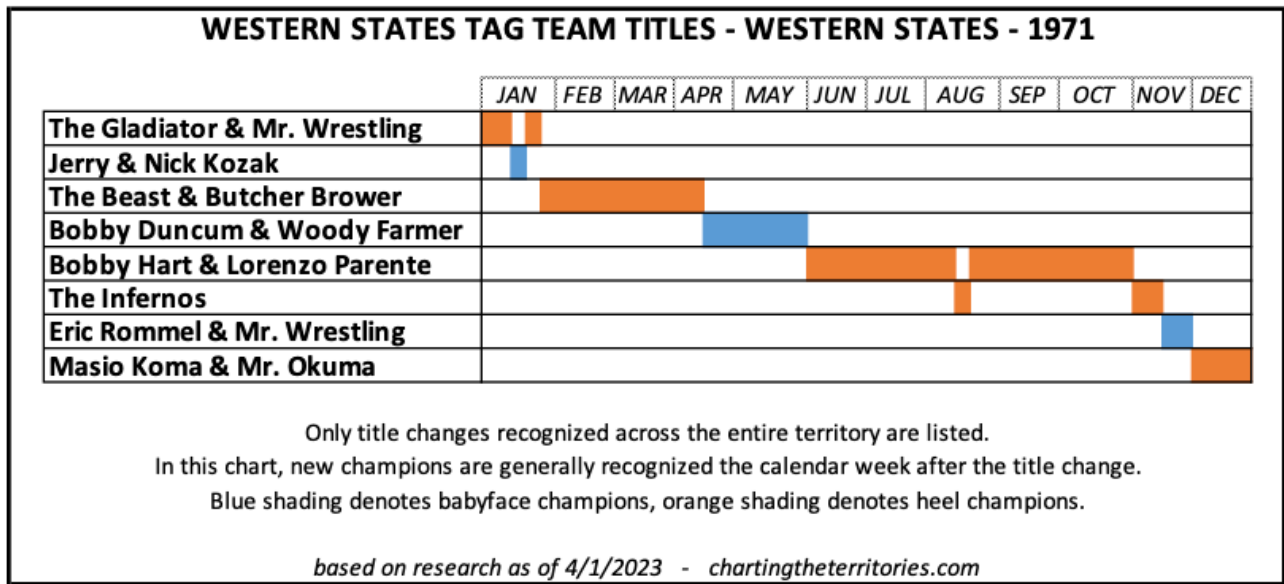
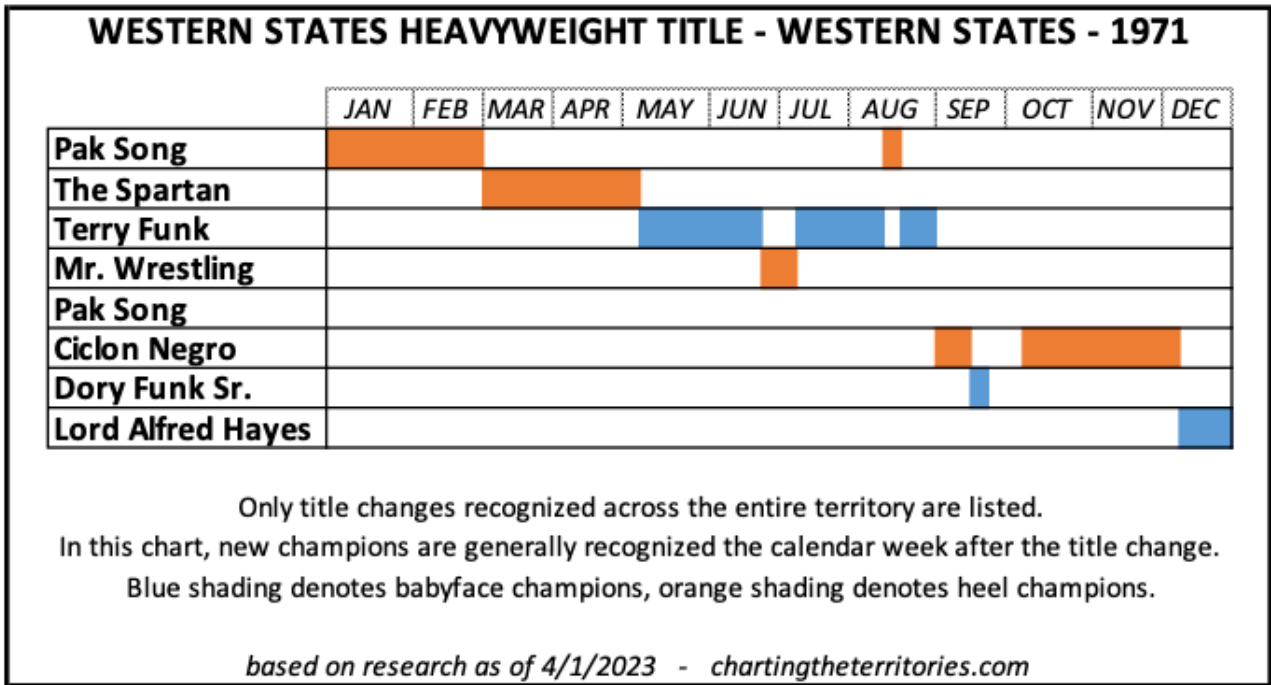
KILLER KARL KOX IN WESTERN STATES SPORTS - 1971

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
vs The Lawman												

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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.



ROCKY MOUNTAIN HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE - WESTERN STATES - 1971

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Ricky Romero	Blue	White	Blue	Blue	White	White	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Mr. Wrestling	White	Orange	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	White	White
Ciclon Negro	White	White	White	White	Orange	Orange	Orange	White	White	White	White	White

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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Charting the World Champ

In 1971, NWA World Heavyweight champion Dory Funk Jr. had 6 stints in the territory plus 2 additional one-off appearances. All singles matches were title bouts unless otherwise noted.

- 2/18 Amarillo: Dory & Dory Sr. & Terry vs Pak Song & Sakaguchi & Hiro Matsuda. The Funk family won.

March 21st through March 29th

- 3/21 Albuquerque: Dory vs Killer Karl Kox.
- 3/22 El Paso: Dory vs Ciclon Negro. Dory won with a “reverse crab” at 31:32. Afterwards, Ciclon attacked him with the title belt, opening a cut over Dory’s eye.
- 3/23 Odessa: Dory vs The Beast. Dory won.
- 3/24 Lubbock: Dory vs Ciclon Negro. Dory won.
- 3/25 Amarillo: Dory vs The Spartan. Both men were disqualified when they were counted out. Dory won the first fall with a spinning toe hold in 17:35 and Spartan won the second fall with the Indian death lock in 1:35. In the third fall, Spartan again had Dory in the Indian death lock, but the champ “flipped himself out of the hold”, which led to both men ending up outside the ring.
- 3/26 Liberal KS: Dory vs Sakaguchi.
- 3/27 Hereford: Dory & Ramon Torres vs Ciclon Negro & Mr. Wrestling.
- 3/29 Abilene: Dory vs The Beast. Dory won.

May 24th through May 30th

- 5/24 El Paso: Dory vs Ciclon Negro. Both men were counted out of the ring in the third fall at the 40:24 mark. Dory won the first fall with a spinning toe hold at 30:26 and Ciclon won the second with a “head first atomic drop” (that is almost certainly something different than what it sounds like) in 4:06.
- 5/25 Odessa: Dory vs Inferno II. Dory won, taking the first and third falls.
- 5/26 Lubbock: Dory vs Ciclon Negro. Dory won when Ciclon was disqualified in the third fall.
- 5/27 Amarillo: Dory vs Boris Malenko. Dory won the third fall by disqualification. Malenko won the first fall with the camel clutch and Dory won the second fall with a spinning toe hold.
- 5/28 Brownwood: Dory vs Ciclon Negro.
- 5/30 Albuquerque: Dory vs Inferno II.

June 20th through June 26th

- 6/20 Albuquerque: Dory vs Ciclon Negro (may not have been a title match).
- 6/21 El Paso: Dory vs Ciclon Negro (non-title, Texas death match). Ciclon won the match in 29:48 with a knee drop to the throat.
- 6/22 Odessa: Dory vs Inferno II. Dory won.
- 6/23 Lubbock: Dory vs Ricky Romero. The match went to a one-hour draw.
- 6/24 Amarillo: Dory vs Ciclon Negro. Dory won. He took the first fall with a “back knee drop”, Ciclon won the second fall with a pile driver, and Dory won the third fall with a sunset flip.
- 6/26 Colorado Springs: Dory vs Ciclon Negro.

August 22nd through August 29th

- 8/22 Albuquerque: Dory vs Pak Song.
- 8/23 El Paso: Dory vs Ciclon Negro (Texas death match for the title). Dory won. After Ciclon scored a fall, he attacked Dory during the 30-second rest period. Dory “somehow ... managed to tangle him [Ciclon] in the ropes” and Ciclon couldn’t “clear the ropes” in time for the next fall.
- 8/24 Odessa: Dory vs Killer Karl Kox. Dory won. Originally Kox pinned Dory in the third fall, using his feet braced on the ropes for extra leverage. The referee, “after consultation with the ringside officials”, nullified the pin and restarted the match.
- 8/25 Lubbock: Dory vs Pak Song. Dory won when Pak Song was disqualified for “the illegal use of karate”.
- 8/26 Amarillo: Dory vs Bob Roop. Dory won. Roop took the first fall with a shoulder breaker and Dory took the second fall with a sunset flip. In the third fall, Roop had Dory pinned but referee Alex Perez saw Dory’s leg outside the ring and stopped the count. An angered Roop picked up Dory’s title belt and swung it wildly, hitting Perez and leading to him being disqualified. Afterwards, Roop “pounded Dory Jr. with the belt and had to be held off by four other wrestlers”.
- 8/27 San Angelo: Dory & Dory Sr. & Terry vs Ciclon Negro & Killer Karl Kox & Pak Song.
- 8/29 Clovis: Dory vs Killer Karl Kox.

September 12th through September 16th

- 9/12 Albuquerque: Dory vs Rick Romero.
- 9/13 El Paso: Dory vs Pak Song. Dory won. He took the first fall with a spinning toe hold, Pak Song took the second fall with a stomach claw, and Dory took the third fall with a Boston crab.
- 9/14 Odessa: Dory vs Killer Karl Kox. Dory won.
- 9/15 Lubbock: Dory vs Pak Song. Dory won.
- 9/16 Amarillo: Dory vs Bob Roop (Texas death match, non-title). Roop won after knocking Dory unconscious by jumping onto his spine from the top rope. Roop was fined \$500 for his actions.

October 10th through October 14th

- 10/10 Albuquerque: Dory vs Ciclon Negro (Texas death match, non-title).
 - 10/11 El Paso: Dory vs Mr. Wrestling. Dory won. Wrestling’s mask “got twisted on his face” and Dory was able to surprise him with a “flying scissors” for the win.
 - 10/12 Odessa: Dory vs Ciclon Negro. Dory won.
 - 10/13 Lubbock: Dory vs Inferno II. Dory won.
 - 10/14 Amarillo: Dory vs Bob Roop (Texas death match for the title). Dory won, using a “spinning toe [hold] at 37:22” to score what ended up being the final fall.
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- 11/16 Tucson: Dory vs Gene Kiniski.

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 58 cards in 1971 including 48 from Lubbock, 1 from a spot show in Levelland, 3 from Abilene and 6 from El Paso. The Lubbock figures come from Jason Freeman's book *Wrestling on the Staked Plains: Lubbock, TX 1933-1980* and are believed to have come from Lubbock promoter Nick Roberts' personal records.

For Abilene and El Paso, the attendance figures listed were probably among the highest ones for the year in each town (since they didn't publish weekly attendance figures, it is far more likely that they would publish the "good" ones). There also seems to be some seasonality to the attendance in Lubbock, with it peaking in the summertime and taking a big dip towards the end of the year.

Abilene

3/15/71 drew 3,000 (Killer Karl Kox vs The Lawman in a chain match held inside a steel fence)

7/12/71 drew 2,000 (Terry Funk vs Johnny Valentine)

7/19/71 drew 2,500 (Terry Funk vs Ciclon Negro)

El Paso

2/1/71 drew 2,800 (Terry Funk vs Buck Robley)

5/24/71 drew 4,000 (Dory Funk Jr. vs Ciclon Negro in an NWA World Heavyweight title match)

7/5/71 drew 7,323 (El Santo & Ricky Romero vs The Infernos; Santo's first El Paso appearance in over six months)

8/23/71 drew 5,000 (Dory Funk Jr. vs Ciclon Negro in a Texas death match for the NWA World Heavyweight title)

10/4/71 drew 3,600 (El Santo, Ricky Romero, & Dory Funk Sr. vs The Infernos & J.C. Dykes)

10/18/71 drew 2,000 (Ricky Romero vs Ciclon Negro and a little persons' battle royal)

Levelland drew 711 on 3/6/71

Lubbock (average attendance 1,472)

1/13/1971 drew 1,315

1/20/1971 drew 1,584

1/27/1971 drew 1,389

2/3/1971 drew 1,570

2/10/1971 drew 1,287

2/17/1971 drew 1,425

2/24/1971 drew 1,087

3/3/1971 drew 1,156

3/10/1971 drew 1,052

3/17/1971 drew 917

3/24/1971 drew 1,977
3/31/1971 drew 1,298
4/7/1971 drew 1,025
4/14/1971 drew 1,107
4/21/1971 drew 967
4/28/1971 drew 1,003
5/5/1971 drew 2,067 (Dory Funk Sr. vs Ciclon Negro in a steel cage Texas death match)
5/12/1971 drew 1,650
5/19/1971 drew 853
5/26/1971 drew 1,477
6/2/1971 drew 958
6/9/1971 drew 1,368
6/16/1971 drew 2,010 (Ricky Romero vs Ciclon Negro in a Mexican death match)
6/23/1971 drew 1,833
6/30/1971 drew 1,797
7/7/1971 drew 2,051 (Terry Funk vs Ciclon Negro)
7/14/1971 drew 2,024 (Mr. Wrestling vs one of the Infernos with J.C. Dykes and the other Inferno suspended above the ring in a cage)
7/21/1971 drew 2,341 (Dory Funk Sr. vs Bull Ramos and Terry Funk vs Ciclon Negro)
7/28/1971 drew 1,932
8/4/1971 drew 2,516 (Terry Funk vs Ciclon Negro in a Russian chain match)
8/11/1971 drew 2,048 (Dory Funk Sr. vs Harley Race)
8/18/1971 drew 1,954
8/25/1971 drew 2,149 (Dory Funk Jr. vs Pak Song plus Haystack Calhoun)
9/1/1971 drew 1,148
9/8/1971 drew 1,342
9/15/1971 drew 1,580
9/22/1971 drew 989
10/6/1971 drew 1,570
10/13/1971 drew 1,429
10/20/1971 drew 1,706
10/27/1971 drew 1,325
11/3/1971 drew 1,390
11/10/1971 drew 1,673
11/17/1971 drew 1,232
11/24/1971 drew 1,503
12/1/1971 drew 645
12/8/1971 drew 756
12/15/1971 drew 1,166

House Show Lineups and Results

We have shared our newspaper clippings for over 450 house shows in the territory during the year with wrestlingdata.com to aid them in providing comprehensive information. In addition, they have results from several television tapings in Amarillo.

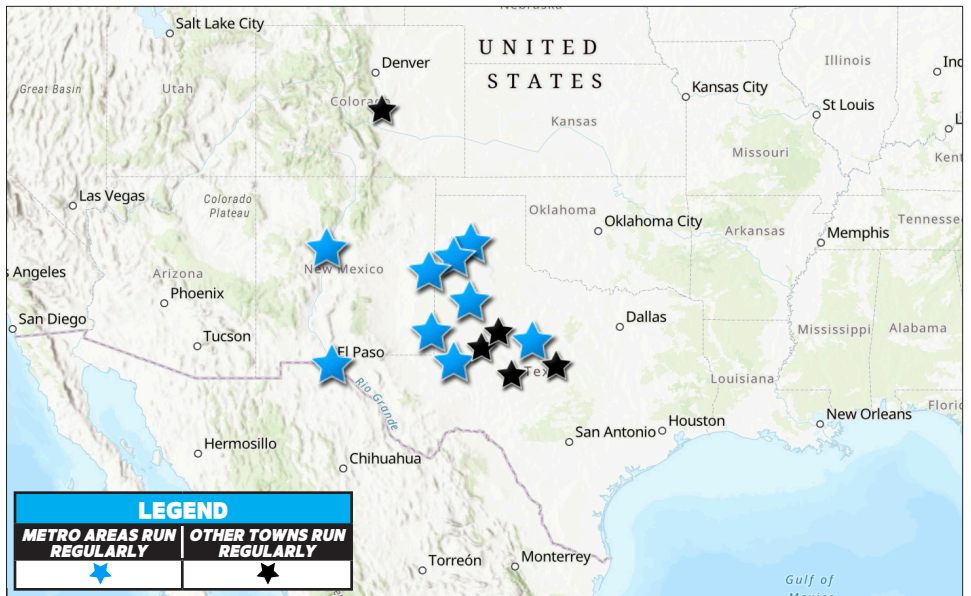
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WESTERN STATES SPORTS (AMARILLO)

SAMPLE WEEK

MON 11/22	ABILENE
	EL PASO
TUE 11/23	ODESSA
WED 11/24	HOBBS
	LUBBOCK
THU 11/25	AMARILLO
	SAN ANGELO
FRI 11/26	BIG SPRING
SAT 11/27	COLO. SPRINGS
	HEREFORD
SUN 11/28	ALBUQUERQUE
	CLOVIS



HOUSE SHOW RECORDS

DOCUMENTED HOUSE SHOWS	460	SHOWS PER WEEK	8.8	ESTIMATED COMPLETENESS	85-90%
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MISC. BOOKING STATS

HEEL/FACE TURNS	3	ROSTER TURNOVER	147%
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ROSTER SIZE/COMPOSITION

MATCH RESULTS

TOP SINGLES

TOP TAG TEAMS

CICLON NEGRO
RICKY ROMERO
TERRY FUNK
KILLER KARL KOX
DORY FUNK SR.

THE INFERNOS
BOBBY HART & LORENZO PARENTE
THE BEAST & BUTCHER BROWER

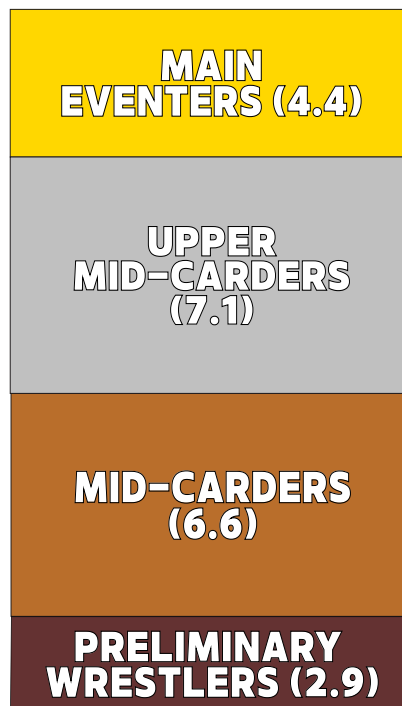
TOP RIVALRIES

- RICKY ROMERO vs CICLON NEGRO
- TERRY FUNK vs CICLON NEGRO
- BUCK ROBLEY vs J.C. DYKES
- BOBBY DUNCUM & WOODY FARMER vs BOBBY HART & LORENZO PARENTE

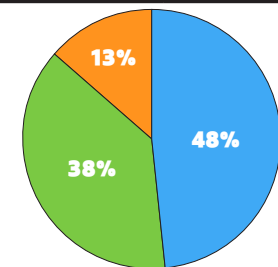
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ROCKY MOUNTAIN HEAVYWEIGHT	4

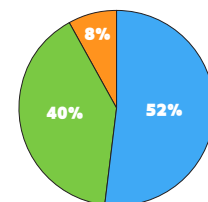
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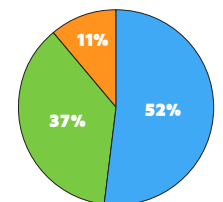
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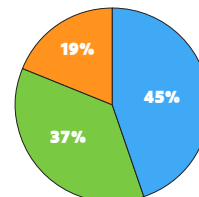
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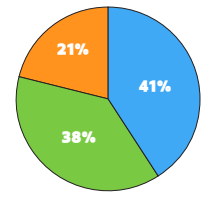
MAIN EVENTS



UPPER MIDS



MID-CARDS



PRELIMS