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A SNAPSHOT OF PROFESSIONAL
WRESTLING IN THE UNITED STATES,
CANADA AND JAPAN

FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEB 8th, 1976

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INTRODUCTION

In October of 2018, I started a blog called Charting the Territories. The idea was to look at pro wrestling in the territorial era with a unique, data-based perspective. Using a statistic that I created, I started ranking wrestlers in a particular territory over a particular time frame by their average position on the cards. This statistic is called SPOT Rating, with SPOT standing for Statistical Position Over Time. SPOT Rating is a number between .00 and 1.00, with a 1.00 being the highest possible score and meaning that a wrestler was in the main event of every card they were booked on.

As a general rule of thumb:

- a wrestler with a SPOT Rating between .80 and 1.00 would be considered a Main Eventer
- between .60 and .80 would be considered an Upper Mid-Carder
- between .40 and .60 would be considered a Mid-Carder
- .40 and below would be considered a Preliminary Wrestler (it is important to note that most Preliminary Wrestlers were still full-time professional wrestlers, working most every night)

Until the peak of the WWF/WCW wrestling war in the mid-to-late '90s, wrestling cards were generally structured sequentially, i.e. the wrestlers in the opening bouts were preliminary wrestlers while the later matches were reserved for the "top stars" in the territory. Thus, measuring the average position (or, spot; hence the statistic being named SPOT) of a wrestler on the cards they were booked on in a short time period allows us to see which wrestlers the promoters and bookers considered to be most important in each territory (the ones that could maximize attendance when placed in important matches). Nowadays, most wrestling cards typically are structured with peaks and valleys. They may have an exciting match open the card to pump up the crowd, then take them on a roller coaster ride the rest of the show until peaking with the main event. This makes SPOT Ratings less valuable for modern times, but in looking at the territories in the 60s, 70s and the first half of the 80s, it does a great job of showing you where each wrestler was slotted in a given territory at a given time.

Given the amount of work needed to evaluate and catalog the literally hundreds of thousands of pro wrestling cards that have been held over a hundred plus years, my blog focuses primarily on a 27-year time period of one main territory (and two "splinter" groups that were run in parts of the territory): the territory initially owned and operated by Leroy McGuirk based in Oklahoma, which eventually morphed into Bill Watts' Mid-South Wrestling ('morphed' being an overly simplistic summation of a split between two business partners leading to each running in a separate subset of the territory until McGuirk closed up shop).

Ideally, I would love to do this for ALL territories. As an experiment, I decided to see how long it would take to compile data for as many territories as possible for a short period of time. This snapshot is the result of that experiment. It took long enough that I can't foresee this becoming a regular thing. But at the same time, it showed that I may be able to expand the scope of my blog down the road beyond just one territory, possibly adding a small number of territories or looking at several territories over a several year time period (as opposed to 27 years).

For each of the 21 territories in this snapshot, I found as much information as I could on the advertised lineups and results for as many shows as possible in a five-week time period centered around the week between Feb 2nd and Feb 8th of 1976. Altogether, 527 different cards were found. More detailed information on how SPOT is calculated and where the information came from can be found in the Methodology & Data Sources section on page 34.

For each territory, you will see a Depth Chart, Singles Rankings and Tag Team Rankings (where applicable). The Depth Chart lists all of the full-time wrestlers in a territory and places them into four different categories based on SPOT Rating: Main Eventers, Upper Mid-Carders, Mid-Carders and Preliminary Wrestlers. In each category, babyfaces are listed on the left-hand side and heels on the right-hand side (for New Japan and All Japan, non-Japanese wrestlers are generally considered to be the “heels”). Note that special touring attractions such as the NWA World Heavyweight champion (Terry Funk at this time), Andre the Giant, and midget and women wrestlers are not listed; they can be found in the Wrestler Notes section on page 27. The Singles Rankings list the top 10 wrestlers by SPOT Rating (or less if there aren’t enough) in each territory, not including wrestlers who are part of a team listed in the Tag Team Rankings. In those rankings, teams are ranked by their SPOT Ratings only for tag team matches. However, the SPOT Ratings used in the Singles Rankings are based on all of a wrestlers’ matches, be they singles bouts, tag team matches, etc. Note that All Japan was in between tours the week of February 8th; their data was compiled using the tail end of the previous tour which ended on January 29th and the first two nights of the following tour that began on February 21st.

Wrestlers are listed by the name they used in the territory at the time. The Wrestler Notes section contains a list of notable aliases and/or alternate ring names for many of these wrestlers. In some cases, I use a slightly different spelling that the wrestler may have used for most of their career. That section also lists other wrestlers who were active in and around this time period but not specifically a regular in one of the 21 territories. It also includes information on women wrestlers, midget wrestlers and managers who were active at the time.

I was unable to find enough data on wrestling in Puerto Rico, England or Mexico (or any other countries) to include them in this snapshot. For the U.S., I did not include St. Louis as it is not technically a territory. For Canada, Maple Leaf Wrestling based in Ontario does not appear to have been a full-time territory at this time. Aside from Stampede Wrestling and All-Star Wrestling (Vancouver), I was unable to find significant data for any other Canadian-based territories.

MID-ATLANTIC

MAIN EVENTERS

Paul Jones	.99	Ole Anderson	.99
Rufus R. Jones	.99	Gene Anderson	.98
Wahoo McDaniel	.98	Ric Flair	.95
Tim Woods	.89	Blackjack Mulligan	.94
Johnny Weaver	.82	Angelo Mosca	.91

UPPER MID-CARDERS

Tiger Conway Jr.	.74	Bolo Mongol	.77
Ken Patera	.70	Geto Mongol	.77
Haystack Calhoun	.68	Boris Malenko	.75
Danny Miller	.64	Steve Strong	.72
El Rayo	.60	Mike DuBois	.62
		Doug Gilbert	.60

MID-CARDERS

Roberto Soto	.59	Bill White	.53
Tony Atlas	.58	Jack Evans	.44
Swede Hanson	.56	Bill Howard	.42
Ronnie Garvin	.43		
Larry Zbyszko	.40		

PRELIMINARY WRESTLERS

Don Kernodle	.38	George Harris	.38
Klondike Bill	.37	Larry Sharpe	.36
Greg Peterson	.27	Charlie Fulton	.30
Tio Tio	.27	Doug Somers	.26

SINGLES RANKINGS

1	Paul Jones	.99
2	Ric Flair	.95
3	Blackjack Mulligan	.94
4	Angelo Mosca	.91
5	Tim Woods	.89
6	Johnny Weaver	.82
7	Boris Malenko	.75
8	Tiger Conway Jr.	.74
9	Steve Strong	.72
10	Ken Patera	.70

TAG TEAM RANKINGS

1	Gene & Ole Anderson	1.00
2	Rufus R. Jones & W. McDaniel	1.00
3	Bolo & Geto Mongol	.77
4	El Rayo & Roberto Soto	.63

PART-TIMERS: Joe Soto, Don Serrano

GEORGIA

MAIN EVENTERS

Dick Slater	.88	The Spoiler	.95
Mr. Wrestling II	.87	Abdullah the Butcher	.91
Bob Armstrong	.81		

UPPER MID-CARDERS

(none)		Stan Stasiak	.68
		Moondog Mayne	.61

MID-CARDERS

Ken Mantell	.49	Scandor Akbar	.57
Ted Oates	.41	Les Thornton	.44
		Tony Charles	.40

PRELIMINARY WRESTLERS

Jerry Oates	.38	Mitsu Hata	.37
Skip Young	.38	Mr. Hayashi	.35

SINGLES RANKINGS

1	The Spoiler	.95
2	Abdullah the Butcher	.91
3	Dick Slater	.88
4	Mr. Wrestling II	.87
5	Bob Armstrong	.81
6	Stan Stasiak	.68
7	Moondog Mayne	.61
8	Scandor Akbar	.57
9	Ken Mantell	.49
10	Les Thornton	.44

TAG TEAM RANKINGS

1	Jerry & Ted Oates	.47
2	Mitsu Hata & Mr. Hayashi	.42

NOTABLE PART-TIMERS: Mike Graham (.63)

PART-TIMERS: Jay Clayton, Otto Von Heller, Wild Man Davis, Ervin Smith, Leon Ogle, Randy Alls, Rocket Monroe

FLORIDA

MAIN EVENTERS

Dusty Rhodes	.96	King Curtis	.83
Thunderbolt Patterson	.81	Bob Roop	.81
Eddie Graham	.80	Bob Orton Jr.	.81

UPPER MID-CARDERS

Billy Robinson	.78	Frank Goodish	.75
Big Bad John	.73	The Missouri Mauler	.74
Jerry Brisco	.67		
Ciclon Negro	.67		
Omar Negro	.66		
Mike Graham	.63		

MID-CARDERS

Dino Bravo	.58	Rip Hawk	.57
Bill Dromo	.48	Karl Von Steiger	.54
		Roger Kirby	.53
		The Assassin	.49
		Mike York	.41

PRELIMINARY WRESTLERS

Tom Jones	.35	George McCreary	.33
Abe Jacobs	.35		
Steve Keirn	.28		
Roosevelt Jones	.27		

SINGLES RANKINGS

1	Dusty Rhodes	.96
2	King Curtis	.83
3	Thunderbolt Patterson	.81
4	Eddie Graham	.80
5	Billy Robinson	.78
6	Frank Goodish	.75
7	Missouri Mauler	.74
8	Big Bad John	.73
9	Mike Graham	.63
10	Karl Von Steiger	.54

TAG TEAM RANKINGS

1	Bob Orton Jr. & Bob Roop	.81
4	Ciclon & Omar Negro	.73
3	Rip Hawk & Roger Kirby	.65
2	Dino Bravo & Jerry Brisco	.61

PART-TIMERS: Wolfman Smith, Beauregard

WWWF

MAIN EVENTERS

Bruno Sammartino	1.00	Ivan Koloff	.94
Ivan Putski	.90	Ernie Ladd	.93
Dominic DeNucci	.86	Superstar Graham	.92

UPPER MID-CARDERS

Louis Cerdan	.78	Bugsy McGraw	.79
Bobo Brazil	.77	Spiros Arion	.69
Tony Parisi	.77	Baron Scicluna	.65
		Crusher Blackwell	.63

MID-CARDERS

Pat Barrett	.59	Frank Monte	.51
Francisco Flores	.51	Louis Cyr	.44
Kevin Sullivan	.51		
Davey O'Hannon	.40		
Pete Sanchez	.40		

PRELIMINARY WRESTLERS

(none) (none)

SINGLES RANKINGS

1	Bruno Sammartino	1.00
2	Ivan Koloff	.94
3	Ernie Ladd	.93
4	Superstar Graham	.92
5	Ivan Putski	.90
6	Dominic DeNucci	.86
7	Bugsy McGraw	.79
8	Bobo Brazil	.77
9	Spiros Arion	.69
10	Baron Scicluna	.65

TAG TEAM RANKINGS

1	Louis Cerdan & Tony Parisi	.83
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NOTABLE PART-TIMERS: Gorilla Monsoon (.73), Dr. Bill Miller (.66)

PART-TIMERS: Pat McGinnis, Tony Altimore, Johnny DeFazio, Frank Holtz, Mark Tendler, Bull Pometti, Frank Durso, Johnny Rivera, Ernie Lassiter, The Executioner, Gene Dundee, Hans Schroeder, Pete Doherty, Pete Reeves, Sylvano Sousa, Tom Stanton

BIG TIME (DETROIT)

MAIN EVENTERS				SINGLES RANKINGS		
Mark Lewin	1.00	Don Kent	.90	1	Mark Lewin	1.00
		Brute Bernard	.81	2	Don Kent	.90
				3	Brute Bernard	.81
UPPER MID-CARDERS				4	Hank James	.66
Hank James	.66	Kurt Von Hess	.67	5	Chris Taylor	.60
Chris Taylor	.60	Kurt Von Brauner	.61	6	El Bracero	.45
				7	Chris Markoff	.43
MID-CARDERS				TAG TEAM RANKINGS		
Chris Colt	.59	The Wildman	.44	1	K. Von Brauner & K. Von Hess	.70
Count Drummer	.57	Chris Markoff	.43	2	Chris Colt & Count Drummer	.62
El Bracero	.45	The Wolfman	.41	3	Wildman & Wolfman	.37
PRELIMINARY WRESTLERS						
(none)		(none)				

NOTABLE PART-TIMERS: The Sheik (1.00), George Steele (.90), Chief Jay Strongbow (.88), The Stomper (.74), Magnificent Zulu (.34), Ox Baker (.34)

PART-TIMERS: Denny Alberts, Michael Angelo, John Boy Ruffin

WWA (INDIANAPOLIS)

MAIN EVENTERS				SINGLES RANKINGS		
Pepper Gomez	.90	Sgt. Jacques Goulet	1.00	1	Pepper Gomez	.90
Wilbur Snyder	.85	Soldier LeBeouf	.89	2	Ox Baker	.85
Paul Christy	.80	Ox Baker	.85	3	Wilbur Snyder	.85
				4	Paul Christy	.80
				5	Moose Cholak	.75
UPPER MID-CARDERS				6	Chuck O'Connor	.63
Moose Cholak	.75	Chuck O'Connor	.63	7	Strangler	.53
				8	Chief Bold Eagle	.46
MID-CARDERS				9	Spike Huber	.34
Chief Bold Eagle	.46	The Strangler	.53			
PRELIMINARY WRESTLERS				TAG TEAM RANKINGS		
Spike Huber	.34	(none)		1	Sgt. Goulet & Soldier LeBeouf	1.00

NOTABLE PART-TIMERS: The Crusher (1.00), Dick the Bruiser (1.00), Sailor Art Thomas (.71)
 PART-TIMERS: Johnny Starr, Prince Pullins, Duke George, Fernando la Pantera, Jack Heddon, Max
 Blue, Mike Snyder, Steve Regal

GULAS WRESTLING ENTERPRISES (WESTERN END)

MAIN EVENTERS

Tojo Yamamoto	.81	Jerry Lawler	.94
Bill Dundee	.80		

UPPER MID-CARDERS

Bearcat Brown	.72	David Schultz	.77
Tommy Gilbert	.67	Al Greene	.76
		Don Greene	.74
		Toru Tanaka	.68
		Intern I	.63
		Intern II	.63

MID-CARDERS

Tommy Rich	.57	(none)	
Eddie Marlin	.55		

PRELIMINARY WRESTLERS

Wayne Petty	.39	Bill Costello	.36
Randy Fargo	.28		

SINGLES RANKINGS

1	Jerry Lawler	.94
2	Tojo Yamamoto	.81
3	Bill Dundee	.80
4	David Schultz	.77
5	Toru Tanaka	.68
6	Tommy Rich	.57
7	Eddie Marlin	.55
8	Wayne Petty	.39
9	Bill Costello	.36
10	Randy Fargo	.28

TAG TEAM RANKINGS

1	Al & Don Greene	.75
2	Bearcat Brown & T. Gilbert	.72
3	The Interns I & II	.64

NOTABLE PART-TIMERS: Ricky Gibson (1.00), Jerry Jarrett (.96)

PART-TIMERS: Buddy Wayne, Jerry Bryant

GULAS WRESTLING ENTERPRISES (EASTERN END)

MAIN EVENTERS

Jackie Fargo	.94	Phil Hickerson	.90
		Bounty Hunter #1	.89
		Bounty Hunter #2	.89
		Dennis Condrey	.84

UPPER MID-CARDERS

Luke Fields	.79	Afa	.63
Don Anderson	.71	Sika	.63
Pez Whatley	.67		
Joe Sky Turner	.63		

MID-CARDERS

Joey Rossi	.45	Assassin #1	.45
		Bill Bowman	.45
		Rick Sanchez	.44

PRELIMINARY WRESTLERS

(none)		Mitsu Arakawa	.39
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SINGLES RANKINGS

1	Jackie Fargo	.94
2	Pez Whatley	.67
3	Joe Sky Turner	.63
4	Assassin #1	.45
5	Bill Bowman	.45
6	Joey Rossi	.45
7	Rick Sanchez	.44
8	Mitsu Arakawa	.39

TAG TEAM RANKINGS

1	D. Condrey & P. Hickerson	.94
2	Don Anderson & Luke Fields	.93
3	Bounty Hunters #1 & #2	.90
4	The Islanders Afa & Sika	.64

NOTABLE PART-TIMERS: Roughhouse Fargo (1.00), Giant Frazier (.88)

PART-TIMERS: Jerry Barber, Assassin #2, Bill Helm, Buddy Diamond, Burrhead Jones, Butch Thornton, Jim Kent, Joe Ball, Tony Santos

SOUTHEASTERN

MAIN EVENTERS

Ron Wright	.97	Don Carson	.91
Robert Fuller	.81		

UPPER MID-CARDERS

Ron Fuller	.74	Butch Malone	.76
		Norvell Austin	.73
		Toru Tanaka	.67

MID-CARDERS

Jimmy Golden	.54	Superstar #2	.49
Charlie Cook	.40	Superstar #1	.48

PRELIMINARY WRESTLERS

(none)	(none)
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SINGLES RANKINGS

1	Ron Wright	.97
2	Don Carson	.91
3	Toru Tanaka	.67
4	Jimmy Golden	.54
5	Charlie Cook	.40

TAG TEAM RANKINGS

1	B. Malone & N. Austin	.85
2	Robert & Ron Fuller	.67
3	The Superstars #1 & #2	.55

NOTABLE PART-TIMERS: Don Wright (.75), Les Thatcher (.25)

PART-TIMERS: Jerry Myatt, Buddy Fuller, Dennis Hall, Jack Welch, Roy Lee Welch, Tony Peters

GULF COAST

MAIN EVENTERS

Johnny Fields	.83	John Foley	.81
Eddie Sullivan	.81	Ted Heath	.80

UPPER MID-CARDERS

Lanny Poffo	.79	Duke Miller	.79
Randy Poffo	.76	Bob Sweetan	.78
Ken Lucas	.70	Gene Lewis	.62
Rip Tyler	.68		
Ricky Gibson	.61		

MID-CARDERS

Terry Lathan	.49	Luke Morrison	.51
		Steve Lawler	.45

PRELIMINARY WRESTLERS

Chief Thundercloud	.39	Golden Hawk	.37
Billy Jack Strongheart	.39		

SINGLES RANKINGS

1	Johnny Fields	.83
2	Eddie Sullivan	.81
3	Duke Miller	.79
4	Bob Sweetan	.78
5	Ken Lucas	.70
6	Rip Tyler	.68
7	Gene Lewis	.62
8	Ricky Gibson	.61
9	Luke Morrison	.51
10	Terry Lathan	.49

TAG TEAM RANKINGS

1	Lanny & Randy Poffo	.76
2	John Foley & Ted Heath	.76

NOTABLE PART-TIMERS: Angelo Poffo (.68)

PART-TIMERS: Billy Spears, Jack Donovan, Ricky Fields, Burrhead Jones, Don Carson, Tony Russo

McGUIRK (OKLAHOMA/LOUISIANA/ETC)

MAIN EVENTERS

Bill Watts	.93	Waldo Von Erich	.86
Dick Murdoch	.91	Killer Karl Kox	.84
Sonny King	.83		
Greg Valentine	.82		

UPPER MID-CARDERS

Grizzly Smith	.72	Buddy Roberts	.78
Gorgeous George Jr.	.68	Jerry Brown	.78
Bob Griffin	.67	Bob Slaughter	.77
Danny Hodge	.64	Buck Robley	.76

MID-CARDERS

Ted DiBiase	.52	Alex Perez	.43
		Mr. Ito	.41

PRELIMINARY WRESTLERS

Calypso Joe	.34	Ken Dillinger	.37
David Nevins	.27	Sonny Rogers	.35
Igor Putski	.25		

SINGLES RANKINGS

1	Bill Watts	.93
2	Dick Murdoch	.91
3	Waldo Von Erich	.86
4	Killer Karl Kox	.84
5	Sonny King	.83
6	Bob Slaughter	.77
7	Buck Robley	.76
8	Grizzly Smith	.72
9	Bob Griffin	.67
10	Danny Hodge	.64

TAG TEAM RANKINGS

1	G. George Jr. & G. Valentine	.82
2	Buddy Roberts & Jerry Brown	.78

PART-TIMERS: Joe Turner, Jack Curtis Jr., Charlie Fulton, Oni Wiki Wiki

BIG TIME (EAST TEXAS)

MAIN EVENTERS				SINGLES RANKINGS	
Jose Lothario	.90	Mongolian Stomper	.92	1	Mongolian Stomper .92
Peter Maivia	.83	Stan Hansen	.87	2	Jose Lothario .90
				3	Stan Hansen .87
				4	Peter Maivia .83
				5	Rocky Johnson .62
				6	Al Madril .61
				7	Rick Martel .54
				8	Number One .50
				9	Nick Kozak .49
				10	Don Wayt .48
UPPER MID-CARDERS				TAG TEAM RANKINGS	
Rocky Johnson	.62	(none)		(none)	
Al Madril	.61				
MID-CARDERS					
Rick Martel	.54	Number One	.50		
Nick Kozak	.49	Don Wayt	.48		
Red Bastien	.46	Don Fargo	.43		
		Oki Shikina	.42		
PRELIMINARY WRESTLERS					
(none)		Jerry Stubbs	.36		

NOTABLE PART-TIMERS: Fritz Von Erich (1.00), Killer Tim Brooks (.74), Joe Blanchard (.20), Gino Hernandez (.17)

PART-TIMERS: El Tartaro, Leo Seitz, Tiger Conway Sr.

AMARILLO

MAIN EVENTERS

Dory Funk Jr.	.97	The Super Destroyer	.91
Ricky Romero	.82		

UPPER MID-CARDERS

Scott Casey	.66	Randy Tyler	.71
		The Beast	.69
		Leo Burke	.65

MID-CARDERS

The Silver Streak	.54	(none)	
Lord Alfred Hayes	.53		
Reggie Parks	.44		

PRELIMINARY WRESTLERS

Larry Lane	.39	Paul Perschmann	.32
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SINGLES RANKINGS

1	Dory Funk Jr.	.97
2	Super Destroyer	.91
3	Ricky Romero	.82
4	Randy Tyler	.71
5	Scott Casey	.66
6	The Silver Streak	.54
7	Lord Alfred Hayes	.53
8	Reggie Parks	.44
9	Larry Lane	.39
10	Paul Perschmann	.32

TAG TEAM RANKINGS

1	The Beast & Leo Burke	.71
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NOTABLE PART-TIMERS: Red Bastien (.92)

PART-TIMERS: Joe Palardy, El Lobo, The Lawman

AWA

MAIN EVENTERS				SINGLES RANKINGS		
Greg Gagne	.98	Nick Bockwinkel	1.00	1	Nick Bockwinkel	1.00
Verne Gagne	.98	Bobby Duncum	.89	2	Verne Gagne	.98
Jim Brunzell	.86	Bobby Heenan	.88	3	Pampero Firpo	.79
				4	Baron Von Raschke	.76
				5	Larry Hennig	.72
UPPER MID-CARDERS				6	Jimmy Valiant	.57
Pampero Firpo	.79	Baron Von Raschke	.76	7	Jos LeDuc	.55
Larry Hennig	.72			8	Kim Duk	.39
				9	Bob Backlund	.34
MID-CARDERS				10	Khosrow Vaziri	.22
Jos LeDuc	.55	Jimmy Valiant	.57			
PRELIMINARY WRESTLERS				TAG TEAM RANKINGS		
Bob Backlund	.34	Kim Duk	.39	1	Greg Gagne & Jim Brunzell	.80
Khosrow Vaziri	.22			2	B. Duncum & B. Heenan	.77

NOTABLE PART-TIMERS: Blackjack Lanza, (.70), Johnny Valiant (.68), Mad Dog Vachon (.64)
 PART-TIMERS: Bull Bullinski, Buddy Wolff, George Gadaski, Ivan Crnkovic, Scotty Campbell (list does not include several wrestlers from the WWA who appeared on co-promoted cards in Chicago)

CENTRAL STATES

MAIN EVENTERS

Mike George	.92	Ed Wiskoski	.86
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UPPER MID-CARDERS

Pat O'Connor	.74	Ron Bass	.78
Ray Candy	.74	Dutch Mantell	.75
Ronnie Etchison	.62	Bob Brown	.73

MID-CARDERS

Bob Geigel	.58	Ripper Collins	.50
Akio Sato	.45		
Mike Pappas	.43		

PRELIMINARY WRESTLERS

Rick McGraw	.37	Tank Patton	.33
		Don Welch	.26

SINGLES RANKINGS

1	Mike George	.92
2	Ed Wiskoski	.86
3	Pat O'Connor	.74
4	Ray Candy	.74
5	Bob Brown	.73
6	Ronnie Etchison	.62
7	Bob Geigel	.58
8	Ripper Collins	.50
9	Akio Sato	.45
10	Mike Pappas	.43

TAG TEAM RANKINGS

1	Dutch Mantell & Ron Bass	.80
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PART-TIMERS: Frank Diamond

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

MAIN EVENTERS				SINGLES RANKINGS	
Dutch Savage	.95	Bull Ramos	.93	1	Dutch Savage .95
Jimmy Snuka	.86	Jesse Ventura	.83	2	Bull Ramos .93
UPPER MID-CARDERS				3	Jimmy Snuka .86
Johnny Eagle	.79	Dale Lewis	.70	4	Jesse Ventura .83
MID-CARDERS				5	Johnny Eagle .79
Geoff Portz	.53	Fritz Von Schneider	.58	6	Dale Lewis .70
Manny Cruz	.52			7	Fritz Von Schneider .58
Ricky Hunter	.51			8	Geoff Portz .53
				9	Manny Cruz .52
				10	Ricky Hunter .51
PRELIMINARY WRESTLERS				TAG TEAM RANKINGS	
(none)		Tapu	.31	(none)	

PART-TIMERS: Matti Suzuki, Bill Francis (list does not include several wrestlers from Vancouver who appeared on cards in Seattle and some in Portland)

SAN FRANCISCO

MAIN EVENTERS

Pat Patterson	.98	Mr. Saito	.83
		Masked Invader #1	.82
		Don Muraco	.82
		The Great Fuji	.81

UPPER MID-CARDERS

Pedro Morales	.77	Masked Invader #2	.76
Reno Tuufuli	.63	Bobby Jagers	.61

MID-CARDERS

Pepe Lopez	.40	(none)	
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PRELIMINARY WRESTLERS

Frank Hester	.39	The Alaskan	.37
Tony Garea	.37		

SINGLES RANKINGS

1	Pat Patterson	.98
2	Mr. Saito	.83
3	Don Muraco	.82
4	The Great Fuji	.81
5	Pedro Morales	.77
6	Reno Tuufuli	.63
7	Bobby Jagers	.61
8	Pepe Lopez	.40
9	Frank Hester	.39
10	Tony Garea	.37

TAG TEAM RANKINGS

1	Masked Invaders #1 & #2	.80
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NOTABLE PART-TIMERS: Ray Stevens (.90)

PART-TIMERS: Raul Mata, Jerry Monte, Rick Ferrara, Ricky Thompson (list does not include several wrestlers who came in for the annual Battle Royal)

LOS ANGELES

MAIN EVENTERS

John Tolos	.84	(none)
Chavo Guerrero	.81	

UPPER MID-CARDERS

Raul Mata	.68	Great Goliath	.79
		Java Ruuk	.78
		Karl Von Brauner	.73
		Roddy Piper	.71
		Black Gordman	.62

MID-CARDERS

Pork Chop Cash	.54	(none)
Tony Rocco	.51	

PRELIMINARY WRESTLERS

(none)		Rock Riddle	.32
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SINGLES RANKINGS

1	John Tolos	.84
2	Chavo Guerrero	.81
3	Java Ruuk	.78
4	Karl Von Brauner	.73
5	Roddy Piper	.71
6	Raul Mata	.68
7	Pork Chop Cash	.54
8	Tony Rocco	.51
9	Rock Riddle	.32

TAG TEAM RANKINGS

1	Black Gordman & Goliath	.69
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NOTABLE PART-TIMERS: Gory Guerrero (.75)
 PART-TIMERS: Bengali, Mr. California, Salvador Lothario

STAMPEDE

MAIN EVENTERS				SINGLES RANKINGS	
Frankie Lane	.93	Karl Shotz	.88	1	Frankie Lane .93
				2	Karl Shotz .88
UPPER MID-CARDERS				3	Roy Collins .66
Bill Cody	.69	Gil Hayes	.72	4	Towering Inferno .58
Michel Martel	.64	Roy Collins	.66	5	Butcher Brannigan .51
Eddie Morrow	.63	Don Gagne	.65	6	El Vikingo .36
				7	Paddy Ryan .36
MID-CARDERS				TAG TEAM RANKINGS	
Gerry Morrow	.59	Towering Inferno	.58	1	Eddie & Gerry Morrow .66
		Butcher Brannigan	.51	2	Bill Cody & Michel Martel .65
PRELIMINARY WRESTLERS				3	Don Gagne & Gil Hayes .62
El Vikingo	.36	(none)			
Paddy Ryan	.36				

NOTABLE PART-TIMERS: Stu Hart (.90)
 PART-TIMERS: Tony Marino, Kim Kloeid

VANCOUVER

MAIN EVENTERS

Don Leo Jonathan	.94	Siegfried Steinke	.96
Dean Higuchi	.85	Gene Kiniski	.89
George Wells	.83		

UPPER MID-CARDERS

Dennis Stamp	.61	Igor Volkoff	.72
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MID-CARDERS

Tami Samoa	.52	Sky High Morse	.50
		Yasu Fuji	.40

PRELIMINARY WRESTLERS

Keith Frakes	.26	(none)	
Eric Froelich	.24		

SINGLES RANKINGS

1	Siegfried Steinke	.96
2	Don Leo Jonathan	.94
3	Gene Kiniski	.89
4	Igor Volkoff	.72
5	Dennis Stamp	.61
6	Tami Samoa	.52
7	Sky High Morse	.50
8	Yasu Fuji	.40
9	Keith Frakes	.26
10	Eric Froelich	.24

TAG TEAM RANKINGS

1	Dean Higuchi & George Wells	.89
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PART-TIMERS: Johnny Khan

NEW JAPAN

MAIN EVENTERS

Antonio Inoki	.94	Tiger Jeet Singh	.94
Seiji Sakaguchi	.89	Brutus Malumba	.89
Strong Kobayashi	.88	Inferno #2	.80
Kantaro Hoshino	.80		

UPPER MID-CARDERS

Kotetsu Yamamoto	.69	Inferno #3	.76
Katsuhisa Shibata	.62	Steve Wright	.75
		Bulldog Otto	.65

MID-CARDERS

Haruka Eigen	.52
Masashi Ozawa	.41

PRELIMINARY WRESTLERS

Yoshiaki Fujiwara	.39	Ivan Gomez	.28
Seiei Kimura	.32		
Makoto Arakawa	.22		
Masanobu Kurisu	.21		
Daigoro Oshiro	.18		
Kuniaki Kobayashi	.12		

SINGLES RANKINGS

1	Tiger Jeet Singh	.94
2	Antonio Inoki	.94
3	Seiji Sakaguchi	.89
4	Brutus Malumba	.89
5	Strong Kobayashi	.88
6	Kantaro Hoshino	.80
7	Steve Wright	.75
8	Kotetsu Yamamoto	.69
9	Bulldog Otto	.65
10	Katsuhisa Shibata	.62

TAG TEAM RANKINGS

1	The Infernos #2 & #3	.82
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NOTABLE PART-TIMERS: Willem Ruska (1.00), Osamu Kido (.75)

PART-TIMERS: Shoji Kai

ALL JAPAN

MAIN EVENTERS

Giant Baba	.95	Crusher Lisowski	1.00
Jumbo Tsuruta	.95	Dick the Bruiser	1.00
The Destroyer	.92	Tarzan Tyler	.83
		Jonathan Boyd	.81

UPPER MID-CARDERS

Thunder Sugiyama	.67	Norman Charles III	.62
Great Kojika	.63		
Akihisa Takachiho	.60		

MID-CARDERS

Motoshi Okuma	.57
Samson Kutsuwada	.56
Mitsu Hirai	.51
Kazuo Sakurada	.49

PRELIMINARY WRESTLERS

Masao Ito	.29
Munenori Higo	.28
Mitsuo Momota	.27
Kazuharu Sonoda	.21
Masanobu Fuchi	.19
Atsushi Onita	.19

SINGLES RANKINGS

1	Giant Baba	.95
2	Jumbo Tsuruta	.95
3	The Destroyer	.92
4	Tarzan Tyler	.83
5	Thunder Sugiyama	.67
6	Akihisa Takachiho	.60
7	Samson Kutsuwada	.56
8	Mitsu Hirai	.51
9	Kazuo Sakurada	.49
10	Masao Ito	.29

TAG TEAM RANKINGS

1	Crusher & Dick the Bruiser	1.00
2	J. Boyd & N. Charles III	.71
3	Great Kojika & M. Okuma	.55

NOTABLE PART-TIMERS: Mil Mascaras (1.00), Ray Stevens (1.00)

WRESTLER NOTES

TOURING ATTRACTIONS AND NATIONALLY KNOWN WRESTLERS

For the following wrestlers, I have listed all known bookings for the five-week period between January 19th and February 22nd, 1976

Andre the Giant: Spent a few days in Los Angeles, then two weeks in San Francisco, about a week in Detroit and Canada, followed by several days in Georgia

Bobo Brazil: In addition to being a regular in the WWWF, Bobo wrestled on a few cards in Detroit and one show for Gulas (East)

Chris Taylor: In addition to being a regular in Detroit, Taylor spent a few days in East Texas and was booked on at least one show for the AWA

Dory Funk Jr.: In addition to being a regular in Amarillo, Dory worked the San Francisco battle royal, one show for Gulas (East) and one show in St. Louis

Dusty Rhodes: In addition to being a regular in Florida, Dusty was booked on at least 6 shows in Georgia

Giant Baba: In between All Japan tours, Baba worked once in Amarillo and once in St. Louis

Harley Race: Harley worked a couple of shows in San Francisco, once for Mid-Atlantic, then at least one show in the AWA followed by a show in St. Louis and at least one show in Georgia

Haystack Calhoun: In addition to being a regular in Mid-Atlantic for a few weeks, Haystack bookended that run with stints in the McGuirk territory and the WWWF

Hiro Matsuda: the NWA World Junior Heavyweight champion appears to have been given a vacation. He did work one show for McGuirk before the break, then worked in Florida on February 3rd and returned to McGuirk's territory in mid-February

Jack Brisco: Brisco also appears to have been given a break. After losing the NWA World Heavyweight title to Terry Funk on December 10th, Brisco wrestled a few more matches then was off until February 4th, when he worked several shows in Florida and had at least one booking for Gulas (East)

Jumbo Tsuruta: in between All Japan tours, Tsuruta worked several shows in Amarillo as well as once in St. Louis and at least once in Mid-Atlantic

The Sheik: in addition to being a part-timer in Detroit (and it's common knowledge at this point that Sheik owned the territory; much like Fritz Von Erich and Stu Hart around this time, he didn't wrestle a full time schedule but did work on the larger shows), Sheik was booked on one show for Gulas (East)

Terry Funk: the recently-crowned NWA World Heavyweight champion had a schedule typical for the champ at the time, with known bookings on 1/19-1/20 in East Texas, 1/21 in Amarillo, 1/23-1/24 in East Texas, 1/26-1/30 for McGuirk, 2/2-2/5 in Mid-Atlantic, 2/6 in St. Louis, 2/7-2/13 in Florida, 2/15 in Central States, 2/17 in Gulf Coast, 2/18-2/19 Central States and 2/21 in Florida

OTHER NOTABLE WRESTLERS

The following wrestlers were active around this time period, but may have been injured, working a reduced schedule, or taking a break in between territories. It is not a comprehensive list, merely an attempt to list the whereabouts of wrestlers of note.

Cowboy Bob Kelly: finished up a run in Gulf Coast in December '75, starts for the WWA at the end of February.

Dick Steinborn: wrestled in Germany as late as October '75, works a few shows for Gulas in late February then goes to Gulf Coast

George Gulas: is working for Nick Gulas but may have been injured or taking a break for about 6 weeks

Karl Von Krupp: is working on shows in Ontario, starts with the WWA in late February

Killer Kowalski: finished up a run in Floria at the end of January, works shows in Canada briefly before starting with the WWWF in March

Kinji Shibuya: working a reduced schedule, likely taking a break between stints in San Francisco and Vancouver

Luke Graham: finished up a stint in Georgia in late January, may have worked a couple of shows in Detroit (note: Graham did work as El Lobo in Florida during two separate stints so there's a *very small chance* he was the El Lobo who is listed a part-timer in Amarillo)

Man Mountain Mike: is working for the WWWF but may have been injured or taking a break in January and early February

Paul Butcher Vachon: finished up a run in Mid-Atlantic (as Spoiler #2) in late January, next known whereabouts are in April for New Japan

Ron Starr: taking a break between stints in Florida and New Japan

Sputnik Monroe: finished up his full-time career in Amarillo at the end of 1975, may have had a handful of bouts in early 1976

NOTABLE AND/OR ALTERNATE RING NAMES

While not comprehensive, this is an attempt to provide a list of well-known aliases, alternate ring names and identities of masked wrestlers. This list includes wrestlers listed as a full-timer for one of the territories covered in this snapshot and is arranged by territory. In my attempts to be thorough, several fairly obvious and commonly known aliases are listed. I'd honestly be shocked if I DIDN'T make any mistakes or major omissions.

Mid-Atlantic: Tim Woods also wrestled as Mr. Wrestling, Bolo Mongol was Bill Eadie (aka Masked Superstar & Demolition Ax), Geto Mongol was Newton Tattree, Steve Strong's real name was Steven Cepello and is *not* Steve DiSalvo, Mike DuBois was Alexis Smirnoff, El Rayo was Manuel Soto, Tio Tio usually wrestled as Tio

Georgia: The Spoiler was Don Jardine, Mr. Wrestling II was Johnny Walker, most sources say Bob Armstrong sometimes wrestled under a mask as The Bullet *but there is absolutely no proof of this*, Mr. Hayashi also wrestled as Ushinosuke Hayashi

Florida: King Curtis was Curtis Iaukea, Frank Goodish was better known as Bruiser Brody, The Missouri Mauler was Larry Hamilton, Omar Negro also wrestled as Omar Atlas, The Assassin was Jody Hamilton, Roosevelt Jones was better known as S.D. Jones

WWWF: Louis Cerdan was Gino Brito, Louis Cyr also wrestled as Gilles Poisson and Alex the Butcher

Detroit: Kurt Von Hess was Bill Terry, Kurt Von Brauner was Willy Rutkowski (the *third* Kurt Von Brauner if you keep track of such things; the first one was Jimmy Brawner and the second was Red Donovan), Count Drummer also wrestled as Bulldog Drummer and his last last name was sometimes listed as Drummond, El Bracero also wrestled as Jose Martinez, The Wildman *may* have been Dave McKigney but I'm not positive, The Wolfman was Vilmos "Willie" Farkas

WWA: Sgt. Jacques Goulet was Rene Goulet, Soldier LaBeouf also wrestled as Lumberjack Pierre and The Russian Stomper among several other names, Chuck O'Connor was better known as Big John Studd, The Strangler was Guy Mitchell aka Jerry Valiant, Chief Bold Eagle was sometimes billed as Bobby Bold Eagle

Gulas (West): The Interns were Jim Starr & Tom Andrews

Gulas (East): The Bounty Hunters were David & Jerry Novak, Luke Fields was better known as Bobby Fields, Assassin #1 was *probably* Roger Smith but I'm not positive (although it couldn't have been Jody Hamilton as he was in Florida at the same time), Bill Bowman was also known as Bill Sky, Rick Sanchez also wrestled as Abdul Zaatar

Southeastern: Butch Malone also wrestled as Bill Crouch, The Superstars were Leon “Tarzan” Baxter and Don Duffy

Gulf Coast: Duke Miller was *probably* the same wrestler who also used the ring name Jerry Miller, Randy Poffo was better known as Randy Savage, Gene Lewis was Gene Petit aka Cousin Luke, Luke Morrison also wrestled as Beautiful Brutus and was sometimes billed as Lumberjack Luke, Steve Lawler also wrestled as Steve Kyle and Gorilla Lawler and is *not* the Georgia-based wrestler that used the same name, Golden Hawk *may be* Pedro Valdez who also used the name Suni War Cloud in the 1970s but is not to be confused with two other wrestlers who also used that name at different time periods (phew!)

McGuirk: Bob Slaughter was better known as Sgt. Slaughter, Mr. Ito was better known as Umanosuke Ueda, Sonny Rogers was the brother of Buddy Roberts and *not* the wrestler known for AWA and WWF TV appearances in the 1980s, Igor Putski was also known as Rick Ferrara and Igor “Beppo” Bonnett, the identity of Calypso Joe is unknown

East Texas: The Mongolian Stomper was Archie Gouldie, the identity of the masked wrestler billed as Number One is unknown, Don Wayt also wrestled as Don Wade, Don Fargo had *approximately eighty-two other ring names* over the course of his career (may be a slight exaggeration), Jerry Stubbs also wrestled under a mask as Mr. Olympia

Amarillo: The Super Destroyer was Art Nelson aka Neilson, The Beast was Yvon Cormier, The Silver Streak was Jay Youngblood, Paul Perschmann was better known as Buddy Rose

AWA: Kim Duk also wrestled as Tiger Chung Lee, Khosrow Vaziri was The Iron Sheik

Central States: Ed Wiskoski also wrestled as Col. DeBeers and his name was sometimes spelled Wiskowski, Don Welch *may have been* Don Bass

Pacific Northwest: Manny Cruz was Jose “Invader I” Gonzales, Ricky Hunter also wrestled under a mask as The Gladiator

San Francisco: The Masked Invaders are *believed to be* Kurt Von Steiger and Rocky Montero, The Great Fuji was better known as Mr. Fuji, Frank Hester & Pepe Lopez also wrestled under masks as The Masked Dominoes, The Alaskan was Jay York

Los Angeles: Java Ruuk was Johnny Rodz, Karl Von Brauner was Doug Donovan (the “original” Karl Von Brauner that teamed with a few different wrestlers billed as Kurt Von Brauner over the years)

Stampede: Karl Sholtz was sometimes billed as Karl Von Sholtz and was also known as John Anson, Roy Collins was sometimes billed as Ripper Collins but is *not* the more well-known wrestler that used that ring name (that Ripper Collins was in Central States as verified by pictures of him in newspaper ads), Don Gagne was also known as Frenchy Martin, Towering Inferno was “Hangman” Neil Guay

Vancouver: Dean Higuchi also wrestled as Dean Ho, Igor Volkoff was Danny Babich, Tami Samoa was Coco Samoa, Sky High Morse also wrestled as Randy Morse and Blackjack Morse, Yasu Fuji also wrestled as Hiro Ota, Keith Frankes was better known as Adrian Adonis

New Japan: Brutus Malumba also wrestled as Ormond Malumba, The Infernos were Curtis Smith and Bruiser McManus, Bulldog Otto was Otto Wanz, Masashi Ozawa was Killer Khan, Seiei Kimura was Kengo Kimura

All Japan: The Destroyer was Dick Beyer, Akihisa Takachiho was The Great Kabuki, Kazuo Sakurada was Kendo Nagasaki, Kazuharu Sonoda also wrestled as Chung Lee and Magic Dragon

WOMEN WRESTLERS

This section is grouped by territory and includes all known women wrestlers active in the five-week period between January 19th and February 22nd.

Mid-Atlantic: Donna Christianello (as Donna Christian), Dottie Downs and Susan Green were booked on a couple of Mid-Atlantic shows in late February (Green twice and Christian and Downs once each)

Georgia: The Fabulous Moolah and Joyce Grable were booked on at least one show in mid-February

WWA: Chita Rivera and Princess Jasmine were booked on at least one show in late January

Gulas: Leilani Kai and Vicki Williams were booked on a few shows in the eastern end of the territory in early February; two weeks later, Leilani and Sheila Shepard were booked on a few more shows in both ends of the territory

Southeastern: The Fabulous Moolah and Joyce Grable were booked on at least one show in February (about a week after they were in Georgia)

McGuirk: Toni Rose and Vicki Williams were booked on shows in the territory for about a week

AWA: Betty Niccoli and Jean Antone were booked on at least one show in early February

Central States: Betty Niccoli and Jean Antone had numerous bookings in the territory (Niccoli at least 10 and Antone at least 9); Brenda Hoffman had at least one booking in mid-February

MIDGET WRESTLERS

This section is grouped by territory and includes all known midget wrestlers active in the five-week period between January 19th and February 22nd.

WWWF: Billy the Kid, Little John, Little Louie, Little Coco and Jamaica Kid (I have a sneaking suspicion Little Coco and Jamaica Kid are the same person but no proof of this) were one troupe with several bookings in late January and early February; Bobo Johnson, Dirty Boy Morgan, Sky Low Low and Sonny Boy Hayes were another troupe with some bookings here

Detroit: Farmer Pete, Little Atlas and Mighty Atlas (the two Atlas' may have been the same person) had a couple of bookings here

Pacific Northwest: Bobo Johnson, Dirty Morgan, Haiti Kid and Sonny Boy Hayes were booked here for about a week at the end of January and then again for a week in mid-February

Vancouver: Bobo Johnson, Dirty Morgan, Haiti Kid and Sonny Boy Hayes were booked here for at least a couple of shows in late January

MANAGERS

This section is probably not complete but attempts to list all known managers along with the wrestlers they were managing during the five-week period. They are grouped by territory.

Georgia: Gary Hart managed The Spoiler and *probably* Abdullah the Butcher

WWWF: Arnold Skaaland managed Bruno Sammartino, Capt. Lou Albano managed Ivan Koloff, The Grand Wizard (Ernie Roth) managed Bugsy McGraw and Superstar Graham, Freddie Blassie managed Crusher Blackwell and Louis Cyr

Gulas (West): Dr. Ken Ramey managed The Interns, Sam Bass managed Al & Don Greene, David Schultz & Jerry Lawler

Gulas (East): Jim Kent managed The Bounty Hunters, Saul Weingeroff managed The Islanders (Afa & Sika)

Southeastern: Homer O'Dell managed Butch Malone & Norvell Austin

Gulf Coast: Angelo Poffo managed Lanny & Randy Poffo

McGuirk: Buck Robley managed Bob Slaughter and Killer Karl Kox, Sir Oliver Humperdink managed Buddy Roberts & Jerry Brown

East Texas: James J. Dillon managed The Mongolian Stomper

AWA: Bobby Heenan managed Bobby Duncum and Nick Bockwinkel

Central States: Percival A. Friend managed Ripper Collins

San Francisco: Gerhardt Kaiser seems to have been managing all the main heels; Don Muraco, Great Fuji, The Masked Invaders and Mr. Saito

Los Angeles: Roddy Piper managed Java Ruuk, Senor X (J.C. Dykes under a mask) managed Karl Von Brauner

*Note: Rock Hunter appears to be between managerial gigs at this time; he left Georgia in the first half of January and starts in Florida about a month later

METHODOLOGY AND DATA SOURCES

To calculate SPOT Ratings, the first step is to count the number of matches on a show and rank them in *perceived order of importance*. This is virtually always the order that they are listed in advance promotional materials (such as newspaper ads) and is usually the order in which they occur (with WWF cards being a notable exception to that rule). If there are a total of 5 matches, the main event would get a 5/5, or a 1.00. The second most important match would get a 4/5 (.80) and so on down the card with the opening match getting a 1/5 (.20). To be incredibly thorough and transparent, there are some instances where wrestlers are advertised for more than one match in a show where this process is tweaked slightly; generally wrestlers are given credit only for their top-billed match on the card. The SPOT Ratings presented in this snapshot and in much of my work at Charting the Territories is presented as a weekly score. The weekly score is actually based on five weeks' worth of results, including the week in question, the two weeks before and the two weeks after said week. This is done to ensure a large enough sample size and to "smooth out the curve" when comparing ratings from week-to-week. Each week is weighted differently, with the "center" week weighted by a factor of 5, the week prior and week after weighted by a factor of 3 and the earliest and latest weeks (of the five-week period) weighted by a factor of 2. This is done to give more weight to the matches in the center week as compensation for using data from a larger period of time. The weekly SPOT Rating is an average of all of a wrestler's advertised bookings during that five-week period, with each booking weighted based on when it occurred.

(and if you actually understand all of that, I strongly suggest you send your resume to Brandon Thurston of Wrestlenomics or Chris Harrington of All Elite Wrestling)

Determining whether or not a wrestler was "full-time" or "part-time" in the given time period is more art than science. It is based on the total number of cards available for the territory and the number of bookings that particular wrestler has. A very broad rule of thumb that I use is that the wrestler must be booked at least a couple of times per week for at least a couple of weeks. Additionally, the wrestler must be in the territory in the "center" week (in this case, the week of 2/2-2/8); a wrestler who finished up the week prior or who debuts the week after won't be listed in the Depth Charts or Rankings. The exception to this rule is if a wrestler spends a week or so outside the territory but is in the territory immediately before and immediately after; in Florida, Mike Graham is considered a full-timer in the territory but spent the actual week of 2/2-2/8 in Georgia. It's not perfect and if I were to do the whole thing over again with no memory of how I did it the first time, there would probably be a few wrestlers listed in different categories.

The same can be said for determining whether to list wrestlers in the Singles Rankings or the Tag Team Rankings. It's loosely based on the number of times two wrestlers team up as compared to the total number of times they wrestled, but I also consider the distribution of wrestlers in the Depth Chart as well as how prominently featured tag teams are in the territory. Again, it's more art than science.

In cases where I only have results from shows and not the advertised lineup, I do try and make note of possible substitutions and anything else that doesn't pass the sniff test. Since the ratings are intended to be based on advertised lineups, I do my best to infer the advertised lineup based on the results and how the overall layout of the card compares to other cards in the same time frame where I do have the advertisement. As an example, it appears that Greg Gagne was injured for a brief period around this time. Advertisements list him teaming with Jim Brunzell (and sometimes in six-man tags with Verne), but results for those shows often have Larry Hennig subbing for Gagne (and either Hennig works twice or someone else subs for Hennig in Hennig's advertised match). When I have only the results for cards in the same time frame and they show Hennig teaming with Brunzell, I very well may assume that the original intended bout had Gagne teaming with Brunzell.

Altogether, data from 527 different shows from 21 territories were used. Of the 527 shows, just over 65% of them come from my personal collection of newspaper ads and articles. The majority of my personal collection comes from three online subscription services that feature searchable indexes of old newspapers: newspapers.com, newspaperarchive.com and genealogybank.com. Many of the McGuirk cards come from my travels to various libraries and state archives over the last year.

Other shows were compiled from four primary sources; in many cases, I used more than one source in an attempt to corroborate and verify lineups and match order. These sources were wrestlingdata.com, Barry Rose's *Championship Wrestling from Florida Archives* Facebook group, The Clawmaster's Archives (<https://sportsandwrestling.mywowbb.com/forum2/>) and the books of Mark James (memphiswrestlinghistory.com). The wrestlingdata.com site was also of invaluable assistance in compiling the Notable and/or Alternate Ring Names section, as was Slam! Sports at <http://slam.canoe.com/Slam/Wrestling/home.html>

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