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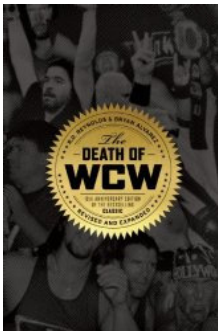
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SAT UPDATE: Dana White on Gina Carano, Seth Rollins to NXT, Sting DVD, Death of WCW, more

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For the weekend, the biggest show is tonight's UFC 178 from the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas and we'll be doing our lone weekend poll on it, so you can leave a thumbs up, thumbs down or thumbs in the middle along with a best and worst match to dave@wrestlingobserver.com

UFC 178 on Saturday

Fight Pass fights at 7 p.m. Eastern

Manny Gamburyan vs. Cody Gibson

Kevin Lee vs. Jon Tuck

FS 1 fights at 8 p.m.

Brian Ebersole vs. John Howard

Patrick Cote vs. Stephen Thompson

James Krause vs. Jorge Masvidal

Dominick Cruz vs. Takeya Mizugaki

PPV at 10 p.m.

Cat Zingano vs. Amanda Nunes

Tim Kennedy vs. Yoel Romero

Conor McGregor vs. Dustin Poirier

Eddie Alvarez vs. Donald Cerrone

Demetrious Johnson vs. Chris Cariaso for flyweight title

We're looking for reports on these Saturday shows:

*WWE in Youngstown, OH (John Cena, Dolph Ziggler Seth Rollins, Miz, Mark Henry, Rusev)

*WWE in Atlantic City, NJ (Randy Orton, Dean Ambrose, Big Show, Sheamus, Cesaro, Bray Wyatt)

*ROH TV tapings in Wheeling, WV (20 man Honor Rumble, winner meets Jay Briscoe for the ROH title later in the show, Adam Cole vs. Cedric Alexander, Tadarus Thomas vs. Adam Page, Bobby Fish & Kyle O'Reilly defend the ROH tag titles against Jimmy Jacobs & Roderick Strong, A.J. Styles vs. Matt Sydal)

Sunday has these shows:

*WWE in Moline, IL (John Cena, Seth Rollins, Bray Wyatt, Sheamus, Cesaro, Big Show)

*WWE in Toledo (Randy Orton, Dean Ambrose, Dolph Ziggler, Miz, Mark Henry, Rusev)

Raw will be Monday night in Chicago, which, if nothing else should lead to a ton of C.M. Punk chants and a hotter crowd than Raw has gotten in the past several weeks.

Smackdown and Main Event will be taped Tuesday night in Milwaukee.

In one of busiest weeks of the year for news, we've got a double issue of the Observer this week. Among the stories covered is an update on Roman Reigns, the questions regarding Hell in a Cell and the short-term WWE direction, coverage of Night of Champions, the most historic match of 2014 between Atlantis vs. Ultimo Guerrero, why it was so with the back story, and coverage of the CMLL Anniversary show, a detailed update of TNA today, Bound for Glory, television talks, what plans are, what plans aren't there and the future of many competitors and titles, the career and ending of the career of Wanderlei Silva, Chris

Do you think the Tokyo Dome on PPV can beat ROH or TNA numbers?

- Yes, good product
- No, not enough exposure
- About the same
- It could have, but WWE's pricing has rendered other PPVs overpriced and killed market
- No, there's no interest in any wrestling if it's not WWE

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Would you buy the Tokyo Dome on traditional PPV?

- Yes, in a good time slot tape delayed
- Yes, would watch live even after midnight
- Would not buy it on PPV or iPPV because no interest in product
- Would not buy because I won't buy a wrestling show on iPPV or PPV
- Would not buy, because it's not WWE
- Would give it a try on traditional PPV
- Would like to get monthly big shows on PPV
- I'd probably be interested if I could see the TV building it up, but without it, not invested in it
- Would not be interested because it's a Japanese product
- Am more open to it now since WWE is mostly off PPV and TNA isn't doing big shows anymore
- Change in landscape makes no difference in 2015, not interested in a new product

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What would you like to see headline the Tokyo Dome?

- Styles vs. Okada
- Tanahashi vs. Okada
- Styles vs. Naito
- Tanahashi vs. Naito

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What match are you most interested in tomorrow?

- Johnson vs. Cariaso
- Cerrone vs. Alvarez
- McGregor vs. Poirier
- Kennedy vs. Romero
- Zingano vs. Nunes
- Cruz vs. Mizugaki
- Krause vs. Masvidal
- Cote vs. Thompson

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Who wins this fight?

- Eddie Alvarez
- Cowboy Cerrone

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Weidman's injury, Ric Flair's health, New Japan builds for the Tokyo Dome, UFC Japan and much more.

The new issue is up at <http://www.f4wonline.com/component/content/article/110-wrestling-observer-newsletter/39105-sep-22-2014-wrestling-observer-newsletter-roman-reigns-injury-update-night-of-champions-atlantis-vs-guerrero-huge-issue>

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Today's News, Notes and Links

-- [The Death of WCW](#) is already shipping for many who have ordered. I've got my author copies here in my hot little hands and it looks awesome. Thank you so much not only to all who have ordered, but all who have ordered the hardcopy in particular. I love it.

-- Dana White on dealing with Gina Carano. "The problem is she allows herself to be handled by these Hollywood fucking idiots. It's absolutely crazy. We've had all the biggest superstars in the world. You're talking about a girl who hasn't fought in a while. Any time you deal with anyone in fucking Hollywood it's a joke. It's literally a joke, it's comical. You feel like you're in a Saturday Night Live skit. This can't be fucking real. In dealing with her people, I don't know if it can be done." Carano has signed for at least two more movies before the end of the year, so a fight with Ronda Rousey looks like it will probably never happen.

-- Wanderlei Silva's latest rant is that because Dana White pulled a judge from an event after the judge posted an awful score, Wanderlei now asks how we can tell that Dana isn't manipulating other fights. Dave has a big article about Wanderlei's legacy, whatever it might be, [here](#).

-- NXT is promoting a return of Seth Rollins on October 23rd.

-- UFC is doing a deal for the weekend where if you sign up for a year of Fight Pass this weekend you'll also receive a free year's subscription to UFC Magazine.

-- As many have noted, on the back cover of the new [The Best of Sting](#) DVD/Blu Ray, there is a montage of Sting pics on the back and at least one of them is actually the fake Sting. Maybe Sid put the back cover together.

-- John writes: Jake Roberts was just was at a Max North Pro Wrestling show in Hanover, Ontario, Canada. Jake Roberts was there, in good spirits. Gave an inspirational speech. Seemed to be doing alright.

-- There is a trailer for the upcoming Metamoris fight between Kazushi Sakuraba and Renzo Gracie [here](#).

-- Also, highlights from the Jones/Cormier NSAC meeting are [here](#).

-- Impact dipped below 1 million viewers this week, which is the worst time to do so as they're searching for a new TV deal.

-- Speaking of Impact, as a special bonus, this week's Thursday Bryan & Vinny Show with a Vinny V quiz (CASH on the line), Granny's appearance and our TNA Impact review will be playing nonstop all day FOR FREE at f4wlive.com, or on our TuneIn Radio channel searching F4Wlive. If you enjoy it, keep in mind It's one of FOURTEEN shows we've posted since Sunday alone, and [as a subscriber](#) you get access to not only all of our new shows, but over 6,000 archived show dating back to 2005 (over twice the amount of content in the WWE Network library!). [Click here to sign up](#) and join the fun!

-- STOP THE PRESSES. BOUND FOR GLORY HAS AN ANNOUNCED MATCH! Samoa Joe will be defending the X-Division Title vs. Low-Ki and Kaz Hayashi in a three-way (which is a problem since the X-Division champion right now is, in fact, Low-Ki, though the title change hasn't aired on TV yet, and if you think this is a secret in Japan, well, it's not).

-- Robbie E and Brooke ended up in fourth place out of 11 teams on this week's debut edition of Amazing Race. They're back next week.

-- Lance Storm reviews Clash of the Champions VII [here](#).

-- Congratulations to Mickie James on the birth of her son Donovan!



-- Today in History with Brian Hoops:

1977 - On a WWWF Championship Wrestling taping in Philadelphia, PA, Prof. Toru Tanaka & Mr. Fuji (w/ Freddie Blassie) defeated Larry Zbyszko & Tony Garea to win the titles in a best 2 out of 3 falls match.

1986 - The Fantastics (Bobby Fulton & Tommy Rogers) defeated Eddie Gilbert & Sting to win the UWF World Tag Team Championship in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

1993 - The WWF announced on Monday Night Raw that Shawn Michaels had been stripped of the Intercontinental championship.

1994 - Norio Honaga defeated Wild Pegasus (Chris Benoit) to win the IWGP Junior Heavyweight Title in Osaka, Japan.

1995 - Harlem Heat defeated WCW World Tag Team Champions Marcus Alexander Bagwell & Scotty Riggs to win the titles.

2012 - Samoa Joe defeated Mr. Anderson to win the TNA TV Title.

-- In his Legacy FC debut, undefeated light heavyweight contender Leonardo Leite (5-0) defeated light heavyweight champion Myron Dennis (10-4) via TKO (referee stoppage) in the fourth round to claim the title at AXS TV FIGHTS: LEGACY FIGHTING CHAMPIONSHIP 35. The night's action featured exciting finishes on all seven main card fights and was broadcast live from the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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