

**New England Championship Wrestling on NESN #1**  
**January 4, 1993 - NESN Studios - Watertown, MA**

Intro - the American flag waves and dissolves into punchy edits of Revolutionary War paintings and highlights from the wrestlers while “[Insane, Insane Again](#)” by the J. Geils Band plays - as the big chord stabs climax, [the NECW logo](#) appears on screen back over the American waving flag - we are greeted by the house band (Paul Shaffer and the World’s Most Dangerous Band-style) jamming on Insane, Insane Again before the camera flies over to the desk by promoter and Northeast wrestling icon [Angelo Savoldi](#), an elderly Italian man with his pants pulled up his nipples and slicked-back white hair, spry but clearing losing it behind the eyes, alongside longtime NESN Boston Bruins broadcaster [Jack Edwards](#), a sort of wiry Bill Gates-looking pencilneck with old man glasses despite hovering around his mid-40s.

Edwards welcomes NESN viewers to a new wrestling program here on Monday nights and hands the baton off to Angelo to explain NECW’s origins. After wrestling went corporate at the hands of the damned McMahons, the Northeast has been synonymous with Titan Tower when it comes to professional wrestling - but that is far from the case! The Northeast has had a rich tradition of pro wrestling and there’s never been a better time to reclaim that heritage! So, after an influx of cash from an anonymous benefactor, Angelo is ready to take on the McMahons head to head! Edwards whispers to Angelo that Vince Sr. has been dead for nearly a decade before running down the card tonight - a very hot show here to start things off! He strolls over to a table next to the announce desk, where what is obviously a championship is covered with velvet. Tonight, the inaugural [Atlantic Athletic Commission \(AAC\) World Heavyweight Champion](#) will be crowned in a special ceremony, where Angelo will present the title to the first champion here under the NECW banner! Also tonight, the tournament to crown the first ever NESN Television Title kicks off, as Southern superstar Billy Joe Travis makes his Northeast debut, taking on Welsh upstart Flash Morgan Webster! And finally, last but certainly not least, Chris Candido, the Suicide Blonde, makes his NECW debut tonight and we have word that he will in action in the ring tonight!

Angelo heads to the backstage area, the band playing him off with more J. Geils Band, and the camera follows, as Edwards stays out to man the broadcast for the rest of the night. Just past the curtain, Angelo bumps into Chris Candido in street clothes, with his wife and manager Tammy Sytch. Candido goes to say something but recognizes Angelo and shakes his hand. Angelo tells Candido he’s a nice kid with a beautiful woman and he’s very excited to see his career blossom in NECW, especially after the events of tonight. Candido says he’s finally happy to get the recognition he’s deserved from a true blue legend of the business like Angelo. We go to commercial.

**NESN Television Title Tournament Match: “Flash” Morgan Webster def. Billy Joe Travis (w/ Ronnie P. Gossett) (8:31) via Squeeze Box (Destino Neckbreaker)**

Back from commercial and Billy Joe Travis is in the ring already and his manager, the bulbous and quite foul-smelling [Ronnie P. Gossett](#) is talking to Edwards. Gossett says he and Billy have come all the way up here into Yankee territory to show these ungrateful manchildren what real wrestling looks like - they said they’ve got Billy booked against someone from “across the pond” - well, I’ve seen a lot of ponds and the only thing that ever came out of ‘em was ugly yellow fish and that’s exactly what this Webster fella is - a stinky, smelly, yellow fish! As if on cue, the band launches into “[My Generation](#)” by The Who and out comes Webster on a light blue Vespa with a red helmet on. He swerves close to Gossett who stumbles and

takes a big tumble on his behind, prompting a laugh from Edwards. The match is mostly antics from Travis and Gossett, who do lots of tricking the ref shenanigans and eventually get their hands on Webster's helmet and attempt to use it as a weapon. Webster dodges the helmet shot and hits the Squeeze Box for the win. Distraught and with nothing left, Travis rolls out of the ring, right onto the Vespa and speeds out of the studio, with Webster chasing after him. Webster realizes it is a lost cause and comes back to talk to Edwards - he calls out Travis and Gossett and says they have no respect for the great sport that Angelo is trying to protect up here and most important of all, they've taken what is his! This week, he'll be on the lookout for Billy Joe and when he sees him, there will be nowhere to hide! Gossett sneers at Webster during the interview and then gets chased out of the studio on foot by Webster, who quickly catches him and gives him a swift kick in the pants.

Edwards runs down the schedule for the week - come see NECW in your neck of the woods this week up in the Portland, Maine area - January 5th in Cape Elizabeth, January 6th in Kennebunk, January 7th in Augusta, January 8th in Portsmouth, and finally the big one on Saturday, Lewiston, Maine! Tickets available now for as little as two dollars! We go to commercial.

Back from commercial and the entire NECW roster on hand for tonight's show is in the ring, along with the table from earlier and Angelo - Candido and Tammy, Webster, the young Brutus Creed, Olympic superstar Ken Patera, Giant Bernard, bodybuilder Rick Boogs and Little Spike Dudley, among many others. Angelo tells the crowd the time has come to give out the AAC World Heavyweight Championship to one of these fine NECW athletes - a man whose reputation precedes him, who has made a name for himself the old-fashioned way, by zigging and zagging all across this region in buildings big and small, by representing the tradition of Northeastern wrestling better than anyone in the building. Candido can barely contain his excitement and steps forward and extends a hand to Angelo who doesn't see him and exclaims THE LIVING LEGEND BRUNO SAMMARTINO! Candido turns and begins seething with rage as the band's horn section launches into the [NFL Films music that Sammartino used as a theme](#) as [the old stallion struts out](#) and gets in the ring to shake Angelo's hand as the AAC World Heavyweight Championship is belted around his waist. Sammartino thanks Angelo and the great people of the Northeast for always showing up for him, something he's never forgotten and he guarantees that no matter what life throws at him, he will keep showing up for them! Candido is fully melting down, near [Ilja-gif](#) style, as Tammy is trying to calm him down as the ring begins to clear. Edwards says something seems to be bothering Candido - it seemed like he thought he was going to be the new champion! He better shake that off soon because his match is up next!

**“The Suicide Blonde” Chris Candido (w/ Tammy Sytch) def. “Little” Spike Dudley (3:56) via Blonde Bombshell (Top Rope Powerbomb)**

Candido takes all of his anger out on Spike here, just absolutely lighting him up with punches to the head, taking his glasses off and breaking them and throwing them at Edwards at the desk while Tammy giggles. After executing Spike with the Blonde Bombshell, the bell rings and Candido pops right up and keeps taking the boots to Spike, eventually mounting him and throwing full-speed 12-6 elbows into his nose, busting him open. Rick Boogs runs out to stop Candido and Candido powders out of the ring and starts screaming at Boogs and Spike before stumbling into Edwards. Candido grabs Edwards' microphone and says that today, in front of his home territory, Angelo Savoldi, Jack Edwards, the New England fans, and especially that old bag of bones Bruno Spammartino, have given him the greatest professional humiliation

of his life - if there's anybody in NECW who is the hardest-working living legend of the Northeast, it's me, CHRIS CANDIDO! Candido says he will not rest until he makes everyone here recognize his greatness, and that starts by making sure little paperclips like Spike get broken in half and shoved into lockers where they belong. He says on his worst day, which was today, he is still untouchable and Bruno better watch his back. Candido storms off and Boogs helps Spike to the back.

Edwards is back at the desk with another schedule rundown - you don't want to miss us this week in Maine and tune in next week, same time, same channel for more NECW action!