

New England Championship Wrestling on NESN #2
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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 and our announcers for the evening welcome the audience to the show. Tonight, it’s Jack Edwards and AAC World Heavyweight Champion Bruno Sammartino, and boy, what a card we’ve got in store tonight and what a treat it is to have Bruno here at the desk! Bruno says it was great catching up with all of the great Northeastern wrestling fans last week in the greater Portland, Maine area and he’s excited to see some of the fresh talent we’ve got on deck tonight! Let’s get into the action!

NESN Television Title Tournament Quarterfinal Match: Maxwell Jacob Friedman (w/ Giant Bernard) def. Jack Bonza (4:08) via Skull Crushing Finale

MJF comes out with Bernard in tow, who is rocking a dark leather jacket and shades. MJF makes spooky fingers at Bruno who sort of lunges at him and he scampers away, while Bernard walks right up to Bruno and huffs smelly breath at him. Bruno says he didn’t know you could get a wrestling license in Massachusetts as a water buffalo. This one is pretty academic, as MJF plays with his food a little bit but gets tagged with a Bonza head kick and quickly hits the Skull Crushing Finale for the win. After the bell, he calls for Bernard to join him in the ring and Bernard starts stomping out Bonza, while MJF sits on the top rope and sarcastically applauds. “Flash” Morgan Webster, MJF’s next opponent, hits the ring and MJF powders. Webster plays stick and move with Bernard long enough for Bonza to get free and they hit a double drop kick and send Bernard out of the ring, but are greeted from behind by BAD BONES JOHN KLINGER, who lariats both of them and knocks their heads together. Bernard and Klinger put their fists together as MJF does Mr. Burns hands on the outside. We go to commercial.

Back from the break as the band is jamming on more J. Geils Band. Edwards asked Bruno what he thought of that last match and Bruno says that he didn’t really care for it - he doesn’t like when somebody stands on the shoulders of giants, literally in this case, and fights without any respect for themselves like MJF. Edwards says that everyone knows that about Bruno and shows a little highlight reel of the Mocho Cota matches from the loop, climaxing with Bruno throwing Cota in the trash at the VFW in Portsmouth. Bruno says that Mocho Cota had it coming, and so does that Friedman - someday soon, he might get what’s coming to him!

Chris Candido (w/ Tammy Sytch) def. Brutus Creed (6:17) via Blonde Bombshell

Edwards says speaking of guys who have it coming, it’s Chris Candido - Bruno says the most frustrating thing about Chris Candido is that the guy has all the talent in the world and yet he degrades himself with making a mockery of fighting and looks down on all these fans. Brutus gets a jobber entrance but early on, after a successful ankle pick, Bruno chimes in to say this is a guy who was an undefeated college All-American wrestler and yet, he is not celebrated by our business the way Candido is, and yet here he is, taking it to him. Candido sort of overhears this and grows irritated once again, just like last week. He

starts really showing off for the crowd but gets distracted and gets tagged by an errant Brutus headbutt to the chin. Candido finally locks in and takes Brutus up top and puts him away with the Blonde Bombshell.

After the match, Candido approaches the desk and Bruno blows him off, taking his microphone into the ring where Brutus is recovering. Bruno tells Brutus that he showed a hell of a fight against a world-class athlete and really impressed him. Brutus thanks Bruno and tells him that he hopes to one day be as big of a winner as him. Bruno says he will do his best to look out for the young kid. Candido is turning purple with rage once again and Tammy ushers him out of ringside. We go to commercial.

Samurai Shiro def. Rich Loving (2:28) via Jumping Hip Attack

Back from commercial and Rich Loving, a splotchy man with a Constanza haircut is arguing with the referee in the ring. The band launches into [Yokozuna's theme](#) and out comes Shiro Koshinaka, complete with the sushi chef bandana and black robes. Bruno says he's excited to see this guy and Koshinaka makes quick work of Loving, executing him with an electric jumping hip attack.

Koshinaka celebrates in the ring and makes his way out to ringside to shake hands with Bruno, when he is blindsided by Candido as Tammy rushes out to hold him back. Candido grabs the microphone and puts a finger in Edwards' chest and says that every week on this stupid show so far, Candido has been the biggest star and the most impressive guy in the building, and yet every week, he gets treated like gum on the bottom of somebody's shoe. He takes a piece of gum out of his tights and pops it in his mouth. He blows a bubble at Edwards while Koshinaka wriggles away out of frame. He walks right up to the camera, addresses promoter Angelo Savoldi, and says that every week until he is shown the proper respect of a real star, he will keep taking over this damn show and doing whatever he wants! He drops the mic and as he turns to leave the building, he takes out his gum and smushes it right onto Bruno's dress shirt and sprints away, Bruno chasing him to the back.

We go to a pretape of Edwards running down the towns this week, as NECW comes to Concord, New Hampshire! Tuesday, January 12 in Laconia - Wednesday, January 13 in Hanover - Thursday, January 14 in Exeter - Friday, kids get in free in Lebanon - and finally, the big Saturday matinee, Bruno Sammartino will be there live in the flesh, come on out to Durham, NH at the Whittemore Center.

Edwards is back at the desk and apologizes for the show going off the rails tonight but promises that you never know what can happen here in NECW - you don't want to miss us this week in Concord and tune in next week, same time, same channel for more NECW action!