

New England Championship Wrestling on NESN #4
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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 The Living Legend, AAC Champion Bruno Sammartino at the desk for another high-octane night of Northeastern wrestling action! On the program tonight, the final two matches of the first round of the NESN Television Title Tournament - Mexican superstar Valiente takes on the dastardly Prince Ameen and two guys Bruno has grown pretty familiar with, Mocho Cota and Charles Lucero will do battle for the last spot in the semifinals. Bruno scoffs and says outside of Valiente, the rest of these guys are unworthy of a shot at a real championship like the NESN title. And in the main event tonight, a jam-packed 8-man tag team match - the team of Chris Candido, Maxwell Jacob Friedman and the Bumpin’ Uglies take on Spike Dudley, Rick Boogs, Jack Bonza and “Flash” Morgan Webster!

Before we get any further, we do need to address the events of last week - a recap package is shown of the Imperial Army’s debut, where Akitoshi Saito, Kato Kung Lee and the masked Destororyah stormed the studio and stomped out The Allied Powers during the main event. Bruno says these guys are lucky he wasn’t around last week, otherwise it never would’ve gone down this way and instead, they would be headed back to Japan with their tails between their legs, especially that little punk Sonny Bono. Edwards goes to correct Bruno that it’s Sonny Onoo but decides it isn’t worth it. Edwards says we actually have a message from the Imperial Army about last week - we get a pre-taped video of Onoo and the gang in a darkly lit maroon room with a tattered Japanese flag behind them - Onoo says there’s a big storm coming to NECW, about the size of a nuclear bomb, and nothing will ever be the same! Brace yourselves, New Hampshire - the Imperial Army will be there this week!

NESN Television Title Tournament Quarterfinal Match: Mocho Cota def. Charles Lucero (8:29) via La Tres Dedos (Torture Rack)

Recap video from the Burlington loop of the repeated transgressions between Cota and Lucero in their tag team matches with Bruno and Brutus Creed - Cota getting shoved into a bearhug, Lucero slapping Cota, the brawls to the back. Edwards asks Bruno if the in-fighting between his two opponents changed his strategy at all - Bruno winks at Edwards and says the art of war says to never interrupt your opponent while he’s making a mistake. Cota and Lucero have a rudo vs rudo lightning match-style bout here, both guys taking some liberties with the rules and trying to get one over on each other. Cota attempts his patented donkey kick to the nuts but he hits the referee on accident but the referee blames Lucero. After much pleading, the ref lets the match continue and Cota almost wins with a flash roll-up. Lucero stretches Cota out with some llave and works over the back. Finish comes when Lucero attempts a crossbody but Cota grabs his leg and yanks him into the La Tres Dedos Torture Rack to pick up the win. After the match, Bruno goes to the ring to talk to Cota, but he thinks Bruno is coming to beat him up so he high-tails it out of the arena. We go to commercial.

Back from commercial as the band jams on J. Geils Band. Edwards and Bruno say they have just received word that someone wants to come out and say a few words and out staggers “Psycho” Jos LeDuc! LeDuc sort of just growls and ambles around the studio before pointing at Bruno and the AAC Championship. Bruno starts unbuttoning his jacket and taking the belt off but LeDuc runs to ringside and headbutts the corner post three or four times and then goes to the back. Bruno calls him a nutcase.

NESN Television Title Tournament Quarterfinal Match: Valiente def. Prince Ameen (w/ The Sheik) (12:42) via Valiente Driver (Springboard Corner Bulldog)

The Sheik’s presence immediately changes the atmosphere in the building - Bruno is on edge the entire time and barely speaks during the match, even when directly spoken to by Edwards. Ameen is a classic chickenshit heel, avoiding contact with Valiente for as long as possible. Valiente really pops in front of the crowd, dazzling with both his athleticism and physique. He hits his big springboard dive onto both Sheik and Ameen on the outside in the opening five minutes. Sheik remains lifeless on the ground for the rest of the match. Ameen is totally outmatched on a test of strength and despite repeated attempts to get away and buy time, Valiente is just too much of a force of nature and eventually catches him with the Valiente Driver to pick up the win.

Ameen goes to ringside and tends to Sheik, calling Bruno over. Bruno is very reluctant to help but Valiente goes with him. Bruno reaches down to pick Sheik up and Sheik extends a hand WITH A SPIKE IN IT AND STABS BRUNO IN THE CHEST! Blood drips out of the Living Legend onto the AAC Championship as The Sheik runs around the studio with the bloody spike extended as security eventually wrangles him out the door. Valiente and a steaming mad Brutus Creed prop Bruno up and call for an ambulance for the champion. We go to commercial.

Edwards returns from commercial, now solo at the desk and tries to get the show back on track, letting viewers know they will provide an update on Bruno as they have it. He plugs the shows out on the road, as NECW returns to New Hampshire and the greater Nashua area this week - tickets on sale now for Bow, Goffstown, Salem, Derry, and Londonderry to come out and see all of your favorite NECW stars - Chris Candido, Brutus Creed, “Flash” Morgan Webster and “Psycho” Jos LeDuc will be in action!

Spike Dudley, Rick Boogs, Jack Bonza and “Flash” Morgan Webster def. Chris Candido, Maxwell Jacob Friedman, and the Bumpin’ Ugliers (Giant Bernard and Jon Klinger) (w/ Tammy Sytch) (18:16) via DQ after MJF gives Rick Boogs a low blow

All-star tag that Edwards sells as such, but the energy in the building is a little bit wonky after Bruno was carted off. Candido does some Bruno spots before doing a jackoff motion, which prompts Boogs to gorilla press him to the floor, but he is prevented from doing so because he catches Tammy in his sights again and loses focus. Spike and Webster have some good double team stuff but are no match for Bernard and Klinger in terms of power. MJF is mostly directing traffic and only tags in when Bonza is in. Eventually, after a big dive train onto the heels, MJF is left alone with big Boogs and Boogs starts really taking it to him. MJF delivers a picture-perfect low blow and the ref calls for the bell. The heels all powder off and Boogs is doing some big selling of his nuts, while Spike pats him on the back.

Edwards tells viewers that they have just heard that Bruno Sammartino is in stable condition, and more updates will be provided next week or on the Internet as they come in. Thanks for watching another episode of NECW - we'll be back next week, same time, same channel!