

Tasted great but just not filling

Wrestlemania XIV doesn't live up to the hype

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Wrestlemania XIV began with a mockery of the American national anthem that left me happy it was their anthem being crucified. "The Star

were victorious in a 15-tag team battle royal to determine title contender-ship at the WWF's next pay per view event. Hopefully, Sunny's more than active lifestyle will breathe some new vigor into these wrestling dinosaurs.

Ken Shamrock brought the crowd to a crazed frenzy as he beat the arrogant Rocky Miavia into submission for the Intercontinental Title. Unfortunately, the title escaped Shamrock as he was too far into his "zone" to break the hold and the referee reversed his decision.

A mixed tag team match saw Marvellous Marc Mero and former

these two. Hunter's bodyguard Chyna gave Owen a low blow where the sun don't shine to score the win, and we never really got to see a fight.

Undeniably, the highpoint of the card was the tag team title bout between the New Age Outlaws and the Hardcore Legends. Promoted as the first ever "Dumpster Match", the goal was to throw both of the opponents in a dumpster and slam the lid shut. The Hardcore Legends scored the upset when Chainsaw Charlie was able to knock both Outlaws onto a forklift and hoist them into a second dumpster backstage. Don't get too excited though, the consensus of the wrestling web sites is this title reign will be short lived.

The Undertaker fought his "brother" Kane (formerly Isaac Yankem DDS and the second Diesel) in a slobberknocker that didn't quite live up to expectations. The Undertaker staged an amazing entrance, walking past druids holding stakes lit on fire. When the match began, though, it was obvious that these

experiencing from his ailing back.

Mike Tyson surprised everyone a few weeks back when he officially joined Michael's clique Degeneration X. Tyson was supposed to be the outside enforcer and referee. The odds appeared to be against Austin when the outside enforcer was blatantly rooting for Michaels. But when the official referee got knocked out, Tyson quickly stepped in to count the one, two, three for the new WWF

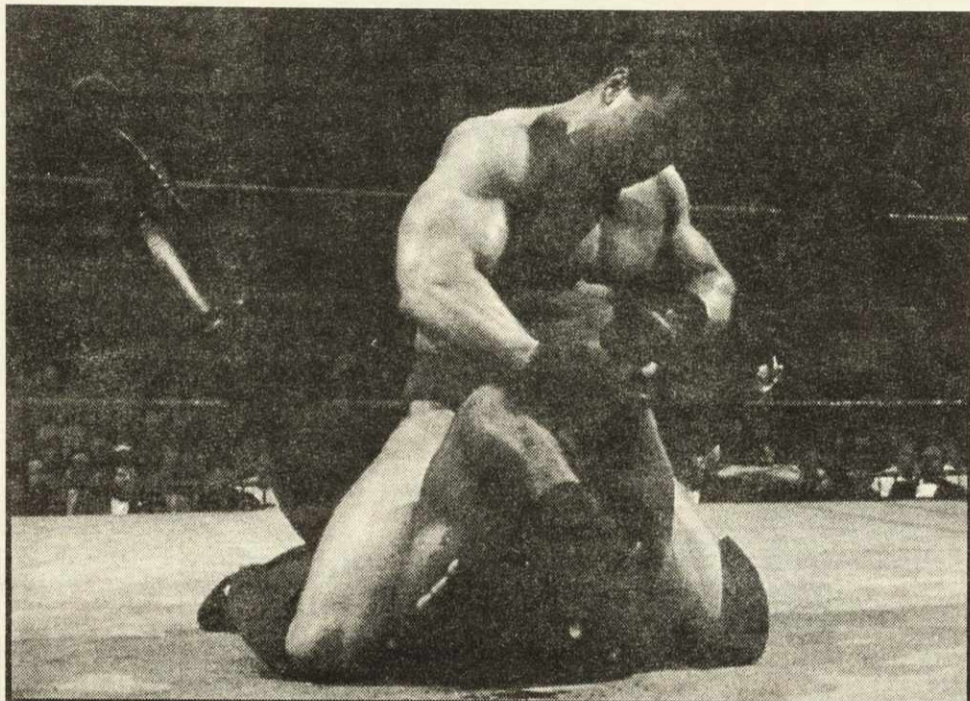
Champion, Stone Cold Steve Austin. While I was robbed of seeing Tyson get a stunner from Stone Cold it was a thrill to see Tyson knock out

mediocre event that didn't match the hype built around it for the last two months. I expect Michaels to take some time off for his back now that he doesn't have the title to defend.

On a final note, it's been a pleasure serving as your guide to the wonderful world of professional wrestling for the past year. Any questions regarding the WWF or professional wrestling in general can be sent to the Dartmouth Demon at the Gazette (gazette@is2.dal.ca). But don't piss me off with stupid, idiotic questions, or else I'll put you in the sharpshooter and nail your ass to the wall. If you don't know what



Shawn Michaels hams it up with adoring fans. (WWF Raw Magazine)



Ken Shamrock kicks a little ass. (WWF Raw Magazine)

Spangled Banner" was never meant to be performed by a grunge band. Considering the event grossed over \$1-million dollars for the night, the World Wrestling Federation could have spent five dollars to get my little brother to sing.

From there, the event was pretty damn boring. We saw the triumphant return of the Legion of Doom to the squared circle, with their new manager Sunny in tow. Sunny, who is nothing more than the WWF's answer to Baywatch, once held the title for the most pictorial downloads on the internet. The Legion of Doom

Guess Jeans model Sable mix it up with the Halloween-freak-show called Goldust and Luna. What looked like the low point on the card actually turned into a cat-fight that left everyone howling. Sable showed that she was more than just a pretty face as she used her husband's TKO move to finish off Luna.

I've been a huge fan of the Harts over the years. I was highly anticipating the Owen Hart and Hunter Hearst Helmsley match for the European belt. The fight ended up turning into one of the screwball matches I have come to expect from

two had their limitations in regards to technical wrestling. And so we watched, waiting for something, anything...

The main event between Stone Cold Steve Austin and Shawn Michaels attracted hundreds of media personnel. Continuing the trend for the night, the match failed to reach its true potential. The lacklustre nature of this match can be blamed on bad timing as both of these men were injured before they entered the ring. While attempting simple maneuvers Michaels was unable to mask the sheer pain he was



WWF pretty boys Legion of Doom pose for the camera. (WWF Raw Magazine)

Overall *Wrestlemania XIV* was a sharpshooter is, it would be idiotic of you to ask.

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