

## Behind The Scenes Of the World Wrestling Federation



Photo: Derrick Paul.  
Nasty Boys Jerry Saggs (waving) and Brian Knobbs.



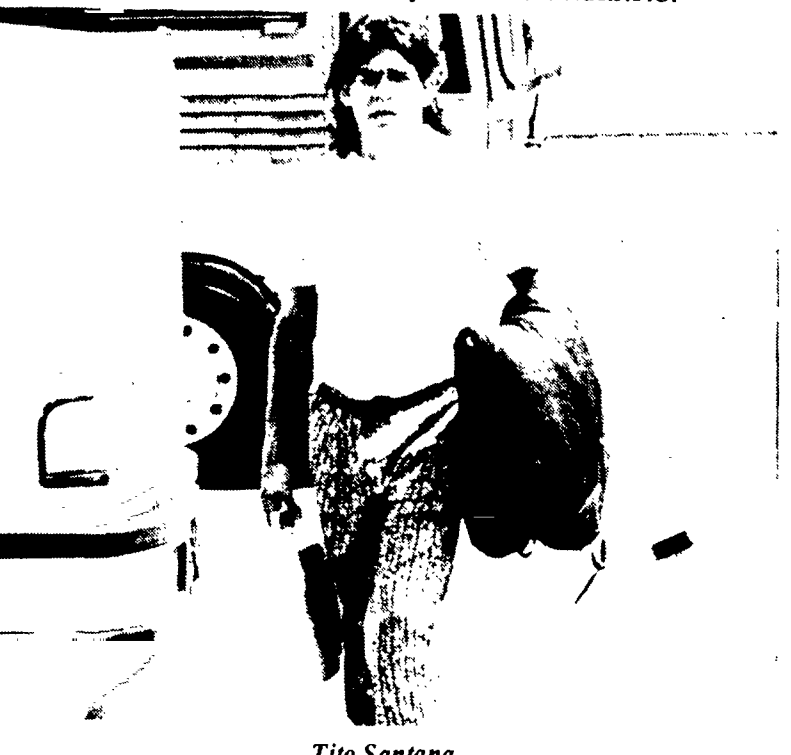
Photo: Derrick Paul.  
Shawn Michaels (facing) and Papa Shango



Sensational Queen Sherri. Photo: Derrick Paul.



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Tatanka with some new friends at the N.A.I.T.C.



Tito Santana.

by Derrick Paul/Staff  
Last year, I was given the assignment of going with a bunch of kids to St. Regis Mountain near Paul Smiths College.

I found that I did not have a good time when I had to climb up the mountain to take pictures.

I am never going to accept this kind of job again.

On Wednesday, I was asked by Darren Bonaparte to go with him to Cornwall and pick up a couple of 250 pound wrestlers and take them to the Travelling College on Cornwall Island.

What can happen. They were Tatanka and the Berzerker. We got to the Civic Complex and were met by Kevin, one of the Producers. He said that none of the wrestlers had come in yet so he showed us around while we waited. We saw the ring and all the lights being assembled and it was awesome. The night before they were in Ottawa and the crew was up until 4:00a.m. taking everything down, getting a few hours sleep and then setting it all up again in Cornwall.

We talked about the set up and various people walked by. Referee Danny Davis, and Chief Jay Strong Bow. It was nothing exciting but the fact of meeting these people after watching them on television for years was kinda cool, I thought.

Kevin made some calls to see what was going on with Tatanka (Chris Chavis) and he was told he was enroute from Ottawa.

Kevin then asked us if we were hungry and offered us lunch with the crew.

Never one to turn down a free meal, we accepted. We were eating and discussing Akwesasne and the program when Kevin nodded to someone behind me. I turned around and there was the Undertaker and Paul Bearx. Even without his make up, I got the creeps.

As I turned back around, Gorilla Monsoon was getting a drink at the next table and this guy is huge. Again I got a little shock.

Looking around, there were other various people from the WWF that I had seen over the years.

A few tables down was WWF President, Jack Tunney. When we finished lunch Kevin suggested we go outside and wait for the crew.

As we walked by the buffet table, the Undertaker was loading up and he was in my way so I excused myself. He looked down at me with that stare and probably thought, out of my way punk.

On the floor of the complex, someone said the wrestlers had arrived and around a corner comes Mr. Fugi, another scary looking dude.

While waiting outside we met other staff and they explained the procedures and schedules to us.

One by one some cars pulled in. The first was a van and out pops Owen "The Rocket" Hart, and Crush.

They walked by, said hello and gave us some nods and all the rest of the small talk.

Another car load pulled up and out of this climbs Animal and Hawk of the Legion of Doom and "El Matador" Tito Santana.

Other wrestlers who walked by were Shawn Michaels, Randy Savage, "The Model" Rick Martel, and the new comer to the

Federation, "Nail". He and Micheals hammed it up for the camera.

The "Genius", Leaping Lanny Poffo came by as well as Ring Announcer Howard Finkel. He came right up and talked to us for awhile.

Finally, Tatanka showed up. It was explained to Darren and myself that he came with the Manager of Legion of Doom, Bob Errey and Errey was in no hurry to get to the complex.

So it took a few more minutes for him to get into his outfit and while we waited, Sensational Queen Sherri pulled up with one of her friends. She said hello and remarked that it was a gorgeous day outside.

When Tatanka came out, it was 2:00p.m. We were supposed to be at the Travelling College at 12:30.

There were a lot of kids, we were told, that were at the College waiting for us and they left.

So we piled in the cars, Darren and myself were just to show them the way to Cornwall Island.

When we pulled in, people were all standing at the offices of the Travelling College and no one knew what to do. One brave kid ran up and soon he was followed by more and eventually, he was swamped for autographs.

There was a WWF camera on hand at the Island to film this portion for the Superstars Of Wrestling" which will be on in a few weeks. The kids all gathered around Tatanka and he told them of his job and what he represents and what his dreams are: to go to the top of the World Wrestling Federation. He also told the kids that if they are to be anything in life, they have to stay away from drugs and alcohol.

Also he told them to stay in school and obey the Elders.

There was an impromptu presentation made by Natasha Thompson. She entered an art contest and she won first place. There were entries from all across Canada. It was also her Birthday and she got a kiss from Tatanka. Natasha was on a roll Wednesday.

After the speeches, the organizers and Tatanka gave out free tickets and WWF merchandise.

Later that night, I went to the Complex to check out the action. Tatanka teamed up with the British Bulldog and Owen Hart. They fought Money Incorporated, who consisted of Irwin R. Shyster and Ted "Million Dollar Man" Dibiase. On their side was Rick Martel. The latter team won but Chris Chavis is as of yet undefeated in the Federation as a singles competitor.

Tatanka is from the Lumbee Nation in North Carolina. He was an athlete for years and won all types of awards. He was given a chance to play for the Miami Dolphins of the National Football League but instead chose wrestling.

The whole event was being filmed for a Superstars of Wrestling installment and a tape is being produced for Coliseum Video and the Island program will be a part of both. It was not known when the Superstars program will be aired. When Indian Time and CKON finds out, we will pass that information along.

# Sports

## Akwesasne Old Sticks

On Thursday May 28th, the League had another doubleheader and in game one, Benedict Lacrosse and He and She Clippers tied up their season series 1-1 when Benedict won this game 13-8.

On opening night (May 2), the Clippers defeated Benedict 10-8.

In Thursdays game, Benedict started the scoring with two early markers before the game was three minutes old. Dave White and Walter Bero shared in the scoring with White assisting on Beros goal.

The Clippers came back with three goals by Oliver Hill (2) and Mark McDonell.

The score remained 3-2 at the end of the period.

In the second, Benedict opened up with seven goals. White was involved in all goals, scoring four and assisting in the rest. The remaining three were scored by Russell Roundpoint, Phil Terrance, Ben Benedict.

The Clippers second period goals were scored by Art Sinfield (2) and Allen MacDonell and they trailed 9-6 going into the third.

In goal were Jo-Jo Francis for Benedict and Larry Harrington for the Clippers.

In the third frame The Clippers Art Sinfield scored his third at 5:20 to bring them within three but Bill Kennedy's goal at 6:20 for Benedict opened up a three goal run and the Clippers never recovered.

Final score was 13-8.

Russell Roundpoint scored twice and Dave White once in the last period for Benedict Lacrosse. The Clippers got their other third period goal from Mac Thomas.

In game two of this Thursday Night doubleheader Oionkwaonwe Enterprises never let Ray-Co Team Sports get ahead by more

than three goals but Ray-Co won the game 10-9.

Ray-Co opened up the scoring in the first on a Ron Cree goal at the 11:38 mark. Terry Ledoux also added a goal for Ray-Co in the first before Oionkwaonwe registered one at the 17:04: Mike Benedict got the goal with Golatender Dave "Chuggo" Jacobs picking up the assist.

Ray-Co picked up another with one minute remaining with Alex Roundpoint scoring on a Ron Cree assist.

In the middle period both teams traded goals and in the second intermission, the teams took a 6-6 tie into the dressing room.

In that second period Ledoux scored his second of the night and others from the Ray-Co line up came from Ron Cree and Dave Sunday. Enterprises countered with Mike Benedict (2nd of the game), Scott Thomas, Lewis Morris and Jerry Jackson.

In the final twenty Alex Roundpoint scored his second of the game at 3:40 to start a three goal run and Ray-Co found themselves with a 9-6 lead. Dave Sunday and Ron Cree were responsible for those markers and these were their second each for the night.

Oionkwaonwe scored two straight: Vaughn Arquette at 10:24 and Scott Thomas at 11:40 and the score stood 9-8 for Ray-Co.

At 17:55, Jack Tarbell scored for Enterprises with the assists picked up by Wesley Benedict and Jerry Jackson.

Enterprises Scott Thomas completed his hattrick with :55 seconds left in the game to make it 10-9 but Ray-Co hung on the win.

In goal for Team Sports was Kay Day.

**Saturday June 6**

7:00/  
Benedict vs Oionkwaonwe  
8:30/  
Okwarine vs Clippers

**Womens**

**Softball League**

**Tuesday June 9**  
Mohawk Video at Legion (Legion in Hogan)  
R & R at Mohawk Club (Snye Recreation Field)  
Vinnays at Thompson (State Road)

**Reg Campbell Slo-Pitch League**

**Monday June 8**  
R & R vs Upper Village  
9:15  
Bob Turner

Skidders vs Benson Springs

9:15  
Bob Turner  
Both rezz teams have the rest of the week off.

## Akwesasne Ball Clubs Cleanup At Tournament

Last weekend, local teams went to Long Sault to play in the Coors Qualifier.

The teams were Skidders Construction and R & R Smokeshop of the Reg Campbell Slo-Pitch League and an R & R Smokeshop co-ed squad.

Skidders Construction won all their four games and they qualified for another year at the Provincial Championships in Niagara Fall in the Fall.

On Saturday they defeated the Alexandria A's 6-3 and an Ingleside team 3-2.

On Sunday, they dropped Mitchells of Canada 12-2 and Bad Habits of Long Sault 8-6.

This gave them first place in the "A" division.

R & R Smokeshop Mens team also made it up to the finals in the "B" Division but they were stopped by Dwyers 8-5.

Along the way, they defeated the Guardsmen 12-6 and Bad Habits 14-6.

The co-ed team went under R & R Smokeshop and they came in first place in the "A" Division. This team was comprised of players from R & R Smokeshop of the Womens Rezz League and Skidders Construction.

Next tournament for the local teams is this weekend in Apple Hill. Congratulations to all teams.

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