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**Blankman vs Nick Fury vs El Matador**

An excellent fast paced match up to kick off the show that had the crowd buzzing. The match was filled with high octane action with allegiances made and broken in the blink of an eye. These 3 gifted wrestlers certainly put everything on the line in order to not only WOW the crowd, but to prove to each other who the better man was. However it all came to an abrupt halt as Nick Fury, seemed to be in control and head for a victory, got rolled up from behind for the 3 count giving Blankman the win.

**The Oz vs William Mac**

From a highflying match, the AWA switched gears as it present this contest. Rough and tough Oz came into this match with one thing in mind: To give William Mac the beating of a lifetime. But William was not about to back down from his burly opponent and fought tenaciously to prove his worth. Ever the fan favourite, Mr Mac shocked The Oz by kicking out of the OZ BOMB! A feat no other wrestler had done before. Clearly still bewildered by this event The Oz was later caught by a vicious gut wrenching spear that gave William the win.

**African Warrior vs The Bruiser**

The unknown was what await the African Warrior, as the Bruiser made his AWA debut in the House Of Pain. Not knowing what to expect, The Warrior did what he always does best and gave the Bruiser everything he had. The Bruiser appeared none shaken up by the Warrior's presence and dished out as much as pain he took, using a steel chain as his



ally. The back and forth action had the crowd in a frenzy as Bruiser was later busted and bleeding due to an exposed sharp steel turnbuckle. Seeing this, the Khayalitcha Rose took advantage of his hurting opponent and quickly pinned him for the 3.

**Vinne Vegas vs Johnny Palazzio**

A few months ago the AWA hosted the first Ladder Match in African Wrestling History. It was the AWA Cruiserweight title which Johnny Palazzio would then retain. One of his opponents, Vinnie Vegas, was injured during that match and exclaimed that Palazzio's win was tainted sine he, Vegas, not 100%. As so the powers that be in the AWA saw it fit to give Mr Vegas a second title shot, however this time it would be one-on-one.

Tensions were running high as the 2 opponents locked up after the opening bell. Vinnie has clearly done his homework as he had the Champ on the run in the early beginning. However Johnny soon took control and wrestled his kind of match. Surprisingly the crowd was behind Vegas, who is using among the hated in the House of Pain.

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Whether the attendance support helped or not is questionable, however Vinnie Vegas was able to battle back and nearly defeat Palazzio with a vicious Tope Rope Elbow Drop. The two would continue to trade blows until Johnny hit

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“The AWA manages to pack Parow Civic with minimal effort”



his trademark move: The Side-Effect. The referee would then count the 3 fall, allowing Palazzo to pick the win and retain the title. However Vegas as well as many in attendance would protest and claim that Vinnie's shoulder's were only down for 2. Certainly this match has only provided more questions than answers.

**Shaun Koen vs The Missing Link**  
No Holds Barred, Hardcore rules provided the setting for the AWA All Africa Championship match between these 2 eternal rivals. Shaun Koen and The Missing Link have battled countless time before, yet in true AWA tradition raised the bar in terms of match excellence. The Lion of Africa was in his zone and back at home at the Parow Civic Centre: The House Of Pain! More popular than ever, Koen proved why he was the All Africa Champion as he stood toe to toe with the Missing Link in the Link's own Hardcore asylum. Chairs, ladders, steel chains.... anything that wasn't nailed to the ground was used by each behemoth in order to gain the upper hand.

As the action spilled outside the ring, things took a turn for the worst for Mr Koen as his deranged opponent reached for a bag full of thumbtacks: **HAPPY BIRTHDAY SHAUN!** As the rules stated. there would be no disqualifications as BDX made surprising return in order to aid his "friend" the Missing Link. Before you knew it, a table had been setup at ringside covered in thumbtacks. Shaun could only helpless look on in horror as the table and the thumbtacks were set alight. The madman

Missing Link would then attempt to finish off Koen by putting him through the table. However it was not to be as Shaun reversed the attempted slam and sent the Link through his own creation of hell! It would be a mere few minutes that Shaun pin the Missing Link's shoulders to the mat retaining the championship.

### The Royal Rumble

So far the action of the night had been nothing but intense. If the event had end here, everyone in attendance would surely have gotten their moneys worth and would've gone home happy. However, in true AWA style, the night was not yet over as the final match on the card presented itself: An AWA Royal Rumble.

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All previous match competitors, including a few new comers, would now be competing once again in hopes of winning the AWA Royal Rumble Championship. Current Rumble Champ was the first to the ring as he looked defeat all of the challengers and retain. Total chaos and anarchy ruled the ring as everyone tried to eliminate the other by throwing them over the top rope. As with

7the first match allegiances were traded around as each wrestler attempted to gain the upper hand.

So much so that it took 5 wrestlers to eliminate the massive Shaun Koen from the Rumble. Definitely a wise decision as he was major threat. Following the elimination of the African Warrior, it was evident that a new champion would be crowned at the House of Pain. It finally came down to the wire as 4 men remained: Missing Link, Vinnie Vegas, Johnny Palazzio and William Mac.

Mac and Vegas double dropkicked The Link sending his flying of the top rope unable to save himself. While still recovering, Vegas was immediately thrown over for an elimination. Vinnie was able to hang on though and nearly made it back in but his jaw was greeted by the boot the Palazzio. Bragging that he eliminated Vegas "twice" in one night, Johnny then turned his sights on William. A picture perfect dropkick by Mr Mac would send the Cruiserweight champ and his hopes of becoming a double champion flying out the ring and crashing to the floor below. The winner of the bout and new AWA Royal Rumble Champion: **William Mac!**



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