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FEEL THE HEAT! It's the August 2020 WrestleWipe thread!

Yes! Hello! Welcome! In this thread we'll be going through all the news, drama, bullshit and petty squabbles that made professional wrestling the HOT TOPIC on our timelines.

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> Happy New Year! Welcome to the July 2020 WrestleWipe thread!
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> In this thread, we're going to run through all the news, drama & petty bullshit that kept pro wrestling spinning into the abyss.
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> What was bad? What was ugly? Was anything actually good?
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> Only one way to find out...
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> — Shane/WrestleWipe (@GlobalForceGold) January 7, 2021

Couple of things before I get started;

1. Apologies in advance for any formatting errors. These are big, media-filled threads and the app I use to create them is still fairly new and in constant development.

2. As is most likely the case going forward with these threads, there will be some references to Speaking Out so please use this part as a trigger warning. It won't be as much as June or July, but just please bare that in mind when reading on.

Now let's get onto the thread!

- Mere days after Vince McMahon got on a confernce call and said that the WWE ratings are down due to the pandemic and admitting their lack of new stars is also part of the problem, that young whippersnapper Shane McMahon returns to Monday Night Raw!

- Shane-O-MacDaddy helmed the debut of RAW UNDERGROUND, a weird experiment with fake MMA fights that looks like someone watched GCW's Bloodsport and dumbed down the idea enough so that Kevin Dunn could identify with it.

- RETRIBUTION makes their debut by blowing up some 'electrical equipment' with what looked like a molotov cocktail in order to cause WWE some technical difficulties. Good to see the very rich, very right-wing WWE finally putting their spin on politics.

- The creators of a 2016 crowd-funded Ospreay documentary posted an update after three years of silence where they PROMISED a November 20th 2020 release and alluded to some sketchy film festivals. This went about as smoothly as every other wrestling Kickstarter.

- Everyone's favourite Hollywood A-Lister Dwayne Johnson announces that he, along with RedBird Capital, are buying the XFL for $15,000,000. Yep, an entire sports franchise for just over his average movie fee. Treat yoself, Rock.

- Ex-CHIKARA wrestlers complain about WWE stealing RAW UNDERGROUND from their own pilot called 'The Crucible'. Apparently the pilot was a WWE Network pitch & WWE stole the idea after CHIKARA's shutdown. I would't cry too hard lads, as stolen bad ideas are still bad ideas.

- Ryan Satin, who some refer to as a 'poundland Shane from WrestleWipe' has a chat with Eric Bischoff on Twitter. Satin says that "a large portion of the fanbase still believes that what they're watching is real". Did you conduct this research at an anti-vaxxer convention, Ryan?

- WWE hires Nick Khan as the President & Chief Revenue Officer. Khan is a television executive who knows the ins and outs of TV sports like the back of his hand. His relationship with Tony Khan and/or dogs is, at the moment, unconfirmed.

- In other TV executive news, Kevin Reilly is let go from WarnerMedia after a company restructure. This is a big loss for AEW, as Reilly was the key executive who helped cement AEW's position at TNT.

- The Wacky Adventures Of Marty Jannetty continue as he sparks a police investigation after apparently confessing to murdering someone who attempted to sexually abuse him when he was 13. Well he's certainly apt at killing his own push so it's entirely plausible.

- AEW Heels launches to a lot of scrutiny; In essence, you're paying $49 per year for some Zoom calls & a forum, which is carny AF (especially from a multi-million dollar company). But on the other hand it offers a safe place for women to talk about wrestling, which is good.