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2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

Written by Bruno Schofield | Photos by Dwayne Larson

2023 was an incredible year in WPW. We saw first-time venues, massive debuts, title changes and some of the best wrestling Winnipeg has ever seen. Let's take a look back at 2023 and some of the biggest moments!

WPW kicked things off with COLD OUT, a history making night for several reasons. Fans voted Bobby Schink winning the WPW Championship as the #1 WPW Moment of the Year and Jody Threat defended the WPW Women's Championship two times in one night, against Masha Slamovich and Tootie Lynn.

Next up at ONE UPON A TIME...IN WINNIPEG, we saw AJ Sanchez invoke his rematch clause but still come up short against Bobby Schink. After the match, Sanchez and Daniels cornered General Manager James Korba in the ring when all of the sudden Tyler Colton appeared for the first time in three years. Colton challenged Sanchez to a match, but Sanchez said it would have to be a tag match where he picked Colton's partner. Sanchez would pick none other than JAMES KORBA! Jody Threat defended against Laynie Luck and we saw the debut of 'The Hellion' Ava Lawless.

April's FIGHT AT THE MUSEUM saw WPW take over the Manitoba Museum for the first time. Bobby Schink defended his WPW Championship against Travis Williams, Jody Threat defended her Women's Championship against Selezuya Sparx and the duo of James Korba and Tyler Colton vanquished AJ Sanchez and Chad Daniels. We continued to see the rise of James Roth with a massive win over one of Canada's best, Michael Richard Blais, and Mo Jabari won a fatal four-way match.

WPW TRUE VIOLENCE was back at the sold out West End Cultural Centre, main evented by Bobby Schink defending the WPW Championship against Tommy Lee Curtis. After an incredible match, Schink stood in the ring victorious for mere moments before the lights went out and Tyler Colton laid out a vicious attack. Colton then grabbed the WPW Championship belt and walked off with the title. The night also saw AJ Sanchez lose to James Roth in just 45 seconds and Chad Daniels winning against WARHORSE, which was the beginning of the dissension between the mentor and protégé. TRUE VIOLENCE also saw the unveiling of the WPW Tag Team Championship. Technical Difficulties and Red Hot Summer had traded wins earlier in the year and the rubber match was set to crown the first WPW Tag Team Champions, which Red Hot Summer won.

After Colton's actions at TRUE VIOLENCE, Schink challenged him to a match at RUMBLE IN THE BURT, WPW's biggest event ever.

WPW took over the Blue Note Park with BLUE CRUSHED, WPW's only outdoor event of the year. Fans were eager to see a Main Event Contract signing between Tyler Colton and Champion Bobby Schink. WPW event staff and officials were not able to keep the two athletes contained, and a fight broke out that ended with Colton driving Schink through a table. The contract was signed and we were on the road to RUMBLE IN THE BURT. Chad Daniels continued his singles winning streak with a win over Mo Jabari. After the match, AJ Sanchez and Chad Daniels went to attack Jabari, but were chased away by Red Hot Summer. This set the stage for a WPW Tag Team Championship match between Sanchez, Daniels and Red Hot Summer in August.

In August, Bobby Schink tossed out for the first pitch at a Winnipeg Goldeyes game. Unfortunately for the Champ, he didn't have his title with him as Tyler Colton still had it in his possession after stealing it in May.

LEGENDS OF THE PINFALL was a night of tag team action, main evented by Tyler Colton and LuFisto teaming up to take on WPW Champion Bobby Schink and WPW Women's Champion Jody Threat. In the end, LuFisto pinned Jody Threat causing her to lose a WPW match for the first time in a year. Daniels and Sanchez would come up short in their challenge for the WPW Tag Team Championship. This loss would cause Daniels to blame Sanchez and berate and disrespect him. Sanchez finally said what many fans had been saying for months... "f#@k you Chad!" Daniels would respond by low blowing Sanchez and the table was set for their first-time encounter at RUMBLE IN THE BURT.

WPW RUMBLE IN THE BURT was a historic night. Over 1,000 people packed the Burton Cummings Theatre to see Tyler Colton win the WPW Championship from Bobby Schink and Jody Threat retain her Women's Championship against LuFisto. The Voros Twins made their WPW debut in a losing effort to WPW Tag Champions Red Hot Summer and James Roth kept his win streak alive against Amir Jordan. Selezuya Sparx impressed again after choking out the undefeated Ava Lawless, putting her back in Championship contention. Chad Daniels defeated his former mentor AJ Sanchez, and The Freelancers dismantled the Clandestine Society in Trios action. Mo Jabari entered at #1 in the RUMBLE IN THE BURT match and survived 14 other competitors to earn a shot at the WPW Championship at PAIN ACTUALLY RETURNS.

WPW celebrated its five-year anniversary with PAIN ACTUALLY RETURNS, back at the West End Cultural Centre. WPW's 10th show at the West End and 10th straight sellout at the historic venue. The main event saw the debut of Killer Kelly, who took on Jody Threat for the WPW Women's Championship. Jody Threat retained for the 10th time after a vicious back and forth that saw them battle through the crowd. Mo Jabari challenged Tyler Colton for the WPW Championship, but the match was marred in controversy as former Champion Bobby Schink interfered and attacked Colton, ending the match in a DQ. Bryce Bentley of Red Hot Summer was out sick, so Sammy Peppers called on a longtime rival to fill his spot for one night only... Moses the Deliverer of Technical Difficulties! Fans thought they were going to see new Tag Team Champions in Fresh Air, but Red Hot Difficulties picked up the win. WARHORSE defeated Charlie Huble and O'Doyle in a triple threat match sponsored by WPW PINFALL PILSNER by Half Pints Brewery. Vanna Black debuted in a win over Tootie Lynn and AJ Sanchez answered an open challenge from Scott Ripley, winning his first match in WPW in 2023. We would later hear his music play as a distraction to Chad Daniels, leading to Rahim De La Suede rolling him up and stealing a victory.

2023 was a massive year for WPW and 2024 looks to be even bigger! Thank you to all the fans for their support.

AJ SANCHEZ ISN'T DONE PUNISHING

CHAD DANIELS VICTORY OVER SANCHEZ AT THE BURT WASN'T THE END OF THIS RIVALRY

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WPW fans were eager to see former mentor and protégé AJ Sanchez and Chad Daniels square off for the first time at RUMBLE IN THE BURT. The Big Punisher had Daniels on the ropes, begging for his personal wellbeing and hoping that Sanchez would have a change in heart. This epic encounter at the historic Burton Cummings Theatre showed that Daniels learned a thing or two from his time with Sanchez, especially about how to bend the rules. An eye gouge here, a chop block there, and finally a low blow that set the stage for Daniels to pick up his biggest win in WPW. We thought that might be the end of this bitter rivalry, but we were so very wrong. During his match with Rahim De La Suede at PAIN ACTUALLY RETURNS, Daniels had just hit a huge frog splash and was firmly in control until AJ Sanchez's music hit, distracting Daniels and leading to Rahim rolling him up for the three count. Daniels suffered his first singles loss in WPW in a year and everyone at the sold out West End was sure this feud is far from over!



PANDEMONIUM!

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WPW CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH ENDS IN CHAOS, LEADING TO A FIRST TIME TRIPLE THREAT!

The scene was set: RUMBLE IN THE BURT match winner Mo Jabari was ready to challenge new WPW Champion Tyler Colton at PAIN ACTUALLY RETURNS. Just as Colton was finishing grandstanding to the fans, Bobby Schink jumped over the top rope and attacked the man who defeated him for the Championship. It took five event staff and two referees to pull Schink off Colton. He had become completely unhinged and was desperate for Colton to take a beating after the torment he suffered the last several months. Bobby Schink was voted the fan favourite WPW wrestler in 2023, with almost half the votes. He was a proud Champion who was robbed of the glory of wearing the belt for several months, and then suffered a devastating loss in WPW's biggest event ever. We may be seeing a new Bobby Schink, as made evident when he laid down his syrup pensively before commencing this attack on Colton.



There's one man left out here, the RUMBLE IN THE BURT match winner Mo Jabari. He was robbed of his WPW title shot and demanded another opportunity. The WPW Board of Directors convened early the next day in an emergency meeting and determined the WPW Championship would be defended in a triple threat match for the very first time. Former Champion Bobby Schink, Rumble Winner Mo Jabari and new WPW Champion Tyler Colton will square off at COLD OUT. Weeks later, we heard from Manitoba's Strongest Man. Tyler Colton laid down another stipulation... if he retains, this is Schink's only rematch. Schink would have to start at the bottom, or win the 16-man Voyageur Cup tournament in March to get another shot at the WPW Championship. Who will come out on top January 25 at WPW COLD OUT?



WRESTLER SPOTLIGHT

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HEATHER RECKLESS

Heather Reckless has quickly become one of the top independent wrestlers in North America, male or female. A star all over the midwest, Reckless has made several appearances in AEW and has even challenged Athena for the ROH Women's Championship. Most notably to WPW Fans, she took Jody Threat to the limit at TRUE VIOLENCE and came within milliseconds of becoming WPW Women's Champion. Trained by Seth Rollins at the Black & the Brave, the future is extremely bright for "the Devil's Little Princess" Heather Reckless!



Heather Reckless isn't afraid to bend the rules in her quest for gold and glory.

She also wasn't afraid to get into the pit of Jody Threat fans and get in their faces!



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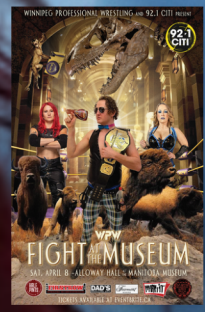
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PAIN ACTUALLY RETURNS RESULTS

December 1, 2023 at the West End Cultural Centre

WPW Women's Champion Jody Threat defeated Killer Kelly to retain.

Rahim De La Suede rolled up Chad Daniels after Daniels was distracted by AJ Sanchez's entrance music played.

Vanna Black defeated Tootie Lynn in Vanna's WPW debut.

Moses the Deliverer teamed up with Sammy Peppers to defeat Fresh Air. Bryce Bentley was ill, and Peppers called on an old rival to help him retain the WPW Tag Team Championship against Fresh Air.

The WPW Championship match between Tyler Colton and Mo Jabari ended in a DQ win for Colton. Former Champion Bobby Schink attacked Colton several times throughout the match, causing the disqualification.

Josh 'Cheeks' Holliday picked up his first singles win in WPW with a victory over Michael Allen Richard Clark.

WARHORSE defeated O'Doyle and Charlie Hubley in a triple threat match presented by Half Pint's WPW PINFALL PILSNER.

Scott Ripley the Third issued an open challenge, which was answered by AJ Sanchez. AJ Sanchez picked up the win in under three minutes.



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