# **Rick Martel**

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# **Professional Experience**

### WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING

- Successfully feuded with Booker T, elevating his singles career.
- Defenestrated on national television by Perry Saturn. It was technically a glass door, but I love the term "defenestration" and I don't get to use it much so I'm rolling with that.
- Career effectively ended at Superbrawl VIII (:()

#### WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION

- Runner-up in 1993 Intercontinental Championship Battle Royal (to Razor Ramon).
- Wrestled Shawn Michaels to a countout draw in front of 80,000 fans in Wembley Stadium at Summerslam 1992.
- Carried Tito Santana like dead weight to tag team prominence, before tiring of him at Wrestlemania V.
- Had two amazing entrance themes where somehow the least amazing of the two is the one done by Robbie Dupree.
- Successfully cultivated "The Model" persona, relocating to Cocoa Beach for a gimmick that was years ahead of its time.
- Launched successful line of cologne, *Arrogance*, and advertised it in some amazing vignettes.
- Temporarily blinded Jake "The Snake" Roberts, incapacitating him for the better part of 1990.
- Successfully teamed with Tony Garea and briefly with Tom Zenk before Tom Zenk got apparently got weird about pay disparities.

# AMERICAN WRESTLING ASSOCIATION

- Beat Jumbo goddamn Tsuruta for AWA World Heavyweight Championship.
- I'm going to make that another entry because seriously how cool is Jumbo as a proverbial notch on the belt? Jumbo Tsuruta was *the* Japanese prowrestler of the 1980s.
- Wrestled several matches with then-NWA World Champion Ric Flair.

## OTHER TERRITORIES

- Emerged as top talent in the Pacific Northwest territory for the NWA.
- Successfully teamed with Roddy Piper, winning a total of four tag team championships.
- Feature attraction in multiple territories in Canada (e.g. Stampede Wrestling), Puerto Rico (World Wrestling Council), and the United States (e.g. Georgia Championship Wrestling)

#### **Education**

To continue the theme of this résumé, pro wrestlers of the time were typically not the kind that had university degrees, but you can insert your own here.

Postgraduate Program

Ph.D. in Boston Crab Studies

Undergraduate Program

B.A. in something or other.

# Technical Skills (or Accomplishments)

Put your technical skills here, or, if you're Rick Martel, list your pro-wrestling accolades.

## CHAMPIONSHIPS

- AWA World Heavyweight Championship (1984)
- WCW World Television Championship (1998)
- NWA Pacific Northwest Heavyweight Championship (1980)
- NWA Pacific International Championship (1978)
- WWF Tag Team Championship (2x with Tony Garea, 1x with dead-weight Tito Santana)
- NWA Pacific Northwest Tag Team Championship (3x, with Roddy Piper in 1980)
- WWC North American Tag Team Championship (with Pierre Martel)

#### Awards and Distinctions

- Pro Wrestling Hall of Fame (Class of 2015)
- New England Pro Wrestling Hall of Fame (Class of 2011)
- Ranked #48 of the 500 best singles wrestlers ("PWI Years", 2003)
- Ranked #70 (with dead-weight Tito Santana) of the 100 best tag teams ("PWI Years", 2003)
- World's Strongest Tag Determination League Fighting Spirit Award (1986)