Olympic Sports Now Accepting Wagers on Professional Wrestling

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Oh sure, The Greek understands that the matches aren't that suspenseful to those who've planned their outcome, but he's willing to gamble that the script writers at the WWE are so clever that players will have a better chance of escaping from a figure-four leg lock than accurately predicting the event's results. Either that or our man from Athens has had his brains pound into feta cheese from having his head pulverized by a pile driver one too many times.

Among the matches sure to attract the maximum betting limit of $50 is a WWE heavyweight title showdown between champion Kurt Angle, who won an Olympic Gold Medal in wrestling before joining the professional ranks, and Brock Lesnar, the former champion. Angle, who began as a villain but for now is a hero in the WWE's evolving soap opera, opened as a -185 favorite (bet $185 to win $100). Lesnar, who started out as a fan favorite but has turned evil under the tutelage of WWE Chairman, Vince McMahon, the undisputed ringleader of this morality circus, opened as a +155 underdog (bet $100 to win $155).

McMahon\'s son, Shane, also is in action, lining up as a -250 favorite against Eric Bischoff, more provocateur than grappler, and the +190 underdog.

However, there is no proof to the rumor that The Greek is considering posting a wager on whether Stephanie McMahon, the sister of Shane and daughter of Vince, will burst a breast implant during a ring encounter.

Because it features several wrestlers, the Elimination Chamber match is another wagering highlight of the Summer Slam card. In this one, Chris Jericho was installed as the +125 favorite with (Bill) Goldberg, a former lineman for the Atlanta Falcons, a close second choice at +150. Triple H (psst, not his real name) is +300 with Shawn Michaels at +800. Randy Orton, +1000, and Kevin Nash, +1200, are longshots.

Of course, you can't be a successful professional wrestler without a gimmick, some sort of finishing hold that fans either cherish or fear. The Greek is challenging bettors to predict which of the aforementioned Chamber match performers will deliver his signature move first. Goldberg has the Jackhammer. Triple H, which stands for Hunter Hearst Helmsley (psst, not his real name) has the Pedigree. Jericho has the Walls of Jericho. Nash has the Jackknife Power Slam. Michaels has the Sweet Chin Music.

Folks, you just can't make up this stuff.

Also on the bill is a Triple Threat match for the United States championship. In this one, Eddie Guerrero lines up as the -250 choice with Chris Benoit offered at +300 and Rhyno (psst, now his real name) quoted at +800.
If you've been paying attention then you know that you don't compete for the US title without a finishing maneuver. Accordingly, The Greek (his finishing move is to either pay out or collect the money) has a price on who Benoit will victimize with the Crossface, who Rhyno will Gore, (what a beast) and who Guerrero will Frog Splash.

And of course no WWE card would be complete without an ample display of female curves. This time it's a search contest to name a new WWE Diva, which, other than alimony receiving ex-spouse, is about the best thing a woman can be called in the WWE. Yes, that crazy Greek fellow has a line up on this, too.

All wagers, as well as more traditional bets on baseball, football, boxing, auto racing, soccer and tennis, are available on the Olympic Sports web site at www.thegreek.com. Click on the "Olympic Live" section on the left menu bar then select "more sports" then "other events" for a complete listing of wrestling propositions.

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