



## **Press Release**

### **Two Wrestling Extravaqanzas**

**ECW vs. WWE: Head to Head**  
**Sunday 2 July @ 2.00pm**

**ECW: One Night stand**  
**Sunday 9 July @ 2.00pm**

Paul Heyman and ECW are used to having their backs against the wall. This Sunday at 2pm will be no different as the newly re-launched brand goes head to head with the mighty WWE. With the future of ECW at stake, Heyman understands the importance of a successful opening night.

At Head to Head, ECW will look to two of it's legends to set the tone and generate some much needed momentum heading into One Night Stand. Rob Van Dam will take on SmackDown's World Champion Rey Mysterio, and Sabu will face off with WWE Champion and RAW representative John Cena. Heyman thinks the relationship between RVD and Sabu will prove beneficial for both men as they embark on two of the biggest matches of their careers. "RVD and Sabu will have a unique advantage at One Night Stand. Having trained together for years, they will be able to scout their respective opponents and exchange notes for their matches this Sunday."

Aside from the two big singles matches, Head to Head will also feature a 20-man Battle Royal between 10 WWE Superstars, and 10 ECW Superstars. The Battle Royal environment is one that the ECW veterans are very familiar with. "This kind of match plays right to our

strengths. In a battle royal, with an 'us vs. them' mentality, this is where we excel. We are fighters, we are brawlers, and tomorrow night I expect us to come out on top."

Regardless of how well Head to Head go for ECW, Heyman knows their will always be doubters. "We know people are going to doubt us, and that people want to see us fail. Unfortunately for them, it's a different playing field this time. In Rob Van Dam and Kurt Angle, we've taken two of the best WWE has to offer. With these two components, we are the best brand out there. Come Sunday, and come One Night Stand, we are going to prove to everyone without a shadow of a doubt, that the new ECW is unstoppable."

**Don't miss ECW vs WWE: Head to Head Sunday (2July) at 2pm on e.tv**

Meanwhile on Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> of July, two different versions of hardcore will clash when self-proclaimed co-Hardcore Champions Edge & Mick Foley take on two of the forefathers of the hardcore ECW revolution, Terry Funk & Tommy Dreamer.

It is acknowledged that Foley himself is one of the forefathers of hardcore. Having spent time in ECW, Foley was notorious for his worldwide rivalry with Funk that saw them throw chairs, blow each other up and make each other bleed on numerous occasions. Whether it was in ECW, Japan or elsewhere, Foley and Funk were never afraid to destroy each other with anything they could get their hands on. .

At One Night Stand, someone will win in the name of hardcore. But will it be the old guard or the new guard?

In the other big match of the night Cena will take on RVD. The Champ has had the deck stacked against him more times than he can count, but John Cena will face perhaps his toughest challenge of his career when he defends the WWE championship against ECW's Rob Van Dam this Sunday at One Night Stand. If Cena loses to RVD, he won't only lose the Championship from around his waist, but RAW will be without the WWE Championship as well. And to add insult to injury to RAW, that same Championship will become the ECW Championship.

While that is a ton of pressure for one man to handle, Cena welcomes the challenge.

“Everybody is talking about pressure, and everybody is talking about this and that. This is a history making match. One of two things can happen,” said Cena. “I can leave there with the WWE Championship with more than one or two black and blues – not only from RVD and ECW, but I think the people paying admission aren’t paying to just sit there if you know what I mean. Either that, or Rob will win the WWE Championship, and it won’t be known as the WWE Championship anymore. There’ll be an ECW Championship, and RAW will be without a championship.”

At the same time, the match poses a massive golden opportunity for Rob Van Dam.

“It’s happening man, it’s happening. I’m thinking about every opportunity that is stemming from that night,” said RVD. “Not only am I looking to get what I deserve for all of my hard work, but I’m looking to get the entire ECW brand launched off in a huge way, and by winning the WWE Championship, I’ll do just that.”

**Don’t miss ECW’s One Night Stand, Sunday (9June) at 2pm on e.tv**