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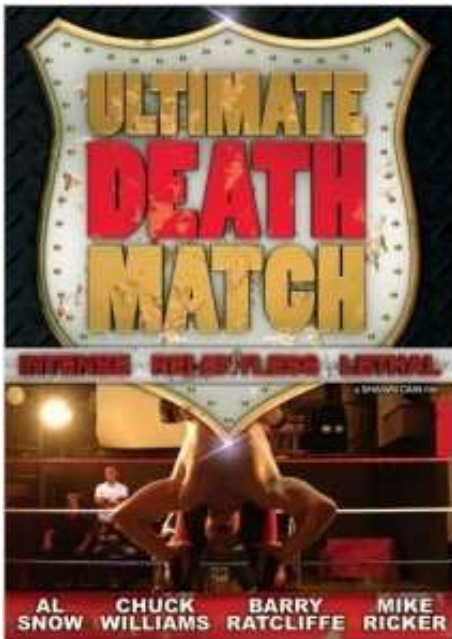
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Friday Night Frights: Ultimate Death Match DVD Review

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When a wrestler has a heart attack and dies in the ring, wrestling promoter Jake Reed (Shawn Cain) loses his license to run the Federation of Professional Wrestling and basically his means of making a living. Ever resourceful, Jake decides to host an online Pay per View wrestling tournament, where the final two wrestlers will fight to the death for a 3 million dollar payout. The event takes place in an undisclosed location and soon draws the attention of the FBI, who is monitoring it in case someone is truly murdered in the ring.



Jake gets former wrestler Al Snow to call the action and host pre match shoot interviews with the wrestlers. The matches are mainly shown in their entirety, although some break away so we can watch the bumbling FBI in action, as they “monitor” the event, unable to find out the location so they can break it up. The tournament site itself features some fans, including the billionaire Texan who has a table of 5 models surrounding him, while he smokes a cigar and cheers on the wrestlers.

There really isn't a lot to say about this release. It is more about the wrestling than any story and director Shawn Cain doubles and promoter Jake Reed. Al Snow brings the wrestling credentials and some lively interview segments. Wrestlers include The Beast, Azul and The Russian Python, who for the most part exhibit decent skills in the ring. Although the matches are touted as anything goes, some fighters don't bother to bring any weapons into the ring and the ones who do, really do not use them to the extent of the old ECW Hardcore matches. One interesting angle was Pauli Venture, who repeatedly mentions that he is in the tournament for the money, so he can save his wife and child, although we never really find out why they need saving or what is going on.

Ultimate Death Match is more of a collection of independent professional wrestling matches strung together loosely with a bad plotline than it is a movie. The matches are mostly average as far as execution and the acting in the storyline bits is pretty much bad across the boards. Ultimate Death Match will really only appeal to hardcore wrestling fans who watch everything wrestling related and at that point as a rental.

Not Recommended

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