

ONE MAN, ONE CHAMPION

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After what was undoubtedly the biggest event in Lions Pride Sports history at the Rumble in Rockdale on Saturday, one man emerged as the first ever Lions Pride Champion, and that man is "One Man" Mike Dell.

"It feels amazing," said Dell, shortly after his championship victory over "Ring Wrecker" Vordell Walker. "It always feels good to start off a company right, and they did with me becoming the 'One Champion.'"

Dell and Walker each overcame five other men in separate rumble matches to earn the right to face off in the championship main event. However, Dell was at a decided disadvantage as Walker's rumble match kicked off the event, while Dell's match was delayed to just prior to the main event, due to the late arrival of Walker's fellow Brand cohort, SuperTex Brent McKenzie.

Allegations are swirling that McKenzie's arrival was in fact delayed on purpose by Brand Creative Director Chase Paradise, in hopes, or so the rumors say, that Walker would have to face an exhausted victor of the second match, should McKenzie fail to win. Paradise has denied any wrongdoing and blamed McKenzie's tardiness on a subpar limousine driver, an oversight he has vowed never to let happen again.

"The allegations against myself and The Brand are unequivocally false," claimed Paradise. "SuperTex's usual driver had the flu and we had to find a replacement that couldn't find the Rockdale Knights of Columbus Hall if he had every GPS app in the world. In my opinion, SuperTex should be commended for competing in such a grueling match without any time to warm up or stretch."

If those allegations are indeed true, Paradise's Plan B also backfired, when Dell rebuffed Paradise's offer to join The Brand and allow the group to share the championship rather than fight Walker.

For his part, "The 12th Man of Aggieland" seemed to be unfazed by the added challenge of having to win his rumble match and immediately face Walker.

"That was a surprise," he said, "but I was okay with it. It just made the victory that much sweeter. Vordell put up a hell of a fight, but I'm 'One Man' Mike Dell. It just doesn't matter."

When asked if he felt any member of the Lions Pride roster poses a threat to his title reign, Dell took a sip of his beer, laughed and responded with a simple, "No. I'm good."

However, the champion already has challengers petitioning Lions Pride Commissioner Aaron Presley to face him. Just moments after his championship celebration had begun, it was interrupted by a video feed from Tokyo, Japan, where New Japan Pro Wrestling's "The American Psycho" Lance Hoyt congratulated Dell, albeit with a note of suspicion that the championship was decided on a night where Hoyt could not be in Rockdale to compete due to his participation in the New Japan Cup. He vowed that when he returned stateside, he would be coming for "his title."

Hoyt, however, will have to, as they say, take a number and get in line, as the honor and opportunity to be Mike Dell's first challenger at Throwdown at Tarleton on Saturday, March 31 at City Limits in Stephenville, Texas will be none other than SuperTex Brent McKenzie, by virtue of being the runner-up to Dell in his rumble match.

"Mike Dell better not get used to that Lions Pride Championship," said the agile 400-pounder, "because come March 31 in Stephenville, SuperTex is going to punch him right in the damn mouth and become the new Lions Pride Champion!"

"Enjoy the title while you can, Dell," added Paradise. "The Brand is coming for what is rightfully ours."

Will SuperTex and The Brand end Mike Dell's historic reign as Lions Pride Champion? What else does Lions Pride Sports have in store for the fans of Tarleton State University. Tickets and information can be found at www.lionsprideproductions.com.