

## **WRESTLING CHAMPION ROB VAN DAM LENDS HIS KILLER MOVES TO THE CAST OF “HULK HOGAN’S CELEBRITY CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING”**

**PREMIERING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 AT 8PM ET/PT ON CMT**

LOS ANGELES — November 10, 2008 — It’s week five and professional wrestler and WWE World Champion Rob Van Dam makes a guest appearance in the CCW training ring to help the contestants perfect their own “finishing” moves to take out their opponents and end the match. A two-time ECW Tag Team World Champion and a four-time WWE Hardcore Champion, he is just the right man to whip the final six celebrities into shape for their most dangerous match yet. On Saturday, November 15 at 8:00 p.m., ET/PT on CMT, watch as Van Dam demonstrates his signature “5 Star Frog Splash”, a move that has crushed many of his opponents and given him a reputation as the best “finisher” in the business by ending matches with this final blow. The CCW contestants must use their new moves against each other in a “Battle Royale”, which will mark their first time in the ring as six individuals rather than two teams.

As the contestants practice for their upcoming fight, one celebrity’s overconfident attitude gets the best of him and the rest of the crew watches helplessly as he is whisked away in an ambulance. With less than 24 hours until the first-ever CCW “Battle Royale”, the remaining five celebrities come to a realization that no matter what happens or who gets hurt the show always goes on. With four contestants already out of the running for the title of CCW Champion, tune in this week to see who will be the next “Jabronie” and sent packing in another shocking elimination.

Van Dam will coach the remaining six celebrity cast members -- including former NBA champion Dennis Rodman, "Different Strokes" actor Todd Bridges, Super Heavyweight boxer ButterBean, reality TV star Trishelle Cannatella, "Saved by the Bell"s Dustin Diamond, actor, boxer and and reality TV star and radio host Danny Bonaduce – who will continue to go head to head in the ring in their quest to win the title “Celebrity All-Star Heavyweight Champion.” Hulk Hogan, along with former World Championship Wrestling President Eric Bischoff and professional wrestling manager Jimmy Hart serve as judges and decide who gets eliminated each week.

HULK HOGAN’S CELEBRITY CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING is developed and executive produced by Eric Bischoff and Jason Hervey of Bischoff-Hervey Entertainment as well as Hulk Hogan. Melanie Moreau and Bob Kusbit are executive producers for CMT.

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