



“Don’t Take Your Guns to Town”

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One of the greatest sites for any wrestling tournament, is no more. It was long considered the greatest tournament in the world. Not just because it invited every country in the world. Nor was it because it also crammed 7 unbelievably tough matches into 2 days of wrestling. Even despite

the fact that 20 of the top wrestlers from the Soviet Union were invited. Heck, some of the competitors from the Soviet provinces traveled almost as far as the Americans. I don’t think a lot of people understand that the Soviet Union has 9 time zones! It was considered the toughest because of the harsh conditions provided

by the people themselves. The tournament was Tblisi, and the providence was Georgia. I have spoken many times in the past about how an area defines the condition, and in a lot of ways, the competition itself. I can remember reading about Gable in 1971, a year before he did the unthinkable. Surrendering 0 points in the