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WHY THIS GUIDE EXISTS

Professional wrestling has never had more talent, more championships, or more promotions than it does today.

Yet there has never been a single publication dedicated to comparing every major organization using one consistent standard.

That changes now.

The Roostar Rankings recognize the world's premier champions and promotions based on championship prestige, competition, accomplishment, historical significance, and current momentum.

This guide is designed to help both new fans and lifelong followers understand the history, championships, major events, and athletes shaping professional wrestling today.

Whether you follow the **National Wrestling Alliance**, **WWE**, **AEW**, **TNA Wrestling**, **Ring of Honor**, **New Japan Pro-Wrestling**, **Major League Wrestling**, or **Game Changer Wrestling**, every promotion is evaluated using the same criteria.

- ★ EVERY CHAMPION EARNS THEIR PLACE.
- ★ EVERY RANKING MUST BE DEFENDED.
- ★ EVERY WEEK MATTERS.

OUR MISSION RECOGNIZING THE TRUE WORLD CHAMPIONS.

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THE THRILL CONTINUES.



OFFICIAL RANKINGS BY THE ROOSTAR



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IS HERE.

THE WORLD IS
ALREADY
BROKEN.

DREAM
A LITTLE
NIGHTMARE
WITH
ME.

I'M JUST
HERE TO
MAKE IT
BEAUTIFUL.

NWA WORLD TELEVISION
HEAVYWEIGHT **CHAMPION**

THE NIGHTMARE
YOU CAN'T ESCAPE.



★ THE COMPLETE GUIDE. EVERY PROMOTION. EVERY CHAMPION. EVERY DETAIL. ★

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ABOUT THIS GUIDE

The Roostar's User's Guide to Professional Wrestling is the most comprehensive reference guide available, covering the promotions, championships, events, and athletes that shape professional wrestling today. Information is researched, verified, and compiled to bring fans the most accurate and up-to-date guide in the world.

★ HOW THE ROOSTAR RANKINGS WORK ★

Recognizing the True World Champions.

The Roostar World Wrestling Rankings are designed to identify and recognize the wrestlers and tag teams who represent the highest level of professional wrestling across every major promotion.

Every ranking is reviewed weekly using the same six evaluation pillars.

THE SIX RANKING PILLARS

1



CHAMPIONSHIP PRESTIGE

Not every championship carries the same historical importance. We evaluate the legacy, lineage, past champions, and global recognition of the title being held.

2



STRENGTH OF COMPETITION

Champions are measured by the quality of the opponents they defeat. We consider the depth of the division, top contenders, and the difficulty of remaining champion.

3



CHAMPIONSHIP ACTIVITY

Active champions keep titles important. We reward frequent and meaningful title defenses, consistent booking, and a strong level of competition.

4



MOMENTUM

Wrestling changes every week. We evaluate current performances, storylines, match quality, and how a champion is positioned within their promotion.

5



HISTORICAL IMPACT

Long title reigns, milestone victories, record-breaking accomplishments, and defining moments all strengthen a champion's ranking.

6



THE EYE TEST

Statistics cannot measure everything. We consider charisma, leadership, presence, crowd reaction, and the ability to elevate a promotion and its championship.

★ EVALUATED EQUALLY ★

Every promotion and every championship is judged by the same standards. Popularity alone does not determine rank. A champion must earn their place.



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- ★ Top 10 Men's World Champions
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★ EDITORIAL STATEMENT ★

The Roostar Rankings are an editorial ranking system created by The Roostar. Our goal is to provide fans with the most comprehensive, unbiased, and up-to-date evaluation of professional wrestling today.

Championship history, current performance, prestige, activity, and impact are evaluated together to recognize the wrestlers and teams making the greatest contribution to professional wrestling.



THE THRILL CONTINUES.



NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE

NWA

THE BIRTHPLACE OF
THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

— ESTABLISHED 1948 —



HISTORY

The National Wrestling Alliance was founded on August 14, 1948, in St. Louis, Missouri, by a group of wrestling promoters who joined together to create a governing body for professional wrestling. Their mission was to protect the sport, establish championships, and promote unity across territories.

The NWA quickly became the most respected wrestling organization in the world. Its World Heavyweight Championship—the "Ten Pounds of Gold"—became the most prestigious title in professional wrestling and the standard by which all other championships were measured.

From the country's greatest territories to international partners, the NWA dominated professional wrestling for decades, producing iconic champions, unforgettable matches, and a legacy that continues to influence wrestling to this day.

The NWA represents tradition, legitimacy, and the rich history of professional wrestling.

THE NWA IS WHERE CHAMPIONS ARE MADE.
THE NWA IS PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING.

KEY FACTS

- ★ **FOUNDED:** August 14, 1948
- ★ **FOUNDING CITY:** St. Louis, Missouri
- ★ **FOUNDERS:** Sam Muchnick, Paul Jones, Mike LeBell, Joe Crisco, and Billy Sandow
- ★ **FIRST WORLD CHAMPION:** Lou Thesz (1948)
- ★ **MOST ICONIC CHAMPIONS:** Lou Thesz, Buddy Rogers, Pat O'Connor, Dory Funk Sr., Harley Race, Ric Flair, Sting, Nick Aldis, and more
- ★ **CURRENT HOME:** NWA Headquarters – Powell, Tennessee
- ★ **CURRENT PLATFORM:** NWA Powerrr on The CW, YouTube, and FITE



THE NWA TODAY



Under the leadership of Billy Corgan and the NWA ownership group, the National Wrestling Alliance is experiencing a renaissance. NWA Powerrr showcases some of the best wrestling in the world, honoring the past while building the future.

THE TEN POUNDS OF GOLD STILL REPRESENTS THE TRUE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP.

THE TEN POUNDS OF GOLD



THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS CHAMPIONSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING.

NWA TIMELINE

1948	1950s-60s	1970s	1980s	1990s	2000s-2010s	2020s
NWA is founded in St. Louis, Missouri.	The NWA World Title becomes the most prestigious in wrestling.	Territorial system dominates the wrestling world.	Ric Flair brings global attention to the NWA.	The NWA expands internationally and strengthens the brand.	Challenges arise, but the legacy remains strong.	A new era begins with NWA Powerrr and a focus on the future.

NWA CHAMPIONSHIPS

★ THE NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE ★



NWA WORLDS HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP “TEN POUNDS OF GOLD”

The crown jewel of the National Wrestling Alliance and the most prestigious championship in professional wrestling. First introduced in 1948, the “Ten Pounds of Gold” represents heritage, honor, tradition, and the pursuit of wrestling excellence. It is the ultimate prize—the title every competitor dreams of holding and every champion is proud to defend.

★★ OTHER NWA TITLES (ACTIVE) ★★

- | | | |
|-----------|---|---|
| 1 | NWA WORLD NATIONAL HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP | Awarded to the top heavyweight competitor in the alliance. |
| 2 | NWA WORLDS TELEVISION HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP | The top championship defended on television programming. |
| 3 | NWA WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP | The premier women's championship in the NWA. |
| 4 | NWA WOMEN'S TELEVISION CHAMPIONSHIP | The top women's championship defended on television. |
| 5 | NWA WORLD TAG TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP | Awarded to the top tag team in the National Wrestling Alliance. |
| 6 | NWA UNITED STATES TAG TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP | Awarded to the top tag teams competing in the United States. |
| 7 | NWA WORLD WOMEN'S TAG TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP | Awarded to the top women's tag team in the NWA. |
| 8 | NWA WORLD JUNIOR HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP | For the best junior heavyweight competitors in the world. |
| 9 | NWA WORLD CRUISERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP | For the top cruiserweight athletes in the NWA. |
| 10 | NWA MID-AMERICA HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP | Defended throughout the central region of the United States. |

★ NOTE: THE NWA WOMEN'S WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT “ROSE” CHAMPIONSHIP IS NOT LISTED ON THIS PAGE. ★

WHERE HISTORY STILL GETS IN THE RING

78 YEARS AFTER THE NWA WAS FOUNDED—AND 28 YEARS AFTER ITS FIRST ANNIVERSARY SHOW—THE TRADITION CONTINUES IN PHILADELPHIA.

By **MADISON MOORE** *THE ROOSTAR*

Professional wrestling has reinvented itself more times than anyone can count. Promotions have risen and disappeared. Television networks have changed. Arenas have closed. Championships have been created, retired and resurrected. Generations of wrestlers have come and gone.

And somehow, through all of it, three letters have survived:

NWA.

The National Wrestling Alliance dates to 1948, when promoters joined together under a system that would eventually stretch across territories and help establish a recognizable world heavyweight champion capable of traveling from one wrestling stronghold to another.

That history is what makes the NWA Anniversary Show different.

THE NIGHT THE NWA BEGAN CELEBRATING ITSELF

The Anniversary Show did not begin in 1948. It arrived half a century later.

In 1998, the National Wrestling Alliance staged the first NWA Anniversary Show specifically to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the organization's founding.

That inaugural celebration was held October 24, 1998, in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

It was more than another date on a wrestling calendar.

It was a birthday party for an institution.

By 1998, professional wrestling looked radically different from the industry the NWA had helped organize 50 years earlier. The old territorial structure had largely disappeared. National television had transformed the business. Wrestling had entered the Monday Night War era.

Yet the NWA name remained.

So its 50th Anniversary Show carried a meaning larger than any individual match: the organization had survived long enough to celebrate half a century.

The Anniversary Show subsequently became a recurring NWA tradition.

Events followed annually through 2005; the celebration returned periodically afterward, including shows in **2008**, **2018** and **2021**, before returning to a regular annual rhythm.

Each revival carried the same underlying idea.

The NWA's greatest asset isn't merely a roster.

It is time.

FROM 50 TO 78

That is what brought the tradition to Philadelphia in 2026.

On July 25, 2026, the NWA presented NWA 78 at Philadelphia's historic 2300 Arena, celebrating 78 years of the National Wrestling Alliance.

The company described the event as a celebration of "78 years of Professional Wrestling excellence."

The location was fitting.

Philadelphia is a city whose wrestling audiences understand history, and the 2300 Arena possesses a wrestling mythology of its own. Putting the NWA's anniversary celebration inside those walls connected two different pieces of professional wrestling's past with a promotion attempting to write its future.

NWA 78 PHILADELPHIA

78 YEARS OF PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING EXCELLENCE

1998 THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY SHOW



The inaugural NWA Anniversary Show celebrated 50 years of the National Wrestling Alliance and the wrestlers who built the foundation.

But NWA 78 represents something larger than nostalgia.

It represents continuity.

The wrestlers change. The audiences change. The way wrestling reaches those audiences change. But the Anniversary Show continues to place today's NWA inside a historical line stretching back toward the organization that began in 1948.

That is why this isn't simply another wrestling card.

It is the NWA's annual opportunity to answer the most important question a 78-year-old wrestling organization can be asked:

Why does the NWA still matter?

For one night each year, the answer isn't found only in the ring.

It is found in the fact that the ring is still there.

“THE NWA'S GREATEST ASSET ISN'T MERELY A ROSTER. IT IS TIME.”

SEVENTY-EIGHT YEARS LATER, THE NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE IS STILL RINGING THE BELL.

THE COMPLETE LINEAGE

103 RECOGNIZED NWA WORLD'S HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP REIGNS
FROM ORVILLE BROWN TO SILAS MASON

NO.	CHAMPION	WON TITLE	LOST TITLE	NO.	CHAMPION	WON TITLE	LOST TITLE
1	Orville Brown	July 14, 1948	November 27, 1949	53	Mike Rapada	December 22, 2000	April 24, 2001
2	Lou Thesz	November 27, 1949	March 15, 1956	54	Steve Corino	April 24, 2001	October 13, 2001
3	Whipper Billy Watson	March 15, 1956	November 9, 1956	55	Shinya Hashimoto	December 15, 2001	March 9, 2002
4	Lou Thesz	November 9, 1956	November 14, 1957	56	Dan Severn	March 9, 2002	May 28, 2002
5	Dick Hutton	November 14, 1957	January 9, 1959	57	Ken Shamrock	June 19, 2002	August 7, 2002
6	Pat O'Connor	January 9, 1959	June 30, 1961	58	Ron Killings	August 7, 2002	November 20, 2002
7	Buddy Rogers	June 30, 1961	January 24, 1963	59	Jeff Jarrett	November 20, 2002	June 11, 2003
8	Lou Thesz	January 24, 1963	January 7, 1966	60	A.J. Styles	June 11, 2003	October 22, 2003
9	Gene Kiniski	January 7, 1966	February 11, 1969	61	Jeff Jarrett	October 22, 2003	April 21, 2004
10	Dory Funk Jr.	February 11, 1969	May 24, 1973	62	A.J. Styles	April 21, 2004	May 19, 2004
11	Harley Race	May 24, 1973	July 20, 1973	63	Ron Killings	May 19, 2004	June 2, 2004
12	Jack Brisco	July 20, 1973	December 2, 1974	64	Jeff Jarrett	June 2, 2004	April 3, 2005
13	Giant Baba	December 2, 1974	December 9, 1974	65	Ray González	April 3, 2005	April 3, 2005
14	Jack Brisco	December 9, 1974	December 10, 1975	66	Jeff Jarrett	April 3, 2005	May 15, 2005
15	Terry Funk	December 10, 1975	February 6, 1977	67	A.J. Styles	May 15, 2005	June 19, 2005
16	Harley Race	February 6, 1977	August 21, 1979	68	Raven	June 19, 2005	September 15, 2005
17	Dusty Rhodes	August 21, 1979	August 26, 1979	69	Jeff Jarrett	September 15, 2005	October 23, 2005
18	Harley Race	August 26, 1979	October 31, 1979	70	Rhino	October 23, 2005	October 25, 2005
19	Giant Baba	October 31, 1979	November 7, 1979	71	Jeff Jarrett	October 25, 2005	February 12, 2006
20	Harley Race	November 7, 1979	September 4, 1980	72	Christian Cage	February 12, 2006	June 18, 2006
21	Giant Baba	September 4, 1980	September 9, 1980	73	Jeff Jarrett	June 18, 2006	October 22, 2006
22	Harley Race	September 9, 1980	April 27, 1981	74	Sting	October 22, 2006	November 19, 2006
23	Tommy Rich	April 27, 1981	May 1, 1981	75	Abyss	November 19, 2006	January 14, 2007
24	Harley Race	May 1, 1981	June 21, 1981	76	Christian Cage	January 14, 2007	May 13, 2007
25	Dusty Rhodes	June 21, 1981	September 17, 1981	77	Adam Pearce	September 1, 2007	August 2, 2008
26	Ric Flair	September 17, 1981	June 10, 1983	78	Brent Albright	August 2, 2008	September 20, 2008
27	Harley Race	June 10, 1983	November 24, 1983	79	Adam Pearce	September 20, 2008	October 25, 2008
28	Ric Flair	November 24, 1983	May 6, 1984	80	Blue Demon Jr.	October 25, 2008	March 14, 2010
29	Kerry Von Erich	May 6, 1984	May 24, 1984	81	Adam Pearce	March 14, 2010	March 6, 2011
30	Ric Flair	May 24, 1984	July 26, 1986	82	Colt Cabana	March 6, 2011	April 23, 2011
31	Dusty Rhodes	July 26, 1986	August 9, 1986	83	The Sheik	April 23, 2011	July 11, 2011
32	Ric Flair	August 9, 1986	September 25, 1987	84	Adam Pearce	July 31, 2011	April 8, 2012
33	Ron Garvin	September 25, 1987	November 26, 1987	85	Colt Cabana	April 8, 2012	July 21, 2012
34	Ric Flair	November 26, 1987	February 20, 1989	86	Adam Pearce	July 21, 2012	October 27, 2012
35	Ricky Steamboat	February 20, 1989	May 7, 1989	87	Kahagas	November 2, 2012	March 16, 2013
36	Ric Flair	May 7, 1989	July 7, 1990	88	Rob Conway	March 16, 2013	January 4, 2014
37	Sting	July 7, 1990	January 11, 1991	89	Satoshi Kojima	January 4, 2014	June 2, 2014
38	Ric Flair	January 11, 1991	March 21, 1991	90	Rob Conway	June 2, 2014	February 14, 2015
39	Tatsumi Fujinami	March 21, 1991	May 19, 1991	91	Hiro Yoshi Tenzan	February 14, 2015	August 29, 2015
40	Ric Flair	May 19, 1991	September 8, 1991	92	Jax Dane	August 29, 2015	October 21, 2016
41	Masahiro Chono	August 12, 1992	January 4, 1993	93	Tim Storm	October 21, 2016	December 9, 2017
42	The Great Muta	January 4, 1993	February 21, 1993	94	Nick Aldis	December 9, 2017	September 1, 2018
43	Barry Windham	February 21, 1993	July 18, 1993	95	Cody	September 1, 2018	October 21, 2018
44	Ric Flair	July 18, 1993	September 15, 1993	96	Nick Aldis	October 21, 2018	August 29, 2021
45	Shane Douglas	August 27, 1994	August 27, 1994	97	Trevor Murdoch	August 29, 2021	February 12, 2022
46	Chris Candido	November 19, 1994	February 24, 1995	98	Matt Cardona	February 12, 2022	June 11, 2022
47	Dan Severn	February 24, 1995	March 14, 1999	99	Trevor Murdoch	June 11, 2022	November 12, 2022
48	Naoya Ogawa	March 14, 1999	September 25, 1999	100	Tyrus	November 12, 2022	August 27, 2023
49	Gary Steele	September 25, 1999	October 2, 1999	101	EC3	August 27, 2023	August 31, 2024
50	Naoya Ogawa	October 2, 1999	July 2, 2000	102	Thom Latimer	August 31, 2024	August 16, 2025
51	Mike Rapada	September 19, 2000	November 14, 2000	103	Silas Mason • CURRENT	August 16, 2025	CURRENT
52	Sabu	November 14, 2000	December 22, 2000				

103 REIGNS. 78 YEARS. ONE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP.

From Orville Brown in 1948 to Silas Mason in 2025 — the recognized lineage continues.

SOURCE: champions.pdf • NWA recognized title history



SILAS MASON

THE MAN CARRYING THE TEN POUNDS OF GOLD

"I DON'T CHASE HISTORY. I BECOME IT." — SILAS MASON

THE 103RD REIGN. THE NEXT CHAPTER.

On August 16, 2025, at the historic NWA 77th Anniversary Show in Huntington, New York, Thrillbilly Silas Mason defeated Thom Latimer and became the 103rd recognized reign of the NWA Worlds Heavyweight Champion.

From Orville Brown in 1948 to Silas Mason in 2025, only 103 reigns have been recognized in 78 years. Now, the Ten Pounds of Gold rest on the shoulders of a man who lives and breathes wrestling.

THE THRILLBILLY

- Rough around the edges.
- Real as they come.
- Built on heart, grit and the will to win at any cost.
- A throwback to the era of territory pride and fighting champions.
- The modern-day outlaw with old school soul.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ NWA Worlds Heavyweight Champion (August 16, 2025 – Present)
- ★ Defeated Thom Latimer to win the Ten Pounds of Gold
- ★ NWA National Heavyweight Champion
- ★ NWA United States Tag Team Champion
- ★ Known across the country for his hard-hitting style and fearless attitude inside the ring.

“THIS BELT HAS BEEN AROUND LONGER THAN MOST COUNTRIES. NOW IT’S MINE.”
I’M NOT JUST HOLDING A TITLE...
I’M HOLDING A LEGACY.”
— SILAS MASON



BORN FOR THIS BUSINESS

Silas Mason didn't grow up dreaming of the spotlight—he grew up in it. It was in his blood, in the barns, the backroads, and the small-town rings where legends were made and promises were kept.

He paid his dues the hard way. No shortcuts. No handouts. Just endless miles, empty pockets, and a relentless obsession to become the best in the world.

That obsession led him to the NWA. That obsession made him champion. That obsession will keep him there.

SILAS MASON BY THE NUMBERS

CURRENT NWA WORLDS
HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION

AUGUST 16, 2025

NWA 77TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW
HUNTINGTON, NEW YORK

103RD RECOGNIZED REIGN
IN 78 YEARS

60TH DIFFERENT MAN
TO HOLD THE TITLE

DAYS AS CHAMPION
AND COUNTING...

JOINING THE PANTHEON

The names he now stands beside are wrestling royalty:

- Lou Thesz
- Harley Race
- Ric Flair
- Dusty Rhodes
- Dory Funk Jr.
- Lou Ferrigno
- And now...

SILAS MASON
THE NEXT NAME
IN IMMORTALITY.

He is the past, the present and the future of the National Wrestling Alliance. From the Thrillbilly way of life to the biggest prize in professional wrestling, Silas Mason carries the weight of tradition with the heart of a warrior.

103 REIGNS LATER, THE BELT HAS A NEW CUSTODIAN.

THE LEGACY CONTINUES.
THE THRILL NEVER ENDS. ★





TOTAL NONSTOP ACTION



W R E S T L I N G

★ FROM THE ASYLUM TO THE WORLD STAGE ★

Born from a vision to change the business, Total Nonstop Action Wrestling (TNA) has defied the odds for more than two decades. From a weekly pay-per-view experiment to a global destination for the world's best athletes, TNA's journey is one of innovation, risk, reinvention, and relentless passion for professional wrestling.

THE BEGINNING 2002-2004



Founded by Jeff and Jerry Jarrett on May 19, 2002, TNA broke the mold with the world's first weekly pay-per-view, airing live every Thursday night from the Nashville Fairgrounds—known as "The Asylum." The 6-sided ring and the X Division set TNA apart from the start.

THE RISE 2005-2010



TNA hits Spike TV in 2005 with *Impact!* and explodes into homes worldwide. The X Division becomes must-see TV with AJ Styles, Samoa Joe, Christopher Daniels and more. Legends like Sting, Kurt Angle, Kevin Nash and Scott Hall bring star power. *Bound for Glory* emerges as a premier event.



Through challenges and change, TNA never stopped fighting. New ownership brings a new era of stability and creativity. The return of the TNA name in 2024 honors the legacy while embracing the future. Today, TNA Wrestling stands strong—still delivering the action, the stars, and the *IMPACT!*



TNA AT A GLANCE



FOUNDED:
May 19, 2002



FOUNDERS:
Jeff Jarrett & Jerry Jarrett



FIRST EVENT:
NWA: Total Nonstop Action!
June 19, 2002



WEEKLY SHOW:
Impact! (formerly TNA *Impact!*)



RING:
The 6-Sided Ring



HOME BASE:
Nashville, Tennessee



MAJOR EVENTS:
• Bound for Glory
• Slammiversary
• Emergence
• Turning Point



RETURN OF THE NAME:
TNA Wrestling
January 13, 2024



MISSION:
To deliver Total Nonstop Action and be the premier destination for professional wrestling.

ICONIC STARS. UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS. REAL WRESTLING.



AJ STYLES ★ STING ★ KURT ANGLE ★ SAMOA JOE ★ JEFF JARRETT ★ JAMES STORM ★ GAIL KIM AND MANY MORE!

“ WE DIDN'T FOLLOW THE MAP. WE DREW OUR OWN. WE TOOK RISKS. WE TOOK HITS. BUT WE NEVER QUIT. ”

TNA
TOTAL NONSTOP ACTION

A LEGACY OF FIRSTS AND INNOVATION



FIRST WEEKLY
PAY-PER-VIEW
IN HISTORY



THE 6-SIDED RING
A SYMBOL OF
TNA'S IDENTITY



THE X DIVISION
REVOLUTIONIZED
HIGH-FLYING ACTION

IMPACT!

IMPACT!
HELPED LAUNCH
A GLOBAL BRAND



A PREMIER EVENT
THAT DELIVERS
EVERY YEAR



THE NAME RETURNS.
THE FIGHT
CONTINUES.

22+ YEARS OF TOTAL NONSTOP ACTION
MILLIONS OF FANS WORLDWIDE
ONE MISSION:
WRESTLING WITHOUT LIMITS.

★ WE DON'T JUST SURVIVE. WE IMPACT. ★

★ THE ACTION NEVER STOPS.
THE IMPACT WILL NEVER FADE. ★

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THE WORLD'S GREATEST SPORT

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS OF

THE GOLD THAT DEFINES TOTAL NONSTOP ACTION



**TNA WORLD
HEAVYWEIGHT
CHAMPIONSHIP**

THE TOP PRIZE IN
TOTAL NONSTOP ACTION

★
THE CHAMPION

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SINCE
JUNE 15, 2025

ESTABLISHED: MAY 19, 2002 ★ THE TOP PRIZE IN TOTAL NONSTOP ACTION ★ THE NEW FACE OF TNA

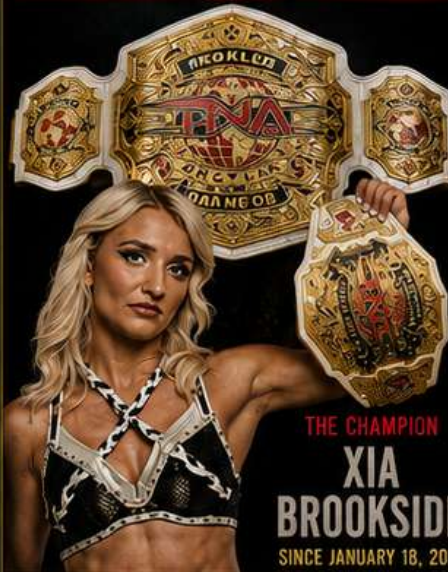
TNA X DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP



THE CHAMPION
**CEDRIC
ALEXANDER**

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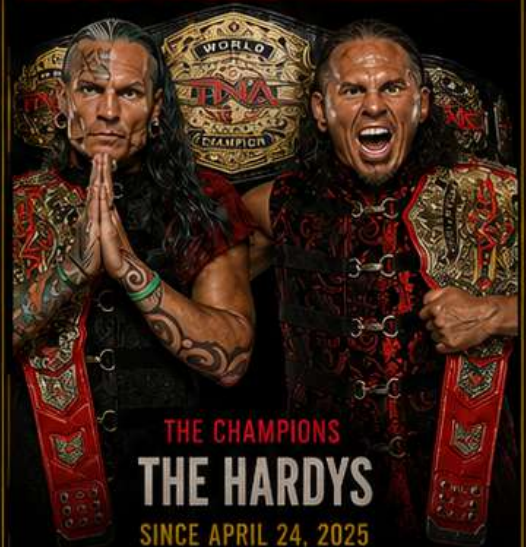
TNA KNOCKOUTS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP



THE CHAMPION
**XIA
BROOKSIDE**

SINCE JANUARY 18, 2025

TNA WORLD TAG TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP



THE CHAMPIONS
THE HARDYS

SINCE APRIL 24, 2025

TNA KNOCKOUTS WORLD TAG TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP



THE CHAMPIONS
DEMONXBUNNY

SINCE MAY 23, 2025

TNA INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



THE CHAMPION
**JASON
HOTCH**

SINCE
JULY 11, 2025

TNA DIGITAL MEDIA CHAMPIONSHIP



THE CHAMPION
**MATT
REHWOLDT**

SINCE
MAY 2, 2025



ONE BRAND. ONE RING. ONE IMPACT.

★ **TOTAL NONSTOP ACTION.** ★

MADISON MOORE — THE ROOSTAR

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★ TNA WRESTLING'S PREMIER EVENT ★

TNA SLAMMIVERSARY

LEGACY.
MOMENTS.
FOREVER.

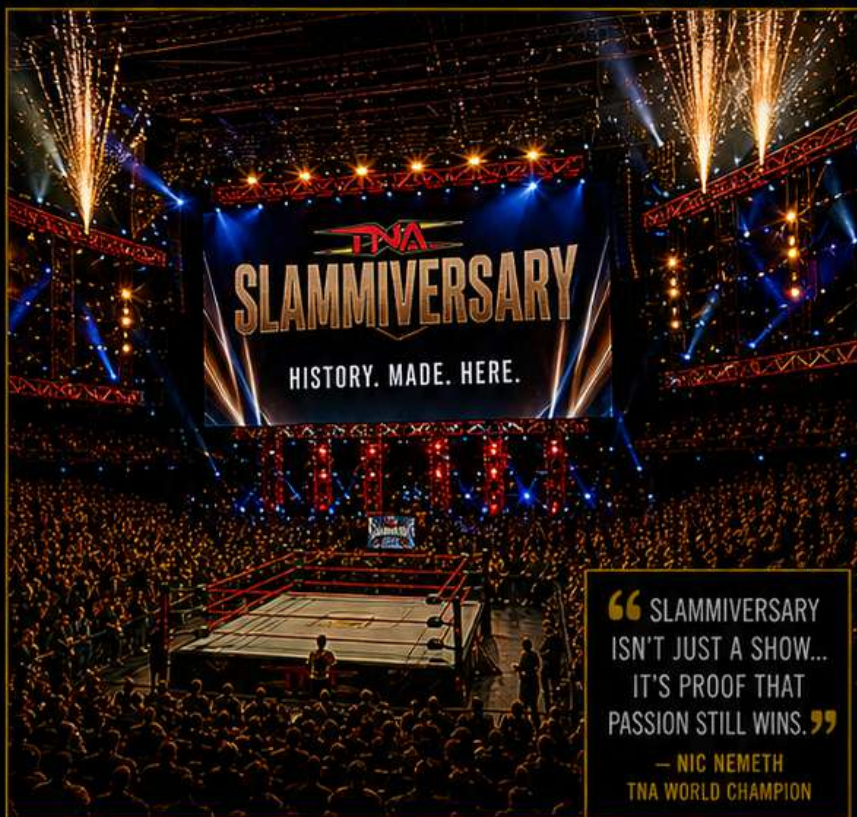
THE NIGHT TNA BECAME UNSTOPPABLE

Every promotion has a crown jewel — an event that defines its identity, tells its greatest stories and creates moments that live far beyond the ring. For Total Nonstop Action, that event is Slammiversary.

First held in 2003, just one year after TNA's founding, Slammiversary was more than a pay-per-view — it was a statement. A declaration that TNA was here to stay, to disrupt the status quo and to give fans something different: and a roster willing to risk it all.

What began in Nashville, Tennessee, has grown into one of the most respected and anticipated events in all of professional wrestling. Year after year, Slammiversary delivers the kind of matches that remind the world why TNA matters.

MORE THAN AN EVENT — IT'S TNA'S HEARTBEAT



“SLAMMIVERSARY
ISN'T JUST A SHOW...
IT'S PROOF THAT
PASSION STILL WINS.”

— NIC NEMETH
TNA WORLD CHAMPION

THE ESSENTIALS

FIRST EVENT:
JUNE 8, 2003

LOCATION:
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

OCCURRENCE:
ANNUAL (JUNE/JULY)

STATUS:
TNA'S PREMIER EVENT

WHAT IT MEANS:
THE ULTIMATE STAGE
FOR TNA'S BIGGEST
MATCHES, BOLDEST RISKS
AND LASTING LEGACIES.

A STAGE FOR LEGENDS — AND NEW ONES

Slammiversary has hosted some of the greatest matches in TNA history. From AJ Styles' unforgettable trilogy with Samoa Joe, to Kurt Angle's classic encounters, to the rise of hometown stars and the arrival of global icons, Slammiversary is where careers are elevated and legends are cemented.

It's a night where titles change hands, rivalries reach explosive conclusions, and the unexpected becomes unforgettable. Whether it's a main event for the ages or a breakout performance from a rising star, one thing never changes: Slammiversary delivers.

IT'S NOT JUST TNA'S BIGGEST EVENT.
IT'S TNA AT ITS BEST.



THE FACE
OF TNA
**NIC
NEMETH**

TNA WORLD
CHAMPION.
THE PRESENT.
BUILDS THE
FUTURE.

UNFORGETTABLE SLAMMIVERSARY MOMENTS



2005

AJ STYLES vs. SAMOA JOE

A CLASSIC THAT
PUT TNA ON THE MAP.



2007

KURT ANGLE vs. SAMOA JOE

TWO OLYMPIANS.
ONE EPIC BATTLE.



2008

JEFF HARDY

RETURNED AND
REIGNITED TNA.



2009

BOBBY LASHLEY

DOMINANCE
LIKE NEVER BEFORE.



2016

ERIC YOUNG

A NEW CHAMPION
FOR A NEW ERA.



2022

JOSH ALEXANDER

TECHNICAL BRILLIANCE.
CHAMPION'S HEART.



2025

NIC NEMETH

THE PRESENT
BUILDS THE FUTURE.

THE LEGACY
CONTINUES...

SLAMMIVERSARY IS MORE THAN A DATE ON THE CALENDAR. IT'S A CELEBRATION OF RESILIENCE, INNOVATION AND THE UNBREAKABLE BOND BETWEEN TNA AND ITS FANS. IT'S WHERE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE COLLIDE — AND WHERE THE NEXT GREAT MOMENT IS ALWAYS JUST ONE MATCH AWAY.

DIFFERENT.
DANGEROUS.
TOTAL NONSTOP ACTION.



TNA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

2007-2026 • 66 REIGNS • THE LINEAGE OF TNA'S BIGGEST PRIZE

THE TOP OF
THE MOUNTAIN.
THE BIG ONE.



THE ULTIMATE HONOR.
THE ULTIMATE CHAMPION.
THE TNA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
REPRESENTS EXCELLENCE,
RESILIENCE & SUPREMACY.
THIS IS THE TITLE THAT
DEFINES A CAREER AND
BUILDS A LEGACY.



★ EVERY REIGN IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER ★

REIGN	CHAMPION	DATE WON	DATE LOST	DAYS	REIGN	CHAMPION	DATE WON	DATE LOST	DAYS
1	KURT ANGLE	May 13, 2007	May 14, 2007	1	34	ETHAN CARTER III	Jan. 8, 2016	Jan. 5, 2016	1
2	KURT ANGLE	June 17, 2007	Oct. 14, 2007	119	35	DREW GALLOWAY	March 15, 2016	June 12, 2016	89
3	STING	Oct. 14, 2007	Oct. 16, 2007	2	36	MATT HARDY	June 12, 2016	Oct. 3, 2016	113
4	KURT ANGLE	Oct. 16, 2007	Apr. 13, 2008	179	37	LASHLEY	Oct. 3, 2016	Jan. 8, 2017	97
5	SAMOA JOE	Apr. 13, 2008	Oct. 12, 2008	182	38	EDDIE EDWARDS	Jan. 8, 2017	July 2, 2017	175
6	STING	Oct. 12, 2008	Apr. 19, 2009	189	39	LASHLEY	July 2, 2017	Jan. 8, 2017	1
7	MICK FOLEY	Apr. 19, 2009	June 21, 2009	63	40	ALBERTO EL PATRÓN	July 2, 2017	Aug. 17, 2017	46
8	KURT ANGLE	June 21, 2009	Sept. 20, 2009	91	41	ELI DRAKE	Aug. 17, 2017	Jan. 10, 2018	146
9	A.J. STYLES	Sept. 20, 2009	Apr. 19, 2010	211	42	AUSTIN ARIES	Jan. 10, 2018	Apr. 24, 2018	104
10	ROB VAN DAM	Apr. 19, 2010	Aug. 10, 2010	113	43	PENTAGÓN JR.	Apr. 24, 2018	Apr. 24, 2018	1
11	JEFF HARDY	Oct. 10, 2010	Jan. 9, 2011	91	44	AUSTIN ARIES	Apr. 24, 2018	Oct. 24, 2018	173
12	MR. ANDERSON	Jan. 9, 2011	Feb. 13, 2011	35	45	JOHNNY IMPACT	Oct. 14, 2018	Apr. 28, 2019	196
13	JEFF HARDY	Feb. 13, 2011	July 11, 2011	148	46	BRIAN CAGE	Oct. 28, 2019	Oct. 25, 2019	180
14	STING	Feb. 24, 2011	June 12, 2011	108	47	SAMI CALLIHAN	Oct. 25, 2019	Jan. 12, 2020	79
15	MR. ANDERSON	June 12, 2011	July 11, 2011	29	48	TESSA BLANCHARD	Jan. 12, 2020	Oct. 3, 2020	265
16	STING	July 11, 2011	Aug. 7, 2011	27	49	EDDIE EDWARDS	Oct. 3, 2020	Aug. 15, 2021	253
17	KURT ANGLE	Aug. 7, 2011	Oct. 18, 2011	72	50	ERIC YOUNG	Aug. 15, 2021	Apr. 15, 2021	8
18	JAMES STORM	Oct. 18, 2011	Oct. 26, 2011	8	51	RICH SWANN	Oct. 24, 2020	Apr. 16, 2021	174
19	BOBBY ROODE	Oct. 26, 2011	July 8, 2012	256	52	KENNY OMEGA	Apr. 25, 2021	Aug. 13, 2021	110
20	JEFF HARDY	July 18, 2012	Oct. 14, 2012	98	53	JOSH ALEXANDER	Aug. 13, 2021	Apr. 16, 2023	611
21	DARRELL BERRY	March 10, 2013	July 15, 2013	138	54	MOOSE	Apr. 16, 2023	Jan. 13, 2024	272
22	CHRIS SABIN	July 18, 2013	Aug. 15, 2013	28	55	NIC NEMETH	Jan. 13, 2024	July 20, 2024	189
23	BULLY RAY	Aug. 15, 2013	Oct. 15, 2013	61	56	JOE HENDRY	July 20, 2024	Jan. 19, 2025	183
24	A.J. STYLES	Oct. 20, 2013	Dec. 20, 2013	83	57	TRICK WILLIAMS	Jan. 19, 2025	May 25, 2025	126
25	MAGNUS	Dec. 20, 2013	Apr. 20, 2014	121	58	MIKE SANTANA	May 25, 2025	Oct. 12, 2025	140
26	ERIC YOUNG	Apr. 10, 2014	Apr. 10, 2014	128	59	FRANKIE KAZARIAN	Oct. 12, 2025	Jan. 15, 2026	164
27	LASHLEY	June 19, 2014	Sept. 18, 2014	91	60	MIKE SANTANA	Jan. 15, 2026	Jan. 18, 2026	164
28	BOBBY ROODE	Sept. 18, 2014	Jan. 3, 2015	107	61	JOE HENDRY	Jan. 19, 2025	Mar. 15, 2026	126
29	LASHLEY	Jan. 3, 2015	Jan. 3, 2015	173	62	TRICK WILLIAMS	May 25, 2025	Oct. 12, 2025	140
30	ETHAN CARTER III	June 25, 2015	June 25, 2015	101	63	MIKE SANTANA	Oct. 13, 2025	Jan. 13, 2026	92
31	PENTAGÓN JR.	Apr. 25, 2015	Oct. 4, 2015	1	64	FRANKIE KAZARIAN	Jan. 15, 2026	June 28, 2026	164
32	PENTAGÓN JR.	Apr. 24, 2018	Apr. 22, 2018	101	65	MIKE SANTANA	Jan. 15, 2026	June 28, 2026	164
33	MATT HARDY	Oct. 4, 2015	Jan. 8, 2016	96	66	NIC NEMETH (CURRENT)	June 28, 2026	PRESENT	40+**

**DAYS AS OF AUGUST 7, 2026 AND COUNTING

BY THE NUMBERS

66
TOTAL REIGNS
38
DIFFERENT MEN
HAVE HELD THE TITLE
19
YEARS OF HISTORY
(2007-2026)

MOST REIGNS



KURT ANGLE
6 REIGNS

LONGEST SINGLE REIGN



JOSH ALEXANDER
611 DAYS

INAUGURAL CHAMPION



KURT ANGLE
MAY 13, 2007

CURRENT CHAMPION



NIC NEMETH
REIGN #66
SINCE JUNE 28, 2026



NIC NEMETH

THE WANTING. THE WORKING. THE WORLD CHAMPION.

"I DON'T WAIT FOR OPPORTUNITIES. I CREATE THEM." — NIC NEMETH

THE 66TH REIGN. THE NEXT ERA.

On June 28, 2026, at TNA Slammiversary XXIII in El Paso, Texas, Nic Nemeth defeated Mike Santana and became the 66th recognized reign of the TNA World Champion.

From the bright lights of WWE to the hard roads of reinvention, Nic Nemeth never stopped believing in himself. Now, in TNA, he has reached the pinnacle.

This isn't luck. This isn't handed to him. This is The Wanting. The Working. The World Champion.

THE DOLPH ZIGGLER JOURNEY

- From OVW rookie to WWE World Heavyweight Champion.
- Wrestled in over 40 countries across the globe.
- Known for unmatched selling, timing, and ring IQ.
- Reinvented. Reeducated. Reborn in TNA.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ WWE World Heavyweight Champion (2013)
- ★ WWE Intercontinental Champion
- ★ Money in the Bank Winner (2012)
- ★ Multiple-time WWE Tag Team Champion
- ★ World-traveled veteran with over 20 years of experience
- ★ Now, TNA World Champion

"THIS ISN'T THE END OF THE JOURNEY. THIS IS THE REASON THE JOURNEY EXISTED. THIS IS MY TIME."

— NIC NEMETH



THE 66TH CHAMPIONSHIP REIGN

- ★ Defeated Mike Santana to win the TNA World Championship
- ★ TNA Slammiversary XXIII June 28, 2026 – El Paso, Texas
- ★ Carries the legacy forward
- ★ Ready to defend. Ready to prove.
- ★ Ready to lead.

BUILT DIFFERENT

Nic Nemeth didn't take shortcuts. He took the long road. Through ups and downs. Through names and reinventions. Through every challenge that tried to break him.

It led him here. To the company that believes in opportunity and earning everything you get.

He didn't just become champion. He earned it. He wanted it. He worked for it. He is the TNA World Champion.

NIC NEMETH BY THE NUMBERS

CURRENT TNA WORLD
CHAMPION

JUNE 28, 2026

TNA SLAMMIVERSARY XXIII
EL PASO, TEXAS

★
66TH

RECOGNIZED REIGN

★
20+

YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

★
ONE GOAL.

ONE STANDARD.

ONE CHAMPION.

JOINING AN ELITE LEGACY

His name now stands beside the greatest to ever wear this belt:

- AJ Styles
- Kurt Angle
- Sting
- Samoa Joe
- Jeff Hardy
- Austin Aries
- And many more...

NOW IT'S HIS TIME.

Nic Nemeth

THE WANTING.
THE WORKING.
THE WORLD CHAMPION.



★ **TOTAL NONSTOP ACTION.** ★

THE BIGGEST STAGE. THE TOUGHEST COMPETITION.
THE ONE TRUE WORLD CHAMPION.

THE ULTIMATE HONOR.
THE ULTIMATE CHAMPION.
THE TNA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
REPRESENTS EXCELLENCE,
RESILIENCE & SUPREMACY.

KILLER KROSS

THE CONQUEROR. THE DESTROYER. THE WORLD CHAMPION.

"I DON'T FOLLOW PATHS. I CREATE NIGHTMARES." — KILLER KROSS

THE BLOOD KING HAS ARRIVED.

At Battle RIOT VIII in January 2026, Killer Kross outlasted 39 other combatants in a war without mercy to capture the MLW World Heavyweight Championship.

It is his first world title.
The beginning of a new era.
The era of the Blood King.

MLW will never be the same.
No one will ever be the same.

Long live the King.
Long live the War.

THE PATH OF DESTRUCTION

- ★ Debuted in MLW in 2018.
- ★ Destroyed legends and toppled champions.
- ★ Captured the MLW World Heavyweight Championship at Battle RIOT VIII.
- ★ Outlasted 39 combatants.
- ★ One mission: domination.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ MLW World Heavyweight Champion (2026–Present)
- ★ Debut: MLW (2018)
- ★ MLW World Title Won at Battle RIOT VIII
- ★ Outlasted 39 competitors to become champion
- ★ A master of catch wrestling, sambo and submission
- ★ Unmatched intensity and relentless brutality

“PAIN IS MY LANGUAGE.
FEAR IS MY CURRENCY.
AND THIS TITLE...
THIS IS MINE.”

— KILLER KROSS



BUILT ON DARKNESS

Killer Kross didn't wait for a spotlight.
He extinguished the light and built his throne from the ashes.

Through betrayal.
Through blood.
Through brutality.
Through every demon they tried to unleash.

He stands alone.
He stands above.
He is the MLW World Heavyweight Champion.
He is the Dark King.

KILLER KROSS BY THE NUMBERS

CURRENT MLW WORLD
HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION

191 DAYS
AND COUNTING

1X
MLW WORLD
HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION

DEBUTED IN MLW
2018

ONE KING.
ONE REALM.
ONE CHAMPION.

JOINED THE WAR. BUILT AN EMPIRE.

Those who have fallen before the Dark King:

- ★ Alexander Hammerstone
- ★ MJF
- ★ Davey Boy Smith Jr.
- ★ Rich Swann
- ★ Willie Mack
- ★ and many more...

THE DARK KING REIGNS.

THE BLOOD KING ERA

- ★ Three reigns. Three chapters of dominance.
- ★ 191 DAYS as MLW World Champion and counting.
- ★ Proven against the best.
- ★ Undefeated in his mind.
- ★ Unstoppable in his pursuit.
- ★ The most dangerous man in MLW.
- ★ The Dark King. The Final Boss.
- ★ Long may he reign.

★ BECAUSE REAL WRESTLING ★
★ DESERVES A WORLD CHAMPION. ★

NO SCRIPT. NO APOLOGIES. JUST PAIN.
WELCOME TO MAJOR LEAGUE WRESTLING.

BATTLE RIOT VIII

FORTY ENTERED. ONE SURVIVED.

Killer Cross outlasts 39 warriors to capture the MLW World Heavyweight Championship.



KILLER CROSS CELEBRATES WITH SCARLETT AFTER WINNING THE MLW WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE MOST BRUTAL MATCH MLW HAS EVER SEEN.

WHAT IS BATTLE RIOT?

BATTLE RIOT is MLW's signature 40-man over-the-top rope elimination match. It is a war of survival where anything can happen and everyone is a target.

- 40 competitors enter at regular intervals.
- Eliminations happen by throwing an opponent over the top rope with both feet hitting the floor.
- There are no disqualifications and no count-outs.
- The last man standing earns the right to make history as World Champion.

BATTLE RIOT VIII BY THE NUMBERS

40	COMPETITORS
39	ELIMINATED
1	SURVIVOR
1:07:15	MATCH TIME
1	NEW MLW WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION

CHAOS. MAYHEM. SURVIVAL.

On Thursday night, January 29, 2026, MLW delivered its biggest night of the year from the Osceola Heritage Park Events Center in Kissimmee, Florida.

Forty of the toughest competitors in the world answered the call for Battle Riot VIII and one prize—the MLW World Heavyweight Championship.

The bell rang and pandemonium erupted. Bodies collided at full speed. Alliances were made and broken in an instant. Tables, chairs, kendo sticks and steel steps were all weapons as the battle raged on.

For over an hour, the field was thinned one by one until only the strongest remained.

THE FINAL FOUR

It came down to four men: Bishop Dyer, Donovan Dijak, Alex Hammerstone and Matt Riddle.

Dyer was eliminated. Dijak was eliminated.

The war narrowed to two.

In the end, Killer Cross conquered them all.

THE END OF THE RIOT

Killer Cross won by last eliminating Alex Hammerstone and Matt Riddle to become the NEW MLW World Heavyweight Champion!

“ I DON'T FOLLOW PATHS. I CREATE NIGHTMARES. ”

— KILLER CROSS

BATTLE RIOT VIII RESULTS

WINNER AND NEW MLW WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION:

KILLER CROSS

WON BY: Last eliminating Alex Hammerstone and Matt Riddle

MATCH TYPE: 40-Man Battle Riot (Over-the-Top-Rope Elimination Match)

MATCH TIME: 1:07:15

TOTAL ENTRANTS: 40

ELIMINATED: 39

EVENT INFORMATION

DATE: January 29, 2026

VENUE: Osceola Heritage Park Events Center

CITY: Kissimmee, Florida

ATTENDANCE: 700 — 800

AIRD: February 5, 2026 on BeIN Sports USA (tape delay)
Streamed on MLW's YouTube channel



★ FORTY WARRIORS ENTERED. ONLY ONE LEFT WITH THE GOLD. ★

MLW WORLD

HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

THE PINNACLE
OF VIOLENCE.
THE STANDARD
OF GREATNESS.



ONE CHAMPION.
ONE KINGDOM.
MAJOR LEAGUE
WRESTLING.

★ 14 REIGNS ★ 13 DIFFERENT CHAMPIONS ★ 1 UNDISPUTED CHAMPION ★

Introduced on October 5, 2002, the MLW World Heavyweight Championship is the cornerstone of Major League Wrestling. Defended around the world on MLW events and on television, this championship represents the highest honor in MLW.

MLW WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

#	CHAMPION	REIGN	DATE WON	DATE LOST	DAYS HELD
1	SHANE DOUGLAS	1	JUNE 15, 2002	SEPTEMBER 13, 2002	90 DAYS
2	SATOSHI KOJIMA (1)	1	SEPTEMBER 26, 2002	JUNE 20, 2003	267 DAYS
3	MIKE AWESOME	1	JUNE 20, 2003	JUNE 20, 2003	< 1 DAY
4	STEVE CORINO	1	JUNE 20, 2003	FEBRUARY 10, 2004	235 DAYS
5	SHANE STRICKLAND (KILLSHOT/SWERVO)	1	APRIL 12, 2018	JULY 2018	~90 DAYS*
6	LOW KI	1	JULY 2018	FEBRUARY 2, 2019	~200 DAYS*
7	TOM LAWLOR	1	FEBRUARY 2, 2019	JULY 6, 2019	154 DAYS
8	JACOB FATU	1	JULY 6, 2019	OCTOBER 2, 2021	819 DAYS
9	ALEXANDER HAMMERSTONE	1	OCTOBER 2, 2021	JULY 8, 2023	644 DAYS
10	ALEX KANE	1	JULY 8, 2023	FEBRUARY 3, 2024	210 DAYS
11	SATOSHI KOJIMA (2)	2	FEBRUARY 3, 2024	JANUARY 11, 2025	343 DAYS
12	MATT RIDDLE	1	JANUARY 11, 2025	SEPTEMBER 13, 2025	245 DAYS
13	MADS KRÜGGER	1	SEPTEMBER 13, 2025	JANUARY 29, 2026	138 DAYS
14	KILLER KROSS	1	JANUARY 29, 2026	—	190 DAYS

* Exact length for Reigns #5 and #6 varies by source. MLW recognizes Shane Strickland as inaugural champion in 2018, followed by Low Ki.

ABOUT THE MLW WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

- The MLW World Heavyweight Championship was introduced on October 5, 2002.
- It weighs over 8 pounds and is handcrafted with gold plates on a genuine leather strap.
- It is defended around the world on MLW events and on television.
- It represents the ultimate prize in Major League Wrestling.

LONGEST REIGN IN HISTORY

JACOB FATU
819 DAYS

JULY 6, 2019 – OCTOBER 2, 2021



MAJOR LEAGUE WRESTLING
NO COUNT-OUTS. NO DISQUALIFICATIONS.
REAL FIGHT. REAL CONSEQUENCES.

BY THE NUMBERS

14 REIGNS
13 DIFFERENT CHAMPIONS
23+ YEARS OF HISTORY
1 UNDISPUTED CHAMPION
COUNTLESS WARS



MAJOR LEAGUE WRESTLING

INTENSE. ★ INTERNATIONAL. ★ INNOVATIVE.



MAJOR LEAGUE WRESTLING

BUILT FOR THE FIGHT.
BUILT FOR THE FANS.
BUILT DIFFERENT.

FOUNDED IN
2002
PHILADELPHIA,
PENNSYLVANIA
U.S.A.
REBORN IN
2017

FOUNDED BY COURT BAUER

A longtime wrestling executive and visionary, Court Bauer founded Major League Wrestling with one mission: create a global wrestling organization that puts competition, talent and the fans first.

Court Bauer is the Founder and CEO of MLW.

THE BEGINNING (2002)

- Founded in 2002 by Court Bauer.
- MLW held its first live events in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- From day one, the goal was to be different — a promotion that would showcase the best wrestling from every style and every corner of the globe.



The historic 2300 Arena in Philadelphia.

THE UNDERGROUND YEARS (2003)

A REVOLUTION ON TELEVISION



In 2003, MLW Underground premiered on national television, giving fans something they had never seen before. Real. Raw. Unfiltered.



FEATURED LEGENDS INCLUDE:

Terry Funk • CM Punk • Satoshi Kojima
Steve Corino • Low Ki • Jerry Lynn
Rey Mysterio Jr. • AND MANY MORE!

MLW UNDERGROUND CHANGED THE GAME.
IT PUT MLW ON THE MAP.

A GLOBAL WRESTLING ORGANIZATION

MLW brings together the best wrestlers, styles and traditions from around the world to deliver must-see, hard-hitting, professional wrestling.



WORLDWIDE
TALENT



REAL
COMPETITION



EARNED
OPPORTUNITIES



GLOBAL
REACH



FOR THE
FANS

REBORN (2017)

A NEW ERA. A BIGGER VISION.



After more than a decade, MLW returned in 2017 stronger than ever with a renewed focus on producing world-class wrestling.

- ✓ New platform. New energy.
- ✓ Built for the modern wrestling fan.
- ✓ Opportunities for talent who deserve a spotlight.
- ✓ The best mix of legends and the future.

WE CAME BACK TO STAY.
WE CAME BACK TO LEAD.

BUILT DIFFERENT

NO ONE STYLE. ALL WRESTLING.



AMERICAN WRESTLING

Old school toughness meets next level athleticism.



LUCHA LIBRE

High flying. No limits. Part of our DNA.



STRONG STYLE

Technical. Hard hitting. Deeply respected.



COMBAT SPORTS INFLUENCE

A sport based presentation with real world intensity.



GLOBAL STARS

From every continent. United by one ring.

A WORLD WITHOUT BORDERS

PARTNERSHIPS. RESPECT. EXCHANGE.



CMLL
MEXICO



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JAPAN



STARDOM
JAPAN

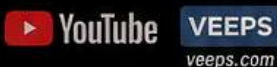
MLW works with leading international promotions on talent exchanges, special events and collaborations that celebrate the best of wrestling around the world.



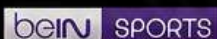
MLW PROGRAMMING IS SEEN IN
MORE THAN

60+
COUNTRIES
WORLDWIDE

WHERE TO WATCH



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NEW EPISODES OF MLW FUSION
STREAM SATURDAYS AT 6:05PM ET
ON YOUTUBE AND VEEPS.
LATER SATURDAY EVENING ON beIN SPORTS.

THE TRADITION CONTINUES

SATURDAY NIGHTS ARE FIGHT NIGHTS



SATURDAYS
6:05PM ET

ON YOUTUBE & VEEPS.

LATER SATURDAY EVENING
ON beIN SPORTS



THE MLW VALUES

- ★ COMPETITION OVER EVERYTHING
- ★ RESPECT THE PAST
- ★ BUILD THE FUTURE
- ★ FANS COME FIRST

ONE RING.
ONE STANDARD.
ONE FUTURE.

2002
MLW is founded in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

2003
MLW Underground premieres on national television.

2004-2010
Building a global roster and international reputation.

2011-2016
MLW is inactive.

2017
MLW returns. A new era begins.

2018-2020
MLW Fusion launches on beIN SPORTS in 140+ countries.

2021-2025
Global partnerships. New stars. Bigger than ever.

2026+
MLW Fusion continues Saturdays at 6:05PM ET. The future is now.



FOUNDED IN 2002. REBORN IN 2017.
NOT AN ALTERNATIVE. IT'S OUR OWN LEAGUE.

ONE LEAGUE.
ONE STANDARD.
ONE FUTURE.



THE ALTERNATIVE ISN'T JUST A PROMOTION.

ALL ELITE WRESTLING

EST.
2019

A NEW ERA. A DIFFERENT KIND OF WRESTLING.

All Elite Wrestling (AEW) is built on the belief that professional wrestling can be both athletic and artistic—respecting its rich history while pushing the boundaries of what's possible in the ring.

AEW was founded to give the fans something real: competition, creativity, and the world's best wrestlers—on a global stage.

THIS IS ALL ELITE.



THE AEW JOURNEY

2018	JAN 1, 2019	MAY 25, 2019	OCT 2, 2019	2020-PRESENT
The Elite and like-minded wrestling executives begin laying the foundation for a new company.	All Elite Wrestling is officially announced.	AEW launches its first event, "Double or Nothing," in Las Vegas.	AEW DYNAMITE premieres on TNT, beginning a new chapter of wrestling on television.	Rapid growth. Historic rivalries. Record-breaking crowds. The rise of AEW continues.

THE AEW DIFFERENCE

- ELITE TALENT**
The best wrestlers from around the world—established stars and rising voices.
- CREATIVE FREEDOM**
Empowering our roster to tell unique stories and bring their visions to life.
- GLOBAL APPEAL**
A worldwide fanbase united by unforgettable moments and world-class wrestling.
- FAN FIRST**
Built by wrestling fans, for wrestling fans. The community is at the heart of AEW.
- INTEGRITY & RESPECT**
We honor the past, compete in the present, and build the future.

OUR MISSION

AEW exists to deliver the best pro wrestling in the world. We are committed to:

- Delivering unforgettable moments every week
- Showcasing a diverse and inclusive roster
- Pushing the limits of athleticism and storytelling
- Creating a global brand that represents the future of professional wrestling

**WE DON'T FOLLOW THE
INDUSTRY.
WE HELP LEAD IT.**



A GLOBAL BRAND

AEW programming reaches more than 140 countries around the world.



**MILLIONS OF FANS.
ONE COMMUNITY.
ALL ELITE.**

WORLD-CLASS ROSTER

From main event stars to the next generation, AEW is home to a deep and diverse roster across the men's, women's, and tag team divisions.



MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIPS



PREMIER EVENTS

From *Double or Nothing* to *All Out* to *Worlds End* and *Revolution*—AEW delivers must-see events that create lasting memories.



WHERE TO WATCH



AEW DYNAMITE WEDNESDAYS 8/7c
AEW RAMPAGE FRIDAYS 10/9c
AEW COLLISION SATURDAYS 8/7c

Also streaming on Bleacher Report and Fite (in select international markets).

THE FUTURE IS ALL ELITE

AEW continues to innovate, evolve, and elevate professional wrestling for the next generation. The journey is just getting started.



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BY THE NUMBERS



ALL ELITE WRESTLING

THE PAST IS RESPECTED. THE PRESENT IS ELECTRIC. THE FUTURE IS ALL ELITE.

ALL ELITE WRESTLING ORIGIN

A REVOLUTION WASN'T TELEVISED. IT WAS BUILT.

In the summer of 2018, professional wrestling stood at a crossroads. For decades, the industry had been dominated by a single global giant, its product polished, its reach unmatched, and its control absolute. Yet behind the glitz and tradition, many wrestlers—veterans and rising stars alike—felt the same frustration: limited opportunities, tight creative reins, and a system that no longer rewarded risk, innovation, or individuality.

Change was coming.

On January 1, 2019, that change became official. All Elite Wrestling (AEW) was born.

THE VISIONARIES

AEW did not appear overnight. It was the result of a shared vision among four men who saw the same need for change and believed they had the experience, passion, and network to make it real.

The Young Bucks—Matt and Nick Jackson—executive vice presidents of AEW, were already global names. As in-ring innovators and entrepreneurs, they had spent more than a decade redefining tag team wrestling and building one of the most loyal fanbases in the world.

Kenny Omega, one of the most accomplished and influential wrestlers of his generation, brought mainstream star power, in-ring excellence, and a bridge between North America and Japan's New Japan Pro-Wrestling, where he had become a legend.

"Hangman" Adam Page, a long-time elite talent with a deep connection to the fans and a relentless work ethic, rounded out the original group. More than a wrestler, Page was a voice for those who believed in loyalty, heart, and earning every opportunity.

And behind the scenes stood Tony Khan, the driving force and financial backer. The son of Jacksonville Jaguars owner Shahid Khan, Tony was more than an investor—he was a lifelong wrestling fan with an unmatched knowledge of the business, a deep understanding of analytics, and a burning desire to build something from the ground up.

Together, these five men formed the foundation of AEW: talent, passion, innovation, and resources—aligned toward one mission.

THE MISSION

AEW's mission was simple, but bold: to create a professional wrestling company built on athleticism, creativity, inclusivity, and respect.

They wanted a place where wrestlers had the freedom to tell their stories, where the best from around the world could compete on a level playing field, and where the fans—starved for something new—could feel like part of the journey.

From the beginning, AEW rejected the idea that wrestling had to be stuck in the past. They embraced the future.

Their philosophy was clear:

- ★ The best wrestle.
- ★ The fans matter.
- ★ Creativity has no limits.
- ★ Respect the past, but never be afraid to break the mold.

THE LAUNCH

AEW made its first thunderous announcement on January 1, 2019, with a live press conference in Jacksonville, Florida. The event instantly went viral. The names connected to the project brought legitimacy. The promise of a new era brought hope.

Just months later, AEW held its first official event, *Double or Nothing*, on May 25, 2019, at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas.

It wasn't just a show.

It was a statement.

The event featured a stacked card, featured world-class talent, and was headlined by a match that would become historic: Kenny Omega vs. Chris Jericho, for the inaugural AEW World Championship.

AEW didn't just arrive.

They arrived with a bang.

BUILDING FROM DAY ONE

From the start, AEW focused on more than just the main event.

They built a deep and diverse roster across all divisions—men's, women's, tag team, and trios—featuring home-grown stars and international icons.

They signed names that fans had never seen before in a major American promotion: Jon Moxley (Dean Ambrose), Chris Jericho, Cody Rhodes, Jake Hager, Britt Baker D.M.D., Hangman Page, The Lucha Brothers, MJF, Darby Allin, and many more.

AEW also invested in a women's division from the ground up, making it a core part of the company—not an afterthought.

They partnered with talent from Japan (NJPW), Mexico (CMLL), and independent promotions around the world, creating dream matches and opening doors that had been closed for far too long.

And they listened to the fans. From the production value to the merchandise to the live experience, AEW was built with the audience in mind.

A NEW WAY TO WATCH

AEW made history again on October 2, 2019, with the premiere of AEW Dynamite on TNT.

It was the first professional wrestling show in over 20 years to air live on prime time television.

Dynamite brought energy, innovation, and unpredictability to millions of homes every Wednesday night.

AEW later expanded with Rampage on TNT and Collision on TBS, giving fans more wrestling, more stories, and more stars to follow.

All Elite Wrestling had officially changed the landscape.

THE CONTINUING STORY

AEW is still writing its story.

From packed arenas and record-breaking pay-per-views to global expansion and unforgettable moments, AEW continues to push the boundaries of what professional wrestling can be.

It's not just a promotion.

It's a movement.

It's a place where wrestlers dream bigger, compete harder, and create legacies.

It's a place where the fans aren't just watching history.

They're living it.



ALL IN

THE EVENT THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING

“ALL IN WASN'T JUST A SHOW. IT WAS A PROMISE—TO THE FANS, TO THE WRESTLERS, AND TO THE FUTURE OF OUR INDUSTRY.”

— THE YOUNG BUCKS



Over 81,000 paid tickets were sold for All In London on August 27, 2023 at Wembley Stadium.

Before there was All Elite Wrestling, there was All In.

On September 1, 2018, Cody Rhodes, The Young Bucks and Hangman Page took a risk. They put everything on the line to create a completely independent wrestling show—one that would prove fans were hungry for something different.

They sold out the Sears Centre Arena in Hoffman Estates, Illinois in just 30 minutes. The announced paid attendance was 11,263—an unheard-of number for an independent wrestling event in the U.S. It was a statement. And it changed everything.

All In was more than a show. It was a movement.

THE SEED THAT BECAME AEW

The success of All In 2018 planted the seed for All Elite Wrestling. The same five men—Cody Rhodes, The Young Bucks (Matt and Nick Jackson), Hangman Page, and Kenny Omega—shared a vision: to build a wrestling company that put talent, creativity and the fans first.

On January 1, 2019, that vision became reality. AEW was officially born.

All In was the blueprint. AEW was the building.

THE RETURN OF ALL IN

After a four-year wait, All In returned on Sunday, August 27, 2023, at the iconic Wembley Stadium in London, England.

AEW announced 81,035 paid tickets sold, making it the largest paid attendance in AEW history and one of the biggest live crowds in professional wrestling history.

From the moment the gates opened, it was clear—this was more than a wrestling show. This was a celebration of how far the movement had come.

It was All Elite. It was All In.

ALL IN LONDON 2023: HISTORIC MATCHES. UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS.

All In London delivered on every level with a stacked card and classic moments that will live forever.

- MJF retained the AEW World Championship against Adam Cole in an intense, personal battle.
- Saraya won the AEW Women's World Championship defeating Hikaru Shida, Toni Storm and Britt Baker, D.M.D. in a four-way match.
- FTR (Dax Harwood & Cash Wheeler) retained the AEW World Tag Team Championship against The Young Bucks in a brutal classic.
- The Acclaimed (Max Caster & Anthony Bowens) and "Daddy Ass" Billy Gunn defeated House of Black to win the AEW World Trios Championship.
- Sting and Darby Allin defeated Swerve Strickland and Christian Cage in a dramatic tag team war.
- "The Aerial Assassin" Will Ospreay defeated Chris Jericho in a hard-hitting showdown.
- CM Punk defeated Samoa Joe in a collision of two wrestling icons.
- Zero Hour delivered high-octane action that set the stage for a night to remember.

Every match told a story. Every moment mattered. And when the final bell rang, Wembley Stadium roared.

IT WASN'T JUST A SHOW.
IT WAS ALL IN.

MORE THAN ENTERTAINMENT

All In represents what AEW stands for—freedom for wrestlers, creativity without limits, and a deep connection with fans around the world.

It's where dream matches happen.

It's where careers change.

It's where history is made.

ALL IN IS WHERE LEGENDS ARE MADE.
ALL IN IS WHERE THE FUTURE IS WRITTEN.

BY THE NUMBERS

11,263

Paid Attendance for All In (Sept. 1, 2018)
Sears Centre Arena
Hoffman Estates, IL

81,035

Paid Tickets Sold for All In London (Aug. 27, 2023)
Wembley Stadium, London, England

30

Minutes it took for All In 2018 to sell out

5+

Hours of live professional wrestling between the Zero Hour and main card in 2023

60+

Countries where All In London was available on pay-per-view and digital platforms

1

Promise kept to the fans: AEW would bring All In back. And they did.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR ALL IN?

With two historic events already in the books, All In has become an annual tradition that pushes the boundaries of what professional wrestling can be.

Bigger stages. Bigger moments. Bigger dreams.

BECAUSE WE'RE NOT JUST HERE TO BE PART OF HISTORY.
WE'RE HERE TO MAKE IT.



IT STARTED AS A RISK.
IT BECAME A MOVEMENT.
IT WILL LIVE FOREVER.

ALL IN. ALL ELITE.





AEW WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP



THE LINEAGE. THE LEGACY. THE BEST OF THE ELITE.

Introduced on May 25, 2019, the AEW World Championship represents the pinnacle of All Elite Wrestling. Defended on four continents and in front of historic crowds, this title has been held by the very best the wrestling world has to offer.

ALL-TIME AEW WORLD CHAMPIONS

#	CHAMPION	DATE WON	DATE LOST	REIGN(S)	CONSECUTIVE DAYS (LONGEST REIGN)	HOW THE TITLE WAS WON
1	CHRIS JERICHO	AUG. 31, 2019	FEB. 29, 2020	1	182 DAYS	Pinned Hangman Adam Page to become the first AEW World Champion.
2	JON MOXLEY	FEB. 29, 2020	DEC. 2, 2020	1	277 DAYS	Won the title in the Exploding Barbed Wire Death Match.
3	KENNY OMEGA	DEC. 2, 2020	NOV. 13, 2021	1	346 DAYS	Defeated Jon Moxley on Dynamite: Winter Is Coming.
4	"HANGMAN" ADAM PAGE	NOV. 13, 2021	MAY 29, 2022	1	197 DAYS	Pinned Kenny Omega with the buckshot lariat.
5	CM PUNK	MAY 29, 2022	AUG. 24, 2022	1	87 DAYS	Pinned Hangman Adam Page to win the title.
6	JON MOXLEY (INTERIM CHAMPION)	JUN. 26, 2022	AUG. 24, 2022	1	59 DAYS	Defeated Hiroshi Tanahashi in the tournament final after CM Punk was removed due to injury.
7	JON MOXLEY	AUG. 24, 2022	SEPT. 4, 2022	2	11 DAYS	Pinned CM Punk in 3:10 to become the undisputed champ.
8	CM PUNK	SEPT. 4, 2022	SEPT. 7, 2022	2	3 DAYS	Pinned Jon Moxley in his hometown of Chicago.
9	JON MOXLEY	SEPT. 21, 2022	NOV. 19, 2022	3	59 DAYS	Defeated Bryan Danielson in the "Gear Shift" Tournament of Champions final.
10	MJF	NOV. 19, 2022	DEC. 30, 2023	1	406 DAYS LONGEST REIGN IN AEW HISTORY	Defeated Jon Moxley to become the youngest AEW World Champion in history (26 years old).
11	SAMOA JOE	DEC. 30, 2023	APRIL 21, 2024	1	113 DAYS	Defeated MJF to capture his first AEW World Championship.
12	SWERVE STRICKLAND	APRIL 21, 2024	AUG. 25, 2024	1	126 DAYS	Defeated Samoa Joe to win the title.
13	BRYAN DANIELSON	AUG. 25, 2024	OCT. 12, 2024	1	48 DAYS	Defeated Swerve Strickland to become AEW World Champion.
14	JON MOXLEY	OCT. 12, 2024	JULY 12, 2024	4	273 DAYS	Defeated Bryan Danielson.
15	"HANGMAN" ADAM PAGE	JULY 12, 2025	NOV. 22, 2025	1	133 DAYS	Defeated Jon Moxley in a Texas Death Match.
16	SAMOA JOE	NOV. 22, 2025	DEC. 27, 2025	2	35 DAYS	Defeated Adam Page in a steel cage match.
17	MJF	DEC. 27, 2025	APRIL 15, 2026	2	109 DAYS	Won a four-way match vs. Samoa Joe, Swerve Strickland & Adam Page.
18	DARBY ALLIN	APRIL 15, 2026	MAY 24, 2026	1	39 DAYS	Defeated MJF to win his first AEW World Title.
19	MJF	MAY 24, 2026	JULY 8, 2026	3	45 DAYS	Defeated Darby Allin in a Title vs. Hair Match.
20	KENNY OMEGA	JULY 8, 2026	PRESENT	2+ (COUNTING)	28+ DAYS (AND COUNTING)	Defeated MJF to capture the title for the second time.

BY THE NUMBERS

10

DIFFERENT AEW WORLD CHAMPIONS

20

OFFICIAL TITLE REIGNS (PLUS 1 INTERIM REIGN)

1,970+

TOTAL DAYS OF CHAMPIONSHIP REIGNS

4

MOST REIGNS BY A SINGLE WRESTLER: JON MOXLEY

406 DAYS

LONGEST SINGLE REIGN: MJF - 406 DAYS

346 DAYS

2ND LONGEST REIGN: KENNY OMEGA - 346 DAYS

26

YOUNGEST CHAMPION: MJF (26 YEARS OLD)

FIRST CHAMPION:

CHRIS JERICHO (AUG. 31, 2019)

CURRENT CHAMPION:

KENNY OMEGA (JULY 8, 2026 - PRESENT)

"EVERY ERA."
EVERY BATTLE.
EVERY LEGEND.
THAT'S AEW."

THE ELITE OF THE ELITE.
THE CHAMPION OF ALL ELITE WRESTLING.



THE CHAMPIONS OF ALL ELITE WRESTLING

EVERY TITLE. EVERY CHAMPION. EVERY ERA.

From the AEW World Championship to tag team gold, these are the titles that define All Elite Wrestling and the elite who hold them.

AEW WORLD CHAMPION KENNY OMEGA

JULY 8, 2026 – PRESENT

Kenny Omega captured the AEW World Championship for the second time by defeating MJF at AEW Dynamite: Beach Break from The BayCare Sound in Clearwater, Florida.

28+ DAYS AND COUNTING



AEW WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPION



WILLOW NIGHTINGALE

JULY 26, 2026 – PRESENT

Willow Nightingale defeated Thekla at AEW Redemption in Montreal, Quebec, Canada to win the AEW Women's World Championship.

TBS CHAMPION



MAYA WORLD

JULY 26, 2026 – PRESENT

Maya World defeated Hikaru Shida at AEW Redemption in Montreal, Quebec, Canada to win the TBS Championship.

AEW CONTINENTAL CHAMPION



JON MOXLEY

OCTOBER 12, 2024 – PRESENT

Jon Moxley defeated Kazuchika Okada at AEW WrestleDream in Tacoma, Washington to win the AEW Continental Championship.

AEW INTERNATIONAL CHAMPION



KYLE FLETCHER

JULY 8, 2026 – PRESENT

Kyle Fletcher defeated Konosuke Takeshita at AEW Dynamite: Beach Break in Clearwater, Florida to win the AEW International Championship.

AEW NATIONAL CHAMPION



ANDRADE EL ÍDOLO

JULY 26, 2026 – PRESENT

Andrade El Ídolo defeated Mark Davis at AEW Redemption in Montreal, Quebec, Canada to win the AEW National Championship.

AEW WORLD TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS



CAGE & COPE

MAY 24, 2026 – PRESENT

Cage & Cope defeated FTR at AEW Double or Nothing in Glendale, Arizona to win the AEW World Tag Team Championship.

AEW WORLD TRIOS CHAMPIONS



ADAM PAGE & BRODIDO

AUGUST 5, 2026 – PRESENT

"Hangman" Adam Page, Bandido & Brody King defeated The Demand (Ricochet, Bishop Kaun & Toa Liona) at AEW Grand Slam: Mexico in Arena México to win the AEW World Trios Championship.

AEW WOMEN'S WORLD TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS



DIVINE DOMINION

MAY 18, 2025 – PRESENT

Megan Bayne & Lena Cross defeated The Outcasts (Saraya & Ruby Soho) at AEW Double or Nothing in Glendale, Arizona to win the AEW Women's World Tag Team Championships.

AEW TNT CHAMPION



KEVIN KNIGHT

JULY 5, 2025 – PRESENT

Kevin Knight defeated Jack Perry at AEW All In: Texas in Arlington, Texas to win the TNT Championship.

AEW FTW CHAMPION



HOOK

MAY 17, 2025 – PRESENT

HOOK defeated Konosuke Takeshita at AEW Collision in Chicago, Illinois to win the FTW Championship.



*THIS IS
OUR ERA.*

THE ELITE OF THE ELITE. THE CHAMPION OF ALL ELITE WRESTLING.

KENNY OMEGA

THE BEST BOUT MACHINE

Before the world championships, the Tokyo Dome classics and the global acclaim, there was Tyson Smith: a Winnipeg kid obsessed with the possibilities of professional wrestling.

CHAPTER I / WINNIPEG TO THE WORLD

Kenny Omega's story begins in Winnipeg, Manitoba, where wrestling arrived not merely as television entertainment but as a world to study. His father recorded Saturday Night's Main Event so a young Smith could watch it the next morning. He absorbed the spectacle of American wrestling, then discovered ECW and Japanese wrestling, where speed, experimentation and athletic storytelling suggested that the ring could be something larger than a single established formula.

As a teenager he trained, wrestled locally and began building the identity that would become Kenny Omega. He attended the University of Manitoba while continuing to work independent shows, but by 2005 the safer path had lost the argument. Wrestling had become the work he wanted to give his life to.

That decision carried him briefly into WWE's Deep South Wrestling developmental system in 2005-06. Omega later described the experience as deeply unhappy, but also formative. Walking away from the most obvious route to American stardom became one of the defining choices of his career: rather than allowing the system to decide what a wrestler should be, he would search for a place where he could discover it himself.

**"WRESTLING WAS WHERE MY HEART
REALLY WAS."**

— OMEGA, ON CHOOSING WRESTLING OVER THE SAFE PATH

1983

BORN IN
WINNIPEG

2000

PRO DEBUT
ERA BEGINS

2005

WWE / DEEP
SOUTH

2008

FIRST DDT
JAPAN TOUR

JAPAN CHANGED EVERYTHING

DDT. IBUSHI. THE GOLDEN LOVERS. A NEW LANGUAGE OF WRESTLING.

Omega did not become Kenny Omega by following the safest road. Japan gave him the space to become stranger, faster, more emotional and more ambitious - and his partnership with Kota Ibushi would become one of the defining relationships of his career.

CHAPTER II / THE GOLDEN LOVERS

Omega first went to Japan for DDT Pro-Wrestling in 2008, entering a promotion whose willingness to mix athletic wrestling, comedy and experimentation fit him unusually well. There he found the environment that allowed the character and performer to expand beyond the conventions he had known in North America.

At the center of that transformation was Kota Ibushi. Together they became the Golden Lovers, a team whose matches blended spectacular offense with an unusually personal emotional thread. Their partnership made Omega a fixture in Japan and helped establish a theme that would follow him for years: wrestling at its most powerful could be both breathtaking competition and deeply felt storytelling.

Omega eventually moved into New Japan Pro-Wrestling, joined Bullet Club and reinvented himself again. The colorful junior heavyweight became the Cleaner - a colder, sharper antagonist. By 2016 he had risen to lead Bullet Club and won the G1 Climax, becoming the first non-Japanese wrestler to win the tournament in its modern form.

That ascent set the stage for the matches that changed his international reputation. Against Kazuchika Okada, Omega helped create a series of marathon main events that became reference points for a generation of fans and wrestlers. Their rivalry turned the Tokyo Dome and Osaka-jo Hall into stages for a question Omega had been chasing since Winnipeg: how far could a professional wrestling match actually go?

THE JOURNEY TO THE TOP OF NEW JAPAN HAD BEGUN.

2008

DDT / JAPAN

2009

GOLDEN LOVERS

2014

BULLET CLUB

2016

G1 CLIMAX

WHY A RING?

FOUR POSTS. A SQUARE OF CANVAS. THREE ROPES.

For generations, nearly every important story in professional wrestling has ended in the same place. But the ring was here before professional wrestling—and its history explains how wrestling became what it is.

BY MADISON MOORE | THE ROOSTAR

THERE IS SOMETHING almost disappointing about a wrestling ring when nobody is inside it.

Before the building opens, before the lights change color, before entrance music shakes the walls and before thousands of people begin arguing about who is going to leave with a championship, it is simply an object assembled in an empty room.

Steel. Wood. Padding. Canvas. Cables or ropes. Turnbuckles. Four posts.

Then somebody walks through the curtain.

Suddenly, the object becomes a place.

A championship can change hands there.

A career can end there. A betrayal can happen there. A wrestler can walk into it unknown and leave famous. Two people can spend twenty minutes convincing thousands of strangers to hate one another, love one another, fear for one another or stand together screaming.

For more than a century, professional wrestling has reinvented almost everything about itself.

It escaped carnivals and athletic clubs. It conquered radio, television, cable, pay-per-view and streaming. The territorial promoters who once divided America largely disappeared. Wrestling became an international television product. Wrestlers became celebrities. Entranceways became enormous video installations. Production crews learned to make an arena resemble a movie set.

And through all of that technological progress, the most important piece of equipment in professional wrestling remained remarkably recognizable.

Four corners.

A canvas.

Ropes.

A square everybody insists on calling a ring.

The contradiction has become so familiar that almost nobody asks the obvious question.

WHY?

The answer requires going considerably farther back than WrestleMania.

Farther back than the National Wrestling Alliance.

Farther back than television.

Farther back, in fact, than professional wrestling.

Because professional wrestling did not invent the ring.

IT INHERITED IT.

And wrestling itself is so ancient that asking who invented it is probably asking a question without an answer.

Long before anybody sold a ticket to a professional wrestling show, human beings grappled with one another. Ancient artwork provides extraordinary evidence of just how sophisticated wrestling had already become thousands of years ago.

At Beni Hasan in Egypt, tomb paintings dating to roughly the Middle Kingdom contain extensive sequences of wrestlers engaged in holds, throws and grappling positions. The National Wrestling Hall of Fame notes that hundreds of drawings there depict techniques recognizable to modern observers. Simthsonian records likewise describe registers filled with pairs of men engaged in intricate wrestling holds.¹

Look at those images long enough and something unsettling happens to our sense of time.

WHY A RING?

★ — FOUR POSTS. A SQUARE OF CANVAS. THREE ROPES. — ★

WRESTLING IS OLDER THAN HISTORY.

Wrestling appears in the Olympic Games of ancient Greece in 708 B.C. The Greeks called it *palē*. It was the most prestigious of all the Olympic events. Victory meant honor for life.

The rules were simple: no striking, no biting, no eye-gouging. Everything else was permitted. Competitors fought to throw their opponent to the ground and keep him there.

The Romans adopted wrestling. So did the Celts. So did the peoples of India, China, Persia and Japan. Every culture developed its own style, but the idea was universal.

Wrestling is the oldest sport the world has never stopped practicing.

FROM CATCH-AS-CATCH-CAN TO THE CARNIVAL

Centuries later, in England, a brutal, effective form of wrestling emerged—catch-as-catch-can. It allowed the use of the legs, joint locks, chokes and everything the Greeks had forbidden. It was practical, violent and worked.

By the early 1800s, catch wrestlers were traveling the world. They challenged champions in every country. They were the UFC of their era.

When the Industrial Revolution created towns, railroads and new forms of entertainment, wrestlers found another path—carnivals, fairs and traveling shows.

Strongmen such as Tom Sayers in England and Eugen Sandow in Europe drew enormous crowds. In America, wrestlers like James J. Corbett and later George Hackenschmidt became international attractions.

People paid money to see them fight.

Professional wrestling as a **business** was born.

THE BOXING RING BEGAN THE JOURNEY

Wrestling did not invent the ring. Boxing did.

Prizefighting in the 1700s and early 1800s was chaotic. Fights often started in the open air with spectators surrounding the combatants. To bring order, promoters began marking off a space.

In 1838, the London Prize Ring Rules—established by the Pugilistic Society—defined the fighting area with precision.

LONDON PRIZE RING RULES OF 1838

- ★ The fighting area shall be twenty-four feet square.
- ★ It shall be enclosed with two lines of rope.
- ★ The lower rope shall be two feet from the ground.
- ★ The upper rope shall be four feet from the ground.
- ★ Each fighter shall have a corner and seconds.
- ★ Everything inside that square is the ring.

It was the first widely accepted standard for a square, roped enclosure. The name “ring” was already in use—because the fighters were surrounded, encircled, enclosed.

When wrestlers entered prizefighting venues, they entered the ring.

WRESTLERS NEEDED MORE THAN A BOUNDARY

Boxers needed a boundary.

Wrestlers needed a surface.

Early wrestling matches in America were held on bare boards, grassy fields, mats or even sawdust. But as the sport grew, the need for a permanent, elevated platform became obvious.

Wrestlers were throwing each other with more force than any other combat sport. They needed something that could absorb the impact.

So the ring evolved.

The floor was raised.

The surface was padded.

The ropes became stronger.

The corners were reinforced.

The platform became a stage—and a weapon.

By the early 1900s, professional wrestling was thriving in America, and the ring had become unmistakable.

Still, it was not the same ring we know today.

THE MEN WHO MADE PEOPLE CARE

At the beginning of the 20th century, two men carried wrestling to a level it had never seen.

GEORGE HACKENSCHMIDT

The “Russian Lion.”

A scientific wrestler.

The first man recognized as World Heavyweight Champion.

FRANK GOTCH

The “Gentleman.”

Technical perfection.

American Heavyweight Champion who defeated Hackenschmidt in 1908.

Their rivalry was unlike anything before it. On September 25, 1911, they drew approximately 30,000 fans to Comiskey Park in Chicago. The gate was reported around \$87,000—an astronomical figure for the era.

Long before television, professional wrestling was already a massive, legitimate attraction.

THE RING KEEPS CHANGING

The modern wrestling ring is not frozen in time.

It continues to evolve.

In the 1980s and 1990s, WWE worked with ring builder Mark Carpenter to redesign its ring. Older rings used springs. The new design eliminated them after wrestlers reported less punishing impact. Carpenter engineered a stronger frame and structure, and WWE standardized the size at 20 feet by 20 feet.

Today's rings use advanced padding, high-tensile steel, synthetic canvas and engineered turnbuckles. Safety, television presentation and in-ring performance all influence the design.

But the heart of it remains the same: four corners and a square.

The details change. The purpose doesn't.

★ **WRESTLING DIDN'T SIMPLY USE A RING.**
THE RING BUILT PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING. ★

WHY A RING?

★ ————— FOUR POSTS. A SQUARE OF CANVAS. THREE ROPES. ————— ★

THE RING AS A LANGUAGE

Why did wrestling adopt this particular structure and keep it when other sports changed around it?

Because the ring is a language that everybody understands.

A tennis court requires knowledge. A baseball diamond requires knowledge. Football requires an entire playbook of rules.

A ring requires almost none.

Climb the steps. Step between the ropes.

You are inside the story.

Wrestling communicates with geometry.

The center is power.

The corner is danger.

The ropes are both escape and entrapment.

The apron is vulnerability.

The floor is outside help.

The bell is authority.

The count is consequence.

Even a child who has never seen wrestling before can absorb the meaning of the ring in seconds.

That is why wrestling promoters across generations, across countries and across cultures never abandoned it.

It tells the story without needing translation.

BUILDING THE MODERN RING

If the concept of the ring came from prizefighting, the physical construction of the wrestling ring came from necessity.

Wrestlers were bigger. Matches were longer. The moves were more punishing.

The surface had to change.

Throughout the early and mid-20th century, rings were built by hand in armories, theaters and small arenas.

Wooden platforms were framed, covered with planks, padded with layers of straw, horsehair, later foam rubber, and then covered by canvas.

Ropes were originally manila. They stretched. They snapped. They were replaced by cables wrapped in materials and later by synthetic ropes.

Turnbuckles—those simple but brilliant devices—allowed tension to be adjusted, keeping the ropes tight across thousands of collisions.

Ring skirts were added to hide the understructure and protect the business that lived underneath.

The standard size emerged: 20 feet by 20 feet.

Big enough for violence. Small enough for drama.

High enough to be seen. Low enough to be climbed.

It was a compromise of engineering and psychology.

Wrestlers, builders and promoters refined it for decades. No one man designed the modern ring. Hundreds of workers improved it, generation after generation.

THE RING ON TELEVISION

Television did not change the ring's size.

It changed how the ring was seen.

A camera turned the ring into a frame.

Angles created emotion. Lighting created atmosphere.

The hard camera made the ring feel smaller, more intimate. The wide shot made it feel epic.

Television also demanded consistency. Viewers expected the ring to look the same every week.

That stability deepened the ring's identity. No matter where the broadcast originated, the ring provided continuity in a chaotic world.

In millions of living rooms, the ring became a weekly appointment. A familiar place.

A place where anything could happen.

THE RING AS A CHARACTER

Every veteran will tell you the same thing: the ring has its own personality.

Some rings feel springy.

Some feel dead.

Some are loud.

Some absorb you.

Wrestlers learn how to throw moves differently depending on the canvas, the ropes, the tension and the size of the building.

You cannot fake that knowledge.

The ring teaches you.

It teaches timing. It teaches rhythm.

It teaches risk. It teaches consequence.

And when a great wrestler masters the ring, the audience feels it. They see control. They see confidence. They see someone who understands the place where stories live.

THE RING AND THE BUSINESS

Promoters understood early that the ring was more than a performance space.

It was a stage that could be replicated.

Take down the ring. Load it on a truck.

Drive to a new town.

Build it again.

The ring made wrestling mobile. It made it scalable.

It allowed a champion to wrestle in Chicago one week and St. Louis the next.

It allowed territory systems to exist.

It allowed national tours.

It allowed wrestling to become a true business.

That portability is one of the reasons wrestling survived while so many other combat sports faded.

The ring was not just part of the product.

It was part of the infrastructure.

WHY IT HAS NEVER BEEN REPLACED

Other sports upgrade their equipment constantly.

Basketball changed its ball. Football changed its helmet.

Baseball changed its bats. Boxing changed its gloves.

Wrestling has changed many things—rules, companies, ownership, presentation, technology, marketing, everything around the product.

But the ring remains.

Because nothing else creates the same combination of safety and danger, freedom and structure.

A ring is big enough to create violence.

Small enough to create intimacy.

Simple enough to be understood.

Complex enough to create art.

A cage can never replace it. A mat can never replace it. An octagon can never replace it.

Only a ring.

THE REASON WE KEEP CALLING IT THAT

The ring earned its name.

From a circle of spectators in ancient prizefights.

From a square in the 1838 London Prize Ring Rules.

From the boxing ring that gave wrestling a home.

From a raised platform built to absorb human impact.

From a place where real fights became staged battles.

From a structure that became a stage.

From a stage that became a global language.

From a language that became an obsession.

★ **FOUR CORNERS. ONE STORY.** ★

CHAMPIONS AND CHALLENGERS. LEGENDS AND UNKNOWN KIDS.

THE NAMES CHANGE. THE BUILDINGS CHANGE. THE GENERATIONS CHANGE.

BUT FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY, PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING HAS SETTLED ITS ARGUMENTS

INSIDE THE RING.

WHY A RING?

★ ——— FOUR POSTS. A SQUARE OF CANVAS. THREE ROPES. ——— ★

We have gone back further than most people ever think to go. We have walked back through time until we reached the very first echoes of the ring.

We have seen that long before the spotlights, before the cameras, before the screaming crowds, wrestling was already here. Two human beings, fighting for position, for survival, for pride. Struggling on dirt, on grass, on stone. Long before anyone wrote the rules down, long before anyone counted a pinfall, the urgency was the same. Win, or be defeated.

Then we followed the thread through history. From the ancient Olympics to the catch-as-catch-can brawls of the 1800s. From the London Prize Ring to the carnivals that crisscrossed America. We watched the ring travel across oceans and through revolutions. We saw it grow from a curiosity into a contender, from a spectacle into a business. We saw how it survived wars, depressions, scandals, tragedies and the constant attacks of people who said it could not be real because they already knew the outcome.

We saw how the ring became more than a place where matches happen. We saw how it became a mirror that reflects who we are and what we fear. The heroes we cheer for. The villains we hate. The comebacks we desperately need. The betrayals that remind us to never trust too easily. The moments of redemption that tell us we are not finished when we fall. The battles that give us the courage to face our own.

We saw that every generation tries to replace the ring with something else. Bigger screens. Flashier effects. Shorter attention spans. Different packaging. But nothing else lasts. Because nothing else carries the weight that the ring carries. Only the ring can make a thousand strangers feel one heartbeat at the same time. Only the ring can turn a town nobody has ever heard of into the center of the universe for one night.

We saw how the ring humbles even the greatest champions. How it exposes them. How it gives them nowhere to hide. How it strips away everything except heart, skill and will. How it can break you in front of thousands and build you back up in the same breath. How it can take everything from you and give you everything in return. That is the magic. That is the cruelty. That is the balance.

We saw how the ring is a teacher. It teaches timing and discipline. It teaches pain and patience. It teaches you that shortcuts end in disaster. It teaches you that respect is earned. It teaches you that the person across from you is not your enemy, they are your measuring stick. It teaches you that the only way out is through. And when you finally stand tall, it teaches you to help someone else do the same.

We saw how the ring is a stage for stories that can never be written anywhere else. Stories of outsiders who refuse to quit. Stories of kings who lose their crowns. Stories of legends who refuse to fade away. Stories of villains who believe they are the heroes. Stories of families who fight together and families who tear each other apart. Stories of dreamers who made it further than anyone ever expected. Stories of names that will live forever because of what happened inside four posts and a square of canvas.

And we saw the truth that connects every one of those stories. The ring does not exist for the wrestlers. It exists for the people. The wrestlers are only the messengers. The ring is the language. The audience is the heart that gives it meaning.

Without the ring, there is no message.

Without the ring, there is no atmosphere.

Without the ring, there is no moment that can be remembered for a lifetime.

People will always debate whether wrestling is real or fake. They will always argue about who is the best or who deserves more or who was robbed. They will always complain about this era or that era. They will always try to tear it down.

They will never understand.

Because wrestling was never built for their approval. It was built for the kid who sits in the cheap seats and believes he can do anything. It was built for the person who feels alone and finds a family because of it. It was built for the worker who gets up early and stays up late and needs three hours to forget about the real world. It was built for the veterans who still feel something when the bell rings.

It was built for every heart that needs a reason to keep going.

That is why four posts matter.

That is why a square of canvas matters.

That is why three ropes matter.

They create a world that does not exist anywhere else. They create a moment that can never be repeated the same way twice. They create electricity that you can feel in your chest and carry with you long after the lights go out.

The ring is not just where wrestling happens.

The ring is why wrestling will never die.

Four corners. One story.

Champions and challengers.

Legends and unknown kids.

Inside the ring.

★ **FOUR CORNERS. ONE STORY.** ★

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I N S I D E T H E R I N G .

RING OF HONOR

THE INDEPENDENT WRESTLING REVOLUTION
THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING.

BY KYLE JOHNSTON

February 23, 2002.
Inside the Murphy Recreation Center in North Philadelphia, a few hundred die-hard wrestling fans witnessed the birth of something different.

No pyro. No TitanTrons. No corporate polish. Just a wrestling ring, passionate fans and a promise: pure wrestling, respect and honor.

That night—The Era of Honor Begins—Low Ki faced Christopher Daniels and Bryan Danielson in a 20-minute classic that announced to the world what Ring of Honor would stand for.

ROH: BY THE NUMBERS



2002
ROH WAS FOUNDED



300+
LIVE EVENTS
FROM 2002–2021



2,500+
HOURS OF ROH
LIBRARY ON HONORCLUB



20+
YEARS OF IMPACT
ON WRESTLING



Low Ki and Bryan Danielson face off in the main event of ROH's debut show on February 23, 2002 in Philadelphia.

A DIFFERENT KIND OF WRESTLING

Ring of Honor was the vision of Rob Feinstein and Gabe Sapolsky, two lifelong wrestling fans who believed the sport could be more than entertainment.

Their mission was simple: build a place where the best independent wrestlers in the world could prove themselves based on talent, not reputation.

ROH created an atmosphere unlike anything fans had experienced. Intimate venues. Loud, knowledgeable crowds. Longer matches. A true respect for the art of wrestling.

It wasn't a marketing slogan. It was the Code of Honor—integrity, respect, sportsmanship and a commitment to in-ring excellence.

BUILT ON TALENT

From the beginning, ROH gave wrestlers the time and respect they deserved.

Samoa Joe arrived in 2002 and became an instant force.

Bryan Danielson—known in ROH as “The American Dragon”—put on some of the greatest matches in company history.

Austin Aries. Nigel McGuinness. Jay Lethal. The Briscoe Brothers. Adam Cole. Hangman Page. Claudio Castagnoli.

They all passed through ROH and sharpened their skills in front of the most dedicated fans in the world.

A GLOBAL IMPACT

In 2014, Ring of Honor joined forces with New Japan Pro-Wrestling, creating events that brought together the best wrestlers from around the world.

Honor Rising. Global Wars. The record-breaking G1 Supercard at Madison Square Garden in 2019 that sold out in minutes.

ROH proved that an independent wrestling company could stand on the biggest stages and deliver world-class wrestling.



SURVIVAL AND THE FUTURE

Like any independent company, ROH faced challenges. In 2021, it aired its final episode under Sinclair Broadcast Group with *Final Battle: End of an Era*.

But Ring of Honor wasn't finished.

In April 2022, ROH returned with *Supercard of Honor* and a renewed commitment to its fans. Later that month, Tony Khan announced an agreement to acquire ROH from Sinclair Broadcast Group. The acquisition was completed on May 11, 2022.

THE STANDARD REMAINS

From a small recreation center in Philadelphia to sold-out arenas around the world, Ring of Honor never lost sight of what matters most: the wrestling.

The venues have changed. The world has changed. But the Code of Honor remains the same.

HONOR. RESPECT. EXCELLENCE.



“Ring of Honor was the university. Everybody else was the next level.” — Samoa Joe

FINAL BATTLE

WHERE RING OF HONOR ENDS EVERY YEAR WITH EVERYTHING ON THE LINE.

BY KYLE JOHNSTON

Since its creation in December 2002, Final Battle has been the heartbeat of Ring of Honor. Held at the end of every year, it is ROH's annual statement to the wrestling world—a night where rivalries reach their breaking point, championships change hands and legacies are forged.

Final Battle is more than a show. It is tradition. It is the culmination of twelve months of competition and storytelling, and it has become synonymous with some of the most unforgettable moments in independent wrestling history.

THE BIRTH OF A YEAR-END TRADITION

ROH presented its inaugural Final Battle on December 28, 2002 at the Murphy Recreation Center in Philadelphia. The main event—a four-way featuring Bryan Danielson, Low Ki, Samoa Joe and Steve Corino—set the tone for what Final Battle would always be about: the best wrestlers in the world, competing with no safety net and everything to prove.

From the very beginning, ROH positioned Final Battle as its season-ending supercard. While other promotions might chase holidays or borrow from sports, ROH created its own lane—its own December classic.

MOMENTS THAT MADE HISTORY

2006: HOMICIDE SHOCKS THE WORLD

Final Battle 2006 delivered one of the most stunning results in ROH history. Bryan Danielson, in the middle of what many consider the greatest title reign in the company's early years, was defeated by Homicide. The ending was abrupt, the emotion was real, and the impact was felt throughout the entire wrestling world. Final Battle had just proven once again that anything could happen.

2009: A NEW ERA OF ACCESS

On December 19, 2009, ROH made history. Final Battle became the company's first live event ever broadcast on the internet—its first true internet pay-per-view. Produced from the Manhattan Center in New York City, it opened the door for ROH to reach fans around the world in real time. The future of the company had officially been unlocked.

2014: IRON WILL

The 60-Minute Iron Man Match between AJ Styles and Michael Elgin at Final Battle 2014 is still talked about as one of the greatest matches ROH has ever produced. Styles survived Elgin's power and endurance to win a war of attrition that pushed both men to their absolute limits.



The stage is set. Final Battle has long been the night Ring of Honor closes its year and writes the next chapter in its history.

2017: KOTA IBUSHI ARRIVES

When Kota Ibushi defeated Jay White to win the ROH World Championship at Final Battle 2017, it was more than a title change—it was a statement. Ibushi's arrival in ROH marked the beginning of one of the most acclaimed reigns in the company's history and introduced new eyes around the world to the best of what ROH had to offer.

THE BRISCOE LEGACY

No team is more synonymous with Final Battle than The Briscoes.

On December 2, 2022 in Philadelphia, Jay Briscoe and Mark Briscoe defeated FTR in a brutal Double Dog Collar Match to win their 13th ROH World Tag Team Championship—becoming the most decorated team in ROH history.

It was a battle years in the making. It was violent, emotional and unforgettable.

Tragically, it would also be Jay Briscoe's final match in ROH. His passing weeks later turned that victory into one of the most meaningful moments the company has ever experienced. Final Battle 2022 will forever be remembered as the night The Briscoes cemented their legacy—and the night the ROH faithful said goodbye to one of their own.

THE MODERN ERA

ROH's partnership with AEW has elevated Final Battle to new heights while preserving the independence that built the company.

Final Battle 2023 featured the Jay Briscoe Memorial Fight Without Honor—Mark Briscoe and FTR vs. Bryan Danielson, Claudio Castagnoli and Jon Moxley—a violent, emotional war that honored Jay's legacy in the most ROH way possible: by fighting.

Final Battle 2024 continued the tradition with Komander winning the ROH World Television Championship in a Survival of the Fittest match, a match that highlighted ROH's commitment to innovation and giving every wrestler a chance to rise on the biggest night of the year.

On December 5, 2025 in Columbus, Ohio, Final Battle once again closed the chapter in spectacular fashion. Bandido retained the ROH World Championship in a six-man Survival of the Fittest. Athena retained the ROH Women's World Championship. And Deonna Purrazzo was crowned the inaugural ROH Women's Pure Champion—beginning a new era for the division.

FINAL BATTLE BY THE NUMBERS

23 YEARS STRONG

Final Battle was first held in 2002 and has become ROH's most important annual event.

2 DECADES OF HISTORY

From the Murphy Recreation Center to the world-famous Manhattan Center and beyond.

1 NIGHT TO REMEMBER

Final Battle is Ring of Honor's year-ending tradition—a night where legends are made.

13 ROH WORLD TAG TEAM TITLES

The Briscoes hold the record with 13 lifetime reigns, with their most historic win coming at Final Battle 2022.

FIRST OF ITS KIND

Final Battle 2009 was ROH's first live internet pay-per-view.

GLOBAL IMPACT

Available to fans around the world, Final Battle helped ROH build a global audience long before it was commonplace in wrestling.



WHY FINAL BATTLE MATTERS

In a wrestling landscape that constantly changes, Final Battle has remained consistent. It is where champions are tested, where feuds reach their conclusion and where Ring of Honor celebrates its journey.

Every December, ROH gives its fans more than a show. It gives them a chapter of history. And every January, the story continues.

ROH

RING OF HONOR
ROH

TWO-TIME AND
CURRENT CHAMPION
BANDIDO
(2ND REIGN)
04.06.2025 – PRESENT

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The ROH World Championship is the most prestigious title in Ring of Honor. Introduced on July 27, 2002, it represents the top of the mountain in professional wrestling. Below is every man who has held the 10 Pounds of Gold, in chronological order.

No.	CHAMPION	DATE WON	EVENT	DATE LOST	DAYS	DEF.
1	LOW KI (1) <i>Defeated Christopher Daniels, Spanky & Doug Williams in a 4-way 60-Minute Iron Man Match to become inaugural champion.</i>	07/27/02	Crowning a Champion	09/21/02	56	1
2	XAVIER (1) <i>Defeated Low Ki.</i>	09/21/02	Unscripted	03/22/03	182	4
3	SAMOA JOE (1) <i>Defeated Xavier. ★</i>	03/22/03	Night of Champions	12/26/04	645	29
4	AUSTIN ARIES (1) <i>Defeated Samoa Joe.</i>	12/26/04	Final Battle	06/18/05	174	17
5	CM PUNK (1) <i>Defeated Austin Aries.</i>	06/18/05	Death Before Dishonor III	08/12/05	55	4
6	JAMES GIBSON (1) <i>Defeated CM Punk, Christopher Daniels & Samoa Joe in a 4-way elimination match.</i>	08/12/05	Redemption	09/17/05	36	4
7	BRYAN DANIELSON (1) <i>Defeated James Gibson. Unified title with ROH Pure Championship on 08/12/06 by defeating Nigel McGuinness in Liverpool, England.</i>	09/17/05	Glory by Honor IV	12/23/06	462	38
8	HOMICIDE (1) <i>Defeated Bryan Danielson.</i>	12/23/06	Final Battle	02/17/07	56	3
9	TAKESHI MORISHIMA (1) <i>Defeated Homicide.</i>	02/17/07	The Fifth Year Festival: Philadelphia	08/06/07	231	20
10	NIGEL MCGUINNESS (1) <i>Defeated Takeshi Morishima.</i>	10/06/07	Undeniable	04/03/09	545	38
11	JERRY LYNN (1) <i>Defeated Nigel McGuinness.</i>	04/03/09	Supercard of Honor IV	06/13/09	71	6
12	AUSTIN ARIES (2) <i>Defeated Jerry Lynn & Tyler Black in a 3-way elimination match.</i>	06/13/09	Manhattan Mayhem III	02/13/10	245	13
13	TYLER BLACK (1) <i>Defeated Austin Aries.</i>	02/13/10	ROH 8th Anniversary Show	09/11/10	210	7
14	RODERICK STRONG (1) <i>Defeated Tyler Black in a No Disqualification match, with Terry Funk as the ringside enforcer.</i>	09/11/10	Glory By Honor IX	03/19/11	189	5
15	EDDIE EDWARDS (1) <i>Defeated Roderick Strong.</i>	06/26/11	Manhattan Mayhem IV	06/26/11	99	3
16	KEVIN STEEN (1) <i>Defeated Davey Richards.</i>	05/12/12	Best in the World	04/05/13	328	16
18	JAY BRISCOE (1) <i>Defeated Kevin Steen.</i>	04/05/13	Supercard of Honor VII	07/03/13	89	6
19	— VACANT — <i>The title was vacated by ROH Match Maker Nigel McGuinness after Jay Briscoe suffered a storyline injury on 06/23/13 and was unable to compete at Death Before Dishonor XI.</i>	07/03/13	—	09/07/13	—	—
20	ADAM COLE (1) <i>Defeated Roderick Strong in a tournament final.</i>	09/07/13	Death Before Dishonor XI	11/08/14	427	13
21	MICHAEL ELGIN (1) <i>Defeated Adam Cole.</i>	11/08/14	Final Battle	01/17/15	70	4

No.	CHAMPION	DATE WON	EVENT	DATE LOST	DAYS	DEF.
22	JAY BRISCOE (2) <i>Defeated Michael Elgin.</i>	01/17/15	All Star Extravaganza VII	05/01/15	104	3
23	JAY LETHAL (1) <i>Defeated Jay Briscoe.</i>	05/01/15	Global Wars	08/02/15	93	6
24	ADAM COLE (2) <i>Defeated Jay Lethal.</i>	08/02/15	Final Battle	12/19/15	139	6
25	KYLE O'REILLY (1) <i>Defeated Adam Cole.</i>	12/19/15	Final Battle	01/21/17	33	0 ★
26	ADAM COLE (3) <i>Defeated Kyle O'Reilly.</i>	01/21/17	Wrestle Kingdom 11	06/24/17	154	3
27	CHRISTOPHER DANIELS (1) <i>Defeated Adam Cole.</i>	06/24/17	Best in the World	12/02/17	161	8
28	CODY (1) <i>Defeated Christopher Daniels.</i>	12/02/17	Final Battle	06/23/18	203	12
29	DALTON CASTLE (1) <i>Defeated Cody.</i>	06/23/18	Best in the World	10/28/18	127	4
30	JAY LETHAL (2) <i>Defeated Dalton Castle.</i>	10/28/18	Global Wars	04/06/19	160	14
31	MATT TAVEN (1) <i>Defeated Jay Lethal.</i>	04/06/19	Supercard of Honor XIII	09/27/19	174	11
32	RUSH (1) <i>Defeated Matt Taven.</i>	09/27/19	Death Before Dishonor XVIII	01/12/20	107	2
33	PCO (1) <i>Defeated PCO.</i>	01/29/20	Final Battle	02/29/20	48	3
35	BANDIDO (1) <i>Defeated Rush.</i>	07/31/21	Glory By Honor XVIII	07/31/21	132	4
36	— VACANT — <i>The championship was vacated after Bandido tested positive for COVID-19.</i>	12/10/21	—	12/11/21	—	—
37	JONATHAN GRESHAM (1) <i>Defeated Bandido in a 3-way match also involving Josh Woods.</i>	12/11/21	Final Battle	07/23/22	224	17
38	CLAUDIO CASTAGNOLI (1) <i>Defeated Jonathan Gresham.</i>	07/23/22	Death Before Dishonor XIX	09/21/22	60	4
39	CHRIS JERICHO (1) <i>Defeated Claudio Castagnoli.</i>	09/21/22	Dynamite Grand Slam	12/30/22	100	6
40	CLAUDIO CASTAGNOLI (2) <i>Defeated Chris Jericho.</i>	12/30/22	Final Battle	09/20/23	264	10
41	EDDIE KINGSTON (1) <i>Defeated Claudio Castagnoli.</i>	09/20/23	Dynamite Grand Slam	04/05/24	198	11
42	MARK BRISCOE (1) <i>Defeated Eddie Kingston.</i>	04/05/24	Supercard of Honor	04/06/25	366	6
—	BANDIDO (2) <i>Defeated Chris Jericho in a Title vs. Mask Match. (Days count as of 08/08/2026)</i>	04/06/25	Dynasty	PRESENT	489+	14+

ABOUT THE TITLE

The ROH World Championship was created and debuted on July 27, 2002 at ROH's Crowning a Champion event.

Originally called the ROH Championship, the title was renamed to the ROH World Championship in May 2003.

There have been 42 recognized reigns among 33 wrestlers with two vacancies.

ROH
RING OF HONOR

RECORDS & MILESTONES

MOST REIGNS:	ADAM COLE	3 REIGNS
MOST DEFENSES:	JAY LETHAL	41 DEFENSES
LONGEST REIGN:	SAMOA JOE	645 DAYS
SHORTEST REIGN:	KYLE O'REILLY	33 DAYS
MOST DAYS AS CHAMPION (CAREER):	JAY LETHAL	1,210 DAYS
YOUNGEST CHAMPION:	TYLER BLACK (SETH ROLLINS) — 23 YEARS OLD (210 DAYS OLD REIGN)	
OLDEST CHAMPION:	JERRY LYNN — 50 YEARS OLD (71 DAYS OLD REIGN)	
★ = LONGEST REIGN IN TITLE HISTORY		

BY THE NUMBERS

42
TOTAL REIGNS

33
DIFFERENT CHAMPIONS

2
VACANCIES

CURRENT CHAMPION
BANDIDO
(2ND REIGN)

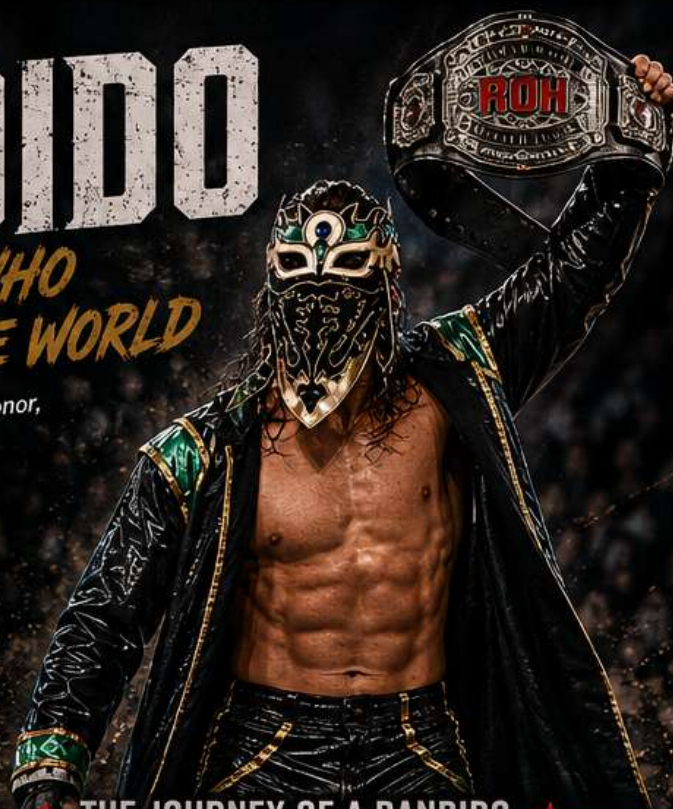
SINCE: APRIL 6, 2025
DYNASTY — PHILADELPHIA, PA
DAYS AS CHAMPION: 489+
DEFENSES: 14+
AS OF AUGUST 8, 2026
★ CHANGING DAILY

BANDIDO

THE OUTLAW WHO
CONQUERED THE WORLD

From Torreón to the top of Ring of Honor, Bandido carved his own path across continents—masked, fearless, and impossible to stop.

A high-flyer. A technician. A warrior. A champion. The mask is a story of dedication, family, and a relentless pursuit of greatness.



PERSONAL PROFILE

BORN: APRIL 17, 1995
TORREÓN, COAHUILA, MEXICO

FAMILY: COUSIN OF MAGIA BLANCA
AND MYZTEZIZ JR.
YOUNGER BROTHER OF GRAVITY

RING NAME(S):
(EL) BANDIDO
CIELITO MAGNÍFICO II

HEIGHT: 170 CM (5 FT 7 IN)

WEIGHT: 95.7 KG (211 LB)

TRAINED BY:
FRANCO COLUMBO
HIJO DEL GLADIADOR
ÚLTIMO GUERRERO

DEBUT: JUNE 19, 2011

“ I AM NOT HERE TO BE A STAR.
I AM HERE TO BE
THE BEST WRESTLER
I CAN BE. EVERY TIME
I STEP IN THAT RING,
I FIGHT FOR MY FAMILY,
MY FANS, AND
MY LEGACY.

— BANDIDO ”

★ ★ THE JOURNEY OF A BANDIDO ★ ★

2011-2015
THE BEGINNING

Made his debut in 2011 as Magnifico II. Trained in CMLL. Wrestled as “Cielito” in El Hijo del Santo’s promotion.

2016
THE BIRTH OF
BANDIDO

Reinvented himself as El Bandido. Inspired by the Wild West outlaw, his mask and bandana became his signature. Won the Lucha Libre Elite Welterweight Championship.

2017-2018
RISING STAR

Broke out on the Mexican independents and The Crash. Won the G21 Torneo Gran Alternativa Tournament (2017).

2019
WORLDWIDE
BREAKTHROUGH

Won the prestigious PWG Battle of Los Angeles. Later that year, captured the PWG World Championship.

2020
THE SIX-MAN KING

With Flamita & Rey Horus, captured the ROH World Six-Man Tag Team Championship. Competed in NJPW and CMLL, facing the best across the globe.

2021
WORLD CHAMPION

Won ROH’s Survival of the Fittest. Defeated RUSH on July 31, 2021 at Glory By Honor XVIII to win the ROH World Championship—the first of his career.

2022-2023
INJURY &
ADVERSITY

Suffered a serious wrist injury in May 2022. After surgery and a long recovery, Bandido’s comeback was delayed—but his fire never died.

2024-PRESENT
THE RETURN
OF THE KING

Returned in late 2024, only to face a concussion setback. But Bandido never stopped fighting. The road back led to destiny.



A CAREER WITHOUT BORDERS

- AEW** AEW WORLD TAG TEAM CHAMPION (1x) — with Brody King
- AEW** AEW WORLD TRIOS CHAMPION (1x) — with Brody King & Adam Page (2025)
- AEW** DYNAMITE DIAMOND RING WINNER — (2025)
- ROH** ROH WORLD CHAMPION (2x) — Current
- ROH** ROH WORLD SIX-MAN TAG TEAM CHAMPION (1x) — with Flamita & Rey Horus
- ROH** SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST WINNER (2021)
- ROH** ROH YEAR-END AWARD: BEST FINISHER (2020)
- PWG** PWG WORLD CHAMPION (1x)
- AAA** BATTLE OF LOS ANGELES WINNER (2019)
- CMLL** LA MEJOR LUCHA LIBRE AAA PARTICIPANT
- CMLL** CMLL WORLD WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP CHALLENGER
- CRASH** THE CRASH LUCHA LIBRE CHAMPIONSHIPS — Crucerweight Champion (1x) | Tag Team Champion (1x) Triple Crown Champion
- PROGRESS** PROGRESS ATLAS CHAMPIONSHIP (1x)
- WWA** WWA WORLD WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP (1x)

MASK ON THE LINE.
LEGACY ON THE LINE.

On April 6, 2025 at DYNASTY in Philadelphia, Bandido put everything on the line against Chris Jericho in a Title vs. Mask Match.

With the ROH World Championship and his identity at stake, Bandido delivered a performance for the ages.

HE WON.

THE MASK STAYED ON.
THE CHAMPIONSHIP CAME HOME.
THE LEGEND CONTINUED.



THE CURRENT REIGN

BANDIDO (2)
ROH WORLD CHAMPION
APRIL 6, 2025 — PRESENT

Defeated Chris Jericho in a Title vs. Mask Match at DYNASTY.

AS OF AUGUST 8, 2026:

489+ DAYS | 14+ DEFENSES

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Defeated Blake Christian at Supercard of Honor (May 2, 2026)
- ★ ROH World Championship defenses across the globe
- ★ Leads Ring of Honor into a new era as its fighting champion
- ★ On August 5, 2026 — Won the AEW World Trios Championship with Brody King & Adam Page

MAJOR MILESTONES

2011 WRESTLING DEBUT	2016 BECOMES EL BANDIDO	2017 G.A.T. TOURNAMENT WINNER	2019 BATTLE OF LOS ANGELES WINNER	2019 PWG WORLD CHAMPION	2020 ROH SIX-MAN TAG TEAM CHAMPION	2021 SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST WINNER	2021 ROH WORLD CHAMPION (1 ST REIGN)	2025 ROH WORLD CHAMPION (2 ND REIGN)	2025 AEW WORLD TRIOS CHAMPION (w/ BRODY KING & ADAM PAGE)

“ I don’t fight for fame.
I fight for the moment.
For the people who believe in me.
For the legacy I’m building.
For the future I will leave behind.

— BANDIDO

THE OUTLAW.
THE CHAMPION.
THE LEGEND.

ROH
RING OF HONOR

THE STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE

NEW JAPAN PRO-WRESTLING

**MORE THAN FIVE DECADES OF PASSION, PRESTIGE
AND PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING SUPREMACY**

From Antonio Inoki's revolutionary vision to today's global domination, NJPW continues to set the bar higher than anyone in the world.

In the pantheon of professional wrestling, one name stands above the rest in Japan—New Japan Pro-Wrestling.

Founded on January 13, 1972, by Antonio Inoki after his departure from the Japan Pro Wrestling Alliance, New Japan was born from a dream: to create a promotion built on integrity, internationalism, and the belief that wrestling could be a true sport—one that would capture the hearts of fans around the world.

From those humble beginnings in a Tokyo gymnasium to sold-out Tokyo Dome shows that have become legendary, NJPW has never wavered from that mission.

The promotion quickly set itself apart. In 1975, it joined the National Wrestling Alliance and began building a global reputation. In 1983, Hulk Hogan became the first IWGP Heavyweight Champion, putting New Japan on the world map. And in 1992, NJPW launched Wrestle Kingdom on January 4 in the Tokyo Dome—a tradition that continues to this day as the biggest event in professional wrestling outside of WrestleMania.

But New Japan's impact goes far beyond championships and arenas. It was the pioneer of the strong style—a brutal, hard-hitting brand of wrestling that emphasized real fighting spirit, stiff strikes, and uncompromising intensity. It was the home of legends like Inoki, Muto, Chono, Hashimoto, Shinya Hashimoto, Fujinami, and Liger—icons who defined generations.

In the 2000s, NJPW helped bridge the gap between wrestling and mixed martial arts, hosting historic events like Inoki Bom-Ba-Ye and partnering with PRIDE Fighting Championships. That spirit of innovation continues today as NJPW embraces the future while honoring its tradition.

Now, in 2026, New Japan enters a bold new era. The promotion is in the process of becoming a subsidiary of TV Asahi, with CyberAgent joining as a major partner. With this new chapter comes exciting opportunities to expand NJPW's global reach, develop new stars, and bring its world-class product to even more fans than ever before.

At the heart of it all remains the soul of New Japan—its wrestlers. From Hiroshi Tanahashi, the Ace, to Kazuchika Okada, Tetsuya Naito, Will Ospreay, Zack Sabre Jr., Shota Umino, Yota Tsuji and the rising generation of warriors, NJPW is built on talent, dedication, and honor.

The IWGP Heavyweight Championship is still the ultimate prize. The G1 Climax still crowns the best. And every match still carries the weight of tradition and the fire of competition.

New Japan Pro-Wrestling is more than a promotion. It is a culture. It is a legacy. It is the standard.

**STRONG STYLE.
GLOBAL IMPACT.
UNMATCHED LEGACY.**

AT A GLANCE

FOUNDED:
JANUARY 13, 1972

FOUNDER:
ANTONIO INOKI

HEADQUARTERS:
NAKANO, TOKYO, JAPAN

PRESIDENT:
HIROSHI TANAHASHI

CHAIRMAN:
NAOKI SUGABAYASHI

BIGGEST EVENT:
WRESTLE KINGDOM
(TOKYO DOME)

TV PARTNER:
TV ASAHI

GLOBAL REACH:
WORLDWIDE



KEY NUMBERS

50+
YEARS OF HISTORY

100+
COUNTRIES REACHED
BY NJPW WORLD

1
UNRIVALED
DESTINATION FOR
PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING

THE MISSION

To deliver the highest quality professional wrestling to fans around the world, to foster the growth of our athletes, and to carry the spirit of strong style into the future.

**新日本プロレス
魂・感動・喜び**
SOUL · EXCITEMENT · JOY



**THIS IS NEW JAPAN.
THIS IS STRONG STYLE.
THIS IS PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING.**

WRESTLE KINGDOM

JANUARY 4. TOKYO DOME. THE THRONE OF NEW JAPAN.

THREE DECADES OF HISTORY. ONE NIGHT THAT DEFINES GREATNESS.

For more than three decades, New Japan Pro-Wrestling has begun the year beneath the roof of the Tokyo Dome. Championships change hands there. Generations change there. Careers are validated there. Wrestle Kingdom is not merely NJPW's biggest show. It is the night upon which New Japan measures greatness.

WRESTLE KINGDOM IS NEW JAPAN'S PREMIER ANNUAL EVENT.

NJPW itself identifies the annual January 4 Tokyo Dome show as its biggest event. But Wrestle Kingdom's history is larger than the name on the marquee. Its roots stretch back to the beginning of professional wrestling inside the Tokyo Dome itself.



FACTS THAT MAKE WRESTLE KINGDOM UNIQUE



JANUARY 4 TRADITION

The Tokyo Dome show has been held on January 4 every year since 1992, no matter what day of the week.



THE TOKYO DOME

Over 55,000 square meters under one roof. A symbol of success in Japan and a stage wrestlers dream of headlining.



IWGP CHAMPIONSHIP

At the heart of the show. The ultimate prize and the standard by which every ace is measured.



GLOBAL STAGE

Broadcast worldwide. Stars from NJPW, AEW, WWE, CMLL, ROH and more have competed on this stage.



A NEW YEAR, A NEW CHAPTER

Wrestle Kingdom closes the book on yesterday and opens the door to the future with New Year Dash!!

THE JANUARY 4 TRADITION

- ★ **April 24, 1989** – NJPW promoted Battle Satellite, its first professional wrestling event in the newly built Tokyo Dome. It proved that wrestling could be presented on a scale never before seen in Japan.
- ★ **January 4, 1992** – NJPW and WCW presented Super Warriors. That night inaugurated the annual January 4 Tokyo Dome tradition—one that has continued every year since.
- ★ January 4 is not just a date. It is a promise to the fans. A promise that New Japan will enter the new year at the highest possible level.
- ★ **2007** – The tradition received its name. Wrestle Kingdom I took place on January 4 at the Tokyo Dome—a new era began.

THE TOKYO DOME STAGE

The Tokyo Dome is more than an arena. It is the mountain every wrestler must climb.

- Over 55,000 square meters under one roof.
- One of the most famous landmarks in the world.
- The place where New Japan has proven itself to Japan—and to the world.
- The place where careers are either made... or broken.



EARNING A MAIN EVENT IN THE TOKYO DOME IS AN ACHIEVEMENT BY ITSELF.

— NEW JAPAN PRO-WRESTLING

Only a select few have ever headlined Wrestle Kingdom. To do so means you are not just a champion. It means you are the Ace.

WHERE ACES ARE MADE

Wrestle Kingdom is where generations collide and legacies are sealed.

- ★ **Hiroshi Tanahashi** – From the Ace who lifted New Japan in the 2000s to the man who carried the company into a new era. His Tokyo Dome battles defined a generation.
- ★ **Shinsuke Nakamura** – The King of Strong Style delivered unforgettable performances on this stage.
- ★ **Kazuchika Okada** – The Rainmaker cemented his legacy with legendary Tokyo Dome main events, including the classics with Tanahashi and the epic battle with Kenny Omega.
- ★ **Tetsuya Naito** – The Ingobernable rebel who captured the IWGP Heavyweight Championship in the Tokyo Dome and ignited a new era.
- ★ **Kenny Omega vs. Kazuchika Okada** – A rivalry that transcended borders and changed the wrestling world forever.

LEGENDS DON'T JUST WIN TITLES AT WRESTLE KINGDOM. THEY BECOME IMMORTAL.

FROM JAPAN TO THE WORLD

Wrestle Kingdom is the night the world watches New Japan.

- Broadcast to more than 200 countries and territories.
- Stars from NJPW, AEW, WWE, CMLL, ROH and more have appeared.
- International fans pack the Dome from every corner of the globe.
- New Japan's global expansion was built, in part, on the magic of January 4.

The matches are epic. The stories are unforgettable. The atmosphere is beyond anything professional wrestling can create.

WRESTLE KINGDOM IS THE GLOBAL SHOWCASE. NEW JAPAN AT ITS ABSOLUTE BEST.

LEGENDARY MOMENTS — A HISTORY WRITTEN IN THE TOKYO DOME

**1992
SUPER WARRIORS**



The beginning of the January 4 Tokyo Dome tradition with NJPW & WCW.

**2007
WRESTLE KINGDOM I**



The tradition gets its name. A new era begins.

**2012
WRESTLE KINGDOM VI**



NJPW's dominance continues with a sold-out Dome and historic main events.

**2017
WRESTLE KINGDOM 11**



Okada vs. Omega. A match that changed the world.

Attendance: 26,192

**2020
WRESTLE KINGDOM 14
TWO NIGHTS**



The Double Gold Dash era begins. Two nights in the Tokyo Dome.

Attendance: 40,008 (Jan 4)
30,063 (Jan 5)
70,071 total

**2026
WRESTLE KINGDOM 20**



Tanahashi's final match. A historic farewell and a new chapter for New Japan.

Attendance: 46,913 (Jan 4)

THE HEART OF THE SHOW: THE IWGP CHAMPIONSHIP

From the moment Hulk Hogan defeated Antonio Inoki in 1983 to win the first IWGP Heavyweight Championship, the Tokyo Dome has been the home of the most prestigious prize in Japanese professional wrestling.

THE IWGP HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

- ★ The ultimate symbol of New Japan.
- ★ Defended in the Tokyo Dome in the biggest matches of the year.
- ★ The reason Wrestle Kingdom exists.



NEW YEAR DASH!!

Wrestle Kingdom may be the end of the story but New Year Dash!! is the beginning of the next.

- ★ The very next days, NJPW presents New Year Dash!!
- ★ New rivalries begin.
- ★ Surprises happen.
- ★ The next chapter starts.

Wrestle Kingdom is the ending. New Year Dash!! is the opening.

THE KINGDOM NEVER STOPS.

THE LEGACY CONTINUES

Wrestle Kingdom is 20+ years strong as a named event, and more than 30 years as a tradition. It has survived challenges. It has created heroes. It has inspired millions.

**ONE NIGHT.
ONE DOME.
ONE KINGDOM.**



“WRESTLE KINGDOM IS WHERE PASSION MEETS DESTINY. WHERE DREAMS ARE FIGHT FOR. WHERE HISTORY IS MADE. THERE IS NO GREATER STAGE. THIS IS WRESTLE KINGDOM.”

**THIS IS OUR KINGDOM.
THIS IS NEW JAPAN.**

NJPW
SINCE 1972

IWGP HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

EVERY CHAMPION. EVERY REIGN. EXACT DATES FROM THE SUPPLIED CHAMPIONSHIP RECORD.

NO.	CHAMPION	DATE WON	DATE LOST
1	Antonio Inoki	June 12, 1987	May 2, 1988
2	Tatsumi Fujinami	May 8, 1988	May 27, 1988
3	Tatsumi Fujinami	June 24, 1988	April 5, 1989
4	Big Van Vader	April 24, 1989	May 25, 1989
5	Salman Hashimikov	May 25, 1989	July 12, 1989
6	Riki Choshu	July 12, 1989	August 10, 1989
7	Big Van Vader	August 10, 1989	August 19, 1990
8	Riki Choshu	August 19, 1990	December 26, 1990
9	Tatsumi Fujinami	December 26, 1990	January 17, 1991
10	Big Van Vader	January 17, 1991	March 4, 1991
11	Tatsumi Fujinami	March 4, 1991	January 4, 1992
12	Riki Choshu	January 4, 1992	August 16, 1992
13	The Great Muta	August 16, 1992	September 20, 1993
14	Shinya Hashimoto	September 20, 1993	April 4, 1994
15	Tatsumi Fujinami	April 4, 1994	May 1, 1994
16	Shinya Hashimoto	May 1, 1994	May 3, 1995
17	Keiji Muto	May 3, 1995	January 4, 1996
18	Nobuhiko Takada	January 4, 1996	April 29, 1996
19	Shinya Hashimoto	April 29, 1996	August 31, 1997
20	Kensuke Sasaki	August 31, 1997	April 4, 1998
21	Tatsumi Fujinami	April 4, 1998	August 8, 1998
22	Masahiro Chono	August 8, 1998	September 21, 1998
23	Scott Norton	September 23, 1998	January 4, 1999
24	Keiji Muto	January 4, 1999	December 10, 1999
25	Genichiro Tenryu	December 10, 1999	January 4, 2000
26	Kensuke Sasaki	January 4, 2000	October 9, 2000
27	Kensuke Sasaki	January 4, 2001	March 17, 2001
28	Scott Norton	March 17, 2001	April 9, 2001
29	Kazuyuki Fujita	April 9, 2001	January 4, 2002
30	Tadao Yasuda	February 16, 2002	April 5, 2002
31	Yuji Nagata	April 5, 2002	May 2, 2003
32	Yoshihiro Takayama	May 2, 2003	November 3, 2003
33	Hiroyoshi Tenzan	November 3, 2003	December 9, 2003
34	Shinsuke Nakamura	December 9, 2003	February 5, 2004
35	Hiroyoshi Tenzan	February 15, 2004	March 12, 2004
36	Kensuke Sasaki	March 12, 2004	March 28, 2004
37	Bob Sapp	March 28, 2004	June 2, 2004
38	Kazuyuki Fujita	June 5, 2004	October 9, 2004
39	Kensuke Sasaki	October 9, 2004	December 12, 2004
40	Hiroyoshi Tenzan	December 12, 2004	February 20, 2005
41	Satoshi Kojima	February 20, 2005	May 14, 2005
42	Hiroyoshi Tenzan	May 14, 2005	July 18, 2005
43	Kazuyuki Fujita	July 18, 2005	October 8, 2005
44	Brock Lesnar	October 8, 2005	July 15, 2006
45	Hiroshi Tanahashi	July 17, 2006	April 13, 2007

NO.	CHAMPION	DATE WON	DATE LOST
46	Yuji Nagata	April 13, 2007	October 8, 2007
47	Hiroshi Tanahashi	October 8, 2007	January 4, 2008
48	Shinsuke Nakamura	January 4, 2008	April 27, 2008
49	Keiji Muto	April 27, 2008	January 4, 2009
50	Hiroshi Tanahashi	January 4, 2009	May 6, 2009
51	Manabu Nakanishi	May 6, 2009	June 20, 2009
52	Hiroshi Tanahashi	June 20, 2009	August 17, 2009
53	Shinsuke Nakamura	September 27, 2009	May 3, 2010
54	Togi Makabe	May 3, 2010	October 11, 2010
55	Satoshi Kojima	October 11, 2010	January 4, 2011
56	Hiroshi Tanahashi	January 4, 2011	February 12, 2012
57	Kazuchika Okada	February 12, 2012	June 16, 2012
58	Hiroshi Tanahashi	June 16, 2012	April 7, 2013
59	Kazuchika Okada	April 7, 2013	May 3, 2014
60	AJ Styles	May 3, 2014	October 13, 2014
61	Hiroshi Tanahashi	October 13, 2014	February 11, 2015
62	AJ Styles	February 11, 2015	July 5, 2015
63	Kazuchika Okada	July 5, 2015	April 10, 2016
64	Tetsuya Naito	April 10, 2016	June 19, 2016
65	Kazuchika Okada	June 19, 2016	June 9, 2018
66	Kenny Omega	June 9, 2018	January 4, 2019
67	Hiroshi Tanahashi	January 4, 2019	February 11, 2019
68	Jay White	February 11, 2019	April 6, 2019
69	Kazuchika Okada	April 6, 2019	January 5, 2020
70	Tetsuya Naito	January 5, 2020	July 12, 2020
71	Evil	July 12, 2020	August 29, 2020
72	Tetsuya Naito	August 29, 2020	January 4, 2021
73	Kota Ibushi	January 4, 2021	March 4, 2021
74	Will Ospreay	April 4, 2021	May 20, 2021
75	Shingo Takagi	June 7, 2021	January 4, 2022
76	Kazuchika Okada	January 4, 2022	June 12, 2022
77	Jay White	June 12, 2022	January 4, 2023
78	Kazuchika Okada	January 4, 2023	April 8, 2023
79	Sanada	April 8, 2023	January 4, 2024
80	Tetsuya Naito	January 4, 2024	April 12, 2024
81	Jon Moxley	April 12, 2024	June 30, 2024
82	Tetsuya Naito	June 30, 2024	October 14, 2024
83	Zack Sabre Jr.	October 14, 2024	February 11, 2025
84	Hirooki Goto	February 11, 2025	June 29, 2025
85	Zack Sabre Jr.	June 29, 2025	October 13, 2025
86	Konosuke Takeshita	October 13, 2025	January 4, 2026
87	Yota Tsuji	January 4, 2026	April 4, 2026
88	Callum Newman	April 4, 2026	June 14, 2026
89	Yota Tsuji	June 14, 2026	PRESENT

SOURCE STATUS: AUGUST 8, 2026 • 89 REIGNS • 40 CHAMPIONS • 11 VACANCIES
CURRENT CHAMPION: YOTA TSUJI — WON JUNE 14, 2026

YOTA TSUJI

THE NEXT CHAPTER OF GREATNESS.

From Young Lion to world champion. After conquering Mexico and the U.K., Yota Tsuji has returned to New Japan Pro-Wrestling—and he's the IWGP Heavyweight Champion in his second reign.

BY THE ROOSTAR

In New Japan Pro-Wrestling, legacies are earned the hard way. Yota Tsuji has done exactly that.

The 30-year-old from Yokohama, Japan, is the current IWGP Heavyweight Champion in his second reign, a spot he clawed back with everything he learned—and everything he endured—during a winding journey that has taken him from the NJPW dojo to the rings of the U.K. and Mexico, and back again.

Tsuji isn't just another top guy. He's the proof that persistence, experience and evolution can lead to the summit.

YOUNG LION TO OVERSEAS TESTING GROUND (2017–2023)

Signed by NJPW in April 2017, Tsuji entered the rigorous Young Lion system. He made his professional debut on April 10, 2018, losing to Tomoyuki Oka at Lion's Gate Project 11.

Over the next three years, he traveled across Japan, learning from the best and gradually finding his edge. He scored his first singles victory on April 13, 2019, against Yuya Uemura.

In July 2021, NJPW announced Tsuji would go on an excursion overseas, wrestling his "farewell match" in a loss to Tetsuya Naito on August 1.

He first tested himself in the United Kingdom with RevPro, then headed to Mexico to compete for CMLL under the mononym Yota. The excursion sharpened every part of his game.

THE RETURN AND THE RISE (2023–PRESENT)

Tsuji returned on May 3, 2023, at Wrestling Dontaku, attacking IWGP World Heavyweight Champion Sanada and aligning with Los Ingobernables de Japón (L.I.J.). The message was clear: Tsuji was back—and he came back different.

He went on to win the 2024 New Japan Cup, defeating Jeff Cobb, El Phantasmo, Ren Narita and EVIL before topping Hirooki Goto in the final on March 20.

At Dominion 6.9 in Osaka-jo Hall on June 9, 2024, Tsuji captured his first championship in NJPW, winning the NEVER Openweight 6-Man Tag Team Championship. He lost the titles in a rematch seven days later.

THE ROAD TO CHAMPION

MAY 3, 2023	Returns at Wrestling Dontaku, attacks IWGP World Heavyweight Champion Sanada and Just 5 Guys.
JUNE 3, 2023	Officially joins Los Ingobernables de Japón (L.I.J.).
JUNE 4, 2023	Challenges Sanada for the IWGP World Heavyweight Championship at Dominion 6.4 (unsuccessful).
SEPTEMBER 24, 2023	Fails to win the IWGP United Kingdom Heavyweight Championship from Will Ospreay at Destruction in Kobe.
JANUARY 4, 2024	Loses to Yuya Uemura at Wrestle Kingdom 18.
FEBRUARY 24, 2024	Defeats Yuya Uemura in a hair vs. hair match at The New Beginning in Sapporo.
MARCH 20, 2024	Defeats Hirooki Goto in the final to win the 2024 New Japan Cup.
JUNE 9, 2024	Wins NEVER Openweight 6-Man Tag Team Championship (w/ BUSHI & Hiromu Takahashi) at Dominion 6.9.
JUNE 15, 2024	Loses the NEVER 6-Man Tag titles in a rematch.
JANUARY 4, 2025	Defeats David Finlay to win the IWGP Global Heavyweight Championship at Wrestle Kingdom 19 in Tokyo Dome.
MARCH 8, 2025	Loses to EVIL in the first round of the New Japan Cup.
APRIL 5, 2025	Defends the IWGP Global Heavyweight Championship against EVIL at Sakura Genesis.
JUNE 15, 2025	Loses the IWGP Global Heavyweight Championship to Gabe Kidd at Dominion in Osaka-jo Hall.
JANUARY 4, 2026	Defeats Konosuke Takeshita to retain the IWGP Global Heavyweight Championship and win the IWGP World Heavyweight Championship at Wrestle Kingdom 20.
APRIL 4, 2026	Loses the IWGP Heavyweight Championship to Callum Newman at Sakura Genesis.
JUNE 14, 2026	Defeats Callum Newman to regain the IWGP Heavyweight Championship at Dominion in Osaka-jo Hall. (SECOND REIGN BEGINS)

YOTA TSUJI

IWGP HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION

BORN: September 8, 1993
Yokohama, Japan

HEIGHT: 5-11½ (1.82 m)

WEIGHT: 227 lbs. (103 kg)

DEBUT: April 10, 2018

RING NAMES:

Yota Tsuji
Yota Mascara Kantansu Tomato
Philip Marlowe Jr.

TRAINED BY:

Animal Hamaguchi
Hiroshi Tanahashi
NJPW Dojo
Tetsuya Naito
Ultimo Guerrero

STABLE: Unbound Co.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2-TIME IWGP HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION (CURRENTLY IN 2ND REIGN)
- 2-TIME IWGP GLOBAL HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION
- 2024 NEW JAPAN CUP WINNER
- ONE-TIME NEVER OPENWEIGHT 6-MAN TAG TEAM CHAMPION (WITH BUSHI & HIROMU TAKAHASHI)
- COMPETED IN REVPRO (UK) AND CMLL (MEXICO) DURING OVERSEAS EXCURSION
- MEMBER OF LOS INGOBERNABLES DE JAPÓN (L.I.J.) & UNBOUND CO.

THE BOTTOM LINE

Tsuji's journey is built on hard work, evolution and unrelenting hunger. From the Young Lion system to the top of the world—twice—he continues to write the next chapter of what could be an all-time great career.

*The future is his.
And he's just getting started.*

BY THE NUMBERS

2

IWGP HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIPS
(CURRENTLY IN 2ND REIGN)

2

IWGP GLOBAL HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIPS

1

NEW JAPAN CUP VICTORY
(2024)

1

NEVER 6-MAN TAG TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP
(ONE TIME)

8+

YEARS IN NJPW
(2017–PRESENT)

THE DOMINO WILL FALL

THE EMPIRE THAT TOOK OVER WRESTLING—
NOW WATCHES A NEW WORLD RISE.

BY THE ROOSTAR

There was a time when professional wrestling belonged to towns.

Memphis had its wrestling. Minneapolis had its wrestling. Texas had its wrestling. Georgia had its wrestling. Promoters guarded invisible borders, television stations carried local heroes, and wrestlers could travel from territory to territory reinventing themselves before another audience.

Then Vincent Kennedy McMahon looked at those borders and decided they didn't matter.

After taking control of the WWF in 1982, McMahon pursued national television distribution, promoted outside the company's traditional territory and recruited talent from competing organizations. The strategy helped dismantle the territorial structure that had defined American professional wrestling for decades.

BLACK SATURDAY: JULY 14, 1984

Fans who habitually turned on WTBS at 6:05 Saturday evening expecting Georgia Championship Wrestling instead saw Vince McMahon. WWF had acquired the coveted television slot in an episode remembered forever as Black Saturday.

ONE DOMINO HAD FALLEN. THEN ANOTHER. AND ANOTHER.

Cable television erased wrestling's geographic walls. WWF programming entered markets once controlled by regional promoters. Wrestlers who had been attractions somewhere else became attractions underneath McMahon's banner. WrestleMania transformed wrestling into something bigger, louder and more national than the territory promoters could realistically match.

The revolution succeeded.

ALMOST TOO WELL.

By the end of the 1980s, WWF had emerged as America's dominant national wrestling promotion while the old territorial system was effectively finished.

For decades afterward, challengers came and went. Some became enormous. Some disappeared. WWE survived all of them.

BUT PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING IN 2026 LOOKS STRANGELY FAMILIAR AGAIN.

Not because the territories have literally returned. They haven't.

Because choice has.

The wrestling world covered in the first 33 pages of this magazine proves it.

NWA carries a lineage reaching back generations.

AEW built a major alternative.

TNA survived when countless people predicted its death.

ROH'S name remains alive.

NJPW continues a wrestling tradition completely outside WWE's American lineage.

MLW operates on its own terms.

DIFFERENT CHAMPIONS. DIFFERENT PHILOSOPHIES. DIFFERENT AUDIENCES. DIFFERENT WRESTLING.

AND THAT IS WHERE THE GREAT IRONY BEGINS.

The company that helped destroy a decentralized wrestling world now exists in another decentralized wrestling world.

THE NUMBERS DON'T LIE

WWE remains a financial powerhouse. TKO Group Holdings 2025 Financials

REVENUE (2025) **\$1.709 BILLION**

REVENUE (2024) **\$1.398 BILLION**

LIVE EVENTS & HOSPITALITY (2025) **\$412.8 MILLION**

LIVE EVENTS & HOSPITALITY (2024) **\$338.5 MILLION**

ADJ. EBITDA (2025) **\$896.5 MILLION**

ADJ. EBITDA (2024) **\$741.1 MILLION**

Source: TKO Group Holdings 2025 Annual Report (SEC Filing)

That's not a dying company. That's an empire.

An empire doesn't have to collapse financially to lose something it once possessed.

It can lose exclusivity.

It can lose the assumption that its champion is automatically the champion.

It can lose the idea that reaching WWE is the only possible definition of success.

It can lose wrestlers to other stages, fans to other products and pieces of the culture to promotions that refuse to disappear.

THE WRESTLING INDUSTRY VINCE MCMAHON INVADDED IN THE 1980s WAS FRAGMENTED GEOGRAPHICALLY.

THE WRESTLING INDUSTRY WWE FACES TODAY IS FRAGMENTED PHILOSOPHICALLY.

Some fans want spectacle.

Some want violence.

Some want technical wrestling.

Some want tradition.

Some want Japanese wrestling.

Some want smaller buildings where the audience practically touches the ring.

And some simply want something that doesn't feel like WWE.

No promoter owns the audience forever.

The territories once thought their borders would protect them.

They didn't.

The NWA once represented an enormous network of wrestling power.

That changed.

WCW once went head-to-head with WWF and briefly appeared capable of winning the war.

It vanished.

And WWE—the company that became synonymous with American professional wrestling—is not exempt from the same law that governed everyone who came before it.

SUCCESS CREATES POWER. POWER CREATES CERTAINTY. CERTAINTY CREATES VULNERABILITY.

For more than forty years, WWE has watched the dominoes fall around it.

Now independent promotions, international companies, revived brands and competing visions of professional wrestling are standing again.

NOT ONE GIANT REPLACING ANOTHER. MANY FLAGS PLANTED AT ONCE.

And perhaps that's the final irony of Vince McMahon's revolution.

He proved wrestling didn't need territories. Forty years later, wrestling may be proving something back:

IT DOESN'T NEED ONE EMPIRE EITHER.

THE DOMINO WILL FALL.

—ROOSTAR

FROM TERRITORIES TO GLOBAL DOMINANCE:

1982

Vince McMahon buys WWF from his father.

1984

Black Saturday – WWF takes over Georgia TV.

1985

WrestleMania I changes the game forever.

1993

Monday Night War begins – WWF vs WCW.

2001

WCW is gone. WWF stands alone.

2011

WWE launches NXT.

2019

WWE joins forces with UFC to form TKO.



WWE TITLES

EVERY CHAMPIONSHIP. EVERY HISTORY. EVERY DETAIL.

WWE has a rich history of championship gold. From world titles that define eras to tag team gold that builds legacies, here are all of the current titles in WWE and the year each championship was created.

WWE MEN'S DIVISION TITLES

RAW



WWE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
CREATED: 1963

SMACKDOWN



WWE UNIVERSAL CHAMPIONSHIP
CREATED: 2016

NXT



NXT CHAMPIONSHIP
CREATED: 2012

WWE WOMEN'S DIVISION TITLES



RAW WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP
CREATED: 2016



SMACKDOWN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP
CREATED: 2016



NXT WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP
CREATED: 2013

TAG TEAM TITLES



WWE UNDISPUTED TAG TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP
CREATED: 2019



NXT TAG TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP
CREATED: 2019

UNITED KINGDOM TITLES



WWE UNITED KINGDOM CHAMPIONSHIP
CREATED: 2013

OTHER CHAMPIONSHIPS



UNITED STATES CHAMPIONSHIP
CREATED: 1975



INTERCONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIP
CREATED: 1979



NXT NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP
CREATED: 2018

NXT UK TITLES



NXT UK WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP
CREATED: 2018



NXT UK TAG TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP
CREATED: 2019



LEGACY. PRESTIGE. GLORY.

Every title has a history. Every champion leaves a mark.

THIS IS WWE.



AEW TITLES

EVERY CHAMPIONSHIP. EVERY HISTORY. EVERY DETAIL.

From world championships that headline arenas around the globe to specialty titles that showcase the best in professional wrestling, here are ALL of the current AEW championships and the year each title was created.



WORLD TITLES



AEW WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

CREATED: 2019



AEW WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

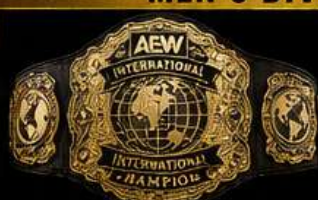
CREATED: 2019

MEN'S DIVISION TITLES



AEW TNT CHAMPIONSHIP

CREATED: 2020



AEW INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

CREATED: 2022



AEW CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIP

CREATED: 2022



AEW FTW CHAMPIONSHIP

CREATED: 2020

TAG TEAM TITLES



AEW WORLD TAG TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

CREATED: 2020



AEW WORLD TRIOS CHAMPIONSHIP

CREATED: 2022

WOMEN'S DIVISION TITLES



AEW TBS CHAMPIONSHIP

CREATED: 2022



AEW WOMEN'S TAG TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

CREATED: 2022

TRIOS & STABLE TITLES



AEW TRIOS CHAMPIONSHIP

(ORIGINAL VERSION)

CREATED: 2020



AEW SIX-MAN TAG TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

CREATED: 2020

SPECIALTY TITLES



AEW ALL-ATLANTIC CHAMPIONSHIP

CREATED: 2023



AEW RING OF HONOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

CREATED: 2022



AEW TEXAS CHAMPIONSHIP

CREATED: 2024



BUILT DIFFERENT. MADE FOR THIS.

Every title represents a division. Every champion represents a standard.
Every match writes the next chapter of AEW history.

THIS IS ALL ELITE WRESTLING.



THE ROOSTAR 50!

★ THE 50 BEST MEN IN PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING ★

50 WRESTLERS. 8 PROMOTIONS. 1 GLOBAL RANKING.

RANK	WRESTLER	+	PROMOTION / TITLE	RANK	WRESTLER	+	PROMOTION / TITLE
1	SILAS MASON		NWA WORLD CHAMPION	26	DARBY ALLEN		AEW
2	KILLER CROSS		MLW WORLD CHAMPION	27	BRON BREAKER		WWE
3	NIC NEMETH		TNA WORLD CHAMPION	28	ADAM COPELAND		AEW
4	ROMAN REIGNS		WWE WORLD CHAMPION	29	CODY RHODES		WWE
5	KERRY MORTON		NWA	30	ODINSON		NWA
6	MJF		AEW	31	ATTICUS COGAR		GCW CHAMPION
7	MIKE MONDO		NWA	32	AUSTIN ARES		MLW
8	KENNY OMEGA		AEW WORLD CHAMPION	33	KEVIN KNIGHT		AEW
9	BRIAN CAGE		AEW	34	ANDRADE EL ÍDOLO		AEW
10	DALTON MCKENZIE		NWA	35	TONY D'ANGELO		NXT CHAMPION
11	ADAM COLE		AEW	36	FINN BÁLOR		WWE
11	BANDIDO		ROH WORLD CHAMPION	37	KEVIN OWENS		WWE
12	YOTA TSUJI		NJPW WORLD CHAMPION	38	OBA FEMI		WWE
13	JON MOXLEY		AEW	39	BRYAN IDOL		NWA
14	SETH ROLLINS		WWE	40	GABE KIDD		NJPW
15	DREW McINTYRE		WWE	41	CHAD GABLE		WWE
16	CM PUNK		WPW WORLD CHAMPION	42	MYLES BORNE		WWE
17	NIC ALDIS		WWE	43	JAY BRISCOE		ROH
18	MOOSE		TNA	44	JACK BRISCOE		ROH
19	KING TREVOR MURDOCH		NWA	45	JASON HOTCH		TNA
20	SLADE		NWA	46	MIKE BENNETT		ROH
21	ADAM PAGE		AEW	47	JEFF HARDY		TNA
22	BOBBY LASHLEY		AEW	48	AVERY STYLES		INDEPENDENT
23	CHRIS JERICHO		AEW	49	TRUTH MAGNUM		ROH
24	ALEX TAYLOR		NWA	50	TURBO FLOYD		ROH
25	CHRISTIAN CAGE		AEW				

RANKING CRITERIA



CHAMPIONSHIP STATUS
Reign, Prestige, Importance.



OVERALL IMPACT
Influence in and out of the ring.



CONSISTENCY
Sustained excellence over time.



IN-RING ABILITY
Skill, psychology & execution.



STAR POWER
Ability to draw and connect.

8 PROMOTIONS. 1 WORLD OF WRESTLING.



"Rankings will be debated. Legacies will be written."

THIS IS THE ROOSTAR 50.

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THE ROOSTAR'S 25

★ THE 25 BEST WOMEN IN PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING ★

25 WOMEN. MULTIPLE PROMOTIONS. ONE GLOBAL RANKING.

RANK	WRESTLER	PROMOTION	TITLE / STATUS
1	GRETТА THE GIANT 	NWA	
2	SHOTZI BLACKHEART 	MLW	MLW WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPION
3	WILLOW NIGHTINGALE 	AEW	AEW WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPION
4	SYURI 	NJPW	NJPW STRONG WOMEN'S CHAMPION
5	KENZIE PAIGE 	NWA	
6	BECKY LYNCH 	WWE	
7	LIV MORGAN 	WWE	WWE WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPION
8	ATHENA 	ROH	ROH WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPION
9	XIA BROOKSIDE 	TNA	TNA KNOCKOUTS WORLD CHAMPION
10	ALEX WINDSOR 	NJPW STRONG	NJPW STRONG WOMEN'S CHAMPION
11	KYLIE PAIGE 	NWA	
12	TIFFANY STRATTON 	WWE	
13	KENDAL GREY 	NXT	NXT WOMEN'S CHAMPION
14	RED VELVET 	ROH	
15	LENA CROSS 	AEW	
16	MEGAN BAYNE 	AEW	
17	HARLEY HUDSON 	TNA	
18	TONI STORM 	AEW	
19	AJ LEE 	WWE	
20	ALEXA BLISS 	WWE	
21	JADE CARGILL 	WWE	
22	MAYA WORLD 	AEW	
23	DEONNA PURRAZZO 	ROH	
24	LEVIYAH 	NWA	
25	NATALIA MARKOVA 	NWA	

THE ROOSTAR 25 CRITERIA



CHAMPIONSHIP STATUS
Current title reigns and accomplishments.



OVERALL IMPACT
Influence across the industry and fan base.



IN-RING ABILITY
Skill, athleticism and execution.



CONSISTENCY
Sustained excellence week in and week out.



DRAW & STAR POWER
Ability to sell, connect and elevate.

8 PROMOTIONS. 1 WORLD OF WRESTLING.



★ "THE STANDARD ISN'T GIVEN. IT'S EARNED." ★
THIS IS THE ROOSTAR 25.

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THE ROOSTAR 10



★★★ TAG TEAMS ★★★

THE 10 ELITE MEN'S TAG TEAMS IN PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING

10 TEAMS. MULTIPLE PROMOTIONS. ONE GLOBAL RANKING.

RANK	TAG TEAM	PROMOTION	TITLE / STATUS	TEAM MEMBERS
1	HARDWAY		NWA UNITED STATES TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS	DALTON MCKENZIE & JACK VAUGHN
2	THE OUTRUNNERS		ROH TRIO CHAMPIONS	TURBO FLOYD & TRUTH MAGNUM
3	CAGE & COPE		AEW WORLD TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS	CHRISTIAN CAGE & ADAM COPELAND
4	THE BROKEN HARDYS		TNA WORLD TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS	MATT HARDY & JEFF HARDY
5	THE MACHINES	N.W.A.	N.W.A.	SPENCER SLADE & MIKE MONDO
6	MÍSTICO & MÁSCARA DORADA		ROH WORLD TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS	MÍSTICO & MÁSCARA DORADA
7	THE SKYSCRAPERS		MLW WORLD TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS	DONOVAN DIJAK & JOSH BISHOP
8	THE COUNTRY GENTLEMEN	N.W.A.	NWA WORLD TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS	AJ CAZANA & KC CAZANA
9	UNITED EMPIRE	 NEW JAPAN PRO-WRESTLING	IWGP WORLD TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS	GREAT-O-KHAN & AARON HENARE
10	BUSTAH & THE BRAIN		GCW WORLD TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS	ALEC PRICE & JORDAN OLIVER

★ THE ROOSTAR 10 CRITERIA ★



TEAM SUCCESS
Titles won, defenses made, and longevity as a unit.



OVERALL IMPACT
Influence on the tag team division and the industry.



COMPETITION
Quality of opposition and strength across promotions.



CHEMISTRY
In-ring synergy, cohesion and execution.



FAN CONNECTION
Popularity, reaction and ability to elevate matches.

8 PROMOTIONS. 1 WORLD OF WRESTLING.



“TAG TEAM WRESTLING IS HALF OF THE WHOLE.
THESE TEN TEAMS ARE THE STANDARD.”

THIS IS
THE ROOSTAR 10.



THE ROOSTAR 10



★★★ TAG TEAMS ★★★

THE 10 ELITE WOMEN'S TAG TEAMS IN PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING

10 TEAMS. MULTIPLE PROMOTIONS. ONE GLOBAL RANKING.

RANK	TAG TEAM	PROMOTION	CHAMPIONSHIP / STATUS	TEAM MEMBERS
1	PRETTY EMPOWERED KENZIE PAGE & KYLIE PAGE		NWA WORLD WOMEN'S TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS 	- KENZIE PAGE - KYLIE PAGE
2	FATAL INFLUENCE FALLON HENLEY & LAINEY REID		WWE WOMEN'S TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS 	- FALLON HENLEY - LAINEY REID
3	DIVINE DOMINION MEGAN BAYNE & LENA KROSS		AEW WOMEN'S WORLD TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS 	- MEGAN BAYNE - LENA KROSS
4	DEMONXBUNNY ROSEMARY & ALLIE		TNA KNOCKOUTS WORLD TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS 	- ROSEMARY - ALLIE
5	THE HEX ALLYSIN KAY & MARTI BELLE		FORMER NWA WORLD WOMEN'S TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS	- ALLYSIN KAY - MARTI BELLE
6	THE ELEGANCE BRAND HEATHER BY ELEGANCE & M BY ELEGANCE		FORMER TNA KNOCKOUTS WORLD TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS	- HEATHER BY ELEGANCE - M BY ELEGANCE
7	THE IINSPIRATION CASSIE LEE & JESSIE MCKAY		NJPW TAG TEAM	- CASSIE LEE - JESSIE MCKAY
8	TIMELESS LOVE BOMBS TONI STORM & MINA SHIRAKAWA		AEW TAG TEAM	- TONI STORM - MINA SHIRAKAWA
9	THE KING BEES DANNI BEE & CHARITY KING		NWA TAG TEAM	- DANNI BEE - CHARITY KING
10	WRENQCC WREN SINCLAIR & KENDAL GREY		WWE TAG TEAM	- WREN SINCLAIR - KENDAL GREY

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ROH
RING OF HONOR WRESTLING



MLW



NJPW
NEW JAPAN PRO-WRESTLING



GCW

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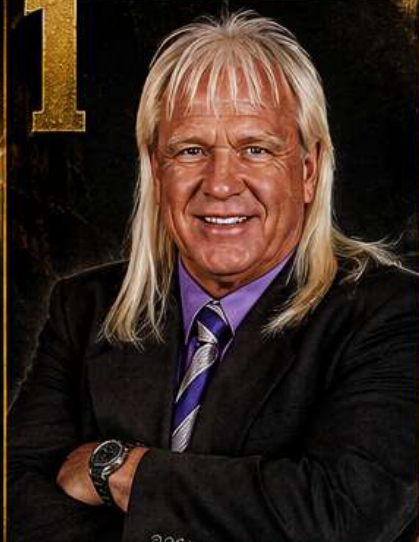


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★★ TOP MANAGERS IN PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING ★★

1



RICKY MORTON
N.W.A.



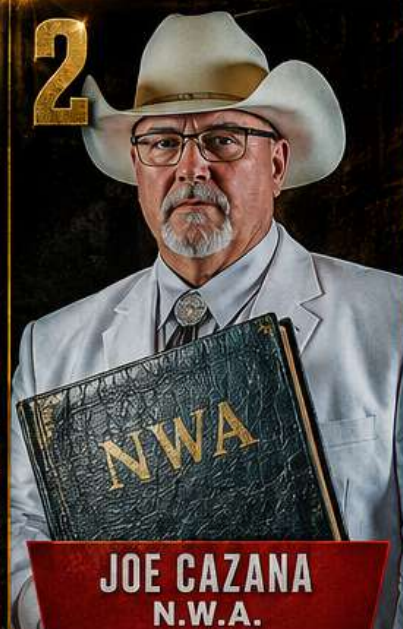
NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE

THE ROOSTAR MANAGER OF THE YEAR



THE MINDS BEHIND
THE MOVEMENT.
THE VOICES BEHIND
THE VICTORY.
THE ROOSTAR RECOGNIZES
THE ULTIMATE GAME CHANGERS.

2



JOE CAZANA
N.W.A.



NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE

3



PAUL HEYMAN
WWE



4



TEDDY LONG
MLW



MAJOR LEAGUE WRESTLING

5



DON CALLIS
ROH



WRESTLING

“BEHIND EVERY GREAT CHAMPION... IS A GREATER MANAGER.”

— THE ROOSTAR



THE NEW ERA. THE REAL STANDARD. CLEANED THE SLATE.

A NEW ERA OF WRESTLING. A NEW STANDARD OF GREATNESS.
WE'VE CLEANED THE SLATE. NEW DECADE. NEW CHAMPIONS. NEW HISTORY.

LONGEST SINGLE CONSECUTIVE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP REIGNS

JANUARY 1, 2010 – PRESENT

ROH EXCLUDED (OWNED BY AEW)

RANK	WRESTLER	PROMOTION	WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	REIGN BEGAN	REIGN ENDED	CONSECUTIVE DAYS
1.	ROMAN REIGNS		WWE UNDISPUTED CHAMPIONSHIP	AUG. 30, 2020	APRIL 7, 2024 (WRESTLEMANIA XL)	1,316
2.	NICK ALDIS		NWA WORLDS HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP	OCT. 21, 2018	AUG. 29, 2021 (NWA 73)	1,043
3.	JACOB FATU		MLW WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP	JULY 6, 2019	OCT. 2, 2021 (FUSION)	819
4.	NICK GAGE		GCW WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	DEC. 16, 2017	DEC. 8, 2019 (ROCK BOTTOM 2019)	722
5.	ALEXANDER HAMMERSTONE		MLW WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP	OCT. 2, 2021	JULY 8, 2023 (FUSION)	644
6.	BROCK LESNAR		WWE UNIVERSAL CHAMPIONSHIP	APRIL 2, 2017	AUG. 19, 2018 (SUMMERSLAM)	503
7.	RICKEY SHANE PAGE		GCW WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	DEC. 8, 2019	APRIL 9, 2021 (THE COLLECTIVE)	488
8.	CM PUNK		WWE CHAMPIONSHIP	NOV. 20, 2011	JAN. 27, 2013 (ROYAL RUMBLE)	434
9.	JAX DANE		NWA WORLDS HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP	AUG. 29, 2015	OCT. 21, 2016 (NWA 68)	419
10.	TIM STORM		NWA WORLDS HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP	OCT. 21, 2016	DEC. 9, 2017 (NWA 70)	414
11.	MJF		AEW WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	NOV. 19, 2022	DEC. 30, 2023 (WORLD'S END)	406
12.	JON MOXLEY		GCW WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	SEPT. 4, 2021	OCT. 8, 2022 (THE COLLECTIVE)	399
13.	CODY RHODES		WWE UNDISPUTED CHAMPIONSHIP	APRIL 7, 2024	APRIL 20, 2025 (WRESTLEMANIA 41)	378
14.	AJ STYLES		WWE CHAMPIONSHIP	NOV. 7, 2017	NOV. 13, 2018 (SMACKDOWN 1000)	371
15.	EC3		NWA WORLDS HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP	AUG. 27, 2023	AUG. 31, 2024 (NWA 76)	370
16.	SILAS MASON		NWA WORLDS HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP	AUG. 16, 2025	PRESENT (AS OF AUG. 9, 2026)	358+
17.	ADAM PEARCE		NWA WORLDS HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP	MAR. 14, 2010	MAR. 6, 2011 (NWA 62)	357
18.	BLAKE CHRISTIAN		GCW WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	JUNE 4, 2023	MAY 25, 2024 (JOYRIDE)	356
19T.	THOM LATIMER		NWA WORLDS HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP	AUG. 31, 2024	AUG. 16, 2025 (NWA 77)	350
19T.	KYLE THE BEAST		GCW WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	MAR. 12, 2016	FEB. 25, 2017 (HIGHEST IN THE ROOM)	350
21.	KENNY OMEGA		AEW WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	DEC. 2, 2020	NOV. 13, 2021 (FULL GEAR)	346
22.	JOSH ALEXANDER		TNA WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP	APR. 23, 2022	MAR. 24, 2023 (IMPACT!)	335

NOTES:
- REIGNS MUST BEGIN ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2010.
- ROH EXCLUDED - OWNED BY AEW.
- DAYS ARE CONSECUTIVE CALENDAR DAYS FROM TITLE WIN TO TITLE LOSS.
- ACTIVE REIGN. BLAU BLAU IS THE CURRENT CHAMPION.

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★ JANUARY 1, 2010 – PRESENT ★

(ROH EXCLUDED – OWNED BY AEW)

RANK	WRESTLER	PROMOTION	CHAMPIONSHIP	WON TITLE	LOST TITLE	CONSECUTIVE DAYS
1	JAZZ	NWA	NWA WORLD WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	SEPT. 16, 2016 NWA INTO THE FIRE CLEVELAND, OH	APRIL 22, 2019 NWA 70 NEW ORLEANS, LA	948
2	KAMILLE	NWA	NWA WORLD WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	JUNE 6, 2021 NWA EMPOWER ATLANTA, GA	AUG. 27, 2023 NWA 75 ST. LOUIS, MO	812
3	KENZIE PAIGE	NWA	NWA WORLD WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	AUG. 27, 2023 NWA 75 ST. LOUIS, MO	AUG. 16, 2025 NWA 77 ATLANTA, GA	720
4	KACEE CARLISLE	NWA	NWA WORLD WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	OCT. 20, 2012 NWA INTO THE FIRE CHARLOTTE, NC	JAN. 25, 2014 NWA 66 PHILADELPHIA, PA	462
5	JANAI KAI	MLW	MLW WOMEN'S WORLD FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP	OCT. 14, 2023 MLW FUSION PHILADELPHIA, PA	JAN. 11, 2025 MLW FUSION PHILADELPHIA, PA	455
6	BIANCA BELAIR	WWE	WWE WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	APRIL 2, 2022 WRESTLEMANIA 38 ARLINGTON, TX	MAY 27, 2023 WWE NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS	420
7	BECKY LYNCH	WWE	RAW WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	APRIL 8, 2019 WRESTLEMANIA 35 E. RUTHERFORD, NJ	MAY 11, 2020 RAW ORLANDO, FL	399
8T	RHEA RIPLEY	WWE	WWE WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	APRIL 1, 2023 WRESTLEMANIA 39 INGLEWOOD, CA	APRIL 15, 2024 RAW PROVIDENCE, RI	379
8T	BAYLEY	WWE	SMACKDOWN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	OCT. 11, 2019 SMACKDOWN PORTLAND, OR	OCT. 25, 2020 HELL IN A CELL ORLANDO, FL	379
10	BARBI HAYDEN	NWA	NWA WORLD WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	JAN. 25, 2014 NWA 66 PHILADELPHIA, PA	FEB. 7, 2015 NWA INTO THE FIRE NASHVILLE, TN	378
11	TAYA VALKYRIE	TNA	TNA KNOCKOUTS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	JAN. 6, 2019 TNA HARD TO KILL NEW ORLEANS, LA	JAN. 18, 2020 TNA GENESIS NASHVILLE, TN	377
12	HIKARU SHIDA	AEW	AEW WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	MAY 23, 2020 AEW DOUBLE OR NOTHING	MAY 30, 2021 AEW DOUBLE OR NOTHING	372
13	TASHA SIMONE	NWA	NWA WORLD WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	NOV. 6, 2010 NWA INTO THE FIRE MIAMI, FL	NOV. 6, 2011 NWA INTO THE FIRE BONHAM, TX	365
14	DEONNA PURRAZZO	TNA	TNA KNOCKOUTS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	NOV. 14, 2020 TNA BOUND FOR GLORY	OCT. 23, 2021 TNA BOUND FOR GLORY	343
15	TAYA VALKYRIE	MLW	MLW WOMEN'S WORLD FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP	MAY 7, 2022 MLW FUSION PHILADELPHIA, PA	MAR. 30, 2023 MLW FUSION PHILADELPHIA, PA	328
16	SANTANA GARRETT	NWA	NWA WORLD WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	FEB. 7, 2015 NWA INTO THE FIRE NASHVILLE, TN	DEC. 18, 2015 NWA PHILADELPHIA, PA	314
17	NIKKI BELLA	WWE	WWE DIVAS CHAMPIONSHIP	NOV. 23, 2014 SURVIVOR SERIES ST. LOUIS, MO	SEPT. 20, 2015 NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS HOUSTON, TX	301
18	AJ LEE	WWE	WWE DIVAS CHAMPIONSHIP	JUNE 16, 2013 PAYBACK CHICAGO, IL	APRIL 7, 2014 RAW NEW ORLEANS, LA	295
19	BRITT BAKER	AEW	AEW WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	MAY 30, 2021 AEW DOUBLE OR NOTHING	MAR. 19, 2022 AEW DYNAMITE PITTSBURGH, PA	290
20	CHARLOTTE FLAIR	WWE	SMACKDOWN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP	APRIL 16, 2023 WRESTLEMANIA 39 ARLINGTON, TX		252

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A NEW STANDARD

These are the longest
SINGLE CONSECUTIVE
reigns as a WORLD
CHAMPION in major
promotions from
JANUARY 1, 2010
through AUGUST 9, 2026.

WE CLEANED THE SLATE.
NEW DECADE.
NEW CHAMPIONS.
NEW HISTORY.

OUR RULES

- ★ Reign must begin on or after **January 1, 2010.**
- ★ Counted are the actual calendar days from the date a champion won the title to the date they lost it.
- ★ Only primary WORLD titles for each promotion are included.
- ★ ROH is excluded (owned by AEW) and considered a lesser title.
- ★ Active reigns are counted up to August 9, 2026.

“THE PAST
IS HISTORY.
THE FUTURE
IS NOW.
WE SET THE
STANDARD.

-The Roostar

THE ROOSTAR

MATCH OF THE YEAR-2026

ALL PROMOTIONS • 2025-2026 SEASON (AUGUST TO AUGUST)

SILAS MASON SHOCKS THE WORLD, DETHRONES THOM LATIMER AND WINS THE NWA WORLDS HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP AT HISTORIC NWA 77

A LEGENDARY COLLISION.
A CHAMPION'S RESOLVE.
A NEW ERA BEGINS.

By THE ROOSTAR
Special Correspondent

HUNTINGTON, N.Y. —

On the night of August 16, 2025, professional wrestling history shifted forever inside The Paramount.

In the main event of the National Wrestling Alliance's 77th Anniversary Show, "Thrillbilly" Silas Mason defeated Thom Latimer to win the Ten Pounds of Gold and become the new NWA Worlds Heavyweight Champion.

It was more than a match. It was the culmination of two warriors on a collision course — a champion who carried the belt across the country for 350 days, and a giant from the deep south who refused to stop until he heled the most prestigious prize in the National Wrestling Alliance.

This is the story of that night.



NEW CHAMPION.
NEW ERA.
SILAS MASON.
THE TEN POUNDS
ARE HOME.

Silas Mason celebrates after defeating Thom Latimer to win the NWA Worlds Heavyweight Championship at NWA 77 in Huntington, New York. (Photos: National Wrestling Alliance)

TALE OF TWO WARRIORS

THOM LATIMER (C) THE CHAMPION

- Defeated EC3 at NWA 76 to win the Ten Pounds of Gold
- 350 days as champion
- 31 successful title defenses across NWA, MLP, ICW, AML and beyond
- A fighting champion who carried the NWA banner across the country and around the world

SILAS MASON THE CHALLENGER

- NWA National Heavyweight Champion (NWA 75)
- Relinquished the National Title to chase the NWA Worlds Title full-time
- Overcame injury, setbacks and even a house fire to keep his dream alive
- Defeated Alexander Hammerstone at the 2025 Crockett Cup
- Walked into NWA 77 with one goal:

THE TEN POUNDS
OF GOLD

THE MATCH NO ONE WILL FORGET

A back-and-forth war between two heavyweights who knew one mistake would be the end.

- ★ Mason hit an Avalanche Fallaway Slam early.
- ★ Latimer answered with a Flatliner and DDT.
- ★ Latimer went for the Pop-Up Powerbomb. Mason countered with a boot.
- ★ Mason hit the ThrillRide for the first time... Latimer **KICKED OUT!**
The first man in the NWA reported to survive it.
- ★ Latimer nailed the Pop-Up Powerbomb... Mason **KICKED OUT!**
- ★ In the final exchange, Mason caught Latimer—**THRILLRIDE!**
1... 2... 3!
The champion has a new name.

NEW CHAMPION. NEW ERA.



"THIS ISN'T JUST ABOUT A BELT.
IT'S ABOUT HONOR. IT'S ABOUT LEGACY.
IT'S ABOUT PROVING YOU BELONG."
— THE ROOSTAR

BY THE NUMBERS

350

DAYS
LATIMER'S REIGN
AS CHAMPION

31

SUCCESSFUL
TITLE DEFENSES

77

YEARS OF
NWA HISTORY

1

NEW WORLD
CHAMPION

1 **SILAS MASON**
NWA WORLDS HEAVYWEIGHT
CHAMPION



AUGUST 2025 – AUGUST 2026

ONE YEAR. ONE STANDARD. ONE MATCH THAT STOOD ABOVE THEM ALL.



MATCH OF THE YEAR-2026

ALL PROMOTIONS • 2025-2026 SEASON (AUGUST TO AUGUST)

NWA 77 • AUGUST 16, 2025 • THE PARAMOUNT, HUNTINGTON, NEW YORK

On August 16, 2025, inside The Paramount in Huntington, New York, the National Wrestling Alliance wrote another unforgettable chapter in its 77-year history.

In the main event of NWA 77 – the Alliance's 77th Anniversary Show – Thom Latimer put his world championship on the line against the one man who had earned every ounce of the right to challenge him: Silas Mason.

When the final bell rang, the Ten Pounds of Gold had a new home. The reign of Thom Latimer – defined by longevity, consistency and pride – came to an end at 350 days.

The reign of Silas Mason – defined by grit, heart and an unshakable refusal to quit – had just begun.

A COLLISION OF LEGACY AND DESTINY

Latimer entered NWA 77 as one of the company's most accomplished champions of the modern era. He defeated EC3 at NWA 76 on August 31, 2024 to capture the NWA Worlds Heavyweight Championship. Over the next 350 days, he carried the Ten Pounds of Gold across the country and around the world, defending it against all comers and proving that he was more than a transitional champion – he was the standard.

Thirty-one successful title defenses across NWA, MLP, ICW, AML and beyond spoke for themselves.

Mason arrived at NWA 77 as the ultimate challenger. Since his debut in June 2022, he had climbed every rung, earning respect in the squared circle and admiration from the NWA faithful.

He had held the NWA National Heavyweight Championship, battled through wars that left scars both physical and emotional, and rebuilt himself stronger each time.

On this night, everything he had endured came down to one match.

BY THE NUMBERS

THOM LATIMER'S REIGN

- Began: August 31, 2024 (NWA 76)
- Ended: August 16, 2025 (NWA 77)
- Length: 350 Days
- Successful Title Defenses: 31
- Defended across NWA, MLP, ICW, AML and beyond

SILAS MASON'S JOURNEY

- Arrived in NWA: June 2022
- Former NWA National Heavyweight Champion
- Defeated Trevor Murdoch in 2022 to earn a world title opportunity
- Walked into NWA 77 with one goal: The Ten Pounds of Gold
- Left as the man who achieved it

A CHAMPION. A CHALLENGER. ONE WORLD TITLE.

THOM LATIMER: THE STANDARD

- Defeated EC3 at NWA 76 to win the NWA Worlds Heavyweight Championship
- 350 days as champion
- 31 successful title defenses across NWA, MLP, ICW, AML and beyond
- A fighting champion who carried the NWA banner around the world
- One of the most dominant title reigns of the modern era

SILAS MASON: THE CHALLENGER

- Arrived in NWA in June 2022
- Former NWA National Heavyweight Champion
- Battles, setbacks and comebacks forged his path to this moment
- Earned this opportunity with a championship victory over Trevor Murdoch in 2022
- Walked into NWA 77 with one goal: The Ten Pounds of Gold

“THIS ISN'T JUST ABOUT A BELT. IT'S ABOUT HONOR. IT'S ABOUT LEGACY. IT'S ABOUT PROVING YOU BELONG.” — THE ROOSTAR

THE STAGE WAS SET

The Paramount has hosted countless historic nights, but few would carry the weight of what was about to happen.

The arena was electric. The champion stood tall. The challenger stared him down. The world watched.

Two heavyweights. One world title. The biggest match of the year – across all promotions.

THE MAIN EVENT: TWO HEAVYWEIGHTS. ONE WORLD TITLE.

From the opening bell, it was clear – this would be a war.

Mason struck first with a devastating Avalanche Fallaway Slam.

Latimer answered with a reverse Flatliner and DDT.

Latimer went for the Pop-Up Powerbomb. Mason countered with a boot.

Both men traded heavy shots. Neither gave an inch.

Mason nailed the ThrillRide for the first time. Latimer kicked out!

The first man in the NWA to kick out of the ThrillRide.

Latimer fought back with a crucifix counter and punished Mason with relentless offense.

Latimer went for the Pop-Up Powerbomb again. Mason slipped free and nailed the ThrillRide!!

One... Two... Latimer kicked out!

The crowd rose to its feet as both men refused to stay down.

Latimer hit the Pop-Up Powerbomb – his most devastating weapon.

One... Two... Mason kicked out!

The champion was stunned. The challenger was still alive.

They traded bombs. They fought to their feet. They fought for every breath.

The Ten Pounds of Gold hung in the balance.

In the final exchange, Mason caught Latimer.

ThrillRide!

One...

Two...

Three.

The bell rang.

Silas Mason had done it.

THE NEW NWA WORLDS HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION.

THE TEN POUNDS OF GOLD HAS A NEW HOME.

A NEW ERA BEGINS

When Mason held the Ten Pounds of Gold high above his head, the era of Thom Latimer closed – and a new chapter in NWA history opened.

The first homegrown champion of the Billy Corgan era had arrived.

Silas Mason's victory was more than a win. It was the culmination of a journey filled with battles, setbacks, and an unbreakable will to reach the top.

The NWA Worlds Heavyweight Championship belongs to Silas Mason.

Long live the champion.
Long live the NWA.

“TWO MEN.
ONE TITLE.
ONE PURPOSE.
TEN POUNDS OF GOLD.

— THE ROOSTAR

A HISTORIC NIGHT. A CHANGING OF THE GUARD.

NWA 77 will be remembered as the night the world saw a champion proven and a challenger forged in fire. Silas Mason defeated Thom Latimer in the biggest match of the year – across all promotions – and earned the right to carry the Ten Pounds of Gold into the future.

AUGUST 16, 2025. THE PARAMOUNT. HUNTINGTON, NEW YORK.

MATCH OF THE YEAR-2026

ALL PROMOTIONS • 2025-2026 SEASON (AUGUST TO AUGUST)

SILAS MASON SHOCKS THE WORLD, DETHRONES THOM LATIMER AND WINS THE NWA WORLDS HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP AT HISTORIC NWA 77

The Finish. The Moment. The New Era.

THE FINAL EXCHANGE

Both men knew it was time. After more than thirty minutes of a championship war that had the Paramount crowd on its feet and on the edge of their seats, there was nothing left to hold back.

Latimer rose first, firing back with a desperate lariat. Mason staggered but refused to fall. The challenger answered with a wicked forearm that rocked the champion. Latimer fired again—another forearm, another lariat—but Mason stayed standing. The champion could not believe it.

Mason ducked the next lariat and exploded forward. He hoisted Thom Latimer up—the crowd gasped—and dropped him with the ThrillRide!

The impact echoed off the walls of The Paramount. Latimer's body bounced, his arms spread wide.

Mason covered.
One... Two... Three!

The referee's hand struck the canvas.
The bell rang.

History had been made.

A REIGN ENDS AT 350 DAYS

When the final count was made, the announcement came over the loudspeaker:

"The winner of this match and NEW NWA Worlds Heavyweight Champion..."

SILAS MASON!"

Thom Latimer's historic reign—350 days with the Ten Pounds of Gold—was over.

It was a run built on consistency, pride and a refusal to back down from anyone. He defended the title across promotions and against every style, carrying the NWA banner around the world.

But on this night, his journey met its end.

Silas Mason's journey had only just begun.

THE TEN POUNDS OF GOLD

As confetti and streamers filled the air, referee Zachary Wentz handed Silas Mason the NWA Worlds Heavyweight Championship.

Mason dropped to one knee in the middle of the ring, the Ten Pounds of Gold cradled in his hands. The roar from the crowd shook the Paramount. After years of chasing, after setbacks, battles, and sacrifice—he was champion.

He rose to his feet and held the title high, pointing to the sky. The moment was his. The era was his.

The Ten Pounds were finally home.

WHAT THIS WIN MEANS

This was not just the end of a great reign. This was the beginning of something even greater.

Silas Mason became the 60th man to hold the NWA Worlds Heavyweight Championship. He did it the hard way—earning every ounce of respect along the road.

Latimer defended against all comers. Mason defeated the best.

The passing of the torch at NWA 77 wasn't handed to Mason.

He took it.
And he took it by force.

In a world where championships are often decided by politics or favoritism, this was a victory earned through heart, grit and the refusal to quit.

The Roostar saw it.

The fans lived it.

The world will remember it.

**“ THIS WAS MORE THAN A MATCH.
THIS WAS A MOMENT THE WORLD
WILL NEVER FORGET.
THIS WAS THE NIGHT THE THRILL
BECAME THE STANDARDE. ”**

— THE ROOSTAR

AFTERMATH AT THE PARAMOUNT

After the celebration, Mason climbed to the top turnbuckle one more time, the title still raised above his head.

The fans chanted his name. *"THRILLBILLY! THRILLBILLY!"*

He looked out over the sea of people and spoke from the heart.

"This is for everyone who believed in me when no one else did. This is for the NWA. This is for the Thrill."

The arena erupted.

Thom Latimer, showing class in defeat, shook Mason's hand before leaving the ring—his legacy intact, his head held high.

Two warriors.

One unforgettable night.

One new world champion.

The NWA will never be the same.

NWA 77: BY THE NUMBERS

- Attendance: A near sold-out crowd at The Paramount in Huntington, N.Y.
- Match Time: Over 30 minutes
- Latimer's Reign: 350 days
- Successful Title Defenses: 31
- Promotions Defended In: NWA, MLP, ICW, AML and beyond
- Signature Moments:
 - ThrillRide kick out (first in NWA history)
 - Avalanche Fallaway Slam
 - Pop-Up Powerbomb
 - Final ThrillRide for the win
- New Champion: Silas Mason
- Title: NWA Worlds Heavyweight Championship – The Ten Pounds of Gold

"A Champion is not defined by how long he holds the title, but by how he earned it. Tonight, Silas Mason earned it all."

— THE ROOSTAR

★ THE FANS SPEAK ★

"I've been watching the NWA for 30 years. That was the greatest match I have ever seen."

— @NWAfan32

"Silas Mason just delivered the performance of a lifetime."

— @WrestlingVault

"Latimer had an all-time reign. Mason had an all-time night. Perfect ending."

— @OldSchoolStrong

"The ThrillRide kick out moment gave me chills."

— @RoostarNation

"Welcome to the era of Silas Mason."

Long live the champion!"

— @NWAisKING

"Professional wrestling at its finest. NWA 77 was legendary."

— @SquaredCircleSoul

"The Ten Pounds of Gold belong on his shoulder. He earned every bit of it."

— @TrueBeliever85

"This is why we watch. This is why we love this business."

— @HEELforLife

TOP 10 MATCHES OF THE YEAR 2026

THE ROOSTAR RANKINGS
AUGUST 2025 – AUGUST 2026 SEASON



THE TEN POUNDS
OF GOLD
★★★★★

10
POUNDS
OF GOLD



1

SILAS MASON vs. THOM LATIMER – NWA 77
AUGUST 16, 2025

The NWA World's Heavyweight Championship is on the line in a brutal war at NWA 77. Mason defends 10 Pounds of Gold against the most dangerous man in the Alliance.

**NWA
77**
ANNIVERSARY SHOW

2

AJ STYLES vs. JOHN CENA – CROWN JEWEL
OCTOBER 11, 2025

Two icons. One ring. AJ Styles and John Cena collide in Saudi Arabia for ultimate pride and legacy at WWE Crown Jewel.

CROWN JEWEL

3

SILAS MASON vs. SHOTARO ASHINO – AJPW
SUPER POWER SERIES 2026
JUNE 18, 2026

International prestige on the line as the NWA World Champion takes on one of All Japan's rising aces in Tokyo.

**SUPER
POWER
SERIES
2026**

4

KILLER KROSS – BATTLE RIOT VIII
JANUARY 29, 2026

MLW's most dominant force steps into Battle Riot VIII looking to tear through the entire field.

**MLW
BATTLE
RIOT
VIII**

5

KILLER KROSS vs. SATOSHI KOJIMA –
BLOOD & THUNDER
AUGUST 8, 2026

A collision of violence and respect as Killer Kross faces the legendary Satoshi Kojima in MLW's Blood & Thunder.

**MLW
BLOOD
&
THUNDER**

6

CODY RHODES vs. JOHN CENA – SUMMERSLAM
AUGUST 3, 2025

The past vs. the future as Cody Rhodes puts everything on the line against John Cena at WWE SummerSlam.

**WWE
SUMMER
SLAM
CLEVELAND**

7

MIKE SANTANA vs. NIC NEMETH – SLAMMIVERSARY
JUNE 28, 2026

Two of the most gifted wrestlers on the world finally collide for supremacy in TNA's Slammiversary main event.

**TNA
SLAMMIVERSARY
2026**

8

"HANGMAN" ADAM PAGE vs. JON MOXLEY –
ALL IN: TEXAS 2025 JULY 12, 2025

Texas tore the roof off Globe Life Field as Hangman Page and Jon Moxley fought in a war with everything on the line.

**ALL IN
★ TEXAS ★
2025**

9

KENNY OMEGA vs. MJF – BEACH BREAK
JULY 8, 2026

The Cleaner vs. The Devil. A chess match of elite minds when AEW heads to the beach for Beach Break.

**AEW
BEACH
BREAK**

10

HANGMAN PAGE vs. MJF – REVOLUTION 2026
MARCH 15, 2026

Old friends, new enemies. Hangman and MJF write the next chapter of their story at AEW Revolution.

**AEW
REVOLUTION
2026**

#1 KERRY MORTON

THE BACKSTAB HEARD AROUND THE WORLD

He wasn't born a villain.
He was built by legacy.
But in 2026, Kerry Morton
chose infamy over family—
and wrestling will never
forget it.



Born on April 4, 2001, in Bristol, Tennessee, Kerry Morton was wrestling royalty from the moment he took his first breath.

The son of Rock 'n' Roll Express legend Ricky Morton and the grandson of wrestling referee Paul Morton, Kerry grew up surrounded by the business. It was in his blood.

Trained by Ricky Morton, Robert Gibson, Bobby Eaton, Tom Prichard and Chase Owens, Morton debuted in 2016 at just fifteen years old. He wasn't handed anything, however. He earned everything. Through countless miles on the independent circuit and a relentless work ethic, Morton forged his own path—determined to honor the name while creating his own legacy.

THE CHAMPION IS BORN

That climb reached its peak on November 12, 2022, at Hard Times 3, when Kerry Morton defeated Homicide to become the NWA World Junior Heavyweight Champion. In that moment, a new star was born. Morton carried that title with pride for 287 days, defending it across the country and proving he belonged at the highest level. When he finally lost the gold on August 26, 2023, the divibt: Karrd the fans—s the future.

THE SOUTHERN SIX

In 2023, Morton aligned with Silas Mason and Alex Taylor to form The Southern Six, a faction built on brotherhood, tradition and a promise to restore the pride of the South. The trio quickly became one of the most dominant forces in NWA.

By July 2024, NWA announced exclusive contracts for Morton, Mason and Taylor as Southern Six members. That same year, Morton and Taylor entered the prestigious Crockett Cup as a team. When Silas Mason was injured, Taylor stepped in, and together with Morton, they went on to capture the Crockett Cup.

They weren't just stablemates. They were brothers. Or so everyone thought.

THE BACKSTAB HEARD AROUND THE WORLD

In May 2026, during Silas Mason's reign as NWA Worlds Heavyweight Champion, the unthinkable happened. Kerry Morton turned his back on the man who had his back. During a match against Brian Idol, Morton shocked the world by interfering and attempting to help Idol defeat Mason for the world title.

NWA called it what it was: Morton stabbed Silas Mason in the back. A betrayal. A shock. A wound that wouldn't heal.

It wasn't just a heel turn. It was the destruction of brotherhood. The Southern Six was shattered.

Alex Taylor was left caught in the crossfire. Mason demanded revenge. And Kerry Morton solidified himself—not as the future, but as the most dangerous man in NWA.

A LEGACY REWRITTEN

Kerry Morton spent years carrying one of wrestling's most iconic surnames. He made his father proud. He made his grandfather proud. But in 2026, Kerry Morton did something no one in that family ever did—he made the entire wrestling world hate him.

He chose infamy.
He chose power.
He chose to be the villain.

And he did it by putting the knife in the back of the only man who ever truly trusted him.

HE WAS BORN WITH THE MORTON NAME. HE BECAME A CHAMPION CARRYING IT.
BUT WHEN KERRY MORTON PUT THE KNIFE IN THE BACK OF HIS
OWN SOUTHERN SIX BROTHER, HE FINALLY CREATED A LEGACY
THAT BELONGED ENTIRELY TO HIM.



THE OFFICIAL ROOSTAR'S HEEL RANKINGS

★ AUGUST 2025 – AUGUST 2026 ★

THE DEFINING MALE HEEL MOMENTS
ACROSS MAJOR PROMOTIONS



“HEELS DON'T ASK FOR RESPECT.
THEY TAKE IT.
THEY LIE, CHEAT, BETRAY,
AND STEAL WHAT THEY WANT.
THESE MEN MADE US HATE
THEM IN THE BEST WAY.

– THE ROOSTAR

#HEEL

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KERRY MORTON – NWA

EVENT: NWA POWERRR (JUNE 2026)

Morton delivered an unapologetic promo to the NWA audience, showing zero remorse as he turned his back on his Southern Six brother and reigning world champion Silas Mason, declaring himself the true “face of the National Wrestling Alliance” while telling the fans he does not care about their support.

2

MJF – AEW

EVENT: AEW ALL OUT (SEPTEMBER 2025)

Following his return, MJF reached peak heel heat by subjecting Daniel Garcia to a sickening, unprovoked assault. After using a low blow behind the official's back, MJF used an array of underhanded tactics before delivering an explicit second-rope piledriver that kayfabe broke Garcia's neck and required him to be stretchered out of the building.

3

SILAS MASON – NWA

EVENT: NWA POWERRR (JULY 2026)

“The Thrillbilly” defended his NWA Worlds Heavyweight Championship against a debuting Alexander Hammerstone by completely disregarding clean wrestling spirit. Exploiting a chaotic sequence where his faction cohorts distracted the official, Mason delivered a brutal, intentional low blow and rolled up Hammerstone using the bottom ring ropes for leverage to secure a fraudulent victory.

4

KILLER KROSS – MLW

EVENT: MLW BATTLE RIOT VIII (JANUARY 2026)

Kross cemented a ruthless, mercenary chokehold on Major League Wrestling during the titular 40-man over-the-top-rope match. He unleashed absolute chaos alongside Scarlett, executing a series of highly controversial, dangerous weapon strikes on Matt Riddle before choking him unconscious on the mat to leave with the MLW World Heavyweight Title.

5

ROMAN REIGNS – WWE

EVENT: WWE ROYAL RUMBLE (JANUARY 2026)

Reigns completed his dark regression into a fully selfish tyrant by turning on his Bloodline family members. He eliminated Jacob Fatu and then brutalized Jey Uso inside the ring before going on to win the 2026 Royal Rumble, proving he will not be dethroned by anyone.

6

LOGAN PAUL – WWE

EVENT: WWE WRESTLEMANIA 42 (APRIL 2026)

Paul drove the crowd into a frenzy of heat throughout WrestleMania 42 weekend. He teamed with Austin Theory and IShowSpeed in a high-profile match, repeatedly mocking the WWE Universe and flaunting his celebrity status at wrestling's grandest stage.

7

MOOSE – TNA

EVENT: TNA REBELLION (APRIL 2026)

The centerpiece of The System showcased ultimate, corporate-driven villainy in a marquee World Championship defense. When it seemed like Joe Hendry had the match won, Moose orchestrated an all-out, multi-man ambush with Eddie Edwards and Brian Myers, leaving the beloved challenger completely incapacitated under a pile of steel chairs.

8

RANDY ORTON – WWE

EVENT: WWE SUMMERSLAM (AUGUST 2026)

Orton executed the most shocking turn of the year by betraying Cody Rhodes. After Rhodes had just hit a Cross Rhodes on John Cena, Orton returned out of nowhere and blindsided Cody with an RKO, costing him the match and the WWE Championship in a vicious display of unprovoked treachery.

9

GABE KIDD – NJPW

EVENT: NJPW G1 CLIMAX 36 (AUGUST 2026)

The unhinged leader of the Bullet Club War Dogs generated intense crowd heat by launching a hyper-violent pre-match ambush during a crucial tournament match. Kidd attacked his opponent from behind with a steel chair before the opening bell, then brawled through the Japanese audience while picking fights with local security officials.

10

KAZUCHIKA OKADA – NJPW

EVENT: NJPW WRESTLE KINGDOM 20 (JANUARY 2026)

Okada defeated Hiroshi Tanahashi in Tanahashi's retirement match to close Wrestle Kingdom 20. With a normally respectful rivalry turned cold, Okada used every advantage to silence the legend one final time and walked out without showing the respect the moment deserved, leaving a bitter taste for

SILAS MASON VS. KERRY MORTON

**BROTHERS.
BETRAYAL.
REVENGE.**

A WAR FOR THE SOUL OF THE
NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE

AUGUST 2025 – AUGUST 2026



The Southern Six was built on brotherhood, loyalty, and a shared mission to restore the glory of the National Wrestling Alliance. But ambition changed one of them. Kerry Morton turned his back on "The Thrillbilly" Silas Mason and the NWA faithful, declaring himself the true face of the Alliance. Now, friendship is dead.

All that remains is **war**.

"I DON'T CARE ABOUT YOUR SUPPORT. I DON'T CARE ABOUT YOUR OPINION. I AM THE FACE OF THE NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE!"
— KERRY MORTON

"YOU BROKE THE CODE. YOU BROKE THE BROTHERS. NOW I'M GOING TO BREAK YOU. BECAUSE I DON'T JUST FIGHT FOR THE NWA... I LIVE FOR IT."
— SILAS MASON

★ WHAT'S AT STAKE? ★

More than gold.
More than pride.
This is about the future of the National Wrestling Alliance. One man fights to protect it. The other wants to destroy it and claim it as his own.

**THERE CAN ONLY BE
ONE FACE
OF THE NWA.**

★★★ THE STORY SO FAR ★★★

- AUGUST 2025**
The Southern Six stands united. Mason and Morton fight side by side, bringing gold back to the NWA.
- FALL 2025**
Morton's arrogance grows. He begins to believe he deserves to lead.
- MAY 30, 2026 – NWA POWERRR**
Morton delivers an unapologetic promo to the NWA audience, turning his back on Silas Mason and the Southern Six.
- JUNE 2026**
Mason responds, calling out Morton and vowing to defend the honor of the NWA and the brotherhood they built.
- JULY 2026**
Tension explodes. The two avoid each other in the ring, but the war of words intensifies with each passing week.
- AUGUST 2026 – AND BEYOND**
Morton seeks to prove he is the true future. Mason vows to end Morton's delusion and restore balance to the NWA—no matter what it takes.

★ WHY THIS FEUD IS #1 ★

- ✓ **REAL HISTORY:**
From brothers in the Southern Six to bitter enemies.
- ✓ **REAL STAKES:**
This isn't about money or fame—it's about who will lead the NWA.
- ✓ **REAL HATE:**
Every promo, every stare, every attack is laced with venom.
- ✓ **REAL INVESTMENT:**
The NWA Universe has picked a side and won't back down.

**THE END OF BROTHERHOOD.
THE BEGINNING OF LEGEND.**

ONLY ONE
CAN LEAD.
ONLY ONE
CAN WIN.
NWA

★ THE ROOSTAR ★

★ 13 FOOT TALL & BULLETPROOF ★



I HAVE THE REAL
**NWA WORLD WOMEN'S
HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP**



#HEEL

THEY HAVE
THE CHAMPION.
I HAVE
THE FUTURE.

I DON'T NEED
A HANDOUT.
I WANT WHAT'S
MINE.

THE TICKET
IS COMING
TO CASH IN.



KERRY

MORTON
NOT CHAMPION. YET.



ONE DAY. THIS WILL BE MINE.

NWA WORLDS HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.
★ EVERYONE ELSE IS IN MY WAY. ★

★ THE OFFICIAL ROOSTAR ★ FEUD RANKINGS

AUGUST 2025 – AUGUST 2026

**THE ROOSTAR'S
VERDICT:**
THIS ISN'T JUST
ABOUT MATCHES.
IT'S ABOUT STORIES
THAT MATTER.
THIS IS PRO
WRESTLING.
THIS IS REAL.

#1

**SILAS MASON
VS.
KERRY MORTON**

*BROTHERS.
BETRAYAL.
REVENGE.*

NWA WORLDS HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

AUGUST 2025 – AUGUST 2026

They were the Southern Six. They were brothers. Now Kerry Morton has turned his back on "The Thrillbilly" Silas Mason and the NWA, declaring himself the true face of the Alliance. This isn't about titles.

This is about pride. This is about legacy. This is personal.

★ ★ *THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE FACE OF THE NWA.* ★ ★

TOP 10 FEUDS OF THE YEAR

2		CM PUNK vs. SETH ROLLINS WWE Aug 2025 – Aug 2026	Rollins cashed in Money in the Bank at SummerSlam 2025, stealing Punk's newly won World Heavyweight Championship. The attacks, Becky Lynch's involvement, and AJ Lee's return escalated the personal war until Punk finally regained the title and settled the score.
3		MIKE SANTANA vs. NIC NEMETH TNA Apr 2026 – Aug 2026	It began with heartbreak at Rebellion and built into a full-blown obsession. Nemeth's mind games, Ryan Nemeth's involvement and Santana's determination made their Slammiversary 2026 World Title match one of the most anticipated of the year.
4		ROMAN REIGNS vs. CM PUNK WWE Jan 2026 – Apr 2026	Royal Rumble winner Roman Reigns chose World Champion CM Punk. Months of insults, brawls and history talk led to their WrestleMania 42 main event, where Reigns defeated Punk to capture the World Heavyweight Championship.
5		LÉI YING LEE vs. XIA BROOKSIDE TNA (Knockouts) Feb 2026 – Jul 2026	Best friends turned bitter enemies. Brookside's betrayal, constant attacks and pursuit of Lee's Knockouts Title led to their Slammiversary rematch and an absolutely brutal No Disqualification Title fight in July. Personal. Emotional. Real.
6		ROMAN REIGNS vs. SETH ROLLINS WWE May 2026 – Aug 2026	Shield history, Rollins' betrayal, Paul Heyman and the World Heavyweight Championship fueled this war. Their SummerSlam 2026 showdown was years in the making and lived up to every bit of the hype.
7		KAZUCHIKA OKADA vs. HIROSHI TANAHASHI NJPW Nov 2025 – Jan 2026	A rivalry that defined a generation received its final chapter. Okada returned to NJPW to challenge Tanahashi to his retirement match at Wrestle Kingdom 20 . Legacy. Respect. The passing of the torch.
8		KILLER KROSS vs. MATT RIDDLE MLW May 2026 – Aug 2026	The World Heavyweight Championship was on the line in a war between two dominant forces. Kross and Riddle clashed in a violent rivalry that gave MLW one of the most compelling stories of the year.
9		CODY RHODES vs. RANDY ORTON WWE Feb 2026 – Apr 2026	From mentor and friend to bitter enemies. Orton challenged Cody's leadership and legacy, leading to their Undisputed WWE Championship match at WrestleMania 42 in a powerful battle between respect and resentment.
10		EDDIE EDWARDS vs. MOOSE TNA Mar 2026 – Aug 2026	The System imploded. Friends became enemies. Their violent battles culminated at Slammiversary 2026 in the match TNA promised would finally "put their rivalry to bed."

6'6"
275 POUNDS
OF PURE DOMINANCE

GRETТА

"THE GIANT"

**SHE DIDN'T ENTER THE NWA.
SHE TOWERED OVER IT.**

In seven short months, Greta went from a mystery nobody on the roster had ever seen to the most feared woman in the National Wrestling Alliance. At 6'6", "The Giant" isn't just big—she's the difference-maker who changed the landscape. This is the story of her rise.

December 2, 2025. NWA Powerrr. Tiffany Nieves promised the fans a partner. A mystery nobody expected. Across the ring stood Pretty Empowered. Then the lights hit. The crowd rose. And out from the back came a woman who stopped the show before a single move was made.

Six feet, six inches.

Her name was Greta.

From the moment she stepped through the ropes, the message was loud and clear: the NWA women's division would never be the same.

Greta's debut ended in chaos after Kenzie Paige struck her with a steel chair, but nobody watching cared about the disqualification. They were too busy staring at the size, the power, and the presence of "The Giant."¹

FINDING HER PLACE

Greta didn't waste time. By February, she was aligned with Tiffany Nieves and TV-MA. When Valentina Rossi confronted Nieves after TV-MA lost the NWA World Women's Tag Team Titles to The Hex, it was Greta who answered for Nieves, making it clear that a new era for TV-MA had begun—and that the Giant stood at its center.²

By March, Greta was already in the middle of championship business. During Nieves' Women's World Television Title defense against Liviyah, Greta's presence at ringside became the difference, distracting Liviyah and helping Nieves retain.³ She wasn't just an enforcer—she was a weapon.

A MESSAGE SENT

On April 7, after Natalia Markova defeated her challenger to retain the NWA World Women's Championship, Nieves and Greta attacked from behind.

Greta delivered a thunderous chokeslam that sent a message across the division: fall in line—or get crushed.⁴

That message was reinforced on May 16. Markova just survived a brutal defense against Sirena Veil. The match was over. The celebration didn't last. Greta stormed in and planted Markova with another devastating chokeslam. Moments later, Tiffany Nieves cashed in her Burke Invitational opportunity and became the NEW NWA World Women's Champion.

Greta didn't just stand beside Tiffany Nieves—she cleared the path to gold.⁵

THE GIANT STEPS FORWARD

On June 6, Greta stepped out of the shadows and into the spotlight. In the main event of NWA Powerrr, she faced former World Champion Natalia Markova. It was a true David vs. Goliath moment—and Greta proved she belonged.

She won by disqualification after a crafty low blow and using the championship belt to her advantage. Afterward, Greta and TV-MA continued their assault. When Gisele Shaw tried to make the save, The Giant overwhelmed her as well.

Greta wasn't just part of the story.

She had become the story.⁶

SEVEN MONTHS. TOTAL TAKEOVER.

Think about it. Seven months. From December 2, 2025, to today, Greta went from a complete unknown to the most dominant and feared newcomer in the NWA women's division.

- ★ Debuted as Tiffany Nieves' mystery partner on Powerrr.
- ★ Helped break up the old TV-MA and became Nieves' powerhouse.
- ★ Interfered in championship matches and protected Nieves.
- ★ Attacked Natalia Markova and changed the outcome of a title defense.
- ★ Cleared the path for Nieves to capture the NWA World Women's Championship.
- ★ Main-evented Powerrr against a former champion—and won.
- ★ Continued the war against Markova and Gisele Shaw all summer long.

Greta is more than a giant. She's athletic. She's agile for a woman of her size. She's intelligent. And she's ruthless when it matters most.

At 6'6", she literally towers over the competition. But it's what she does between the ropes that sets her apart.

NWA didn't just find a big woman. They found a future main event star.

**THE ROOSTAR'S PICK IS EASY.
GRETТА "THE GIANT" IS THE
NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR.**

**SHE ARRIVED AS A MYSTERY.
SEVEN MONTHS LATER, SHE BECAME A MOVEMENT.**

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HOW TO READ: Wrestler Name | Promotion(s) | Championship(s)

A

Aaron Stevens	NWA	—
Aaron Wolf	NJPW	★ NEVER Openweight Champion
Ace Austin	TNA	—
Ace Steel	TNA	—
Action Andretti	AEW	—
Adam Cole	AEW	—
Adam Copeland	AEW	—
★ Adam Page	AEW	—
		AEW World Trios Champion (w/ Brodido)
Adam Priest	MLW	—
Aichner	TNA	—
Alec Price	AEW	—
Alec Reynolds	AEW	—
Alex Shelley	AEW	—
Alex Taylor	NWA	—
Alex Zayne	NJPW	—
Alisha Edwards	TNA	—
Allie	TNA	—
Andrade El Idolo	NJPW	—
★ Angel de Oro	NJPW	—
		STRONG Openweight Tag Team Champion (w/ Niebla Roja)
Angelico	ROH	—
Angelo Parker	AEW	—
Anthony Bowens	AEW	—
Anthony Ogogo	AEW	—
Anthony Henry	ROH	—
Ariya Daivari	TNA	—
Ar Fox	AEW, ROH	—
Ash By Elegance	TNA	—
Athena	ROH	—
★ Austin Aries	MLW	—
		MLW National Openweight Champion
Austin Guns	AEW	—
Austin Gunn	AEW	—
Austin Idol	NWA	—
★ Atlantis Jr.	NJPW	—

B

Bad Dude Tito	NJPW	—
★ Bandido	ROH	—
		ROH World Champion
Baron Von Storm	NWA	—
Bear Bronson	TNA	—
BDE	TNA	—
Big Shotty	AEW	—
Billie Starkz	ROH	—
Billy Dixon	NWA	—
Billy Gunn	AEW	—
Bishop Kaun	AEW	—
Blake Christian	TNA	—
Boltin Oleg	NJPW	—
Bobby Cruise	ROH	—
Bobby Lashley	TNA	—
★ Bradido (Bandido & Brody King)	AEW	—
		AEW World Trios Champion
Brian Cage	AEW	—
Brian Myers	TNA	—
Breckin Gallows	NWA	—
Bron Breaker	NJPW	—
Buddy Matthews	AEW	—

C

Cade Dempsey	NWA	—
Caleb Konley	NWA	—
Callum Newman	NJPW	—
Carlie Bravo	ROH	—
Cage & Cope (Brian Cage & Adam Copeland)	AEW	—
★ Cash Wheeler	AEW	—
		AEW World Tag Team Champion (w/ Dax Harwood)
Caz XL	NWA	—
★ Cedric Alexander	TNA	—
		TNA X-Division Champion
★ Channing Decker	NWA	—
		NWA National Champion
Chase Owens	NJPW	—
Chris Adonis	NWA	—
Chris Bey	TNA	—
Chris Jericho	AEW	—
Chris Sabin	AEW, ROH	—
Christian Cage	AEW	—
★ Clark Connors	NJPW	—
Claudio Castagnoli	AEW	—
Colby Corino	NWA	—
Cole Karter	ROH	—
Colt Cabana	AEW	—
Colten Gunn	AEW	—
Cory Hollis	NWA	—
Cody Deaner	NJPW	—
Cool Hand Angelo Parker	AEW	—

D

Daiki Nagai	NJPW	—
Dakota Morton	NWA	—
Danny Graves	NWA	—
Dante Leon	NWA	—
Dante Martin	AEW	—
Darius Carter	NWA	—
Darius Martin	TNA	—
David Finlay	NJPW	—
Deonna Purrazzo	ROH	—
		ROH Women's Pure Champion
Dezmond Xavier	ROH	—
Dick Togo	NJPW	—
Diamante	ROH	—
Dr. Britt Baker D.M.D.	AEW	—
Drilla Moloney	NJPW	—
Dralistico	AEW	—
Don Callis	AEW, ROH	—
Don Fale	NJPW	—
★ Donovan Dijak	MLW	—
		MLW National Openweight Champion
Dutch	TNA	—
Dustin Rhodes	AEW	—
DOUKI	NJPW	—

E

Eddie Edwards	TNA	—
Eddie Kingston	AEW	—
El Clon	AEW	—
El Desperado	NJPW	—
El Hijo del Vikingo	MLW	—
El Phantasma	NJPW	—
Elayna Black	TNA	—
Elijah Burke	NWA	—
Ethan Page	NWA	—
Evil Uno	AEW	—

F

Flash Flanagan	NWA	—
Francesco Akira	NJPW	—
Frankie Kazarian	TNA	—
Fred Rosser	NJPW	—
FYRE	AEW	—

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G

Gabe Kidd	NJPW	—
Gedo	NJPW	—
Gisele Shaw	AEW, NWA	—
Gringo Loco	MLW	—
Great-O-Khan	NJPW	—

H

Hammerstone	NWA	—
Hechicero	AEW	—
Heather By Elegance	TNA	—
Hikaru Shida	AEW	—
House of Glory (Davey Boy Smith Jr.)	MLW	—

I

Indi Hartwell	TNA	—
Ikuro Kwon	MLW	—
Ikuro Hidaka	NJPW	—
Isaiah Kassidy	AEW	—
Ishimori	NJPW	—

J

Jack Perry	AEW	—
Jacob Fatu	NJPW	—
Jada Stone	TNA	—
Jalen Prophecy	AEW	—
Jason Hotch	TNA	—
Jay Briscoe	ROH	—
Jeff Hardy	TNA	—
JDC	TNA	—
Jericho (Chris Jericho)	AEW, ROH	—
★ Jon Moxley	AEW	—
AEW Continental Champion		
John Skyler	TNA	—
Josh Alexander	TNA	—
Josh Bishop	MLW	—
MLW World Tag Team Champion		
Josh Woods	AEW	—
Joshua Bishop	ROH	—
Juice Robinson	AEW	—

K

Kaimu	NJPW	—
Karl Anderson	MLW	—
KC Navarro	TNA	—
Keith Lee	AEW	—
★ Kenny Omega	AEW	—
AEW World Champion		
★ Kevin Knight	AEW	—
AEW TNT Champion		
Kilynn King	TNA	—
★ Killer Kross	MLW	—
MLW World Heavyweight Champion		
Kingston (Eddie Kingston)	AEW	—
Kip Sabian	AEW	—
Konosuke Takeshita	NJPW	—
Kota Ibushi	AEW	—
★ KUSHIDA	MLW	—
MLW World Middleweight Champion		
Kyle Fletcher	AEW	—
AEW International Champion		

L

Lance Archer	AEW	—
Laredo Kid	NJPW	—
Lei Ying Lee	TNA	—
Lena Kross	AEW	—
Leon Slater	TNA	—
Lio Rush	ROH	—
ROH World Television Champion		

M

Mads Krügger	MLW	—
Mala Suerte	NJPW	—
Mance Warner	NJPW	—
Mark Briscoe	ROH	—
Mark Coffey	NJPW	—
Matt Cardona	MLW	—
Matt Hardy	TNA	—
Matt Jackson	AEW	—
Matt Menard	AEW	—
Matt Hardy	AEW	—
★ Maya World	AEW TBS Champion	—
Mike Bailey	AEW	—
Mike Santana	AEW	—
Mina Shirakawa	AEW	—
★ Mistico	MLW, NJPW, ROH	—

ROH World Tag Team Champion

(with Máscara Dorada)

NJPW IWGP Jr. Heavyweight Tag Team Champion

(with El Desperado)

★ TAG TEAM / SIX-MAN CHAMPIONS

AEW World Trios Champions — Adam Page & Brodido

NWA National Tag Team Champions — Southern Six

NJPW STRONG Openweight Tag Team Champions —

Angel de Oro & Niebla Roja

ROH World Tag Team Champions —

Mistico & Máscara Dorada

ROH World Six-Man Tag Team Champions —

Outrunners (Turbo Floyd & Truth Magnum)

N

Niebla Roja	NJPW	—
★ Nic Nemeth	TNA	—
TNA World Heavyweight Champion		
Nicholas Jackson	AEW	—
Nick Wayne	ROH	—
Ninja Mack	MLW	—
SHO	NJPW	—
Shota Umino	NJPW	—
Speedball Mike Bailey	NJPW	—
O		
O'Shea Jackson Jr.	MLW	—
OKUMURA	MLW	—
Orange Cassidy	AEW	—
Ortiz	MLW	—
Oro Mensah	MLW	—
OSKAR	NJPW	—
★ Outrunners	ROH	—
ROH World Six-Man Tag Team Champions		
(Turbo Floyd & Truth Magnum)		

P

PAC	AEW	—
Paige VanZant	NWA	—
Paloma Starr	MLW	—
Paul Walter Hauser	MLW	—
Peter Avalon	MLW	—
Penta El Zero Miedo	AEW	—
Phalanx (JDC & Zayda Steel)	TNA	—
Phoenix Nitro	MLW	—
Preston Vance	AEW	—
Priscilla Kelly	MLW	—

R

Rachael Ellering	ROH	—
Rich Swann	TNA	—
Ricky Shane Page	NWA	—
Rocky Romero	NJPW	—
Ross Von Erich	ROH	—
Ryan Nemeth	TNA	—

S

Samoa Joe	AEW	—
Santos Escobar	NJPW	—
Satoshi Kojima	MLW	—
Scarlett Bordeaux	MLW	—
Scorpio Sky	AEW	—
Shane Haste	NJPW	—
Shane Taylor	ROH	—
Shawn Dean	ROH	—
Shelton Benjamin	AEW	—
★ Shotzi	MLW	—
MLW Women's World Champion		
Sid Scala	MLW	—
Spike Dudley	NWA	—
Swerve Strickland	AEW	—

T

Taichi	NJPW	—
Tama Tonga	NJPW	—
Tasha Steelz	TNA	—
Tatsuya Naito	NJPW	—
Templario	MLW	—
★ Tiffany Nieves	NWA	—
NWA Women's World Champion		
Titán	MLW	—
Tom Lawlor	MLW	—
Tony Nese	ROH	—
Trevor Lee	MLW	—
MLW Southern Crown Champion		
Trish Adora	ROH	—

V-Z

Vance Archer	NWA	—
Vikingo	MLW	—
Vincent	TNA	—
Wardlow	AEW	—
Wes Lee	AEW	—
Will Ospreay	AEW, NJPW	—
NJPW NEVER Openweight		
6-Man Tag Team Champion		
(with HENARE & Great-O-Khan)		
★ Wheeler Yuta	AEW	—
Wolfgang	MLW	—
YOH	NJPW	—
★ Yota Tsuji	NJPW	—
IWGP World Heavyweight Champion		
Yuji Nagata	NJPW	—
Yujiro Takahashi	NJPW	—
Zack Sabre Jr.	NJPW	—
Zane Jay	NJPW	—

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IN MEMORIAM

AUGUST 2025 — AUGUST 2026

THE CHEERS FADE.
THE ARENAS GROW QUIET.
BUT THE NAMES REMAIN.

Before we close this edition,
THE ROOSTAR USER'S GUIDE TO PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING
pauses to honor the wrestlers, legends, and members
of the wrestling family we lost during the past year.

THEIR MATCHES ENDED. THEIR STORIES DID NOT.

WE REMEMBER.



THE LEGENDS WE LOST

DORY FUNK JR.

★ THE WRESTLER'S WRESTLER ★

FEBRUARY 3, 1941 – AUGUST 4, 2026

There was a time when being NWA World Heavyweight Champion meant carrying professional wrestling on your back. The champion traveled from territory to territory, city to city and country to country. He was expected to walk into another promoter's building, face that territory's greatest challenger and leave the audience believing they had witnessed the best professional wrestler alive.

For more than four years, that man was Dory Funk Jr.

Born February 3, 1941, Funk inherited one of wrestling's most important names. His father, Dory Funk Sr., was a wrestler and promoter, while his younger brother Terry would eventually become one of the most celebrated performers the industry ever produced. But Dory Jr. created a legacy distinctly his own—built upon precision, toughness and an extraordinary understanding of professional wrestling.

On February 11, 1969, Funk defeated Gene Kiniski in Tampa, Florida, to capture the NWA World Heavyweight Championship. Funk himself later described that night as the day that changed his life.

What followed became wrestling history.

For **1,563 consecutive days**, Funk carried the championship, eventually losing it to Harley Race on May 24, 1973. His run remains the second-longest uninterrupted reign in the championship's history.

During those years, Funk wasn't merely defending a belt. He represented the National Wrestling Alliance around the world. His challengers included many of the era's greatest names, and his travels helped establish a relationship with Japanese professional wrestling that would become a defining part of his career. Funk wrestled alongside legends including Wahoo McDaniel, Jack and Jerry Brisco, Antonio Inoki, Giant Baba and Billy Robinson.

His influence eventually stretched far beyond his own matches. Funk became deeply connected to All Japan Pro Wrestling, making dozens of trips to Japan and serving as both wrestler and mentor. One of his earliest major training assignments was helping develop Olympic wrestler Jumbo Tsuruta, beginning what Funk called the "Dory Funk Method."

Later, alongside his wife Marti, Funk established the Funking Conservatory in Ocala, Florida. Generations of wrestlers passed through his training system. Funk's own records name future stars including Kurt Angle, Edge, Christian, Matt Hardy, Jeff Hardy, Lita, Mickie James, Mark Henry, Rhino, Chris Sabin and Christopher Daniels among those who trained through his programs.

His achievements were eventually recognized by wrestling's major halls of fame. He entered the NWA Hall of Fame in 2006, and in 2009 Dory and Terry Funk were inducted together into the WWE Hall of Fame.

Dory Funk Jr. died on August 4, 2026, at the age of 85. No cause of death was announced.

A LASTING LEGACY

Champion. Innovator. Teacher. Pioneer. Family Man. Dory Funk Jr. stood at the very crossroads of professional wrestling's past, present and future—and helped build the road for everyone who followed.

WE WILL NEVER FORGET.



“THE BELT EVENTUALLY LEFT HIS WAIST.
THE KNOWLEDGE NEVER LEFT
PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING.”



DORY FUNK JR.

1941–2026

NWA WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION.
TEACHER. PIONEER. FUNK.



DENNIS "LOVERBOY" CONDREY

★ THE ART OF THE MIDNIGHT EXPRESS ★

FEBRUARY 1, 1952 – MARCH 20, 2026

Dennis "Loverboy" Condrey belonged to a generation when tag-team wrestling wasn't a side attraction. Done correctly, it could headline buildings, ignite territory-wide rivalries and make audiences genuinely despise the men standing across the ring from their heroes.

Condrey understood that art as well as almost anyone.

His professional career began in the 1970s, but his place in history crystallized when he helped create The Midnight Express. The original incarnation formed around Condrey, Randy Rose and Norvell Austin. Then, in 1983, professional wrestling found the combination that would make the name immortal: Dennis Condrey and "Beautiful" Bobby Eaton, with Jim Cornette carrying the tennis racket and providing the voice.

They ewere villains audiences could believe in.

Condrey brought toughness, timing and an old-school territorial realism. Eaton supplied breathtaking athleticism. Cornette antagonized virtually everyone within earshot. Together, they became one of the defining heel acts of the 1980s.

And every great villain needs an opposite.

For the Midnight Express, that was Ricky Morton and Robert Gibson — The Rock 'n' Roll Express.

Their rivalry became one of professional wrestling's defining tag-team wars. It began during the Midnight Express' Mid-South run and followed them through the territorial landscape, becoming a template for tag-team storytelling that wrestlers would study decades later.

Condrey's championship résumé stretched far beyond a single promotion. His career included championship success throughout the territories and eventually an AWA World Tag Team Championship reign with Randy Rose. His career ultimately spanned nearly four decades before his final match in 2011.

Yet championships alone don't explain why Condrey mattered.

He was a tag-team specialist in the deepest meaning of the term. He understood positioning, timing, psychology and how one wrestler's movement could make another wrestler appear larger than life. Modern wrestlers continued seeking his knowledge long after his own active career had ended.

That respect became especially visible late in his life. FTR's Dax Harwood developed a friendship with Condrey and, after his death, described Dennis and his wife Theresa as making him feel like part of their family. Harwood also placed Condrey and Eaton among the finest tag teams he had ever studied.

On March 20, 2026, Dennis Condrey died in Huntsville, Alabama. He was 74 years old.

An era became a little quieter that night.

Bobby Eaton had already gone. Now Condrey was gone too. But somewhere every night, two wrestlers still cut off half the ring, distract a referee, make a perfectly timed tag and turn an audience's frustration into a roar.

They may never have met Dennis Condrey.

But they're speaking a wrestling language he helped perfect.

MIDNIGHT EXPRESS

A NAME THAT DEFINED A GENERATION.
A LEGACY THAT WILL NEVER FADE.

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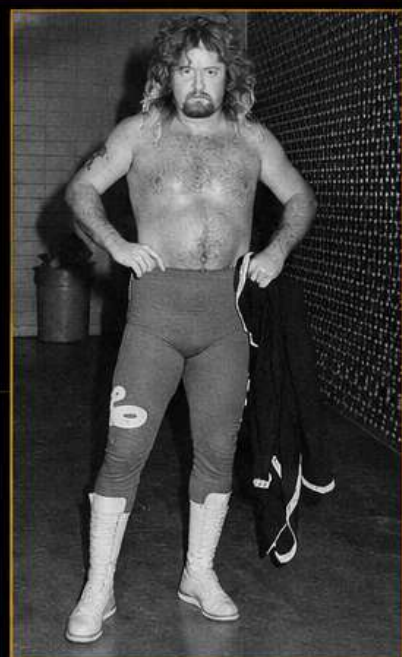


“THE BEST TAG TEAM
WRESTLER I EVER SAW.
DENNIS AND BOBBY EATON
WERE ON ANOTHER LEVEL.
THEY TAUGHT ME SO MUCH
ABOUT THIS BUSINESS.”

— DAX HARWOOD
(FTR)

★ CAREER HIGHLIGHTS ★

- ★ Founding member of The Midnight Express
- ★ One of the greatest tag-team specialists in wrestling history
- ★ Multiple Tag Team Champion across Mid-South, WCCW, Jim Crockett Promotions and other major territories
- ★ AWA World Tag Team Champion (with Randy Rose)
- ★ Wrestled for nearly four decades (1970s–2011)
- ★ Revered by peers, wrestlers and fans for his skill, toughness and dedication to the business



DENNIS "LOVERBOY" CONDREY

1952–2026

MIDNIGHT EXPRESS.

TAG-TEAM MASTER. TERRITORY LEGEND.

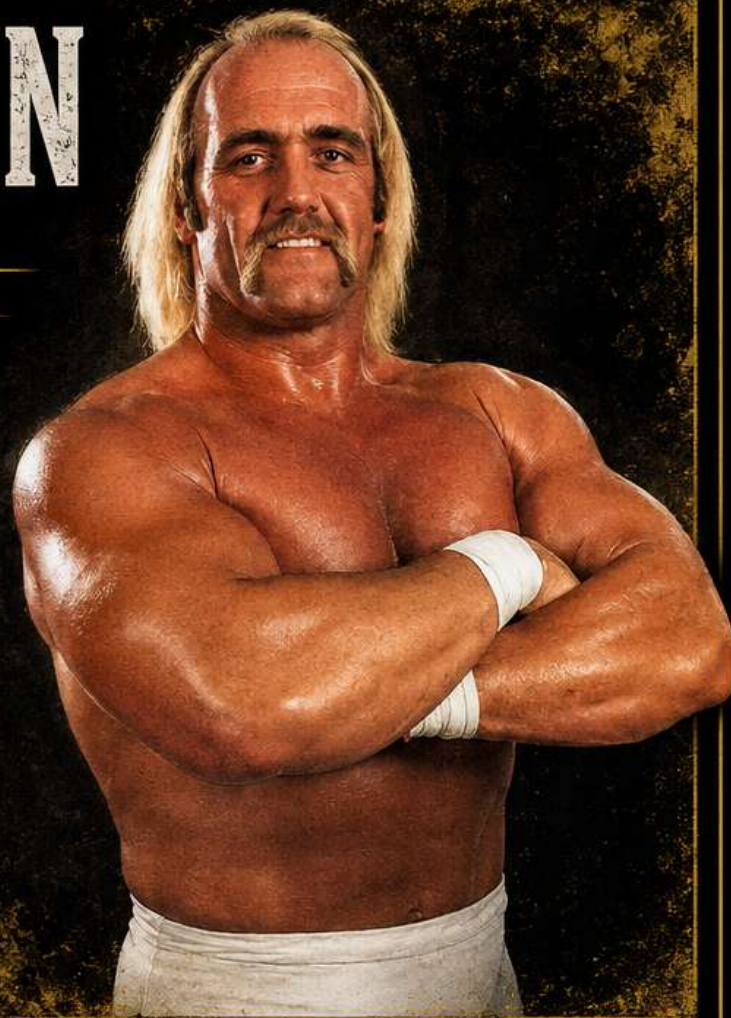
THANK YOU
FOR THE
MEMORIES,
LOVERBOY.

— ★ IN MEMORY OF A LEGEND ★ —

HULK HOGAN

THE MAN WHO MADE WRESTLING
— LARGER THAN LIFE —

AUGUST 11, 1953 – JULY 24, 2025



Before the stadiums, before WrestleMania became an American institution, before professional wrestlers routinely crossed into movies, television and mainstream celebrity, there was a moment when Terry Bollea became something bigger than a wrestler.

He became Hulk Hogan.

Hogan had been a musician in Florida before entering professional wrestling in 1977. He trained under Hiro Matsuda and endured an infamously brutal introduction to the business. But size alone wasn't what eventually separated Hogan from everyone around him. It was presence. The blond hair. The mustache. The enormous physique. The poses. The booming interviews. And eventually, the red and yellow.

On January 23, 1984, everything changed.

Inside Madison Square Garden, Hogan defeated The Iron Sheik for the WWF Championship. That victory launched the phenomenon that became Hulkamania. His first championship reign lasted more than four years, from January 1984 until February 1988.

THEN CAME WRESTLEMANIA.

Hogan teamed with Mr. T in the main event of the inaugural WrestleMania in 1985, becoming the centerpiece of WWE's attempt to combine wrestling, celebrity and pop culture into something the industry had never previously achieved on that scale. WWE itself credits Hogan as a central figure in its rise from a regional wrestling organization into a worldwide entertainment company.

AND THEN CAME ANDRÉ THE GIANT.

Their confrontation at WrestleMania III became one of wrestling's defining images: Hogan lifting the enormous André and slamming him to the canvas before dropping the leg and retaining the championship.

Hogan eventually became a six-time WWE Champion, a two-time Royal Rumble winner and one of the industry's most recognizable celebrities.

BUT HIS GREATEST REINVENTION WAS STILL AHEAD.

After moving to WCW, Hogan initially remained the familiar hero. Then, on July 7, 1996, at Bash at the Beach, wrestling witnessed one of its most famous betrayals.

Scott Hall and Kevin Nash had promised a mysterious third man.

It was Hogan.

He attacked Randy Savage, abandoned the heroic identity that had defined him for more than a decade and joined Hall and Nash. The New World Order was born, and Hulk Hogan became Hollywood Hogan.

The transformation was extraordinary. The red and yellow disappeared. Black and white replaced it. The childhood superhero became the villain.

And audiences couldn't stop watching.

The nWo became a genuine pop-culture phenomenon, while Hogan again became one of wrestling's central figures during the Monday Night War. He accumulated multiple WCW World Championship reigns, including a 468-day first reign, and ultimately became a six-time WCW World Champion.

A LEGACY THAT CAN'T BE MEASURED BY TITLES ALONE.

His influence extended far beyond the ring. Movies, television, merchandise and celebrity made Hulk Hogan recognizable to millions of people who had never purchased a wrestling ticket.

In 2005, Sylvester Stallone inducted Hogan into the WWE Hall of Fame. Hogan later became a two-time inductee when the nWo was selected for the Hall of Fame as part of the Class of 2020.

His legacy is also complicated. In 2015, WWE severed ties with Hogan after recordings surfaced containing racist remarks. Hogan apologized, and WWE reinstated him into its Hall of Fame in 2018. That episode remains an unavoidable part of the complete historical record of Terry Bollea alongside his enormous influence on professional wrestling.

On July 24, 2025, emergency personnel responded to Hogan's Clearwater, Florida, home after a cardiac-arrest call. He was taken to a hospital and pronounced dead. He was 71. The medical examiner subsequently determined that a heart attack caused his death.

Professional wrestling existed long before Hulk Hogan. It produced giants before him and legends after him. But during the 1980s, Hogan became the face millions associated with professional wrestling itself. Then, more

★ CAREER HIGHLIGHTS ★

- ★ 6-TIME WWE CHAMPION
(WWF Champion – 1984–1988)
- ★ 6-TIME WCW WORLD CHAMPION
(First reign: 468 days)
- ★ 2-TIME ROYAL RUMBLE WINNER
(1990, 1991)
- ★ MAIN EVENTED WRESTLEMANIA I, II, III, V, VI, VII, VIII & IX
- ★ FORMED THE NEW WORLD ORDER (nWo) IN WCW IN 1996
- ★ WWE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE – 2005
nWo HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE – 2020

“ I AM WHAT I AM.
I SAY WHAT I SAY.
AND I DO WHAT I DO.
THERE'S NO OTHER ME. ”
— HULK HOGAN



HULK HOGAN wasn't just a wrestler. He was a cultural force who took professional wrestling to places it had never been before—and inspired generations that came after.

HULK HOGAN

1953 – 2025

HULKAMANIA. HOLLYWOOD.
AN INDUSTRY-CHANGING ICON.



★ IN MEMORY OF A LEGEND ★

SABU

THE HOMICIDAL, SUICIDAL, GENOCIDAL
PIONEER WHO CHANGED WRESTLING FOREVER

DECEMBER 12, 1964 – MAY 11, 2025

Terry Brunk didn't just wrestle—he risked everything in every match. Long before "extreme" became a brand in professional wrestling, one man was already living it.

His name was Sabu.

Born on December 12, 1964, in Lansing, Michigan, Brunk began training under the legendary Verne Gagne in the early 1980s. He wrestled in various territories, including the AWA, before his path led him to Extreme Championship Wrestling—and to a place in wrestling history that no one could ever take away from him.

ECW WAS HIS CANVAS.

Debuting in ECW in 1993, Sabu immediately stood out with a style that was as beautiful as it was dangerous. Leaping from high places. Crashing through tables. Daring gravity itself to stop him. He brought a level of innovation, chaos and athleticism that the wrestling world had never seen.

Sabu became the heart and soul of ECW's identity. He wasn't a character; he was a force of nature.

CHAMPION OF EXTREMES.

Sabu captured the ECW World Heavyweight Championship twice—first on January 21, 1995, when he defeated The Tazmaniac, and again on August 27, 1995, defeating Shane Douglas in a tournament final at Heat Wave 1995.

He also held the ECW World Television Championship, defeating 2 Cold Scorpio on July 30, 1994.

But titles only tell part of the story.

THE MATCHES THAT DEFINED A GENERATION.

Sabu's wars with Taz, Rob Van Dam, Terry Funk, Raven, The Sandman and many others are the stuff of legend. His barbed-wire, fluorescent light tube, and steel chair deathmatches rewrote the rulebook. He introduced aerial maneuvers—like the Arabian Facebuster and the Top Rope Leg Drop—to a hardcore environment, creating moments that fans still talk about decades later.

At *Barely Legal* 1997, Sabu and Rob Van Dam delivered one of the most devastating matches in ECW history—an instant classic that remains required viewing for any serious wrestling fan.

A PIONEER WHO OPENED DOORS.

Sabu's influence cannot be overstated. He paved the way for an entire generation of wrestlers who now compete in hardcore, independent and mainstream companies around the world. Without Sabu, there is no modern hardcore division. There is no ECW legacy. There is no template for the high-risk revolution that followed.

A CAREER THAT NEVER SLOWED DOWN.

After ECW closed its doors, Sabu continued to wrestle around the world—Japan, Mexico, the Middle East, Europe and the United States—bringing his brand of excitement to fans of all ages. He remained active for more than three decades, still stepping into the ring and still risking everything for the love of the sport.

FOREVER THE EXTREME ICON.

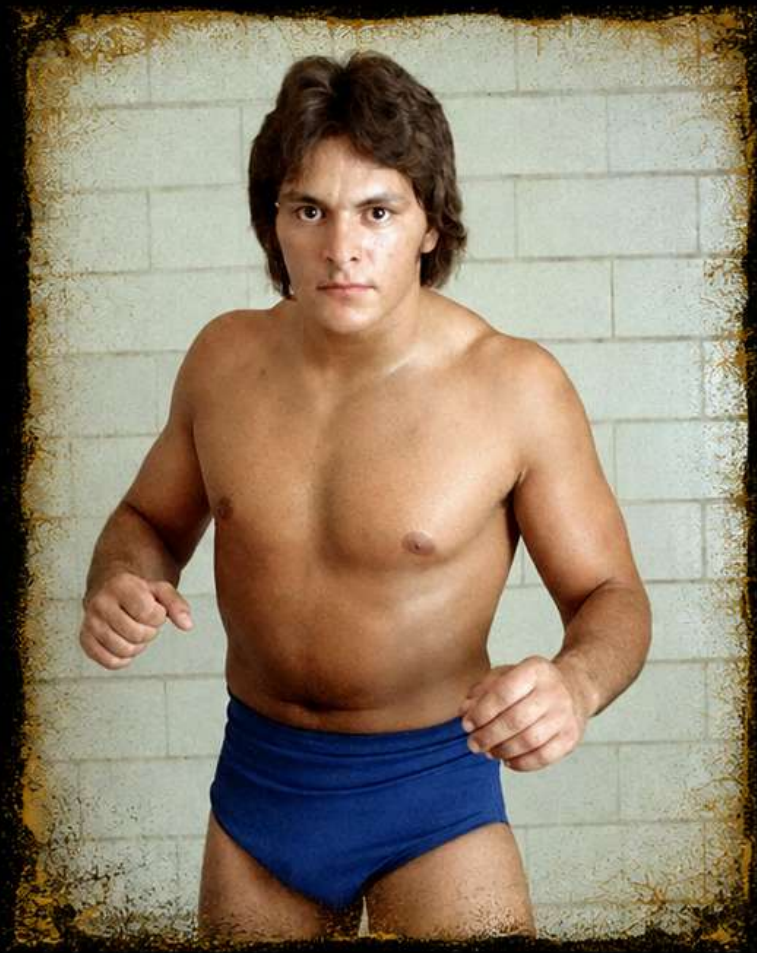
Sabu died on May 11, 2025, at the age of 60/61. The wrestling world lost more than a performer—we lost a trailblazer, a warrior and a true original.

He was Homicidal. Suicidal. Genocidal.
He was Sabu.
And he will never be forgotten.

— THE LEGACY LIVES ON —

YOU DIDN'T JUST CHANGE ECW.
YOU CHANGED WRESTLING.
THANK YOU, SABU.

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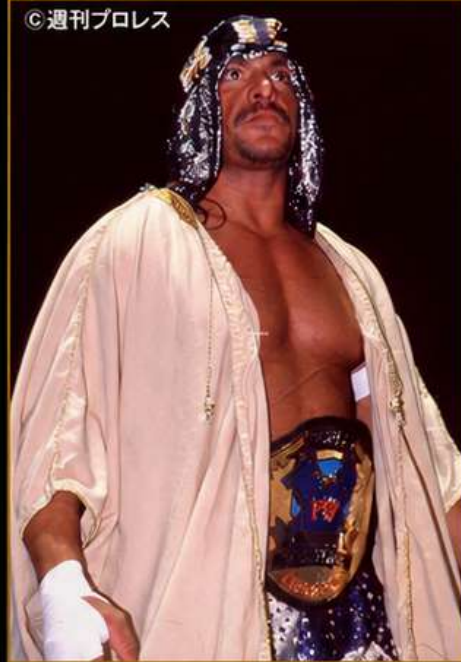
“ I DON'T DO THIS FOR FAME.
I DON'T DO THIS FOR MONEY.
I DO THIS BECAUSE I LOVE IT—
AND I'LL DIE DOING IT. ”

— SABU

★ CAREER HIGHLIGHTS ★

- ★ 2-TIME ECW WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION (1995)
- ★ ECW WORLD TELEVISION CHAMPION (1994)
- ★ PIONEER OF HARDCORE WRESTLING IN THE 1990s
- ★ ICONIC WARS WITH TAZ, RVD, TERRY FUNK, RAVEN, SANDMAN AND OTHERS
- ★ INNOVATOR OF HIGH-RISK AERIAL & HARDCORE STYLE
- ★ WRESTLED IN JAPAN, MEXICO, THE MIDDLE EAST, EUROPE AND THE U.S.
- ★ LEGENDARY MATCHES: BARELY LEGAL 1997, NOVEMBER TO REMEMBER 1995, HEAT WAVE 1995

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SABU

(TERRY BRUNK)

1964 – 2025

THE ULTIMATE HARDCORE ORIGINAL.
THE LEGEND THAT WILL LIVE FOREVER.

FOREVER
THE EXTREME
ICON

★ IN MEMORY OF A LEGEND ★

STEVE "MONGO" McMICHAEL

— FROM THE SUPER BOWL —
— TO THE FOUR HORSEMEN —

★★★

OCTOBER 17, 1957 – APRIL 23, 2025

Steve McMichael didn't need professional wrestling to make him famous.

By the time "Mongo" stepped into WCW, he had already spent years crashing through offensive lines, terrorizing quarterbacks and establishing himself as one of the defining personalities of perhaps the most celebrated defense in NFL history.

He was a Chicago Bear.

And that meant something.

McMichael arrived in Chicago in 1981 after a brief stint with New England. What followed was an extraordinary display of durability. He appeared in a Bears-record 191 consecutive games, became a two-time Pro Bowler and earned first-team All-Pro honors three consecutive times from 1985 through 1987. His 92.5 sacks for Chicago remain second in franchise history.

Then came 1985.

The Bears became a cultural phenomenon. Their defense overwhelmed opponents on the way to Super Bowl XX, where Chicago demolished the New England Patriots 46–10. McMichael started at left defensive tackle and recorded a sack.

Most athletes would have been satisfied with that legacy.

Mongo wasn't finished performing.

Professional wrestling provided an almost absurdly natural second act. The intensity, swagger and enormous personality that had made McMichael unforgettable in Chicago translated directly into WCW.

Initially appearing as a commentator, Mongo eventually crossed the line separating the broadcast table from the wrestling ring.

Then he became a Horseman.

Alongside names synonymous with one of wrestling's greatest factions, McMichael entered the mythology of the Four Horsemen and became a genuine in-ring competitor.

On August 21, 1997, Mongo reached the pinnacle of his wrestling career when he defeated Jeff Jarrett to capture the WCW United States Heavyweight Championship.

For 24 days, the former Super Bowl champion carried one of professional wrestling's most historic championships before losing it to Curt Hennig on September 15.

Years later came one final honor.

In 2024, Steve McMichael was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. By then he was battling ALS and unable to travel to Canton for the ceremony. His Hall of Fame bust and gold jacket were brought to his home, allowing Mongo to experience his enshrinement surrounded by family and former Bears teammates.

On April 23, 2025, Steve McMichael died at 67 with friends and family beside him.

There will always be arguments over whether Mongo was a football player who became a wrestler or a wrestler who happened to play football first.

Maybe that's the wrong question.

He was Mongo.

One personality was big enough for Soldier Field, the Super Bowl, Monday Nitro and the Four Horsemen.

Few men ever reached the top of one sport. Steve McMichael left his fingerprints on two.

★ A LEGACY THAT TRANSCENDED SPORTS ★

FEW ACHIEVE GREATNESS IN ONE WORLD.
MONGO REACHED THE HIGHEST LEVELS
IN TWO COMPLETELY DIFFERENT ONES.

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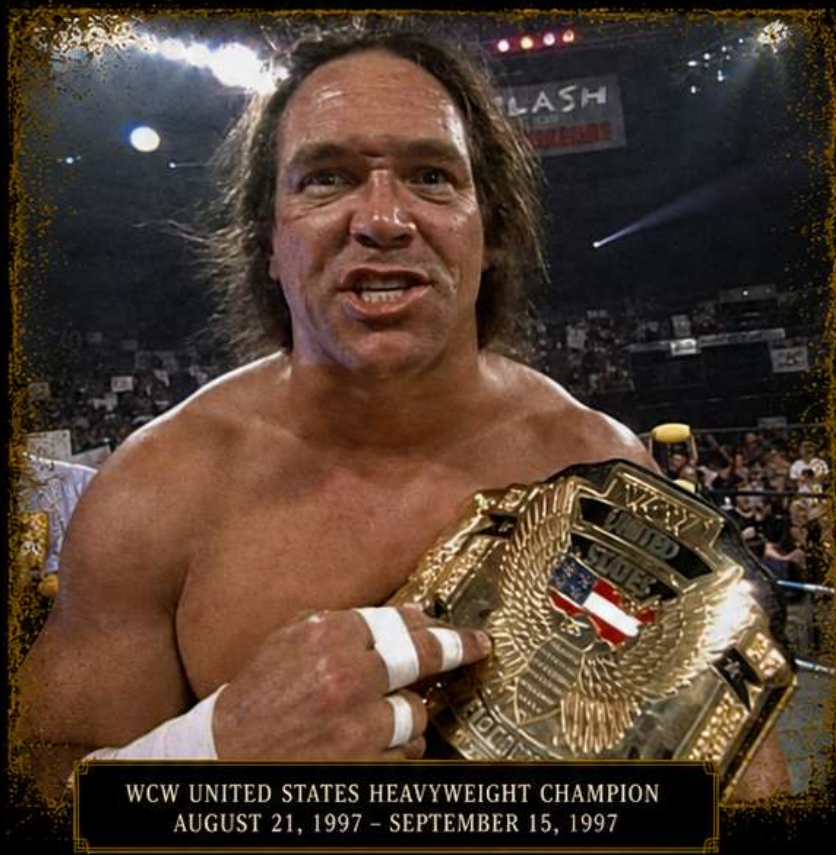


★ NFL CAREER HIGHLIGHTS ★

- ★ 15 NFL SEASONS (1981–1993)
- ★ PLAYED IN A BEARS-RECORD 191 CONSECUTIVE GAMES
- ★ 2-TIME PRO BOWLER (1985, 1986)
- ★ 3-TIME FIRST-TEAM ALL-PRO (1985, 1986, 1987)
- ★ 92.5 SACKS WITH THE CHICAGO BEARS (2ND IN FRANCHISE HISTORY)
- ★ STARTING DEFENSIVE TACKLE FOR THE 1985 CHICAGO BEARS
- ★ SUPER BOWL XX CHAMPION JANUARY 26, 1986
- ★ INDUCTED INTO THE PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2024

“ FOOTBALL MADE ME TOUGH.
WRESTLING LET ME BE ME.
I LOVE BOTH. I GAVE EVERYTHING I HAD
TO EACH OF THEM. ”

— STEVE "MONGO" McMICHAEL



WCW UNITED STATES HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION
AUGUST 21, 1997 – SEPTEMBER 15, 1997

STEVE "MONGO" McMICHAEL

1957 – 2025

SUPER BOWL CHAMPION.
PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAMER.
FOUR HORSEMAN.
WCW UNITED STATES CHAMPION.

A TRUE
LEGEND OF
FOOTBALL AND
WRESTLING

UNHINGED

"I DON'T PLAY A CHARACTER.
I AM THE NIGHTMARE."

MZRY

NWA
WORLDS TELEVISION
HEAVYWEIGHT
CHAMPION

NWA
NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE

NO RULES
NO MERCY
ONLY
NIGHTMARE



THE WORLD IS MY STAGE.
THE NIGHTMARE IS MY LEGACY.



UNHINGED_MZRY

★ IN MEMORY OF A LEGEND ★

SIR MO

THE HEART OF THE MISSION



APRIL 13, 1967 – OCTOBER 19, 2025

The WWF's New Generation era was filled with characters designed to make an immediate impression.

Few entrances looked or sounded quite like
Men on a Mission.

Before he became royalty, Robert "Bobby" Horne was Mo — one half of a massive, colorful tag team alongside Mabel, with Oscar rapping them toward the ring. Their message was deliberately upbeat. Their clothes were impossible to miss. And in an era filled with larger-than-life personalities, Men on a Mission created an identity entirely their own.

Horne began wrestling in the early 1990s and eventually found his greatest national exposure alongside Nelson Frazier Jr. The two arrived in the WWF as Mabel and Mo, accompanied by Oscar, and quickly became fixtures of the company's New Generation period. WWE remembers the trio as one of the popular acts of that era. ★

THEN CAME THEIR CHAMPIONSHIP MOMENT.

On March 29, 1994, in England, Men on a Mission defeated The Quebecers and became WWF Tag Team Champions.

Their reign lasted only two days.

But nobody could ever erase those two days.

Robert Horne had reached the top of the WWF tag-team division. ★

The following year brought a dramatic transformation. Men on a Mission abandoned their cheerful presentation and turned against the fans. Then Mabel won the 1995 King of the Ring tournament.

A king needed someone at his side.

Mo became Sir Mo.

It was the character by which generations of wrestling fans would continue to remember Bobby Horne. ★

HIS STORY, HOWEVER, DIDN'T END WHEN HIS WWF RUN DID.

Horne continued performing for years afterward. WWE notes that he became part of the original Nation of Domination in the USWA and later captured the PPW Tag Team Championship with Deon Harlem. He remained involved with professional wrestling long after his greatest television exposure had passed. ★

AND THAT MAY BE THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF HIS STORY.

For some wrestlers, appearing on national television is the destination.

For Bobby Horne, wrestling itself was the destination.

Even after the bright lights of the WWF were gone, he remained connected to the business and helped another generation learn it. ★

On October 19, 2025, Robert Horne died at 58.

The man is gone.

But somewhere in wrestling history, the music is still playing. Oscar is still rapping. Mabel is still beside him.

And Mo is still on a mission. ★



★ CAREER HIGHLIGHTS ★

★ 1-TIME WWF WORLD TAG TEAM CHAMPION (MEN ON A MISSION) March 29 – March 31, 1994

★ WWF NEW GENERATION SUPERSTAR

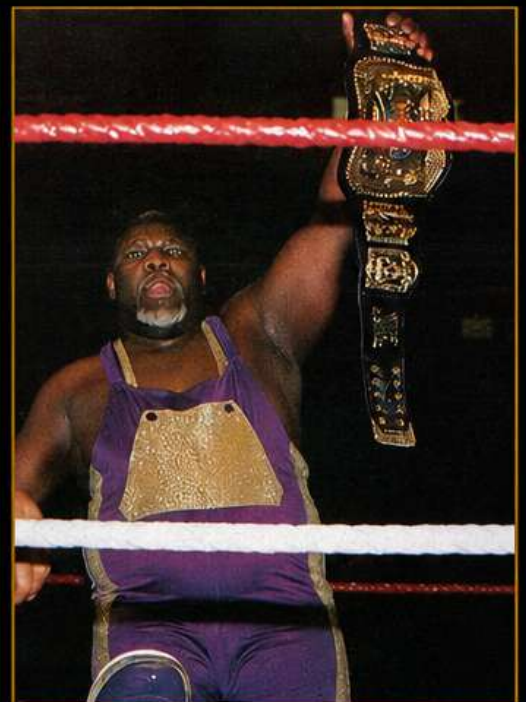
★ FORMED THE ICONIC TEAM MEN ON A MISSION WITH MABEL AND OSCAR

★ 1995 KING OF THE RING WINNER'S CROWNED ROYAL GUARD (SIR MO)

★ LATER COMPETED IN USWA AS PART OF THE ORIGINAL NATION OF DOMINATION

★ PPW TAG TEAM CHAMPION WITH DEON HARLEM

★ BELOVED FOR HIS CHARISMA, ENERGY AND CONNECTION WITH THE FANS



“ WE CAME TOGETHER. WE STOOD TOGETHER.
WE’RE GOING TOGETHER...
ON A MISSION!
— MEN ON A MISSION ”

SIR MO – ROBERT HORNE

1967 – 2025

MEN ON A MISSION.
WWF TAG TEAM CHAMPION.
NEW GENERATION ORIGINAL.
MENTOR.

THANK YOU
SIR MO
FOR THE MEMORIES
AND INSPIRING
GENERATIONS.

★ IN MEMORY OF A LEGEND ★

ROBBIE ELLIS

— THE CANVASMAN —

APRIL 8, 1943 – AUGUST 7, 2025

Professional wrestling has always been filled with people who refused to live ordinary lives. But even by wrestling standards, Robbie Ellis was different.

His real name was Robert Jason Elowitch. By day, he inhabited the sophisticated world of fine art. By night, he could climb through wrestling ropes, hear a bell ring and become Robbie Ellis.

And he kept doing it long after almost everyone his age would have walked away.

A LIFETIME BETWEEN THE ROPES.

Ellis began training for professional wrestling in 1966. Over the decades that followed, he became a familiar figure throughout the New England independent scene, appearing for organizations including New England Championship Wrestling, IWE, Showcase Pro Wrestling and eventually CHIKARA.

He wasn't famous because he became WWF Champion. He wasn't remembered because he headlined WrestleMania.

Robbie Ellis became remarkable because he simply refused to stop being a professional wrestler.

DEFYING TIME. INSPIRING GENERATIONS.

As the years passed, that persistence became his attraction. Audiences weren't merely watching another independent wrestler—they were watching a man competing at an age when virtually every contemporary from his generation had long since retired.

AN ART WORLD AND A WRESTLING WORLD.

His life outside the ropes was equally extraordinary. Elowitch was associated with Barridoff Galleries in Maine, creating the almost unbelievable dual identity that eventually captured the attention of national media. His unique story brought coverage from Sports Illustrated, NBC's Today and MTV's True Life.

THE STORY BECOMES A DOCUMENTARY.

Eventually, somebody pointed a camera at the entire remarkable story. The documentary *Canvasman: The Robbie Ellis Story* followed the unlikely wrestler and was screened at numerous film festivals.

A PLACE IN THE STRANGE WORLD OF CHIKARA.

Even CHIKARA found a way to incorporate the veteran into its wonderfully strange universe. After previously wrestling for the promotion, Ellis returned in 2014 as CHIKARA's storyline owner.

SEVEN DECADES. ONE PASSION.

His career had begun when Lyndon Johnson was president. By the time it ended, professional wrestling had traveled through the territories, WrestleMania, Hulkamania, the Monday Night War, ECW, the independent revolution and the internet age.

Robbie Ellis had somehow traveled with it.

His final years made him something more valuable than a championship statistic. He became living evidence that professional wrestling doesn't always release the people who truly love it.

On August 7, 2025, Robert Jason Elowitch died at his home in Portland, Maine at 82 years old.

For nearly sixty years, the canvas kept calling him back.

And Robbie Ellis kept answering.

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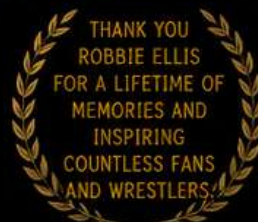
★ CAREER HIGHLIGHTS ★

- ★ WRESTLED PROFESSIONALLY FOR NEARLY SEVEN DECADES
- ★ TRAINED TO WRESTLE IN 1966
- ★ COMPETED FOR TOP NEW ENGLAND INDEPENDENT PROMOTIONS INCLUDING NECW, IWE & SHOWCASE
- ★ CHIKARA WRESTLER AND LATER BECAME CHIKARA'S STORYLINE OWNER IN 2014
- ★ THE SUBJECT OF THE DOCUMENTARY CANVASMAN: THE ROBBIE ELLIS STORY
- ★ FEATURED IN SPORTS ILLUSTRATED, NBC'S TODAY SHOW AND MTV'S TRUE LIFE
- ★ BELOVED BY FANS AND FELLOW WRESTLERS FOR HIS PASSION, CHARISMA AND DEDICATION

ROBBIE ELLIS

1943 – 2025

THE CANVASMAN.
NEW ENGLAND ORIGINAL.
CHIKARA CULT FAVORITE.
A LIFETIME IN THE RING.



★ IN MEMORY OF A LEGEND ★

TOMOHIKO HASHIMOTO

THE LAST GREAT INDIE WARRIOR



AUGUST 16, 1977 – AUGUST 5, 2025

A skilled, tough and endlessly dedicated, Tomohiko Hashimoto spent nearly a quarter century carrying the spirit of Japanese independent wrestling. He competed everywhere, against everyone, and gave everything he had every single night.

BUILT FOR COMBAT

A judoka before becoming a wrestler, Hashimoto brought real fighting ability to the ring. He debuted in 2000 and quickly became a regular for DDT Pro-Wrestling, where he trained in the DDT dojo.

A CHAMPION

In 2000 he won DDT's Tag League with Koichiro Kimura. In 2003 he teamed with Sanshiro Takagi to capture the KO-D Tag Team Championship.

WRESTLED EVERYWHERE

Hashimoto worked for DDT, Apache Pro-Wrestling Army, ZERO1 and many other promotions. He also fought in MMA and kickboxing, including a New Year's Eve 2003 bout against Alistair Overeem at INOKI BOM-BA-YE.

BUILT HIS OWN PATH

In 2017 he founded Pro-Wrestling A-TEAM, continuing the independent tradition he loved and helping the next generation of wrestlers.

A FINAL FIGHT

Diagnosed with liver cancer in 2024, Hashimoto underwent surgery and returned to wrestling. His final match came on June 22, 2025. He passed away on August 5, 2025 at the age of 47.

A true fighter. A true leader.

A true indie legend.



★ CAREER HIGHLIGHTS ★

- ★ Trained as a judoka before becoming a professional wrestler.
- ★ Made his pro wrestling debut in 2000.
- ★ 2000 DDT Tag League winner with Koichiro Kimura.
- ★ 2003 KO-D Tag Team Champion with Sanshiro Takagi.
- ★ Competed for DDT, Apache Pro-Wrestling Army, ZERO1 and other Japanese promotions.
- ★ Fought in MMA and kickboxing, including vs. Alistair Overeem at INOKI BOM-BA-YE (2003).
- ★ Founder and representative of Pro-Wrestling A-TEAM (est. 2017).
- ★ Final match: June 22, 2025 (A-TEAM event).

TOMOHIKO HASHIMOTO

1977 – 2025

DDT VETERAN.
KO-D TAG TEAM CHAMPION.
FIGHTER.

FOUNDER OF PRO-WRESTLING A-TEAM.
THE INDIE WARRIOR.

★ IN MEMORY OF A LEGEND ★

“FLYING” FRED CURRY

THE DROPKICK KING

★ ★ ★

JUNE 12, 1941 – APRIL 3, 2026

Fred Curry grew up in professional wrestling's shadow, the son of feared brawler “Wild Bull” Curry. But when Fred entered the ring, he didn't imitate his father.

He flew.

An All-American football player at Hartford Public High School who earned a scholarship to UConn, Fred could have coached or taught. Instead, he chose the ring.

Trained by his father, he debuted in 1963 and created a style built around speed, timing and an astonishing barrage of dropkicks. He could fire off 15 to 20 in a matter of seconds.

Where others relied on size and brawling, Curry attacked through the air.

A CHAMPION ACROSS THE TERRITORIES

His career took him across Detroit, Texas, Hawaii, New York, Japan, Australia and Canada, capturing championships in nearly every territory he touched.

In Detroit, he won the NWA World Tag Team Championship nine times, teaming with partners including Billy Red Lyons, Tony Marino, Luis Martinez, Bobo Brazil and more.

THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE

By 1972, his popularity had reached the top of the industry. Pro Wrestling Illustrated named “Flying” Fred Curry the *Most Popular Wrestler in the World*.

Long before the high-flying revolution of the 1980s and 1990s, Fred Curry was already showing the world what athleticism could do inside a wrestling ring.

A LIFE BEYOND THE RING

Fred quietly retired around 1980 and settled in Columbus, Ohio, where he built businesses and raised a family.

Late in life, he wrote his story in his own hand, chapter by chapter, so his grandchildren and fans would have it in his voice.

That was the kind of man he was.



★ BELOVED HUSBAND. DEVOTED FATHER. TRUE LEGEND. ★

Fred is survived by his wife, Kandis Sue; sons Fred Thomas Koury III, Michael Thomas Koury and his partner Emily Wojdyla, and Nicholas Thomas Nelson Koury; daughter Tammy Pina and her family; grandson Adrian Arrow Koury; sister Glenda Nagle and her husband Warren Nagle Sr.; nephews Thomas Nagle and his wife Sharon, Warren Nagle Jr. and his wife Lisa; and many other relatives and friends.

“Flying” Fred Curry soared through an era of giants and brawlers, leaving an indelible mark as a pioneer of high-flying wrestling. From Hartford high school fields to sold-out arenas across North America and beyond, his dropkicks, leaps and charisma captivated generations.

He didn't just wrestle.

*He fought for the audience, lived for the legacy,
and flew higher than most ever dreamed.*

Rest in peace, Flying Fred ~
The World's Greatest Babyface



★ “FLYING” FRED CURRY ★

1941 – 2026

THE DROPKICK KING ★ DETROIT LEGEND ★ HIGH-FLYING PIONEER

★ IN MEMORY OF A LEGEND ★

VAN HAMMER

HEAVY METAL NEVER DIES

NOVEMBER 1, 1959 – APRIL 18, 2026

Before there was Van Hammer, there was Mark Hildreth. A U.S. Navy veteran, Hildreth found his way into professional wrestling and trained under Boris Malenko. In 1991, Dusty Rhodes saw his potential and signed him to WCW. Van Hammer was born.

THE HEAVY METAL ERA

With long blond hair, a guitar in hand and an attitude to match, "Heavy Metal" Van Hammer became one of the most recognizable newcomers of early '90s WCW.

He quickly gained TV time and had a memorable feud with Cactus Jack, the future Mick Foley.

A NEW IDENTITY – THE FLOCK

When WCW returned to television full-time during the Monday Night War, Van Hammer joined Raven's Flock. The guitar was gone, but the intensity remained as he became part of one of WCW's most talked-about stables.

MAJOR STASH & THE MISFITS

Later, Hammer transformed once again, this time becoming Major Stash as part of the Misfits in Action. Through every change in gimmick and era, he remained a consistent and imposing presence on WCW television.

BEYOND THE RING

After wrestling, Mark Hildreth settled in Florida and built a successful career as Vice President of Operations and Sales Manager at Paradise Exteriors.

He loved fitness, his close friends, and the peace of spending time at the beach.

A TRUE FRIEND

Longtime friend Marc Mero remembered Hildreth for something bigger than wrestling. Before either man had made it, Van Hammer drove Mero eight hours so he could reach a meeting with Dusty Rhodes and sign his first WCW contract. That was the kind of man he was.

A LASTING LEGACY

Van Hammer never held WCW's top championship, but for nearly a decade he was a part of some of the most memorable storylines in the company's history.

On April 18, 2026, Mark Hildreth passed away at 66. He will be laid to rest with military honors at Arlington National Cemetery.

Heavy metal never dies. Neither does the memory.



★ CAREER HIGHLIGHTS ★



Debuted in WCW in 1991 after training under Boris Malenko and being signed by Dusty Rhodes.



Created the "Heavy Metal" Van Hammer persona, complete with guitar and rock star entrance.



Had a memorable early-90s feud with Cactus Jack (Mick Foley).



Joined Raven's Flock during the late-90s WCW era, becoming a fierce enforcer for the stable.



Reinvented as Major Stash, a member of the Misfits in Action.



U.S. Navy Veteran who went on to build a successful career in business after wrestling.



VAN HAMMER



MARK TY HILDRETH ★ 1959–2026

U.S. NAVY VETERAN ★ WCW ORIGINAL ★ RAVEN'S FLOCK ★ MAJOR STASH

★ IN MEMORY OF A TERRITORY LEGEND ★

RICK LINK

THE MAN MOUNTAIN

FEBRUARY 28, 1959 – JANUARY 14, 2026



Rick Link was the kind of wrestler every territory needed—big, mean, and built to be the monster standing in the way.

Trained at just 15 years old by Johnny Hunter, Link made his pro debut on March 1, 1975—one day after his 16th birthday. For nearly five decades he traveled the highways, working coast to coast, in Canada, the Caribbean and New Zealand.

He wrestled under many names—Man Mountain Link, M.E.B. (Man Eating Beast), Sir Richard Linkton, Squasher Link, The Beastmaster. No matter the name, the mission was always the same: be the monster.

KING SLAYER IN MEMPHIS

In 1983, wrestling in Memphis as Man Mountain Link and managed by Jimmy Hart, he did what few men ever did—he defeated Jerry “The King” Lawler for the AWA Southern Heavyweight Championship. The two would trade the title in a heated rivalry that became part of one of wrestling’s most famous stories.

CHAMPIONSHIP PEDIGREE

Link’s success wasn’t limited to Memphis. As M.E.B. he captured the NWA Central States Television Championship and teamed with Jim Star to win the Central States Tag Team Championship. He also held the NWA Mid-America Heavyweight Championship during another tour in Memphis.

A TRUE JOURNEYMAN

Rick Link worked in Georgia Championship Wrestling, International Championship Wrestling, Jim Crockett Promotions, Stampede Wrestling, NWA Central States, Memphis Continental Wrestling Association and many other territories. He was the kind of worker promoters could count on to make their top stars look great—night after night, city after city.

STILL WRESTLING

Long after the territory days ended, Link kept going. His final recorded match came in May 2023 in North Carolina—almost 48 years after that 16-year-old kid first stepped through the ropes.

A LEGACY THAT LASTS

After serious kidney problems, Link entered hospice care in late 2025 after discontinuing dialysis. He passed away on January 14, 2026 at the age of 66. Rick Link was a true road warrior, a respected veteran, and a man who lived and breathed professional wrestling.



★ CAREER HIGHLIGHTS ★



Defeated Jerry “The King” Lawler in 1983 for the AWA Southern Heavyweight Championship.



Held the NWA Central States Television Championship.



Teamed with Jim Star to win the NWA Central States Tag Team Championship.



Wrestled throughout the United States, Canada, the Caribbean and New Zealand.



Final recorded match in May 2023 in North Carolina.



A true territory veteran who entertained fans for nearly five decades.



*Not every hero wears a cape.
Some of them wear 400 pounds
and walk through the curtain.*

★ RICK LINK ★

1959 – 2026



MAN MOUNTAIN ★ MAN EATING BEAST ★ AWA SOUTHERN CHAMPION ★ TERRITORY WARRIOR

★ IN MEMORY OF A GULF COAST ORIGINAL ★

DANIEL “DJ PRINGLE” MOODY

BORN INTO THE BUSINESS

JANUARY 8, 1987 – MARCH 23, 2026

For Daniel Moody, professional wrestling wasn't something he discovered. It was there from the beginning.

Born in Dallas, Texas and raised in Mobile, Alabama, Daniel grew up inside the world of professional wrestling. He traveled with his dad, watched it on TV, and eventually decided that watching wasn't enough.

Daniel wanted to wrestle.

As DJ Pringle, he spent over 20 years working throughout the Gulf Coast wrestling scene. At one time or another, Daniel worked for every wrestling promotion on the Gulf Coast, holding numerous championships along the way.

Wrestling was one of the constants in his life—whether he was traveling with his father, performing in the ring, or watching it on television. It was something he was passionate about.

A WRESTLER. A FAN. A CHAMPION.

Daniel competed all across the Gulf Coast, earning the respect of fans and the admiration of his peers. As DJ Pringle, he became a familiar and beloved name in independent wrestling, capturing titles and creating memories that will live on.

He was a die-hard Auburn fan and loved his Braves.

FAMILY WAS EVERYTHING

Above all else, Daniel was a devoted husband, father, son, brother, uncle and friend. His greatest pride came from his family.

Daniel was the loving husband of Sarah Moody and father of his three beautiful daughters—Danielle, Serenity and Brinley. He looked forward to seeing his daughter Danielle graduate this year.

He loved his children more than anything.

HE WILL BE MISSED

Daniel was preceded in death by his parents, Dianna and William Moody, and his brother, Michael.

He is survived by his wife, Sarah Moody; daughters Danielle, Serenity and Brinley Moody; nieces Grace and Hope Moody; and his chosen brother, David (Danielle) Rodgers.

Daniel will be missed by many.

A private service will be held for the family.



“Thanks to my legendary Father, I was born and raised to be one thing, a professional wrestler.”

– DJ PRINGLE

SON OF
WWE LEGEND
PAUL BEARER
(William Moody)



“I'M NOT JUST PAUL BEARER'S SON. I'M A WRESTLER. I'M DJ PRINGLE. THIS IS MY LIFE.”

– DJ PRINGLE

★ CAREER HIGHLIGHTS ★



Wrestled for every major promotion on the Gulf Coast over a 20-year career.



Held numerous championships throughout his career, including the SPW Heavyweight Championship.



Known throughout the region as DJ Pringle, a fan favorite and tough competitor.



Part of the second generation of wrestling, carrying on the Moody family name.



Most proud of his role as husband to Sarah and father to Danielle, Serenity and Brinley.



DANIEL “DJ PRINGLE” MOODY

1987 – 2026

HUSBAND ★ FATHER ★ SECOND-GENERATION WRESTLER ★ GULF COAST VETERAN



★ IN MEMORY OF A TERRITORY LEGEND ★

BLACK BART

THE LAST OF THE OLD-SCHOOL OUTLAWS

JANUARY 30, 1948 – JANUARY 9, 2025



Richard Harris didn't need elaborate entrances or special effects to convince an audience that Black Bart was dangerous.

He looked the part.

Big, bearded and built like a man who had just ridden into town looking for trouble, Black Bart represented professional wrestling's old territorial system at its rawest.

Harris entered professional wrestling in 1975. Over the decades that followed, he traveled through Mid-Atlantic, Georgia, Mid-South, Florida, World Class, the WWF, WCW, Global and even All Japan.

A CHAMPION AMONG OUTLAWS

His greatest championship success arrived during the heart of the territory era.

In 1985, Bart defeated Ron Garvin to capture the NWA National Heavyweight Championship.

The following year he defeated Sam Houston for the NWA Mid-Atlantic Heavyweight Championship.

Later that same year, he defeated Chris Adams for the World Class Wrestling Association World Heavyweight Championship.

MORE THAN A CHAMPION

After his national television years were finished, Harris passed his knowledge to younger wrestlers.

He took a young John Layfield (JBL) under his wing, teaching him the fundamentals that would help turn him into a future WWE Champion. The two would later become tag team champions together in Texas.

Dustin Rhodes also credits Black Bart for much of what he learned during his early years.

A LEGACY THAT LIVES ON

Black Bart belonged to a generation where knowledge wasn't learned in performance centers—it was earned in locker rooms, on the road, and night after night in front of live crowds.

He carried that knowledge for nearly four decades.

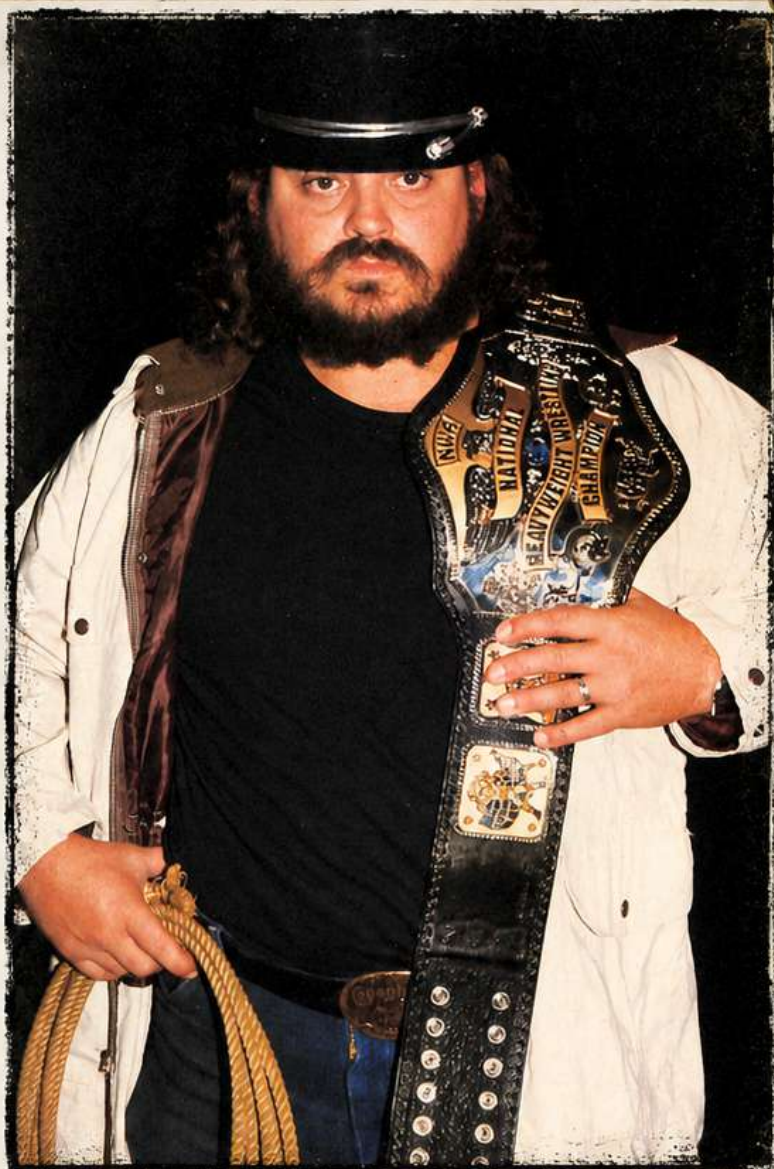
Then he handed it down.

FAREWELL, OUTLAW

Diagnosed with stage IV colon cancer that spread to his liver, Harris was honored with the Cauliflower Alley Club Courage Award in 2024.

On January 9, 2025, Richard "Black Bart" Harris died at the age of 76.

The old roads may be gone, but the lessons remain.



★ CHAMPIONSHIP & LEGACY ★



1985

NWA NATIONAL
HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION



1986

NWA MID-ATLANTIC
HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION



1986

WORLD CLASS WRESTLING ASSOCIATION
WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION

- ★ Competed for major promotions including WWF, WCW, NWA territories, World Class, Global and All Japan.
- ★ A rugged, old-school brawler respected by wrestlers and fans across generations.
- ★ Mentored future WWE Champion JBL and many others.
- ★ Cauliflower Alley Club Courage Award recipient (2024).



BLACK BART



RICHARD HARRIS • 1948 – 2025

NWA NATIONAL HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION ★ TERRITORY OUTLAW ★ MENTOR ★ OLD-SCHOOL ORIGINAL

★ IN MEMORY OF A TECHNICAL MASTER ★

OSAMU NISHIMURA

THE GENTLEMAN OF THE MAT

SEPTEMBER 23, 1971 – FEBRUARY 28, 2025



Osamu Nishimura belonged to another school of professional wrestling. No wasted movement. No spectacle for spectacle's sake. *Wrestling was a craft.*

Beginning with New Japan Pro-Wrestling in 1991, Nishimura dedicated his career to preserving a classical style built around holds, counters, submissions and patience. While professional wrestling evolved around him, Nishimura remained a connection to its past.

A STUDENT OF THE GAME

His journey took him beyond Japan. He studied wrestling internationally, including at Hiro Matsuda's dojo in Florida and the legendary Billy Riley gym in Wigan, England.

Then, in 1998, wrestling suddenly became secondary. Nishimura developed cancer and underwent surgery. After a lengthy absence, he returned in 2000 and resumed the career disease had threatened to take away.

MAJOR SUCCESS IN JAPAN

Nishimura captured the IWGP Tag Team Championship alongside Tatsumi Fujinami. He later left New Japan and joined Fujinami in establishing MUGA World Pro Wrestling. After moving to All Japan Pro Wrestling, Nishimura achieved another major milestone by winning the 2008 Champion Carnival.

A LIFE BEYOND THE RING

In 2011, Nishimura was elected to the Bunkyo Ward Assembly in Tokyo. For years he balanced two remarkably different responsibilities: professional wrestler and elected public servant.

A FINAL BATTLE

In 2024, Nishimura was diagnosed with esophageal cancer. Once again, he fought with the same determination that defined his wrestling.

This time there would be no comeback.

A LASTING LEGACY

On February 28, 2025, Osamu Nishimura died at the age of 53. He left behind something increasingly rare: a career devoted to the belief that professional wrestling's fundamentals were always worth preserving.

The world changed around him.

Osamu Nishimura kept wrestling timeless.



★ CAREER HIGHLIGHTS ★



IWGP Tag Team Champion (with Tatsumi Fujinami)
New Japan Pro-Wrestling



2008 Champion Carnival Winner
All Japan Pro Wrestling



Trained internationally at Hiro Matsuda's dojo in Florida and Billy Riley's gym in Wigan, England.



Elected to the Bunkyo Ward Assembly in Tokyo in 2011 and served as a public servant.



Battled cancer in 1998 and again in 2024 with courage and dignity.



IWGP TAG TEAM CHAMPION

CLASSICAL. TECHNICAL. TIMELESS.

PUBLIC SERVANT. PROUD REPRESENTATIVE.

“ I learned that wrestling is the accumulation of basics. If you don't forget the basics, you can wrestle forever. ”

— OSAMU NISHIMURA



OSAMU NISHIMURA



★ 1971 – 2025 ★

IWGP TAG TEAM CHAMPION ★ 2008 CHAMPION CARNIVAL WINNER ★ MUGA MASTER ★ PUBLIC SERVANT

★ IN MEMORY OF AN INTERNATIONAL PHENOM ★

AUSTRALIAN SUICIDE

THE AUSTRALIAN WHO CHASED LUCHA

DECEMBER 9, 1992 – MARCH 6, 2025



Broderick Shepherd was born in Melbourne, Australia, but his wrestling heart belonged to Mexico.

He loved lucha libre—and he went to chase it.

Beginning his career around 2008 as Ryan Rollins, Shepherd trained in Canada under Lance Storm. It was there that Konnan noticed his talent and helped open the door to Lucha Libre AAA Worldwide.

A NEW NAME. A NEW HOME.

In 2013 he arrived in Mexico and became Australian Suicide. The name was unforgettable. So was the wrestling.

A fearless, high-flying competitor, Suicide threw himself into lucha libre with spectacular aerial maneuvers that thrilled fans and earned the respect of his peers.

Mexico stopped being just another stop on the map—it became home.

CHAMPION OF THE CRUISERWEIGHTS

His dedication paid off inside the ring. Australian Suicide captured the AAA World Cruiserweight Championship, defeating top talent and cementing his place as one of the most exciting international high-flyers of his generation.

A GLOBAL JOURNEY

Over the years he competed across the world under different identities, including El Australiano, and in 2021 he appeared in All Elite Wrestling (AEW), showcasing his unique style to even more fans.

MORE THAN A WRESTLER

Outside the ring, Broderick was a devoted partner and father. He shared his life with fellow wrestler Vanilla Vargas, and together they had a young daughter.

When his sudden passing occurred in Mexico on March 6, 2025, the wrestling community came together to help bring him home to Australia.

A LEGACY THAT FLIES HIGH

Australian Suicide lived his dream on his own terms—bringing the heart of an Australian kid to the soul of lucha libre.

He will be remembered for his courage, his passion, and the unforgettable moments he created in the ring.

HE LIVED FAST. HE FLEW HIGH.
HE WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.



AAA WORLD CRUISERWEIGHT CHAMPION

Australian Suicide captured the prestigious AAA World Cruiserweight Championship, proof of his skill, heart and dedication to lucha libre.

★ CAREER HIGHLIGHTS ★

- ★  Wrestled internationally across Australia, Canada, Japan, Mexico and the United States.
- ★  AAA World Cruiserweight Champion.
- ★  Known for breathtaking, risk-heavy aerial offense and lucha libre innovation.
- ★  Appeared in All Elite Wrestling (AEW) in 2021.
- ★  Beloved by fans and respected by wrestlers around the world.

AUSTRALIAN SUICIDE

★★★ BRODERICK SHEPHERD ★★★

1992 – 2025

AAA WORLD CRUISERWEIGHT CHAMPION ★ INTERNATIONAL HIGH-FLYER ★ LUCHA LIBRE WARRIOR

★ IN MEMORY OF A BELOVED POWERHOUSE ★

VINCE STEELE

THE JURASSIC JUGGERNAUT

1985 – MARCH 16, 2025



Vince Steele didn't just step into the ring – he dominated it.

Towering at roughly 6'5" and weighing close to 450 pounds, his size was undeniable. But what truly set him apart was his heart, his charisma and his passion for professional wrestling.

For nearly two decades, Vince was a mainstay on the independent scene across the East Coast and beyond, thrilling fans with his explosive power, surprising athleticism and larger-than-life personality.

A FORCE IN THE RING

Known to fans as "The Jurassic Juggernaut" and "The Remix of Pro Wrestling", Vince built a reputation as one of the most impressive powerhouses of his generation.

He competed for top independent promotions including Brie Combination Wrestling, American Championship Entertainment, Coastal Championship Wrestling and more, even taking his talents to Puerto Rico in 2024.

CHAMPION. LEADER. ENTERTAINER.

Vince captured championships throughout his career, most notably in American Championship Entertainment where he became:

- 2-Time ACE Heavyweight Champion
- 2-Time ACE Diamond Champion
- ACE Tag Team Champion (with Smith James)

His signature finishing move, *The Bronx Getaway*, was as devastating as his presence was imposing.

BELOVED BY ALL

Beyond the size and the accolades, Vince was known as a kind soul, a loyal friend and a beloved member of every locker room he walked into.

"Big man, you will be missed forever."

— Coastal Championship Wrestling

GONE TOO SOON

On March 16, 2025, Vince suffered a medical emergency during a four-way match at Brie Combination Wrestling's Madness at the Mecca in Ridgefield Park, New Jersey.

He was 39 years old.

Vince Steele died doing what he loved. His impact will live on in the ring, in the hearts of fans, and in the memories of everyone fortunate enough to know him.



★ CAREER HIGHLIGHTS ★



Competed across the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and on the independent scene for nearly 20 years.



2-Time ACE Heavyweight Champion.



2-Time ACE Diamond Champion.



ACE Tag Team Champion with Smith James.



Featured for Brie Combination Wrestling, Coastal Championship Wrestling, American Championship Entertainment and more.



Known for his incredible strength, agility for his size and unforgettable charisma.

“ THE JURASSIC JUGGERNAUT WASN'T JUST A NAME – IT WAS A PROMISE THAT CHAOS WAS ABOUT TO ARRIVE.

THANK YOU FOR THE MEMORIES, BIG MAN.

”



VINCE STEELE



THE JURASSIC JUGGERNAUT ★ THE REMIX OF PRO WRESTLING ★ THE BEST BIG MAN IN THE BUSINESS

ACE HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION ★ INDEPENDENT POWERHOUSE ★ GENTLE GIANT

★ IN MEMORY OF A MAESTRO ★

BLACK TERRY

MASTER. MENTOR. LEGEND.

SEPTEMBER 3, 1952 – APRIL 20, 2025



For more than four decades, Black Terry embodied the heart and soul of Mexican Lucha Libre.

A technician. A competitor. A teacher. A legend.

Born on September 3, 1952, in Mexico, Black Terry dedicated his life to the art of lucha libre. Trained in the classic maestro style, he built his reputation on precision, ring awareness and the kind of storytelling that makes lucha unforgettable.

A CAREER BUILT ON EXCELLENCE

Black Terry wrestled for the sport's most respected promotions, including CMLL, UWA and the independent circuit, where he thrilled generations of fans.

As a proud member of Los Temerarios, he captured numerous trios championships and shared the ring with many of lucha libre's greatest names.

THE MAESTRO'S STYLE

Black Terry was a master of the maestro wrestling style—a technical, submission-based approach that demanded intelligence, patience and absolute ring discipline. His matches were clinics in control, timing and tradition.

BEYOND THE RING

When his in-ring career was behind him, Black Terry found a calling just as important—training the next generation of luchadores.

As one of Mexico's most respected head trainers, he shaped the careers of countless stars who carry his lessons and his legacy into arenas around the world.

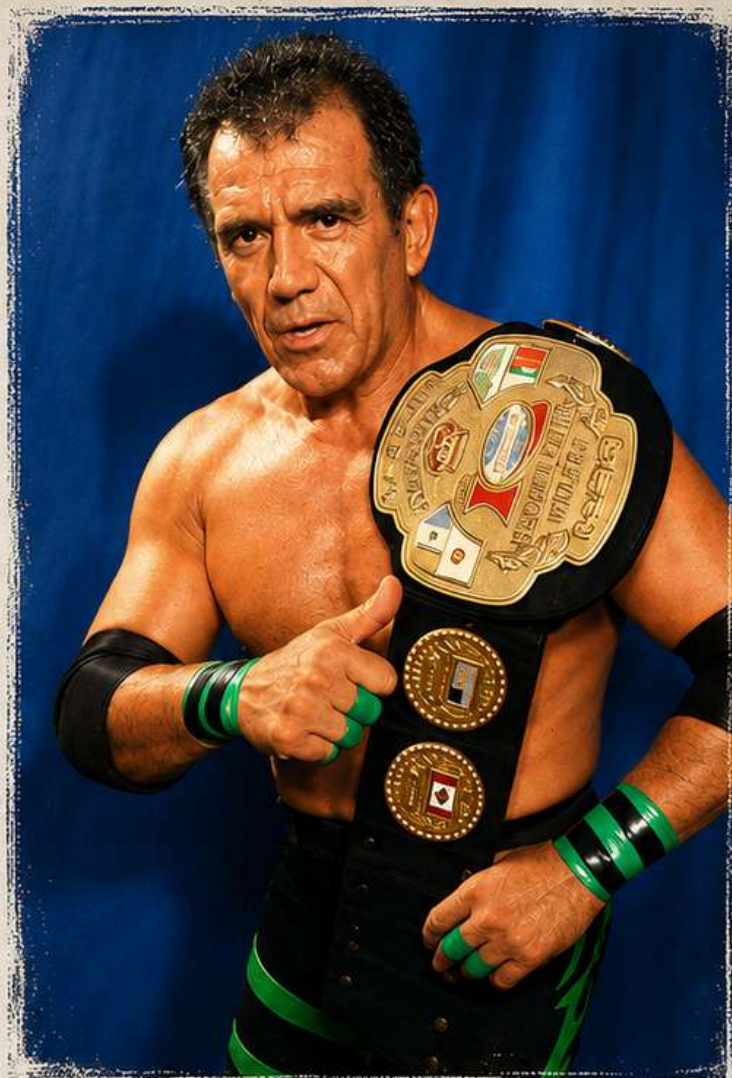
A LEGACY THAT LIVES FOREVER

Black Terry passed away on April 20, 2025, at the age of 72.

His influence will never be forgotten. From the arenas of Mexico to wrestling schools around the globe, his wisdom, passion and love for lucha libre will live on in every hold taught and every match contested.

Descansa en paz, maestro.

You will never be forgotten.



★ CAREER HIGHLIGHTS ★



Wrestled for over four decades in CMLL, UWA and across the Mexican independent circuit.



Member of Los Temerarios and multiple-time Trios Champion.



Master of the maestro wrestling style—technique, ring generalship and tradition.



One of Mexico's most important head trainers, molding generations of modern lucha stars.



Respected and loved by fans and wrestlers worldwide.

“

I DIDN'T JUST TEACH WRESTLING.
I TAUGHT RESPECT, HUMILITY AND THE LOVE OF LUCHA LIBRE.
THAT IS MY TRUE LEGACY.

— BLACK TERRY

”



BLACK TERRY



1952 – 2025

MAESTRO OF LUCHA LIBRE ★ TRÍOS CHAMPION ★ HEAD TRAINER ★ LEGEND FOREVER

★ IN MEMORY OF A PIONEER ★

SALMAN HASHIMIKOV

THE CHAMPION WHO BROKE BARRIERS

MAY 4, 1952 – MAY 28, 2025



Before he ever stepped inside a wrestling ring as a professional, Salman Hashimikov was already one of the greatest wrestlers in the world.

Born on May 4, 1952, in the Soviet Union, Hashimikov dedicated his life to freestyle wrestling and reached the highest level of the sport.

A SOVIET WRESTLING LEGEND

A dominant force on the international stage, Hashimikov captured four World Freestyle Wrestling Championships (1977, 1978, 1981, 1982) competing in the heavyweight division. Powerful, technical, and relentless, he was a symbol of Soviet excellence in amateur wrestling and an inspiration to athletes around the globe.

A NEW CHALLENGE: PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING

In the mid-1980s, Hashimikov made a bold decision—he stepped away from amateur wrestling to pursue a new challenge in professional wrestling. He brought with him a legitimate sporting background, unmatched strength, and the discipline of a world champion.

His arrival in Japan with New Japan Pro-Wrestling (NJPW) changed the game.

HISTORY MADE IN OSAKA

On May 25, 1989, at Osaka Castle Hall, Salman Hashimikov defeated Big Van Vader to capture the IWGP Heavyweight Championship.

He became the first European-born wrestler to win the IWGP Heavyweight Title.

His reign lasted 48 days before he was defeated by Riki Choshu on July 12, 1989, but his place in wrestling history was already secured.

RESPECT AROUND THE WORLD

Known for his stoic presence, devastating strength, and no-nonsense style, Hashimikov earned the respect of fans and wrestlers everywhere he competed.

He wrestled for NJPW, UWF, AJPW, CWA, and many international promotions, facing the best from around the world and leaving a lasting impact everywhere he went.

A LEGACY THAT WILL NEVER FADE

After retiring from in-ring competition, Hashimikov remained involved in wrestling, sharing his knowledge and passion with the next generation.

Salman Hashimikov passed away on May 28, 2025, at the age of 73.

*"A true warrior on the mat.
A pioneer in the ring.
A champion forever."*



SALMAN HASHIMIKOV



1952 – 2025



★ CAREER HIGHLIGHTS ★



Four-Time Freestyle Wrestling World Champion (1977, 1978, 1981, 1982) representing the Soviet Union.



First European-born wrestler to win the IWGP Heavyweight Championship in New Japan Pro-Wrestling.



IWGP Heavyweight Champion from May 25, 1989 – July 12, 1989 (48 days).



Wrestled for NJPW, UWF, AJPW, CWA and numerous international promotions.



Respected worldwide for his strength, technique, and professionalism.



Mentor and trainer, helping develop the next generation of wrestlers.



FOUR-TIME WORLD CHAMPION ★ IWGP HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION ★ PIONEER ★ LEGEND

★ IN MEMORY OF A TAG TEAM SPECIALIST ★

STEVE REGAL

A MASTER OF TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE

AUGUST 26, 1951 – JULY 30, 2025



Not to be confused with William Regal, Steve Regal carved out his own legacy as one of the finest technical tag team wrestlers of his era.

A gifted competitor with tremendous ring awareness, discipline, and smooth execution, Regal was known for his ability to control the pace of a match and make his partner shine.

THE TAG TEAM ACE

Throughout the 1970s and 1980s, Steve Regal built a reputation as a premier tag team specialist. He wrestled all across the United States, competing in top territories and working with many of the greatest names in the business.

Whether as the strong, silent type or the slick technician, Regal brought consistency, intelligence, and a team-first attitude to every match.

AWA CHAMPION

Regal achieved the highest milestone of his career in the American Wrestling Association (AWA).

On February 24, 1985, Steve Regal teamed with “Handsome” Jimmy Garvin to defeat The Road Warriors (Hawk & Animal) and capture the AWA World Tag Team Championship.

The duo held the titles for over five months, successfully defending them against all challengers and solidifying their place among the AWA’s greatest tag teams.

A RESPECTED VETERAN

Behind the scenes, Steve Regal was respected by his peers for his professionalism, humility, and dedication to the craft.

He paved the way for future generations of wrestlers, showing that tag team wrestling was an art form built on trust, timing, and chemistry.

A LEGACY THAT LIVES ON

Steve Regal passed away on July 30, 2025, at the age of 73.

He may not have sought the spotlight, but his contributions to professional wrestling, especially in the tag team division, will never be forgotten.

“Tag team wrestling is about more than holding the titles—it’s about building the perfect team.”

– Steve Regal



★ CAREER HIGHLIGHTS ★



Premier technical tag team wrestler of the 1970s and 1980s.



Wrestled across the United States in top territories and major promotions.



AWA World Tag Team Champion with Jimmy Garvin.



Captured the titles on February 24, 1985, defeating The Road Warriors (Hawk & Animal).



Held the AWA World Tag Team Championship for over five months.



Known for his technical skill, ring intelligence, and team-first mentality.



Respected by peers and fans as a true professional and tag team specialist.



STEVE REGAL



1951 – 2025

TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE ★ TAG TEAM SPECIALIST ★ AWA CHAMPION ★ RESPECTED VETERAN

BEST MATCH EVER

THE NIGHT STING BECAME STING

★ A CLASSIC THAT DEFINED A GENERATION AND BUILT A LEGEND. ★

★★ CLASH OF THE ★★ CHAMPIONS I

MARCH 27, 1988

GREENSBORO COLISEUM
GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

WCW
A WORLDWIDE
TELEVISION EVENT

RIC FLAIR
VS.
STING

**NWA WORLD
HEAVYWEIGHT
CHAMPIONSHIP**

**45 MINUTE
TIME LIMIT DRAW**



When the final bell rang at the 45-minute time limit, Sting had Ric Flair locked in the Scorpion Deathlock. The champion would not escape. But the future had already arrived.

THE STAKES

Sting challenged the greatest champion in professional wrestling in the main event of WCW's biggest television spectacle.

THE ROAD TO GOLD

Two years later, Sting would complete the journey.



JULY 7, 1990

THE GREAT AMERICAN BASH
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Sting defeated Ric Flair to win the NWA World Heavyweight Championship for the very first time. The reign had begun. The icon was complete.

NOT JUST A MATCH. A TRANSFORMATION.

On March 27, 1988, WCW presented Clash of the Champions I, a bold move against WrestleMania IV. At its center: the very soul of the NWA—Ric Flair defending his World Heavyweight Championship against a rising challenger named Sting.

For an entire 45 minutes, Sting and Flair delivered a masterclass in professional wrestling. It was technical. It was dramatic. It was storytelling at its finest.

Sting took Flair to the limit with breathtaking athleticism, unshakable heart, and the iconic Scorpion Deathlock. Flair answered with nerves of steel, championship savvy, and the will to survive.

When time expired, there was no winner.

But in the eyes of everyone watching, a new star was born.

THE BEGINNING OF A LEGACY

Tony Schiavone would later say it was obvious during the match—"We were watching a star being created." Sting himself admitted that night made him feel like he had arrived.

Clash of the Champions I wasn't just a draw.

It was the moment Sting became Sting.

"THAT MATCH WITH RIC FLAIR AT THE FIRST CLASH OF THE CHAMPIONS MADE ME WHO I AM. THAT'S WHERE IT ALL CHANGED. THAT'S WHERE I BECAME STING."

— STING



DATE
March 27, 1988



LOCATION
Greensboro Coliseum
Greensboro, NC



TIME LIMIT
45 Minutes



TITLE
NWA World
Heavyweight Championship



ATTENDANCE
8,000+ (Live)
Millions on TV

★★ **ONE MATCH. ONE DRAW. ONE LEGEND WAS BORN.** ★★

ROOSTAR CALLS

THE ROOSTAR USERS GUIDE TO
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**BREAKOUT
PROSPECT
OF THE YEAR**

DRP

**THE PANAMA
CITY PRINCE**

★ TRAINED BY
BARRY KOHLHOFF
& BRAYDEN TOON

★ PROSOUTH
ALL-OUT
CHAMPION

★ 75+
DOCUMENTED
MATCHES

★ 901 WRESTLING
#1 CONTENDER
TO THE 1819
CHAMPIONSHIP

**21 YEARS OLD.
CHAMPIONSHIP
GOLD.
THE FUTURE IS
ARRIVING EARLY.**

**"DRP ISN'T JUST
A WRESTLER TO
WATCH - HE'S THE
NEXT BIG THING."**

- THE ROOSTAR

From the Southern indies to the 901 roster, DRP is turning heads with his high-flying style, relentless energy and championship mindset. The Panama City Prince is building a legacy — and the wrestling world is taking notice.

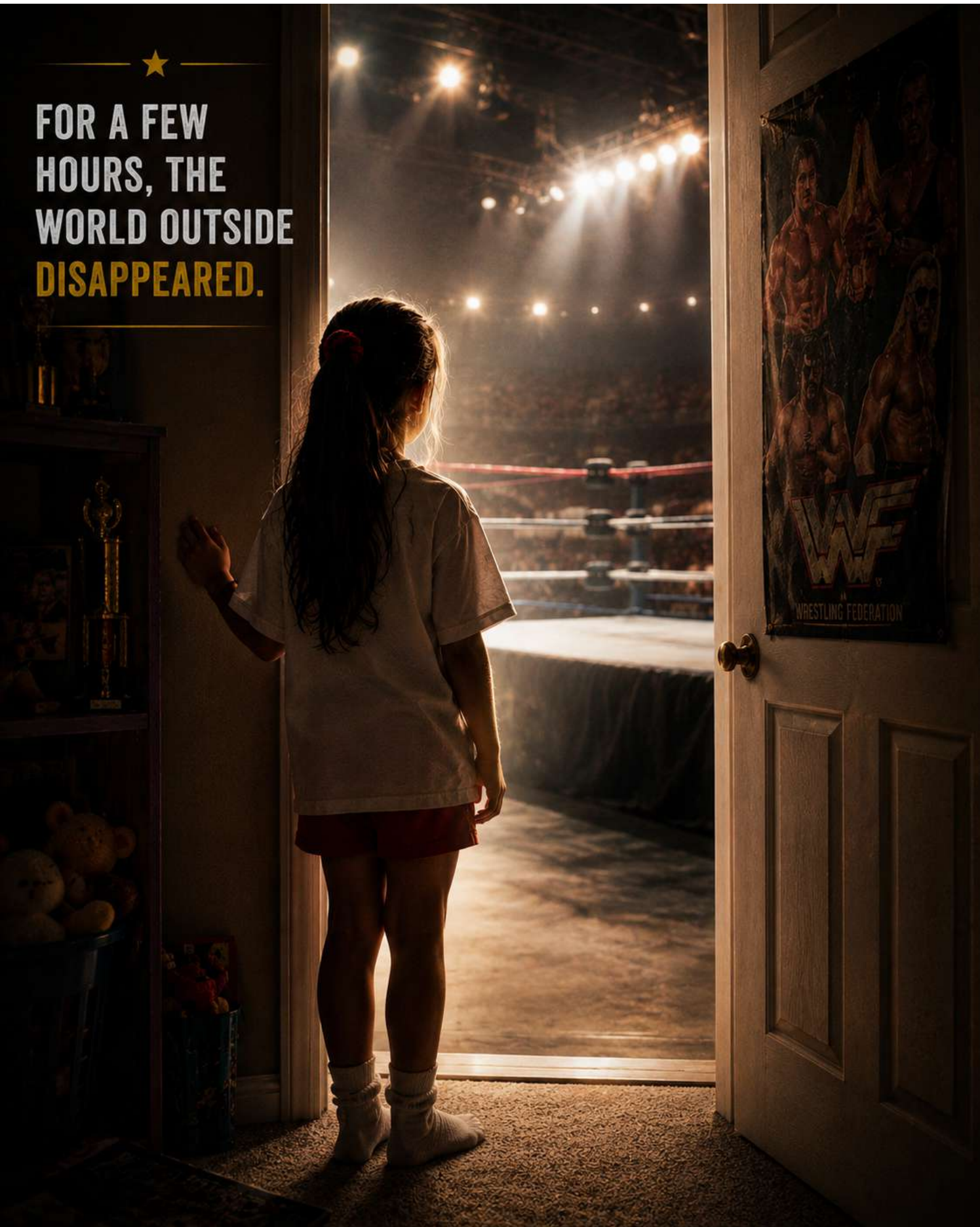
THE ROOSTAR'S ONE TO WATCH.



**WHEN I WAS YOUNG,
WRESTLING HELPED ME
ESCAPE FROM REALITY.**



★
**FOR A FEW
HOURS, THE
WORLD OUTSIDE
DISAPPEARED.**



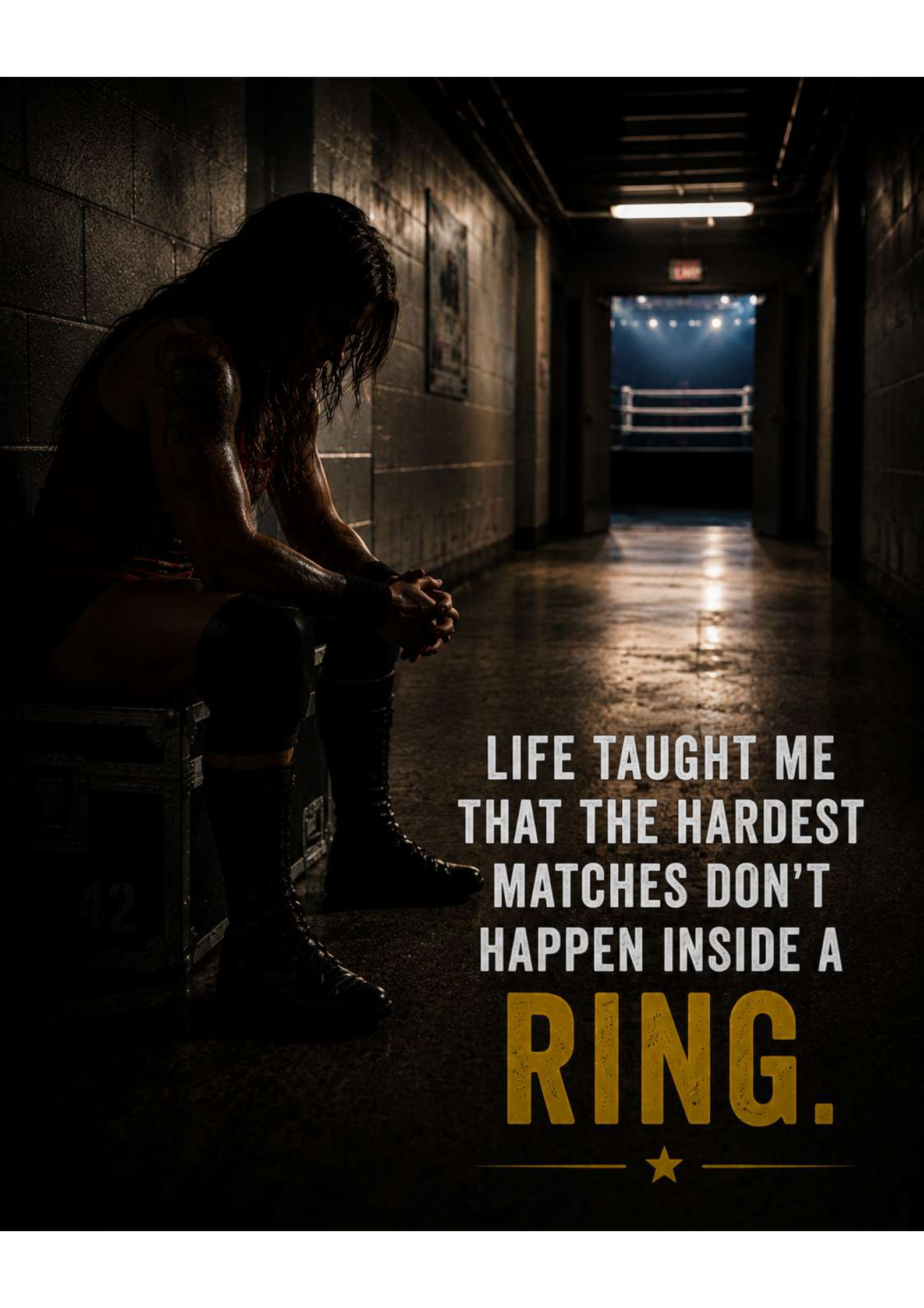


THEY WEREN'T
JUST WRESTLERS
TO ME.
THEY WERE PROOF
YOU COULD BECOME
SOMETHING BIGGER.



★
**EVENTUALLY,
WATCHING
STRENGTH
MADE ME WANT
TO FIND MY OWN.**





LIFE TAUGHT ME
THAT THE HARDEST
MATCHES DON'T
HAPPEN INSIDE A
RING.





**YOU DON'T
HAVE TO WIN
EVERY ROUND.
YOU JUST HAVE TO
KEEP GETTING UP.**



★
**YEARS PASSED.
THE WORLD
CHANGED.
SOMEHOW,
WRESTLING
WAS STILL THERE.**



WRESTLING
MORE THAN A SPORT
IT'S MY ESCAPE

REASONS I NEVER QUIT

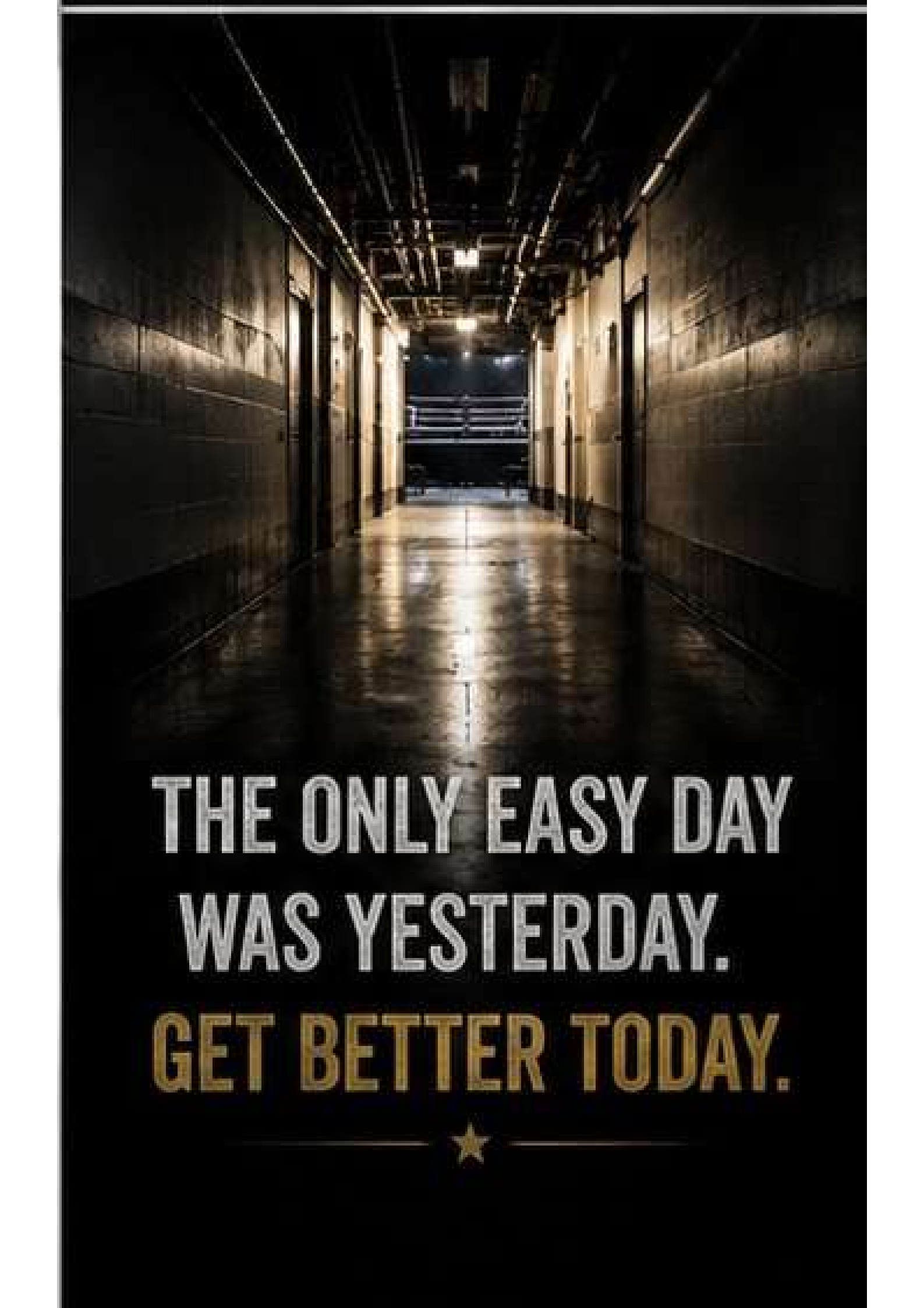
- TO PROVE THEM WRONG
- TO HONOR MY PAST
- TO PROTECT MY FUTURE
- FOR THE KID I ONCE WAS
- FOR THE HEROES
- FOR MY FREEDOM

**LEGENDS
INSPIRE
DREAMS
DON'T QUIT**

IT HELPS ME
REMEMBER WHAT IT
WAS LIKE TO BE A KID.
FREE OF MY PROBLEMS.
IT HELPS ME TO BE
STRONG. TO HAVE HERO'S.
TO FOCUS ON SOMETHING
TO HELP ME OVERCOME
MY TRAUMA.
LIFE IS HARD.

I WAS
JUST A KID
WITH BIG
DREAMS...

WRESTLING
GAVE ME
A REASON
TO KEEP
GOING.



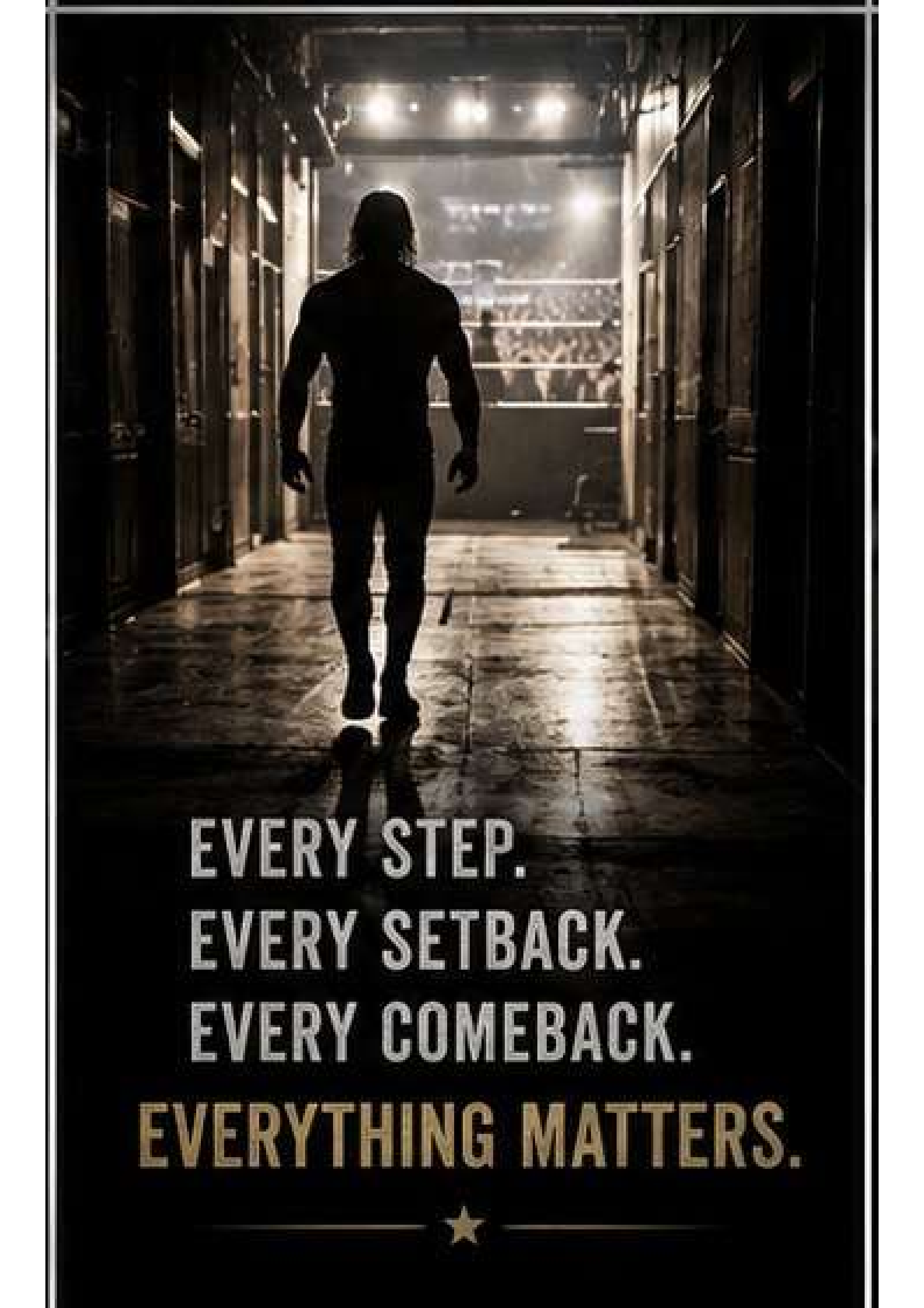
**THE ONLY EASY DAY
WAS YESTERDAY.
GET BETTER TODAY.**





YOU DON'T CHASE TITLES.
YOU EARN THEM.





**EVERY STEP.
EVERY SETBACK.
EVERY COMEBACK.
EVERYTHING MATTERS.**





**PAIN IS TEMPORARY.
PRIDE IS FOREVER.**



A muscular man is shown from behind, performing a squat on a bench in a gym. The gym is dimly lit, with various pieces of equipment visible in the background. On the wall behind him is a large sign that reads "CHAMPIONS ARE MADE NOT BORN".

**CHAMPIONS
ARE MADE
NOT BORN**

SWEAT. SACRIFICE.
SUCCESS.





**HOLD THE ROPE.
HOLD THE LINE.
HOLD YOUR
DESTINY.**



**THE RING
DOESN'T LIE.**



**PREPARE IN SILENCE.
PERFORM IN GLORY.**

WHEN TITANS COLLIDE

FOR ONCE, THE ROOSTAR RANKINGS
DIDN'T NEED AN ARGUMENT.
NO. 2 AND NO. 3 WERE
STANDING IN THE SAME RING.

KILLER KROSS
#2

NIC NEMETH
#3

WSW WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

For months, they existed one line apart.
Killer Kross at No. 2. Nic Nemeth at No. 3.

In The Roostar 50, that single number
represented the narrowest of margins between
two men operating near the summit of
professional wrestling. Different roads.
Different championships. Different styles.
But almost nowhere to separate them.

Usually, that's where a ranking ends and
an argument begins.

Not this time.

Because in a WSW ring, thousands of miles
from the promotions most commonly associated
with their names, the hypothetical became real.
Killer Kross and Nic Nemeth stood across from
one another with something far more meaningful
than an editorial debate waiting between them.

A World Championship.

For The Roostar, it created
something extraordinarily rare.

The No. 2 and No. 3 wrestlers
weren't being compared by
statistics, championship résumés
or opinion anymore.
They were going to
wrestle each other.

Kross represented exactly what
had carried him to No. 2: menace,
physicality and the feeling that
every second spent in the ring
with him brings an opponent
closer to disaster. He didn't need
to wrestle Nemeth's match.
He needed to drag Nemeth into his.

Across from him stood a wrestler whose
career has been built around surviving
exactly those situations.

Nemeth had spent years proving that
spectacular athleticism was only part of
what made him dangerous. Beneath the
speed, timing and showmanship was
something considerably harder to quantify:
resilience. Knock him down and he gets
up. Hurt him and he keeps coming. Give
him an opening and the entire match can
change before an opponent realizes what
happened.

That was No. 3.

And standing opposite him was No. 2.



There was
another
complication.

Neither man
was fighting
merely for
a number.

A World
Championship
was at stake.



Suddenly, the match carried consequences
extending far beyond one night. A victory
wouldn't simply put another result on
a record. It could reshape the championship
landscape—and force The Roostar to confront
the most uncomfortable question any ranking
system can face.

What happens when the men
you've ranked next to each other
actually fight?

The bell rang.

The rankings disappeared.

For the next several minutes there
would be no No. 2 and No. 3.

There would only be
Killer Kross and Nic Nemeth.

And somewhere on the other
side of that bell was an answer.

ONE NUMBER SEPARATED THEM.

PAGE 93: NOW LET THEM FIGHT.



ALL ROADS LEAD TO
MASON

ONE NUMBER APART

THE RANKINGS HAD BROUGHT THEM TOGETHER. NOW CAME THE PART NO RANKING COULD MEASURE.

The bell had already answered the first question. Neither man intended to give an inch.

Kross wanted control. He crowded Nemeth, punished him at close range and forced the match into the kind of uncomfortable spaces where speed and athleticism become considerably less useful.

THERE WERE STRIKES. THERE WERE HOLDS. THERE WERE MOMENTS WHEN NEMETH'S BODY TWISTED BENEATH THE PRESSURE AND ESCAPE SEEMED IMPOSSIBLE. AND STILL, NO. 3 WOULDN'T GO AWAY.



Nemeth kept finding another opening. Another counter. Another burst of offense. Another reason for Kross to realize that the man across from him *hadn't* climbed to No. 3 by accident.

At one point they simply stood across from each other again.

EXHAUSTED. SWEATING. LOOKING.

Separated by almost nothing at all.



THEN THE MATCH CHANGED.

Nemeth began finding daylight. The openings Kross had denied him earlier began appearing.

Kross fired back. Nemeth answered. The match accelerated.

This was no longer about control. It was about surviving long enough to win.



KROSS FINISHED THE FIGHT.

THE RANKINGS SAID #2. KROSS PROVED #2.

KILLER KROSS DEFEATS NIC NEMETH
#2 DEFEATS #3

RANKINGS: CONFIRMED.

SOMETIMES A RANKING CREATES DEBATE. THIS TIME, THEY SETTLED IT THEMSELVES.

#2 KILLER KROSS
DEF. #3 NIC NEMETH

WSW WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP

Before the bell, The Roostar 50 had already made its call.

Killer Kross was the No. 2-ranked wrestler in the world. Nic Nemeth was No. 3.

One position separated them.

And when they finally stood across the ring from one another, those numbers suddenly carried weight. This wasn't a simulation. It wasn't an argument. It wasn't "what if."

It happened.

Nemeth showed exactly why he belongs among the elite. He survived punishment that would have ended lesser opponents. He fought through Kross' physical control. He created openings. He threatened. He answered.

For stretches of the match, there appeared to be almost nothing separating them.

Almost.

Because eventually Killer Kross did what the No. 2 wrestler in the world was supposed to do.

He won.

And with that victory came something remarkably rare for any publication that attempts to rank professional wrestlers:

VALIDATION.

That doesn't diminish Nic Nemeth. If anything, the battle reinforced his position among wrestling's best.

But there can only be one winner.

On this night, that man was Killer Kross.



THE ROOSTAR 50 — HEAD-TO-HEAD

#2
KILLER KROSS

VS.

#3
NIC NEMETH

WINNER: KILLER KROSS ✓

RANKINGS IMPACT:
#2 HOLDS HIS GROUND



KROSS HAS ANSWERED THE MAN IMMEDIATELY BENEATH HIM. THERE IS ONLY ONE DIRECTION LEFT TO LOOK.

#1 SILAS MASON | UP. | #2 KILLER KROSS
ONE MAN STILL STANDS ABOVE HIM.

WANTED

★ **DEAD OR ALIVE** ★

THE MAN RANKED
NO. 2 IN THE WORLD
HAS PROVEN WHY
HE'S DANGEROUS
TO EVERYONE.

WSW
WORLD
CHAMPION

RECORD:
**COUNTLESS
VICTIMS**
DANGEROUS LEVEL:
MAXIMUM
★★★★★



**KILLER
KROSS**

HEIGHT: 6'4"
WEIGHT: 265 LBS.

KNOWN FOR:

- ★ UNMATCHED BRUTALITY
- ★ DEVASTATING STRENGTH
- ★ RELENTLESS PRESSURE
- ★ FINISHER:
THE KROSS JACKET
- ★ VICTIM OF MANY
BROKEN DREAMS

LAST SEEN:
WSW RING
DEFEATING
NIC NEMETH
#2 DEFEATS #3



APPROACH WITH EXTREME CAUTION



REWARD: WORLD SUPREMACY

IF YOU CAN SURVIVE HIM.

THE ROOSTAR 50 HAS PLACED HIM AT #2 FOR A REASON.

HE'S HUNTING #1.

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CHALLENGE.

ALL ROADS LEAD TO MASON

SILAS MASON: KING OF THE MOUNTAIN



Professional wrestling has never existed on just one road. It has always been a network of territories, promotions, and traditions—each with its own champion, its own fans, its own way of doing things. Today, those roads are more visible than ever.

WWE has its Undisputed WWE Universal Champion. AEW has its World Champion. TNA has its World Champion. Ring of Honor has its World Champion. MLW has its World Heavyweight Champion. And the National Wrestling Alliance—the oldest sanctioning body in the history of the business—has its World's Heavyweight Champion.

Six major banners. Six champions. Six different roads.

But when those roads all run their course, who is standing at the point where they all meet?

Right now, the answer is Silas Mason.

Mason is not just another name on a list of champions. He is not a champion who was handed an opportunity, given a push, or protected by circumstance. He is the man who earned his way through every territory, through every test, through every version of this business that still values what made professional wrestling matter in the first place.

He is the NWA World's Heavyweight Champion—and he is the man at the summit.

When Mason won the Ten Pounds of Gold, he stepped into more than a championship—he stepped into history. That belt has been carried by the names that built this industry: Lou Thesz, Billy Graham, Dory Funk Sr., Harley Race, Ric Flair, and the legends of an era when wrestling was territorial, unforgiving, and real.

Mason carries it differently. He carries it everywhere.

From television studios to independent buildings, from small-town gyms to sold-out arenas, Mason has turned the NWA World's Heavyweight Championship into the most active, most visible, and most respected world title in professional wrestling today.

At the time of this writing, Silas Mason has held the NWA World's Heavyweight Championship for well over a year, defended it more than forty-five times, and wrestled in more states, more countries, and more territories than any champion in the modern era.

He is not a part-time champion.
He is not a fighting champion.
He is a traveling champion.
He is a working champion.

He is the champion.

Mason has taken the belt to the historic strongholds of the past—Memphis, St. Louis, Kansas City, Dallas, Atlanta, Chicago, Detroit, Portland, Philadelphia—and he has defended it in front of the die-hard fans who still care about professional wrestling at its core.

He has carried it into Mexico, into Japan, and onto the biggest stages available, including the legendary Korakuen Hall, where the best in the world earn respect the hard way.

He has stood in the middle of territories where professional wrestling was born, where it was nearly lost, and where it continues to survive because of champions who show up.

The NWA has always been about more than belts. It has always been about legacy. About tradition. About the idea that a champion represents more than himself—he represents every wrestler who came before him and every wrestler who will come after.

Mason understands that.

He represents the territory days when a champion might wrestle three times a night.

He represents the television days when champions brought the sport into living rooms. He represents the modern era when wrestling survives on passion, not corporate protection.

Most importantly, he represents the future.

Every champion claims to be the best. Every champion says their belt matters most. Every champion believes they stand at the top.

But only one champion stands where all the roads meet.

Right now, all roads lead to Mason.



★ THE QUESTION NO CHAMPION CAN ANSWER

AND THAT CREATES A PROBLEM.

Not for Silas Mason.
For everybody else.

Because professional wrestling has spent the modern era dividing itself into kingdoms. WWE has its kingdom. AEW has its kingdom. TNA has rebuilt its own. Major League Wrestling continues to carve out territory. Ring of Honor carries a name that has survived generations of change. Each promotion has a championship intended to answer the same question:

WHO IS THE BEST?

But championships can only answer that question inside their own walls.

A champion can defeat every challenger a company places in front of him. He can headline its biggest event. He can sell out its buildings. He can carry its championship for a year and leave behind one of the greatest reigns that promotion has ever seen.

And still there is another champion somewhere else.

Another belt.

Another locker room.

Another man making exactly the same claim.

That is the great unresolved argument in professional wrestling.

THERE ARE MANY WORLD CHAMPIONS. THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE BEST WRESTLER IN THE WORLD.

And sooner or later, those two ideas have to collide.

SILAS MASON HAS MADE THAT COLLISION IMPOSSIBLE TO IGNORE.

He is not asking WWE to recognize the NWA. He is not asking AEW to acknowledge his championship. He does not need TNA, MLW or Ring of Honor to place the Ten Pounds of Gold above their own titles. He is asking something much simpler.

IF YOUR CHAMPION IS THE BEST IN THE WORLD, PROVE IT.

Not on social media.

Not in a promotional video.

Not through television ratings, merchandise sales, corporate valuation or the size of the building.

PUT THE ROPES AROUND THEM. RING THE BELL. AND FIND OUT.

Because until somebody does, every proclamation of supremacy comes with an asterisk.



THE WWE CHAMPION
may be the best wrestler in WWE.

THE AEW CHAMPION
may be the best wrestler in AEW.

THE TNA CHAMPION
may rule TNA.

THE CHAMPIONS OF MLW
AND RING OF HONOR
may stand at the summit of their
respective promotions.

Those accomplishments matter.
Those championships matter.

BUT NONE OF THEM
ANSWERS THE LARGER QUESTION.

CAN YOU BEAT MASON?

THAT IS WHERE THIS BECOMES BIGGER THAN THE NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE.

For more than a century, professional wrestling has been built around champions traveling into somebody else's territory and putting reputations on the line.

There was a time when being world champion meant more than appearing every week beneath the same television logo. A champion traveled. A champion entered hostile buildings. A champion faced men he did not know in front of audiences that did not owe him their loyalty.

The championship traveled because the champion had to prove that its reputation could travel with him.

MASON REPRESENTS SOMETHING CLOSE TO THAT FORGOTTEN STANDARD.

He has taken the NWA World's Heavyweight Championship beyond one building, one audience and one comfortable environment. He has carried it across borders and into wrestling cultures with histories of their own.

That matters.

Because a world championship should eventually require its holder to confront the world.

And that is the challenge Mason's reign quietly places in front of every other man carrying a major championship today.

YOU SAY YOU'RE THE WORLD CHAMPION?

Fine.

WHICH WORLD?

- Your company?
- Your television show?
- Your roster?
- Your side of the wrestling industry?
- Or all of it?

There is nothing disrespectful about asking the question.

In fact, it may be the greatest respect that can be shown to every championship involved.

If those belts truly represent the best professional wrestlers on the planet,

THEN THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO DEET THE MEASURE.

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THE WORLD IS NOT SEPARATED ANYMORE.
THE ROSTERS ARE DEEPER. THE TRAVEL IS EASIER.
THE OPPORTUNITY IS GREATER THAN EVER.
THERE IS NO REASON THE BEST SHOULD AVOID THE BEST.

ONE MATCH CAN
SETTLE DECADES
OF DEBATE.

THAT MATCH HAS A NAME.
THAT NAME IS SILAS MASON.

★
UNTIL YOU FACE HIM, YOU ARE A CHAMPION. NOT THE CHAMPION.

THE STANDARD HAS BEEN LOST.

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Today, most champions never have to leave their comfort zone. Most never have to risk their perfect record on somebody else's stage.

Silas Mason is fighting to bring that standard back.

It is not nostalgia.

It is not bitterness.

It is not about comparing eras.

It is about restoring meaning to the two most important words in pro wrestling.

World Champion.

THE MAP HAS CHANGED. THE TRUTH HASN'T.

Promotions come and go.

Television deals change.

Ownership changes.

Championships change hands.

But the truth that sits at the center of this business has never changed.

The best wrestlers want to test themselves against the best wrestlers.

The greatest champions want their names remembered.

And legacies are not built inside one company.

They are built across the entire industry.

That is what Mason understands.

That is what makes his reign different.

He is not content being the best in the NWA.

HE WANTS TO BE THE BEST, PERIOD.

**CHAMPIONSHIP
WITHOUT CHALLENGE
IS JUST DECORATION.**

★

A belt only means something when somebody is willing to try to take it.

The NWA World's Heavyweight Championship is not a prop. It is not a participation trophy. It is not a feel-good story.

**IT IS A TARGET.
AND MASON WEARS IT PROUDLY.**

THE CHALLENGE IS OPEN. THE DOOR ISN'T CLOSED.

Mason is not calling anyone out for attention.

He is not begging for a dream match.

He is not ignoring the political reality of the wrestling business.

**HE IS SAYING THE DOOR IS OPEN.
WALK THROUGH IT.
OR DON'T.**

If you walk through it, you risk everything you have built.

If you don't walk through it, you live with the question.

**THERE IS NO MIDDLE GROUND.
THERE IS NO EXCUSE.
NOT FOREVER.**

Every champion has a choice.
Face Mason.

Or defend your title from everybody else who isn't Mason.

Simple.

Brutal.

True.

ONE BELT. ONE MAN. ONE TRUTH.

The Ten Pounds of Gold represents more than the past.

It represents the present.

And it is fighting for the future.

Mason has carried this championship into places where few champions ever step foot.

He has faced men who do not care about brands.

He has wrestled in front of fans who do not follow storylines.

He has stood in the middle of cultures where the only thing that matters is what happens when the bell rings.

And he keeps winning.

That is not luck.

That is not booking.

That is not politics.

**THAT IS SILAS MASON.
THAT IS THE STANDARD.
THAT IS THE FUTURE.**

“You may be the best in your world.
But until you step into mine,
you're not the best in mine.”

— Silas Mason

THE QUESTION WILL NOT GO AWAY.

Fans will keep asking.

Wrestlers will keep talking.

Commentators will keep debating.
But the only answer that matters happens inside the ring.

Somebody can talk forever.

Somebody can avoid forever.

Somebody can hide behind logos and company loyalty.

**BUT THE QUESTION WILL
NOT GO AWAY.**

CAN YOU BEAT SILAS MASON?

Until someone does, everything else is just noise.



A CHAMPION FOR ALL TIME.

Mason is not here to be popular.

He is not here to be comfortable.

He is not here to fit into the system.

**HE IS HERE TO DEFEND
A CHAMPIONSHIP THAT
MEANS SOMETHING.**

He is here to represent a tradition that refuses to die.

He is here to remind the world that greatness is measured by who you beat.

Not who you work for.

Not who you sign with.

Not who controls the show.

Not who holds the bigger television contract.

Who you beat.

**ALL ROADS LEAD TO MASON.
ALL ROADS END AT THE BELL.
ALL ROADS TELL THE TRUTH.**

★ THE FINAL WORD ★

Legends are not born.

They are tested.

Champions are not made.

They are challenged.

Reigns are not remembered.

They are earned.

**THE WORLD IS WATCHING.
THE QUESTION IS ASKED.
THE ANSWER IS WAITING.
STEP INTO THE RING.
OR LIVE WITH THE QUESTION.**

SILAS MASON IS THE CHAMPION. ★ UNTIL YOU CHANGE THAT, HE IS THE BEST.

AT THE SUMMIT, THERE IS ONLY ONE.

KING OF THE MOUNTAIN

EVERY PROMOTION.
EVERY CHAMPION.
EVERY ROAD.

THE DESTINATION
IS THE SAME.

YOU CAN HOLD YOUR BELT.
YOU CAN DEFEND YOUR KINGDOM.

BUT UNTIL YOU
FACE MASON—
YOU CAN'T CLAIM
TO BE THE BEST.



SILAS MASON

NWA WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION
THE TEN POUNDS OF GOLD

NWA
THE TRUE
WORLD CHAMPION

CAN YOU
BEAT MASON?

SILAS MASON IS THE CHAMPION. ★ UNTIL YOU CHANGE THAT, HE IS THE BEST.

THE NEXT BIG THING?

BEN BISHOP ISN'T IN THE ROOSTAR 50. YET.

Nic Nemeth had already provided the answer that mattered that night.

Ben Bishop lost.

There would be no championship celebration. No photograph with his arm raised. No sudden argument that a giant had arrived and deserved a place among The Roostar 50.

Not yet.

But sometimes the most interesting wrestler in the ring isn't the man who wins.

Sometimes it's the man who makes you wonder what he's going to look like two years from now.

"BIG TROUBLE" BEN BISHOP

★ 6-FOOT-12"
(WRESTLING BILLING)

★ 6'10"
(LEGITIMATE HEIGHT)

★ ALMOST 7 FEET OF
PURE PROBLEM

BILLED AT
6-FOOT-12,
15% OF A
METRIC TON.



"HE ISN'T IN THE ROOSTAR 50. THE QUESTION IS HOW LONG I CAN KEEP HIM OUT."



A GIANT WITH HEART

Bishop brings personality, confidence and an infectious love for pro wrestling.



TV EXPERIENCE

He has appeared on AEW television and continues to build his name nationwide.



DIVISION I ATHLETE

Four years at the University of Vermont. 100 games. Two NCAA Tournaments.

Professional wrestling history is littered with enormous men who never became enormous stars.

Size opens the door.

It doesn't guarantee what happens after you walk through it.

Ben Bishop still has to improve. Still has to win. Still has to prove that the spectacle of seeing him walk into a room can eventually be matched by what happens after the bell rings.

But The Roostar 50 will return. There will be another list. Another fifty names.

And maybe, eventually, one very big problem.

NOT TOP 50. NOT YET.

BIG TROUBLE

THE STORY OF “BIG TROUBLE” BEN BISHOP

Before the height became a gimmick, before the nickname turned into a brand, and before professional wrestling learned his name, Ben Bishop was simply a very tall kid from Rhode Island trying to figure out where he belonged. Growing up in a world that kept telling him he was too big for one thing and too awkward for another, he found his first love the same way many kids do—with a television and a fascination for the spectacle inside a wrestling ring. The giants captured him the most. Men like Kevin Nash, Sid, The Undertaker and Kane didn't just win matches; they changed the atmosphere. They didn't blend in—they stood above, towered above, and made you believe the impossible could happen. Bishop watched those men and felt something most kids only dream about. He wanted to be one of them.

Athletics gave him the first real path. Basketball became his focus, his direction and his escape. His size, coordination and natural feel for the game carried him through high school and into the collegiate ranks. Bishop earned a scholarship to the University of Vermont, where he played four seasons as a Division I forward. Over the course of his career he appeared in 100 games, contributed in meaningful ways and became a leader both on and off the court. As a senior, he wore the captain's “C,” a testament to his work ethic and the respect he earned from teammates and coaches. Vermont reached the NCAA Tournament twice during his time there, experiences that forged him in environments where the stakes were real and the pressure was constant. For many athletes, reaching that level would be the finish line. For Bishop, it was only one chapter.

Even while basketball consumed his days, wrestling never left his heart. After his playing career ended, he tried to ignore the pull for a while. He explored other opportunities, other roads, but nothing felt right. Professional wrestling kept calling him back. It wasn't until around 2019 that he finally decided to chase the dream he had never stopped having. It didn't begin with a wrestling school or a grand plan. It began with a conversation. At an independent wrestling event, Bishop met Duane “Gillberg” Gill, who looked at the giant in front of him and asked the most important question of his life: “Are you a wrestler?” He wasn't. That night planted a seed that wouldn't stop growing. Gill saw something in him that Bishop hadn't yet allowed himself to believe.

Training began soon after in earnest. He learned the basics the hard way—bumps, timing, psychology, ring awareness and how to move a body his size in ways that didn't look sluggish. He trained with James Ellsworth and other veterans who helped shape the raw athletic gifts he already possessed into something that could survive inside a squared circle. His basketball background gave him advantages most new wrestlers never have: footwork, balance, spatial awareness and the ability to control his body. But wrestling demanded something entirely different. It demanded character, timing, improvisation, connection and the ability to tell a story that thousands of people could feel without saying a single word. Learning that was the real challenge.

Bishop hit the independent circuit and began putting in the miles. Every territory, every locker room, every opponent and every crowd taught him something new. He created a presence instantly because his size creates a reaction before he even speaks. That reaction became his weapon. He leaned into it, embraced it and built his identity around it. “Big Trouble” Ben Bishop was born. The numbers followed. 6-foot-10 in reality. 6-foot-12 in wrestling. 15% of a metric ton on the scale of exaggeration. It was absurd on purpose and that made it unforgettable. Bishop became one of the most recognizable giants on the independent scene, and the opportunities began to expand. He appeared on All Elite Wrestling programming in July 2024, facing Roderick Strong in a match that introduced him to a national audience. He continued working high-profile independent shows, developing storylines, feuds and a social media presence that amplified his personality. Industry insiders took notice. In early 2025 he worked out for WWE, gaining experience in their system and learning what it takes to survive in the biggest machine in the world. By mid-2025 he was being featured in national media outlets as one of the rising independent wrestlers with legitimate upside.

In August 2026, Bishop stepped into the ring with Nic Nemeth. On paper, it was a clash of styles and careers. Nemeth, a former world champion, veteran of every major stage and one of the most underrated performers of his generation. Bishop, the giant with less than a handful of years in the business. The match represented everything Bishop was trying to become. He showed moments of power, flashes of athleticism and the kind of presence that makes you believe he could belong at the highest level. But Nemeth, a surprise. It wasn't a disappointment. It was part of the process. Every future champion has a night like that. The question isn't whether it happened. The question is what he does with it.

The truth is, professional wrestling history is filled with big men who never became more than attractions. Size opens the door, but it doesn't guarantee anything. Bishop knows that. He knows the work is never finished. He's still improving in the ring. Still learning how to control the pace. Still sharpening the subtleties that separate a dangerous wrestler from a great one. Still building the stamina to carry long matches. Still figuring out which version of “Big Trouble” will stand the test of time. But the foundation is there. You can't teach size like his. You can't teach the athletic background he brings. You can't fake the reaction he generates simply by walking through the curtain.

The Roostar 50 is built on recognizing the best in the world right now. Ben Bishop isn't one of them yet. But The Roostar also believes in identifying the wrestlers who are next. Who are climbing. Who are on the verge of something larger. Bishop belongs in that conversation. Not because of hype. Not because of hope. Because the pieces are real.

Another year will come. Another chapter will be written. Another list will be made. Ben Bishop will have another chance to prove what he can do. To turn potential into results. To make “Big Trouble” more than a nickname. To become the kind of giant who doesn't just enter rooms—he takes them over.

IS 2027 THE YEAR HE CLAIMS A WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP?

NWA WORLD TELEVISION CHAMPION

MZRY

THE UNHINGED ENIGMA

TELEVISION WAS MADE FOR CHARACTERS.

And there may not be another champion in the NWA who looks quite like MZRY.

Blue hair. White eyes. A grin that belongs in a nightmare. The NWA World Television Championship doesn't merely sit around his waist. In the hands of "The Unhinged Enigma," it becomes another piece of the character.

Now the rest of the NWA has to figure out how to take it away.

BORN UNHINGED

From the streets of Ponce, Puerto Rico, Alex Misery grew up different. Wrestling wasn't just entertainment—it was an escape, an obsession, a calling.

While others cheered, he admired the darkness, the chaos, the anti-heroes who lived by their own rules.

He brought that darkness with him into the ring.

There are no rules in his mind.
No limits to his pain.
No fear of anyone.

HE IS THE PRESENT

On June 6, 2026 in Tampa, Florida, MZRY won the vacant NWA World Television Championship in a brutal five-way war.

He outlasted Daisy Kill, JAC, Lockjaw Drake and Wrecking Ball Legursky.

When the smoke cleared, the Unhinged Enigma stood alone.

The title found its chaos.
The NWA found its champion.

"I DON'T FOLLOW THE SYSTEM.
I BREAK THE SYSTEM."
— MZRY



THE UNHOLY ONE

REAL NAME: ALEX FIGUEROA

BORN: MARCH 18, 1998
PONCE, PUERTO RICO

HEIGHT: 5'10"

WEIGHT: 176 LBS.

NICKNAMES: MZRY,
"THE UNHINGED ENIGMA",
"THE UNHOLY ONE"

DEBUT: INDEPENDENT CIRCUIT
2018

MZRY HAS
ESCAPED THE RING.



THE UNHINGED ENIGMA
IS NOW ON THE BOARD.

MZRY - MIZERABLE SKATEBOARD DECK

\$50.00

AVAILABLE NOW AT NWAMERCH.SHOP

THE UNHINGED ENIGMA BRINGS:

- ✕ A MIND THAT CAN'T BE CONTROLLED.
- ✕ A STYLE THAT DEFIES LOGIC.
- ✕ A PRESENCE THAT FEEDS ON CHAOS.
- ✕ A CHAMPIONSHIP THAT BELONGS ON TELEVISION.

THE NIGHTMARE IS ON AIR.

MZRY

SKATES. DESTROYS. WRESTLES.
THAT'S THE FORMULA.

Long before the lights, the crowd,
the ring... there was the board.

Concrete. Wheels. Bruises.
Freedom.

Skateboarding isn't a hobby for MZRY.
It's where the Unhinged Enigma
was born. It's how he learned to fall.
How he learned to get back up.

How he learned that pain
is just fuel in disguise.

The board didn't make him soft.
It made him dangerous.

STREET BORN.
RING BUILT.

Every scar has a story.
Every trick has a lesson.
Every match is another
opportunity to prove
that this isn't just a phase...
it's who he is.

Other kids wanted
acceptance.
MZRY wanted impact.

He found it on the board.
He perfected it in the ring.

Skate. Wrestle.
Repeat.

FROM THE STREETS
TO TELEVISION

The concrete jungle
shaped The Unhinged Enigma.
Now television belongs to
the chaos he brings.

The NWA World Television Championship
isn't just another title...

It's the next level of destruction.

"THIS ISN'T ABOUT FAME."
THIS ISN'T ABOUT LIKES.
THIS IS ABOUT LEAVING A MARK
THAT NEVER FADES."

- MZRY



**"THE BOARD
TAUGHT ME TO FLY.
THE RING
TAUGHT ME TO KILL."**
- MZRY

AVAILABLE NOW
AT NWAMERCH.SHOP



MZRY - MIZERABLE
SKATEBOARD DECK
\$50.00

**UNHINGED
ON THE
BOARD.**
**UNSTOPPABLE
IN THE RING.**

BOARD CONTROL.
RING CONTROL.

Flips, grinds, aerials—
they all translate.

Balance. Timing.
Risk. Commitment.
It's all the same.

A split second
to make everything
count.

When MZRY steps
onto that board...
or through those ropes...

**you better believe
he's going big.**

NO RULES.
NO MERCY.
ONLY NIGHTMARES.

Parks. Streets.
Warehouse shows.
Arena lights.
Doesn't matter.

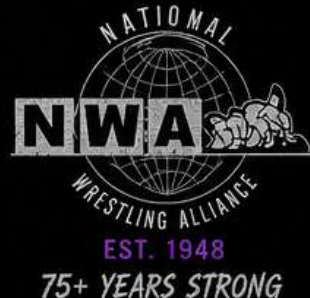
MZRY brings the same thing
every time—chaos.

He breaks the rules.
He breaks the board.
He breaks his opponents.

**BECAUSE NOTHING
SHOULD SURVIVE
THE NIGHTMARE.**



NWA WORLD TELEVISION CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE REIGNS



THE MODERN LINEAGE

A CHAMPIONSHIP BUILT FOR TELEVISION.

Announced in December 2019, the NWA World Television Championship represents the modern revival of one of the most prestigious titles in wrestling history.

It was designed to spotlight talent, elevate storylines, and bring championship wrestling to weekly television.

Since January 2020, eleven men have carried the title. Each left his mark on its legacy.

NOW IT BELONGS TO THE UNHINGED ENIGMA.



THE LUCKY SEVEN RULE

Seven successful title defenses would earn a shot at the NWA Worlds Heavyweight Championship.

Several champions have vacated the Television Title to chase the Ten Pounds of Gold.

It's a path to opportunity.
A risk. A reward.
A legacy in the making.

EVERY NWA WORLD TELEVISION CHAMPION (2019–PRESENT)

#	CHAMPION	DATE WON	DATE REIGN ENDED	DAYS
1	RICKY STARKS (INAUGURAL CHAMPION)	JANUARY 24, 2020 HARD TIMES	MARCH 3, 2020	39
VACANT		MARCH 4, 2020 – MARCH 2, 2020 (14 DAYS)		
2	ZICKY DICE	MARCH 3, 2020	OCTOBER 20, 2020	231
3	DA POPE	OCTOBER 20, 2020	AUGUST 6, 2021	290
4	TYRUS (LONGEST MODERN REIGN)	AUGUST 6, 2021	SEPTEMBER 24, 2022	414
VACANT		SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 – NOVEMBER 11, 2022 (48 DAYS)		
5	JORDAN CLEARWATER	NOVEMBER 12, 2022	FEBRUARY 14, 2023	94
6	THOM LATIMER	FEBRUARY 14, 2023	SEPTEMBER 13, 2023	211
VACANT		SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 – OCTOBER 9, 2023 (26 DAYS)		
7	MIMS	OCTOBER 10, 2023	FEBRUARY 13, 2024	126
8	MAX THE IMPALER	FEBRUARY 13, 2024	DECEMBER 10, 2024	301
9	CARSON BARTHOLOMEW DRAKE	DECEMBER 10, 2024	MARCH 22, 2025	102
VACANT		MARCH 23, 2025 – JULY 28, 2025 (128 DAYS)		
10	BRYAN IDOL	JULY 29, 2025	MARCH 17, 2026	231
VACANT		MARCH 18, 2026 – JUNE 5, 2026 (80 DAYS)		
11	ALEX MISERY (MZRY) CURRENT CHAMPION	JUNE 6, 2026 NWA POWERRR TAMPA, FLORIDA	PRESENT	CURRENT

* Days include both start and end dates. Vacant periods are listed above.

LONGEST MODERN REIGN

TYRUS
414
DAYS

AUGUST 6, 2021 –
SEPTEMBER 24, 2022

THE CURRENT CHAMPION

MZRY
ALEX MISERY

WON THE VACANT TITLE IN A FIVE-WAY SCRAMBLE AGAINST DAISY KILL, JAC, LOCKJAW DRAKE AND WRECKING BALL LEGURSKY ON JUNE 6, 2026 ON NWA POWERRR IN TAMPA, FLORIDA.

ELEVEN CHAMPIONS.
ONE LEGACY.
THE FUTURE IS
UNHINGED.

THE SOUTHERN SIX

Power, Promise and the Slow Collapse of NWA's Dominant Faction

ACT I: THE RISE OF THE REBELS

In the rugged landscapes of the modern National Wrestling Alliance (NWA), a brotherhood was forged under a scorching Dixie sun.

They called themselves The Southern 6. They were a throwback to the lawless, hard-hitting glory days of studio wrestling, blending old-school grit with a modern, arrogant swagger.

At the center of the stable stood "Thrillbilly" Silas Mason, a mountain of a man with a wild beard, a chaotic laugh, and an unhinged style of violence that quickly captured the imagination of the NWA locker room.

Flanking him were the crown jewels of a wrestling dynasty: Kerry Morton, a third-generation prodigy with a silver-spoon pedigree, and his legendary father, WWE Hall of Famer Ricky Morton.

Rounding out the lethal quartet was Alex Taylor, a vicious tactician who complemented Kerry's high-flying flair with calculated cruelty.

A FORMULA THAT WORKED

For a long time, the formula worked perfectly.

Together, The Southern 6 terrorized NWA Powerrr. Their presence alone changed the energy in every arena they entered. They backed each other without question. They fought together. They won together.

When Alex Taylor and Kerry Morton weren't dominant as a tag team, dismantling every duo in their path, Taylor was writing his own chapter in the history books.

With a blend of technical precision and ruthless aggression, Alex Taylor captured the NWA World Junior Heavyweight Championship—proving The Southern 6 didn't just hit hard, they collected gold.

THE THRILLBILLY REACHES THE SUMMIT

But the highest peak was conquered by the Thrillbilly.

Driven by the backing of his brothers, Silas Mason tore through the NWA roster like a runaway train. With every victory, his legend grew. With each defense, his presence became undeniable.

Then came the night Thrillbilly did what so few had done before him—he captured the NWA Worlds Heavyweight Championship.

When he hoisted the historic "Ten Pounds of Gold" above his head, flanked by Alex Taylor and the Mortons, the message was clear.

They were the kings of the territory.



They were untouchable.

They were the undisputed rulers of the National Wrestling Alliance.

"But gold does strange things to men, and the heaviest burden in wrestling is the target painted on the champion's back."

ACT II: THE DAGGER IN THE DARK

Jealousy, ambition and a betrayal that shattered The Southern 6.

The higher Silas Mason climbed, the longer the shadow he cast.

When Mason captured the NWA Worlds Heavyweight Championship and raised the Ten Pounds of Gold, The Southern 6 stood beside him as one. But as the champion traveled the world — from packed arenas to unforgiving territories — defending the gold that every man in the locker room wanted, something began to shift back home.

At first, it was subtle. The kind of thing you only notice when you've lived it. A glance held too long. A silence that wasn't there before. A conversation that stopped when Mason walked in. Small fractures in the foundation of a brotherhood that had once seemed unbreakable.

Silas Mason was the engine. The man who dragged The Southern 6 into the spotlight. The man whose chaos and violence brought viewers to their feet every week on NWA Powerrr. But in wrestling, glory is a double-edged sword. The champion's light shines brightest — and the rest are forced to live in it.

For Kerry Morton, that light began to feel like a spotlight he could never step into.

Kerry Morton was born for this business. A third-generation athlete with the pedigree of the Morton name and the polish of a future Hall of Famer already written in his bloodline. He had the look. The body. The technical ability. The charisma. And the canvas was there for him to paint his own masterpiece.

Yet while Mason became the face of the National Wrestling Alliance, Kerry was the supporting act in his own story.

He watched as every major headline, every worldwide tour, every championship moment belonged to the Thrillbilly. Even when Kerry and Alex Taylor were tearing through the tag team division or when Taylor held the NWA World Junior Heavyweight Championship with ruthless precision, the attention always returned to the champion.

Kerry smiled for the cameras. He laughed. He played the part. But behind the silver-spoon confidence was a resentment that grew hotter with every passing week.

The envy was quiet at first — the most dangerous kind.

Kerry Morton wasn't an impulsive man. He wasn't reckless. He was calculating. Patient. Strategic. He watched. He waited. He studied every reaction, every weakness, every moment where Mason relied on loyalty instead of expecting betrayal.

By the summer of 2026, that poison had fully taken root.

NWA Powerrr was electric that night. The Southern 6 had just secured another hard-fought victory in a main event that spilled into chaos. Bodies collided. Chairs crashed. The referee tried to regain control as the arena erupted.

Silas Mason found himself surrounded. Outnumbered. Attacked from every side. Blood streamed down his face. He fought like a man possessed, but the odds were overwhelming.

In the midst of the storm, Silas turned. He looked to his brother.

He looked to Kerry Morton.

For a moment, the world went silent.

Silas expected the familiar. He expected the shield. He expected the loyalty that had built an empire.

Instead, Kerry Morton stood entirely still.

No hesitation. No warning. No doubt.

Kerry's eyes were cold. Empty of every memory they once shared.

Then, with cruel intention, he stepped forward.

The betrayal wasn't a walk away. It wasn't an accident.

Kerry Morton systematically dismantled Silas Mason.

Shot after shot. Kick after kick. Blow after blow.

The jeers from the crowd turned to stunned disbelief.

The man who should have been his brother was now the man trying to end his reign.

Silas collapsed to his knees, blood pouring, gasping for air.

Kerry Morton wasn't finished.

He drove the final message home — that Silas Mason was alone.

The brotherhood was dead.

The Southern 6 was shattered.

In a matter of seconds, everything they built together turned to ashes.

The fans didn't know what to say. The locker room didn't know what to do. But everyone knew one thing:

Professional wrestling had just witnessed one of the most shocking betrayals in NWA history.

ACT III: THE BIRTH OF "MR. COMET"

A new name. A new attitude. A new enemy.

When the dust settled and the cameras stopped replaying the chaos, Kerry Morton stepped into his next chapter — and it looked nothing like the man he used to be.

The southern grit was gone.

The loyalty was gone.

The Morton boy was gone.

In his place stood "Mr. Comet."

The name was a declaration. A cosmic rebirth. A statement that Kerry Morton wasn't just ready to be a star — he was ready to be the only star.

Flanked by his father, WWE Hall of Famer Ricky Morton, Kerry embraced a slick, arrogant persona that dripped with privilege and superiority. Gone were the days of playing second fiddle. Gone were the days of backing anyone but himself.

On Comet TV, Kerry Morton delivered venom like a man who had been waiting his entire life to speak.

He mocked Silas Mason.

He called him a caveman.

He called him a lucky man.

He called him unworthy.

In Kerry's eyes, Silas Mason wasn't the champion — he was the obstacle.

A brute who got in the way of true excellence.

Kerry Morton declared that the Ten Pounds of Gold rightfully belonged to him — not because of what he had done, but because of who he was.

It was his birthright.

It was his destiny.

And he wasn't waiting any longer.

The betrayal didn't just break a brotherhood — it created a war.

And the war had only just begun.

ACT III: THE BIRTH OF "MR. COMET"

*A new identity. A new mission.
A personal war.*

After the betrayal, Kerry Morton didn't just turn the page — he burned the entire book.

Within days, the young blue-blood vanished from the Southern Six brand that had been his shield. The cowboy boots, the denim, the grit — all of it was gone.

In its place emerged something new. Something polished. Something dangerous.

On Comet TV, Kerry Morton introduced himself to the world in a sleek tailored suit, hair perfectly styled, voice calm and cutting. "From this night forward," he declared, "I am Mr. Comet."

The name was no accident. The comet is rare. The comet is brilliant. The comet is destined to burn brighter than everything in its path. Kerry Morton believed that was him.

Flanked by his father, WWE Hall of Famer Ricky Morton, Mr. Comet began a campaign of verbal warfare that was as ruthless as any beating he had ever delivered.

He dismissed Silas Mason as a crude, uncultured caveman. A relic. A lucky man who never earned what he had. In Mr. Comet's eyes, the Thrillbilly was holding back the true star of the family.

"He's not worth my time," Kerry said on Comet TV. "The Ten Pounds of Gold belongs to me. It's my birthright. And I'm taking what was always mine."

The arrogance wasn't an act. It was the fuel.

Mr. Comet demanded a shot at the NWA Worlds Heavyweight Championship. Not as a request. As a command.

And the message was clear: Silas Mason wasn't just in the way — he was beneath him.

SILAS MASON: A CHAMPION FOREVER CHANGED

If Kerry Morton transformed into something new, Silas Mason transformed into something far darker.

The jolly, beer-drinking Thrillbilly persona that had charmed the fans hardened the moment he realized the knife in his back came from family.

On NWA Powerrr, Mason stepped to the microphone alone for the first time since the betrayal.

His voice wasn't loud.

It didn't need to be.

It trembled — not with fear, but with the weight of heartbreak and fury.

"I built this," Mason said.

"I defended this. I carried this every single day.

He pointed to the Ten Pounds of Gold.

"And the man I called my brother decided to stab me in the back."

The arena was silent.

"You think this is about a title match?" Mason continued.

"This isn't about a title.

"This is about loyalty.

"This is about blood.

"This is about a man who thought I'd always have his back... and instead put a knife in it."

Silas Mason vowed that the day would come when he wouldn't just beat Kerry Morton.

He vowed that he would end him. Ruin him.

Destroy everything Mr. Comet stood for.

The fans felt the change.

The champion they once loved for his wild laugh and good times was now ruled by one thing: the need for justice.

And revenge.

And the need to make an example out of the man who betrayed the Southern Six.

THE ROAD TO HARD TIMES 6

As the summer of 2026 turned to fire, the feud between Silas Mason and Mr. Comet became the most personal war in NWA history.

The promos got more vicious. The attacks got more violent. The tension became impossible to ignore.

Then NWA management made a decision that changed everything.

For the historic World Heavyweight Championship match between Silas Mason and Kerry Morton at Hard Times 6, they named Alex Taylor the Special Guest Referee.

ACT IV: A BROTHER DIVIDED

Loyalty. Love. And an impossible decision.

Alex Taylor never asked to be in the middle.

But the middle is exactly where he landed.

Taylor loved Silas.

Taylor loved Kerry.

The three of them had bled.

They had traveled.

They had built The Southern 6 from the ground up.

But Kerry chose ambition.

Mason chose justice.

And Taylor?

Taylor was left holding the pieces of a brotherhood that no longer existed.

He is the law in a match where two men want to destroy each other.

He is the referee in a war where his heart belongs to both sides.

Will he call it down the middle?

Or will the ghost of The Southern 6 force his hand?

He doesn't have an answer.

Not yet.

But one thing is certain:

When that bell rings at Hard Times 6, everything he believes in will be tested.

*"The stage is set.
The lines are drawn.
The Southern 6 is dead,
and in its ashes,
a champion's fury
and a traitor's ambition
are about to tear
the NWA apart."*

ROOSTAR'S FACTION OF THE YEAR TOP 10 FACTIONS

AUGUST 2025 – AUGUST 2026

RANKED BY IMPACT • CHAMPIONSHIP SUCCESS • STORYLINE EXCELLENCE • INFLUENCE

1 THE SOUTHERN SIX

NWA

Silas Mason • Kerry Morton • Alex Taylor
Ricky Morton

The most dominant and consequential faction story of the period. Silas Mason reached the pinnacle as NWA Worlds Heavyweight Champion, Alex Taylor captured gold of his own, and together they ruled NWA Powerrrr. Betrayal from within shattered the brotherhood and produced one of the most personal and unforgettable feuds in modern NWA history.

2 THE VISION

WWE

Seth Rollins • Bron Breakker • Bronson Reed
Paul Heyman (Special Counsel)

Seth Rollins built an empire in WWE. Ruthless, strategic and dominant, The Vision controlled the landscape throughout most of 2025–26. Championship gold, main event victories and internal tensions made this faction a must-watch force on Monday Night Raw.

3 THE DEATH RIDERS

AEW

Jon Moxley • Claudio Castagnoli • Wheeler Yuta
Marina Shafir • PAC • Daniel Garcia • Gabe Kidd

More than a faction — a movement. Jon Moxley's Death Riders defined AEW's identity during this span, fighting a war against authority and anyone in their way. Their message, their violence and their refusal to back down made them one of the most influential units in professional wrestling.

4 BULLET CLUB WAR DOGS / UNBOUND CO.

NJPW

David Finlay • Yota Tsuji • Gabe Kidd • Clark Connors
Drilla Moloney • Oskar Leube (Unbound Co.)

A year of evolution and a historic merger. War Dogs were one of NJPW's most feared units in 2025. In January 2026, David Finlay and Yota Tsuji joined forces with the unaffiliated group to form Unbound Co., bringing an end to the Bullet Club era and launching a bold new chapter in NJPW history.

5 THE OPPTS

AEW / ROH

Samoa Joe • Katsuyori Shibata • Hook
Anthony Bowens

Samoa Joe leads with intimidation and purpose. The Opps brought a unique brand of hard-nosed violence to AEW and ROH, backing up every word with consequences. Consistent, dangerous and impossible to ignore throughout the entire award period. (Powerhouse Hobbs departed in January 2026.)

6 ORDER 4

TNA

Mustafa Ali • Jason Hotch • John Skyler
Tasha Steelz (w/ Agent Zero)

Mustafa Ali created a faction built on control and ideology. But in a shocking turn on July 30, 2026, Jason Hotch dethroned Ali for the TNA International Championship, igniting a civil war inside Order 4. One of the most dramatic faction implodings of the year.

7 THE BLOODLINE

WWE

Solo Sikoa • Jacob Fatu • Tama Tonga
Tonga Loa

Even through major changes, The Bloodline remained one of WWE's most powerful forces in 2025–26. Solo Sikoa led a new generation while family loyalty — and betrayal — continued to shape the direction of the company. Legacy speaks — and The Bloodline still roars. (Solo Sikoa was expelled from the Bloodline in June 2026.)

8 SHANE TAYLOR PROMOTIONS

ROH

Shane Taylor • Lee Moriarty • Anthony Ogogo
Carlie Bravo • Shawn Dean

A legitimate empire inside ROH. Shane Taylor Promotions continued to grow through the period with power, professionalism and a deep, stacked roster. Highlights include capturing the ROH World Six-Man Tag Team Championship on August 29, 2025.

9 HOUSE OF TORTURE

NJPW

EVIL • SHO • Yujiro Takahashi
Dick Togo • Ren Narita

EVIL's twisted collective remained one of NJPW's most hated and effective factions. Disrespectful, deceptive and brutal, House of Torture survived every challenge and remained a constant threat throughout 2025–26.

10 THE JUDGMENT DAY

WWE

Finn Bálor • Damian Priest • Dominik Mysterio
Rhea Ripley • Roxanne Perez

Cracks formed, loyalties shifted and the group showed wear — but The Judgment Day still delivered major moments, championship gold and must-see drama. Even in turmoil, their influence on WWE can't be denied.

ALL HAIL THE KING TREVOR MURDOCH

✦ THE VETERAN. THE SURVIVOR. THE KING OF OLD SCHOOL. ✦



For nearly three decades, Trevor Murdoch earned everything the hard way. Now he no longer asks for respect—he commands it.

Trained by the legendary Harley Race, Murdoch learned the value of discipline, toughness and tradition. Race would go on to become WWE's "King" Harley Race, wearing the crown as a symbol of his mastery. Murdoch has now taken that legacy and made it his own.

On June 27, 2026, at NWA Powerrr, Murdoch revealed that his April retirement was a ruse. He returned wearing the crown and robe and declared himself King Trevor Murdoch I. The message was clear: after 27 years in this business, he has nothing left to prove—except that he is royalty.

A two-time NWA Worlds Heavyweight Champion. A multiple-time tag team champion. A Triple Crown winner. A three-time WWE World Tag Team Champion. Few in wrestling today have a resume built on harder roads, tougher fights and more earned victories.

Now, as the self-proclaimed King of Old School, Murdoch stands above the new generation, holding the crown not as a gift—but as a symbol of everything he has survived, sacrificed and conquered.

This is not a gimmick. This is the coronation of a legend.

👑 THE KING'S GOLD 👑

EVERY TITLE TREVOR MURDOCH HAS EVER WON

NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE (NWA)

- NWA Worlds Heavyweight Championship (2 times)
- NWA National Heavyweight Championship (1 time)
- NWA World Tag Team Championship (1 time) – with Mike Knox
- NWA Crockett Cup Winner (2023) – with Mike Knox
- NWA Triple Crown Champion

WORLD WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENT (WWE)

- WWE World Tag Team Championship (3 times) – with Lance Cade

WORLD LEAGUE WRESTLING (WLW)

- WLW Heavyweight Championship (5 times)
- WLW Tag Team Championship (3 times)

MIDWEST PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING (MPW)

- MPW Television Championship (1 time)

WORLD WRESTLING XPERIENCE (WWX)

- WWX Heavyweight Championship (1 time)
- WWX United States Championship (1 time)

WILDKAT SPORTS (WILDKAT)

- WildKat Heavyweight Championship (1 time)

TOURNAMENT & OTHER HONORS

- NWA-TNA Dupp Cup Winner (as Stan Dupp) – with Bo Dupp



**HARLEY RACE WORE THE CROWN.
TREVOR MURDOCH INHERITED THE ATTITUDE.**



THE QUEEN OF THE CASTLE! SCARLETT BORDEAUX

THE SMOKESHOW. THE CHAMPION. THE WOMAN WHO BUILT HER OWN KINGDOM.

Born Elizabeth Chihai on May 13, 1991, in Chicago, Illinois, Scarlett was raised in a Romanian-American household where professional wrestling was strictly off limits. Curiosity won out over rules. She skipped her high school prom to attend an independent wrestling show with friends—and left that night knowing she had found her calling.

Scarlett studied musical theater at Columbia College Chicago and trained as a mezzo-soprano. Her background in performance, storytelling, and live audience connection would become the foundation for one of wrestling's most captivating careers.

THE MAKING OF "THE SMOKESHOW"

Scarlett made her in-ring debut in 2012 and trained under Jimmy Jacobs and Truth Martini. She quickly became a standout on the independent scene, working for promotions such as AAW, SHIMMER, Ring of Honor, OVW, and others across the country.

In 2018, she joined Impact Wrestling and reinvented herself as "The Smoke Show"—a confident, fashion-forward femme fatale who controlled every room she entered. Her charisma, character work, and growing in-ring ability made her one of the most talked-about talents in the industry.

Scarlett did more than look the part—she mastered the psychology of performance and made it an art.

DOOMSDAY FOUND ITS QUEEN

While carving her path on the independents, Scarlett met Kevin Kesar—known to the world as Killer Kross. Their connection was instant. They realized they were more than partners—they were a unified force.

They got engaged in September 2021 and eloped on April 14, 2022, in a private ceremony on a glacier in Alaska. Together, they travel the world, film documentaries, and live life on their own terms.

NXT. DOMINATION. DOOMSDAY.

WWE signed Scarlett in late 2019. She made her televised debut alongside Karrion Kross on NXT in May 2020. As his enigmatic harbinger, her presence, hourglass, and "Tick Tock" became iconic. She was the mystery. He was the menace. Together, they were unforgettable. Kross captured the NXT Championship TWICE, with Scarlett at the center of every moment.

After their initial release, they returned to WWE in 2022 and led the sinister stable The Final Testament on SmackDown and RAW. The group clashed with the biggest names on television, culminating in a brutal Six-Man Philadelphia Street Fight at WrestleMania XL.

Scarlett played a key role in the faction's success—helping cement Kross as one of WWE's most dangerous forces.

On August 10, 2025, their contracts expired. Negotiations did not result in a new agreement. The door closed, and Scarlett and Kross walked through it together.

Freedom opened.

QUEEN OF HER OWN KINGDOM

Since leaving WWE, Scarlett has taken control of her career on her own terms.

She continues to appear alongside Kross, but she is far more than a manager—she is a competitor, a champion, and a global attraction.

In 2026, she became the **RPW Queen of the Castle** and now reigns as champion in Romania.

In Major League Wrestling, Scarlett is actively competing and has set her sights on becoming the MLW Women's World Featherweight Champion.

From Europe to the United States and beyond, Scarlett Bordeaux is collecting gold, headlining shows, and proving that she belongs at the very top.

This is not the story of someone who stood beside greatness.

This is the story of someone who became it.



THE COMPLETE CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY OF SCARLETT BORDEAUX



RPW QUEEN OF THE CASTLE CHAMPIONSHIP

1-TIME CHAMPION (CURRENT)
WON: 2026
PROMOTION: ROMANIAN PRO WRESTLING



IRONMAN HEAVYMETALWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

1-TIME CHAMPION
WON: JULY 9, 2016
DEFEATED JOEY RYAN IN A COMEDY BATTLE ROYAL. LATER RELINQUISHED THE TITLE IN EXCHANGE FOR A RHYNO AUTOGRAPH.
PROMOTION: DDT PRO-WRESTLING



ECWA WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

1-TIME CHAMPION
WON: DECEMBER 2, 2017
PROMOTION: EAST COAST WRESTLING ASSOCIATION



MCW RAGE TELEVISION CHAMPIONSHIP

1-TIME CHAMPION
WON: JANUARY 6, 2018
*FIRST WOMAN TO WIN THE MCW RAGE TV TITLE.
PROMOTION: MARYLAND CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING



MORE WRESTLING WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

1-TIME CHAMPION
WON: NOVEMBER 24, 2018
PROMOTION: MORE WRESTLING



SAW WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

1-TIME CHAMPION
WON: SEPTEMBER 28, 2019
PROMOTION: SAW WRESTLING

OTHER CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Impact Wrestling Knockouts Competitor (2018–2019)
- NXT (2020–2021) with Karrion Kross
- WWE SmackDown & RAW (2022–2025) as part of The Final Testament
- Wrestled across North America, Europe, Asia, and South America
- Multi-time champion, singer, actress, and filmmaker

SHE WAS NEVER MEANT TO BE WATCHED.

SHE WAS MEANT TO BE REMEMBERED.

SCARLETT BORDEAUX IS PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING.



HER CROWN. HER KINGDOM. HER STORY.

From the girl who wasn't allowed to watch wrestling to the woman now ruling the castle she built—Scarlett Bordeaux's journey is one of defiance, evolution, and unwavering self-belief.

She didn't follow the path. She drew her own map. She trained. She traveled. She paid her dues on independent stages where name recognition meant nothing and respect had to be earned.

She became "The Smokeshow," a name the world couldn't ignore. She walked into NXT alongside Karrion Cross and instantly became unforgettable, not just as his equal, but as a force who elevated everything she touched.

Together they were dangerous. But Scarlett was never content to exist in anyone's shadow. She carried herself with intelligence, style, and ice-cold poise. She managed. She motivated. She commanded.

And in 2026, she put the gold in her own hands. Scarlett Bordeaux became the RPW Queen of the Castle. Not as someone's assistant. Not as a valet.

AS THE QUEEN.

Her reign is more than championship gold. It's validation. It's legacy. It's the culmination of years of sacrifice, late nights, long drives, and a refusal to ever let anyone decide her ceiling.

**SHE CARRIES BEAUTY LIKE ARMOR.
SHE SPEAKS SILENCE LIKE A WEAPON.
SHE RULES LIKE A QUEEN.**

**SCARLETT BORDEAUX IS NOT A CHARACTER.
SHE IS A STATEMENT.**

Some enter professional wrestling hoping to become part of its history.

Scarlett Bordeaux made certain history would remember her name.

LONG LIVE THE QUEEN.



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MID-ATLANTIC CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING

JIM CROCKETT PROMOTIONS (NWA)

MARCH 2, 1931 – NOVEMBER 20, 1988

THE STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR NEARLY SIX DECADES

From the Carolinas to the coasts and from TV studios to the grandest arenas, Mid-Atlantic Championship Wrestling—Jim Crockett Promotions set the gold standard for territorial wrestling.

Funded by the visionary Jim Crockett Sr. in 1931 as Eastern States Championship Wrestling, the promotion that would become Jim Crockett Promotions—and later known on television as Mid-Atlantic Championship Wrestling—grew from small armories and fairgrounds into one of the most influential wrestling territories in history.

HUMBLE BEGINNINGS, BIG AMBITION

Crockett Sr., a former wrestler himself, believed professional wrestling deserved to be presented with dignity, quality, and consistency. Based in Charlotte, North Carolina, he built a promotion that reached deep into the soul of the South and beyond—Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia, Tennessee, West Virginia, Ohio, and surrounding states. For decades, Crockett's live events were the heartbeat of the region, while his television program, *Championship Wrestling*, brought the action into homes every Saturday night.

A NEW IDENTITY: MID-ATLANTIC

On July 2, 1973, the company officially adopted the name *Mid-Atlantic Championship Wrestling* (MACW), reflecting its expanding reach and growing national footprint. The change came at the direction of Jim Crockett Jr., who had been deeply involved in the business since childhood and would soon take the reins.

MACW became synonymous with top talent, innovative storytelling, and a television product that rivaled any in the country.

TELEVISION THAT CHANGED THE GAME

With *Championship Wrestling* as its flagship program, Mid-Atlantic became a pioneer in the territory television model. The show featured high-quality production, memorable theme music, studio interviews, and some of the most compelling matches and rivalries in wrestling history. When the promotion launched *World Championship Wrestling* in the early 1980s, it introduced a second national program that further cemented JCP's dominance.

THE NWA CONNECTION

The promotion was a proud member of the National Wrestling Alliance for decades, holding the line against wrestling's biggest threats—including the expansion of the World Wrestling Federation (WWF) in the 1980s. Mid-Atlantic talent and championships carried the NWA flag with pride, and the territory played a vital role in the Alliance's strength and identity.

A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE

From legendary championship races to the development of future superstars, JCP was a launching pad for dreams and a proving ground for champions. The promotion's family-oriented philosophy, respect for tradition, and loyalty to its fans set it apart.

Many of the greatest names in wrestling history honed their craft in Mid-Atlantic rings and on its television.

THE FINAL CHAPTER

On December 26, 1986, Ron Garvin, the reigning NWA Mid-Atlantic Heavyweight Champion, vacated the title on a taping of *World Championship Wrestling* after capturing the United States Tag Team Championship with Barry Windham. The championship was deactivated, marking the end of an era.

In 1988, Jim Crockett Promotions was sold to Ted Turner and rebranded as *World Championship Wrestling* (WCW). Though the name changed, the foundation built by the Crockett family remains one of the most important pillars in the history of professional wrestling.

THE LEGACY LIVES ON

Mid-Atlantic Championship Wrestling / Jim Crockett Promotions was more than a territory—it was a tradition. It was the sound of Saturday night. It was the pride of the Carolinas. It was home to generations of fans, wrestlers, and memories that will never be forgotten.

The legacy of MACW and JCP lives on in every fan who remembers when wrestling was real, on TV every week, and in the hearts of those who lived it.



★ FACTS & INFORMATION ★

PROMOTION TYPE: Major, Territory

TERRITORY: National

NWA AFFILIATION: Mid-Atlantic/Southern United States (Nov. 18, 1983 – Nov. 20, 1988)
Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, West Virginia, Ohio (Jan. 8, 1979 – Nov. 17, 1983)
Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina (Mar. 1, 1951 – Jan. 7, 1979)

FOUNDER: Jim Crockett Sr.

OWNERS: Jim Crockett Sr. (Mar. 2, 1931 – Apr. 1, 1973)
Jim Crockett Jr. (Apr. 2, 1973 – Nov. 20, 1988)
David Crockett & Conrad Thompson (May 16, 2022 – July 31, 2022)

TV SHOW: Championship Wrestling
World Championship Wrestling

LOCATION: Charlotte, North Carolina, USA

DATE ESTABLISHED: March 2, 1931

DATE RETIRED: November 20, 1988

NAMES THROUGH HISTORY:
Eastern States Championship Wrestling (1931–1951)
Mid-Atlantic Championship Wrestling (MACW) (July 2, 1973 – Jan. 2, 1988)
Jim Crockett Promotions (JCP) (Mar. 2, 1931 – Nov. 20, 1988)

“

Our business is built on tradition, hard work, honesty, and treating the fans like family. That's the Mid-Atlantic way.

— JIM CROCKETT SR.

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★ A TRADITION OF GREATNESS. A LEGACY THAT WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. ★



JIM CROCKETT PROMOTIONS ★ NWA

NWA EASTERN / MID-ATLANTIC HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP



COMPLETE TITLE HISTORY ★ 1970–1986

NWA EASTERN HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

NO.	CHAMPION	DATE WON	EVENT / SHOW	LOCATION	REIGN	DAYS	NOTES
1	Pat O'Connor	Aug. 8, 1970	Live event	N/A	1	66	Storyline introduction of the championship.
2	Missouri Mauler	Oct. 13, 1970	Championship Wrestling	N/A	1	275	Defeated O'Connor. Aired on broadcast delay.
3	Danny Miller	July 15, 1971	Live event	Greensboro, NC	1	67	
4	Missouri Mauler	Sept. 20, 1971	Live event	Charlotte, NC	2	71	
5	Jack Brisco	Nov. 30, 1971	Championship Wrestling*	High Point, NC	1	76	Aired on broadcast delay.
6	Rip Hawk	Feb. 14, 1972	Live event	Charlotte, NC	1	56	
7	Jack Brisco	Apr. 10, 1972	Live event	Charlotte, NC	2	42	
8	Rip Hawk	May 22, 1972	Live event	San Juan, PR	2	22	
9	Jerry Brisco	June 13, 1972	Live event	Columbia, SC	1	76	
10	Rip Hawk	Aug. 28, 1972	Live event	Greenville, SC	3	7	
11	Jerry Brisco	Sept. 4, 1972	Live event	Greenville, SC	2	115	
12	Rip Hawk	Dec. 28, 1972	Live event	Greensboro, NC	4	65	
13	Jerry Brisco	Mar. 3, 1973	Live event	Salem, NC	3	67	
14	Ole Anderson	May 9, 1973	All Star Wrestling*	Raleigh, NC	1	55	Aired on broadcast delay.

NWA MID-ATLANTIC HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

NO.	CHAMPION	DATE WON	EVENT / SHOW	LOCATION	REIGN	DAYS	NOTES
15 (1)	Jerry Brisco	July 3, 1973	Live event	Columbia, SC	4	186	Recognized as first Mid-Atlantic Champion.
16 (2)	Johnny Valentine	Jan. 5, 1974	Live event	N/A	1	296	Awarded title while Brisco in Japan.
—	VACATED	Oct. 28, 1974	—	—	—	—	
17 (3)	Johnny Valentine	Nov. 4, 1974	Live event	N/A	2	135	
18 (4)	Paul Jones	Mar. 9, 1975	Live event	Charlotte, NC	1	10	Pinfall controversy.
19 (5)	Johnny Valentine	Mar. 19, 1975	All Star Wrestling*	Raleigh, NC	3	102	Awarded title after review. Aired on delay.
20 (6)	Wahoo McDaniel	June 29, 1975	Live event	Asheville, NC	2	11	
21 (7)	Ric Flair	July 10, 1975	Live event	N/A	1	16	
22 (8)	Wahoo McDaniel	July 26, 1975	Live event	Asheville, NC	2	56	
23 (9)	Ric Flair	Sept. 20, 1975	Live event	Hampton, VA	2	226	
24 (10)	Wahoo McDaniel	May 3, 1976	Live event	Charlotte, NC	3	21	
25 (11)	Ric Flair	May 24, 1976	Live event	Charlotte, NC	3	110	
26 (12)	Wahoo McDaniel	Sept. 11, 1976	Live event	Greenville, SC	4	35	
27 (13)	Ric Flair	Oct. 16, 1976	Live event	Greensboro, NC	4	72	
28 (14)	Wahoo McDaniel	Dec. 27, 1976	Live event	Richmond, VA	5	166	
29 (15)	Greg Valentine	June 11, 1977	Live event	Greensboro, NC	1	59	
30 (16)	Wahoo McDaniel	Aug. 9, 1977	Live event	Raleigh, NC	6	29	
31 (17)	Greg Valentine	Sept. 7, 1977	Mid-Atlantic Championship Wrestling*	Raleigh, NC	2	207	Aired on broadcast delay.
32 (18)	Wahoo McDaniel	Apr. 2, 1978	Live event	Greensboro, NC	7	7	
33 (19)	Ken Patera	Apr. 9, 1978	Live event	Charlotte, NC	1	161	
34 (20)	Tony Atlas	Sept. 17, 1978	Live event	Roanoke, VA	1	28	
35 (21)	Ken Patera	Oct. 15, 1978	Live event	Roanoke, VA	2	334	
36 (22)	Jim Brunzell	Sept. 14, 1979	Live event	Richmond, VA	1	69	
37 (23)	Ray Stevens	Nov. 22, 1979	Live event	Greensboro, NC	1	33	
38 (24)	Jim Brunzell	Dec. 25, 1979	Live event	Charlotte, NC	2	168	
39 (25)	The Iron Sheik	May 11, 1980	Live event	Charlotte, NC	1	174	
40 (26)	Ricky Steamboat	Nov. 1, 1980	Live event	Richmond, VA	1	166	
41 (27)	Ivan Koloff	Apr. 16, 1981	Live event	Norfolk, VA	1	177	
42 (28)	Ricky Steamboat	Oct. 16, 1981	Live event	Greensboro, NC	2	22	
43 (29)	Roddy Piper	Nov. 1, 1981	Live event	Greensboro, NC	1	180	
44 (30)	Jack Brisco	May 10, 1982	Live event	Greenville, NC	3 (1)	58	
45 (31)	Roddy Piper	July 7, 1982	Mid-Atlantic Championship Wrestling*	Charlotte, NC	2	27	Aired on broadcast delay.
46 (32)	Jack Brisco	Aug. 3, 1982	Live event	Raleigh, NC	4 (2)	29	
47 (33)	Paul Jones	Sept. 1, 1982	Mid-Atlantic Championship Wrestling*	Charlotte, NC	2	47	Aired on broadcast delay.
48 (34)	Jack Brisco	Oct. 18, 1982	Live event	Greenville, SC	5 (3)	15	
49 (35)	Paul Jones	Nov. 2, 1982	Live event	Raleigh, NC	3	28	
50 (36)	Jack Brisco	Nov. 30, 1982	Live event	Columbia, SC	6	61	
51 (37)	Dory Funk Jr.	Jan. 30, 1983	Live event	Charlotte, NC	1	187	
52 (38)	Rufus Jones	Aug. 5, 1983	Live event	Richmond, VA	1	120	
53 (39)	Dick Slater	Dec. 3, 1983	Live event	Hampton, VA	1	11	
54 (40)	Ivan Koloff	Jan. 11, 1984	*See Note 5 (TV)	N/A	2	14	Awarded by Slater after winning U.S. Title.
55 (41)	Angelo Mosca Jr.	Jan. 25, 1984	Live event	Shelby, NC	1	53	
56 (42)	Ivan Koloff	Mar. 18, 1984	Live event	Charlotte, NC	3	35	
57 (43)	Angelo Mosca Jr.	Apr. 22, 1984	*See Note 5 (TV)	Charlotte, NC	2	20	Aired on broadcast delay.
58 (44)	The Masked Outlaw (Dory Funk Jr.)	May 12, 1984	*See Note 5 (TV)	Spencer, NC	2	46	Dory Funk Jr. under alternate ring name.
59 (45)	Angelo Mosca Jr.	June 27, 1984	*See Note 5 (TV)	Norfolk, VA	3	63	Aired on broadcast delay.
60 (46)	Ron Bass	Aug. 29, 1984	*See Note 5 (TV)	Spartanburg, SC	1	199	Aired on broadcast delay.
61 (47)	Buzz Tyler	Mar. 16, 1985	*See Note 5 (TV)	Greensboro, NC	1	121	Aired on broadcast delay.
—	VACATED	July 15, 1985	—	—	—	—	Stripped after leaving JCP.
62 (48)	Krusher Khrushchev	Nov. 28, 1985	Starrcade (1985)	Greensboro, NC	1	44	Won tournament for vacant title.
63 (49)	Sam Houston	Jan. 11, 1986	World Championship Wrestling*	Atlanta, GA	1	66	Aired on broadcast delay.
64 (50)	Black Bart	Mar. 18, 1986	Live event	Mooreville, NC	1	168	
65 (51)	Ron Garvin	Sept. 2, 1986	Live event	Spartanburg, SC	1	115	
—	DEACTIVATED	Dec. 26, 1986	World Championship Wrestling	—	—	—	Garvin vacated after winning U.S. Tag Team Title with Barry Windham. Championship deactivated.

NOTES:

- Numbers in parentheses () reflect overall Mid-Atlantic reign count.
- Championship Wrestling aired on local stations on broadcast delay.
- World Championship Wrestling aired on broadcast delay.

- All Star Wrestling / Mid-Atlantic Championship Wrestling aired on broadcast delay.
- *See Note 5 (TV)* indicates title change aired on television on a later broadcast.

★ THE STANDARD
BY WHICH OTHERS
WERE MEASURED. ★



MID-ATLANTIC CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING

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NWA EASTERN / MID-ATLANTIC HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP COMBINED REIGNS - ALL-TIME LEADERS

KEY: ✖ The exact length of at least one title reign is uncertain, so the shortest possible length is used.

RANK	WRESTLER	# OF REIGNS	COMBINED DAYS
1	Johnny Valentine	3	504✖
2	Ken Patera	2	495
3	Jerry Brisco	4	440✖
4	Ric Flair	4	408✖
5	Missouri Mauler	2	347
6	Wahoo McDaniel	7	341✖
7	Greg Valentine	2	266
8	Jack Brisco	6	253✖
9	Jim Brunzell	2	237
10	Ivan Koloff	3	237✖
11	Dory Funk, Jr. / The Masked Outlaw	2	233
12	Roddy Piper	2	207
13	Ron Bass	1	199
14	Rick Steamboat	2	188
15	The Iron Sheik	1	174
16	Black Bart	1	168
17	Rip Hawk	4	147✖
18	Angelo Mosca, Jr.	3	136
19	Rufus Jones	1	120
20	Ron Garvin	1	115
21	Buzz Tyler	1	107✖
22	Paul Jones	2	85
23	Danny Miller	1	67
24	Sam Houston	1	66
25	Ole Anderson	1	55
26	Ray Stevens	1	33
27	Tony Atlas	1	28
28	Dick Slater	1	28✖
29	Pat O'Connor	1	1✖



PAT O'CONNOR -
THE FIRST CHAMPION
IN THE LINEAGE

★ ABOUT THIS LIST ★

The NWA Eastern Heavyweight Championship was introduced in Jim Crockett Promotions in 1970. In 1973, it was renamed the NWA Mid-Atlantic Heavyweight Championship.

This ranking reflects the combined total days each champion held the title across all of their reigns.

Where exact dates are uncertain, the shortest possible length is used and marked with ✖.



“ GENERATIONS OF GREAT COMPETITORS. ONE CHAMPIONSHIP.
ONE STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE. ”





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PAT O'CONNOR

THE CHAMPION WHO STARTED THE LINEAGE.



Long before the Mid-Atlantic Heavyweight Championship became one of wrestling's most respected titles, Pat O'Connor was recognized as the first champion in a legacy that would shape an entire era.

A NEW CHAMPIONSHIP IS BORN – 1970

In 1970, Jim Crockett Promotions created the Eastern Heavyweight Championship to showcase talent throughout the eastern territories. To give the new title instant credibility, JCP recognized Pat O'Connor as its inaugural champion.

O'Connor was then "defeated" by Missouri Mauler in a storyline that established the championship as the next great prize in the territory. In 1973, the title would be relaunched as the Mid-Atlantic Heavyweight Championship.

A WORLD CLASS CAREER

Before his time in JCP, Pat O'Connor had already proven himself on the biggest stage in wrestling. A standout amateur wrestler from New Zealand, he captured the NWA World Heavyweight Championship in 1959, holding the title for more than 18 months and successfully defending it against the era's toughest competition.

Known for his technical brilliance, strength and unshakeable composure, O'Connor was respected around the world as one of the finest pure wrestlers of his generation.

RESPECTED IN MID-ATLANTIC

Whenever Pat O'Connor appeared in Mid-Atlantic, the fans knew they were seeing something special. His matches were clinics in fundamentals—mat skills, leverage and ring generalship—that inspired wrestlers and thrilled audiences.

From singles competition to tag team action, O'Connor's presence elevated everyone around him and set the standard for what it meant to be a true professional.

A LASTING LEGACY

Though his run with the Eastern Heavyweight Championship was part of a storyline, its importance is undeniable. It was the first link in the chain that would become the Mid-Atlantic Heavyweight Championship—one of the most prestigious titles in professional wrestling.

Pat O'Connor's name will always be part of that history. He opened the door for the great champions who followed.

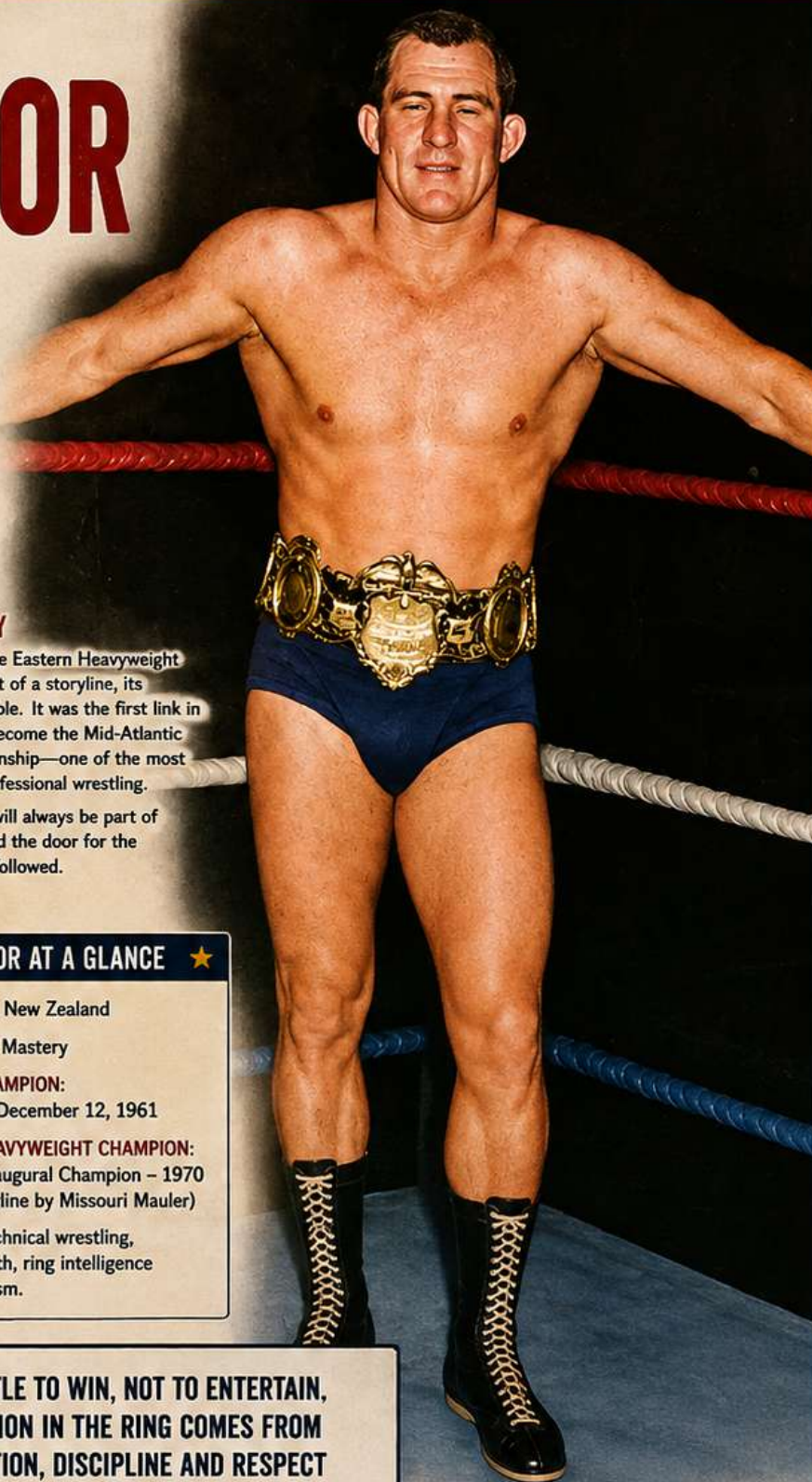
★ PAT O'CONNOR AT A GLANCE ★

- FROM: Auckland, New Zealand
- STYLE: Technical Mastery
- NWA WORLD CHAMPION: June 23, 1959 – December 12, 1961
- JCP EASTERN HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: Recognized as Inaugural Champion – 1970 (defeated in storyline by Missouri Mauler)
- KNOWN FOR: Technical wrestling, unyielding strength, ring intelligence and professionalism.

“ I WRESTLE TO WIN, NOT TO ENTERTAIN, PERFECTION IN THE RING COMES FROM PREPARATION, DISCIPLINE AND RESPECT FOR YOUR OPPONENT.

— PAT O'CONNOR

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HARLEY RACE

THE KING IN MID-ATLANTIC.
A CHAMPION IN EVERY SENSE.

Before he became a legend around the world, Harley Race established his dominance in Jim Crockett Promotions. As World Champion and the first United States Champion in Mid-Atlantic, "The King" ruled with power, pride and respect.

ARRIVAL OF THE KING

In early 1974, Harley Race joined Jim Crockett Promotions, bringing with him a reputation as one of the toughest and most skilled wrestlers in the business. From the moment he arrived in the Carolinas, Race was positioned as a major star, facing the top talent in the territory and quickly establishing himself as a man who demanded to be respected.

INAUGURAL UNITED STATES CHAMPION

On July 6, 1975, Harley Race made history by becoming the very first NWA United States Heavyweight Champion in Mid-Atlantic. The prestigious title was created to represent the best in the United States, and Race proved immediately why he was the perfect first holder. With his technical ability, unmatched toughness and championship presence, he set the standard for all who followed.

★ HARLEY RACE IN MID-ATLANTIC ★

- ARRIVED IN JCP: Early 1974
- INAUGURAL NWA U.S. CHAMPION:
July 6, 1975 – November 28, 1975 (145 days)
- NWA WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION
(During Mid-Atlantic Appearances):
September 30, 1973 – August 30, 1976
- STYLE: Technical perfection, punishing strength, unmatched ring IQ
- NICKNAME: "The King"
- KNOWN FOR: His intensity, his legitimacy and his ability to make every match feel like a championship fight.

WORLD CHAMPION ON MID-ATLANTIC SOIL

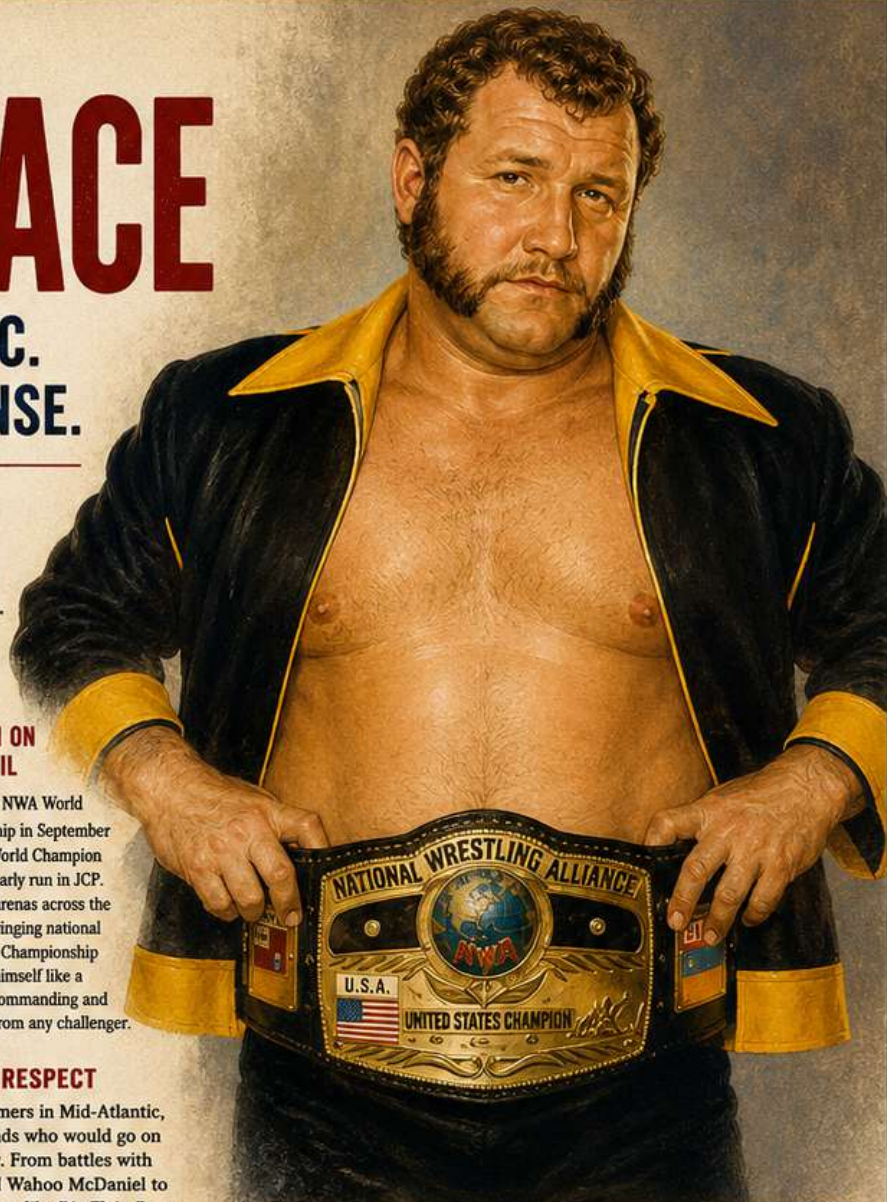
Harley Race captured the NWA World Heavyweight Championship in September 1973 and remained the World Champion throughout much of his early run in JCP. He defended the title in arenas across the Carolinas and Virginia, bringing national attention to Mid-Atlantic Championship Wrestling. Race carried himself like a true champion—proud, commanding and unwilling to back down from any challenger.

RIVALRIES AND RESPECT

The King faced all comers in Mid-Atlantic, including future legends who would go on to define the territory. From battles with Johnny Valentine and Wahoo McDaniel to clashes with rising stars like Ric Flair, Race proved he could hang with anyone. His matches were hard-hitting, technically sound and always meaningful.

THE 1983 SHOWDOWN WITH RIC FLAIR

After leaving for a period, Harley Race returned to Jim Crockett Promotions in 1983. At Starrcade '83 on November 24, in Greensboro, North Carolina, The King challenged Ric Flair for the NWA World Heavyweight Championship in one of the most brutal and memorable matches in territory history. Though Flair retained, the bout was a war that reminded everyone that Harley Race was still one of the toughest men in wrestling.



“A CHAMPION ISN'T
MADE IN A DAY.
A CHAMPION IS
BUILT BY RESPECT,
EARNED BY PAYING
THE PRICE.”

— HARLEY RACE



HE WAS THE KING THEN. HE'S THE KING NOW. HE'LL ALWAYS BE THE KING.
HARLEY RACE — A TRUE LEGEND OF MID-ATLANTIC.





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RIC FLAIR

BEFORE HE RULED THE WORLD, HE CONQUERED MID-ATLANTIC.

Long before the robes, the limousines and the championship parades,
Ric Flair was a driven young competitor
forging his future in the toughest territory in wrestling—
Jim Crockett's Mid-Atlantic.

ARRIVAL IN THE CAROLINAS – 1974

In the spring of 1974, 25-year-old Richard Fliehr arrived in Jim Crockett Promotions with one goal: to become the best wrestler in the world. Crockett saw his talent and his arrogance—a combination that fit the Mid-Atlantic philosophy perfectly. Flair teamed with Rip Hawk and quickly captured the NWA Mid-Atlantic Tag Team Championship, taking his first step toward stardom in the Crockett camp.

SINGLES BREAKTHROUGH AND TV CHAMPION

By 1975, Flair had made the leap to singles competition. On March 22, 1975, he defeated Johnny Weaver to win the NWA Mid-Atlantic Television Championship. His natural charisma, flair for the dramatic and unmatched in-ring ability made him must-see TV every week on Championship Wrestling.

THE WAHOO WAR

The defining rivalry of Flair's early career was with the great Wahoo McDaniel. On July 10, 1975, Flair shocked the region by defeating Wahoo for the NWA Mid-Atlantic Heavyweight Championship. After losing the title back to Wahoo on August 16, Flair regained gold on September 20, 1975.

Their battle would continue throughout 1976, trading the championship in a series of classic encounters that solidified Flair as the territory's top heel and biggest draw.

CHAMPIONSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ **March 22, 1975** – Wins NWA Mid-Atlantic Television Championship
- ★ **July 10, 1975** – Defeats Wahoo McDaniel for the NWA Mid-Atlantic Heavyweight Championship
- ★ **September 20, 1975** – Regains the Mid-Atlantic Heavyweight Title
- ★ **April 26, 1976** – Wins the Mid-Atlantic TV Championship (2nd time)
- ★ **July 5, 1979** – Wins the NWA United States Heavyweight Championship
- ★ **September 17, 1981** – Defeats Dusty Rhodes to win the NWA World Heavyweight Championship

THE PLANE CRASH

On October 4, 1975, tragedy struck when the chartered plane carrying Flair and several other wrestlers crashed on approach to Charlotte. Flair suffered a broken back and other injuries but survived.

Doctors told him his career might be over. Flair had other plans.

After a long and painful recovery, he returned to Mid-Atlantic in the spring of 1976 to a hero's welcome—and quickly reclaimed his position at the top, winning the TV Championship once again from George Wells on April 26, 1976.

FEUDS THAT MADE HISTORY

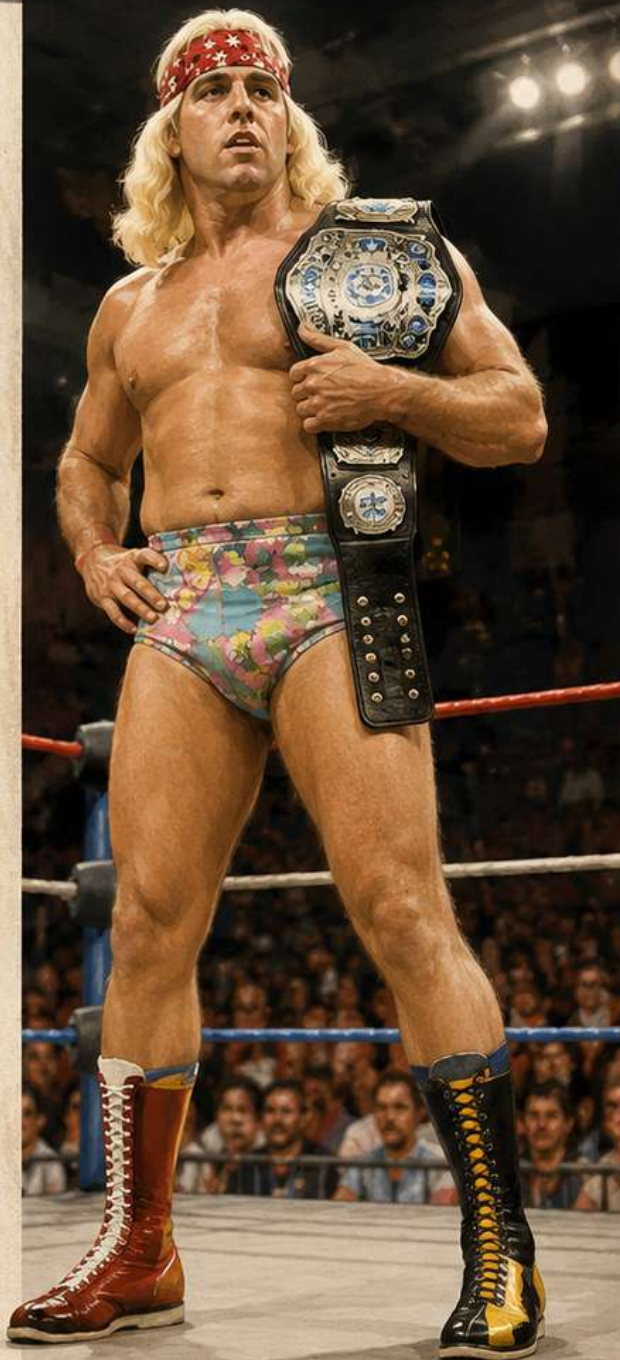
Mid-Atlantic gave Flair the stage and the opposition to become a legend. His rivalry with Ricky Steamboat produced battles that drew huge ratings and packed arenas across the Carolinas and Virginia.

Flair and Steamboat met for the Mid-Atlantic Heavyweight Championship on multiple occasions, in matches praised for their athleticism, storytelling and intensity.

UNITED STATES CHAMPION

Flair's success extended beyond the region. On July 5, 1979, he captured the NWA United States Heavyweight Championship in Mid-Atlantic, defeating Blackjack Mulligan.

He carried that championship proudly before vacating it in October 1979 after winning the NWA World Tag Team Championship with Greg Valentine.



“ MID-ATLANTIC MADE ME.
THOSE FANS, THOSE BUILDINGS,
THOSE RIVALRIES—THAT'S WHERE
THE NATURE BOY WAS BORN.

— RIC FLAIR ”



IN MID-ATLANTIC, RIC FLAIR DIDN'T JUST WRESTLE—HE EVOLVED.
THE NATURE BOY BEGAN HERE.





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RICKY STEAMBOAT

THE DRAGON ARRIVES IN MID-ATLANTIC.
THE RIVALRY THAT DEFINED A GENERATION.



When Ricky “The Dragon” Steamboat stepped through the curtain in Jim Crockett Promotions in 1977, Mid-Atlantic Championship Wrestling found its heart, its hero and the man who would ignite one of the greatest rivalries in wrestling history. For nearly eight years, Steamboat thrilled the fans of the Carolinas and Virginia with unmatched athleticism, honor and sportsmanship—and stood toe-to-toe with Ric Flair in a battle that helped shape modern professional wrestling.

ARRIVAL OF A SPECIAL TALENT – 1977

In the summer of 1977, Ricky Steamboat made his debut in Jim Crockett Promotions. Already a standout in Florida and Texas, Steamboat brought a level of skill and charisma that immediately set him apart. His high-flying offense, innovative maneuvers and quiet intensity made him an instant fan favorite from Greenville to Greensboro to Charleston.

Crockett saw in Steamboat the kind of babyface who could carry the territory for years to come—and the fans agreed.

TELEVISION CHAMPION

Steamboat’s talent was rewarded quickly. On July 30, 1977, he defeated Johnny Weaver to win the NWA Mid-Atlantic Television Championship. He held the title for 136 days, defending it across the Carolinas and Virginia against top challengers before losing it to Mr. Wrestling II on December 13, 1977.

Steamboat would capture the Television Championship two more times during his Mid-Atlantic career, proving himself the standard of excellence for the division.

CLASH OF STYLES, BIRTH OF A LEGEND

From the moment they first met in Mid-Atlantic, Ricky Steamboat and Ric Flair created magic inside the ring. Their opposing styles—Steamboat’s speed, agility and honor against Flair’s power, arrogance and cunning—made for unforgettable battles that drew huge crowds and high ratings. Their 1980 NWA Heavyweight Championship series, including the legendary “Iron Man Match” on May 24, 1980, is still talked about as one of the greatest single matches ever televised.

NWA MID-ATLANTIC HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION

On August 30, 1980, Steamboat achieved the pinnacle in the territory by defeating Ric Flair to win the NWA Mid-Atlantic Heavyweight Championship. He held the title for 179 days, successfully defending it against the best the territory had to offer.

He would go on to win the Mid-Atlantic Heavyweight Championship two more times (1981 and 1983), cementing his legacy as one of the most important champions in the promotion’s history.

UNITED STATES CHAMPION

Steamboat also captured the NWA United States Heavyweight Championship in Mid-Atlantic, defeating Don Kernodle on July 4, 1981. He carried the stars and stripes with pride, defending the title in every corner of the territory.

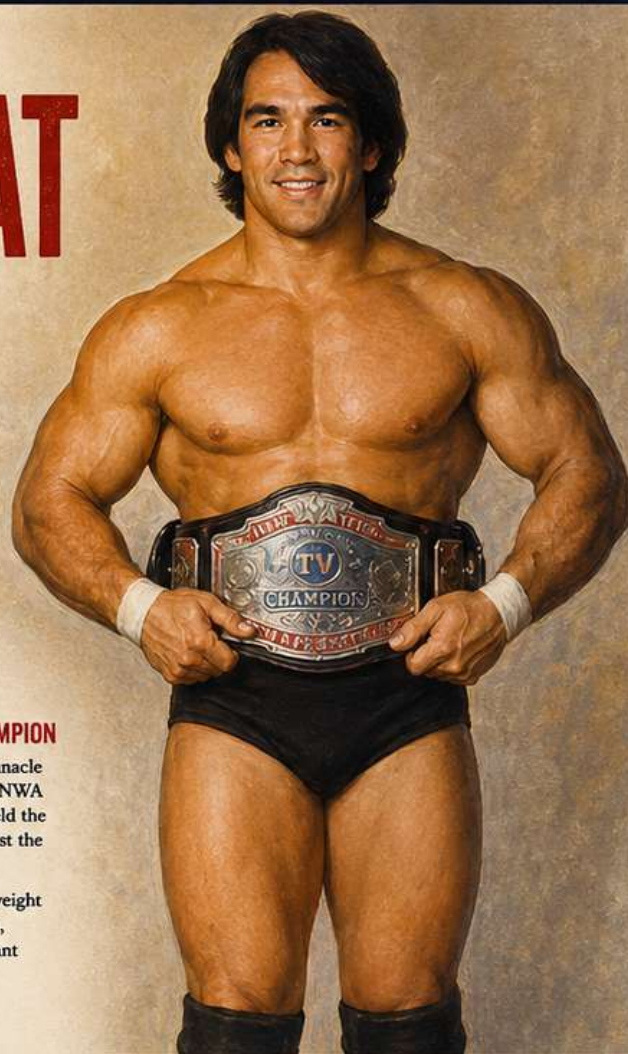
A ROLE MODEL IN THE RING AND OUT

Ricky Steamboat was more than just a champion—he was a role model. His professionalism, humility and dedication to his craft earned the respect of locker rooms and fans alike. Whether in a packed coliseum or a small community gym, Steamboat gave the audience his absolute best.

LEGACY IN MID-ATLANTIC

From 1977 to 1985, Ricky Steamboat was the face of Mid-Atlantic Championship Wrestling. He headlined the biggest events, carried the championships and inspired a generation of wrestlers who watched him on Championship Wrestling and dreamed of following in his footsteps.

When Steamboat eventually left for the national and world stage, he took with him the love of the Mid-Atlantic fans who never forgot the man they called “The Dragon.”



★ RICKY STEAMBOAT IN MID-ATLANTIC ★

- **DEBUT IN JCP:** Summer 1977
- **NWA MID-ATLANTIC TV CHAMPION**
1st Reign: July 30, 1977 – Dec. 13, 1977 (136 days)
2nd Reign: June 17, 1978 – Sept. 23, 1978 (98 days)
3rd Reign: April 21, 1984 – Sept. 22, 1984 (154 days)
- **NWA MID-ATLANTIC HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION**
1st Reign: Aug. 30, 1980 – Feb. 15, 1981 (179 days)
2nd Reign: May 16, 1981 – Aug. 1, 1981 (77 days)
3rd Reign: Nov. 26, 1983 – March 16, 1984 (111 days)
- **NWA UNITED STATES HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION**
July 4, 1981 – Aug. 22, 1981 (49 days)
- **YEARS IN MID-ATLANTIC:** 1977 – 1985
- **STYLE:** High-flying technician with a strong martial arts background and unmatched agility.
- **KNOWN FOR:** Classic battles with Ric Flair, his grace and intensity, and his role as the territory’s premier babyface.

“ The fans in Mid-Atlantic were the best in the world. They respected the wrestlers and they understood wrestling. I gave them my heart every time I stepped in that ring. ”

— RICKY “THE DRAGON” STEAMBOAT

★ R O O S T A R C A L L S ★

THE ROOSTAR'S GUIDE TO PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING

**"THE RING DOESN'T LIE.
IT REMEMBERS EVERYTHING.**

**LEGENDS AREN'T BORN.
THEY'RE EARNED
IN FRONT OF NOBODY.
SO THEY MATTER FOREVER."**

-THE ROOSTAR



Madison M. Moore
THE ROOSTAR