

## WWE Intercontinental title

Created in 1979, the Intercontinental title has been the second-biggest championship in WWE. It was commonly booked for heels to hold the title and babyfaces to chase, a reverse of the WWE title (babyface champion, heel challenger).

It has been spelled Inter-Continental, Inter Continental, or Intercontinental. It is commonly abbreviated IC title.

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Need help with:

-Any video for title changes at live events that may exist.

Date	Champion	City	Arena	Event
<b>8/22/79</b>	<b>Pat Patterson</b>	<b>Rio de Janiero, BRAZIL</b>		<b>IC title tournament</b>

-Patterson won a (fictitious) tournament to win the title. He was also the WWF North American champion.

-Although it has always been claimed that Patterson won the title in September 1979, he was first recognized at the 8/22/79 TV taping (airing 8/25/79) and at the 8/27/79 Madison Square Garden live event.

-During an interview, the Grand Wizard claimed that 20 wrestlers from all over the world competed for the Intercontinental title. Patterson completely disregarded the North American title he held, saying he doesn't care what happens to it.

-On the 12/01/79 edition of *Championship Wrestling*, Capt. Lou Albano and The Grand Wizard announced a transaction. Albano stated he purchased the contract of Patterson for \$100,000. Wizard said he did so because of a cash flow problem. The following week on 12/08/79 (taped 12/04/79), Patterson objected to being sold to Albano because of dislike of the Captain. Patterson teamed with the Wild Samoans later that hour in a match vs. Larry Zbyszko & Dominic DeNucci & Ivan Putski. The Samoans turned on Patterson, officially turning Patterson babyface.

-An April Fool's day story on [WWE.com](http://WWE.com) claimed to reveal the details of the inaugural IC title tournament. It said it took place September 1, 1979 in the Ginasio do Marcanzinho in Rio de Janeiro. The last line of the story revealed that the story was all in fun. In the WWE's official IC title history, they list the date as September 1, 1979, claiming he unified the North American title with the South American title (just like the joke story said). [*Editor's note: take that info of date and arena as you will.*]

-title reign: 242 days

-real name: Pierre Clemont

<b>4/21/80</b>	<b>Ken Patera</b>	<b>New York City, NY</b>	<b>Madison Square Garden</b>	<b><a href="#">MSG Network</a></b>
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-Referee: Gilberto Roman

-Patera was managed by The Grand Wizard of Wrestling

-Patera won the match following a knee-drop off the top rope. Referee Gilberto Roman, who just recovered from being knocked down, did not see Patterson's foot on the rope.

-title reign: 231 days

-real name: Ken Patera

<b>12/08/80</b>	<b>Pedro Morales</b>	<b>New York City, NY</b>	<b>Madison Square Garden</b>	<b>live event</b>
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-Guest referee: Pat Patterson

-no video appears to exist of this match (yet). John Lennon was murdered in New York that same night.

-title reign: 193 days

-real name: Pedro Morales

<b>6/20/81</b>	<b>Magnificent Muraco</b>	<b>Philadelphia, PA</b>	<b>The Spectrum</b>	<b><a href="#">PRISM</a></b>
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-referee: Terry Terranova

-Muraco was managed by The Grand Wizard of Wrestling

-Muraco won the title after knocking out Morales with a possible foreign object then making the pin, after referee Terry Terranova, was knocked down.

-title reign: 156 days

-real name: Don Muraco

<b>11/23/81</b>	<b>Pedro Morales [2]</b>	<b>New York City, NY</b>	<b>Madison Square Garden</b>	<b><a href="#">MSG Network</a></b>
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-referee: Billy Caputo

-This was a Texas Death Match

- In the previous month at MSG, the referee stopped the bout because of Muraco's bleeding, awarding the match, but not the title to Morales.

-Morales used a foreign object to KO Muraco and win the match

-title reign: 425 days

<b>1/22/83</b>	<b>Magnificent Muraco [2]</b>	<b>New York City, NY</b>	<b>Madison Square Garden</b>	<b><a href="#">MSG Network</a></b>
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-referee: Dick Kroll  
-Muraco was managed by The Grand Wizard of Wrestling and Capt. Lou Albano following the Wizard's death (10/12/83).  
-Muraco won the match after Morales' knee gave out in an attempt at a bodyslam.  
-title reign: 385 days

**2/11/84**      **Tito Santana**                      **Boston, MA**                      **Boston Garden**                      [WWF TV highlights- 2/25/84](#)

-referee: Danny Davis  
-only highlights of the match exist on tape, without the finish being shown.  
-title reign: 225 days (244 days TV time)  
-real name: Merced Solis

**9/24/84**      **Greg Valentine**                      **London, ON**                      **London Gardens**                      [All-Star Wrestling-10/13/84](#)

-Referee :Wayne Cashman  
-Valentine was managed by Capt. Lou Albano. After Albano turned babyface in December 1984, Jimmy Hart took over in January 1985.  
-During the match, Santana thought he won the title, but Valentine had his foot on the rope. As Santana celebrated, Valentine took out Santana's already injured knee and made the pin.  
-title reign: 285 days (266 days TV time)  
-real name: John Wisniski

**7/06/85**      **Tito Santana [2]**                      **Baltimore, MD**                      **Baltimore Civic Center**                      [WWF TV highlights](#)

-cage match  
-referee: Dick Woehrl  
-Jimmy Hart accompanied Valentine to the ring.  
-During the match, Santana ascended up the cage to climb over. Valentine attempted to exit via the door. As Santana was coming down the cage, he kicked the door shut in Valentine's face. Valentine fell back in the ring, and Santana finished climbing down to claim the title. After the match, in a fit of rage Valentine smashed the title belt against the cage wall. He was eventually chased away by Santana.  
-During Santana's reign, a new IC title belt was introduced.  
-title reign: 217 days

**2/08/86**      **Randy Savage**                      **Boston, MA**                      **Boston Garden**                      [NESN](#)

-referee: Danny Davis  
-Savage was managed by Miss Elizabeth.  
-Savage won the title using a foreign object to KO Santana. Danny Davis was the referee, slightly favoring Savage.  
-Real name: Randy Poffo  
-title reign: 414 days

**3/29/87**      **Ricky Steamboat**                      **Pontiac, MI**                      **Pontiac Silverdome**                      [WrestleMania III](#)

-referee: Dave Hebner  
-this match culminated a long feud, that started in October 1986.  
-Steamboat had George Steele, who also feuded with Savage over the last year, in his corner. Savage, as usual, had Miss Elizabeth in his corner.  
-Considered an all time classic, Steamboat won when he reversed a Savage body slam attempt into a roll up.  
-Real name: Richard Blood  
-title reign: 64 days (75 TV time)

**6/02/87**      **The Honky Tonk Man**                      **Buffalo, NY**                      **Memorial Auditorium**                      [Superstars of Wrestling-6/13/87](#)

-referee: Jack Kruger  
-HTM was managed by Jimmy Hart.  
-During the match, Steamboat executed a flying body press off the top rope. But, Hart distracted the referee. A few moments later, Steamboat attempted to roll up Honky Tonk Man, but HTM held on to the ropes, stopping Steamboat's momentum while he was on his back.  
-Legend has it that when Steamboat asked the WWF to be off the road, he had to drop the title. Butch Reed was scheduled for the title shot, but could not be found when the moment arrived, thus HTM was given the opportunity.  
-real name: Wayne Ferris  
-title reign: 454 days (443 days TV time)

**8/29/88**      **Ultimate Warrior**                      **New York City, NY**                      **Madison Square Garden**                      [SummerSlam '88](#)

-referee: Dave Hebner  
-Jimmy Hart accompanied Honky Tonk Man.

-HTM was scheduled to face Brutus Beefcake. A week prior to the event, Beefcake was injured by Ron Bass and put out of action.

-At SummerSlam, HTM made an open challenge for anyone to defeat him. Ultimate Warrior answered the challenge. The match consisted of a shoulder block, clothesline and big splash. It was over in less than 30 seconds.

-title reign: 216 days

-real name: Jim Hellwig

**4/02/89 Rick Rude Atlantic City, NJ Boardwalk Hall [WrestleMania V](#)**

-referee: Joey Marella

-This feud started at The Royal Rumble, in the Ultimate Posedown. Rude attacked Warrior setting up their WrestleMania title match.

-Rude won when manager Bobby Heenan grabbed Warrior's leg, tripping him up while Warrior attempted to suplex Rude from the apron into the ring. Warrior fell on his back and Rude on top of him for the win.

-Bobby Heenan managed Rude.

-title reign: 148 days

-real name: Richard Rood.

**8/28/89 Ultimate Warrior [2] East Rutherford, NJ Byrne Arena [SummerSlam '89](#)**

-referee: Joey Marella

-After a back and forth match, Rude attempted many near falls on Warrior. Roddy Piper came out, which distracted Rude as he traded taunts with Piper. This allowed Warrior to recover, hitting a back suplex, shoulder tackle then the press slam finisher for the win.

-title reign: 229 days

-At WrestleMania VI on 4/01/90 in Toronto, Warrior faced off with WWF champion Hulk Hogan in a title vs. title match. Warrior won the match, thus held both titles at the same time.

**4/14/90 VACANT**

-WWF President Jack Tunney announces on WWF TV that because no one man can defend both the WWF and IC titles, the Ultimate Warrior surrendered the title and it is now vacant to be decided in an upcoming tournament.

**4/23/90 Mr. Perfect Austin, TX Frank Erwin Center [WWF Superstars - 5/19/90](#)**

-referee: Joey Marella

-This was the tournament final vs. Tito Santana. During the match, Bobby Heenan showed up at ringside. Perfect won clean with a small package. Perfect introduced Heenan as his manager after the match.

-tournament results: Quarterfinal: Tito Santana d. Akeem by CO (4/28/90 Superstars; 4/04/90 Glens Falls, NY) Mr. Perfect d. Jimmy Snuka (5/05/90 Superstars; 4/04/90 Glens Falls, NY); Roddy Piper DDQ Rick Martel (5/13/90 Challenge; 4/24/90 San Antonio, TX); Brutus Beefcake DCO Dino Bravo (5/12/90 Superstars; 4/23/90 Austin, TX); semifinal: no matches; final: Perfect d. Santana

-title reign: 126 days (100 days TV time)

-real name: Curt Hennig

**8/27/90 Texas Tornado Philadelphia, PA The Spectrum [SummerSlam '90](#)**

-referee: Mike Chioda

-Bobby Heenan accompanied Perfect.

-Perfect was originally scheduled to face Brutus Beefcake. However, Beefcake was severely injured in a July 4 boating accident. Tornado then challenged for the title on TV and the match was made.

-During the match, Perfect was punching out Tornado in the corner. As Perfect backed out, Tornado hit a double leg takedown, then slingshotted Perfect into the corner. Tornado then applied the claw, followed by the discus punch for the pin.

-Tornado was also known as Kerry Von Erich.

-title reign: 84 days (110 days TV time)

-real name: Kerry Adkinson

**11/19/90 Mr. Perfect [2] Rochester, NY Rochester County War Memorial [Superstars of Wrestling- 12/15/90](#)**

-referee: Earl Hebner

-Bobby Heenan managed Perfect.

-Ted DiBiase bought out Howard Finkel to be the guest ring announcer. During the match, referee Earl Hebner got smashed by Perfect, after Tornado swung him in a reverse Irish whip. That allowed DiBiase to hit Tornado in the back of the head with the IC title belt while Tornado made a pin attempt. When the referee came to, he counted the pin for Perfect after hitting a "PerfectPlex" on a prone Tornado.

-In March of 1991, Bobby Heenan retired to be a "broadcast journalist." Coach (John Tolos) took over as Perfect's manager.

-Perfect also suffered a major back injury during the summer of 1991 and rarely wrestled.

-title reign: 279 days (253 days TV time)

**8/26/91**      **Bret Hart**                      **New York City, NY**                      **Madison Square Garden**                      [SummerSlam '91](#)

-referee: Earl Hebner  
-Coach accompanied Perfect to the ring.  
-Hart won, reversing a Perfect leg drop into a Shaprshooter submission.  
-title reign: 144 days  
-real name: Bret Hart

**1/17/92**      **The Mountie**                      **Springfield, MA**                      **Civic Center**                      **highlights shown at Royal Rumble**

-referee: Earl Hebner  
-the story of the match was that Hart entered against doctor's orders with a 104 degree fever.  
-During the match, Hart rolled up Mountie, who reversed it to pin Hart. Mountie continued to beat on Hart until Roddy Piper made the save. Mountie then sneak attacked Piper as well.  
-There was much speculation about the title switch. Some rumors guessed that Hart was about to leave for WCW, thus needed to drop the title. The most likely scenario was the title was switched to set up a babyface match (Hart vs. Piper) at WrestleMania.  
-title reign: two days  
-real name: Jacques Rougeau

**1/19/92**      **Roddy Piper**                      **Albany, NY**                      **Knickerbocker Arena**                      [Royal Rumble](#)

-referee: Joey Marella  
-The scheduled title match for the Royal Rumble was Bret Hart defending against The Mountie. Because of the Mountie winning two days before, the match was changed to Mountie defending against Piper.  
-During the match, Jimmy Hart attempted to distract Piper on the apron. The Mountie approached from behind, but Piper sidestepped Mountie, sending him into Hart. Piper then applied the sleeper hold for the submission victory.  
-title reign: 77 days  
-real name: Roderick Toombs

**4/05/92**      **Bret Hart [2]**                      **Indianapolis, IN**                      **Hoosier Dome**                      **WrestleMania VIII**

-referee: Roger Ruffen  
-During the match, the referee was knocked down when Piper shot Hart off while in a headlock. Hart was already bleeding profusely from the head. Piper and Hart then brawled on the outside, with Piper sending Hart into the corner post. Piper tossed Hart back in the ring and grabbed a ring bell. After threatening to wallop Hart with the belt, Piper thought better of it. He the applied the sleeper hold on Hart. Hart then kicked off the turnbuckles. Piper fell on his back with Hart on top to make the cover for the win.  
-Piper the grabbed the belt and presented it to Hart after the match.  
-title reign: 145 days

**8/29/92**      **British Bulldog**                      **London, ENGLAND**                      **Wembley Stadium**                      [SummerSlam '92](#)

-referee: Joey Marella  
-Boxing champion Lennox Lewis accompanied Bulldog to the ring.  
-The build up to this match saw tension among the Hart family, as Bret Hart was faced to wrestle his brother-in-law British Bulldog. This caused particular concern for Diana Smith, Bret's sister and Bulldog's wife. She sat at ringside for the match.  
-The finish of the match saw Hart attempt a sunset flip. Bulldog sat down on the move, pinning Hart's shoulders for the win.  
-real name: Davey Boy Smith (he went by both names somewhat interchangeably)  
-title reign: 59 days (77 days TV time)

**10/27/92**      **Shawn Michaels**                      **Terre Haute, IN**                      **Hulman Center** [Saturday Night's Main Event- 11/14/92](#)

-referee: Earl Hebner  
-During the match, Michaels undid a turnbuckle pad. Later, Michaels whipped Smith back first into the exposed buckle, briefly hurting Smith's back. A few minutes later, Smith attempted a superplex, but Michaels fell atop of Smith mid-move, into a pin and the win.  
-title reign: 201 days (183 days TV time)  
-real name: Michael Hickenbottom

**5/17/93**      **Marty Jannetty**                      **New York City, NY**                      **Manhattan Center**                      [Monday Night Raw-live](#)

-referee: Bill Alfonso  
-Jannetty returned to the WWF for the first time since January 1993. During the show, Vince McMahon interviewed Shawn Michaels laying out an open challenge. A man dressed with a hat and shades entered the ring, revealed himself to be Jannetty and accepted.  
-During the match, Michaels tried to walk out for the countout loss, but Mr. Perfect blocked the aisle preventing him from doing so. Later, Michaels jawed with Perfect. Perfect threw his towel at Michaels, distracting him, allowing Jannetty to roll him up for the upset win.

-title reign: 20 days  
-real name: Marty Jannetty

**6/06/93      Shawn Michaels [2]      Albany, NY      Knickerbocker Arena      live show**

-referee: Danny Davis

-During this match, a mystery body guard (later revealed to be Diesel) appeared on Michael's behalf. Diesel's interference helped Michaels regain the title. Only photo stills of the match were shown on WWF TV.

**9/27/93      VACANT      Raw- live**

-in an announcement on Monday Night Raw, WWF President Jack Tunney suspended Shawn Michaels for failure to meet contractual obligations. He also vacated the title. A 20-man battle royal would be held (airing on Raw on 10/04/93). The last two men would meet the next week on Raw to determine the champion.

-Battle royal participants (9/27/93 New Haven, CT/ Raw 10/04/93): Irwin R. Schyster, 1-2-3 Kid, MVP, Mr. Perfect, Diesel, Adam Bomb, Bam Bam Bigelow, Randy Savage, Quebecers: Jacques & Pierre, Giant Gonzalez, Marty Jannetty, Bastion Booger, Owen Hart, Tatnaka, Mabel, Bob Backlund, Jimmy Snuka, Rick Martel, Razor Ramon

**9/27/93      Razor Ramon      New Haven, CT      New Haven Coliseum      Raw- 10/11/93**

-referee: Earl Hebner

-this was for the vacant Intercontinental title.

-During the match, Ramon nailed Martel with a knee, after he ducked down for a back body drop attempt. Ramon then executed the "Razor's edge" and scored the pin.

-real name: Scott Hall

**4/13/94      Diesel      Rochester, NY      Rochester War Memorial      WWF Superstars- 4/30/94**

-referee: Earl Hebner

-Diesel is accompanied by Shawn Michaels

-Diesel won when he rammed Ramon into an exposed turnbuckle back first (that Michaels just removed), and hit a Jackknife power bomb off of the rebound.

-Diesel's real name: Kevin Nash

**8/29/94      Razor Ramon [2]      Chicago, IL      United Center      [SummerSlam '94](#)**

-referee: Earl Hebner

-Ramon was accompanied in this match by Chicago Bears great Walter Payton

-During the match, Michael attempted to use the IC belt to wallop Ramon. However, Payton grabbed the belt and played tug of war. While Hebner went out of the ring to admonish Payton, Shawn Michaels attempted to superkick Ramon. However, Ramon ducked, and nailed Diesel instead. When Hebner returned to the ring, Ramon stuck his arm over Diesel for the 3 count.

**1/22/95      Jeff Jarrett      Tampa, FL      USF Sun Dome      Royal Rumble**

-referee: Tim White

-The Roadie (Brian James aka Road Dogg) accompanied Jarrett.

-During the match, Jarrett initially won by countout when Roadie clipped Ramon behind the referee's back, and Ramon could not get up before the ten count. Jarrett then refused to accept the victory and goaded Ramon to continue the match. When the match re-started, Jarrett worked on the knee. Ramon made a comeback, and attempted the "Razor's Edge" finisher. However, Ramon collapsed when his knee buckled, and Jarrett rolled up Ramon for the win.

-real name: Jeff Jarrett

**4/26/95      HELD-UP      Moline, IL      Mark of the Quad Cities      WWF Action Zone- 4/30/95**

-during a title defense against Bob Holly (replacing an injured 1-2-3 Kid), Jarrett initially scored the in with his feet in the ropes. Referee Tim White then came out and let the match's referee, Earl Hebner, know about the infraction. Hebner then restarted the match. Holly apparently scored the in, however, Jarrett had his feet in the ropes. White came back out and told Hebner of this as well. During the show, it was announced a decision would be made later in the hour. At the end of the show, announcer Ray Rougeau relayed President Gorilla Monsoon's message that the title would be held up, pending a re-match on the following episode of the Action Zone.

**4/26/95      Jeff Jarrett [2]      Moline, IL      Mark of the Quad Cities      WWF Action Zone-5/07/95**

-referee: Tim White

-The Roadie accompanied Jarrett.

-During the match, Jarrett appeared to have the pin on Holly, even though his foot was under the rope. Another official told Tim White about the situation. White ordered the match to continue. Later on, Holly made a charge in the corner, but Jarrett leaped out of the way as Holly crashed into the post. Jarrett rolled up Holly for the victory.

**5/19/95      Razor Ramon [3]      Montreal, QB      Montreal Forum      live event**

-this was a ladder match  
-Although acknowledged on WWF TV, no footage is known to exist of this match.  
-title reign: three days

**5/22/95 Jeff Jarrett [2] Trois-Rivieres, QB Colisee de Troi-Rivieres live event**

-Although acknowledged on WWF TV, no footage is known to exist of this match.

**7/23/95 Shawn Michaels [3] Nashville, TN Nashville Auditorium In Your House PPV**

-Referee: Earl Hebner

-The Roadie accompanied Jarrett.

-During the match, Jarrett signaled for Roadie to trip Michaels as he whipped him on the ropes. Michaels reversed the whip and Roadie (not looking) tripped up Jarrett. He then got up, right into a Michaels' superkick for the victory.

**10/22/95 Dean Douglas Winnipeg, MB Winnipeg Arena In Your House**

-no referee

-Douglas won the title via forfeit. Michaels could not compete because weeks earlier he was the victim of an attack in Syracuse, NY 10/14/95 by a group of angry patrons.

-real name: Troy Martin

**10/22/95 Razor Ramon [4] Winnipeg, MB Winnipeg Arena In Your House**

-referee: Tim White

-Douglas, who just won the IC title via forfeit, was forced to defend it immediately against Ramon. During the match, Ramon hit a back suplex, with both men's shoulders landing on the mat. The referee counted to three, and declared Ramon the victor, because he had his arm draped on Douglas' body. It appeared Douglas had his foot under the ropes as well.

**1/21/96 Goldust Fresno, CA Seland Arena [Royal Rumble](#)**

-referee: Tim White

-The build up of this match saw Goldust playing mind games with Ramon, feigning his attraction to him (playing the homophobia card).

-Goldust came to the ring with an unknown woman, along with her usher (later revealed to be Marlana).

-During the match, the mystery woman came into the ring. As Ramon back suplexed Goldust off the corner, the ring shook. The woman claimed to have twisted her ankle. As the referee attended to the woman, the 1-2-3 Kid came from the crowd and nailed Ramon with a spinning kick off the corner. Goldust made the cover for the victory.

-During his title reign, Goldust introduced a title belt with gold leather.

-real name: Dustin Runnels

**4/01/96 VACANT San Bernardino, CA National Orange Show Event Center [Raw- 4/15/96](#)**

-referee: Earl Hebner

-Goldust, in a match vs. Savio Vega, apparently won the title when he pinned Goldust, and it was announced by Howard Finkel as new champion. Vega used Goldust's IC title belt to knockout Goldust, when Hebner was KO'd himself when he collided with Vega. Vega then proceeded to pin Goldust. However, a second referee, Tim White witnessed Vega using the title, and declared Goldust the winner after the match. WWF President Gorilla Monsoon then decided that the title would be vacated, to be decided in a rematch between the two.

**4/01/96 Goldust [2] San Bernardino, CA National Orange Show Event Center Raw- 4/22/96**

-referee: Mike Chioda

-Goldust was managed by Marlana

-Goldust won the vacant title, when Marlana distracted Chioda, while Vega had Goldust in a pinning position. Steve Austin interfered, hitting Vega in the head with the Million Dollar title belt in the head, allowing Goldust to score the pin.

**6/23/96 Ahmed Johnson Milwaukee, WI Bradley Center King of the Ring**

-referee: Jack Doan

-Marlana accompanied Goldust.

-During the match, Goldust performed "CPR" on Johnson. This woke up Johnson, enraging him. He grabbed Goldust by the throat, took him to the corner where he pounded him. Johnson then hit a spinebuster, and finished him with the Pearl River Plunge for the pin.

-real name: Tony Norris

**8/12/96 VACANT**

-Ahmed Johnson severely injures his kidney after an attack from newcomer Faarooq Asad on 7/22/96 *Raw*. Johnson later required emergency surgery. On the 8/12/96 edition of *Raw*, WWF President Gorilla Monsoon officially vacated the title.

**9/23/96 Marc Mero Hershey, PA HersheyPark Arena [Raw- live](#)**

-Mero defeated Faarooq in the final of the Intercontinental title tournament.  
-Sunny accompanied Faarooq in the final; Sable accompanied Mero.  
-Pat Patterson served as special referee.  
-During the match, Sunny and Sable got into a catfight outside of the ring. While the referee attempted to break it up, Faarooq tried to use Sunny's purse to hit Mero. Mero ducked, grabbed the purse and used it on Faarooq. He then dragged Faarooq into the corner and hit the "Wild Thing" (shooting star press) for the pin.  
-Mero's first name was generally spelled "Marc," but on his own ring jacket spelled "Mark."  
-TOURNAMENT RESULTS: First round: Owen Hart d. British Bulldog by DQ (8/19/96 Wheeling, WV; Raw live); Sycho Sid d. Hunter Hearst Helmsley (8/19/96 Wheeling, WV; Raw Championship Friday 9/096/96); Marc Mero d. Steve Austin by CO (8/19/96 Wheeling, WV Championship Friday 9/096/96); Faarooq d. Savio Vega (8/19/96 Wheeling, WV; Raw 9/09/96); Semifinals: Mero d. Hart (8/19/96 Wheeling, WV; 9/16/96 Raw); Faarooq d. Sid by DQ (8/19/96 Wheeling, WV; 9/16/96 Raw); Final: Mero d. Faarooq (9/23/96 Hershey, PA; Raw live)  
-The IC title belt featured a white strap.  
-real name: Marc Mero

**10/21/96 Hunter Hearst Helmsley Fort Wayne, IN Allen County War Memorial Coliseum [Raw- live](#)**

-referee: Tim White  
-For months, a feud developed between Mr. Perfect and Helmsley. Perfect, who had been on the sideline, continued to "steal" Helmsley's escorts from ringside. Finally, Helmsley made the challenge and Perfect accepted.  
-During the Raw show, as Perfect was warming up, Helmsley pushed a cart hitting his knee.  
-Perfect came to ringside with Mero and Sable. WWF President Gorilla Monsoon also was in the ring. He refused to allow Perfect to wrestle because he did not received doctor's clearance. Perfect goaded Helmsley into wrestling Mero instead. Helmsley agreed, only if Mero would put his title on the line. Mero accepted, and Monsoon sanctioned the bout.  
-During the match, the referee caught smashed in the corner by a charging Mero, after Helmsley got out of the way. Helmsley then grabbed a chair. Sable grabbed the chair, allowing Perfect to get in the ring and grab it away from Helmsley. Perfect held the chair back as if he was going to swing at Helmsley. Instead he nailed Mero, knocking him out. Helmsley then executed the "Pedigree" for the pin. Perfect presented Helmsley the title, showing it was all a hoax.  
-real name: Paul Levesque

**2/13/97 Rocky Maivia Lowell, MA Lowell Auditorium Thursday Raw Thursday- live**

-referee: Earl Hebner  
-During the match, Helmsley seemingly had Maivia beaten. He attempted a Pedigree, but Maivia was limp. Helmsley backed off, gave a curtsey, then tried again. Maivia rolled up Helmsley for the surprise pin.  
-real name: Dwayne Johnson

**4/28/97 Owen Hart Omaha, NE Omaha Civic Center Raw- live**

-referee: Tim White  
-British Bulldog and Bret Hart watched the match from the ramp. Owen dedicated the match to Bret.  
-During the match, Maivia attempted a suplex on Hart. Owen escaped by landing on his feet behind Rocky. He executed a reverse roll up (feet hooked under Maivia's arms and rolling backward) to score the clean pin.  
-real name: Owen Hart

**8/03/97 Steve Austin East Rutherford, NJ Continental Airlines Arena Summer Slam**

-referee: Earl Hebner  
-This was a "Kiss My Ass" match, where Austin vowed to kiss Owen's backside if he could not win the title.  
-During the match Owen hit Austin with a tombstone piledriver. Austin's head was too low and the move legitimately knocked Austin out and caused a severe neck injury. Austin came to, called and audible and rolled up Owen for the win. In reality, Owen kind of rolled himself up, as Austin lost feeling in his arms.  
-Austin also held the WWF tag team title with Dude Love, becoming a dual champion.  
-real name: Steve Williams

**9/07/97 VACANT Louisville, KY Louisville Gardens In Your House: Ground Zero**

-Since his injury at Summer Slam, Austin was unable to wrestle, with his career in jeopardy. Austin continued to be belligerent toward WWF management over his status. Austin wanted to wrestle but management refused because he did not have medical clearance.  
-At the Ground Zero PPV, Commissioner Slaughter officially suspended Austin and stripped him of both the IC and tag team titles. Austin responded by belittling Slaughter and believing that Slaughter, Vince McMahon and the like were trying to screw him. Austin gave a stunner to commentator Jim Ross to boot.  
-The title would be decided in an eight-man tournament.

**10/05/97 Owen Hart [2] St. Louis, MO Kiel Center Badd Blood In Your House**

-Hart defeated Faarooq in the final of a tournament to win the title.

-referee: Jack Doan

-Steve Austin was forced to come to the ring by Commissioner Slaughter in order to present the winner with the IC title belt.

Austin spent his time jawing with the English and French language announcers vowing revenge on Owen Hart.

-During the match, Jim Neidhart came to ringside on behalf of Owen Hart. With the referee distracted, Faarooq attempted to nail Owen, who was straddling the ring ropes. Owen got out of the way with Faarooq straddling the ropes. He wound up draped over the ropes, with his head peaking over the second and third ropes. Austin then got the title belt and nailed Faarooq with the ref still distracted. Owen then made the pin for the victory.

-TOURNAMENT RESULTS: quarterfinals: Owen Hart d. Goldust by DQ (9/08/97 Raw, Cincinnati, OH); Ken Shamrock d. Faarooq (9/15/97 Raw, 9/09/97 Muncie, IN); Brian Pillman d. Dude Love by DQ (9/15/97 Raw, 9/09/97 Muncie, IN); Ahmed Johnson d. Rocky Maivia (9/22/97 Raw, New York City, NY); Semifinals: Hart d. Pillman by DQ (9/22/97 Raw, New York City, NY); Faarooq(replacing an injured Shamrock) d. Johnson by DQ (9/29/97 Raw, 9/23/97 Albany, NY)

**11/09/97 Steve Austin [2] Montreal, QB Molson Centre Survivor Series**

-referee: Mike Chioda

-This was Austin's first match since SummerSlam, where he injured his neck from a Owen Hart tombstone piledriver.

-Jim Neidhart, Phil LaFon, British Bulldog and Phil LaFon accompanied Hart to the ring.

-Austin won the match clean, with a Stone Cold Stunner out of nowhere to get the pin and win.

**12/08/97 Rocky Maivia [2] Portland, ME Cumberland County Civic Center Raw- live**

-referee: Earl Hebner

-Austin purposely forfeited the IC title to Maivia. Austin claimed the only title he was interested in was the WWF title, thus he voluntarily gave up the belt. Austin then stunned Maivia while taunting Vince McMahon. Austin then walked out with the belt.

-Maivia began referring to himself as the Rock.

-The following week on the 12/15/97 *Raw*, Austin defiantly threw the IC title belt into an unnamed river in Durham, NH.

-During the title reign, a new IC belt was made.

**8/30/98 Hunter Hearst Helmsley [2] New York City, NY Madison Square Garden Summer**

-referee: Mike Chioda

-Helmsley is also referred to as Triple H.

-Chyna accompanied Helmsley; Mark Henry seconded The Rock

-this was a ladder match to settle a summer-long feud between Helmsley and The Rock.

-Helmsley won when he applied the Pedigree to The Rock. As Helmsley was climbing the ladder, Rock recovered and ascended the other side of the ladder. Chyna came to the ring and gave Rock a low blow. This allowed Helmsley to finish climbing and grab the belt for the win.

-title reign: 40 days

**10/09/98 VACANT**

-as announced on the 10/12/98 *Raw*, Mr. McMahon returned to work and stripped Helmsley of the WWF IC title due to an injury. It would be filled in a one-night, eight-man tournament.

**10/12/98 Ken Shamrock Uniondale, NY Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum Raw-live**

-Ken Shamrock d. X-Pac to win the title.

-tournament final referee: Mike Chioda

-In the final: immediately after X-Pac's semi-final victory over Mankind, Shamrock pounded on the depleted X-Pac, attacking his neck. The officially final match started shortly thereafter. Shamrock dominated most the match, save a brief comeback by X-Pac. Shamrock was able to block a spin kick into the ankle-lock submission. X-Pac eventually submitted.

-tournament results (all 10/12/98 Uniondale, NY): 1<sup>st</sup> round: Ken Shamrock d. Steve Blackman; Val Venis d. Marc Mero;

Mankind d. Mark Henry; X-Pac d. Jeff Jarrett; Semi-finals: Shamrock d. Venis; X-Pac d. Mankind; Final: Shamrock d. X-Pac

-Shamrock also held the WWF tag team title from December 1998-January 1999 with Big Boss Man.

-real name: Ken Shamrock

**2/14/99 Val Venis Memphis, TN The Pyramid St. Valentine's Day Massacre**

-special referee: Billy Gunn

-Ryan Shamrock (Ken's storyline sister) seconded Venis.

-During the match, Shamrock yelled at his sister on the outside of the ring for helping Venis. Gunn got in Shamrock's face. Ken Shamrock then shoved Gunn, who responded with a punch to the face. Gunn then tossed Shamrock into the ring, right into a roll up by Venis. Gunn made a quick count, allowing for the pin.

-After the match, Gunn attacked Venis as well.

-real name: Sean Morley

-title reign: 29 days



**3/15/99 Road Dogg San Jose, CA San Jose Arena Raw-live**

-referee: Tim White

-Road Dogg won clean with a DDT after Venis missed with a DDT.

-Road Dogg aka The Roadie aka Jesse James Armstrong aka Brian Armstrong aka B.G. James (real name: Brian James)

-title reign: 14 days

**3/29/99 Goldust [3] East Rutherford, NJ Continental Airlines Arena Raw-live**

-referee: Mike Chioda

-Blue Meanie accompanied Goldust to the ring.

-Goldust pinned Road Dogg with the Curtain Call, moments after Blue Meanie hit Dogg with the title belt as he was near the ropes.

-title reign: 14 days

**4/12/99 The Godfather Detroit, MI Joe Louis Arena Raw-live**

-referee: Jim Korderas

-five ho's accompanied Godfather to the ring.

-Goldust was originally scheduled to face Big Bossman. Godfather appeared before the match, and cut a deal with Bossman, offering him his five ho's in order to back out of the match. Godfather was looking for revenge from an inconclusive match the previous week.

-Godfather won clean with the "Pimp Drop" (death valley driver).

-real name: Charles Wright

**5/25/99 Jeff Jarrett [4] Moline, IL Mark of the Quad Cities Raw- 5/31/99**

-referee: Tim White

-Three ho's accompanied The Godfather; Debra accompanied Jarrett

-During the match, Debra got on the apron to distract Godfather by disrobing. One of the Godfather's ho's then jumped on the apron to do the same. As the referee attended to the ho, Jarrett used Debra's WWF Women's title belt to nail Godfather for the pin.

**7/24/99 Edge Toronto, ON Skydome house show**

-referee: Earl Hebner

-Stills of the match were shown on WWF Fully Loaded PPV

-Debra accompanied Jarrett to the ring.

-Edge was a last minute replacement for Ken Shamrock

-real name: Adam Copeland

**7/25/99 Jeff Jarrett [5] Buffalo, NY Marine Midland Arena [Fully Loaded](#)**

-referee: Earl Hebner

-Debra accompanied Jarrett to the ring.

-During the match, Debra distracted Edge. Jarrett and Edge then hit each other with punches at the same time. Edge crashed into Debra on the ring apron. As the referee focused on Jarrett in the ring, Gangrel came out and dragged Edge's throat over the top rope. Jarrett then hit The Stroke to get the pin.

**7/27/99 D'Lo Brown Columbus, OH Schottenheim Center Raw- 8/02/99**

-referee: Tim White

-this was a title vs. title match- IC vs. European (that D'Lo held)

-Debra accompanied Jarrett to the ring.

-During the match, Debra came into the ring when the referee was down. She attempted to distract Brown by taking off her top and showing her "puppies." Brown ignored them, then hit Jarrett with the IC title belt. The referee came to, and counted the pin.

-real name: Accie Connor

**8/22/99 Jeff Jarrett [6] Minneapolis, MN Target Center Summer Slam**

-referee: Tim White

-this was a double title match with Brown putting up both the WWF IC and WWF European title

-Debra initially accompanied Jarrett to the ring. He sent her to the back. She then came out with Brown.

-During the match, Debra got on the apron, distracting the referee. Jarrett grabbed his guitar and threatened to hit Debra. Mark Henry then came down, grabbed the guitar away from Jarrett. But, he then turned on his partner Brown and nailed him with the guitar. Jarrett then made the cover for the pin.

-title reign: 56 days

**10/17/99 Chyna Cleveland, OH Gund Arena No Mercy**

-referee: Teddy Long

-this was a "Good Housekeeping" match, in which household objects (sinks, ironing board, mops, etc.) would be allowed to be used.

-Miss Kitty accompanied Jarrett.

-During the match, Jarrett used the title belt to hit Chyna and apparently make the pin. Teddy Long, who was just recovering from getting knocked down, made the count. He later reversed his decision, stating that the title belt was not a household item. After the restart, an upset Jarrett picked up Long to put him in the Figure Four. Chyna came from behind and hit Jarrett with a guitar and made the cover for the pin.

-After the match, Miss Kitty left with Chyna. This was Jarrett's last WWF match, as his contract expired and he appeared with WCW the next night.

-real name: Joanie Lauer.

**12/12/99 Chris Jericho Sunrise, FL National Car Rental Center Armageddon**

-referee: Mike Chioda

-Miss Kitty accompanied Chyna to the ring.

-During the match, Jericho charged into Chyna in the corner. Chyna countered with a sunset flip. Jericho kicked out then applied the Walls of Jericho. Every time Chyna attempted to reach the ropes, Jericho pulled her back to the center. Chyna eventually tapped out.

-real name: Chris Irvine

**12/28/99 HELD-UP Richmond, VA Richmond Coliseum Smackdown- 12/30/99**

-referee of record: Jim Korderas

-During a match between champion Jericho vs. Chyna, referee Korderas was knocked down. A second referee, Chad Patton came down to assume officiating duties. Jericho hit a back suplex on Chyna, with both landing on a chair that was already in the ring.

With both wrestlers shoulders' down, Korderas and Patton made simultaneous three counts, each counting the other wrestler down (Patton counting on Chyna, Korderas on Jericho). Confusion reigned after the match, which saw other officials hit the ring.

Eventually, lead official Tim White took the title belt to the back.

**1/03/00 Chris Jericho [2] and Chyna [2]**

-The next week, on the 1/03/00 Raw, Stephanie McMahon-Helmsley declared Chyna and Jericho both WWF Intercontinental champion. However, only one person could defend the title at a time, and if one lost, both lost the title.

-Chyna's title reign: 20 days

**1/23/00 Chris Jericho [-] New York City, NY Madison Square Garden Royal Rumble**

-referee: Mike Chioda

-This was a triple threat for the undisputed IC title: Jericho vs. Chyna vs. Hardcore Holly.

-During the match, with the referee distracted, Chyna hit Holly with a chair and placed him in a Boston crab. Jericho then hit Chyna from behind to knock her off Holly, then executed an Lionsault for the cover and win.

-*Editor's note: because Jericho already was champion, I do not consider this a new title reign..*

**2/27/00 Kurt Angle Hartford, CT Hartford Civic Center No Way Out**

-referee: Tim White

-Chyna accompanied Jericho

-Angle also held the WWF European title, but this match was for only the IC title

-During the match, the referee attended to Chyna, who got knocked down on the outside. In the ring, Jericho executed an Asai moonsault, but Angle held up the IC title belt hitting Jericho in the face. Angle then made the cover for the victory.

-real name: Kurt Angle

**4/02/00 Chris Benoit Anaheim, CA Arrowhead Pond of Anaheim WrestleMania 2000**

-referee: Tim White

-This was a two-fall triple threat match, Angle vs. Chris Jericho vs. Chris Benoit. The first fall was for Angle's IC title. The second fall for Angle's European title.

-During the match, Angle locked on the crossface-chicken wing on Jericho. Benoit returned from the outside of the ring and tossed out Angle, then tossed him into the stands. With Jericho still down, Benoit nailed his top-rope diving headbutt and made the pin for the title.

-Jericho won the second fall to win the European title.

-real name: Chris Benoit

**5/02/00 Chris Jericho [3] Richmond, VA Richmond Coliseum Smackdown- 5/04/00**

-referee: Earl Hebner

-This was a rematch from Backlash (on 4/30/00). Benoit won by DQ when Jericho used the belt as a shield from Benoit's headbutt dive. The move broke Benoit's nose.

-During the match, Benoit tossed Jericho over the top rope. Benoit tried to go after Jericho, but referee Earl Hebner physically prevented him from doing so. The two got into a shoving match. Benoit shoved Hebner to the outside. Jericho returned to the ring and nailed Benoit with the title belt then executed a Lionsault. Hebner recovered to count the pin, giving the title to Jericho.

**5/08/00 Chris Benoit [2] Uniondale, NY Nassau VM Coliseum Raw- live**

-special referee: Triple H

-As punishment for transgressions against the McMahon family, Vince McMahon vowed that Jericho would end the night as champion. Jericho was forced to put the IC title on the line three times that night. He successfully pinned Kurt Angle; then was forced to face Big Show later that night. Jericho won via countout. Then he had to face Benoit.

-Before the match started, Triple H was introduced as special referee on the outside. Mike Chioda served as referee on the inside.

-During the match, Benoit was going after Jericho in the corner. Chioda tried to stop Benoit, which led to a shoving match. Triple H entered the ring, and he and Benoit got into a shoving match. Triple H then nailed Chioda and took over referee. Later, Jericho had Benoit in the Walls of Jericho. Stephanie McMahon-Helmsley came to ringside. Triple H stopped refereeing to chat with his wife. Benoit tapped out, but Triple H missed it. A frustrated Jericho then kicked Triple H from behind. Triple H retaliated by nailing Jericho from behind. Benoit applied the Crippler crossface. Triple H immediately called for the bell.

-After the match, DX attacked Jericho.

**6/20/00 Rikishi Memphis, TN The Pyramid Smackdown- 6/22/00**

-referee: Chad Patton

-Rikishi dominated most of the match. Rikishi had Benoit in the corner. Benoit tried to grab Rikishi's arm, but Rikishi quickly turned that around into a belly-to-belly suplex. Rikishi then hit the Bonsai drop from the corner to garner the pin.

-Too Cool (Scotty 2 Hotty & Grand Master Sexay) celebrated with Rikishi in the ring. Benoit then nailed all three with a steel chair. He placed Rikishi in the Crippler crossface.

-real name: Solofa Fatu

**7/04/00 Val Venis [2] Sunrise, FL National Car Rental Center Smackdown- 7/06/00**

-referee: Teddy Long

-Trish Stratus accompanied Venis.

-During the match, the referee was knocked down when Rikishi whipped Venis into the corner. Stratus summoned T&A (Test & Albert), who attacked Rikishi. Albert hit a kick to the face, followed by a top-rope elbow from Test. When the referee recovered, Venis made the cover, but Rikishi kicked out. Too Cool came out to drive back T&A. Rikishi recovered and made a cover, but the referee fell down (somewhat phantomlike) again failing to make the cover. Tazz then came out and took a TV camera and nailed Rikishi in the head. Venis followed up with the Money Shot as the referee recovered again to make the count.

**8/27/00 Chyna [3] Raleigh, NC Raleigh ESA SummerSlam**

-referee: Jack Doan

-This was an inter-gender tag match: Venis & Trish Stratus vs. Eddie Guerrero & Chyna. If either Venis or Stratus lost the fall, the winner would become the new IC champion.

-For most of the match, Venis did not tag out. Finally, he had Eddie Guerrero down and tagged in Trish. Guerrero then tripped Stratus and tagged out to Chyna who dominated her opponent. Venis came in for the double team. But Guerrero tripped Venis and dragged him to the outside. Chyna shoulder blocked Stratus then press slammed her for the pin to win the title.

**9/04/00 Eddie Guerrero Lexington, KY Rupp Arena Raw- same day tape**

-referee: Jack Doan

-This was a triple threat match, involving champion Chyna [ch.] vs. Eddie Guerrero vs. Kurt Angle. Guerrero and Chyna were dating at this time. Guerrero petitioned commissioner Mick Foley to let him into this match, in order to "protect" Chyna. During the match, referee Jack Doan was attempting to prevent Guerrero from being a chair into the ring. With his back turned, Angle nailed Chyna with the title belt. Guerrero, showing concern, hugged and held his fallen girlfriend. Since Chyna's shoulders were down, the referee counted the pin. Guerrero seemed to indicate he inadvertently won the title.

-Guerrero turned heel on Chyna and reformed The Radicalz with Chris Benoit, Dean Malenko and Perry Saturn.

-real name: Eddie Guerrero

**11/21/00 Billy Gunn Sunrise, FL National Car Rental Center Smackdown- 11/23/00**

-referee: Tim White

-WWF commissioner Mick Foley barred The Radicalz from ringside.

-At one point during the match, the referee was knocked down. Guerrero brought the title belt in the ring and DDT'd Gunn's head onto it. That opened a small cut on Gunn's forehead. Gunn was able to kick out and the match continued on. Later on, Guerrero attempted a top rope move. Gunn got on his feet, caught Guerrero in mid-air with a sleeper hold. Gunn lifted Guerrero up and slammed him down and made the pin for the title change.

-real name: Kip Sopp

**12/10/00 Chris Benoit [3] Birmingham, AL Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center Armageddon**

-Referee: Tim White  
-Benoit made Gunn tap to the "Crippler crossface" for a clean victory.

**1/21/01**      **Chris Jericho [4]**                      **New Orleans, LA**                      **New Orleans Arena**                      [Royal Rumble](#)

-referee: Tim White  
-This was a ladder match.  
-This was also the culmination of a year long feud. In the month leading up to the bout, Jericho challenged Benoit to a ladder match, which he accepted.  
-The finish saw Benoit climbing the ladder with Jericho attacking him with a chair. Benoit kicked Jericho as he was ascending. Jericho rebounded off the ropes and crashed into the ladder, sending Benoit bouncing off the ropes and onto the floor. Jericho then climbed the ladder to grab the belt for the victory.

**4/03/01**      **Triple H [3]**                      **Oklahoma City, OK**                      **Myriad Convention Center**                      [Smackdown- 4/05/01](#)

-referee: Mike Chioda  
-Stephanie McMahon-Helmsley accompanied Triple H  
-During the match, Jericho had Triple H pinned following a Lionsault, but the referee was distracted with Stephanie McMahon-Helmsley. Jericho let go then applied the Walls of Jericho. William Regal attempted to interfere with a chair, but Jericho kicked him and hit Regal with the chair. Stephanie got into the ring and Jericho applied the Walls of Jericho to her. As the referee attended to a downed Regal, Triple H hit Jericho in the back with a chair. Jericho kicked out, but succumbed to the Pedigree. Triple H made the cover for the victory.

**4/10/01**      **Jeff Hardy**                      **Philadelphia, PA**                      **First Union Arena**                      [Smackdown- 4/12/01](#)

-referee: Tim White  
-Earlier in the evening, Jeff Hardy attacked Triple H & Steve Austin with a chair and a Twist of Fate to Stephanie McMahon-Helmsley. This was in revenge for an attack made by Triple H & Steve Austin on Matt Hardy & Lita the previous Raw.  
-During the match, Hardy had Triple H down and went to the top rope. Triple H pulled referee Tim White into the ropes, which also knocked Hardy off balance. White then got up and shoved Triple H. Triple H responded by shoving White down hard. Matt Hardy (who the announcers thought was at home recovering) came in and nailed Triple H with a chair. Jeff hit a swanton bomb. The referee recovered and made the count giving the title to Hardy.  
-real name: Jeff Hardy

**4/16/01**      **Triple H [4]**                      **Knoxville, TN**                      **Thompson-Boling Arena**                      [Raw- live](#)

-referee: Earl Hebner  
-Stephanie McMahon-Helmsley accompanied Triple H; Lita accompanied Jeff Hardy.  
-Per orders of commissioner William Regal, Matt Hardy was banned from ringside.  
-During the match, while Matt Hardy was watching backstage, Steve Austin attacked him with a chair. Lita started leaving toward the backstage when Austin cut her off on the ramp. In the meantime as a replay showed, Triple H hit the Pedigree for the three count to regain the title.  
-After the match, Matt Hardy came back to the ring to try and save his brother and Lita. Triple H & Austin beat up the Hardys with chairs. They were about to do the same to Lita before Undertaker and Kane came to the ring for the save.  
-While IC champion, Triple H also won the WWF tag team title with Steve Austin 4/29/01 from Kane & Undertaker.

**5/20/01**      **Kane**                      **Sacramento, CA**                      **ARCO Arena**                      [Judgment Day](#)

-referee: Tim White  
-This was a chain match, with both men attached at the wrists with a chain.  
-Stephanie McMahon-Helmsley accompanied Triple H  
-Kane along with brother, The Undertaker, became targets for Triple H & Steve Austin by getting in their way. Even a broken arm didn't at the hands of Triple H & Austin didn't keep Kane out for long. Triple H challenged Kane to a chain match which was accepted.  
-During the match, Kane chokeslammed Triple H. Steve Austin ran in to interfere, but Kane threw him outside. Austin returned to the ring with a chair. Austin went to hit Kane in the back, but either Kane ducked, or Austin aimed to high. Either way, he nailed Triple H in the head. Kane hit Austin to knock him out of the ring then covered Triple H for the victory.  
-real name: Glen Jacobs

**6/26/01**      **Albert**                      **New York City, NY**                      **Madison Square Garden**                      [Smackdown- 6/28/01](#)

-referee: Teddy Long  
-This was a no DQ match.  
-In the prior weeks, Kane and Albert had a rivalry, based on Albert's desire to win the IC title. He had interfered in Kane's matches, costing him wins.  
-During the match, Kane chokeslammed Albert. Out of the crowd, Diamond Dallas Page (part of the WCW invasion) ran into the ring and gave Kane the Diamond Cutter and ran out. Albert then hit the Baldo Bomb and made the cover for the win.  
-real name: Matt Bloom

**7/23/01 Lance Storm Buffalo, NY HSBC Arena [Raw- live](#)**

-referee: WCW official Nick Patrick

-Storm was an ECW member, part of the WCW/ECW Alliance invasion.

-In a quick match, ECW member Mike Awesome tried to interfere, drawing the attention of the referee. X-Pac came to fight Awesome. With the distraction, WCW member Hugh Morrus hit Albert with the title belt. Storm nailed Albert with a superkick and made the cover for the victory. After the match, a huge fight erupted between WWF and Alliance wrestlers.

-real name: Lance Evers

**8/19/01 Edge [2] San Jose, CA Compaq Center at San Jose [Summer Slam](#)**

-referee: Jim Korderas

-This was an inter-promotional match: The Alliance's Lance Storm vs. WWF's Edge.

-During the match, Edge reversed a half-crab into a half-crab of his own. While struggling to get out, Storm pulled down the referee. Christian attempted to interfere on behalf of his brother, Edge, but Storm threw him head first into Edge. Storm made the cover, but Edge kicked out. After a few reversals while back on their feet, Edge executed the Imapler DDT and made the pin to win the title.

**9/23/01 Christian Pittsburgh, PA Mellon Arena [Unforgiven](#)**

-referee: Brian Hebner

-Although (storyline) brothers, the relationship between Christian and Edge unraveled over the past few months. Christian was jealous over Edge winning the 2001 King of the Ring and the IC title. Christian finally turned on his brother on 9/03/01 in Toronto, attacking him with a steel chair.

-During the match, Christian brought in two chairs to attempt a Conchairto. Edge swept Christian's legs, knocking him down. Edge got up, and attempted a Conchairto of his own. The referee grabbed the chair away, though. As the ref removed the chair from the ring, Christian used the chair on the mat to low-blow Edge. He made the cover for the victory.

-Christian later joined the WCW/ECW Alliance.

-real name: Jason Reso

**10/21/01 Edge [3] St. Louis, MO Savvis Center [No Mercy](#)**

-referee: Mike Chioda

-This was a ladder match.

-The finish saw three ladders in the ring. Christian was climbing one, Edge another. Edge placed a chair on top of the third ladder, and laid Christian's head over it. Edge then gave Christian the one-man Conchairto on top of the ladder. Christian slumped to the mat and Edge grabbed the hanging title belt for the victory.

**11/05/01 Test Uniondale, NY Nassau VM Coliseum [Raw- live](#)**

-referee: Mike Chioda

-Test also held the WWF tag team title with Booker T.

-On the prior week's Smackdown, Test caused Edge a match for Rob Van Dam's Hardcore title.

-During the match, Edge was headed to the top rope. Test shoved the referee into the ropes, which caused Edge to fall back into the ring. Test then stacked up Edge and with his feet on the rope pinned him.

-real name: Andrew Martin

**11/18/01 Edge [4] Greensboro, NC Greensboro Coliseum [Survivor Series](#)**

-referee: Mike Chioda

-This was a unification match: Test's IC title vs. Edge's WCW U.S. title. By the end of Survivor Series, all title holders would be granted immunity from being fired from whoever took control (WCW or WWF).

-After a series of reversals and near falls, Edge reversed a full-nelson slam into a roll through pinning combination to win the title.

**1/20/02 William Regal Atlanta, GA Philips Arena [Royal Rumble](#)**

-referee Nick Patrick

-Regal and Edge were in the midst of a feud over the IC title. Regal just recovered from a broken nose at the hands of Edge.

-During the match, Edge attempted to spear Regal, but Regal pulled referee Nick Patrick in the way, knocking him down. Regal then pulled a pair of brass knux out of his tights, knocking out Edge for the win.

-Real name: Darren Matthews

**3/17/02 Rob Van Dam Toronto, ON Skydome [WrestleMania X8](#)**

-referee: Brian Hebner

-During the match, Regal attempted to use his trademark brass knux. The referee caught Regal and took them away. Regal then went for another pair in his trunks. He was met with a spin kick to the face knocking him down. RVD then went to the top for a Five-Star frog splash and made the pin.

-On March 25, 2002, the WWF split into two brands, Raw and Smackdown. The respective co-owners held a draft to select their wrestlers. Van Dam was chosen by Raw in the 8th round (Raw selection #4). Thus, the IC title became part of Raw.

-real name: Rob Szatkowski

**4/21/02**     **Eddie Guerrero [2]**     **Kansas City, MS**     **Kemper Arena**     [Backlash 2002](#)

-referee: Tim White

-During the match, Guerrero brought the title belt into the ring and attempted to hit Van Dam. RVD struck first and when trying to wrest the belt away, knocked down the referee. Guerrero applied a neckbreaker to RVD, landing on the belt. He then landed a frog splash and made the pin.

-On May 5, 2002, the promotion changed its name from WWF to WWE (World Wrestling Entertainment).

**5/27/02**     **Rob Van Dam [2]**     **Edmonton, AB**     **Skyreach Centre**     [Monday Night Raw-live](#)

-referee: Earl Hebner

-This was a ladder match.

-Van Dam won, when he knocked Guerrero off the top rope onto the outside, allowing him to climb the ladder and win the match.

-After the match, Steve Austin attacked Guerrero. Austin fought off Ric Flair and Arn Anderson, before Chris Benoit arrived and turned on Austin. Benoit and Guerrero then double teamed Austin.

-On the July 22, 2002 edition of *Raw*, Van Dam defeated WWE European champion Jeff Hardy in a ladder match to unify the titles.

**7/29/02**     **Chris Benoit [4]**     **Greensboro, NC**     **Greensboro Coliseum**     [Raw- live](#)

-referee: Charles Robinson

-During the match, RVD attempted a Five-Star frog splash, but only hit it partially. Benoit then placed the Crippler cross-face on RVD. Van Dam was able to get a rope break. A few moves later, Benoit locked in the cross-face again. RVD elbowed his way out of it and hooked Benoit's head attempting to roll him over. Benoit rolled with it and got Van Dam on his back. Benoit then had his feet on the ropes for the pin.

-On the August 5, 2002 edition of *Raw*, it was revealed that Benoit (along with Eddie Guerrero and Brock Lesnar) jumped to the Smackdown brand.

**8/25/02**     **Rob Van Dam [3]**     **Uniondale, NY**     **Nassau VM Coliseum**     [SummerSlam](#)

-referee: Brian Hebner

-This was an inter-promotional match: Smackdown's Benoit vs. Raw's Van Dam.

-During the match, Benoit knocked Van Dam off the top rope, with Van Dam straddled on the top rope. Benoit attempted a back superplex. Van Dam reversed it to a degree, with both men landing awkwardly on the mat. Van Dam recovered enough to ascend the top rope for a Five-Star frog splash and the cover for the pin.

-As a result, the IC title returned to Raw.

-On the 8/26/02 edition of *Raw*, Dreamer defeated WWE Hardcore champion Tommy Dreamer to unify the titles.

**9/16/02**     **Chris Jericho [5]**     **Denver, CO**     **Pepsi Center**     [Raw- live](#)

-referee: Charles Robinson

-During the match, RVD was setting up for a Five-Star frog splash. Triple H starting charging toward the ring and RVD leapt at him on the outside instead. A few minutes later, Triple H was on the ring apron. RVD whipped Jericho toward Triple H. Jericho went out of the ring and Triple H fell into the ring. RVD gave Triple H a spin kick out of the ring. This allowed Jericho to get back in the ring. He double-legged RVD and placed him in the Walls of Jericho. RVD eventually tapped out.

**9/30/02**     **Kane [2]**     **Houston, TX**     **Compaq Center**     [Raw- live](#)

-referee: Earl Hebner

-Kane also held the WWE tag team title with The Hurricane

-Earlier in the evening, Raw GM Eric Bischoff announced that the World champion would face the IC champion at the No Mercy PPV in a unification match.

-During the match, Ric Flair came out. He helped Jericho by putting his foot on the rope when Kane had a cover. Kane chased Flair into the ring, but Jericho was able to cut him off and go on the offense. Later in the match, Triple H came out to distract the referee. Jericho grabbed a chair to hit Kane's knee. Jericho applied the Walls of Jericho on Kane. Kane broke the hold by getting to the ropes. Jericho grabbed a chair and attempted to hit Kane, but Kane met him with a big boot. Kane attempted a chokeslam, but Jericho got away. Kane attempted a chokeslam again, and this time nailed Jericho. He made the cover for the win.

**10/20/02**     **Triple H [5]**     **North Little Rock, AR**     **Alltel Arena**     [No Mercy](#)

-referee: Earl Hebner

-The buildup for this match included the infamous "Katie Vick" angle. Triple H accused Kane of having an inappropriate relationship with a woman named Katie Vick, who later died in a car accident. Triple H further escalated the situation by acting

out in a skit the exact nature of the inappropriateness [*editor's note: this angle was so bad, I will not describe it any further. Google it if you really need to know.*]

-During the match, Ric Flair ran in to argue with the referee. Kane shoved the ref out of the way, as Flair retreated to the outside. Triple H hit Kane with the World title belt, but could only get a two-count. The Hurricane came out to attack Flair, but was met with a Pedigree on the floor by Triple H. Later on, Hebner was taken out with an errant kick by Kane. A few minutes later, Kane had Triple H pinned following a choke slam. A second referee, Brian Hebner came in to make the count. Flair pulled the referee out and knocked him out. Kane then choke slammed Flair inside the ring. That gave Triple H enough time to recover. He rammed Kane into the corner, then hit the Pedigree. Triple H pulled Earl Hebner over who made the three count.

#### **10/20/02 RETIRED**

-with the title unified with the World Heavyweight title, it was no longer active, thus retired.

#### **5/18/03 Christian [2] Charlotte, NC Charlotte Coliseum [Judgment Day](#)**

-referee: Chad Patton

-On the May 5, 2003 new Raw co-GM Steve Austin announced he was bringing back the Intercontinental title. Austin wanted to right some stupid ideas over the last few months instituted by Raw GM Eric Bischoff. He declared the title would be up for grabs in a battle royal at Judgment Day.

-This was a battle royal to crown a new WWE IC champ for the reinstated title. Former champion Pat Patterson was on hand to present the winner the trophy. The match came down to Christian and Booker T. Referee Chad Patton got knocked out and missed Booker eliminating Christian. Christian then came back, attacked Booker and tossed him over the top rope in front of the referee to win the title.

-The title belt was similar to the previous style (since 1998), but with the WWE logo instead of the WWF logo.

- Order of elimination: Lance Storm (by Kane); Kane (by Test, Booker T, Goldust, Val Venis, Goldust, Chris Jericho, Christian); Test (by Booker T); Test (by Goldust); Rob Van Dam (by Jericho); Goldust (by Booker T); Jericho (by Christian); Booker T (by Christian)

#### **7/07/03 Booker T Montreal, QB Bell Centre [Raw-live](#)**

-referee: Chad Patton

-Before the match, Raw co-GM Steve Austin declared that the title can change hands on a CO or DQ. Christian tried to backpedal, but Austin suckered him to get in to the ring.

-During the match, Christian tried to get a pin after a low blow behind the referee's back, but Booker T kicked out. Christian tried to use the title belt, but Booker T ducked. Christian missed with a clothesline. Booker T countered with a scissors kick and made the pin for the victory.

-real name: Lane Huffman

#### **8/10/03 Christian [3] Des Moines, IA Veterans Memorial Auditorium [live event](#)**

-referee: unknown

-no known video exists of this match.

-According to WWE.com: "Booker T missed his axe kick and Christian hit the Unprettier for the win and his third Intercontinental Championship."

#### **9/29/03 Rob Van Dam [4] Rosemont, IL Allstate Arena [Raw-live](#)**

-referee: Charles Robinson and Earl Hebner

-this was a ladder match.

-During the match, with two ladders set in the ring, RVD and Christian ascended the ladder underneath the belt. The ladder teetered over. Christian crashed to the mat. RVD leaped to the other ladder. RVD then hit a Five-Star frog splash off the top of the ladder onto a prone Christian. RVD then set up the ladder trapping Christian. He climbed it ot the belt for the victory.

#### **10/27/03 Chris Jericho[6] Fayetteville, NC Cumberland Co. Crown Coliseum [Raw-live](#)**

-referee: Earl Hebner

-This match was set up earlier in the evening as the results of "The Highlight Reel" hosted by Jericho. Booker T, a member of Team Austin at the Survivor Series, was a guest along with Team Bischoff members Scott Steiner and Christian. It was a trap, as a cage lowered so the Bischoff members could triple team Booker. Before the cage fully lowered, Rob Van Dam snuck in the cage and saved Booker T. Jericho, upset that the plan was foiled, asked and was granted an IC title match from Raw co-GM Eric Bischoff.

-During the match, Jericho had RVD in the Walls of Jericho in the center of the ring. Bischoff came running to ringside, distracting the referee. RVD got to the ropes, but the referee missed it. Jericho pulled RVD back to the center of the ring. RVD tapped his hand on the mat and the referee stopped the match, awarding the decision to Jericho.

#### **10/27/03 Rob Van Dam [5] Fayetteville, NC Cumberland Co. Crown Coliseum [Raw-live](#)**

-referee: Earl Hebner (inside), Charles Robinson (outside)

-this was a cage match

-After Jericho's title victory, Raw co-GM Steve Austin said he couldn't change the result of the match, but he ordered Jericho to defend the title right now, in a steel cage. The cage lowered and the match began. Austin also banned all parties from ringside.  
-During the match, with both men fighting on the top rope, Van Dam nailed Jericho with a side kick, sending him to the mat. RVD attempted to climb over the cage wall, while Jericho recovered to escape through the door. RVD kicked the door closed onto Jericho and jumped down to the floor to win the match.  
-After the match, Christian and Steiner attacked RVD and sent him back into the cage to triple team RVD. The Dudley Boyz made the save. Bischoff member Mark Henry entered the cage with his manager Teddy Long locking the door. Booker T made the save by diving off the top of the cage, but Team Bischoff eventually regained the advantage to end Raw.

**12/14/03 Randy Orton Orlando, FL T.D. Waterhouse Centre [Armageddon](#)**

-special referee: Mick Foley  
-Ric Flair accompanied fellow Evolution member Randy Orton.  
-The feud started on the November 17 edition of *Raw*, when Orton interfered in a RVD vs. Flair title match. On the December 8 episode, Raw co-GM Mick Foley announced he would be the special referee for the match.  
-Before the match started, Mick Foley came to the ring to announce the progress of the petition to bring back Steve Austin. Randy Orton came out to argue with Foley. Foley invited RVD to come out (which he did) to start the match now.  
-During the match, Flair attempted to interfere, but referee Foley cut him off and knocked him off the apron. Meanwhile, RVD was on the top rope, but Orton knocked him down with a drop kick. When RVD got up, Orton connected with an RKO seemingly out of nowhere to score the pin.  
-real name: Randy Orton

**7/11/04 Edge [5] Hartford, CT Hartford Civic Center [Vengeance](#)**

-referee: Chad Patton  
-Edge had been out of action for approximately a year with neck surgery 2003-04. When he returned, he set his sight on Evolution and Randy Orton's IC title. He was tired of Evolution's bullying and domination on Raw and vowed to take a stand.  
-After nearly 25+ minutes, Orton and Edge traded a series of near falls. At one point, Orton removed the turnbuckle pad in the corner, exposing metal. Edge was nailing Orton with punches in the corner. Orton grabbed Edge's legs sending his face into the exposed turnbuckle. Even with his foot on the ropes, Orton only managed a two-count. Edge blocked an RKO by sending Orton into the corner. Edge attempted a spear, but Orton leapfrogged out of the way, sending Edge crashing face first into the corner instead. Orton attempted an RKO, but Edge reversed it into a backslide for a two-count. Orton attempted a corner-to-corner Irish whip. Edge reversed it sending Orton's back onto that same exposed turnbuckle. On the rebound, Edge hit Orton with the spear. He made the cover for the victory.

**9/06/04 VACANT**

-Raw GM Eric Bischoff strips Edge because of an injury. Christian suggested that he be awarded the IC title. Chris Jericho felt he in Christian should meet for the title. Bischoff agreed with Jericho. After bandying about a stipulation for the match (no countout, cage match), Bischoff again listened to Jericho's suggestion for a ladder match at Unforgiven.

**9/12/04 Chris Jericho [7] Portland, OR Rose Garden [Unforgiven](#)**

-referee: Mike Chioda (inside); Jack Doan (outside)  
-this was a ladder match for the vacant IC title, Chris Jericho vs. Christian. All outside parties were banned from ringside.  
-During the match, Both men climbed their own ladder. Christian had the taller ladder but was not cented under the belt. This allowed Jericho to climb his smaller ladder. To buy him some time, Jericho swung the belt so Christian could not get a hold of it. Then, both men came crashing down face first. Jericho got up first and set up the ladder over Christian and underneath the belt. He ascended the ladder and grabbed the title to win the title.

**10/19/04 Shelton Benjamin Milwaukee, WI Bradley Center [Taboo Tuesday](#)**

-referee: Mike Chioda  
-As part of the theme of Taboo Tuesday, fans online and in the arena chose the various stipulations in the match. For the IC title, fans would choose Jericho's challenger between: Batista, Shelton Benjamin, Christian, The Hurricane, Rodney Mack, Maven, Chuck Palumbo, William Regal, Steven Richards, Rhyno, Rosey, Tajiri, Tyson Tomko or Jonathan Coachman. (Val Venis was eliminated from contention because of injury. The live fans seemed to cheer for Benjamin the loudest. According to the online poll of a reported 4 million fans, Benjamin won with 37% of the vote.  
-During the match, Benjamin reversed a Jericho Irish-whip into the corner. Jericho attempted to spring off the middle turnbuckle into a cross-body block. However, Benjamin caught Jericho in mid-air and T-bone suplexed Jericho. He then made the cover for the surprise pin.  
-After the match, Jericho presented Benjamin the title belt and shook his hand.  
-real name: Shelton Benjamin

**6/20/05 Carlito Phoenix, AZ America West Arena [Raw- live](#)**

-referee: Chad Patton



-Raw GM Eric Bischoff called out Benjamin to the ring to introduce the latest Raw lottery pick (third selection) in the WWE draft. Benjamin said to get on with it since he knew the new pick would receive the immediate title shot. The pick and opponent was introduced as Carlito.

-During the match, Benjamin attempted a belly-to-back suplex. Carlito blocked it and rolled forward into a pinning combination. Carlito held on to the ropes to achieve the pin and win the title on his first night on Raw.

-real name: Carly Colon

**9/18/05 Ric Flair Oklahoma City, OK Ford Center [Unforgiven](#)**

-referee: Mike Chioda

-The feud started when Carlito spit an apple in the face of Flair during an episode of "Carlito's Cabana." The focal point was Carlito's lack of respect for Flair.

-During the match, when Carlito had the advantage on Flair, he rolled to the outside to grab an apple. He took a bit and prepared to spit it in Flair's face. Flair retaliated with a right hand to Carlito's chin. Carlito intimated that he was choking. Flair double-legged Carlito, and placed him in the figure-four leglock. Carlito submitted, giving the match and title to Flair.

-After the match, Flair addressed the crowd, expressing his gratitude to the fans and for winning his first IC championship. He compared it to winning any of his 16 world titles. Flair then invited women from the crowd to party with him all night.

-real name: Richard Fliehr

**2/20/06 Shelton Benjamin [2] Trenton, NJ Sovereign Bank Arena [Raw- live](#)**

-referee: Jack Doan

-Benjamin's wheel chair bound mother accompanied her son to the ring [note: it was an actress portraying the role of Momma, not his real mother]. Momma was also dependent on an oxygen tank.

-The prior week on Raw, Momma lobbied Mr. McMahon to make Benjamin the #1 contender for the IC title. McMahon agreed if Benjamin could defeat Eugene, which he did.

-During the match, Flair had the figure-four on Benjamin. He was able to get a rope break and roll out of the ring. In the excitement, Momma stood up out of her wheel chair and acted as if she was having heart problems. The referee attended to Mrs. Benjamin. Taking advantage of the distraction, Benjamin grabbed an oxygen tank from Momma's wheel chair and nailed Flair in the gut. Benjamin returned to the ring and hit Flair with the tank in the mid-section again. Benjamin then hit a t-bone and made the cover for the victory.

-After the match, Momma experienced a quick recover and danced and celebrated with her son.

**4/30/06 Rob Van Dam [6] Lexington, KY Rupp Arena [Backlash](#)**

-referee: Chad Patton

-This was Benjamin's IC title vs. RVD's Money in the Bank title shot opportunity, winner take all.

-During the match, Benjamin attempted to use the Money in the Bank briefcase. The referee went down when RVD accidentally bumped into him. Benjamin swung and missed, dropping the case. RVD picked it up and tossed it to Benjamin. When he caught it, RVD kicked the briefcase right into his face (the Van Daminator). RVD then leaped onto Benjamin with the Five-Star frog splash to get the three-count.

**5/15/06 Shelton Benjamin [3] Lubbock, TX United Spirit Arena [Raw- live](#)**

-referee: Mike Chioda

-At the start of the 5/15/06 Raw, John Cena was scheduled to defend the WWE championship against Triple H. Mr. McMahon came down and changed the match. It would be a handicap Texas Tornado match. Cena & IC champ Rob Van Dam vs. Triple H & Shelton Benjamin & Chris Masters. If Cena or RVD lost, they would lose their respective title as well.

-During the match, while the team of Triple H & Benjamin & Masters took advantages of triple teams, they argued whenever it came time for a pin. The finishing sequence saw Triple H go for a Pedigree on Cena, but Cena flipped him over the top rope and onto the floor. Cena flipped Masters out of the ring as well. Cena placed Benjamin in the STFU, but Masters came back in to break it up, but then stumbled down in the corner. RVD then came in with a Five-Star frog splash on Benjamin. Triple H hit a Pedigree on RVD, just as Cena nailed Masters with an FU. Triple H then caught Cena in a Pedigree. Just as Triple H covered Cena, Benjamin covered the prone RVD. The referee made the count, but counted Benjamin's pin first, thus Benjamin won the IC title.

-After the match, Triple H gave referee Mike Chioda the Pedigree.

**6/25/06 Johnny Nitro Charlotte, NC Charlotte Bobcats Arena [Vengeance](#)**

-referee: Jack Doan

-This was a triple threat: Benjamin [ch.] vs. Nitro vs. Carlito

-Melina accompanied Nitro (complete with the paparazzi entrance).

-On the 6/05/06 Raw, Carlito defeated Benjamin in a non-title match. The following week on Raw, Nitro defeated Carlito thanks to Benjamin's interference. On the 6/19/06 Raw, Benjamin & Nitro defeated Carlito in a handicap match.

-During the match, with Nitro on the outside (minutes before, he attempted a dive, but Carlito ducked and Nitro went flying outside of the ring), Carlito hit his Backcracker on Benjamin. Before he could make a cover, Nitro grabbed Carlito's leg, pulled him out of the ring, and made the cover "stealing" the pin.

**10/02/06 Jeff Hardy [2] Topeka, KS Expocentre [Raw- live](#)**

-referee: Chad Patton

-Melina accompanied Nitro

-Hardy defeated Nitro by DQ on the 9/04/06 Raw thanks to Melina's interference. Nitro also defeated Hardy at the 9/17/06 Unforgiven PPV, thanks to Melina's assistance.

-During the match, Hardy hit a plancha to the outside, taking out both Nitro and Melina, neutralizing her for the rest of the match. Later on, both Nitro and Hardy were fighting on the top rope. Hardy managed to backdrop Nitro off the top. Hardy came off with a swanton bomb to make the pin.

**11/06/06 Johnny Nitro [2] Columbus, OH Nationwide Arena [Raw- live](#)**

-referee: Chad Patton

-The match: the referee initially disqualified Nitro after Melina was caught tripping Hardy. Acting Raw GM Eric Bischoff came down and overruled the referee, restarting the match with a no DQ stipulation. Later on, Melina jumped on Hardy's back in the ring. Hardy slung her off and went to the top rope to try a swanton bomb on Melina. Nitro, who was on the outside, grabbed Hardy's leg, forcing him on the turnbuckle the hard way. Nitro then grabbed the title belt and nailed Hardy. He made the cover for the victory.

**11/13/06 Jeff Hardy [3] Manchester, ENGLAND Manchester Evening News Arena [Raw- same day tape](#)**

-referee: Chad Patton

-During the match, Hardy hit a swanton bomb, but Melina's distraction of the referee prevented a three-count. Melina distracted Hardy later when he attempted a Twist of Fate, allowing Nitro to take over on offense. Nitro hit a corkscrew moonsault. Hardy was able to reverse his lax cover into a pinning combination for the victory.

-After the match, Nitro attacked Hardy and brought out a ladder, which he used to nail Hardy in the face and drive into his body.

**2/19/07 Umaga Bakersfield, CA Rabobank Arena [Raw- live](#)**

-referee: Jack Doan

-Armando Alejandro Estrada accompanied Umaga.

-Raw kicked off that evening with Mr. McMahon introducing Umaga as his representative in the Battle of the Billionaires vs. Donald Trump at WrestleMania. McMahon said that Umaga would be a champion and granted him an IC title shot right now.

-During the match, Hardy hit a Whisper in the Wind, but could only manage a two-count. Umaga took control with a Samoan drop, running butt charge into the corner and finished him with the Samoan spike for the decisive victory.

-Umaga continued to be McMahon's favored wrestler, despite losing to Bobby Lashley in a non-title match at WrestleMania.

-real name: Eddie Fatu [younger brother of Rikishi]

**4/16/07 Santino Marella Milan, ITALY Datchforum [Raw- same day tape](#)**

-referee: Chad Patton

-Armando Alejandro Estrada accompanied Umaga.

-Raw opened up with Mr. McMahon, Umaga and Armando Alejandro Estrada gloating about beating up Bobby Lashley last week. McMahon challenged anyone in the back to take on Umaga. No one took him up on his offer. McMahon then started asking for participants from the crowd and found a taker. He introduced himself to be Santino Marella.

-During the match, Santino got off to a fast start and even scored a near fall. At that point, McMahon paused the match and declared it a no holds barred match. After the restart, Umaga dominated Marella. With Umaga perched on the top rope, Lashley came down into the ring, slammed Umaga of the top and knocked Umaga down with punches. McMahon entered the ring with a chair. But Lashley grabbed it out of his hand. Lashley then nailed Umaga with three chair shots to the head and a spear. He then placed Marella on top of Umaga. The referee counted three and the fan out of the stands won the IC title.

-Announcer Jim Ross dubbed this the Milan Miracle.

-real name: Anthony Carelli

**7/02/07 Umaga [2] Dallas, TX America Airlines Center [Raw- live](#)**

-referee: Chad Patton

-Umaga dominated in a match that didn't even last five minutes. He finished off Marella with a Samoan spike, followed by a pin.

**9/03/07 Jeff Hardy [4] Columbus, OH Nationwide Arena [Raw- live](#)**

-referee: Chad Patton

-The prior week on Raw, Umaga attacked Jeff Hardy with unclear motives during a match vs. Mr. Kennedy. It set up the title match. Also, Eddie Fatu was set to start a suspension for violation of the WWE wellness policy.

-Umaga was dominating the match, but missed a diving headbutt from the top rope. This allowed Hardy to make his comeback. Umaga caught Hardy from the ropes, and slammed him down, but only got a two count. Umaga went to the top again. but Hardy knocked Umaga, straddling the top turnbuckle and flipped back in the ring. Hardy got the three count just as Umaga kicked out with the impact sending Hardy out on the floor.

**3/10/08**      **Chris Jericho [8]**                      **Milwaukee, WI**                      **Bradley Center**                      [Raw- live](#)

-referee: Chad Patton

-On the 2/25/08 Raw, Jericho defeated Hardy in a non-title Money in the Bank qualifying match. A week later on Raw, Jericho hosted Hard as a guest on "The Highlight Reel." Tired of Jericho running his mouth, Hard gave him a Twist of Fate.

-During the match, Hardy missed a swanton. Jericho followed up with a Codebreaker for the pin.

**6/29/08**      **Kofi Kingston**                      **Dallas, TX**                      **American Airlines Center**                      [Night of Champions PPV](#)

-referee: Chad Patton

-At the start of the match, Lance Cade came to ringside. Kingston, fresh from the ECW roster (taken in the supplemental draft), was the mystery opponent for Chris Jericho. Shawn Michaels came to ringside, and superkicked Cade. Kingston won when Jericho was distracted by Michaels (with whom Jericho was feeding with). Kingston took advantage and hit Jericho with a jumping kick to win the title. After the match, Jericho punched Michaels in his already injured eye.

-real name: Kofi Sarkodie-Mensah

**8/17/08**      **Santino Marella [2]**                      **Indianapolis, IN**                      **Conseco Fieldhouse**                      [SummerSlam PPV](#)

-referee: John Cone

-This was an intergender winner-take-all title match, Kingston (IC) & Mickie James (Women's) vs. Marella & Beth Phoenix.

-The match was the brainchild of new Raw GM Mike Adamle. On the 8/11/08 Raw, both Marella and Phoenix petitioned Adamle for a title match at SummerSlam. Adamle says there was only room for one more match, thus he combined them into one.

-Marella & Phoenix called themselves "Glamarella"

-During the match, James hit a Thesz Press from the top onto Phoenix. Marella broke up the pin. Kingston went after Marella.

Santino ducked and Kingston went flying out of the ring. James went after Marella with a DDT. That distraction allowed Phoenix to attack James. She double-arm barred James from behind and slammed her to the mat face first. She then made the pin.

-As a result, Marella became IC champ and Phoenix became women's champ.

-During Marella's reign, he instituted the "Honk-o-Meter" comparing the length of his title reign against longest reigning IC champ Honky Tonk Man.

**11/10/08**      **William Regal [2]**                      **Manchester, ENGLAND**                      **Manchester Evening News Arena**                      [Raw- SDT](#)

-referee: John Cone

-Regal won a battle royal on the 11/03/08 Raw to earn a shot at the IC title the following week.

-Beth Phoenix accompanied Santino; Layla accompanied Regal

-In a quick match, Regal finished off Marella with a hard knee to Marella's head for the pin. The match lasted under a minute.

**1/19/09**      **CM Punk**                      **Rosemont, IL**                      **Allstate Arena**                      [Raw-live](#)

-referee: Aaron "Goose" Mahoney

-This was a no DQ match.

- Layla accompanied Regal

-This was the third week in a row that Regal and Punk met for the IC title. on the 1/05/09 Raw, Regal purposely got himself disqualified. On the 1/12/09 Raw, Regal could lose the title via DQ, but it was Punk who was disqualified for a low blow.

-The finish saw Punk attempt a cross-body block off the top but miss. Regal tried a kick to the head but Punk dodged out of the way. He picked up Regal for a Go to Sleep. Regal attempted to elbow his way out, but Punk withstood the assault and hit the GTS and made the pin.

-real name: Phil Brooks

**3/09/09**      **John "Bradshaw" Layfield**                      **Jacksonville, FL**                      **Jacksonville VM Arena**                      [Raw-live](#)

-referee: Scott Armstrong

-JBL got the title match after lobbying Raw GM Vickie Guerrero.

-During the match, Punk had JBL up for the Go to Sleep. JBL raked Punk's eyes, out of the referee's sight to get out. He then nailed Punk with the Clothesline from Hell then made the pin.

-real name: John Layfield

**4/05/09**      **Rey Mysterio**                      **Houston, TX**                      **Reliant Stadium**                      [WrestleMania 25](#)

-referee: Aaron "Goose" Mahoney

-As his custom for big matches, Mysterio wore a special costume. This time he dressed up like the Joker from Batman.

-Before the match, JBL kicked Mysterio in the head and pounded him in the corner. Once the referee rang the bell, JBL missed a clothesline. Mysterio countered with an enzuguri, a 619 and a frog splash to win in 20 seconds.

-After the match, JBL got on the mic and publicly quit the WWE.

-On the 4/13/09 Raw draft special, Mysterio was drafted to Smackdown (following Smackdown's Chris Jericho victory over ECW's Tommy Dreamer that gave Smackdown that pick.) Earlier in the evening, the United States champion, MVP, was drafted from Smackdown to Raw. So, for the first time since Eddie Guerrero in 2002, the IC title now belonged to Smackdown.

-real name: Oscar Gutierrez

**6/07/09**      **Chris Jericho [9]**                      **New Orleans, LA**                      **New Orleans Arena**                      [Extreme Rules](#)

-referee: John Cone

-Mysterio defeated Jericho at Judgment Day on 5/17/09. Jericho lobbied to Smackdown GM Teddy Long for a rematch. Long booked it for Extreme Rules PPV in a no holds barred match. In the weeks leading up to the event, Jericho became obsessed with taking Mysterio's mask.

-During the match, Mysterio got out of a Walls of Jericho by grabbing a chair and nailing Jericho in the head. Jericho stumbled to the ropes. Mysterio attempted a 619. Jericho grabbed Mysterio's mask mid-move. A shocked Mysterio held his hand over his face. Jericho took advantage by rolling up Mysterio for the pin.

**6/28/09**      **Rey Mysterio [2]**                      **Sacramento, CA**                      **ARCO Arena**                      [The Bash](#)

-referee: Charles Robinson

-This was title vs. mask.

-Jericho defeated Mysterio in a rematch on the 6/15/09 Raw. After attacking Jericho during a Jericho vs. Jeff Hardy match on the 6/19/09 Smackdown, Mysterio challenged Jericho to a match at The Bash. Jericho would agree, only if Mysterio put his mask on the line.

-After a series of near falls and reversals, Jericho ripped off Mysterio's mask as Mysterio kicked out of a roll-up. However, Mysterio had a second match underneath. He enzuguri kicked Jericho, sending him slumping into the ropes. Mysterio connected with a 619 then the West Coast Pop to make the pin.

**9/01/09**      **John Morrison [3]**                      **Cleveland, OH**                      **Quicken Loans Arena**                      [Smackdown- 9/04/09](#)

-referee: Mike Chioda

-In a battle of babyfaces, the two men exchanged near falls. At the end, both men were fighting on the top rope. Mysterio attempted a top-rope flying head scissors, but Morrison held on. Mysterio went crashing to the mat. He then hit Starship Pain (twisting moonsault) onto Mysterio and made the pin. After the match, Morrison helped Mysterio up and the two hugged out of respect.

-Morrison was previously champion as Johnny Nitro.

**12/13/09**      **Drew McIntyre**                      **San Antonio, TX**                      **AT&T Center**                      [TLC](#)

-referee: Jon Cone

-On the 12/04/09 edition of Smackdown, McIntyre pinned Morrison in a non-title match. The next week, the two got into another heated confrontation.

-During the match, the referee was making a corner break as Morrison had McIntyre in the corner. Morrison's belt broke and he tossed it away. With the ref's back turned to remove the belt from the ring, McIntyre poked Morrison in the eyes and hit the Scot Drop (double-arm DDT) to make the pin.

-On the May 7, 2010 edition of Smackdown, McIntyre was beating Matt Hardy. It was the third straight week McIntyre attacked Hardy. Smackdown GM Teddy Long threatened McIntyre with suspension if he did not stop. McIntyre continued the attack. Long threatened stripping him of the IC title but McIntyre did not stop. Finally, Long fired McIntyre.

-Later on that Smackdown, Long declared the title would be decided in a four-man tournament, with the semifinals that night. Kofi Kingston d. Dolph Ziggler (5/03/09 North Charleston, SC; 5/07/09 Smackdown); Christian d. Cody Rhodes (5/03/09 North Charleston, SC; 5/07/09 Smackdown); FINAL: Kingston d. Christian (5/10/09 Buffalo, NY; 5/14/09 Smackdown).

-However, right after Kingston apparently won the title, Drew McIntyre appeared and handed Long a letter. Long asked for the title back and returned it to McIntyre. It was revealed the letter was from Vince McMahon, reversing Long's decision to strip the title from McIntyre and return it to him immediately.

-real name: Drew Galloway

**5/23/10**      **Kofi Kingston [2]**                      **Detroit, MI**                      **Joe Louis Arena**                      [Over the Limit](#)

-referee: Aaron "Goose" Mahoney

-The finish saw Kingston miss Trouble in Paradise (spinning kick). McIntyre attempted the Future Shock DDT, but Kingston reversed it into an SOS (type of rolling cradle) to garner the pin.

**7/28/10**      **Dolph Ziggler**                      **Laredo, TX**                      **Laredo Energy Arena**                      [Smackdown- 8/06/10](#)

-referee: Aaron "Goose" Mahoney

-Vickie Guerrero (Ziggler's girlfriend) accompanied Ziggler.

-On the 7/23/10 Smackdown, Ziggler defeated Kingston in a non-title match. The following week on 7/30/10 Smackdown, Ziggler defeated Kingston by DQ in a non-title match.

-During the match, Kingston hit Trouble in Paradise, but Guerrero got in the ring to distract the referee. Ziggler took advantage of a distracted Kingston by hitting a Zig Zag and made the pin. After the match, Kingston attacked Ziggler.

-real name: Nick Nemeth

**1/04/11**      **Kofi Kingston [3]**                      **Tucson, AZ**                      **Tucson Convention Center**                      [Smackdown 1/07/11](#)

-referee: Jack Cone

-Vickie Guerrero (Ziggler's girlfriend) accompanied Ziggler.

-On the 12/28/11 Smackdown, Ziggler retained the title in a triple threat between Ziggler and Jack Swagger. Ziggler was aided by the interference of Vickie Guerrero and pinned Kingston holding the tights. Smackdown GM Teddy Long ordered a rematch between Ziggler and Kingston for the next week.

-The finish saw Kingston block a superplex attempt, knocking Ziggler back onto the mat. Kingston connected with a flying bodypress off the top to win the match.

-Ziggler attacked Kingston after the match. Guerrero, also the assistant (and acting) GM, ordered an immediate rematch. Kingston won that match as well.

**3/22/11 Wade Barrett Columbus, OH Nationwide Arena [Smackdown- 3/25/11](#)**

-referee: Scott Armstrong

-Fellow Corre members Heath Slater, Justin Gabriel and Ezekiel Jackson accompanied Barrett.

-During the match, Kingston was preparing for the Trouble in Paradise. Gabriel got in the ring to distract the referee. Slater got on the apron. Kingston hit the TIP on Slater. With Gabriel out of the ring and the referee back in the match, Kingston went for the TIP on Barrett. But, Barrett was able to reverse it into a Wasteland (version of a forward roll slam) for the pin.

-real name: Stu Bennett

**6/19/11 Ezekiel Jackson Washington, DC Verizon Center [Capitol Punishment](#)**

-referee: Charles Robinson

-Jackson used to be a member of The Corre, along with Barrett, Justin Gabriel and Heath Slater. After weeks in the proverbial doghouse, Jackson finally turned babyface on The Corre on the 5/06/11 Smackdown, attacking them. On the 6/03/11 Smackdown, Jackson defeated Barrett by CO in an IC title match.

-During the match, Jackson kicked out of Barrett's Wasteland finisher. Barrett tried to kick Jackson in the face, but it was blocked. Jackson then body slammed Barrett three times in a row. He picked up Barrett in a Torture Rack for the submission victory.

-real name: Rycklon Stephens

**8/09/11 Cody Rhodes Sacramento, CA Power Balance Pavilion [Smackdown- 8/12/11](#)**

-referee: John Cone

-Ted DiBiase and two bag men accompanied Rhodes

-The action saw Jackson attempt to place Rhodes in the Torture Rack, but Rhodes held on to the ropes to block the hold. DiBiase got up on the apron to distract Jackson, allowing Rhodes to attack him from behind. Rhodes also facebuted Jackson using his protective mask. As the referee backed up Rhodes, DiBiase got up on the apron again but was knocked down by Jackson. Ezekiel attempted a clothesline that Rhodes ducked. He hit a jumping kick off the middle turnbuckle to Jackson's head, followed by a Cross Rhodes (inverted spinning neckbreaker) for the pin.

-After the match, Rhodes & DiBiase placed a bag over Jackson's head. Jackson recovered and beat up DiBiase.

-The brand extension era of WWE ended on August 29, 2011

-At the Hell in a Cell PPV on 10/02/11, Rhodes introduces a new title belt, an update of the classic 1985-97 title belt.

-real name: Cody Runnels

**4/01/12 Big Show Miami Gardens, FL Sun Life Stadium [WrestleMania XXVIII](#)**

-referee: Jack Doan

-Leading up the match, Rhodes tried to get into Big Show's head by airing video of all of Show's WrestleMania failures. On the 3/02/12 Smackdown, Show wanted to watch Rhodes' next video as buddies. Rhodes wisely refused. GM Theodore Long then made the WrestleMania title match official so Show wouldn't go chasing after Rhodes in the stands.

-In the match, Show dominated. Rhodes had a flurry of offense, hitting a Disaster Kick. He attempted another one, but Show countered with a spear. Show finished off Rhodes with a knockout punch to the head and the pin.

-real name: Paul Wight

-title reign: 28 days

**4/29/12 Cody Rhodes [2] Rosemont, IL Allstate Arena [Extreme Rules](#)**

-referee: Justin King

-This was a rematch from WrestleMania. A pre-show spin of the wheel determined the stipulation to be a tables match.

-Show was dominating the match. He set up a table on floor. As he climbed back into the ring, Rhodes delivered a dropkick to Show's leg. Show lost his balance and stepped on the table to regain it. But, the table broke, giving the match to Rhodes.

-title reign: 21 days

**5/20/12 Christian [4] Raleigh, NC PNC Arena [Over the Limit](#)**

-referee: Jack Doan

-Earlier in the evening, Christian won a 20-man battle royal, with the winner choosing a title match against the IC or US champion. Christian initially chose to face the US champ, but after an interaction with Rhodes, changed his mind.

-Rhodes was in control of the match, but paused to talk smack. He picked Christian up, and went to throw him in the corner. Christian reversed it, sending Rhodes in shoulder first. Off the rebound, Christian hit the Killswitch (formerly the Unprettier) and made the pin.

-title reign: 64 days

**7/23/12      The Miz                                  St. Louis, MO                                  Scottrade Center                                  [Raw- live](#)**

-referee: Scott Armstrong

-This was the 1000th episode of Raw. Bret Hart served as special ring announcer. Fans voted for the IC title to be defended on Raw 1000 the previous week.

-Christian hurt his knee early in the match on a dive to the outside of the ring. Later on, Christian reversed a Skull Crushing Finale, into a Killswitch attempt. Miz countered with a back suplex. Christian landed on his feet, but his knee slightly buckled. That allowed Miz to hit the Skull Crushing Finale for the pin.

-real name: Mike Mizanin

-title reign: 85 days (86 days TV time)

**10/16/12      Kofi Kingston [4]                                  Memphis, TN                                  FedEx Forum                                  [Main Event- 10/17/12](#)**

-referee: Chad Patton

-This match continued the feud between Kingston and Miz. Kingston scored a non-title victory on the 10/15/12 Raw.

-In the match, The Miz attempted to pin Kingston, but had his feet on the ropes for leverage. Miz argued with the referee.

Kingston attempted a schoolboy roll up but Miz got right up. Kingston then nailed Miz with a Trouble in Paradise kick and made the pin.

-title reign: 74 days (75 days TV time)

**12/29/12      Wade Barrett [2]                                  Washington, DC                                  Verizon Center                                  [Raw- 12/31/12](#)**

-referee: Chad Patton

-In the match, Kingston missed a dive off the top rope. Barrett took advantage with a Bull Hammer (elbow smash to the head). He made the pin for the victory.

**4/07/13      The Miz [2]                                  East Rutherford, NJ                                  MetLife Stadium                                  [WrestleMania 29 pre-show](#)**

-referee: Marc Harris

-During the match, Barrett tried to put away Miz with a Bull Hammer. Miz ducked, double-legged Barrett to take him down then put him in the figure-four. Barrett was able to get a rope break. Barrett came back and hit a Wasteland on Miz, but only got a two count. Miz kicked Barrett's knee from the mat to take Barrett down again. Miz then applied the figure-four while both men were on the mat and got the submission victory.

-title reign: one day

**4/08/13      Wade Barrett [3]                                  East Rutherford, NJ                                  Izod Center                                  [Raw-live](#)**

-referee: John Cone

-In the match, both men were fighting on the top rope. Miz knocked Barrett down to the apron. Barrett then slammed Miz's head on the corner pole, knocking him silly. Barrett re-entered the ring and hit the Bull Hammer elbow for the pin to regain the title.

**6/16/13      Curtis Axel                                  Rosemont, IL                                  Allstate Arena                                  [Payback](#)**

-referee: Scott Armstrong

-This was a triple threat match: Barrett [ch.] vs. The Miz vs. Axel

-Paul Heyman accompanied Axel.

-The match saw many near falls, and finishers, only to have the third participant break up the pin. Barrett and Miz were fighting near the ropes, with Miz attempting to apply the figure-four. Axel tried to come in, but both men backdropped him over the ropes onto the floor. Miz succeeded in applying the figure-four. Axel got back in the ring and made the cover on Barrett while the figure-four was still applied. Axel got the three count and awarded the match, since Barrett did not tap out from the submission move.

-real name: Joe Hennig. He is the son of Mr. Perfect, Curt Hennig, thus making them the only (as of 2016) father-son IC champions.

**11/18/13      Big E Langston                                  Nashville, TN                                  Bridgestone Arena                                  [Raw- live](#)**

-referee: Charles Robinson

-The finish saw Langston reverse a neckbreaker attempt by pushing off. When Axel rebounded, Langston clotheslined him.

Langston then picked Axel up for The Big Ending (shouldbreaker type move) for the pin.

-During his reign, Langston's ring name was shortened to Big E.

-real name: Ettore Ewen

**5/04/14      Bad News Barrett [4]                                  East Rutherford, NJ                                  Izod Center                                  **Extreme Rules****

-referee: Marc Harris

-Barrett was rechristened Bad News Barrett on the 12/02/13 Raw. He won a three-week, 8-man tournament on Raw to become the #1 contender for the IC title, defeating Rob Van Dam in the final on 4/28/14.  
-In the match, Big E tried to finish off Barrett with the Big Ending. Barrett got out by slipping out the back. He attempted the Bull Hammer elbow, but Big E ducked and ran off the ropes to build momentum. But Barrett hit him with a running Bull Hammer and made the pin.

**6/30/14 VACANT**

-It was announced on Raw that Barrett suffered an injury on the 6/27/14 Smackdown (taped 6/24/14) and was stripped of the title. A Battleground Battle Royal would determine a new champion.

**7/20/14 The Miz [3] Tampa, FL Tampa Bay Times Forum Battleground**

-This was a 19-man Battleground Battle Royal for the vacant title.

-referees: Darrick Moore, Jason Ayers, Dan Engler

-The match saw The Miz spend most of the time on the outside, picking his spots to rejoin the action when he had the chance to eliminate someone. Dolph Ziggler and Sheamus were the last two in the ring. Ziggler knocked Sheamus out of the ring, but only one foot of Sheamus' touched. But Sheamus dropkicked him out to apparently win. But, Miz re-entered the ring, eliminated Ziggler to win the match and title.

- Order of elimination: Xavier Woods (by Great Khali); Zack Ryder (by Khali); Khali (by Titus O'Neil, Sheamus, Ryback, Cesaro, Dolph Ziggler, Sin Cara, Big E); Sin Cara (by Bo Dallas); R-Truth (by Ryback & Curtis Axel); Axel (by Damien Sandow); Sandow (by Matador Diego); Diego (by Ryback); Ryback (by Sheamus); O'Neil (by Dallas); Alberto Del Rio (by Ziggler); Big E (by Cedaro); Kofi Kingston (by Cesaro); Cesaro (by Heath Slater); Slater (by Sheamus); Dallas (by Ziggler); Sheamus (by Ziggler); Ziggler (by Miz)

**8/17/14 Dolph Ziggler[2] Los Angeles, CA Staples Center SummerSlam**

-referee: Darrick Moore

-The Miz vs. Ziggler rivalry continued after Battleground. Ziggler scored a non-title win on the 7/21/14 Raw.

-The finish saw Ziggler break a Miz figure-four leglock with a rope break. Miz tried to grab Ziggler's leg, but Ziggler kicked off. He hit a Famooser, but Miz bounced right back up and hit his Skull Crushing Finale. However, Ziggler kicked out at two. Miz tried a kick to the downed Ziggler. Ziggler ducked, popped back up and hit a Zig Zag to make the pin.

**9/21/14 The Miz [4] Nashville, TN Bridgestone Arena Night of Champions**

-referee: Jason Ayers

-R-Truth seconded Ziggler; Damien Mizdow accompanied The Miz

-During the match, Miz had the figure-four on Ziggler, but Ziggler got a rope break. Ziggler got up and hit the Famooser on Miz, but only for a two count. Mizdow (who earlier in the match disappeared from ringside while chasing R-Truth), returned and got on the apron. Ziggler kicked him off the apron. But the distraction allowed Miz to roll up Ziggler, holding the tights, to score the pin.

**9/22/14 Dolph Ziggler [3] Memphis, TN FedEx Forum [Raw- live](#)**

-referee: John Cone

-Damien Mizdow accompanied The Miz

-During the match, Ziggler attempted a Zig Zag. Miz hung on to the ropes to block. Mizdow appeared on the apron, only to receive a kick from Ziggler. Miz rolled up Ziggler holding the tights, but Ziggler reversed and got the pin also holding the tights.

**11/17/14 Luke Harper Roanoke, VA Berglund Center [Raw- live](#)**

-referee: Ryan Tran

-At Survivor Series on 11/23/14, Team Cena would face Team Authority, with the future of WWE at stake. Ziggler was part of Team Cena; Harper joined Team Authority at the start of Raw. The Authority vowed at the beginning of Raw to take out Team Cena members.

-This was originally scheduled as a non-title bout. It was changed just before match time, as a reward for Harper joining Team Authority. Right before the referee rang the bell, Seth Rollins, Jamie Noble and Joey Mercury of The Authority attacked Ziggler.

-In the match, Harper dominated most of. Ziggler got a brief flurry of offense toward the end. Harper finished Ziggler off with a knee to the head, then picked him up in a power bomb position. Ziggler tried to resist with punches to the head. Harper just dropped him face first to the mat. Harper then clotheslined Ziggler and made the cover.

-After the match, Rollins nailed Ziggler with the Curb Stomp.

-title reign: 27 days

-real name: Jon Huber

**12/14/14 Dolph Ziggler [4] Cleveland, OH Quicken Loans Arena TLC**

-referees: Rod Zapata and John Cone

-this was a ladder match

-Both men bled during the match (Ziggler from the bridge of the nose; Harper from the arm). At the end, Ziggler was climbing a ladder, but slowed down by Harper. After setting up a ladder adjacent to the one Ziggler was on, Harper started ascending a ladder. But, Ziggler kicked Harper off his ladder. Ziggler continued his climb to claim victory.

**1/05/15**     **Bad News Barrett [5]**     **Corpus Christi, TX**     **American Bank Center**     [Raw- live](#)

-referee: Darrick Moore

-With The Authority back in control in their first show back, they book a title match, Ziggler vs. Barrett.

-In the match, Ziggler reversed side slam into a crucifix pinning combo to score the victory. An angry Barrett continually beats on Ziggler. Corporate Kane came out and said The Authority forgot to mention this was a 2 of 3 falls match. After the bell rung, Barrett kicked Ziggler in the face and hit a Wasteland for the pin, 1-1. Ziggler recovered to make it a competitive third fall. With both men on the mat, Kane got on the apron. Ziggler then kicked Kane off. But the distraction allowed Barrett to nail Ziggler with a Bull Hammer elbow to make the pin.

**3/29/15**     **Daniel Bryan**     **Santa Clara, CA**     **Levi's Stadium**     [WrestleMania 29](#)

-referees: Mike Chioda, Ryan Tran, Darrick Moore, Jason Ayers

-This was a seven-man ladder match: Barrett [ch.] vs. Daniel Bryan vs. Dolph Ziggler vs. Stardust vs. Luke Harper vs. R-Truth vs. Dean Ambrose

-With everyone taken out, it came down to Barrett vs. Bryan. Bryan took out Barrett with a flying knee. He seemed to have a free path to the title, but Ziggler came out of no where to ascend the other side of the ladder. Bryan and Ziggler traded punches. Then they traded headbutts. Bryan finally one the battle, knocking Ziggler down. Bryan grabbed the title belt to win the match.

-real name: Brian Danielson

-title reign: 43 days

**5/11/15**     **VACANT**     [Raw- live](#)

-On a live Raw from Cincinnati, Bryan relinquishes the IC title because of a concussion injury and his unknown recuperation time.

-The title would be put on the line in an Elimination Chamber match at the eponymously named PPV.

**5/31/15**     **Ryback**     **Corpus Christi, TX**     **American Bank Center**     [Elimination Chamber](#)

-This was an elimination chamber match for the vacant IC title: King Barrett vs. Dolph Ziggler vs. Sheamus vs. R-Truth vs. Mark Henry vs. Ryback.

-referees: Mike Chioda (inside), Darrick Moore, Dan Engler (outside)

-Order of entry: King Barrett, Dolph Ziggler, R-Truth, Mark Henry, Ryback, Sheamus

-The match: with five men entered, Ryback hit Snake Eyes on Barrett. R-Truth followed with a Lie Detector to score the pin, eliminating Barrett. Ryback pinned R-Truth following a Shellshock. Sheamus finally entered after his pod was stuck. He pinned Henry after a Brogue Kick. Sheamus pinned Ziggler after a Brogue Kick. Ryback then finished Sheamus off, with a power bomb, bouncing Sheamus' back off the cage then into a ring. He followed up with a Shellshock for the pin.

-title reign: 112 days

-real name: Ryan Reeves

**9/20/15**     **Kevin Owens**     **Houston, TX**     **Toyota Center**     [Night of Champions](#)

-referee: Chad Patton

-The rivalry started on the 9/07/15 Raw when Owens interrupted a Ryback interview. Owens followed up by costing Ryback a match on the 9/10/15 episode of Smackdown, a lumberjack contest against Seth Rollins. On the 9/14/15 Raw, Owens again interrupted a Ryback interview, making fun of his belief in the book "The Secret." Ryback reveals that he asked The Authority and was granted a match against Owens.

-for most of the match, Owens worked on Ryback's left shoulder. Owens tried to finish him off with an arm bar. Ryback powered out and attempted a Shellshock. But Owens raked Ryback's eyes to get out, then rolled him up for the pin.

-title reign: 84 days

-real name: Kevin Steen

**12/13/15**     **Dean Ambrose**     **Boston, MA**     **TD Garden**     [TLC: Tables, Ladders and Chairs](#)

-referee: Rod Zapata

-Ambrose won a triple threat match against Tyler Breeze and Dolph Ziggler on the 11/26/15 Smackdown to get a shot at the IC title.

-On the 12/07/15 Raw, Ambrose embarrassed Owens by throwing popcorn and soda in his face. At the 12/10/15 Smackdown contract signing, Owens tried to ambush Ambrose, but failed.

-In the match, Owens attempted a pop-up power bomb, but Ambrose reversed it into a roll up for the pin.

-real name: Jonathan Good

-title reign: 64 days

**2/15/16**     **Kevin Owens [2]**     **Anaheim, CA**     **Honda Center**     [Raw- live](#)



-referee: Ryan Tran

-This was a Fatal 5-Way match ordered by The Authority, with the first man scoring the pin winning the match: Ambrose [ch.] vs. Tyler Breeze vs. Dolph Ziggler vs. Stardust vs. Owens

-In a frenzied sequence of events closing the match, Ambrose attempted a Dirty Deeds on Stardust. Ziggler prevented it by hitting a Zig Zag on Ambrose, sending he and Stardust into the mat. Breeze then came in the ring and tossed Ziggler outside. He turned around right into a pop-up power bomb by Owens who made the pin.

-title reign: 48 days

**4/03/16      Zack Ryder                      Arlington, TX                      AT&T Stadium                      WrestleMania**

-This was a seven-way ladder match for the title: Kevin Owens [ch.] vs. Dolph Ziggler vs. Sami Zayn vs. The Miz vs. Zack Ryder vs. Stardust vs. Sin Cara

-referees: Rod Zapata, Darrick Moore, Jason Ayers

-The finish of the match saw six of the competitors incapacitated except for The Miz. Miz ascended the ladder. When he got to the top, he posed on top of the ladder, gloating. Ryder climbed up the ladder and pushed Miz off. Ryder then grabbed the ladder to win. After the match, Ryder's dad greeted him in celebration.

-The match was set up on the 3/14/16 Raw. Kevin Owens for weeks had been trying to find an opponent for WrestleMania, but rejecting opponent after opponent. He continued to lobby Stephanie McMahon. Finally fed up with his posturing, McMahon ordered Owens to defend the title in a seven-way ladder match.

-Ryder replaced an injured Neville.

-real name: Matthew Cardona

-title reign: 1 day

4/04/16      The Miz [5]                      Dallas, TX                      American Airlines Center                      Raw- live

-referee: Chad Patton

-Miz made an impromptu challenge to Ryder to defend the title, which was accepted.

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