

i-Domination Classics Series:

1990 Controversy Over Canada: The Aftermath

February of 1990 is a date that lives in infamy for the National Wrestling Alliance as reigning NWA World Heavyweight Champion Michael 'PS' Hayes refused to defend the championship in Canada against number one contender Bret Hart. Hayes, who claimed he was not contractually obligated to defend the title in Calgary (due to WCCW's unofficial hold on the title), was then stripped of the Championship by the National Wrestling Alliance for failing to meet his obligations as Champion of the organization.

But the real controversy came when Michael Hayes refused to relinquish the physical title belt back to the NWA. Stating that the NWA could keep his \$150,000 collateral payment on the title, the former champion claimed that the physical belt belonged to him.

Not wanting to get tied up into a lengthy court battle, the NWA instead ordered for a new belt be designed and produced. Michael Hayes was now black listed from the NWA, and in March Bret Hart won a tournament final over Davey Boy Smith to be the first wrestler to ever wear the "Big Gold" version of the NWA Title.

It is now April of 1990, and this is where our story begins...

Cast of Promotions:

National Wrestling Alliance Members:

NWA: Calgary Stampede (Cult) - Undoubtedly the flagship promotion of the National Wrestling Alliance as 1990 inches forward, Stampede is built on the Hart family and the graduates of their world renown 'Hart Family Dungeon' Training Program. The promotion relies on a product of straight forward, heavily-athletic matches, and it is that approach that the NWA finds Stampede so favorable for. After the controversy surrounding "The Hayes Incident" the NWA World Heavyweight title is where the NWA wants it, and around Bret Hart's waste. Two of the title's top contenders, Curt Hennig and Davey Boy Smith. As well, former champion 'Millionaire' Ted DiBiase has relocated to the white north and hopes to add yet another reign to his resume. That is of course, if he can work out the recent problems with his servant Virgil who has inadvertently cost DiBiase a number of big match ups. Then there's the reigning NWA Canadian Heavyweight Champion Bad News Allen who has tore through any and all challengers. While there is plenty a big name on the roster, the future also looks bright for the company as young stars like Owen Hart, Brian Pillman, Chris Jericho and Lance Storm have recently been catching fans attentions with stunning performances.

Honolulu Championship Wrestling (Regional) – HCW is a promotion that relies on a very traditional and family friendly approach to wrestling, booking clear cut good and bad guys, good versus evil and the like. Recently, Skandor Akbar has brought his Devistation Inc. faction who look to take over the company. Wahoo McDaniel, Don Muraco, Superfly Jimmy Snuka and even Superstar Billy Graham have spots on Honolulu's roster.

Internacional De Lucha Azteca (Regional) - The only show in town south of the border in Mexico, ILA recently ran their Rey De Reyes Event which was won by a very young and promising star in Konnan El Barbaro. The company is seeing a bit of a revolution in styles happening as talented young stars such as Sabu, Robbie V, El Scorpio, Jinsei Shinzaki, Psicosis and a number of others are taking to the ropes and performing dazzling stunts that both wow and amaze crowds. Many feel that this 'high flying' style is that of the future.

Memphis Championship Wrestling (Regional) – Home of Jerry 'The King' Lawler, many fans were recently disappointed when 'The King' failed to keep his promise of winning the NWA Title Tournament and bringing the gold back to Memphis. However, the current Southern Heavyweight Champion is one of the top contenders and is likely to receive a shot. The past few months of the organization have seen a bitter feud between Sid Vicious and Eddie Gilbert, that started when Gilbert returned to Memphis three months ago and targeted Sid Vicious for the reason of simply being the biggest dog in the yard. The company has a solid future ahead of it with second generation stars such as Jeff Jarrett, Brian Lawler, and The Armstrong Brothers beginning to catch fire.

NWA Golden West (Regional) – Still a fledgling company at just under a year old, NWA Golden West uses a glitz and glamor approach as they associate themselves with the California and Hollywood setting. The promotion has a number of big names working for them including NWA West Coast Heavyweight Champion Rowdy Roddy Piper, 'Mr. Wonderful' Paul Orndorff, Jake 'The Snake' Roberts and King Kong Bundy. The promotion thus far has put out a colorful, over the top series of events with flamboyant characters such as Koko B. Ware, The High Rollers, 'Diamond' Dallas Page, Scotty The Body and Kevin Vegas.

Ric Flair Promotions (Cult) – The recent talk of RFP has been the eventful Clash of the Champions show that among other things saw Barry Windham defeat both 'The World's Strongest Man' Bill Kazmaier and Sting enroute to defeating Ricky Steamboat for the NWA Mid-Atlantic Heavyweight Championship. What should have been a joyous occasion was marred in controversy because RFP owner Ric Flair, who has been known to use his powers to help his own personal agenda came out and distracted both Steamboat and the referee before allowing Windham to hit Steamboat with a loaded boot and capture the belt. It is not yet known if Windham is aligned with Flair or not, as Flair had been doing his best to make Steamboat's title reign come to an end for a while now. The company has also seen an intense rivalry between Arn Anderson and former NWA World Heavyweight Champion Terry Funk as well. During their match at Clash of the Champions, Funk brought in a steel chair and laid out Double A with a vicious attack that sent the champion to the hospital. Far from finished, you can bet for sure that Double A is plotting his revenge. The company has plenty of top tier talent including Sting, Ricky Steamboat, NWA World Tag Team Champions The Steiner Brothers, Lex Luger, and The Road Warriors.

World Class Championship Wrestling (Cult) – Paul E. Dangerously and his Dangerous Alliance's plans of making an impact on WCCW were felt in full at the company's Battle at The Alamo event when 'The Macho Man' Randy Savage made his shocking return to the company as The Alliance's newest member. After WCCW Heavyweight Champion Kerry Von Erich had just defended his title in a brutal Steel Cage Match with Steve Williams, Savage used bolt cutters to pry open the cage door and hit the ring. A physically spent Von Erich was no match to a fresh Savage's rights and lefts as an impromptu brawl escalated. When all was said and done, the 'Macho Man' dropped his infamous flying elbow and posed with Von Erich's belt – sending a clear message as to why he was back. The war with the Dangerous

Alliance had erupted at the top of the card, but the fight had already been brewing as Kevin Von Erich and Chris Adams had been battling The Alliance's Steve Austin and Jimmy Garvin after the cocky Austin turned on his former trainer and mentor Adams in a sickening attack with a steel chair. Elsewhere, WCCW packs a lot of talent such as Texas Heavyweight Champion Eric Embry, NWA World Tag Team Title contenders Ron Simmons and Butch Reed, The "American Dream" Dusty Rhodes, and other fine stars.

Independent Organizations:

American Wrestling Association (Regional) – The only other organization in North America with a valid claim to a World Heavyweight Title, the AWA still uses the approach that brought them to the dance. Problem is that many feel the same sort of product is being offered by the NWA, and better at that in the form of Calgary Stampede. The AWA's roster is loaded with aging veterans like Larry Zbyszko, Bob Backlund, Col. DeBeers, and Sgt. Slaughter, but it does have some potential stars of the future as well in a big guy named Leon White, and a fine young British fellow by the name of Steven Regal.

Championship Wrestling of Georgia (Regional) – Perhaps the only promotion without an NWA charter that works with NWA talent on a frequent basis, Championship Wrestling of Georgia has a plethora of tag team competition. The Iron Sheik and The Cuban Assassin have been trying to win fans over for the past months by saying that they have changed their ways and are now "Friends of America" but many people just aren't buying it. Freebirds Buddy Roberts and Terry Gordy, The Kongs, and other tag teams fill out the ranks.

Main Event Wrestling (Regional) – MEW is a new promotion that claims that they'll compete with the NWA, and do so by buying top talents at any price. Their current "World" Champion is the aging Andre The Giant, with Bobby The Brain Heenan serving as his manager. The association of the two with this promotion has not been met with a favorable reaction by the National Wrestling Alliance, and many feel it has even put a tarnish on Andre's surefire Hall of Fame ballot. The company keeps claiming it is "close to signing" a television deal, and "is in negotiation with several of the NWA's big names." It already has a few established stars such as The Junkyard Dog, Brutus Beefcake, and 'Hacksaw' Jim Duggan, but you have to wonder how a promotion without the funding of the NWA can afford those guys, let alone more.

Event Results for March:

WCCW Battle At The Alamo (PPV)

25th of March, 1990 - Dallas Sportatorium, Dallas, Texas

Kerry Von Erich © def. Steve Williams	WCCW Heavyweight Championship	Steel Cage Match
Kevin Von Erich and Chris Adams def. "Stunningly Gorgeous" Jimmy Garvin and Steve Austin		
Eric Embry © def. Dusty Rhodes	WCCW Texas Heavyweight Championship	

Harlem Heat def. The Midnight Rockers	WCCW Tag Team Championship	
The Dingo Warrior def. Mike Rotunda		
'The Natural' Dustin Rhodes def. Bobby Duncam Jr.		Leather Strap Match

RFP Clash of the Champions (PPV)

18th of March, 1990 - The Omni, Atlanta, Georgia

Barry Windham def. Ricky Steamboat ©	NWA Mid-Atlantic Heavyweight Championship	
The Steiner Brothers © def. The Midnight Express w/ James E. Cornette	NWA World Tag Team Championship	
Arn Anderson def. Terry Funk via DQ.	NWA United States Championship	
Barry Windham def. Sting		Clash of the Champions Tournament Final
Barry Windham def. "The World's Strongest Man" Bill Kazmaier		Clash of the Champions Tournament
Rick Rude w/ Percy Pringle def. Todd Champion		
Sting def. Lex Luger		Clash of the Champions Tournament

Calgary Stampede's Calgary Super Show

30th of March - Rexall Place, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Bret Hart © def. Millionaire Ted DiBiase	NWA World Heavyweight Championship	2 out of 3 Falls Match
Bad News Allen © def. Jim Neidhart	NWA Canadian Heavyweight Championship	
Davey Boy Smith def. Curt Hennig		Powerslam vs. Hennig-Plex Match
Jacques Rougeau Jr. defeated Keith Hart	NWA British Commonwealth Championship	
Rick Martel def. Jerry Lynn		
Scott Hall def. Marc Mero		
Owen Hart and Brian Pillman © def. Chris Jericho and Lance Storm	NWA Canadian Tag Team Championship	

MCW Crowning The Champion

24th of March - Mid-South Coliseum, Memphis, Tennessee

Bret Hart def. Davey Boy Smith	NWA World Heavyweight	NWA Title Tournament
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	Championship	Finals
Bill Dundee def. Kamala by DQ.		
Davey Boy Smith def. Jerry "The King" Lawler		NWA Title Tournament Semi-Finals
Jeff Jarrett def. Doug Gilbert		
Bret Hart def. Sid Vicious		NWA Title Tournament Semi-Finals
Brad Armstrong def. 'Skyscraper' Dan Spivey	Memphis Television Championship	
Brian Lawler def. Boss Taylor		Cobb County Brawl
Danny Davis and Tom Pritchard def. Brian and Scott Armstrong		
The Boulder Brothers def. The Fantastics ©	NWA Southern Tag Team Championship	

NWA Golden West "Vegas Tour" Final Show

31st of March - Cox Pavilion, Las Vegas, Nevada

Rowdy Roddy Piper def. Tully Blanchard ©	NWA Western Coast Heavyweight Championship	No Disqualification Match
The High Rollers def. Jake Roberts, Tito Santana and Austin Idol		Six Man Elimination Tag Team Match
Chavo and Hector Guerrero © def. The Polish Powers	NWA California Tag Team Championship	
King Kong Bundy def. Mondo Guerrero		
Mr. Wonderful Paul Orndorff © def. Hercules Hernandez	NWA California State Championship	
DOOM def. The Rock 'n Roll Express		NWA World Tag Team Title Contender Match
Art Barr def. B. Brian Blair		

ILA Rey de Reyes

3rd of March - Gimnasio Olimpico, Mexico City, Mexico

Konnan El Barbaro def. Jinsei Shinzaki, Tiger Mask II and Joe Malenko		Rey de Reyes Final
Jushin Liger © def. Hiro Saito	NWA World Junior Heavyweight Championship	
Konnan El Barbaro def. Dean Malenko, El Scorpio and Black Tiger		Rey de Reyes Qualifier
Tiger Mask II defeated Dr. Wagner Jr., Lightning Kid and El Vampiro Canadiense		Rey de Reyes Qualifier

Sabu, Robbie V and The Sheik defeated Hector Garza, Psycosis and Rey Misterio Jr.		
Joe Malenko defeated Silver King, La Parka and Hector Garza		Rey de Reyes Qualifier
insei Shinzaki defeated Kenta Kobashi, Manny Fernandez and El Dandy		Rey de Reyes Qualifier

HCW March Supershow

3rd of March - War Memorial Gymnasium, Wailuku, Hawaii

Don Muraco defeated Tatsumi Fujinami	HCW Heavyweight Championship	
Samoan Swat Team no contest Devastation Inc.		
Masahiro Chono def. Abdullah The Butcher		
Iceman King Parsons def. Fidel Sierra		
Tiger Jeet Singh and Tiger Jeet Singh Jr. def. Wahoo McDaniel and Chris Chavis		
The Headhunters def. Ron and Don Harris		

AWA Super Sunday

11th of March - Roy Wilkins Auditorium, St. Paul, Minnesota

Larry Zbyszko defeated Bob Backlund	AWA World Heavyweight Championship	
Nikita Koloff defeated Col. DeBeers		
Sir. Steven Regal def. Baron Von Rashke		
Badd Company def. The Texas Hangmen	AWA World Tag Team Championship	
Sgt. Slaughter def. Leon White by DQ.		
The Trooper def. Unknown Soldier		
Rockin' Rebel def. Brad Rheingans	AWA World Television Championship	

MEW Main Event Showdown

9th of March - Walter A. Brown Arena, Boston, Massachusetts

Andre The Giant © w/ Bobby Heenan defeated Jim Duggan	Maine Event Heavyweight Championship	
Bam Bam Bigelow and Stan Hansen defeated Brutus Beefcake and Junkyard Dog		
Steve Keirn defeated Chris Candido	Main Event Intercontinental Championship	
The Boogie Man defeated Mr. Sandman		

The Dogs of War defeated The Pitbulls		Tag Team Title Contenders Match (Winners to face Destruction Crew)
Tom Brandi defeated The Vampire Warrior		

GCW Saturday Night Slam! (Weekly Event)

31st of March - Atlanta Armory, Atlanta, Georgia

Buddy Roberts and Terry Gordy © defeated 'Friends of America' The Iron Sheik and The Cuban Assassin	Georgia Tag Team Championships	
Mr. Wrestling II defeated Giant Haystacks		
Nikita Volkoff and Ivan Koloff defeated 'The Cool Dudes' Shane Douglas and Johnny Ace		
The Original Midnight Express defeated The Kongs		
Buddy Rogers def. Bob Holly		

NWA Rankings:

#	NWA World Heavyweight	NWA World Junior Heavyweight	NWA World Tag Team
Champion:	Bret 'Hitman' Hart	Jushin 'Thunder' Liger	The Steiner Brothers
1	Jerry "The King" Lawler (MCW)	Hiro Sairo (NJPW)	DOOM (WCCW)
2	Michael Hayes (N/A)	Dr. Wagner Jr. (ILA)	The Midnight Express (MCW)
3	Barry Windham (RFP)	Pegasus Kid (NJPW)	The Road Warriors (RFP)
4	Sting (RFP)	Tiger Mask II (ILA)	Owen Hart and Brian Pillman (CS)
5	Ted DiBiase (CS)	El Scorpio (ILA)	The Rock 'n Roll Express (NWA-GW)
6	Davey Boy Smith (CS)	The Dynamite Kid (CS)	Harlem Heat (WCCW)
7	Roddy Piper (NWA-GW)	Brad Armstrong (MCW)	Los Guerreros (NWA-GW)
8	Kerry Von Erich (WCCW)	Jinsei Shinzaki (ILA)	The Midnight Rockers (WCCW)
9	Curt Hennig (CS)	Z-Man (MCW)	Demolition (RFP)
10	Konnor El Barbaro (ILA)	Black Tiger (ILA)	The Boulder Brothers (MCW)

Championship History

NWA World Heavyweight Championship Title History

- 1 - **Orville Brown** - Jan. 5, 1948 - Des Moines, IA
 - 2 - **Lou Thesz** - Nov. 27, 1949 - N/A
 - 3 - **Whipper Billy Watson** - Mar. 15, 1956 - Toronto, ON
 - 4 - **Lou Thesz** [2] - Nov. 9, 1956 - St. Louis, MO
 - 5 - **Dick Hutton** - Nov. 14, 1957 - Toronto, ON
 - 6 - **Pat O'Connor** - Jan 9, 1959 - St. Louis, MO
 - 7 - **Buddy Rogers** - June 30, 1961 - Chicago, IL
 - 8 - **Lou Thesz** [3] - Jan. 24, 1963 - Toronto, ON
 - 9 - **Gene Kiniski** - Jan 7, 1966 - St. Louis, MO
 - 10 - **Dory Funk Jr.** - Feb. 11, 1969 - Tampa, FL
 - 11 - **Harley Race** - May 24, 1973 - Kansas City, MO
 - 12 - **Jack Briscoe** - July 20, 1973 - Houston, TX
 - 13 - **Giant Baba** - Dec. 2, 1974 - Kagoshima, Japan
 - 14 - **Jack Briscoe** [2] - Dec. 8, 1974 - Toyohashi, Japan
 - 15 - **Terry Funk** - Dec. 10, 1975 - Miami, FL
 - 16 - **Harley Race** [2] - Feb. 6, 1977 - Toronto, ON
 - 17 - **Dusty Rhodes** - Aug 21, 1979 - Tampa, FL
 - 18 - **Harley Race** [3] - Aug. 26, 1979 - Orlando, FL
 - 19 - **Giant Baba** [2] - Oct. 31, 1979 - Nagoya, Japan
 - 20 - **Harley Race** [4] - Nov. 7, 1979 - Amagasaki, Japan
 - 21 - **Giant Baba** [3] - Sep. 4, 1980 - Saga, Japan
 - 22 - **Harley Race** [5] - Sep. 9, 1980 - Ohtsu, Japan
 - 23 - **Tommy Rich** - April 27, 1981 - Augusta, GA
 - 24 - **Dusty Rhodes** [2] - June 21, 1981 - Atlanta, GA
 - 25 - **Harley Race** [6] - Sep. 17, 1981 - Kansas City, MO
 - 26 - **Carlos Colon** - Jan. 6, 1983 - San Juan, PR
 - 27 - **David Von Erich** - Jan. 24, 1983 - Miami, FL
 - 28 - **Dusty Rhodes** [3] - Nov. 24, 1983 - Tampa, FL
 - 29 - **Harley Race** [7] - Mar. 21, 1984 - Wellington, New Zealand
 - 30 - **Kerry Von Erich** - May 6, 1984 - Irving, TX
 - 31 - **'Millionaire' Ted DiBiase** - May 11, 1985 - Austin, TX
- * DiBiase wins tournament final over Dusty Rhodes to crown a new champion after the title was vacated when Kerry Von Erich suffers an injury and is unable to defend the title within a 90 day period.
- 32 - **Jerry 'The King' Lawler** - Aug. 23, 1985 - Memphis, TN
 - 33 - **Ricky Steamboat** - Nov. 28, 1985 - Greensboro, NC
 - 34 - **Jerry 'The King' Lawler** [2] - Dec. 14, 1985 - Charlotte, NC
 - 35 - **Ricky Steamboat** [2] - Feb. 22, 1986 - New York, NY

36 - **'Millionaire' Ted Dibiase** [2] - Nov. 26, 1987 - Charlotte, NC

37 - **Sting** - Nov. 26, 1987 - Charlotte, NC

38 - **Randy Savage** - Aug. 28, 1988 - Dallas, TX

39 - **Sting** [2] - Sep. 11, 1988 - Atlanta, GA

40 - **Michael Hayes** - Oct. 10, 1988 - Austin, TX

41 - **Sting** [3] - Dec. 26, 1988 - Norfolk, VA

* July 1, 1989 Sting is forced to vacate the title through injury.

42 - **Michael Hayes** [2] - Aug. 6, 1989 - Irving, TX

* February of 1990, Hayes refuses to defend the title in Calgary citing that he isn't contractually obligated to compete in Canada, and is stripped of the title by the NWA. Hayes though, keeps physical possession of the title and the NWA creates a new representation of the Championship, often dubbed "Big Gold."

43 - **Bret 'The Hitman' Hart** - Mar. 24, 1990 - Memphis, TN

* Hart wins tournament final over Davey Boy Smith

NWA World Tag Team Championship History

1 - **Minnesota Wrecking Crew (Gene Anderson and Ole Anderson)** - Jan. 29, 1975 - N/A

* Title were awarded to the Minnesota Wrecking Crew, though it was announced on television that they won a tournament in California for the title. Also note that this was the Mid-Atlantic version of the NWA World Tag Team Championship at this point. Prior to 1982 many territories recognized their own version of the "World Tag Team Championship."

2 - **Wahoo McDaniel and Paul Jones** - May 15, 1975 - Greensboro, NC

3 - **The Minnesota Wrecking Crew** [2] - June 11, 1975 - Raleigh, NC

4 - **Wahoo McDaniel** [2] and **Rufus R. Jones** - Jan. 27, 1976 - Columbia, SC

5 - **The Minnesota Wrecking Crew** [3] - Feb. 3, 1976 - Raleigh, NC

6 - **Mr. Wrestling and Dino Bravo** - May 5, 1976 - Raleigh, NC

7 - **The Minnesota Wrecking Crew** [4] - June 28, 1976 - Greenville, SC

8 - **Don Muraco and Greg Valentine** - Dec. 26, 1976 - Greenville, SC

9 - **The Minnesota Wrecking Crew** [5] - May 8, 1977 - Charlotte, NC

* June 1977, The Minnesota Wrecking Crew defeat Mike Graham and Kevin Sullivan to unify the Mid-Atlantic and Mid-America versions of the World Tag Team Titles.

10 - **Dusty Rhodes and Dick Slater** - Sep. 23, 1977 - Atlanta, GA

11 - **Minnesota Wrecking Crew** [6] - Oct. 14, 1977 - Atlanta, GA

12 - **Don Muraco** [2] and **Greg Valentine** [2] - Oct. 30, 1977 - Greensboro, NC

* Stripped of title in April, 1978 after continually breaking NWA rules and getting disqualified.

13 - **Paul Jones** [2] and **Ricky Steamboat** - April 23, 1978 - Greensboro, NC

* Defeated Masked Superstar and Ken Patera in tournament final.

14 - **Baron Von Raschke and Greg Valentine** [3] - June 7, 1978 - Raleigh, NC

* November 1978, Raschke and Valentine defeat Bob Brown and Bob Sweetan in Des Moines, IA to unify the Mid-Atlantic and Central States versions of the "World Tag Team Titles."

- 15 - **Jimmy Snuka and Paul Orndorff** - Dec. 12, 1978 - Charlotte, NC
- 16 - **Baron Von Raschke [2] and Paul Jones [3]** - April 28, 1979 - Atlanta, GA
- *May of 1979 Raschke and Jones defeat Ed Wisloski and Roddy Piper in Los Angeles to unify the Mid-Atlantic and San Francisco versions of the "World Tag Team Titles."
- 17 - **The Blackjacks (Mulligan and Lanza)** - Aug 8, 1979 - Greensboro, NC
- 18 - **Baron Von Rashke [3] and Paul Jones [4]** - Aug. 22, 1979 - Greensboro, NC
- 19 - **Ricky Steamboat [2] and Jay Youngblood** - Oct. 24, 1979 - Raleigh, NC
- 20 - **Ray Stevens and Greg Valentine [4]** - Mar. 29, 1980 - Charlotte, NC
- 21 - **Ricky Steamboat [3] and Jay Youngblood [2]** - May 10, 1980 - Gainesville, GA
- 22 - **Giant Baba and Jumbo Tsurata** - August, 20 1980 - Charlotte, NC
- *Baba and Tsurata, the reigning World Tag Team Champions (Detroit version) defeat Steamboat and Youngblood to unify the Detroit and Mid-Atlantic versions of the "World Tag Team Titles."
- 23 - **Paul Jones [5] and Masked Superstar** - Nov. 27, 1980 - Greensboro, NC
- 24 - **Ray Stevens [2] and Ivan Koloff** - Feb. 22, 1981 - Greensboro, NC
- 24 - **Paul Jones [6] and Masked Superstar [2]** - Mar. 22, 1981 - Greensboro, NC
- 25 - **Minnesota Wrecking Crew [7]** - May 1, 1981 - Richmond, VA
- *Title vacated December 1981 when Gene Anderson is injured
- 26 - **Ole Anderson [8] and Stan Hansen** - Feb. 28, 1982 - Atlanta, GA
- * Awarded title by forfeit when Wahoo McDaniel and Don Muraco split before their scheduled title match.
- *May 1982 Hansen and Anderson defeat Kerry Von Erich and Al Madril in St. Louis, MI to unify the Texas and Mid-Atlantic version of the "World Tag Team Titles."
- *Title vacated in September of 1982.
- 27 - **Giant Baba [2] and Antonio Inoki** - Sep. 21, 1982 - Tokyo, Japan
- *Baba and Inoki defeat Sgt. Slaughter and Don Kernodle in tournament final.
- *December 1982, the Los Angeles version of the "World Tag Team Titles" are retired with the closure of the promotion. The Mid-Atlantic version of the World Tag Team Title becomes the official undisputed NWA World Tag Team Championship.
- 28 - **Ricky Steamboat [4] and Jay Youngblood [3]** - Mar. 12, 1983 - Hiroshima, Japan
- 29 - **The Briscoe Brothers (Jack and Jerry)** - June 18, 1983 - Greensboro, NC
- 30 - **Ricky Steamboat [5] and Jay Youngblood [4]** - Oct. 3, 1983 - Greenville, SC
- 31 - **The Briscoe Brothers [2]** - Oct. 21, 1983 - Richmond, VA
- 32 - **Ricky Steamboat [6] and Jay Youngblood [5]** - Nov. 24, 1983 - Greensboro, NC
- *Title vacated December, 1983 when Steamboat announces his retirement
- 33 - **Don Kernodle and Sgt. Slaughter** - May 5, 1984 - Jan. 8, 1984 - Greensboro, SC
- *Defeated Dory Funk Jr. and Jimmy Valiant in tournament final.
- 34 - **Wahoo McDaniel [4] and Mark Youngblood [2]** - March 4, 1984 - Greensboro, SC
- 36 - **The Briscoe Brothers [3]** - April 4, 1984 - Spartansburg, SC
- 37 - **Wahoo McDaniel [5] and Mark Youngblood [3]** - May 5, 1984 - Greensboro, SC
- 38 - **Ivan Koloff [2] and Don Kernodle [2]** - May 8, 1984 - Raleigh, NC

- 39 - **Dusty Rhodes [2] and Manny Fernandez** - Oct. 20, 1984 - Greensboro, SC
- 40 - **Ivan Koloff [3] and Nikita Koloff** - March 18, 1985 - Fayetteville, NC
- *Titles vacated in May of 1985 when the NWA's "reorganization" begins. A Tournament is decided to crown new champion in Texas.
- 41 - **The Fabulous Freebirds (Michael Hayes, Terry Gordy and Buddy Roberts)** - May 11, 1985 - Austin, TX
- *The Freebirds (Hayes and Gordy) defeat Kevin and Mike Von Erich in tournament final.
- *"The Freebirds Clause" is added to the NWA World Tag Team titles, stating that any two man combination of Hayes, Gordy or Roberts could defend the titles legally.
- 42 - **The Rock 'n' Roll Express (Robert Gibson and Ricky Morton)** - June 23, 1985 - Nashville, TN
- 43 - **The Fabulous Freebirds [2]** - Sep. 21, 1985 - Memphis, TN
- 44 - **The Midnight Express (Stan Lane and Dennis Condrey)** - (Dennis Condrey and Bobby Eaton) - Feb. 2, 1986 - Atlanta, GA
- 44 - **Jerry 'The King' Lawler and Bill Dundee** - Aug 16, 1986 - Memphis, TN
- 45 - **The Rock 'n' Roll Express [2]** - Oct. 4, 1986 - Memphis, TN
- 46 - **The Midnight Express [2]** - Dec. 6, 1986 - Atlanta, GA
- 47 - **The British Bulldogs (Dynamite Kid and Davey Boy Smith)** - May 26, 1987 - Calgary, AB
- 48 - **The Hart Foundation (Bret Hart and Jim Neidhart)** - Aug. 16, 1987 - Toronto, ON
- 49 - **Arn Anderson and Tully Blanchard** - Oct. 3, 1987 - Atlanta, GA
- 50 - **Barry Windham and Lex Luger** - Mar. 27, 1987 - Tampa, FL
- 51 - **Arn Anderson and Tully Blanchard [2]** - April 20, 1988 - Jacksonville, FL
- 52 - **The Midnight Rockers (Mart Jannetty and Shawn Michaels)** - Sep. 10, 1988 - Philadelphia, PA
- 53 - **The Road Warriors** - Oct. 29, 1988 - New Orleans, LA
- 54 - **The Midnight Express [3]** - April 2, 1989 - New Orleans, LA
- 55 - **The Fabulous Freebirds (Terry Gordy [3] and Jimmy Garvin [3])** June 14, 1989 - Ft. Bragg, NC
- 56 - **The Steiner Brothers** - Nov. 1, 1989 - Atlanta, GA

NWA (Unified) World Junior Heavyweight Championship History

- 1 - **Tiger Mask** - May 18, 1985 - Tokyo, Japan
- 2 - **The Great Sasuke** - Dec. 31, 1985 - Osaka, Japan
- 3 - **Jushin 'Thunder' Liger** - Aug. 8, 1986 - Tokyo, Japan
- 4 - **Tiger Mask [2]** - Sep. 10, 1988 - Hiroshima, Japan
- 5 - **Hiro Saito** - Jan. 23, 1989 - Osaka, Japan
- 6 - **Jushin 'Thunder' Liger [2]** - Mar. 15, 1990 - Tokyo, Japan