



King of the Ring



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King of the Ring is a professional wrestling single-elimination tournament held by [WWE](#). The tournament was held annually from 1985 to 2002, with the exception of 1990 and 1992. From 1993 to 2002, the tournament was produced as a pay-per-view event. In 2003, the event's pay-per-view slot was replaced by [Bad Blood](#).

The tournament endured a four-year hiatus until its return in 2006 as an exclusive event of the [SmackDown](#) brand. The tournament returned as an inter-brand event for both [SmackDown](#) and [Raw](#) in 2008, 2010, and 2015. WWE released a best of King of the Ring DVD in late 2011.

King of the Ring

Promotions	WWE
First event	King of the Ring (1985)
Last event	King of the Ring (2015)

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The King of the Ring logo

Use of the King gimmick

Although the *King of the Ring* tournament was not made into a pay-per-view event until 1993, the original *King of the Ring* tournament was held in 1985. [Don Muraco](#) won the tournament last, defeating [The Iron Sheik](#).

In 1986, the second *King of the Ring* winner, [Harley Race](#), parlayed his victory into an arrogant King of Wrestling gimmick, featuring a regal cape and crown. This gimmick led to several notable feuds for Race with [Junkyard Dog](#), [Hulk Hogan](#), "[Hacksaw](#)" [Jim Duggan](#), and others, even after new winners had been crowned in the annual tournament. In 1988, Race suffered an abdominal injury and during his absence his manager [Bobby "the Brain" Heenan](#) awarded the crown to [Haku](#) in July, rechristening him King Haku, even though [Randy Savage](#) had won the tournament by that point and [Ted DiBiase](#) would also win the tournament during this storyline. Race eventually returned from his injury and briefly feuded with King Haku, but was unable to regain the crown at the [1989 Royal Rumble](#). King Haku then lost the crown to "[Hacksaw](#)" [Jim Duggan](#) in May 1989.^[1] "King Hacksaw" then lost it on August 30, 1989 to "[Macho Man](#)" [Randy Savage](#), who rebranded himself "Macho King".^[2] Savage abandoned the "Macho King" gimmick upon his loss of a "Career ending match" to [Ultimate Warrior](#) at [Wrestlemania VII](#) in 1991, following which only wrestlers who had won the most recent tournament, as well [Jerry Lawler](#) (who had used a King Of Wrestling image regionally in the Memphis area since the early 1970s) would use the gimmick.

[Randy Savage](#) ("[Macho King](#)"), [Owen Hart](#) ("[King of Harts](#)"),^[3] [Mabel](#) ("[King Mabel](#)"),^[4] [Kurt Angle](#) ("[King Kurt](#)") [Edge](#) ("[King Edge the Awesome](#)"), [Booker T](#) ("[King Booker](#)"),^[5] [Sheamus](#) ("[King Sheamus](#)")^{[6][7]} and [Bad News Barrett](#) ("[King Barrett](#)") are all wrestlers that also took on "King" nicknames after winning King of the Ring tournaments, with varying amounts of indulgence in the regal gimmick. [William Regal](#) won the tournament while serving as General Manager of [Raw](#)^[8] and began displaying [King Lear](#) signs of tyranny and

delusion. Triple H alluded to his King of the Ring victory as part of his integrated gimmick starting 2006 as the "King of Kings".^[9] In addition to the King's crown, various female wrestlers were portrayed as Queen while they were aligned with Kings, including "Queen of the Ring" Fabulous Moolah (aligned with King Harley Race at Wrestlemania III), Sensational Queen Sherri^[10] (manager of "Macho King" Randy Savage), and Queen Sharmell^[11] (manager of King Booker). Mo, Mabel's tag team partner in Men on a Mission, was "knighted" as Sir Mo by his partner after the latter's 1995 victory.

Pay-per-view

The King of the Ring was an event in which typically sixteen wrestlers wrestled in a one-on-one single elimination bracket. When a wrestler wins a match in the bracket, he advances to take on another wrestler who has also won. The final few matches would then take place at that year's King of the Ring event. The winner of the final match is officially crowned the King of the Ring. There were also other matches that took place at the King of the Ring event since it was a traditional three-hour pay-per-view. The King of the Ring pay-per-view was considered one of the WWE's "Big Five" events of the year, along with the Royal Rumble, WrestleMania, SummerSlam and Survivor Series, up until its disestablishment after the 2002 event.

Revival

After a four-year hiatus, the tournament would return in 2006, the first since the 1991 edition that was not on pay-per-view, which was won by Booker T, who faced Bobby Lashley in the finals at Judgment Day. The tournament would return in 2008 on the April 23 episode of Raw, which was won by William Regal, who faced CM Punk in the finale, and in 2010 on the November 29 episode of Raw, which was won by Sheamus, who

faced [John Morrison](#) in the finale. After a five-year hiatus, the tournament returned in 2015 on the April 27 episode of *Raw*, with the finals taking place the next night on the [WWE Network](#). [Bad News Barrett](#) defeated [Neville](#) in the final round.

List of King of the Ring winners

Year	Winner	Times won	Date	Note
1985	Don Muraco	1	July 8, 1985	Defeated The Iron Sheik
1986	Harley Race	1	July 14, 1986	Defeated Pedro Morales
1987	Randy Savage	1	September 4, 1987	Defeated King Kong Bundy
1988	Ted DiBiase	1	October 16, 1988	Defeated Randy Savage
1989	Tito Santana	1	October 14, 1989	Defeated Rick Martel
1991	Bret Hart	1	September 7, 1991	Defeated Irwin R. Schyster
1993	Bret Hart	2	June 13, 1993	Defeated Bam Bam Bigelow
1994	Owen Hart	1	June 19, 1994	Defeated Razor Ramon
1995	Mabel	1	June 25, 1995	Defeated Savio Vega
1996	Stone Cold Steve Austin	1	June 23, 1996	Defeated Jake Roberts
1997	Hunter Hearst Helmsley	1	June 8, 1997	Defeated Mankind
1998	Ken Shamrock	1	June 28, 1998	Defeated The Rock
1999	Billy Gunn	1	June 27, 1999	Defeated X-Pac
2000	Kurt Angle	1	June 25, 2000	Defeated Rikishi
2001	Edge	1	June 24, 2001	Defeated Kurt Angle
2002	Brock Lesnar	1	June 23, 2002	Defeated Rob Van Dam
2006	Booker T	1	May 21, 2006	Defeated Bobby Lashley
2008	William Regal	1	April 21, 2008	Defeated CM Punk
2010	Sheamus	1	November 29, 2010	Defeated John Morrison
2015	Bad News Barrett	1	April 28, 2015	Defeated Neville

King of the Ring event dates and venues

From 1993 through 2002, King of the Ring was produced as a pay-per-view event. In 2006, the tournament finals were featured as part of the Judgment Day pay-per-view. In 2008 and 2010, the tournament was featured as a one-night tournament that aired on [Monday Night RAW](#). In 2015, the tournament was started on Monday Night RAW and then concluded the next night as a [WWE Network](#) exclusive.

The King of the Ring was the only one of the WWE's "Big Five" pay-per-view events (The others being the [Royal Rumble](#), [WrestleMania](#), [SummerSlam](#) and [Survivor Series](#)) to never be hosted at least once at [Madison Square Garden](#).

	SmackDown-branded event
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Event	Date	City	Venue	Main event
<u>King of the Ring (1985)</u>	July 8, 1985	<u>Foxborough, Massachusetts</u>	<u>Sullivan Stadium</u>	<u>Nikolai Volkoff</u> vs. <u>Hulk Hogan</u> (c) for the <u>WWF World Heavyweight Championship</u>
<u>King of the Ring (1986)</u>	July 14, 1986			<u>The Dream Team</u> (<u>Greg Valentine</u> and <u>Brutus Beefcake</u>) vs. <u>The British Bulldogs</u> (<u>Davey Boy Smith</u> and <u>Dynamite Kid</u>) (c) in a <u>Steel cage match</u> for the <u>WWF Tag Team Championship</u>
<u>King of the Ring (1987)</u>	September 4, 1987	<u>Providence, Rhode Island</u>	<u>Providence Civic Center</u>	1987 <i>King of the Ring</i> tournament final.
<u>King of the Ring (1988)</u>	October 16, 1988			1988 <i>King of the Ring</i> tournament final.
<u>King of the Ring (1989)</u>	October 14, 1989			1989 <i>King of the Ring</i> tournament final.
<u>King of the Ring (1991)</u>	September 7, 1991			1991 <i>King of the Ring</i> tournament final.
<u>King of the Ring (1993)</u>	June 13, 1993	<u>Dayton, Ohio</u>	<u>Nutter Center</u>	1993 <i>King of the Ring</i> tournament final.
<u>King of the Ring (1994)</u>	June 19, 1994	<u>Baltimore, Maryland</u>	<u>Baltimore Arena</u>	<u>Jerry Lawler</u> vs. <u>Roddy Piper</u>
<u>King of the Ring (1995)</u>	June 25, 1995	<u>Philadelphia, Pennsylvania</u>	<u>The Spectrum</u>	<u>Sycho Sid</u> and <u>Tatanka</u> vs. <u>Diesel</u> and <u>Bam Bam Bigelow</u>
<u>King of the Ring (1996)</u>	June 23, 1996	<u>Milwaukee, Wisconsin</u>	<u>MECCA Arena</u>	<u>British Bulldog</u> vs. <u>Shawn Michaels</u> (c) for the <u>WWF World Heavyweight Championship</u> with special guest enforcer <u>Mr. Perfect</u>
<u>King of the Ring (1997)</u>	June 8, 1997	<u>Providence, Rhode Island</u>	<u>Providence Civic Center</u>	<u>Faarooq</u> vs. <u>The Undertaker</u> (c) for the <u>WWF World Heavyweight Championship</u>
<u>King of the Ring (1998)</u>	June 28, 1998	<u>Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania</u>	<u>Pittsburgh Civic Arena</u>	<u>Stone Cold Steve Austin</u> (c) vs. <u>Kane</u> in a <u>First Blood match</u> for the <u>WWF World Heavyweight Championship</u>
<u>King of the Ring (1999)</u>	June 27, 1999	<u>Greensboro, North Carolina</u>	<u>Greensboro Coliseum</u>	<u>Vince McMahon</u> and <u>Shane McMahon</u> vs. <u>Stone Cold Steve Austin</u> in a <u>Ladder match</u> for control of the <u>World Wrestling Federation</u>
<u>King of the Ring (2000)</u>	June 25, 2000	<u>Boston, Massachusetts</u>	<u>Fleet Center</u>	<u>The McMahon-Helmsley Faction</u> (<u>Triple H</u> (c), <u>Shane McMahon</u> and <u>Vince McMahon</u>) vs. <u>The Rock</u> , <u>Kane</u> and <u>The Undertaker</u> for the <u>WWF Championship</u>
<u>King of the Ring (2001)</u>	June 24, 2001	<u>East Rutherford, New Jersey</u>	<u>Continental Airlines Arena</u>	<u>Chris Jericho</u> vs. <u>Chris Benoit</u> vs. <u>Stone Cold Steve Austin</u> (c) in a <u>Triple Threat match</u> for the <u>WWF Championship</u>
<u>King of the Ring (2002)</u>	June 23, 2002	<u>Columbus, Ohio</u>	<u>Nationwide Arena</u>	<u>The Undertaker</u> (c) vs. <u>Triple H</u> for the <u>WWE Undisputed Championship</u>

<u>King of the Ring (2006)</u>	May 21, 2006	<u>Phoenix, Arizona</u> ^[a 1]	<u>America West Arena</u>	N/A
<u>King of the Ring (2008)</u>	April 21, 2008	<u>Greenville, South Carolina</u>	<u>BI-LO Center</u>	The Undertaker, Kane, Triple H and <u>John Cena</u> vs. <u>Randy Orton</u> , <u>Edge</u> , <u>Chavo Guerrero</u> and <u>John "Bradshaw" Layfield</u>
<u>King of the Ring (2010)</u>	November 29, 2010	<u>Philadelphia, Pennsylvania</u>	<u>Wells Fargo Center</u>	N/A
<u>King of the Ring (2015)</u>	April 28, 2015	<u>Moline, Illinois</u> ^[a 2]	<u>iWireless Center</u>	2015 <i>King of the Ring</i> tournament final.
(c) – refers to the champion(s) heading into the match				

1. The finals of the 2006 King of the Ring were held as part of the *Judgment Day* pay-per-view, which emanated from Phoenix. The quarterfinal and semifinal matches were conducted at various other venues.
2. The 2015 King of the Ring was held over two nights. The quarterfinal matches were broadcast on *Raw*, held in Green Bay, Wisconsin, while the semifinal and final matches were broadcast live on the WWE Network from Moline, Illinois (prior to a *SmackDown* taping).

Pre-pay-per-view event results

1985

King of the Ring (1985) was the inaugural King of the Ring professional wrestling tournament produced by the World Wrestling Federation (WWF). The tournament was held on July 8, 1985 at the Sullivan Stadium in Foxborough, Massachusetts.

In addition to the tournament, there was only one other match during the night. In this match Hulk Hogan pinned Nikolai Volkoff to retain the WWF World Heavyweight Championship.

Results

King of the Ring (1985)	
Promotion	<u>World Wrestling Federation</u>
Date	July 8, 1985
City	<u>Foxborough, Massachusetts</u>
Venue	<u>Sullivan Stadium</u>
Attendance	23,000 ^[12]
King of the Ring chronology	
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No.	Matches* ^[12]	Stipulations	Times
1	<u>Jim Brunzell</u> beat <u>The Spoiler</u>	King of the Ring first round match	3:19
2	<u>Les Thornton</u> beat <u>Steve Lombardi</u>	King of the Ring first round match	4:33
3	<u>Paul Orndorff</u> and <u>Bob Orton, Jr.</u> wrestled to a double disqualification	King of the Ring first round match	11:54
4	<u>Pedro Morales</u> beat <u>Johnny V</u>	King of the Ring first round match	1:06
5	<u>Tito Santana</u> beat <u>Terry Funk</u> by disqualification	King of the Ring first round match	12:58
6	<u>Don muraco</u> beat <u>Junkyard Dog</u>	King of the Ring first round match	10:22
7	<u>Ricky Steamboat</u> beat <u>Greg Valentine</u>	King of the Ring first round match	19:59
8	<u>The Iron Sheik</u> beat <u>B. Brian Blair</u>	King of the Ring first round match	5:18
9	<u>Don Muraco</u> beat <u>Les Thornton</u>	King of the Ring quarterfinals match	5:02
10	<u>Jim Brunzell</u> beat <u>Tito Santana</u> via a time limit draw coin toss	King of the Ring quarterfinals match	20:00
11	<u>Iron Sheik</u> beat <u>Ricky Steamboat</u>	King of the Ring quarterfinals match	10:25
12	<u>Don Muraco</u> beat <u>Pedro Morales</u>	King of the Ring semifinals match	14:55
13	<u>Iron Sheik</u> beat <u>Jim Brunzell</u>	King of the Ring semifinals match	7:30
14	<u>Don Muraco</u> beat <u>Iron Sheik</u>	King of the Ring finals match	10:28
15	<u>Hulk Hogan</u> (c) beat <u>Nikolai Volkoff</u>	WWF World Heavyweight Championship match	—

(c) – the champion(s) heading into the match

*Card subject to change

Tournament bracket

First Round		Quarterfinals		Semifinals		Final					
Don Muraco	PIN	Don Muraco	PIN	Don Muraco	PIN	Don Muraco	PIN				
Junkyard Dog	10:22							Les Thornton	5:02	Pedro Morales	14:55
Les Thornton	pin							BYE			
Steve Lombardi	4:33							Pedro Morales			
Paul Orndorff	DDQ	Pedro Morales	PIN	Don Muraco	PIN	Don Muraco	PIN				
Bob Orton, Jr.	11:54							Iron Sheik	10:28		
Pedro Morales	PIN										
Johnny V	1:06										
Tito Santana	DQ	Tito Santana	Draw ¹	Jim Brunzell	20:00	Jim Brunzell	7:30				
Terry Funk	12:58							Iron Sheik	PIN		
Jim Brunzell	PIN										
The Spoiler	3:19										
Ricky Steamboat	PIN										
Greg Valentine	19:59										

		Ricky Steamboat	10:25
The Iron Sheik	PIN	Iron Sheik	PIN
B. Brian Blair	5:18		

- Hulk Hogan pinned Nikolai Volkoff to retain the WWF World Heavyweight Championship. in a non tournament match
1. ^ Tito Santana fought Jim Brunzell to a 20 time limit draw; Brunzell then won a coin toss to determine who would continue in the tournament.

1986

King of the Ring (1986) was the second annual King of the Ring professional wrestling tournament produced by the World Wrestling Federation (WWF). The tournament was held on July 14, 1986 at the Sullivan Stadium in Foxborough, Massachusetts.

In addition to the tournament, there were two other matches. Prior to the final match of the King of the Ring tournament, Bruno Sammartino defeated The Designated Hitman (a substitute for Eddie Andelmann, a local TV/radio personality who refused to wrestle). Following the final match of the tournament, The British Bulldogs (Davey Boy Smith and The Dynamite Kid) defeated The Dream Team (Greg Valentine and Brutus Beefcake) (with Johnny V.) in a steel cage match to retain the WWF Tag Team Championship. Dynamite and Beefcake escaped from the cage first. Smith then escaped the cage to win the match after Valentine had accidentally knocked him out the door.

King of the Ring (1986)	
Promotion	<u>World Wrestling Federation</u>
Date	July 14, 1986
City	<u>Foxborough, Massachusetts</u>
Venue	<u>Sullivan Stadium</u>
Attendance	12,000 ^[13]
King of the Ring chronology	
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<u>King of the Ring (1985)</u>	<u>King of the Ring (1987)</u>

During the first round of the tournament, there was a total of 6 matches. Billy Jack Haynes pinned The Iron Sheik. after a SMALL PACKAGING Harley Race beat George Steele by disqualification after Steele rammed Race into one of the Golf carts at ringside. Don Muraco and Roddy Piper wrestled to a time limit draw at 20 minutes. when the two man battled in the Ring with Punch's to the Head Nikolai Volkoff pinned Dan Spivey. Junkyard Dog beat Paul Orndorff by disqualification for attacking the Referee. The final match saw Pedro Morales PINNED Rudy Diamond who was substituting for Bob Orton.

During the quarterfinal round of the tournament there were only 3 matches. Harley Race received a Bye due to the Muraco and Piper match reaching the time limit in the first round. Billy Jack Haynes beat Mr. X WITH THE full Nelson who was a substitute for Hercules Hernandez. Nikolai Volkoff beat Junkyard Dog by submission to a Bearhug. In the final quarterfinals match, Pedro Morales PINNED Mike Rotunda after Rotunda performed a back suplex on Morales but Rotunda's shoulders were on the mat.

During the first match of the semifinals, Race beat Haynes, when Haynes was counted out while Haynes applied the Full Nelson on Race while on the outside of the ring on the apron. Race would go on to face Pedro Morales in the finals, after Pedro Morales beat Nikolai Volkoff After volkoff had morales in a baerhug but Pedro broke free and revised the hold into a Small Packaging FOR THE pin in the other semifinals match. in the finals race pinned Morales after the men began brawling in and out of the ring until race got back in and Morales got back up on the apron when the two men began Suplexing one other until race Superplxed Morales back into ring for the win. Ultimately Race went on to win the King of the Ring after defeating Morales.

Results

No.	Results ^[13]	Stipulations	Times
1	<u>Don Muraco</u> (with <u>Mr. Fuji</u>) and <u>Roddy Piper</u> wrestled to a time limit draw	King of the Ring first round match	20:00
2	<u>Harley Race</u> beat <u>George Steele</u> by disqualification	King of the Ring first round match	7:41
3	<u>Billy Jack Haynes</u> pinned <u>the Iron Sheik</u>	King of the Ring first round match	10:15
4	<u>Nikolai Volkoff</u> beat <u>Dan Spivey</u>	King of the Ring first round match	6:12
5	<u>Junkyard Dog</u> beat <u>Paul Orndorff</u> by disqualification	King of the Ring first round match	13:14
6	<u>Pedro Morales</u> beat <u>Rudy Diamond</u>	King of the Ring first round match	3:02
7	<u>Billy Jack Haynes</u> beat <u>Mr. X</u>	King of the Ring quarter-final match	0:21
8	<u>Nikolai Volkoff</u> beat <u>Junkyard Dog</u>	King of the Ring quarter-final match	10:46
9	<u>Pedro Morales</u> beat <u>Mike Rotunda</u>	King of the Ring quarter-final match	10:00
10	<u>Harley Race</u> beat <u>Billy Jack Haynes</u> by count-out	King of the Ring semi-final match	12:30
11	<u>Pedro Morales</u> beat <u>Nikolai Volkoff</u>	King of the Ring semi-final match	11:55
12	<u>Bruno Sammartino</u> beat <u>The Designated Hitman</u>	Singles match	4:29
13	<u>Harley Race</u> beat <u>Pedro Morales</u>	King of the Ring final match	10:30
14	<u>The British Bulldogs</u> (<u>Davey Boy Smith</u> and <u>The Dynamite Kid</u>) (c) defeated <u>The Dream Team</u> (<u>Greg Valentine</u> and <u>Brutus Beefcake</u>) (with <u>Johnny V.</u>)	WWF World Tag Team Title steel cage match	15:47
(c) – the champion(s) heading into the match			

Tournament bracket

First Round		Quarterfinals		Semifinals		Final	
			Mr. X ² 0:21				
Billy Jack Haynes	pin	Billy Jack Haynes	Sub				
The Iron Sheik	10:15			Billy Jack Haynes	12:30		
Harley Race	DQ			Harley Race	CO		
George Steele	7:41	Harley Race					
Don Muraco	draw	BYE					
Roddy Piper	20:00					Harley Race	PIN

Nikolai Volkoff	pin								Pedro Morales	10:30
Dan Spivey	6:12		Nikolai Volkoff	Sub						
Junkyard Dog	DQ		Junkyard Dog	10:46						
Paul Orndorff	13:14						Nikolai Volkoff	11:55		
Pedro Morales	pin						Pedro Morales	pin		
Rudy Diamond ¹	3:02		Pedro Morales	pin						
			Mike Rotundo	10:00						

- [^] Rudy Diamond was a substitute for Bob Orton.
- [^] Mr. X was a substitute for Hercules Hernandez. Bruno Sammartino beat The Designated Hitman in a non tournament match The British Bulldogs (Davey Boy Smith and The Dynamite Kid) defeated The Dream Team (Greg Valentine and Brutus Beefcake) (with Johnny V.) in a steel cage match to retain the WWF Tag Team Championship. Dynamite and Beefcake escaped from the cage first. Smith then escaped the cage to win the match after Valentine had accidentally knocked him out the door. 15:47 in a non tournament match

1987

King of the Ring (1987) was the third annual King of the Ring professional wrestling tournament produced by the World Wrestling Federation (WWF). The tournament was held on September 4, 1987 at the Providence Civic Center in Providence, Rhode Island.

In addition to the tournament, there was only one other match during the night. In this match Jake Roberts defeated the WWF Intercontinental champion The Honky Tonk Man with Jimmy Hart via disqualification, after Hart accidentally hit Honky Tonk Man with the megaphone

Results

King of the Ring (1987)	
Promotion	<u>World Wrestling Federation</u>
Date	September 4, 1987
City	<u>Providence, Rhode Island</u>
Venue	<u>Providence Civic Center</u>
Attendance	12,000 ^[14]
King of the Ring chronology	
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<u>King of the Ring (1986)</u>	<u>King of the Ring (1988)</u>

No.	Matches* ^[14]	Stipulations	Times
1	<u>Haku</u> beat <u>Brutus Beefcake</u>	King of the Ring first round match	—
2	<u>Rick Martel</u> beat <u>Dan Spivey</u>	King of the Ring first round match	—
3	<u>King Kong Bundy</u> beat <u>One Man Gang</u>	King of the Ring first round match	—
4	<u>Special Delivery Jones</u> beat <u>Sika</u>	King of the Ring first round match	—
5	<u>Dangerous Danny Davis</u> beat <u>Tito Santana</u>	King of the Ring first round match	—
6	<u>Junkyard Dog</u> beat <u>Tama</u>	King of the Ring first round match	—
7	<u>Jim Brunzell</u> beat <u>Ron Bass</u>	King of the Ring first round match	—
8	<u>Randy Savage</u> (with Miss Elizabeth) beat <u>Nikolai Volkoff</u>	King of the Ring first round match	—
9	Haku and Rick Martel wrestled to a draw	King of the Ring quarter-final match	15:00
10	King Kong Bundy beat Special Delivery Jones	King of the Ring quarter-final match	—
11	Danny Davis beat The Junkyard Dog	King of the Ring quarter-final match	—
12	Randy Savage (with Miss Elizabeth) beat Jim Brunzell	King of the Ring quarter-final match	—
13	Randy Savage (with Miss Elizabeth) beat Danny Davis	King of the Ring semi-final match	—
14	<u>Jake Roberts</u> beat <u>The Honky Tonk Man</u> (with <u>Jimmy Hart</u>) by disqualification	<u>WWF Intercontinental championship</u>	—
15	<u>Randy Savage</u> (with Miss Elizabeth) beat King Kong Bundy	King of the Ring final match	—
*Card subject to change			

Tournament bracket

First Round		Quarterfinals		Semifinals		Final			
Haku	pin	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>		
Brutus Beefcake	11:08							Haku	15:00
Rick Martel	pin							Rick Martel	Draw
Dan Spivey	5:12								
King Kong Bundy	CO	<div></div>	<div></div>					King Kong Bundy	
One Man Gang	3:09							BYE	
Special Delivery Jones	pin							King Kong Bundy	PIN
Sika	6:25							Special Delivery Jones	4:09
				King Kong Bundy		13:04			

Randy Savage	PIN
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- Jake Roberts defeated the WWF Intercontinental champion The Honky Tonk Man with Jimmy Hart via disqualification, after Hart accidentally hit Honky Tonk Man with the megaphone in a non tournament match

1988

King of the Ring (1988) was the fourth annual King of the Ring professional wrestling tournament produced by the World Wrestling Federation (WWF). The tournament was held on October 16, 1988 at the Providence Civic Center in Providence, Rhode Island.

In addition to the tournament, there was only one other match during the night. In this match Jim Duggan defeated Dino Bravo (with Frenchy Martin) in a flag match. Duggan pinned Bravo when Martin accidentally hit Bravo with the flag.

Results

King of the Ring (1988)	
<u>Promotion</u>	<u>World Wrestling Federation</u>
Date	October 16, 1988
City	<u>Providence, Rhode Island</u>
Venue	<u>Providence Civic Center</u>
Attendance	6,700 ^[15]
King of the Ring chronology	
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<u>King of the Ring (1987)</u>	<u>King of the Ring (1989)</u>

No.	Matches ^[15]	Stipulations	Times ^[15]
1	<u>Ken Patera</u> beat <u>Nikolai Volkoff</u>	King of the Ring first round match	10:20
2	<u>Ted DiBiase</u> beat <u>Brutus Beefcake</u>	King of the Ring first round match	7:32
3	<u>Ron Bass</u> beat <u>The Barbarian</u> by disqualification	King of the Ring first round match	7:02
4	<u>Shawn Michaels</u> beat <u>Dangerous Danny Davis</u>	King of the Ring first round match	3:37
5	<u>Bad News Brown</u> and <u>Hercules</u> wrestled until a double count-out	King of the Ring first round match	6:05
6	<u>Randy Savage</u> (with <u>Miss Elizabeth</u>) beat <u>Virgil</u>	King of the Ring first round match	5:43
7	<u>The Red Rooster</u> beat <u>Marty Jannetty</u>	King of the Ring first round match	11:00
8	<u>Mike Sharpe</u> beat <u>Boris Zhukov</u>	King of the Ring first round match	6:27
9	<u>Jim Duggan</u> beat <u>Dino Bravo</u> (with <u>Frenchy Martin</u>)	Flag match	8:43
10	Ted DiBiase beat Ken Patera	King of the Ring quarter-final match	5:42
11	Ron Bass beat Shawn Michaels	King of the Ring quarter-final match	7:39
12	The Red Rooster beat Mike Sharpe	King of the Ring quarter-final match	3:27
13	Randy Savage (with <u>Miss Elizabeth</u>) beat The Red Rooster	King of the Ring semi-final match	7:21
14	<u>Ted DiBiase</u> beat Randy Savage (with <u>Miss Elizabeth</u>) by count-out	King of the Ring final match	6:11
*Card subject to change			

Tournament bracket

First Round		Quarterfinals		Semifinals		Final		
Ken Patera	Pin	<div></div>		<div></div>		<div></div>		
Nikolai Volkoff	10:20							
Brutus Beefcake	Pin							
Ted DiBiase	7:32							
The Barbarian	DQ							
Ron Bass	7:02							
Dangerous Danny Davis	Pin							
Shawn Michaels	3:37							
Bad News Brown	DCO							
Hercules	6:05							
Randy Savage	Pin							
Virgil	5:43							
Marty Jannetty	Pin							
The Red Rooster	11:00							
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Mike Sharpe¹

Pin

Iron Mike Sharpe	3:27
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3:27

Boris Zhukov

6:27

- Randy Savage was counted out when he chased Virgil around the ring
- Flag match Jim Duggan Pinned Dino Bravo (with Frenchy Martin) when Martin accidentally hit Bravo with the flag. in a non tournament match 8:43

King of the Ring (1989) was the fifth annual King of the Ring professional wrestling tournament produced by the World Wrestling Federation (WWF). The tournament was held on October 14, 1989 at the Providence Civic Center in Providence, Rhode Island.

King of the Ring (1989)	
<u>Promotion</u>	<u>World Wrestling Federation</u>
<u>Date</u>	October 14, 1989
<u>City</u>	<u>Providence, Rhode Island</u>
<u>Venue</u>	<u>Providence Civic Center</u>
<u>Attendance</u>	4,500 ^[17]
King of the Ring chronology	
← Previous	Next →
<u>King of the Ring (1988)</u>	<u>King of the Ring (1991)</u>

First Round		Quarterfinals		Semifinals		Final	
Brutus Beefcake	10:22	<div><div>Akeem</div><div>BYE</div></div>		<div><div>Akeem</div><div>Tito Santana</div></div>	<div><div>10:15</div><div>pin</div></div>	<div><div>Rick Martel</div><div>Tito Santana</div></div>	<div><div>9:48</div><div>PIN</div></div>
Akeem	pin						
Hercules	DDQ						
Jim Neidhart	6:33						
Bushwhacker Butch	3:14	<div><div>The Warlord</div><div>Tito Santana</div></div>	<div><div>pin</div><div>6:22</div></div>	<div><div>Akeem</div><div>Tito Santana</div></div>	<div><div>10:15</div><div>pin</div></div>		
The Warlord	pin						
Tito Santana	pin						
Bad News Brown	7:01						
Rick Martel	sub	<div><div>Rick Martel</div><div>Bushwhacker Luke</div></div>	<div><div>sub</div><div>4:06</div></div>	<div><div>Rick Martel</div><div>Jimmy Snuka</div></div>	<div><div>pin</div><div>8:34</div></div>		
Bill Wood ¹	0:44						
Bushwhacker Luke	pin						
Nikolai Volkoff	4:18						
Jimmy Snuka	DQ	<div><div>Jimmy Snuka</div><div>Haku</div></div>	<div><div>pin</div><div>7:20</div></div>	<div><div>Rick Martel</div><div>Jimmy Snuka</div></div>	<div><div>pin</div><div>8:34</div></div>		
The Barbarian	8:13						
Haku	pin						

1. ^ Bill Wood substituted for Barry Windham.
- Dusty Rhodes defeated The Big Boss Man, with Slick 10:04 in non tournament match

1991

King of the Ring (1991) was the sixth King of the Ring professional wrestling tournament produced by the World Wrestling Federation (WWF). The tournament was held on September 7, 1991 at the Providence Civic Center in Providence, Rhode Island.

In addition to the tournament, there was only one other match during the night. In this match The Beverly Brothers defeated The Bushwhackers, in a tag team match.

Results

King of the Ring (1991)	
Promotion	<u>World Wrestling Federation</u>
Date	September 7, 1991
City	<u>Providence, Rhode Island</u>
Venue	<u>Providence Civic Center</u>
Attendance	2,400 ^[18]
King of the Ring chronology	
← Previous	Next →
<u>King of the Ring (1989)</u>	<u>King of the Ring (1993)</u>

No.	Matches* ^[18]	Stipulations	Times ^[18]
1	<u>Jerry Sags</u> (with <u>Jimmy Hart</u>) beat <u>Hawk</u> by disqualification	King of the Ring first round match	3:02
2	<u>Ricky Steamboat</u> and <u>Ted DiBiase</u> wrestled to a time limit draw	King of the Ring first round match	15:00
3	<u>Jim Duggan</u> beat <u>Brian Knobbs</u> (with <u>Jimmy Hart</u>)	King of the Ring first round match	5:04
4	<u>Irwin R. Schyster</u> beat <u>The Berzerker</u> by count-out	King of the Ring first round match	2:51
5	<u>Bret Hart</u> beat <u>Pete Doherty</u> by submission	King of the Ring first round match	0:33
6	<u>Skinner</u> beat <u>Virgil</u>	King of the Ring first round match	5:02
7	<u>Sid Justice</u> beat <u>The Warlord</u>	King of the Ring first round match	3:23
8	<u>The Undertaker</u> (with <u>Paul Bearer</u>) beat <u>Animal</u>	King of the Ring first round match	3:40
9	<u>The Beverly Brothers</u> (<u>Beau Beverly</u> and <u>Blake Beverly</u>) beat <u>The Bushwhackers</u> (<u>Bushwhacker Butch</u> and <u>Bushwhacker Luke</u>)	Tag team match	7:23
10	Irwin R. Schyster beat Jim Duggan	King of the Ring quarter-final match	3:16
11	Bret Hart beat Skinner	King of the Ring quarter-final match	4:47
12	The Undertaker and Sid Justice ended in a double disqualification	King of the Ring quarter-final match	4:08
13	Irwin R. Schyster beat Jerry Sags	King of the Ring semi-final match	1:22
14	Bret Hart beat Irwin R. Schyster	King of the Ring final match	10:00
*Card subject to change			

Tournament bracket

First Round		Quarterfinals		Semifinals		Final	
Hawk	DQ	<div> <div>Jerry Sags</div> <div>BYE</div> </div>		<div> <div>Jerry Sags</div> <div>Irwin R. Schyster</div> </div>		<div> <div>Irwin R. Schyster</div> <div>Bret Hart</div> </div>	
Jerry Sags	3:02						
Ricky Steamboat	Draw						
Ted DiBiase	15:00			Pin		1:22	
Jim Duggan	Pin	<div> <div>Jim Duggan</div> <div>Irwin R. Schyster</div> </div>					
Brian Knobbs	5:04						
The Berzerker	CO						
Irwin R. Schyster	2:51			Pin		10:00	
Pete Doherty ¹	Sub						
Bret Hart	0:33						

Skinner	Pin	Skinner	4:47		
Virgil	5:02			Bret Hart	
				BYE	
Sid Justice	Pin				
The Warlord	3:23	The Undertaker	DDQ		
		Sid Justice	4:08		
Animal	Pin				
The Undertaker	3:40				

1. ^ Pete Doherty substituted for Kerry Von Erich.

- The Undertaker and Sid Justice were disqualified for attacking the Referee. After the bout, Jake Roberts helped The Undertaker put Sid into the Casket.
- Bret Hart PINNED Irwin R. Schyster with a roll up
- The Beverly Brothers beat The Bushwhackers in a teg team match 7:23

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