

= The World 's Greatest Tag Team =

The World 's Greatest Tag Team is a professional wrestling tag team , which also used the name Wrestling 's Greatest Tag Team . The team consisted of Charlie Haas and Shelton Benjamin . Originally formed in World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) , they started out captained by Kurt Angle , during which time they were known as Team Angle . They also wrestled for several other independent promotions .

Haas and Benjamin made their debut on the SmackDown ! brand in December 2002 , and won the WWE Tag Team Championship in February 2003 . After losing the championship in May , Haas and Benjamin were fired from Team Angle , and changed their name to The Best Damn Tag Team Period , before settling on The World 's Greatest Tag Team . They won the championship back in July , and their second reign lasted for two months . They continued to compete on SmackDown ! , until March 2004 , when Benjamin was moved to the Raw brand as part of the Draft Lottery .

The team reformed in December 2006 on the Raw brand , and competed against numerous teams , although they were unsuccessful in winning the World Tag Team Championship . The team was split again in November 2007 , when Benjamin moved to the ECW brand , but later reformed briefly back on SmackDown in May 2009 . In 2010 , the team reformed on the independent circuit , and began competing regularly for Ring of Honor (ROH) , where they are former two @-@ time ROH World Tag Team Champions .

= = History = =

= = = World Wrestling Entertainment = = =

= = = = Initial run (2002 ? 2004) = = = =

The tag team made their debut on the December 26 , 2002 edition of WWE 's SmackDown ! . Paul Heyman introduced Benjamin and Haas under the name Team Angle as a " gift " to his top client Kurt Angle . Team Angle quickly involved themselves in a scripted rivalry with Chris Benoit and Edge , defeating them on January 30 , 2003 to become the number one contenders for the WWE Tag Team Championship .

The following week , on February 6 , they won the WWE Tag Team Championship by defeating Los Guerreros . They continued their rivalry with Benoit , facing him and Brock Lesnar at No Way Out in a handicap match , where they teamed with their mentor Angle in a losing effort . After a successful title defense at WrestleMania XIX against Los Guerreros and the team of Chris Benoit and Rhyno , Team Angle lost the championship to Eddie Guerrero and his new partner Tajiri at Judgment Day on May 18 in a ladder match . Shortly afterwards , on June 12 , Angle confronted Benjamin and Haas about the losing streak they had been in for a couple of weeks , and , after they blamed him for losing the Tag Team Championship and began to question his leadership , he fired them both from Team Angle . For a few weeks they wrestled against Angle , both in singles matches and in tag team matches .

Soon after the breakup , Benjamin and Haas referred to themselves as The Best Damn Tag Team Period and then The Self @-@ Proclaimed World 's Greatest Tag Team , or The World 's Greatest Tag Team for short . They went on to recapture the WWE Tag Team Championship from Eddie Guerrero and Tajiri on July 3 . Following their win , they competed against the teams of Rey Mysterio and Billy Kidman and The APA , before losing the championship to the reformed Los Guerreros team two months later on September 18 . After their loss The World 's Greatest Tag Team continued competing against Los Guerreros in an attempt to regain the championship , but were unsuccessful .

In early 2004 , The World 's Greatest Tag Team began a scripted rivalry with The APA , and beat them at the No Way Out pay @-@ per @-@ view . Following their loss , The World 's Greatest Tag

Team mocked The APA , leading to The APA attacking them . Both the team of Scotty Too Hotty and Rikishi and the Basham Brothers also got involved in the brawl , leading to a fatal four @-@ way match at WrestleMania XX for the WWE Tag Team Championship . At WrestleMania , Scotty Too Hotty and Rikishi retained the championship .

=== Split (2004 ? 2006) ===

The group stayed together until March 22 , 2004 when , during the Draft Lottery , Benjamin was drafted to the Raw brand , breaking up The World 's Greatest Tag Team . On the Raw brand Benjamin was quickly added to the WWE Intercontinental Championship picture , first challenging for it at Bad Blood in June 2004 against Randy Orton . He eventually won the championship at Taboo Tuesday in October by defeating Chris Jericho , and held the championship for approximately eight months , eventually losing it to Carlito in June 2005 . He held the championship twice more during 2006 .

After Benjamin 's draft , Haas gained Miss Jackie as a valet and teamed with Rico to win the WWE Tag Team Championship on April 22 , 2004 . After a brief spell in singles competition , Haas joined forces with Hardcore Holly briefly , before being released from WWE in July 2005 . Haas wrestled in the independent circuit for nearly a year , wrestling in Jersey All Pro Wrestling and other independent promotions before returning to WWE on the Raw brand in April 2006 .

=== Reformation on Raw (2006 ? 2008) ===

On April 17 , 2006 , Haas returned to WWE as part of the Raw brand , defeating his former tag team partner , Benjamin , the very same night . On the December 4 episode of Raw , after Benjamin pinned Super Crazy , Haas entered the ring , berated Crazy , and celebrated with a bewildered Benjamin . The next week , Benjamin announced The World 's Greatest Tag Team was officially back in a segment with Cryme Tyme . They defeated The Highlanders in a match later that same night . They then started a scripted rivalry with Cryme Tyme , but were largely unsuccessful , including a tag team turmoil match at New Year 's Revolution . They finally pinned Cryme Tyme , however , ending their undefeated streak , on the January 29 , 2007 episode of Raw .

On April 2 , The World 's Greatest Tag Team was unsuccessful in defeating the team of Ric Flair and Carlito , but defeated them in a rematch on April 16 when Haas distracted Carlito , allowing Benjamin to gain the win . They won again two weeks later when Carlito turned on Flair , attacking him and allowing The World 's Greatest Tag Team to win via countout . They then challenged the Hardy Boyz for the World Tag Team Championship at One Night Stand in a ladder match , but were unsuccessful .

Following this , The World 's Greatest Tag Team began a rivalry with Paul London and Brian Kendrick after losing to the duo in their debut match on Raw . A few weeks later , London defeated Benjamin in a singles match , however , on the July 23 episode of Raw , The World 's Greatest Tag Team got a tag team win over London and Kendrick to end the rivalry . For this match they were announced as The (Self @-@ Proclaimed) World 's Greatest Tag Team , having been previously using simply The World 's Greatest Tag Team since their reformation .

Following this , Benjamin and Haas competed against the teams of Hardcore Holly and Cody Rhodes and Super Crazy and Jim Duggan until November , when the team was disbanded due to Benjamin joining the ECW roster . Benjamin was drafted to the SmackDown brand as part of the 2008 Supplemental Draft .

=== Sporadic reformations (2009) ===

On April 15 , 2009 , Haas was drafted to the SmackDown brand as part of the 2009 Supplemental Draft . On the May 8 , 2009 episode of SmackDown , Benjamin accompanied Haas to the ring for his match against John Morrison , hinting at a possible reunion . The following week on the May 15 episode of SmackDown , Benjamin and Haas unofficially reunited and competed against John

Morrison and CM Punk in a losing effort . At Judgment Day , Haas escorted Benjamin to the ring for his match against Morrison . On June 29 , Benjamin was traded back to the ECW brand . On February 28 , 2010 , WWE announced that Haas had been released from his contract , and two months later , on April 22 , WWE announced that Benjamin had also been released .

== Ring of Honor (2010 ? 2013) ==

On August 2 , 2010 , Ring of Honor announced that Haas and Benjamin would reform as a tag team , at Glory By Honor IX on September 11 , 2010 , to wrestle the ROH World Tag Team Champions The Kings of Wrestling (Chris Hero and Claudio Castagnoli) . The duo later stated that they would collectively be known as Wrestling 's Greatest Tag Team . At Glory By Honor IX Haas and Benjamin were defeated by Hero and Castagnoli in a non ? title match . On December 8 , 2010 , Haas and Benjamin returned to Ohio Valley Wrestling , more than seven years after their previous match for the promotion . In their return match they defeated The Elite (Adam Revolver and Ted McNaler) . The following day they took part in their first Ring of Honor Wrestling tapings , defeating the Bravado Brothers (Harlem and Lance) . The following day , at the second set of television tapings , Haas and Benjamin defeated the All Night Express of Kenny King and Rhett Titus , before participating in an eight @-@ man tag team match , in which Haas and Benjamin teamed with the Briscoe Brothers against the Kings of Wrestling and the All @-@ Night Xpress . The match ended in a no contest . On December 18 at the Final Battle 2010 pay @-@ per @-@ view , Haas and Benjamin announced that in 2011 they would be wrestling regularly for Ring of Honor . At the following pay @-@ per @-@ view , 9th Anniversary Show , on February 26 , 2011 , Haas and Benjamin defeated the Briscoe Brothers in the main event of the evening to earn another shot at the Kings of Wrestling and the ROH World Tag Team Championship .

On April 1 , at Honor Takes Center Stage Night One , Haas and Benjamin defeated the Kings of Wrestling to win the ROH World Tag Team Championship . On June 26 at Best in the World 2011 , Haas and Benjamin successfully defended the ROH World Tag Team Championship in a four @-@ way match against the Briscoe Brothers , the Kings of Wrestling and the All Night Express . On December 23 , Haas and Benjamin lost the ROH World Tag Team Championship to the Briscoe Brothers at the Final Battle 2011 pay @-@ per @-@ view , turning heel during the match . On May 12 , 2012 at Border Wars , Haas and Benjamin regained the ROH World Tag Team Championship from the Briscoe Brothers . On June 24 at Best in the World 2012 , Haas and Benjamin lost the title to Kenny King and Rhett Titus .

Shortly after their loss , Benjamin was suspended in storyline , to explain his absence while wrestling in Japan . Benjamin returned at the Death Before Dishonor X pay @-@ per @-@ view , accompanying Haas and Rhett Titus in a tag team championship match . Following Death Before Dishonor , Haas and Benjamin would continue to feud with Titus and his new tag team partner B.J. Whitmer defeating them at Glory By Honor XI . They defeated them again in a street fight at Final Battle . Benjamin was released from ROH in December 2012 . He made one more appearance for ROH on February 2 , 2013 , when Haas turned on him during an ROH World Tag Team Championship match against the Briscoe Brothers .

== Independent circuit (2014) ==

On November 15 , 2014 , Jersey All Pro Wrestling 's 18th Anniversary Show , Benjamin , Haas , and Angle (collectively known as Team Angle) reunited again . Haas and Benjamin defeated Chris Sabin and Teddy Hart in the main event of the show .

== In wrestling ==

Finishing moves

Wrestling 's Greatest Finisher (Double belly @-@ to @-@ back suplex)

Signature moves

Atomic drop by Haas followed by a superkick by Benjamin
Broken Arrow (Leapfrog body guillotine)
Star Spangled Banner (Double hip toss dropped into a backbreaker)
Superkick by Benjamin into a German suplex by Haas

Managers

Kurt Angle

Paul Heyman

Eric Bischoff

Entrance themes

" Medal " by Jim Johnston (WWE ; Used while part of Team Angle)

" Heroes " by Jim Johnston (WWE)

" Mess You Up " by Maurice Davis Band (ROH)

" T.N.T. (Live) " by AC / DC (ROH)

" Hot Stakes " by Crushpile (ROH)

= = Championships and accomplishments = =

Ohio Valley Wrestling

Danny Davis Invitational Tag Team Tournament (2015) ? Haas and Benjamin

Pro Wrestling Illustrated

PWI Tag Team of the Year (2003)

Ring of Honor

ROH World Tag Team Championship (2 times) ? Haas and Benjamin

World Wrestling Entertainment

WWE Championship (1 time) ? Angle

WWE Tag Team Championship (2 times) ? Haas and Benjamin