

= Paige (wrestler) =

Saraya @-@ Jade Bevis (born 17 August 1992) is an English professional wrestler and actress currently signed to WWE under the ring name Paige , performing on the Raw brand . She is a two @-@ time Divas Champion and was the inaugural NXT Women 's Champion in WWE 's developmental branch , NXT . She is the only person to have held both championships concurrently , and as of July 2016 , her 308 @-@ day reign as the NXT Women 's Champion is the longest in the title 's history .

In 2005 , at the age of 13 , Bevis made her debut in the World Association of Wrestling , a promotion run by her family , under the ring name Britani Knight . She went on to hold several championships on independent circuits within Europe . In 2011 , she signed a contract with WWE and started wrestling within its developmental systems , eventually debuting on WWE 's main roster in April 2014 . In her debut match on the main roster , she won the Divas Championship , becoming the youngest champion in the title 's history at the age of 21 .

= = Early life = =

Bevis was born and raised in Norwich , Norfolk , the daughter of professional wrestlers Ian Bevis and Julia Hamer @-@ Bevis , who once unknowingly wrestled while she was seven months pregnant with Bevis . As a child , Bevis was scared of wrestling because of the injuries her family received and the concept that her parents fought other people for a living . She also intended to become a zoologist . When she was around 10 or 11 years old , her father started running a wrestling training school every month . She took this opportunity to occasionally enter the wrestling ring , where her brothers taught her about wrestling . She did this until she was 13 , when she officially made her debut as a wrestler . At the age of 15 , Bevis worked as a bouncer and bartender at her parents ' bar while they were away . She attended The Hewett School in Norwich , graduating in 2008 .

= = Professional wrestling career = =

= = = European independent circuit (2005 ? 2011) = = =

Bevis made her debut in 2005 , at the age of 13 , when her father , who was running the show , asked her to replace a wrestler who failed to turn up . Her earliest recorded match was in April 2006 when she , using the ring name Britani Knight , teamed with her mother for a loss in a triple threat tag team match in World Association of Wrestling (WAW) . Knight then allied with Melodi to form a tag team called the Norfolk Dolls (based on the movie The California Dolls) and they wrestled in multiple English promotions . The Norfolk Dolls won the new World Association of Women 's Wrestling (WAWW) Tag Team Title in June 2007 by defeating the Legion of Womb , but it became inactive due to no title defenses by the Norfolk Dolls .

At the age of 14 , Knight sent résumés to numerous wrestling promotions around Europe and earned a chance to wrestle in countries like Scotland , Wales , Belgium , France , Turkey , Denmark , Norway , and Germany , as well as the United States , managing to travel by herself at 14 . She began to compete for singles championships without much initial success . In Scotland , Knight competed for the World Wide Wrestling League (W3L) Women 's Title , but lost to Sara in the tournament finals in September 2007 . In December 2007 , Knight took part in a tournament where the winner would become the first WAWW British Champion , but lost in the finals to Jetta . In 2008 , Knight challenged both Sara and Jetta for their respective titles , but failed in her title bids .

Knight went on to achieve more singles success from 2009 . In August 2009 , Knight defeated her mother Sweet Saraya in a two out of three falls match to capture the vacant Herts and Essex (HEW) Women 's Championship . Later that month , Knight once again defeated Saraya to capture the WAWW British Title . In November 2009 , Knight captured the Real Deal Wrestling (RDW) Women

's Title from her mother in an elimination match also featuring Chelsey Love and Stacey Baybie . In December 2009 , while in HEW , Knight won the RQW Women 's Championship by defeating Jetta in a champion vs. champion match with her HEW Women 's Title on the line . In May 2010 , Knight and her mother challenged Amazon and Ananya for the PWF Ladies Tag Team Championship , which they won . On 17 July 2010 , Knight lost the HEW Women 's Championship to her mother .

On 22 January 2011 , Knight captured the German Stampede Wrestling Ladies ' Title from Blue Nikita . Knight also competed at debut show of Turkish Power Wrestling in Ankara in January 2011 , with a losing effort against Shanna for the inaugural TPW Ladies Crown . On 11 March , she recaptured the HEW Women 's Championship from her mother . Knight returned to Pro Wrestling : EVE on 8 April to participate in a two @-@ night tournament to crown the first ever Pro @-@ Wrestling : EVE Champion . In the first night , Knight lost a four @-@ way match to Jenny Sjödin , won a Last Chance battle royal , then defeated Sjödin in the quarter @-@ final match . The next day , she defeated Jetta in the semi @-@ final match , and later in the finals defeated Nikki Storm to win the Pro Wrestling : EVE Championship . On 30 April , Knight won the SCW Ladies Title by defeating champion Amy Cooper . Also in 2011 , Knight won an elimination match to become WAWW Hardcore Champion .

On 4 June , Knight lost her Pro @-@ Wrestling : EVE Championship to Jenny Sjödin , and on 26 June , Knight lost her SCW Ladies Title to her mother during a four @-@ way match also involving Amy Cooper and Laura Wellings . On 2 August , Knight and her mother lost their PWF Ladies Tag Team Championship to Amazon and Destiny in a two out of three falls match . On 12 November , Knight vacated the HEW Women 's Championship . Knight also lost the WAWW British Championship to Liberty on 19 November 2011 , while also vacating the RQW Women 's Championship on that day .

= = = Shimmer Women Athletes (2011) = = =

Bevis , again billed as Britani Knight , debuted for the American all @-@ female promotion Shimmer Women Athletes on 26 March 2011 at the tapings of Volume 37 in Berwyn , Illinois . Teaming with her mother Saraya Knight , as the Knight Dynasty , they were managed by Rebecca Knox and defeated Nikki Roxx and Ariel via disqualification after the other team used the Dynasty 's brass knuckles . This led to the Knight Dynasty receiving Shimmer Tag Team Championship match against the Seven Star Sisters (Hiroyo Matsumoto and Misaki Ohata) at Volume 38 , which the Knight Dynasty lost .

In October 2011 at Volume 42 , the Knight Dynasty lost another Shimmer Tag Team Championship match against champions Ayako Hamada and Ayumi Kurihara when Saraya refused to help Britani . Saraya then scolded Britani after the match . At Volume 43 , Britani lost to Jessie McKay , which was her third consecutive loss . This led to Saraya disowning (in storyline) and slapping Britani , before a brawl between the two ensued and had to be pulled apart . Britani subsequently challenged Saraya to a match , at Volume 44 , where Britani defeated Saraya under no disqualification rules , in what was her final Shimmer match .

= = = WWE = = =

= = = = Florida Championship Wrestling (2011 ? 2012) = = = =

Bevis was first informed that there would be try @-@ outs for WWE when a talent scout came to a show in England . She was unsuccessful in her first try in November 2010 , but succeeded in April 2011 . In September 2011 , Bevis signed a contract with WWE and was assigned to its then @-@ developmental territory , Florida Championship Wrestling (FCW) . She made her debut for FCW at a house show on 5 January 2012 , using the ring name Saraya . Her ring name was then changed to Paige , as she made her televised debut in an appearance on the 26 February episode of FCW TV . From March 2012 , Paige formed an alliance with Sofia Cortez , dubbing themselves the " Anti

@-@ Diva Army " . Paige made her televised in @-@ ring debut in a tag team match alongside Cortez on 19 March , where the duo lost to Audrey Marie and Kaitlyn . Paige and Cortez then formed a brief association with Rick Victor , winning a mixed tag team match against Audrey Marie and Aiden English . On 6 May , Paige pinned the FCW Divas Champion , Raquel Diaz in a non @-@ title triple threat match , which also involved Audrey Marie . This earned Paige a championship match against Diaz on the 27 May episode of FCW TV , where Diaz 's chicanery led to Paige being disqualified and Diaz retained her title . Dissension was teased within the Anti @-@ Diva Army as Paige moved on to feud with Audrey Marie . Paige lost to Marie on 11 June on FCW TV after Cortez interfered against her , signalling the end of the alliance . On the final episode of FCW TV on 15 July , Paige and Cortez ended their feud with Marie emerging victorious in a no disqualification match .

===== NXT (2012 ? 2014) =====

WWE went on to rebrand its developmental territory Florida Championship Wrestling (FCW) , into WWE NXT . Paige 's NXT television debut took place on the third episode of the rebooted WWE NXT , taped at Full Sail University , in which she lost to Sofia Cortez . From September 2012 , after gaining a large surge in crowd support Paige went on a winning streak defeating the likes of Audrey Marie , Sasha Banks , Emma , Aksana , and multiple victories over Alicia Fox .

On 30 January 2013 , Paige was assaulted by ring announcer Summer Rae , due to Rae 's jealousy of Paige 's popularity and success . On the 13 February episode of NXT , Paige suffered a shoulder injury after brawling with Rae , which Rae exploited later that episode to end Paige 's undefeated streak . After Paige continued to confront Rae , Paige defeated Rae in a singles match , despite Rae 's pre @-@ match attack , on the 1 May episode of NXT . In June , Paige entered a tournament to determine the first NXT Women 's Champion . She defeated Tamina Snuka and Alicia Fox en route to the final , in which she defeated Emma to become the inaugural champion .

Paige made her first successful title defense on the 14 August episode of NXT , defeating Summer Rae . In the following months , Paige teamed up with Emma to feud with Summer Rae and Sasha Banks . Paige successfully defended her title against Natalya on 4 December , on NXT , and on 27 February 2014 , at NXT Arrival against Emma . On 24 April , Paige was forced to vacate her NXT Women 's Championship , ending her reign at 308 days , due to being elevated to the main roster and winning the WWE Divas Championship .

===== Divas Champion (2014) =====

Paige made her unannounced debut on the main roster on the 7 April 2014 episode of Raw the night after WrestleMania XXX , congratulating WWE Divas Champion AJ Lee on her successful title defense at the pay @-@ per @-@ view event . AJ slapped Paige , challenging her to an impromptu match for the championship , which Paige quickly won , making her the youngest WWE Divas Champion in history at the age of 21 , the first Diva to win the title in her debut match and the only woman to hold both WWE Divas and NXT Women 's Championships . Paige had her first successful title defense on 28 April episode of Raw in an impromptu match against Brie Bella , which went to a no contest due to Kane attacking Brie , as Paige escaped . In her first successful title defense on pay ? per ? view , Paige defeated Tamina Snuka on 4 May at Extreme Rules .

She suffered her first defeat on the main roster on the 19 May episode of Raw against Alicia Fox in a non ? title match which led to a title match between the two at Payback , where Paige prevailed . In June , Paige started a feud with Cameron and defeated her in two non ? title matches . However , Cameron 's tag team partner , Naomi , went on to defeat Paige in a non ? title match and was granted a title match Money in the Bank , which Paige won . During this time , WWE was criticized for failing to develop Paige 's character despite being able to do so for Paige 's opponents and for portraying Paige as a vulnerable champion while she was proving herself in the storyline .

On the post ? Money in the Bank episode of Raw , on 30 June , a role reversal occurred , when a returning AJ Lee quickly defeated Paige in a title match to regain the Divas Championship , in which Paige was initially reluctant to face AJ but agreed to the match per request of the live audience .

Despite the championship loss , Paige acted as if she were best friends with AJ during tag matches in which they teamed together . At Battleground , Paige lost a rematch for the Divas Championship to AJ . On the post ? Battleground episode of Raw on 21 July , after Paige and AJ won a tag match against Natalya and Emma , Paige turned heel after viciously assaulting Lee . This eventually set up another title match between the two , on 17 August , Paige 's 22nd birthday , at SummerSlam , which Paige won to capture her second Divas Championship . A month later at Night of Champions , Paige lost the title back to Lee in a triple ? threat match which also involved Nikki Bella . Paige then formed an alliance with Alicia Fox while still feuding against AJ but after Fox failed to secure Paige a victory in another title match against AJ at Hell in a Cell , Paige dissolved their alliance by attacking Fox the following night on Raw . At Survivor Series , Paige participated in a 4 @-@ on @-@ 4 elimination tag team match where she was the last person from her team to be eliminated , courtesy of Naomi .

= = = The Divas Revolution (2015 ? 2016) = = =

On the 5 January 2015 episode of Raw , Paige became a fan favorite again as she rescued Natalya from a post ? match assault by WWE Divas Champion Nikki Bella which led to a non ? title match between the two , the following night on Main Event , which Paige won . This led to a tag team match between Paige and Natalya against The Bella Twins at the Royal Rumble , which The Bella Twins won . Following weeks of being tormented by The Bella Twins , Paige unsuccessfully challenged Nikki for the Divas Championship at Fastlane and on the 2 March episode of Raw , after which , the returning AJ Lee saved Paige from a post ? match attack by The Bellas . This led to a tag team match , at Wrestlemania 31 , between Paige and AJ against The Bella Twins , which AJ and Paige won in Paige 's Wrestlemania debut . On the 13 April episode of Raw , Paige won a battle royal to become the number one contender to Nikki Bella 's Divas Championship and was attacked after the match by Naomi , who injured her in the storyline and made her unable to compete . Paige returned on the 18 May episode of Raw , after a one @-@ month absence , saving Nikki Bella from an attack by Naomi and Tamina Snuka , before attacking Bella as well . This prompted a triple ? threat match between Paige , Naomi and Nikki at Elimination Chamber , which Paige lost . In June , Paige went on to unsuccessfully challenge Nikki for the championship in two singles matches on Raw and Money in the Bank , after Nikki and Brie switched places and in a triple ? threat match , on 4 July at The Beast in the East , which also involved Tamina .

On the 13 July episode of Raw , after weeks of being outnumbered by The Bella Twins and their ally Alicia Fox , Stephanie McMahon called for a " revolution " in the Divas division , introducing the debuting Charlotte and Becky Lynch as Paige 's allies and NXT Women 's Champion Sasha Banks as an ally of Naomi and Tamina , which led to a brawl between the three teams . The trio of Paige , Charlotte and Lynch , originally dubbed as " Submission Sorority " , was renamed to " Team PCB " , after the first ? name initials of each wrestler . The three teams would ultimately face off at SummerSlam in a three team elimination match , which PCB won , after Becky Lynch pinned Brie Bella . On the 31 August episode of Raw , all members of PCB competed in the first ever " Divas beat the clock challenge " , however , Charlotte was named number one contender for the WWE Divas Championship , as Paige fought Sasha Banks to a time limit draw . This led to two matches between Paige and Banks on the 7 and 14 September episodes of Raw , which Banks won , and on the 10 September episode of SmackDown , where the two fought to a no ? contest .

Charlotte won the Divas Championship from Nikki Bella on 20 September at Night of Champions , and during her celebration the following night on Raw , Paige turned on her partners and cut a worked shoot promo , where she claimed Charlotte was only there because of her father and berated other members of the Divas Division , including Lynch and Natalya , showing signs of a heel turn . This also led to Paige having multiple confrontations with Natalya . Throughout October , Paige , working as a tweener , acted as if she wanted to reconcile with Lynch and Charlotte , only to attack them and solidify her heel turn . In November , Paige became the new number one contender for Charlotte 's Divas Championship , after winning a fatal four ? way match , but was unsuccessful in regaining the title , on three different occasions : at Survivor Series , when she lost by submission

, the following night on Raw , in a rematch , which ended in a double count ? out , and at TLC , when she once again lost .

= = = = Various feuds (2016 ? present) = = = =

Paige took some time off television after her rivalry with Charlotte due to injury , and returned on the 18 January 2016 episode of Raw , once again as a fan favorite , accompanying her former rival Natalya to her match against Brie Bella . Upon her return , Paige started competing in various singles and tag team matches , ending on both winning and losing sides . Paige then aligned herself with fellow Total Divas cast members Brie Bella , Natalya , Alicia Fox and Eva Marie , facing Lana , Naomi , Tamina , Summer Rae and Emma in a 10 @-@ Diva tag team match on the WrestleMania 32 kick @-@ off show , which Team Total Divas would win . After defeating WWE Women 's Champion Charlotte on two occasions , Paige was granted a title match on the 20 June episode of Raw , where she failed to capture the title , and would be attacked by Charlotte and her accomplice Dana Brooke post @-@ match , before being saved by Sasha Banks , this led to a tag team match the following week on the June 27 episode of Raw , where Paige and Banks scored the victory . On 19 July , at the 2016 WWE Draft , Paige was drafted to Raw .

= = Other media = =

In July 2012 , Channel 4 produced a documentary about Bevis and her family titled The Wrestlers : Fighting with My Family .

Paige made her video game debut as a downloadable character in WWE 2K15 , and is featured as a playable character in WWE 2K16 .

In October 2014 , Paige joined the cast of Total Divas , a reality television show produced by WWE and E ! , for the second part of the show 's third season , which began airing in 2015 . Paige guest starred on the 14 January 2016 episode of the MTV series Ridiculousness . She appeared alongside Natalya , Brie Bella , and the Chrisley family on the 88th Academy Awards edition of E ! Countdown to the Red Carpet on February 28 .

In March 2015 , Paige was featured in Smosh 's 131st installment of Game Bang , along with Xavier Woods , Seth Rollins , and Daniel Bryan . Paige frequently appears at Wizard World comic con events across the United States , hosting fan signings , photo ops , and Q & A sessions . In June 2015 , Paige became one of the judges on the sixth season of Tough Enough . Before the show started , Paige predicted that she would fulfill a role similar to Simon Cowell as a judge . On 3 August 2015 , Paige was a guest on Stone Cold Steve Austin 's Stone Cold Podcast , which aired on the WWE Network . She was a guest on Conan on 22 October .

Paige starred in her first WWE Studios film titled Santa 's Little Helper , alongside The Miz , AnnaLynne McCord , and WWE Superstar Maryse , which was released in November 2015 . She will provide a voice role in the WWE Studios and Sony Pictures Animation film Surf 's Up 2 : WaveMania , which is due for release in 2017 .

= = Filmography = =

= = = Film = = =

= = = Television = = =

= = Business ventures = =

In September 2015 , Bevis co @-@ launched a coffee company called The Dark Gypsy with

Blackcraft Cult clothing company owners Bobby Schubenski and Jim Somers .

= = Personal life = =

Bevis is part of a professional wrestling family . Her parents , Julia Hamer @-@ Bevis and Ian Bevis , and her older brothers , Roy Bevis and Zak Frary , are professional wrestlers . The family runs the World Association of Wrestling (WAW) promotion in Norwich . Her mother owns and operates Bellatrix Female Warriors , a women 's wrestling promotion also based in Norwich . For a time , WWE Hall of Famer Jake " The Snake " Roberts lived with the family . Bevis cites Bull Nakano , Alundra Blayze , Lita , Rikishi and Stone Cold Steve Austin as some of her favorite wrestlers .

Bevis suffers from scoliosis . She was unaware that she had the condition until after signing with WWE , when a trainer noticed that her back looked wrong .

On the WWE reality television show Total Divas , Paige acknowledged having previously " been with " another woman . Total Divas also featured Paige having a relationship with Emarosa singer Bradley Walden . She dated A Day to Remember guitarist Kevin Skaff from May 2015 until February 2016 . In May 2016 , it was reported that Paige was dating fellow WWE wrestler Alberto Del Rio .

= = In wrestling = =

Finishing moves

Black Widow (Octopus hold) ? 2014 ; parodied from AJ Lee

Knight Light (Independent circuit) / Ram @-@ Paige (WWE) (Cradle DDT)

Paige @-@ Turner (Swinging leg hook fireman 's carry slam) ? 2012 ? 14 , used rarely thereafter

PTO ? Paige Tap Out (Inverted sharpshooter with double chickenwing) ? adopted from Bull Nakano

Ram @-@ Paige (Cloverleaf while kneeling on the opponent 's back ? 2012 ? 13

Signature moves

Fallaway slam

Fisherman suplex

Hair @-@ pull toss

High knee , to a cornered or kneeling opponent

Knight Rider (Leg trap sunset flip powerbomb) (independent circuit)

Modified cross @-@ legged STF

Multiple back elbows to a cornered opponent

Multiple headbutts

Multiple knee lifts , to an opponent leaning through the ropes , with theatrics

Multiple short @-@ arm clotheslines

Multiple stomps , to the chest of an opponent seated in the corner

Rope hung Boston crab (independent circuit)

Running single leg dropkick

Samoan drop

Somersault senton , from the ring apron

Stan Lane (independent circuit) / Side kick (WWE)

Managers

Rebecca Knox

Wrestlers managed

Rick Victor

Nicknames

" The Anti @-@ Diva "

" The Diva of Tomorrow "

Entrance themes

" Faint " by Linkin Park (Shimmer)

" Smashed in the Face " by George Gabriel (FCW / NXT ; 19 March 2012 ? 26 February 2014)

" Stars in the Night " by CFO \$ (NXT / WWE ; 27 February 2014 ? present)

= = Championships and accomplishments = =

German Stampede Wrestling

GSW Ladies Championship (1 time)

Herts & Essex Wrestling

HEW Women 's Championship (2 times)

Premier Wrestling Federation

PWF Ladies Tag Team Championship (1 time) ? with Sweet Saraya

Pro @-@ Wrestling : EVE

Pro @-@ Wrestling : EVE Championship (1 time)

Pro Wrestling Illustrated

PWI ranked her No. 1 of the top 50 female wrestlers in the PWI Female 50 in 2014

Real Deal Wrestling

RDW Women 's Championship (1 time)

Real Quality Wrestling

RQW Women 's Championship (1 time)

Rolling Stone

Diva of the Year (2014)

Swiss Championship Wrestling

SCW Ladies Championship (1 time)

World Association of Women 's Wrestling

WAWW British Ladies Championship (1 time)

WAWW British Tag Team Championship (1 time) ? with Melodi

WAWW Ladies Hardcore Championship (1 time)

Wrestling Observer Newsletter

Worst Feud of the Year (2015) Team PCB vs. Team B.A.D. vs. Team Bella

WWE NXT

NXT Women 's Championship (1 time)

NXT Women 's Championship Tournament (2013)

WWE

WWE Divas Championship (2 times)