

= The Mega Bucks =

The Mega Bucks was a professional wrestling tag team that competed in the World Wrestling Federation (WWF) in 1988 . The team , consisting of " The Million Dollar Man " Ted DiBiase and André the Giant , was formed in a storyline that saw DiBiase purchase André 's contract from fellow manager Bobby Heenan . André was to win the WWF World Heavyweight Championship from Hulk Hogan , but then he attempted to sell the belt to DiBiase . The title was vacated , but DiBiase and André were then scheduled to face Hogan and Macho Man Randy Savage in a match at SummerSlam , which Hogan and Savage won . After the match , DiBiase and André went their separate ways and the team was dissolved .

= = History = =

= = = Formation = = =

Prior to the formation of the team , André the Giant had been engaged in a feud with Hulk Hogan . According to the storyline , André was tired of Hogan being the top wrestler in the WWF and was jealous of Hogan 's reign as WWF World Heavyweight Champion . On an episode of Piper 's Pit , André turned on Hogan by attacking him and challenging him to a match for the championship . Hogan and André faced each other in the main event of WrestleMania III on March 29 , 1987 . Hogan won the match , but the feud remained unsettled .

In November 1987 , " The Million Dollar Man " Ted DiBiase announced his intention to buy the WWF World Heavyweight Championship from reigning champion Hulk Hogan . Hogan refused and faced DiBiase in a series of matches instead . After DiBiase lost these matches , he purchased the contract of André the Giant from Bobby " The Brain " Heenan in January 1988 . He planned to help André win the title , after which André would present the belt to DiBiase as a gift .

André faced Hogan for the title on the February 5 , 1988 broadcast of The Main Event , with Dave Hebner as the scheduled referee . André pinned Hogan to win the championship and handed the belt to DiBiase . The pinfall was controversial , however , as Hogan 's shoulders were not on the mat when the referee made the three count . After the match , the real Dave Hebner , who looked identical to referee that had officiated the match , ran to the ring to attack the impostor referee . Hulk Hogan then threw the impostor out of the ring onto DiBiase and his bodyguard Virgil . According to the storyline , DiBiase had paid an unnamed referee to get plastic surgery to look exactly like Dave Hebner . In reality , the second referee was Dave 's twin brother Earl Hebner , who was making his on @-@ screen debut with the WWF .

= = = Feud with The Mega Powers = = =

The controversy resulted in WWF President Jack Tunney declaring the WWF World Heavyweight Championship vacant and booking a 14 @-@ man tournament at WrestleMania IV to determine the new champion . In the tournament , André and Hogan were booked to face each other . Their match ended in a double disqualification , and both men were eliminated from the tournament . Meanwhile , André interfered in DiBiase 's matches , which helped DiBiase make it to the final match , in which he faced " Macho Man " Randy Savage . After André got involved to help DiBiase , Hogan came to the ring to even the odds . Savage won the match and the championship , and the rivalry led to a match being booked between The Mega Powers (Hogan and Savage) and The Mega Bucks (DiBiase and André) . After WrestleMania IV , André returned to The Heenan Family , with the explanation that Heenan purchased his contract back at a profit , but his association with DiBiase continued .

At the inaugural SummerSlam , the two teams faced off . Jesse Ventura had been appointed as a supposedly impartial guest referee by Jack Tunney . It was strongly hinted leading up the event that Ventura , who provided commentary for many WWF events and was a strong critic of Hulk Hogan ,

had been paid an undisclosed amount by DiBiase . Near the end of the SummerSlam match , Elizabeth , the manager of The Mega Powers , got involved to help her team . She stripped off her skirt to expose her skimpy panties to the stunned Mega Bucks , which allowed The Mega Powers to make a comeback and win the match . While counting the pinfall , Ventura stopped counting at two and hesitated until Savage pushed Ventura 's hand to the mat to complete the three count .

= = = Aftermath = = =

This match marked the end of the feud between Hulk Hogan and André the Giant that had dominated WWF programming for over 18 months . In the weeks after the match , André feuded with other upper @-@ card wrestlers such as Savage and Jake Roberts . Hogan and Savage continued to feud with DiBiase for the remainder of the year .

Although the tag team of The Mega Bucks was short @-@ lived , DiBiase and André appeared in the 1989 arcade game WWF Superstars as the game 's boss tag team .

= = In wrestling = =

Managers
Bobby Heenan
Virgil

= = Championships and accomplishments = =

World Wrestling Federation
WWF Championship (1 time) ? André