

= Randy Orton =

Randal Keith " Randy " Orton ( born April 1 , 1980 ) is an American professional wrestler and actor who is signed with WWE with the SmackDown brand . He is a 12 @-@ time world champion , having held the WWE Championship / WWE World Heavyweight Championship eight times and the World Heavyweight Championship four times , and was the final holder of the World Heavyweight Championship .

Orton is a third @-@ generation professional wrestler ; his grandfather Bob Orton , Sr. , his father " Cowboy " Bob Orton , and his uncle Barry Orton all competed in the professional wrestling business . Before being promoted to the main World Wrestling Federation ( WWF , now WWE ) roster , Orton trained in and wrestled for Mid @-@ Missouri Wrestling Association @-@ Southern Illinois Conference Wrestling for a month . He was then sent to Ohio Valley Wrestling ( OVW ) , where he held the OVW Hardcore Championship twice .

Orton became a member of the stable Evolution shortly after his WWE debut , which quickly led to a Intercontinental Championship reign , his first title with the company . He also acquired the moniker " The Legend Killer " during a storyline where he began disrespecting and then physically attacking WWE Hall of Famers and wrestling veterans . At age 24 , he became the youngest person ever to hold the World Heavyweight Championship . With this win , he departed from Evolution and a feud with his former stablemates began . In 2006 , Orton joined forces with Edge in a tag team known as Rated @-@ RKO . Together , they held the World Tag Team Championship .

After Rated @-@ RKO disbanded in mid @-@ 2007 , Orton gained two WWE Championship reigns in one night , and at 27 , he became the youngest two @-@ time WWE Champion . He formed the group The Legacy with Cody Rhodes and Ted DiBiase in 2008 . It disbanded in 2010 and Orton returned to singles competition . From 2013 to 2015 , Orton was aligned with The Authority , who named him the " face of the WWE " . Overall , he has won 14 total championships in WWE . He is also the winner of the 2009 Royal Rumble match and has headlined many pay @-@ per @-@ view events for the organization , including WrestleManias XXV and XXX .

= = Early life = =

Orton was born in Knoxville , Tennessee , the son of Bob Orton , Jr. and his wife Elaine . He is the grandson of Bob Orton , Sr. and the nephew of wrestler @-@ turned @-@ musician Barry Orton . He has two younger siblings named Nate and Rebecca . Knowing the hardships of life as a professional wrestler , Orton 's parents tried to convince him to stay away from the business , and his father warned him that life in the ring meant a life on the road and away from family . Orton attended Hazelwood Central High School , where he was an amateur wrestler .

= = Military career = =

After graduating from high school in 1998 , Orton enlisted with the United States Marine Corps . At the base , he received a bad conduct discharge a year later after deserting on two separate occasions and disobeying an order from a commanding officer . Under the Uniform Code of Military Justice , Private First Class Orton was tried and convicted under a special court @-@ martial , subsequently spending 38 days in a military prison .

= = Professional wrestling career = =

= = = Training ( 2000 ? 2002 ) = = =

Orton made his wrestling debut in 2000 at the Mid @-@ Missouri Wrestling Association @-@ Southern Illinois Conference Wrestling ( MMWA @-@ SICW ) in St. Louis , Missouri , an offshoot of the historic St. Louis Wrestling Club headed by Sam Muchnick . There , he was trained by both the

promotion and his father , Bob Orton Jr .. He wrestled for the promotion for one month , where he performed with wrestlers such as Ace Strange and Mark Bland . Orton also refereed a few matches with World Organized Wrestling , a promotion where his uncle Barry Orton worked .

= = = World Wrestling Federation / Entertainment / WWE = = =

= = = Ohio Valley Wrestling ( 2001 ? 2002 ) = = =

In 2001 , Orton signed a deal with the then World Wrestling Federation ( WWF ) and was sent to its developmental territory , Ohio Valley Wrestling ( OVW ) in Louisville , Kentucky , where he continued his training . During his time in OVW , Orton wrestled the likes of Rico Constantino and The Prototype and teamed with Bobby Eaton during a tag team title tournament . He won the OVW Hardcore Championship on two separate occasions by defeating Mr. Black on February 14 , 2001 , and Flash Flanagan on May 5 , 2001 . On several occasions he faced Rico Constantino on combined WWFE / OVW events , and also lost to The Prototype ( John Cena ) in a tag match on July 28 in Jacksonville , IN . He also began appearing on several WWFE house shows that were unaffiliated with OVW , the first being on May 1 , 2001 when he faced Billy Gunn . After taking the mic and promising to beat Gunn , Orton was defeated . That fall he began appearing regularly on WWFE house shows and dark matches , facing Chuck Palumbo , Steven Richards , and Shawn Stasiak , but mostly wrestling in tag team matches .

= = = Evolution ( 2002 ? 2004 ) = = =

One of Orton 's first official WWF appearances was March 16 , 2002 at WrestleMania X8 's Fan Axxess , where he was defeated by Tommy Dreamer . Orton 's first televised WWF match was against Hardcore Holly on SmackDown ! on April 25 , 2002 . Soon after , Orton became a fan favorite and was placed in a series of matches with Holly . In September 2002 , Orton was drafted to the Raw brand , where he defeated Stevie Richards in his debut on the show . Within weeks of his debut on the Raw brand , Orton suffered a shoulder injury , leaving him sidelined for months . While recovering , Orton still appeared on Raw in his own Randy News Network segment , a weekly vignette featuring him talking about his condition . The show interrupted other segments of Raw programming , which caused Orton to slowly transition himself into a narcissistic and self @-@ centered villain .

After his injury healed , Orton joined the Evolution stable , which consisted of Ric Flair , Triple H , and relative newcomer , Dave Batista . The group was pushed on Raw from 2003 to 2004 , with the height of their dominance occurring after Armageddon in 2003 when all of the men 's titles on Raw were held by the members of Evolution . In 2003 , Orton spent much of his time helping Triple H overcome challenges for the World Heavyweight Championship . Orton joined Triple H in a six @-@ man Elimination Chamber match for the World Heavyweight Championship at SummerSlam , involved primarily to secure Triple H 's title defense , and was eliminated by Goldberg , but the stable managed to fulfill its purpose and Triple H went on to eliminate Goldberg and thus retain his title .

Afterwards , Orton proclaimed himself " The Legend Killer " , a young upstart who was so talented that he touted himself as the future of professional wrestling . He embarked on numerous storyline feuds with " legendary " wrestlers and gained infamy for his blatant disrespect of many older , well @-@ respected names in wrestling history . With the help of his stablemate and mentor Ric Flair , he defeated Shawn Michaels at Unforgiven in the first of many high @-@ profile matches billed as " Legend versus Legend Killer . " Orton then spat in the face of Harley Race on the April 26 , 2004 Raw . During this time , Orton began using the move that would become his signature finisher , the RKO , a jumping cutter named after his initials . Orton soon defeated Rob Van Dam for the Intercontinental Championship at Armageddon on December 14 , 2003 . With this win , Orton started the longest Intercontinental Championship reign in seven years , holding the title for seven

months . Orton continued to establish himself as a " Legend Killer " throughout 2004 , challenging the semi @-@ retired wrestler Mick Foley . Famed for his hardcore matches and ability to handle excruciating pain , Foley offered Orton a hardcore " Legend versus Legend Killer " match for his Intercontinental Championship . At Backlash , in a bloody match involving thumbtacks and barbed wire , Orton defeated Foley . Two months later at Bad Blood , he retained the Intercontinental Championship against Shelton Benjamin . In July , at Vengeance , Edge defeated Orton to win the Intercontinental Championship , ending Orton 's seven @-@ month title reign . After losing the Intercontinental Championship , Orton became the number one contender for the World Heavyweight Championship after winning a 20 @-@ man battle royal on July 26 .

At SummerSlam , Orton defeated Chris Benoit for the championship . Orton became the youngest person ever to hold the title in WWE history at the age of 24 . Benoit congratulated Orton after the match , shaking his hand for showing the ability to " be a man " . The following night , after Orton successfully defended the championship against Benoit in a rematch , Evolution threw Orton a mock celebration , only to reveal that they were not pleased with his new victory . While Batista had Orton propped on his shoulders in elation , Triple H gave him a pleased thumbs up and then abruptly changed it to a thumbs @-@ down , which was followed by Batista 's dropping Orton to the mat . Ric Flair and Batista attacked Orton in the ring as Triple H revealed his jealousy for Orton 's title . He ordered Orton to hand over the championship , but he refused , spitting in Triple H 's face and hitting him with the title belt . Orton 's break @-@ up with Evolution began a new storyline for him as a fan favorite when he continued to feud with his former stablemates . A month later , Orton lost his championship to Triple H at Unforgiven . Seeking revenge , Orton lashed out at Evolution members , catching them by surprise during a show by giving them a large cake as a make @-@ up gift , which he came out of to beat and humiliate the group . At Taboo Tuesday , Orton defeated Ric Flair in a Steel Cage match . After this , Orton experienced another push , becoming General Manager of the Raw brand for a week following a match stipulation at Survivor Series where he picked up the win for his team by last pinning Triple H in a 4 @-@ on @-@ 4 Survivor Series match . He continued to feud with Triple H , using his authority to place his opponents at severe disadvantages during title defenses . Orton was granted another chance at the championship in January 2005 , but lost a six @-@ man championship Elimination Chamber match to Triple H at New Year 's Revolution . On the January 10 Raw , Orton defeated Batista to earn a match against Triple H at the Royal Rumble for the World Heavyweight title . At the Royal Rumble , Triple H defeated Orton to retain the World title .

== == The Legend Killer ( 2005 ? 2007 ) == ==

Orton began an on @-@ screen relationship with Stacy Keibler and briefly feuded with Christian in February 2005 . On the February 28 Raw , Superstar Billy Graham made an appearance , in which he advised Orton to " go where no wrestler [ had ] gone before " .

Orton then produced a copy of SmackDown ! magazine , which featured The Undertaker on the cover . Heeding Graham 's advice , Orton claimed he would set himself apart from all other wrestlers by ending The Undertaker 's undefeated streak at WrestleMania . Throughout March 2005 , Orton taunted The Undertaker , claiming he was unafraid of him . On the March 21 Raw , Orton turned into a villain once more after he delivered an RKO to his unsuspecting on @-@ screen girlfriend , Stacy Keibler , knocking her unconscious . During Orton 's promos , he ran for cover whenever signs of The Undertaker 's appearance ( lightning , darkness , or smoke ) occurred . When legendary wrestler Jake Roberts advised Orton not to underestimate The Undertaker , Orton performed an RKO on Roberts as well . In the weeks leading up to WrestleMania , Orton became more defiant and unafraid of The Undertaker , taunting and assaulting him in the ring following distractions from his father , " Cowboy " Bob Orton . At WrestleMania 21 , however , the heavily hyped match was unsuccessful for Orton , as he lost despite his father 's interference .

The following night on Raw , Orton faced Batista , who had become World Heavyweight Champion . Orton stated on @-@ screen that his match with The Undertaker had aggravated a shoulder injury . While sidelined , Orton appeared on Raw and claimed that he was ineligible for the WWE Draft

Lottery due to his injury . He was informed by WWE Chairman Vince McMahon that he was indeed a candidate for the draft , leaving a possibility of a return to SmackDown ! . Orton returned to WWE programming for the SmackDown ! brand on June 16 , announcing that he was the second pick in the 2005 draft lottery . He rekindled his feud with The Undertaker , defeating him at SummerSlam following a distraction from his father . Two months later , Orton and his father Bob Orton defeated The Undertaker in a Handicap Casket match , after the match Randy Orton and his father Bob locked the Undertaker in the casket and , in a move similar to Kane at the 1998 Royal Rumble , chopped holes in the top of the casket with an axe , poured gasoline over the casket and set it ablaze , kayfabe killing The Undertaker . The following month , Orton was a participant in the annual elimination match of Team SmackDown against Team Raw at Survivor Series . In the match , Orton was the last remaining wrestler in the match for the third straight year . , as he pinned Shawn Michaels to get the victory for Team SmackDown . At the event , The Undertaker returned by emerging from a flaming casket and attacking the SmackDown superstars who had come to the ring to celebrate Team SmackDown 's victory . On the SmackDown ! after Survivor Series , The Undertaker interfered in a match between Rey Mysterio & the Big Show after Kane interfered . Randy Orton RKO 'd the Undertaker , he then struck the Undertaker with a tire iron and set him on the back of the lowrider Mysterio had driven to the ring , he then reversed the lowrider into the SmackDown set , causing an explosion . The feud was finally settled with a Hell in a Cell match at Armageddon , where The Undertaker offered to retire if he lost . On December 16 , The Undertaker entered the ring to deliver a promo while one of his druids appeared to be standing in the ring . The Undertaker sustained an RKO from Orton in a surprise attack . The druid revealed himself to be Orton 's father , who gave Orton The Undertaker 's urn , which , according to the storyline , allowed whomever held it to control The Undertaker . The Undertaker , however , beat both Ortons in a Hell in a Cell match , ending their nine @-@ month @-@ long feud .

Following Armageddon , Orton entered the 2006 Royal Rumble match as the thirtieth and final wrestler , but he was eliminated by Rey Mysterio . Mysterio won the match and a title shot , and Orton urged him to put the title shot at stake in a match at No Way Out . In the weeks preceding No Way Out , Orton made controversial remarks about Eddie Guerrero , Mysterio 's friend who had died a few months previously , in an attempt to gain villain heat . Many fans felt the comments were highly distasteful so soon after Guerrero 's death in November 2005 . Orton won at No Way Out , earning Mysterio 's title shot for the World Heavyweight Championship at WrestleMania 22 . General Manager Theodore Long re @-@ added Mysterio to the WrestleMania 22 title match , however , making it a Triple Threat match between Orton , Mysterio , and then @-@ champion , Kurt Angle . On April 2 , at WrestleMania 22 , Orton was pinned by Mysterio , making Mysterio the World Heavyweight Champion and ending their on @-@ screen rivalry .

On April 4 , 2006 , Orton was suspended for sixty days for " unprofessional conduct . " In an interview , Orton stated , " my conduct was unbecoming of a champion , which is what I will be again when I return " . To cover for the suspension , a scripted injury was devised , where Kurt Angle broke Orton 's ankle during a grudge match . Orton returned from his suspension in June to the Raw brand , where he entered a rivalry with Angle , culminating in matches at One Night Stand and Vengeance before engaging in a storyline feud with Hulk Hogan . Orton began cutting promos insulting the aging Hogan and flirted with Hogan 's then @-@ eighteen @-@ year @-@ old daughter Brooke . At SummerSlam , the two met in a " Legend vs. Legend Killer " match , which Hogan won .

After the newly reformed D @-@ Generation X ( DX ) ( Triple H and Shawn Michaels ) cost Edge the WWE Championship numerous times , Edge approached Orton and asked him to join forces to defeat the team . Orton , whose championship reign had been ended by Triple H in 2004 , agreed , forming the tag team Rated @-@ RKO . The two became the first to defeat DX since their reunion and quickly dominated the Raw brand 's tag team division to become tag team champions . As part of the angle , Rated @-@ RKO attacked Ric Flair with steel chairs to enrage DX on November 27 . At New Year 's Revolution , Rated @-@ RKO faced DX in a title defense , but the match was declared a no @-@ contest when Triple H suffered a legitimate injury during the match . With Triple H out of action , Rated @-@ RKO continued their on @-@ screen rivalry with remaining DX

member Shawn Michaels . Michaels teamed with John Cena to defeat Rated @-@ RKO for the tag team championship on January 29 . After losing the tag team titles , both Edge and Orton focused on the WWE Championship , causing friction in the group . They would lose a triple threat match against Shawn Michaels to earn a title match at WrestleMania 23 . They both competed in the Money in the Bank ladder match at the same event , but the match was won by Mr. Kennedy . Finally , they faced off in a fatal four way for the title against Cena and Michaels at Backlash , however Cena retained the title . Their alliance was effectively ended once Edge was drafted to Smackdown . Orton then continued his " Legend Killer " persona , attacking Shawn Michaels . Using frequent attacks to the head , including an elevated DDT and a running punt to the face , Orton defeated Michaels at Judgment Day . When the kayfabe wounded and concussed Michaels collapsed in the ring , the referee was forced to stop the match and award Orton the victory . Orton continued his attacks when he engaged himself in feuds with Rob Van Dam , Ric Flair , Dusty Rhodes , and Sgt. Slaughter . During this time the commentators noted how Orton slithers around and stalks his victims like a snake ; this led to " The Viper " becoming a nickname for Orton .

= = = = WWE Champion ( 2007 ? 2011 ) = = = =

On the July 23 Raw , Orton was named number one contender for John Cena 's WWE Championship . Three times before their scheduled bout at SummerSlam , Orton assaulted Cena with the RKO . Orton lost the title match when Cena pinned him after an FU . The next night on Raw , Orton demanded a rematch , but Raw General Manager William Regal denied him . He then appealed to Mr. McMahon , who offered him the shot if he " proved himself " . That night , Orton interfered in Cena 's match , assaulting him before kicking his father , who was at ringside , in the head . McMahon granted Orton his rematch at Unforgiven , which he won by disqualification when Cena refused to stop punching him in the corner . Cena retained the championship because titles cannot change hands by disqualification . After the match , Cena 's father , who was again at ringside , kicked Orton in the head . The next night on Raw , Orton defeated Cena 's father by DQ , then hit him with an RKO , while Cena was handcuffed to the ropes . Before No Mercy , Cena won a match on RAW , but with an injury . Randy Orton then hit Cena with the RKO , gaining a new nickname , The Viper . Orton then threw him outside the ring , and giving him an RKO on the announcer 's table .

At the beginning of No Mercy , Mr. McMahon awarded Orton the WWE Championship after Cena vacated it due to injury the previous week , cutting their feud short . Orton lost the title to Triple H in the opening match . In the main event , Orton defeated Triple H in a Last Man Standing match to regain the title . Orton then restarted his feud with Shawn Michaels , who returned on the October 8 Raw and Superkicked him . Michaels was chosen by fan voting over Jeff Hardy and Mr. Kennedy to meet Orton in a title match at Cyber Sunday . Orton was disqualified when he low blowed Michaels , but retained the title . Orton won a rematch at Survivor Series after hitting Michaels with the RKO . Per stipulation , if Michaels had used Sweet Chin Music , he 'd have lost and never had another chance at the title , and if Orton was disqualified , he would have lost the title . Orton then feuded with Jeff Hardy , and defeated him in a title match at the Royal Rumble . He then restarted his feud with John Cena , who had returned from injury to win the 2008 Royal Rumble match . Instead of taking his title shot at WrestleMania XXIV , as Rumble winners typically do , Cena took it at No Way Out and defeated Orton , who intentionally got himself disqualified to retain the title . At WrestleMania , Orton retained the WWE Championship in a Triple Threat match over Cena and Triple H , by pinning Cena after Triple H Pedigreed him .

The next month , at Backlash , Orton lost the title to Triple H in a Fatal Four @-@ Way Elimination match , also including Cena and John " Bradshaw " Layfield . After failing to win it back at Judgment Day , Orton faced Triple H for it in a Last Man Standing match at One Night Stand , which he lost when Triple H countered an RKO by throwing him over the top rope , breaking his clavicle . During this time , he gained a new entrance theme , " Voices " , performed by the band Rev Theory .

Shortly before he was to return from his injury , Orton was reinjured in a motorcycle accident . He returned to Raw on September 1 , criticizing all the champions , including World Tag Team

Champions Cody Rhodes and Ted DiBiase , who he berated and slapped for letting Cryme Tyme steal their belts . This inspired them to try to gain Orton 's respect . They achieved this at Unforgiven when , with new stablemate Manu , they assaulted World Heavyweight Champion CM Punk , forcing him to vacate his title before his scheduled defense that night . Orton returned to the ring on the November 3 Raw , losing to Punk by disqualification when DiBiase interfered . In retaliation , Orton punted DiBiase in the head . On the December 1 Raw , Orton proposed that he , Rhodes and Manu form an alliance . The stable , called The Legacy , debuted the next week , defeating Batista and Triple H , Orton 's former Evolution stablemates , in a three @-@ on @-@ two handicap match .

Orton began feuding with the McMahon family on the January 19 , 2009 episode of Raw when he confronted both Mr. McMahon and Stephanie , claiming that he was worth more than her , and that she had become " worthless " . This infuriated Mr. McMahon , who demanded that Orton apologize , or he 'd terminate him on the spot . As Mr. McMahon was about to fire him , Orton attacked him and viciously punted him in the head , leading to him being carried out of the arena on a stretcher . On January 25 , Orton won the Royal Rumble match , last eliminating Triple H. The next night on Raw , Orton claimed that he suffered from IED , and that he was not responsible for his actions towards Mr. McMahon , claiming that he suffered a " loss of control " because of the disorder . He also claimed that WWE knew of the condition , but did nothing , and threatened to sue WWE for that reason , and also , if Stephanie were to fire him , threatened a second lawsuit for breach of contract , due to the fact that he was legally entitled to compete at WrestleMania because he won the Royal Rumble . Though Stephanie teased firing Orton , she changed her mind and said she had " bigger plans " , leading to Shane McMahon returning to Raw and viciously attacking Orton . This led to Orton facing Shane in a No Holds Barred match at No Way Out , which he won . The next night on Raw , Orton faced Shane again in an unsanctioned match , which ended in a no @-@ contest when he punted Shane in the head , thus rendering him unable to continue the match . Stephanie then ran down to the ring to tend to her brother , but Orton hit her with an RKO . This drew Triple H into the feud , who claimed that Orton " crossed the line " when he attacked Stephanie , his real @-@ life wife . Later , Orton claimed that everything he had done was part of a plan to get revenge on Triple H after he kicked him out of Evolution ; according to Orton , Triple H " ruined his life " , so Orton was going to do the same and take everything that Triple H cared about away from him . He challenged Triple H for the WWE title at WrestleMania XXV , which he was unsuccessful . He won it the next month at Backlash by pinning Triple H in a special six @-@ man tag match between The Legacy and Triple H , Batista and Shane McMahon . At Extreme Rules , he lost the title to Batista in a Steel Cage match . The following night on Raw , Orton and Legacy attacked Batista and broke his arm , forcing him to vacate the title .

On the June 15 Raw , Orton regained the title in a Fatal Four Way match , over Triple H , John Cena and Big Show . He lost the title to John Cena in an " I Quit " match at Breaking Point . He then regained it from Cena in a Hell in a Cell match at Hell in a Cell . At Bragging Rights , Orton re @-@ lost the title to Cena in a one @-@ hour Iron Man match .

On the January 11 , 2010 Raw , Orton won a Triple Threat match , with help from Rhodes and DiBiase , for the right to challenge Sheamus at the Royal Rumble for the WWE Championship . Orton lost by disqualification when Rhodes interfered . After the match , Orton attacked Rhodes and DiBiase . On the February 15 Raw , Orton was again disqualified in a rematch when The Legacy interfered . Orton and DiBiase both competed in the WWE Championship Elimination Chamber match at Elimination Chamber . DiBiase eliminated Orton after hitting him with a pipe Rhodes gave him . The next night on Raw , during a six @-@ man tag match , Orton attacked them in retaliation . At WrestleMania XXVI , Orton , now a face for the first time since 2005 , defeated Rhodes and DiBiase in a Triple Threat match .

After The Legacy disbanded , Orton unsuccessfully challenged Jack Swagger for the World Heavyweight Championship at Extreme Rules in April . During a number one contender 's match for the WWE Championship on RAW , Orton was speared by Edge , costing him the match and setting up a bout at Over the Limit , Orton separated his right shoulder during the match , which ended in a double countout . At Fatal 4 @-@ Way in June , Orton lost a fatal four @-@ way WWE Championship match , also involving champion Cena and Edge , to Sheamus . On the July 19 Raw ,

he won a number one contender 's match over Edge and Chris Jericho , earning a match against Sheamus at SummerSlam . Sheamus was disqualified for bringing a steel chair into the ring , giving Orton the win , but not the title . Immediately afterward , Orton hit Sheamus with the chair and an RKO .

Orton defeated John Cena , Chris Jericho , Wade Barrett , Edge and Sheamus in a Six @-@ Pack Challenge Elimination Match to become WWE Champion for the sixth time at Night of Champions . After defending the title against Sheamus at Hell in a Cell , Orton feuded with Wade Barrett , who was blackmailing Cena to help him capture the title . Orton defeated Barrett again at Bragging Rights and Survivor Series After one final match on the November 22 episode of Raw , The Miz immediately cashed in his Money in the Bank briefcase and quickly beat Orton for the title . Orton lost to The Miz in a title tables match at TLC : Tables , Ladders & Chairs and again in a standard match at the Royal Rumble in January 2011 , after The New Nexus interfered , starting a feud between Orton and CM Punk .

The next month at Elimination Chamber , Orton lost the a WWE Championship number @-@ one @-@ contender Elimination Chamber match to Cena . Over the next three weeks , Orton punted and injured all members of The New Nexus , Michael McGillicutty , David Otunga and Mason Ryan . At WrestleMania XXVII , Orton pinned Punk after the RKO . On the April 11 Raw , McGillicutty , Otunga and Ryan returned and cost Orton a number one contender 's match for the WWE Championship . Two weeks later , in the 2011 WWE Draft , Orton was drafted to SmackDown and beat Punk in a Last Man Standing Match at Extreme Rules , ending his feud with The New Nexus .

= = = = World Heavyweight Championship pursuits ( 2011 ? 2012 ) = = = =

On the May 6 episode of SmackDown , Orton received a title opportunity against World Heavyweight Champion , Christian . Orton was successful in defeating Christian to win his second World Heavyweight Championship . At Over the Limit and Capitol Punishment , Orton successfully defended his championship against Christian . In July at Money in the Bank , Orton met Christian in a match where , if Orton got himself disqualified , or the referee made a " bad call " , Christian would win the title . Christian spat in Orton 's face , causing him to lose control of his temper , kick Christian in the groin and get disqualified . A month later , at SummerSlam event , Orton regained the title when he defeated Christian in a No Holds Barred match . Orton ended his feud with Christian when he retained the World Championship in a Steel Cage Match on the August 30 SmackDown . Orton then began a feud with Mark Henry after Henry became the number one contender to the World Heavyweight Championship . Over the next few weeks , Henry regularly attacked Orton . At Night of Champions , Orton lost the World Heavyweight title Henry , and failed to regain it two weeks later at Hell in a Cell . On the October 14 episode of SmackDown , Orton received another title shot against Henry after winning a 41 @-@ man battle royal , he was successful in winning the match by disqualification but failed to win the title after interference from rival Cody Rhodes . He then defeated Rhodes at Vengeance , and on the November 4 SmackDown in a Street Fight .

Orton reignited his feud with Wade Barrett after both were named captain for a traditional 5 @-@ on @-@ 5 Survivor Series elimination match . On the November 11 SmackDown , Orton lost a match to Barrett . On the November 14 Raw , Orton won a rematch by disqualification . His team was defeated at Survivor Series with Barrett and Cody Rhodes being the sole survivors . Barrett then began attacking and distracting Orton during matches . At Tables , Ladders , & Chairs , Orton defeated Barrett in a tables match hitting the RKO mid @-@ air with Barrett landing through the table . Barrett and Orton continued their feud on the December 23 SmackDown , where they brawled backstage and Orton hit Barrett with an RKO onto a car . This led to a Falls Count Anywhere match on December 30 Smackdown , in which Barrett pushed Orton down a flight of stairs , resulting in a herniated disc , which sidelined Orton for four weeks . On the January 27 , 2012 episode of SmackDown , he returned to the ring and attacked Barrett . On the February 3 episode of SmackDown , Orton defeated Barrett in a No Disqualification match to end the feud .

On the February 13 episode of Raw SuperShow , Orton suffered a concussion after World

Heavyweight Champion Daniel Bryan smashed Orton over the head with the title belt . Due to the injury , Orton was taken out of his elimination chamber match at Elimination Chamber and was replaced by Santino Marella . Orton returned on the March 2 SmackDown , losing to Bryan by count @-@ out , following interference from Kane , who then attacked Orton after the match . In retaliation , Orton hit Kane with an RKO on the March 5 episode of Raw Supershow , after the latter defeated R @-@ Truth . On the next SmackDown , Orton hit Kane with another RKO before his match . They later brawled as the show ended . At WrestleMania XXVIII , Orton was defeated by Kane in a singles match . Orton defeated Kane on the next SmackDown in a No Disqualification match and at Extreme Rules in a Falls Count Anywhere match to end the feud .

On April 30 Raw , Orton was part of a Beat the Clock challenge to determine the number one contender for the WWE Championship match at Over the Limit ; he defeated Jack Swagger in 4 : 16 to beat The Miz 's time by two seconds . Orton 's time was later beaten by Daniel Bryan , thus earning him the title match . On the following Raw SuperShow , Orton was brogue kicked by tag team partner Sheamus during their match against Chris Jericho and Alberto Del Rio , costing them the match . After the match , Orton RKO 'd Sheamus and then he , Jericho , and Del Rio demanded a match for Sheamus ' World Heavyweight Championship at Over the Limit , which they were granted . At the pay @-@ per @-@ view , Orton failed in his World title pursuit after Sheamus pinned Jericho to retain the title .

On May 30 , WWE announced that they had suspended Orton for 60 days due to his second violation of the company 's Talent Wellness Program . Orton returned on the July 30 Raw , defeating Heath Slater . Orton began feuding with Mr. Money in the Bank Dolph Ziggler , after hitting him with the RKO when trying to cash his contract on a vulnerable Sheamus on the August 24 SmackDown . The following week on SmackDown , the two faced off in a match that was won by Orton . Three days later on Raw , Orton was defeated by Ziggler in a rematch , after Ziggler pinned him while holding his tights . Orton and Ziggler faced each other again at Night of Champions where Orton won . On the September 28 SmackDown , Orton was scheduled to face Big Show in a number one contenders match for the World Heavyweight Championship . However , a pre @-@ match assault from Alberto Del Rio cost Orton the match and started a feud . Orton returned to SmackDown two weeks later , attacking Del Rio and his ring announcer Ricardo Rodriguez . The rivalry built to a singles match on October 28 at Hell in a Cell , where Orton emerged victorious . On the following episode of Main Event , Orton teamed with Rey Mysterio and Sin Cara to face Del Rio and the Prime Time Players ( Darren Young and Titus O 'Neil ) in six @-@ man tag team bout that ended with Orton pinning Del Rio for the win . On the November 6 SmackDown , Orton defeated Del Rio again in a Falls Count Anywhere match , after hitting the RKO onto the ring steps . The two were then on opposing teams for the traditional five @-@ on @-@ five elimination tag match on November 18 at Survivor Series . Del Rio 's team , led by Dolph Ziggler , ended up defeating Orton 's team , led by Mick Foley . The following night on Raw , Orton defeated Del Rio once again in a Two Out of Three Falls match to end the feud .

=== Feud with The Shield ( 2012 ? 2013 ) ===

On the December 3 Raw , Orton began a feud with The Shield , after he was attacked by them following a victory over Brad Maddox . On the December 14 SmackDown , Orton was once again assaulted backstage by The Shield . This was used to write him off television due to a shoulder injury . Orton returned on the New Year 's Eve Raw , helping Ryback and Sheamus fend off The Shield . On the January 4 SmackDown , Orton announced his entry in the 2013 Royal Rumble match . On the January 11 SmackDown and the January 16 Main Event , Orton was again attacked by The Shield during his matches with Antonio Cesaro . On the February 1 SmackDown , Orton defeated longtime rival Wade Barrett to earn a spot in the Elimination Chamber match . On February 17 at Elimination Chamber , Orton eliminated Mark Henry and Chris Jericho before being the last man eliminated by Jack Swagger . In late February , Orton aligned himself with Sheamus to feud with the Shield . Over the next weeks , Orton and Sheamus saved each other from attacks by The Shield and Big Show . On the March 15 SmackDown , Orton and Sheamus were then allowed to



pick a third partner to face the Shield in a six @-@ man tag team match at Wrestlemania 29 and chose Ryback . Three days later on Raw , however , Ryback was booked in another match for the event , leaving the spot open . Later that night , Big Show saved the two from an attack by The Shield and was immediately recruited as their partner . On April 7 at WrestleMania 29 , Orton , Sheamus and Show were defeated by The Shield , after which , both men were knocked out by Show . The following night on Raw , Orton and Sheamus faced off in a match to earn a match with Big Show , however , the match ended in a no contest after Show interfered . Orton and Sheamus then teamed up to defeat Show in two handicap matches , first on the April 12 SmackDown via count @-@ out , and second on the April 15 Raw via pinfall . On the April 19 SmackDown , Orton and Sheamus were defeated by Big Show and Mark Henry in a tag team match . The feud between Big Show and Orton led to an Extreme Rules match at Extreme Rules , which Orton won . After Extreme Rules , Orton began pairing with Daniel Bryan despite their poor relationship to face a common enemy in the Shield . On the June 14 SmackDown , Orton teamed with Bryan and Kane to end the Shield 's unpinned and unsubmitted streak in televised six @-@ man tag matches . Three days later at Payback , Orton and Bryan 's poor teamwork resulted in an unsuccessful challenge for Roman Reigns and Seth Rollins ' WWE Tag Team Championships . The following night on Raw , Orton and Bryan faced off in a No Disqualification match , that Orton won via referee stoppage after Bryan suffered a legitimate nerve injury . Four days later on SmackDown , Orton was defeated by Bryan in a singles match via count @-@ out . Orton and Bryan faced each other for the third time on the next Raw , but their match ended in a no @-@ contest after both men were counted out . Later that night , Orton was defeated by Bryan in a Street Fight Match after he was forced to submit to the Yes ! Lock with a kendo stick applied to the move .

===== The Authority ( 2013 ? 2014 ) =====

On July 14 at Money in the Bank , Orton defeated Christian , CM Punk , Daniel Bryan , Rob Van Dam , and Sheamus to win the WWE Championship Money in the Bank ladder match , thus earning him an opportunity to challenge for the WWE Championship at a time of his choosing within the next year .

On August 18 at SummerSlam , Orton turned heel for the first time since 2010 after he cashed in his Money in the Bank contract on Daniel Bryan , who had just won the WWE Championship and had been subsequently attacked by special guest referee Triple H , who also counted the pinfall to give Orton his seventh WWE title . The following night on Raw , Orton was endorsed as the " face of the company " by Vince McMahon and the newly formed Authority ( Triple H and Stephanie McMahon ) . On September 15 at Night of Champions , Orton lost WWE Championship back to Bryan , however , Triple H stripped Bryan of the title the next night on Raw , due to a fast count by referee Scott Armstrong , but refused to give the championship back to Orton . Orton and Bryan faced off for the vacant title on October 6 at Battleground , but the match ended in a no contest after Big Show interfered and knocked out both men . Orton once again challenged Bryan for the vacant championship at Hell in a Cell , where he was successful in regaining the WWE Championship after the special guest referee Shawn Michaels superkicked Bryan for attacking Triple H.

On November 24 at Survivor Series , after successfully defending the title against Big Show , Orton was confronted by World Heavyweight Champion and long @-@ time rival John Cena . The following night on Raw , Cena suggested that there should only be " one champion " in WWE , so Triple H stated there would be a unification match at the TLC pay @-@ per @-@ view . On December 15 , Orton defeated Cena at TLC to unify both titles , and becoming the first WWE World Heavyweight Champion as well as officially being recognized as the final World Heavyweight Champion . Orton made his first successful title defense as WWE World Heavyweight Champion on January 26 , 2014 , at the Royal Rumble , defeating Cena in a rematch after interference by The Wyatt Family . On February 23 at Elimination Chamber , Orton defeated Cesaro , Christian , Daniel Bryan , John Cena , and Sheamus to retain his WWE World Heavyweight Championship and secure his position in the title bout at WrestleMania XXX against Royal Rumble winner Batista . On April 6 at Wrestlemania XXX , the main event was changed to a triple threat match after Bryan defeated

Triple H , and won the match after submitting Batista to end Orton 's reign at 161 days .

The following night on Raw , Orton and Batista were each denied a rematch for the WWE World Heavyweight Championship and instead were forced by The Authority to team together to face WWE Tag Team Champions The Usos for the title , despite their issues with one another . The title match ended in a double count @-@ out after the two united and delivered a beat @-@ down to the champions . Later that night , Batista and Orton , along with Kane , attacked Bryan before he was set to defend his title against Triple H. Before Triple H could defeat Bryan , The Shield interrupted by spearing Triple H and taking out Batista , Orton and Kane , causing Bryan to retain his title via disqualification . On the April 14 episode of Raw , Batista , Triple H and Randy Orton came down to the ring to attack The Shield after their 11 @-@ on @-@ 3 handicap match , using the name and the theme of Evolution . At Extreme Rules and Payback , Evolution lost to The Shield . On the June 9 episode of Raw , The Authority automatically granted Orton a spot in the 2014 Money in the Bank ladder match for the vacant WWE World Heavyweight Championship , but he couldn 't regain the title . On the July 21 episode of Raw , Roman Reigns attacked Orton , which cost him another shot at the title , causing Orton to retaliate the following week by viciously attacking Reigns and challenging him to a match at SummerSlam . At the pay @-@ per @-@ view , Orton was defeated after Reigns kicked out of an RKO , and delivered a spear shortly afterwards , to pick up the victory . At the Night of Champions pay @-@ per @-@ view , Orton defeated Chris Jericho in a singles match when he executed an RKO .

On the October 20 episode of Raw , Orton asked The Authority to face the loser of John Cena and Dean Ambrose 's No Holds Barred Contract on a Pole match . That match was won by Ambrose , setting up a Hell in a Cell match between Orton and Cena . On the Raw before the event , Triple H announced that the winner would face Brock Lesnar for a future WWE World Championship match . Later in the night in a 3 @-@ on @-@ 2 handicap street fight which pitted Orton , Kane , and Seth Rollins against Cena and Ambrose , Orton picked up the win but was immediately Curb Stomped by Rollins . On October 26 at Hell in a Cell , Orton lost the match after Cena pinned him after sending Orton into a table with an AA from the top turnbuckle . The following night on Raw , Orton RKO 'd Rollins thus defying The Authority for not controlling Rollins the previous week beginning a face turn in the process for the first time since 2013 . On the November 3 Raw , after increasing frustration , Orton attacked Rollins during his Intercontinental Championship against Dolph Ziggler , causing Rollins to win by disqualification , and demanded a match with Rollins to settle their dispute , which Triple H granted in order to keep Orton on their side . Rollins got the win with a backside pin , and Orton completed his face turn by attacking The Authority before being Curb Stomped by Rollins . He was then carried on a stretcher after he sustained a scripted injury so he could start filming The Condemned 2 : Desert Prey .

= = = Various feuds and injuries ( 2015 ? present ) = = =

On February 22 at Fastlane , after The Authority ( Big Show , Seth Rollins , and Kane ) defeated Erick Rowan , Ryback , and Dolph Ziggler , Orton returned and saved Rowan , Ryback , and Ziggler from a post @-@ match beatdown . He later gave an RKO to Jamie Noble and Joey Mercury ( J & J Security ) and Kane . The next night on Raw , The Authority tried to convince Orton to come back to the " family " , but Orton did not give an answer straight away until he saw them backstage . During a tag team match later that night , Orton became frustrated and upset after Rollins tagged himself into the match . After the match , Orton made his way towards Rollins in the ring , but was briefly interrupted by Jamie Noble who got an RKO for his troubles . Then Orton , much to Rollins ' surprise , picked him up and only patted him on the shoulder , leaving his alignment at the time in question . On the March 9 edition of Raw , Orton would verbally insult various members of The Authority , only to pass it off as a joke . During a 2 @-@ on @-@ 1 handicap match in which he teamed with Seth Rollins against Roman Reigns , he would abandon Rollins , allowing Reigns to get the victory . Following this , Orton would proceed to viciously beat Rollins , eventually hitting an RKO on the announce table . On the March 16 episode of Raw , a match between the two was made official for WrestleMania 31 on the condition that Orton would meet Rollins later on that same night in the ring .

The bout never took place as every member of The Authority made their way to the ring to attack Orton . Their attempt to avenge Rollins was thwarted by Sting , who aided Orton in holding them off . Orton defeated Rollins at the event . After the loss , Rollins cashed in his Money in the Bank contract to win the WWE World Heavyweight Championship in the main event .

With Rollins as the new champion , Orton defeated Roman Reigns and Ryback in a triple threat match on the April 6 episode of Raw to become the number one contender to face Rollins at Extreme Rules , but he failed to win the title from Rollins in a steel cage match that saw par the stipulation his RKO banned and Kane as the gatekeeper . At Payback , Orton failed to win the WWE World Heavyweight Championship when he was defeated by Rollins in a fatal four @-@ way match that also included Dean Ambrose and Reigns . At Money in the Bank , Orton failed to win the WWE World Heavyweight Championship contract ladder match , which was won by Sheamus . Following this , Orton began feuding with Sheamus after both men attacked each other and faced off in various tag @-@ team matches ; Orton defeated Sheamus at Battleground , but lost to Sheamus at SummerSlam . In early September 2015 , Orton started a feud with The Wyatt Family . On the September 7 episode of Raw , Orton defeated Sheamus in a singles match . After the match , The Wyatt Family attacked Orton , leaving him out of action . On the September 21 episode of Raw , Orton returned to save Dean Ambrose and Roman Reigns from The Wyatt Family , starting an alliance between Ambrose , Reigns , and Orton . On the next Raw , Orton teamed up with Ambrose to take on The New Day in a losing effort . Before the next Raw , Orton was taken out of the Hell in a Cell match after sustaining a legitimate shoulder injury , putting him out of action for the following months .

== == Return from injury ( 2016 @-@ present ) == ==

Orton is scheduled to return to in @-@ ring competition at SummerSlam to face the also @-@ returning Brock Lesnar .

After a more than 9 @-@ month absence from WWE programming , a promo was shown on the July 18th episode of Raw announcing that Orton will make his return at WWE Battleground . On July 19 , at the 2016 WWE Draft , Orton was drafted to SmackDown . On July 24 at Battleground , Orton returned during Chris Jericho 's Highlight Reel , and proceeded to hit Jericho with the RKO .

== Other media ==

In 2004 , Orton appeared on the talk show Jimmy Kimmel Live ! to promote Taboo Tuesday . In March 2007 , he appeared alongside Edge , John Cena , and Bobby Lashley on the game show Deal or No Deal .

A former Marine himself , Orton was cast in the lead role of the action film The Marine 2 ( 2009 ) , but after injuring his collarbone , he was replaced by Ted DiBiase . He had a supporting role as the father of a high school bully in the comedy @-@ drama film That 's What I Am ( 2011 ) . He was set to star in the action film The Marine 3 : Homefront , but was replaced by fellow wrestler The Miz due to Orton 's past as a Marine .

He later starred in the action film 12 Rounds 2 : Reloaded ( 2013 ) .

In October 2014 , Orton became a popular figure on Vine , when a trend began of clips of a superimposed Orton performing his signature RKO move on internet " fail " victims .

== Personal life ==

Orton resides in St. Charles , Missouri .

In November 2005 , Orton announced his engagement to his girlfriend Samantha Speno . They married on September 21 , 2007 . Their first child , Alanna Marie Orton , was born on July 12 , 2008 . Orton has a tattoo of his daughter 's name on his left forearm , with her birthday initialled beneath in Roman numerals . Orton and Speno divorced in June 2013 , having separated in late 2012 . In July 2015 , Orton announced his engagement to Kimberly Kessler , and they were married on

November 14 , 2015 . In May 2016 , Orton 's wife announced on Twitter that the two were expecting their first child together .

Orton has hypermobile shoulders . He had a United States Marine Corps tattoo on his left arm , but covered it up after receiving a bad conduct discharge when he went AWOL twice . He was sent home after serving 38 days in a military prison at Camp Pendleton .

On March 19 , 2007 , Sports Illustrated posted an article on its website as part of its continuing series investigating a steroid and HGH ring used by a number of professional athletes in several sports . That article mentioned several current and former WWE wrestlers , including Orton who was alleged to have obtained clomiphene citrate , anastrozole , and the steroids stanozolol , nandrolone , oxandrolone , and testosterone . WWE has since made a statement on this situation , claiming that the allegations preceded the Talent Wellness program WWE launched in February 2006 .

Upon being medically cleared to wrestle after breaking his collarbone in a last man standing match at One Night Stand against Triple H , Orton re @-@ injured his collarbone in a motorcycle accident . On July 30 , 2013 , he was attacked by a spectator in Cape Town during a WWE tour of South Africa . WWE stated that the attack was not part of the planned events .

= = Filmography = =

= = = Film = = =

= = In wrestling = =

Finishing moves

Full nelson slam ? OVW

O @-@ Zone ( Overdrive ) ? 2002 ? 2003

RKO ( Jumping cutter , sometimes used at an elevated position or as a sudden counter to a midair opponent , with theatrics ) ? 2003 ? present

Running punt kick to an opponent 's head ? used to cause storyline concussions ; 2007 ? present

Signature moves

Corner clothesline

Diving crossbody

Dropkick

Elevated DDT , most often performed on a wrestler hanging from the middle rope

European uppercut

Garvin Stomp ? adopted from Ron Garvin

Gutwrench elevated neckbreaker

Inverted headlock backbreaker

Leaping knee drop

Lou Thesz press followed by mounted punches

Multiple suplex variations

Belly @-@ to @-@ back , sometimes onto the barricade

Exploder

Side belly @-@ to @-@ belly

Slingshot

Super ? adopted from his father

Olympic slam

Pedigree ( Double underhook facebuster ) ? 2015 , parodied from Triple H

Snap scoop powerslam

Swinging neckbreaker

With Batista

Double team finishing moves

Powerbomb ( Batista ) into a jumping neckbreaker ( Orton ) combination

With Edge

Double team finishing moves

Con @-@ chair @-@ to

Double RKO ( Double jumping cutter )

Double team signature moves

Double dropkick

Managers

Ric Flair

Bob Orton

Lita

Stacy Keibler

Stephanie McMahon

Nicknames

" The Legend Killer "

" The Viper "

" The Apex Predator "

" Mr. Money in the Bank "

" The Face of the WWE "

Entrance themes

World Wrestling Entertainment / WWE

" Blasting " by Jim Johnston ( April 25 , 2002 ? February 3 , 2003 )

" Evolve " by Jim Johnston ( February 10 , 2003 ? June 16 , 2003 )

" Line in the Sand " by Motörhead ( July 14 , 2003 ? August 23 , 2004 , April 14 , 2014 ? June 2 , 2014 ; used while a part of Evolution )

" Burn in My Light " by Mercy Drive ( August 30 , 2004 ? May 5 , 2008 )

" This Fire Burns " by Killswitch Engage ( March 3 , 2006 ; used for one week and eventually became the theme for CM Punk )

" Voices " by Rev Theory ( May 12 , 2008 ? present )

= = Championships and accomplishments = =

Ohio Valley Wrestling

OVW Hardcore Championship ( 2 times , last )

Pro Wrestling Illustrated

Feud of the Year ( 2009 ) vs. Triple H

Most Hated Wrestler of the Year ( 2007 , 2009 )

Most Improved Wrestler of the Year ( 2004 )

Most Popular Wrestler of the Year ( 2010 )

Rookie of the Year ( 2001 )

Wrestler of the Year ( 2009 , 2010 )

PWI ranked him No. 1 of the top 500 singles wrestlers in the PWI 500 in 2008

World Wrestling Entertainment / WWE

World Heavyweight Championship ( 4 times )

World Tag Team Championship ( 1 time ) ? with Edge

Royal Rumble ( 2009 )

WWE Championship / WWE World Heavyweight Championship ( 8 times )

WWE Intercontinental Championship ( 1 time )

Money in the Bank ( 2013 ? WWE Championship contract )

Slammy Award ( 1 time )

Hashtag of the Year ( 2014 ) ? # RKOOuttaNowhere

Seventeenth Triple Crown Champion

Wrestling Observer Newsletter

Most Improved ( 2004 )  
Most Overrated ( 2013 )