

= Kenny Dykstra =

Kenneth George Doane (born March 16 , 1986) is an American professional wrestler best known for his time with World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) where he wrestled on its Raw and SmackDown brands under the ring names Kenny and Kenny Dykstra .

Doane was trained by former professional wrestler Killer Kowalski , and made his wrestling debut at the age of fifteen in 2001 . He began working for Ohio Valley Wrestling (OVW) , per WWE request . In May 2003 , Doane made his WWE television debut as " Ken Phoenix " . During his time in OVW , he won the Television Championship once . After losing the title , Doane became part of the Spirit Squad faction . The team debuted on Raw in January 2006 , and won the World Tag Team Championship three months later .

Following the split of the Spirit Squad , Doane was the only member to remain on WWE television . He debuted to a new ring name " Kenny Dykstra " . In June 2007 , he was drafted to the SmackDown ! brand , but was released from his WWE contract in November 2008 . He later began working on the independent circuit , wrestling for promotions including Dragon Gate USA and Evolve .

= = Professional wrestling career = =

= = = Early career (2001 @-@ 2006) = = =

Doane made his professional wrestling debut in 2001 at the age of fifteen . He started his professional wrestling career in the New England area under the name " Broadway " Kenn Phoenix . He was later trained by professional wrestler and trainer Killer Kowalski in Malden , Massachusetts . After being contacted by World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) , he was asked to make appearances for their developmental territory Ohio Valley Wrestling (OVW) . Doane made his first national television appearance in WWE at the age of 17 on the May 12 , 2003 episode of WWE Raw as Ken Phoenix . Along with his brother , Mike Phoenix , he was a participant in Rodney Mack 's ongoing " 5 @-@ Minute White Boy Challenge " where Mack defeated Caucasian wrestlers in under five minutes . Mack defeated the pair in 1 : 31 , forcing them both to submit to his new Blackout finishing hold . He made another appearance , losing to Lance Storm on an episode of Sunday Night Heat before being officially signed to a developmental deal and to OVW full @-@ time on June 4 , 2004 . On June 3 , 2005 , Doane had his first match , at the promotion , against Kenzo Suzuki , whom Doane defeated . Three weeks later , on June 25 , 2005 , he won the Television Championship from Deuce Shade . He had successful title defenses , but Doane lost the title to CM Punk on November 9 , 2005 .

= = = World Wrestling Entertainment = = =

= = = = Raw (2006 ? 2007) = = = =

After losing the Television Championship , Doane became a part of the Spirit Squad , a faction using the in @-@ ring personas of male cheerleaders , using the name " Kenny " . On the January 23 , 2006 , episode of Raw , the group helped Jonathan Coachman win a Royal Rumble qualifying match against Jerry " The King " Lawler by performing cheers for Coachman and distracting Lawler . They later became a part of the ongoing scripted feud between WWE chairman Vince McMahon and Shawn Michaels . The villainous McMahon brought in the Squad to attack Michaels on numerous occasions , including placing them in multiple handicap matches .

They also continued wrestling in the tag team division , and on April 3 , on Raw , the Squad won the World Tag Team Championship when Kenny and Mikey , with outside help from the other three Squad members , defeated the team of Big Show and Kane . After winning the championship , all

five members of the team were recognized as the champions , allowing any combination of them to defend the championship .

Three weeks later , McMahon scheduled another handicap match , with the Spirit Squad facing Michaels . The match never started , however ; instead the Spirit Squad brutally beat down Michaels , ripping apart his ring attire and , as part of the storyline , shattered his knee with a steel chair . McMahon then called Triple H to the ring to attack Michaels with a sledgehammer ; however , Kenny snatched the sledgehammer away from him , disrespecting Triple H , which led to him attacking the group . Triple H and Michaels revived their former team , D @-@ Generation X (DX) , and began a feud with the Spirit Squad . DX played various sophomoric pranks on the team and the McMahons (Vince and his son Shane) , as well as defeating the Spirit Squad in handicap tag team matches at Vengeance and a clean sweep in an elimination handicap match at Saturday Night 's Main Event .

At the same time as their feud with DX and their alignment with McMahon , the team also wrestled other teams in Raw 's tag division over the World Tag Team Championship . The group successfully defended the tag team championship against the teams of Jim Duggan and Eugene , Charlie Haas and Viscera , and Snitsky and Val Venis . They then entered a lengthy feud with The Highlanders , whom they eventually defeated to retain the title at Unforgiven .

The Squad as a whole later began a losing streak with separate members losing singles matches to Ric Flair on consecutive episodes of Raw . After two consecutive losses to the debuting Cryme Tyme , Kenny attacked Mikey on the October 23 episode of Raw , and announced that he was going to defeat Flair . Kenny was successful , despite Flair attempting to even the odds by bringing other WWE Legends (Dusty Rhodes , Sgt. Slaughter , and " Rowdy " Roddy Piper) to the ring with him . It was then announced that Flair and a legend , selected by interactive voting , would wrestle the team for the World Tag Team Championship at the Cyber Sunday pay @-@ per @-@ view in early November . The fans chose Piper , and he and Flair defeated Kenny and Mikey to win the championship .

The group disbanded on the November 27 Raw after losing a five @-@ on @-@ three match against Flair and DX . Later that night , DX placed all five members into a crate stamped " OVW , Louisville , Kentucky " , a reference to the developmental territory from which the Squad had come .

After the breakup of the Spirit Squad , he debuted new attire , new theme music , and a new name ; Kenny Dykstra , which was an homage to baseball player Lenny Dykstra . He became interested in joining the group Rated @-@ RKO , which consisted of Edge and Randy Orton . In order to join , he was told to prove himself first . He continued the feud with Ric Flair that led to the breakup of the Spirit Squad , managing to pick up three straight victories over Flair before finally losing to him . After the feud with Flair , Dykstra became a mainstay on Raw 's sister show Heat , having feuds with both Eugene and Val Venis .

He then formed a tag team with Johnny Nitro , but the duo split when Kenny was drafted to the SmackDown ! brand on June 17 , 2007 , as part of the WWE Supplemental Draft while Nitro was drafted to ECW .

== = = SmackDown ! and departure (2007 ? 2008) = = = =

Dykstra made his debut on the July 6 , 2007 episode of SmackDown ! in a losing effort to the re @-@ debuting Chuck Palumbo . On the July 20 , 2007 episode of SmackDown ! , Dykstra participated in a 20 @-@ man battle royal for the World Heavyweight Championship and was eliminated by Chris Masters ; later on that evening , he lost to Matt Hardy in singles competition .

Dykstra formed an on @-@ screen relationship with Victoria on the July 27 episode of SmackDown ! . The two teamed together in mixed tag team matches , usually against Jimmy Wang Yang and Torrie Wilson or Chuck Palumbo and Michelle McCool . They also regularly accompanied each other to the ring for matches .

After a leave of absence from television in the first half of 2008 , Dykstra made his return on the August 15 episode of SmackDown , losing to WWE Champion Triple H. On November 10 , 2008 , WWE announced Doane had been released from his contract .

== Independent circuit (2009 ? present) ==

In 2009 , Doane began working for Dragon Gate USA under his real name . On December 3 , 2009 , it was announced that Doane would be joining recently opened promotion Evolve as Kenn Doane . He debuted at the promotions first show on January 16 , 2010 , in a loss to Jimmy Jacobs .

On March 9 , 2010 , Doane , under his real name , wrestled in a tryout dark match for Total Nonstop Action Wrestling , losing to Homicide . On November 1 , 2010 , Doane announced that he had turned down a chance to wrestle another tryout match for TNA . On November 15 , 2011 , Doane wrestled a dark match for WWE at the SmackDown tapings in Bridgeport , Connecticut , losing to Justin Gabriel .

In October 2011 , Doane took part in the first season tapings of Wrestling Retribution Project (WRP) , performing under the ring name " Simply " Stan Shooter .

In September 2014 , Doane took part in Chikara 's 2014 King of Trios tournament , using his Spirit Squad character and teaming with Johnny and Mikey . After a win over Sinn Bodhi and the Odditorium (Qefka the Quiet and Sir Oliver Grimsly) on September 19 , the Spirit Squad was eliminated from the tournament in the second round on September 20 by the Golden Trio (Dasher Hatfield , Icarus , and Mark Angelosetti) .

== Other media ==

Doane appeared on Seducing Cindy , a Fox Reality series that follows Cindy Margolis , once the most downloaded woman on the Internet , as she searches for a new love . The program premiered on January 30 , 2010 . Doane made it to the final five , one episode away from the season finale , but was eliminated .

In 2013 , while rehabbing a knee injury , Doane penned his first children 's book entitled Billy 's Bully . The book was released in June 2013 .

== Personal life ==

Doane was born to Ken and Vickie Doane in Southbridge , Massachusetts . His parents were supportive of his decision in becoming a professional wrestler . He has an older brother named Mike . Doane attended Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School in Charlton , Massachusetts .

Doane was formerly engaged to fellow professional wrestler Mickie James .

In 2012 , Doane enrolled in Nichols College where he started playing football . He plays as a tight end and linebacker .

== In wrestling ==

Finishing moves

Doane @-@ Nation (Diving clothesline)

RK @-@ Doane (Jumping cutter)

Sky High Leg Drop (High @-@ angle diving leg drop)

Snap swinging neckbreaker

Signature moves

Arm drag rolled through and followed into multiple short @-@ arm clotheslines

Belly @-@ to @-@ back suplex lifted and dropped into a neckbreaker slam

Elevated neckbreaker

Managers

Kenny Bolin

Victoria

Nicknames

" Simply "

= = Championships and accomplishments = =

Ohio Valley Wrestling

OVW Television Championship (1 time)

World Wrestling Entertainment

World Tag Team Championship (1 time) ? with The Spirit Squad

Premiere Wrestling Federation Northeast

PWF @-@ NE Tag Team Championship (2 times) ? with Johnny Curtis

Pro Wrestling Illustrated

PWI ranked him # 123 of the top 500 singles wrestlers in PWI 500 in 2007