

= Juggernaut (wrestler) =

Craig Renney (born December 9 , 1975) is a Canadian professional wrestler best known by his ring name , Juggernaut . He has competed for several North American independent promotions and has competed in several wrestling tours in Asia . He also had a brief stint in World Championship Wrestling (WCW) in 2000 .

Juggernaut is known both for his brawling and aerial abilities as well as his martial arts skills . He has competed against some of the most famous wrestlers in the business . His greatest success came in ECCW , where he had a long rivalry with Kurrgan and won the NWA / ECCW Heavyweight Championship on six occasions . Juggernaut announced his retirement in 2007 , as he wanted to quit wrestling while he was still healthy .

= = Career = =

= = = Early career = = =

Renney grew up in Cranbrook , British Columbia and became interested in wrestling at age seven while watching a televised match between Bruno Sammartino and Gorilla Monsoon . He gained combat sport experience by earning black belts in both judo and jujutsu , and he moved to Edmonton , Alberta to train as a wrestler . He made his debut in Edmonton and wrestled in several matches there before moving to Tampa , Florida . Starting out , he wrestled for Independent Pro Wrestling , making \$ 30 per match or less and sometimes competing in exchange for food and drinks . Juggernaut became known for his hardcore wrestling abilities , but he also impressed observers with his ability to perform a moonsault .

= = = Independent circuit = = =

The following year , he wrestled against Jimmy Snuka at the Washington State Fair in Vancouver , Washington . He continued to compete in various independent promotions , facing such veterans as Greg Valentine , Jim Neidhart , and The Bushwhackers . At an event in Montana , he worked in a booked loss to The Honky Tonk Man . Juggernaut began competing regularly with Extreme Canadian Championship Wrestling in 1999 and formed a tag team with Biohazard known as Toxic Insanity . They won the NWA / ECCW Tag Team Championship on March 26 , 1999 by defeating Michelle Starr and Johnny Canuck . Two months later , they also won the NWA Canadian Tag Team Championship . They defended both belts until they dropped the Canadian Tag Team Championship on July 22 . They regained the title two days later but were stripped of all of their belts that August . Juggernaut held the NWA / ECCW Tag Team Championship once more , winning the belts with Dr. Luther on March 31 , 2000 but losing them the same night .

During this time , Juggernaut also competed as a singles wrestler . On September 12 , 1999 , he defeated Michelle Starr to win the NWA / ECCW Pacific Northwest Heavyweight Championship . The following month , he dropped the belt to Johnny Canuck in a three way match . He regained the belt in a rematch but was stripped of the title in December . A tournament was held for the vacant championship , which Juggernaut won to regain the title . He then became involved in a feud with Kurrgan , and the two traded the belt back and forth . Kurrgan beat Juggernaut for the title on February 25 , 2000 , but Juggernaut won it back two months later . He held the belt for a day before dropping it back to Kurrgan . When Kurrgan was stripped of the title for being unable to compete at a show in July , Juggernaut won the vacant championship by defeating Leatherface (Rick Patterson) . At Juggernaut 's request , the match was a two out of three falls tables match . During the match , he was legitimately unable to move for several minutes and suffered memory loss after Leatherface hit him with a chair .

= = = Wrestling overseas and return to North America = = =

In 2000 , Juggernaut began touring Asia as a wrestler . He competed in Korea for the World Wrestling Association . Two weeks after returning to Canada , he accepted an invitation from the International Wrestling Association of Japan (IWA Japan) . While in Japan , he achieved his dream of wrestling in Tokyo 's Korakuen Hall . Three months later , World Championship Wrestling was taping WCW Thunder in Kelowna , British Columbia and recruited Juggernaut and three other local wrestlers for a match . They faced KroniK in a handicap match with a two @-@ minute time limit . KroniK won the match in one minute and forty @-@ nine seconds , pinning Juggernaut after performing the High Times .

Returning to ECCW , Juggernaut defeated Moondog Manson on February 9 , 2001 to win the ECCW Hardcore Championship . He held the title for almost four months before dropping it to Lumberjack Bubba . He began competing for several other independent promotions , including Calgary , Alberta @-@ based Stampede Wrestling . In 2002 , he defeated former Extreme Championship Wrestling World Heavyweight Champion Tommy Dreamer . In 2005 , he won his sixth and final NWA / ECCW Pacific Northwest Heavyweight Championship by defeating Scotty Mac . He held the belt until January 27 , 2006 , when he dropped it to Sweet Daddy Devastation . Later that year , he teamed with TJ Wilson to win the Stampede Wrestling International Tag Team Championship . They did not lose the belts , but they were forced to vacate the title when Wilson left the promotion to sign with World Wrestling Entertainment . Meanwhile , he continued to wrestle overseas , competing in such countries as India , Singapore , Malaysia , and Brunei .

= = = Retirement = = =

In 2007 , Juggernaut announced his intention to retire from professional wrestling after nearly 1500 matches . Although he was healthy , he decided to retire before he suffered any injuries that would hurt him in his future life outside the ring . On his website , he posted a list of the ten wrestlers he wished to face before retiring . The list includes such wrestlers as Samoa Joe , Aaron Idol , Bryan Danielson , and Steve Corino .

Juggernaut has since returned to wrestling on a limited basis . He appeared at an ECCW show in November 2009 , attacking Azeem The Dream . On January 29 , 2010 , he competed in his first match since retirement . He wrestled a triple threat match against Sid Sylum and Scotty Mac in which Scotty Mac retained the NWA Canadian Heavyweight Championship .

= = In wrestling = =

Finishing moves

Meat Blender (Spinning side slam)

Signature moves

Diving leg drop

Gory special

High @-@ angle belly to back suplex

Northern Lights suplex

Over the shoulder arm drag

Spinning spinebuster

Sunset flip powerbomb

Managers

Miss Cheyenne

Bill Flesher

Princess Lily

= = Championships and accomplishments = =

New Pro Wrestling America

NPWA Heavyweight Championship (1 time)
NWA : Extreme Canadian Championship Wrestling
NWA Canadian Tag Team Championship (2 times) ? with Biohazard
NWA / ECCW Hardcore Championship (1 time)
NWA / ECCW Pacific Northwest Heavyweight Championship (6 times)
NWA / ECCW Tag Team Championship (2 times) ? with Biohazard (1) and Dr. Luther (1)
Prairie Wrestling Alliance
PWA Mayhem Championship (1 time)
PWA Tag Team Championship (1 time) ? with Tex Gaines
Premier Championship Wrestling
PCW Xtreme Championship (1 time)
Premier Wrestling Federation
PWF Extreme Championship (1 time)
Pro Wrestling Illustrated
PWI ranked him # 292 of the 500 best singles wrestlers of the PWI 500 in 2005
Stampede Wrestling
Stampede International Tag Team Championship (2 times) ? with " Pyro " Pete Wilson (1) and TJ Wilson (1)
The Future of Wrestling
TFW Heavyweight Championship (2 times)
TFW Tag Team Championship (1 time) ? with Adam Firestorm
Western Canadian Extreme Wrestling
WCEW Extreme Tag Team Championship (1 time) ? with Dr. Luther