

Memories of Pat Patterson: A Wrestling Legend's Unforgettable Journey

Humble Beginnings



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Pat Patterson was born in Montreal, Canada, on July 19, 1941. From a young age, he had a passion for wrestling and would often spend hours watching matches on television. At the age of 17, he began training under Stu Hart at Stampede Wrestling in Calgary, Alberta.

Early Career



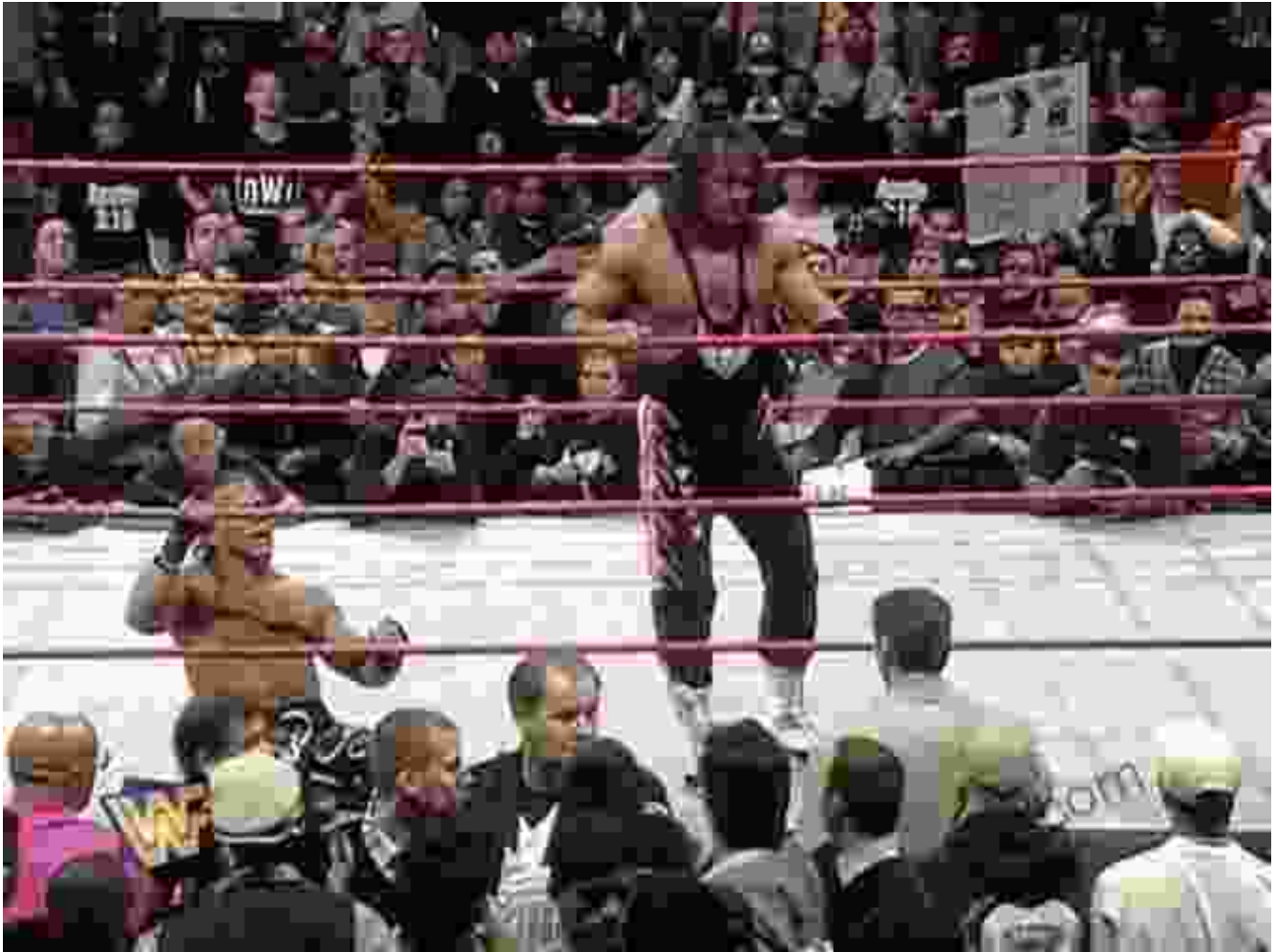
Patterson's early career was marked by a series of memorable matches against top wrestlers of the era, including Bret Hart, Jim Duggan, and The Dynamite Kid. He also formed a successful tag team with Ray Stevens known as "The Blond Bombers." In 1978, he made his debut in the World Wide Wrestling Federation (WWWF), which would later become known as the World Wrestling Federation (WWF) and WWE.

Royal Rumble Inventor



One of Patterson's most significant contributions to the wrestling world was the creation of the Royal Rumble match. In 1988, he approached Vince McMahon with the idea for a battle royal-style match with 20 wrestlers competing for a shot at the WWF World Heavyweight Championship. The first Royal Rumble was held in 1989 and quickly became one of the most popular events on the wrestling calendar.

Montreal Screwjob



Patterson was also involved in one of the most controversial moments in wrestling history, known as the Montreal Screwjob. In 1997, he was the referee for a match between Bret Hart and Shawn Michaels at Survivor Series, which was held in Hart's hometown of Montreal. The plan was for Hart to win the match and retain the WWF World Heavyweight Championship, but the match ended with Michaels winning the title in a controversial finish that was later revealed to have been orchestrated by McMahon and Patterson.

WWE Hall of Fame



Patterson's contributions to wrestling were recognized in 1996 when he was inducted into the WWF Hall of Fame. He was also inducted into the WWE Hall of Fame again in 2019 as part of the D-Generation X group.

Legacy



Pat Patterson passed away on December 2, 2020, at the age of 79. He left behind a legacy as one of the most influential and respected figures in the wrestling industry. His creation of the Royal Rumble match and his involvement in the Montreal Screwjob will forever be etched in the history books. He was a mentor to countless wrestlers and helped shape the careers of some of the biggest names in the business, including Bret Hart, Shawn Michaels, and Triple H.

Pat Patterson was a true wrestling legend who will be remembered for his contributions to the industry. His passion for the sport and his dedication to entertaining fans will continue to inspire wrestlers and fans alike for years to come.



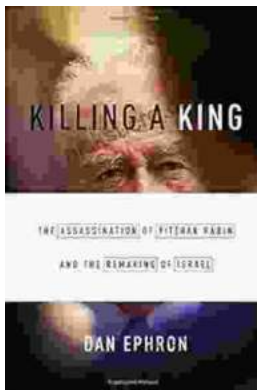
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