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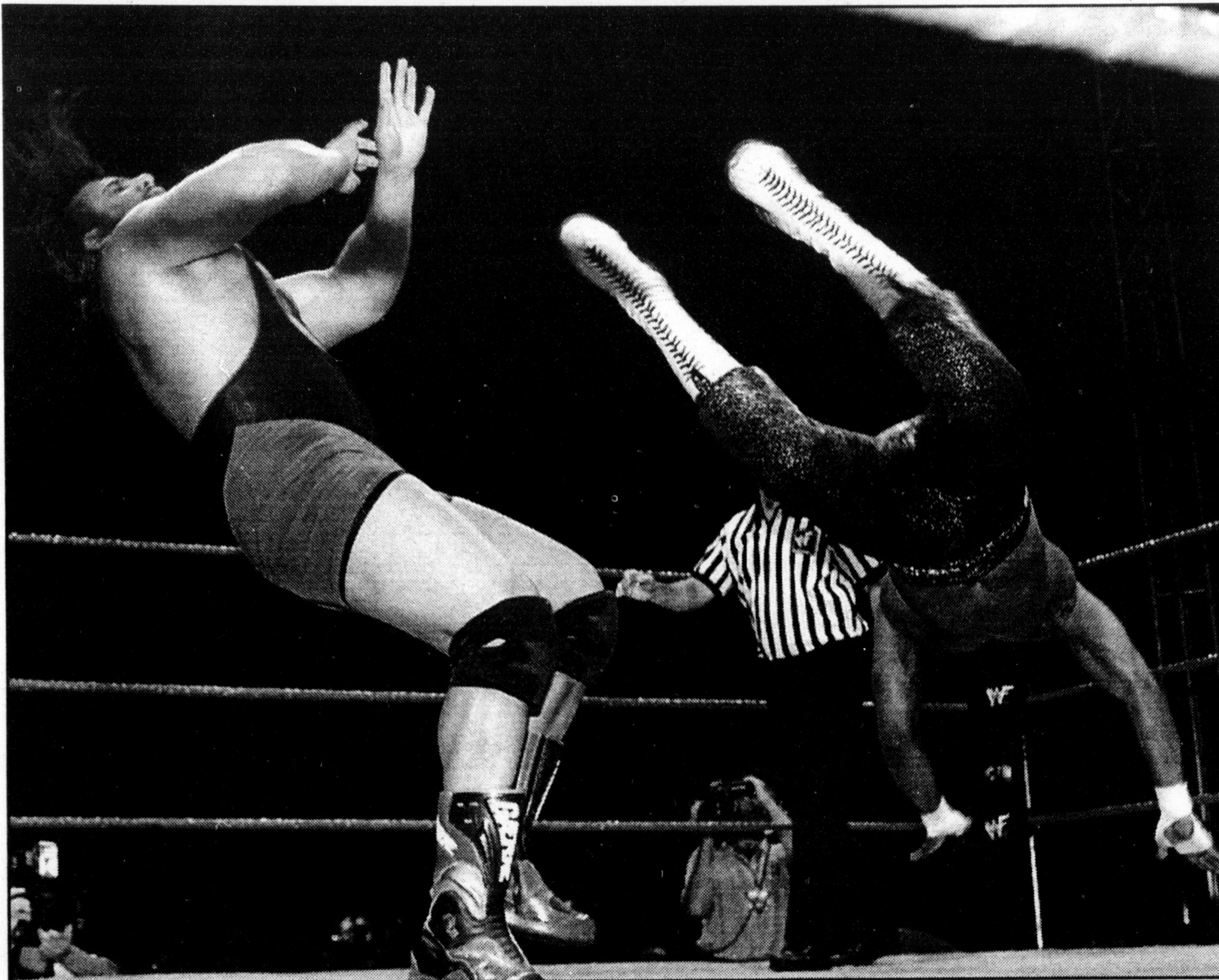


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Milton's Tiger Ali Singh (left) and nemesis Scorpio recoil after colliding in the centre of the ring during recent WWF action in Toronto.

## Tiger crosses over to dark side

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The Champion

Mick Hans couldn't help but yawn while discussing the character he played during his rookie year with the World Wrestling Federation (WWF).

Granted he was fairly tired from a whirlwind weekend, but the gesture was nevertheless symbolic.

"Who cared?" asked Hans (aka Tiger Ali Singh), of the baby-face good guy who fought evil throughout 1997. "Who really cared?"

The answer invariably, was no one.

With the WWF focused on its more established performers, the 27-year-old Miltonian learned firsthand how bored wrestling enthusiasts have become with clean-cut, standup personalities who lack controversy or a gimmick.

Fortunately this is far from the image fans will soon — or already — have of the completely transformed grappler, who by his own admission has had his creative handcuffs removed.

Said the eldest son of legendary Tiger Jeet Singh, "I have to give the WWF 100 per cent of the credit. They're allowing me to be me and I think the fans will be grateful.

"For a while there nobody knew where I was. There were

rumours I had gone to WCW or ECW. However, Tiger has re-emerged in the WWF."

Those who tuned into the WWF feature 'Raw is War' Monday night got a taste of the new Tiger Ali Singh, whose lavish lifestyle and contempt for American "peasants" has made him an instant heel and known commodity among a viewing public that barely acknowledged him as a do-gooder.

The prime time segment saw Tiger — complete with a whole new arrogance, eager to please manservant Abu and what he calls 'Asian royalty' status — use his wealth to make a poor female audience member perform a partial striptease while enduring a verbal assault.

"I'm here to prove how low you American peasants will go for what you cherish most, cash," said Tiger, who during his first televised appearance as a villain displayed strong microphone skills, a must for any aspiring wrestler.

"Everyone knows it, but I'm the first to expose it.

"You American peasants belong under my expensive snakeskin boot heels."

Admittedly this gimmick isn't entirely unique but it may sell better with Hans, who's much closer to the character than the

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## Magic wins it all in Rochester

It was a Magic-al weekend from start to finish.

Mixing drama and dominance, the Under-16 Magic girls went undefeated and were crowned champions at the Rochester Tournament.

After having their way with round-robin opponents, Milton needed an overtime power surge to clinch the title Sunday afternoon.

A two-minute lapse allowed the Greece Cobras to even things up near the end of regulation time but the Magic would regroup through the extra frame and go onto win 4-2.

Vanessa Bouskill sank the golden goal on a superb passing play, with triple threat partners Chrissie Henderson and Jennifer Garthson, who headed in the insurance marker moments later.

Assisting on the play was Eva Sitarz.

Henderson and Bonnie Romolo scored in regulation time — each assisting on the other's goal — while Jodie Sales was rock-solid between the pipes.

"The girls all played fantastic," said an exuberant manager Colin Henderson, after the team's first tournament championship of the season.

The Bargain Tire/DRS Steel sponsored crew surrendered just one measly goal en route to the championship game.

Scoring the lone tally were the host Rochester Stormers, whose efforts managed only to spoil Milton's shutout bid in a 2-1 final.

Garthson put the Magic on the scoreboard with a long-distance blast and later notched the game winner with help from Bouskill and Henderson.

Alyana Loiselle was outstanding in net and received ample protection from Amanda Farrugia, Angie Lee, Kourtney Rich and Sharalee Dempster who combined to keep Rochester's attack in check for more than two-thirds of the contest.

Their defensive efforts, plus those of Shari Kogon and Kim Saunders, were even more impressive one game later in a no-score stalemate with the Greece Buccaneers.

Milton hit the post a total of four times.

Jennifer Webster and Meighan McIntyre dominated midfield play while Sales came up with a couple of late saves to preserve her team's unbeaten streak and put them in the finals.

The Magic were all over their first challenger, Amherst. Garthson and Nichola Leishman tallied twice to deliver a convincing 6-0 victory — the first of two goose eggs for Sales.

Bouskill and Henderson also dented the twine while Amy Hamon provided a pair of picturesque set-ups.

## Women's triathlon is coming to Kelso

Kelso Conservation Area hosts the fourth annual Women's Triathlon Milton Sunday, Sept. 6.

The early-morning race features a 300-metre swim, 10 km bike ride and 2 km run. Last year's event, which drew 126 participants, was won by local teenager Carrie-Ann Nichols in 33 minutes and 41 seconds.

The cost to enter the triathlon is \$53 afterwards. Proceeds go to Big Sisters of Halton.

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