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Chair Classic Moments

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Our fans were stunned as Triple H viciously attacked Umaga and Carlito with a steel chair after the pair had tried to team up and hurt The Game with a chair of their own. And the pain didn't stop for Umaga – he received numerous chair blows, then two sledgehammer strikes from Triple H that finally knocked out the Samoan Bulldozer.

Watching The Game's brutal attack made WWE.com think back to classic moments in Raw, SmackDown and ECW history where our audience's favorite seating apparatus came into play and caused championship changes or altered the course of history.

Here's just a few of the "Classic Chair Moments" we came up with:

Hulk Hogan chairs "Million Dollar Man" Ted DiBiase in WWE Championship Tournament Final

WrestleMania IV – March 27, 1988

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After all the strife Hulk Hogan went through in the two months leading up to WrestleMania IV, you can understand why the Hulkster swung steel at the “Million Dollar Man” Ted DiBiase.

Hogan had lost his WWE Championship in February 1988 to Andre the Giant at The Main Event in controversial fashion, as two identical referees showed up, one presumably paid for by DiBiase to hand the win to Andre. After the match, Andre announced he was retiring the championship to his benefactor, DiBiase.

WWE Commissioner Jack Tunney stepped in, announcing that the title could not be transferred that way, and declared the title vacant, with a tournament at WrestleMania to decide the new champion.

Hogan and Andre were both disqualified in the quarterfinals for swinging chairs – it was DiBiase’s plan all along, since the double disqualification gave him a bye into the final match.

DiBiase faced off against “Macho Man” Randy Savage in the championship match, and while the referee was distracted, Hogan struck DiBiase in the back to break his Million Dollar Dream hold on Savage. Savage quickly delivered his patented elbow drop from the top rope and earned the pinfall to become WWE Champion. **Watch the video...**

Hogan, Savage and Miss Elizabeth celebrated with the Trump Plaza crowd. They would go on to fight together as “The Mega Powers,” then break apart as Hogan defeated Savage for the title at WrestleMania V next year.

Terry Funk and Cactus Jack buries The Public Enemy in sea of chairs *ECW Arena – August 13, 1994*



The rabid fans’ reputation in ECW’s South Philadelphia home was captured for all time in this classic ECW moment.

After a tag-team match involving Terry Funk & Cactus Jack (Mick Foley) at the ECW Arena, The Public Enemy came running to the ring and attacked the pair. Funk and Cactus fought off the South Philly boys, and called into the crowd for someone to toss him a chair to use.

The response was one of ECW's most memorable and iconic moments. One chair came flying in. Then another. Suddenly, a flock of flying steel came pouring into the ring from the ringside fans, covering "Flyboy" Rocco Rock and Johnny Grunge in a pile of more than 100 chairs. **[Watch the video...](#)**

As told in the book, *The Rise and Fall of ECW: Extreme Championship Wrestling*, Foley stood there watching the mayhem as Funk bailed out of the ring, seeking safer grounds. Foley only left after getting clipped by an incoming chair.

The Public Enemy didn't get up for nearly five minutes after the steel onslaught.

Tommy Dreamer's attack "Heard 'Round the World" on Raven *ECW Heat Wave 95 – July 15, 1995*



One of ECW's most volatile rivalries was between Tommy Dreamer and Raven. Allegedly old classmates in school, they battled each other for more than two-and-a-half years.

One of the most memorable moments between Dreamer and Raven came at ECW Arena during Heat Wave '95. After a Steel Cage Match between Luna Vachon and Raven's protégée Stevie Richards, Raven entered the cage and DDT'd Vachon. This brought out The Pitbulls and Tommy Dreamer to make the save.

Dreamer DDT'd his nemesis on a steel chair, then motioned to The Pitbulls to clear the ring. Tommy reached down to his ankles and pulled out a pair of handcuffs, then cuffed Raven to the cage fencing.

Dreamer delivered a groin blow with a piece of aluminum siding to his cuffed rival, then blasted him viciously in the head with a steel chair.

The ECW Arena crowd roared in approval at the impact of steel, chanting "He's Hardcore!" and "E-C-W!" as Dreamer exited the cage.

Mankind knocked out by chair falling through roof of Hell in a Cell *King of the Ring – June 28, 1998*



Often called the most brutal match in WWE history, Mankind (Mick Foley) and Undertaker faced off in Pittsburgh in a Hell in a Cell match at King of the Ring.

The match started off on top of the ominous steel structure. Mankind brought a chair onto the roof and hit Undertaker several times. The Deadman responded by throwing Mankind off the cell roof, crashing through the announcers' table 16 feet below.

A then-unmasked Mankind refused swarms of medical attention, and climbed up the cell to the roof once again to face Undertaker.

Undertaker grabbed Mankind, and chokeslammed him through a panel of the cell roofing, and Mankind crashed to the mat below. But the chair Mankind had originally brought onto the roof was also on that panel, and fell with Mankind, smashing onto his face and knocking out a tooth. [Watch the video...](#)

Foley told in his book, *Have a Nice Day! A Tale of Blood and Sweatsocks*, that he was knocked out briefly by the fall and didn't remember the chair hitting him.

Later video of the match showed Foley's tooth sticking out of his nostril.

The Rock defeats Mankind in "I Quit" Match for the WWE Championship *Royal Rumble – Jan. 24, 1999*



Mick Foley's classic chair moments were capped off by the WWE Championship "I Quit" Match between Mankind and The Rock at the 1999 Royal Rumble.

With his wife and children at ringside, Foley received numerous chair blows from The People's Champion, including many while handcuffed. His family left midway through the match, unable to watch any longer.

Mankind eventually lost consciousness from the blows, and allies of The Rock played a recording of Mankind saying "I Quit" to give Rock the title. [Watch the video...](#)

Mankind would win the WWE Championship back from The Rock at Halftime Heat a week later, winning an Empty Arena Match.

Mike Awesome vs. Masato Tanaka *ECW One Night Stand – June 12, 2005*



Mike Awesome and Masato Tanaka had a long history in ECW. They battled each other for the ECW Championship on numerous occasions – Awesome won the title twice, Tanaka once.

The rivalry was renewed at ECW One Night Stand in 2005, as the pair competed in a brutal match that many fans believed stole the show.

As fans in the Hammerstein Center chanted “This Match Rules!,” the pair threw each other through tables and into ringside barriers. Awesome lined up Tanaka for a crushing chair blow and delivered. Tanaka took the blow square on the head, and shook it off. Awesome delivered a second blow, knocking the Japanese grappler off his feet. **Watch the video...**

Awesome finished off Tanaka by bombing him through a ringside table, then launching himself over the top rope onto Tanaka and the pile of debris to get the pinfall.

"Stone Cold" Steve Austin defeats The Rock for the WWE Championship *WrestleMania X-Seven – April 1, 2001*



The Texas Rattlesnake entered WrestleMania X-Seven looking for his fifth WWE Championship in the main event in Houston's Reliant AstroDome. But Austin chose to enlist help to guarantee himself a victory on sports-entertainment's biggest stage.

The Texas crowd sided loudly with The Rattlesnake, who had won the previous WrestleMania main event between him and The Rock at WrestleMania XV. Midway through the match, WWE Chairman Mr. McMahon came down to ringside. Still shaky from losing a Street Fight with his son, Shane, fans didn't understand why the Chairman wanted a closer view.

The match was made no-disqualification just before it took place, and it was understood why as McMahon broke up Rock's pin attempt. McMahon hit Rock with a steel chair, but it wasn't enough to get the pin on the People's Champion.

Austin then went ballistic on Rock, hitting him with repeated chair blows – 16 in all, some while Rock was prone on the mat. The Rattlesnake finally rolled up Rock's leg for the pinfall, and celebrated with a beer toast with Mr. McMahon. **Watch the video...**

The Texas fans cheered their hero's success, but the vicious beating of The Rock made him one of the most hated Superstars in WWE at that time.

King Booker wins World Heavyweight Championship from Rey Mysterio *The Great American Bash – July 23, 2006*

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World Champion Rey Mysterio trusted his long-time friend Chavo Guerrero. It was a shock to him and WWE fans when Chavo turned on Rey in jealousy.

As Mysterio defended his title against King Booker at The Great American Bash, Chavo interfered and clobbered his friend with a steel chair. King Booker was able to cover Mysterio after the blow, and win the World Heavyweight Title. **[Watch the video...](#)**

Chairs would play a large part in the Chavo-Rey rivalry. Chavo used a chair to damage Mysterio's knee in an "I Quit" match on SmackDown and put him out of action for months. Rey returned the favor two weeks ago on SmackDown, doing the same to Chavo with a chair.

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