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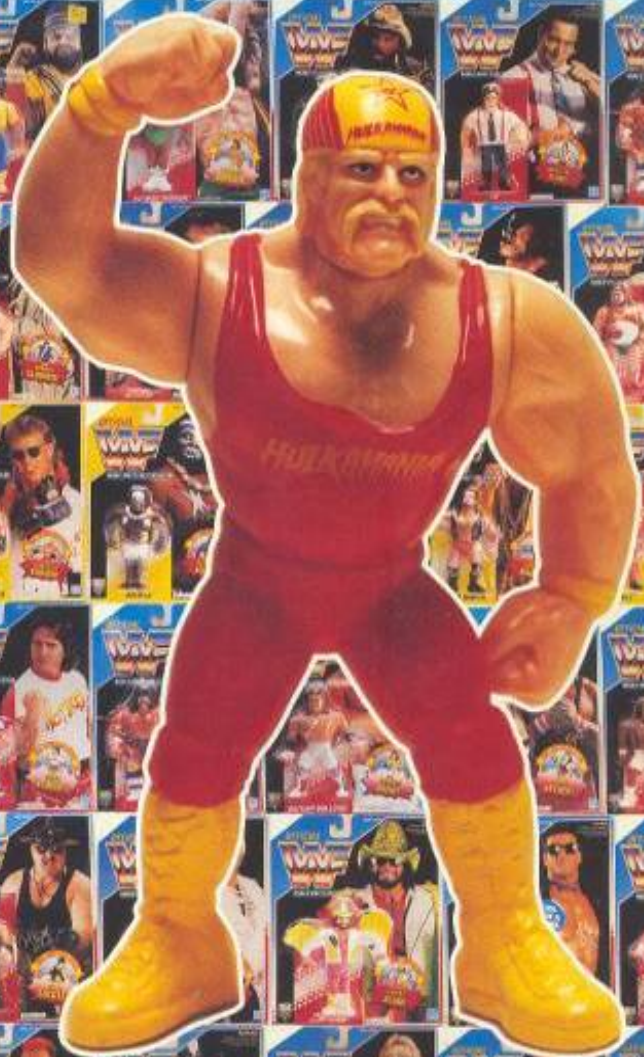
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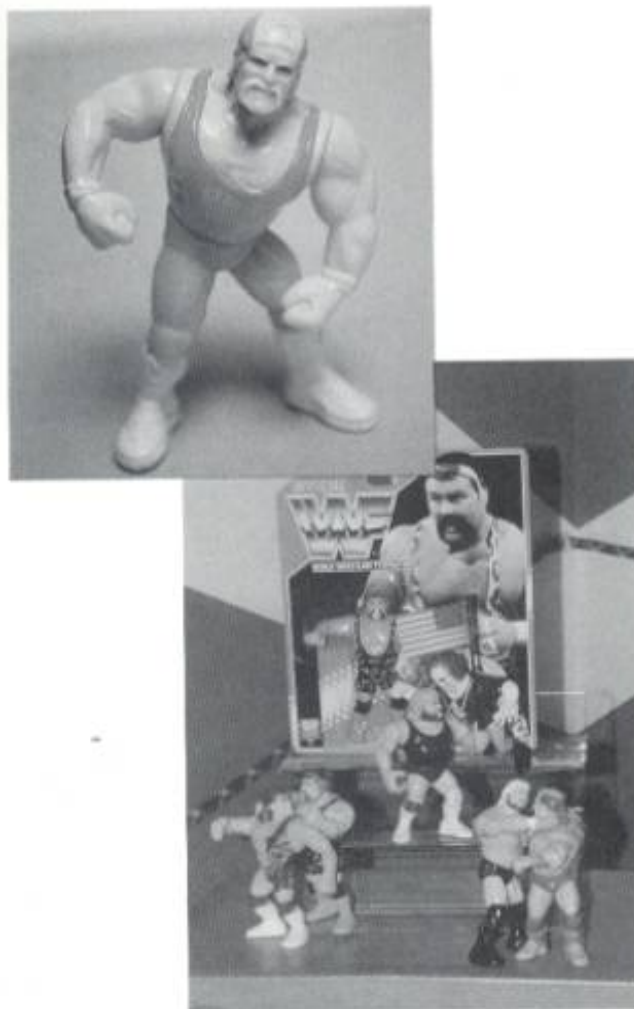
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- \*One prize will be awarded based on a random drawing.
- \*Prize includes the following: One complete set each of the following Hasbro WWF Figure assortments: #7278 (Yellow Cards), #7576 (Red Cards), #7577 (Purple Cards), and one (1) Exclusive WWF "Red Tights" Hulk Hogan figure.



# Hasbro's WWF Line "Moonsaults" Into 1994

By Lenny Lee

Since its inception in 1990, Hasbro's WWF line has undergone some changes. Rather than proceeding with a chronological listing of product, we begin with the major turning point for the line; this came at the end of 1993, when Hasbro released their first "color coded" set of wrestling figure cards. It was also at this time that Hasbro cut back significantly on its WWF line

production numbers, which resulted in the increased collectability of the new figures. The set that inaugurated this color coding "system" of product identification is now commonly referred to by aficionados as the "Yellow Card" assortment/series. The Yellow Card series was the seventh set of WWF figures to be released by Hasbro. The color coding of the cardbacks was designed



Exclusive Bret Hart and Hulk Hogan.



Adam Bomb



Crush



Billy Gun



Bart Gun



Ludwig Borga



1-2-3 Kid

Above and to the left: a preview of the Fall 1994 assortment.

This assortment will consist of seven figures: Ludwig Borga, Yokozuna (not shown), the 1-2-3 Kid, Bart Gun, Billy Gun, Crush, and Adam Bomb. This set will come on green cardbacks.

Below: Preview of the late-Summer 1994 figure releases.



Marty Jannetty



Head Shrinker Samu



Head Shrinker Fatu



Giant Gonzalez

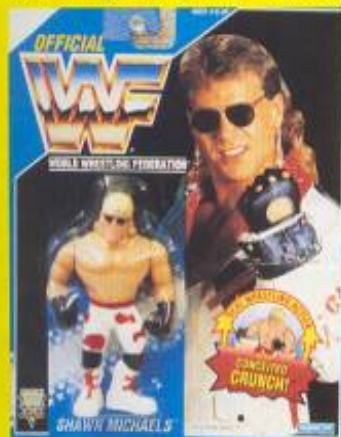
to enable collectors to quickly distinguish the new series of figures from amongst the previous series'. Color coding also enabled non-WWF "enthusiasts" to easily identify and buy up the new limited release series for investment purposes. Ironically, this instant identification tactic made the yellow card set one of the toughest figure sets to complete for most collectors; this was due largely to their being successfully "targeted" by

informed earlybirds.

The rarest WWF figures ever released by Hasbro were special mail-in offers made available through "WWF Magazine", in the Fall of 1993. Collectors could send in for 3 exclusive Hasbro WWF figures: Undertaker, Bret the "Hitman" Hart, and what has been referred to as the "Red Tights" Hulk Hogan (shown on page 4). The Undertaker was identical to the figure

released on the 1994 "Red Card", with the exception of his having a new hair color (brown). From the waist down, the Bret the "Hitman" Hart figure was painted with the same colors as the Red Card version, but featured special "black star" spray-ops on his boots and lower back. It also differed from the Red Card version in that the elbow pads were black, and the wristbands were

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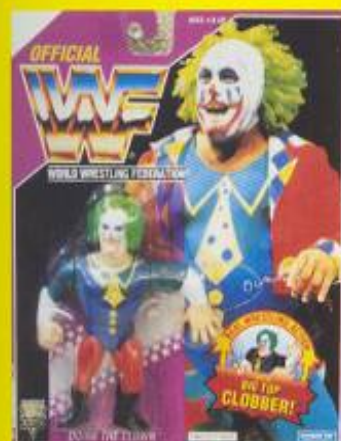
Shawn Michaels



Bushwacker-Butch



Bushwacker-Luke



Doink the Clown



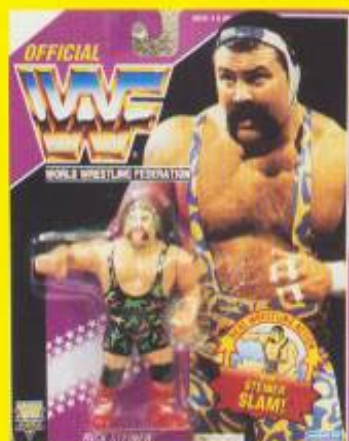
Hacksaw Jim Dugan



Million Dollar Man Ted DiBiase



Scott Steiner



Rick Steiner



Tatanka

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painted white. The last figure was the exclusive "Red Tights" Hulk Hogan figure. He comes with a red and yellow WWF Hulkamania bandana, red Hulkamania tank top (ripped), red tights, yellow wristbands w/red triangle, and yellow wrestling shoes. Approximately 6,000 figures were produced by Hasbro; about 3,000 of each personality (obviously a super-limited release!). Eight hundred of each were originally shipped to, and sold through WWF Magazine. Hasbro will soon ship the rest of the figures; but the WWF will only be getting the Undertaker and Bret Hart figures--Hasbro will distribute the remaining Hulk Hogan figures through their Direct Promotion outlet.

1994 saw the release of the "Red Card" series (the 8th series in the WWF line) which included the following figures: Yokozuna, Lex Luger, Undertaker, Brett the "Hit Man" Hart, Mr. Perfect, and Bam Bam Bigelow. These are shown on page 56.

The ninth set to be released (late April/May 1994) will be blistered onto purple cardbacks, and will no doubt be referred to as the "Purple Card" assortment. Six figures comprise this set: "Million Dollar Man" Ted Dibiase, Tatanka, Doink The Clown, Rick Steiner, Scott Steiner, and Hacksaw Jim Duggan. Doink the Clown will be the first Hasbro wrestler to have "rooted" hair. This feature is the result of a very expensive process, but makes for a good looking figure. Tatanka will be painted exactly like the 1993 Blue Card version. The next assortment will be released in the Fall of '94 and will come on "Green" cardbacks. This set includes 7 figures (6 are shown on page 4): The 1-2-3 Kid, Ludwig Borga, Crush, Adam Bomb, Yokozuna and The Smokin' Guns--Bart and Buck.

What follows is a complete listing of the 63 WWF figures as they were released during the period between 1990 and 1993.

**Series 1 (1990) included:** Million Dollar Man (black tux), Jake The Snake, Ravishing Rick Rude, Ax, Smash, Big Boss Man, Ultimate Warrior, Hulk Hogan #1, Macho Man, Brutus "The Barber" Beefcake, Akeem, and Andre the Giant.

**Series 2 (1991) Single Cards:** Dusty Rhodes, Hulk Hogan #2, Million Dollar Man #2 (Green tux), Ultimate Warrior #2, Macho Man "King", Rowdy Roddy Piper, Honky Tonk Man, Superfly Jimmy Snuka, Hacksaw Jim Duggan.

**Series 2 Tag Teams:** Bushwhackers (Butch & Luke), Demolition (Crush & Smash), and the Rockers (Marty Jannetty & Shawn Michaels).

**Series 3 (1992) Single Cards:** Sgt. Slaughter, Mr. Perfect, Brutus the Barber Beefcake #2, Typhoon, Earthquake, Big Boss Man #2, Ultimate Warrior #3, Macho Man #3, Koko B. Ware, Hulk Hogan #3, Texas Tornado, Greg "the Hammer" Valentine.

**Series 4 (1992):** This series consisted of

two tag teams and 4 single carded figures. The two Tag Teams were the Nasty Boys (Brian Knobbs & Jerry Sags) and the Legion of Doom (Animal & Hawk). The four single cards were the Undertaker, Bret the "Hitman" Hart, Ricky the "Dragon" Steamboat and the British Bulldog.

**Series 5 (1993):** Hulk Hogan #4, IRS, Rick the "Model" Martel, Macho Man #4, The Mountie, Skinner, Sid Justice, Warlord, and Virgil.

**Series 6 (1993):** Jim the "Anvil" Neidhart,

Repo Man, Tatanka, Papa Shango, El Matador, Berzerker, and Ric Flair.

**Below:** A rare glimpse of a Greg "the Hammer" Valentine figure in his "Rythym and Blues" tag team outfit. This one-of-a-kind "hand sample" was photographed at Hasbro. The figure was never produced for release to the public.



1990 Hulk Hogan



1990 Andre the Giant



Greg in his tag team outfit.



Macho Man (1990)



Big Boss Man ('90)



Akeem ('90)



Million Dollar Man ('90)



Smash ('90)



Ax (1990)



Brutus Beefcake ('90)



Ultimate Warrior('90)



Rick Rude ('90)



Jake the "Snake" Roberts



Honky Tonk Man



Rowdy Roddy Piper



Ultimate Warrior



Dusty Rhodes



Hulk Hogan 2



Superfly Jimmy Snuka



Randy Savage 2



Hacksaw Jim Duggan



Million Dollar Man 2



Rockers



Bushwhackers



Demolition



Typhoon



Earthquake



Sgt. Slaughter



Sgt. Slaughter (card 2)



Randy Savage 3



Greg Valentine



Texas Tornado



Hulk Hogan 3



Ultimate Warrior 3



Brutus Beefcake 2



Mr. Perfect 1



Koko B. Ware



Big Boss Man 2



Legion of Doom



Nasty Boys



Undertaker 1



Bret Hart 1



Ricky Steamboat



British Bulldog



Warlord



Mountie



IRS



Hulk Hogan 4



Skinner



Macho Man 2



Virgil



Rick Martel



Sid Justice



Jim Neidhart



El Matador



Berzerker



Ric Flair



Repo Man



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Crush



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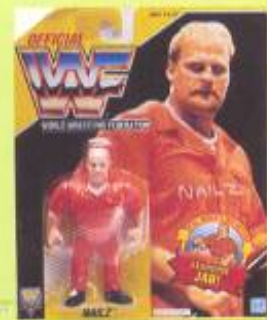
Owen Hart



Razor Ramon



Shawn Michaels



Nailz



Yokozuna



Lex Luger



Mr. Perfect 2



Bret Hart 2



Undertaker 2



Bam Bam Bigelow



# The Modern



# Miniaturist

By James Tomlinson

In this installment of *The Modern Miniaturist*, we climb into the ring with Hasbro's "Official WWF Mini Wrestlers" line. This series of 60mm plastic (PVC) figures was released in 1991 and was comprised of 18 popular WWF characters, and the "Royal Rumble Wrestling Ring" playset.

Twelve of the 18 figures came in groups of four, on three separate blister cards. All of the figures were molded onto round bases; the bottom of these base plates read "© 1991 Titan Sport Inc., Made in China, Distr. by Hasbro Inc., All Rights Reserved, and a single digit number". What the single digit number referred to we don't know; in some cases completely different figures featured the same single digit number. The cardbacks were identical, featuring four color art on the front, with silhouetted photos of Texas Tornado, Mr. Perfect, Hulk Hogan, Typhoon, Macho Man, and Hacksaw Jim Duggan. The reverse side of the cardbacks featured line art depictions of all the figures in the line, and the Royal Rumble Ring playset. The Card no. and Assortment no. were both placed in



Card no. 7391 (l-r): Typhoon and Earthquake of the "Natural Disasters", Hawk and Animal of "Legion of Doom".



Card no. 7392 (l-r): Greg "The Hammer" Valentine, Butch and Luke of the "Bushwhackers", and Brutus the "Barber" Beefcake.



Card no. 7393 (l-r): Texas Tornado, Rowdy Roddy Piper, Mr. Perfect, and Hacksaw Jim Duggan.



Above: The exclusive Royal Rumble Ring figures (l-r): Sgt. Slaughter, Jake "the Snake" Roberts, Randy "Macho Man" Savage, Million Dollar Man Ted DiBiase (w/metal ballast), Big Boss Man (w/ballast), and Hulk Hogan (w/ballast).

the bottom right hand corner of the cardback. We'll refer to the separate cards by their respective card numbers.

**Card #7391** contained the following four figures: **Typhoon**, of the Natural Disasters (in red uniform w/ white Typhoon emblem, and black wrestling shoes), **Earthquake**, of the Natural Disasters (in blue uniform w/yellow shockwave design, and black wrestling shoes), **Animal** of the Legion of Doom (in red top, black trunks, red boots, and black face paint), and **Hawk** of the Legion of Doom (in same outfit, w/ black and red face paint).

**Card #7392** included: **Brutus "The Barber"** Beefcake (in pink tights, pink gauntlets, and white wrestling shoes), **Butch** of The Bushwhackers (in black top, grey and black camo pants and black army boots), **Luke** of The Bushwhackers (in same uniform), and **Gregg "The Hammer" Valentine** (in black shorts, yellow wrestling shoes, and black shin guard on left leg).

**Card #7393** included: **Mr. Perfect** (in yellow uniform, black knee pads, and white wrestling shoes), **Hacksaw Jim Duggan** (in blue trunks, blue knee pads, black wrestling shoes, and carrying a sawed-off 2x4), **Rowdy Roddy Piper** (in white top w/Hot Rod! logo, red kilt, black knee pads and black wrestling shoes), and the late **Texas Tornado** (in red trunks, white fringed wrestling shoes, and blue wristbands).

The **Royal Rumble Ring** was released as a playset for these mini wrestlers, and allowed two players to stage a "Royal Rumble". It was molded in yellow plastic, and featured two plunger-activated launch mechanisms that would hurl the wrestlers into the ring, and into each other. Half-round white metal ballasts were included, and could be attached to the bottom of the figure bases in order to keep the figures upright, unless tipped too far; if tipped too far, the wrestlers would fall over. Winners were the ones left standing at the end of the "rumble". The Royal Rumble Ring came with six exclusive figures. The six figures that came with the playset were perhaps the most desirable of the series, and included: **Hulk Hogan**, **Million Dollar Man Ted Debiase**, **Macho Man Randy Savage**, **Sgt. Slaughter**, **Big Boss Man**, and **Jake "The Snake" Roberts**. The Royal Rumble Ring was released for a fairly limited period of time, and a lot of collectors either ignored it for too long or missed it all together. It's a great set to have if you can find it, especially if it still contains all six of the exclusive figures.



Above: Figures as they appeared on the blister carded four-packs.

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