

VICE SPORTS' ACCLAIMED WRESTLING DOCUSERIES DARK SIDE OF THE RING RETURNS MARCH 25 ON VICE TV

New 10-Episode Season Features Deep Dives into Infamous Matches
And Untold Stories of Controversial Icons

Highlights Include Hell in a Cell, Daffney, Muhammad Hassan, Big Van Vader and Exclusive Interviews with Billy Jack Haynes, and More

First-Look Clip Now Available

NEW YORK (Mar. 3, 2025) – VICE Sports' top-rated docuseries *Dark Side of the Ring* returns for a sixth season on <u>Tuesday, March 25</u> (10:00-11:00 PM ET) on VICE TV, with new episodes following weekly. The 10-episode season will continue to bring viewers an explosive look into professional wrestling's unseen world, spotlighting the complex intersections of fantasy and reality in professional wrestling.

View a first-look clip for *Dark Side of the Ring* Season 6 <u>HERE</u>.

"Dark Side of the Ring has become a huge force in the wrestling community as one of the first and longest-running series that puts professional wrestling on a pedestal," said VICE TV President, Pete Gaffney. "What makes this series so compelling is the human element of the storytelling, and VICE Sports is thrilled this new season has something for everyone, from die-hard fans to the wrestling-curious."

The new season of *Dark Side of the Ring* kicks off with a look at 1998's violent Hell in a Cell match, featuring an extensive new interview with Mick Foley. Foley gives his first-hand account of the physically-challenging, career-defining match versus archrival The Undertaker, with reflections from his family on the impact of wrestling on his physical and mental well-being. The season will also include a much-anticipated episode on the legacy of *Daffney* in the wake of her tragic death; an episode featuring a new interview with *Billy Jack Haynes* from prison, where he is awaiting trial for second-degree murder charges; the story of *Muhammad Hassan* and what happens when politics and wrestling collide; the controversial political career of *Ludvig Borga* following his retirement from wrestling; as well as new untold stories about wrestling icons including *Big Van Vader*, *Tony Atlas*, "*Superstar*" *Billy Graham*, *The Original Sheik*, and "*Hot Stuff*" *Eddie Gilbert*.

Companion podcast *Dark Side of the Ring: Unheard* will also return in March. Hosts Jack Encarnacao and JP Sarro, alongside *Dark Side of the Ring* co-creator Evan Husney, revisit unaired interviews from the *Dark Side* archives, providing listeners with an oral history of

seminal moments in wrestling. The video version of the podcast will be available on <u>YouTube</u>, and audio-only episodes will be available on <u>Apple Podcasts</u>, <u>Spotify</u>, and all podcast platforms.

Dark Side of the Ring is a VICE Studios production in partnership with Bell Media's Crave. Evan Husney is co-creator, executive producer, and writer for the series; Jason Eisener is co-creator, executive producer, and director. Executive Producer for VICE Studios is Guillermo Garcia. Executive Producer for VICE TV is Lee Hoffman. The series is distributed worldwide by VICE Distribution.

Since VICE TV launched *Dark Side of the Ring* in April 2019, the series has entertained wrestling fans and newcomers to the sport with the biggest stories from the last 40 years, giving viewers unprecedented access to wrestling insiders and revealing the brutal truths and often tragic consequences of lives in the squared circle. Following the success of *Dark Side of the Ring*, the *Dark Side* franchise has expanded to include *Dark Side of Football*, *Dark Side of the 90s*, *Dark Side of the 2000s*, *Dark Side of Reality TV*, and 2025's *Dark Side of the Cage*.

As global demand for sports programming continues to grow, VICE Media recently launched the VICE Sports brand, coupled with a significantly expanded original sports programming strategy. VICE TV, the company's 40M plus subscriber cable television network in partnership with A+E, has shifted its programming to a sports-first model (find VICE TV viewing and streaming options here). Recent premieres in the VICE Sports prime-time programming blocks include debate series *Brady vs Belichick: The Verdict*, with host Christopher "Mad Dog" Russo; *Calipari: Razor's Edge*, a docuseries following the legendary coach in his first season with the Arkansas Razorbacks men's basketball team; and *Pitino: Red Storm Rising*, a backstage pass as Pitino and St. John's University's Red Storm work to win the school's first BIG EAST Conference title since the turn of the century. Overall, the company will produce more than 50 hours of sports-themed docuseries, programs, events, and podcasts for global distributors across television and digital.

About VICE Media

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Recent VICE Studios' content includes the hit UK series *Gangs of London*, MAX documentary *Bama Rush* and the newly launched VICE News podcast *Shane Smith Has Questions* (in partnership with Bill Maher's Club Random Studios). The company also has a joint venture with Savage Ventures to operate its VICE brand digital channels.

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