

After Bischoff's refusal, Hall punched Bischoff in the stomach and Nash powerbombed Bischoff through the stage. It was this incident, Bischoff would later admit, which caused him to join the NWO. Bischoff showed his true colors on a WCW Monday Nitro broadcast in late-1996. After that, Bischoff began to rule over WCW with an iron fist. As an example of this, Bischoff stripped the Steiner Brothers of the WCW Tag Team titles after their win over the Outsiders at the first NWO Souled Out.

He also fired referees Randy Anderson and Jimmy Jett, and refused to let Lex Luger compete at Superbrawl VII. Luger wrestled anyway, and Bischoff again awarded the Outsiders the tag belts after their Superbrawl loss to Luger and the Giant. After these actions, Eric Bischoff was suspended by Dr. Harvey Schiller, head of Turner Sports. Bischoff and Hollywood Hogan claimed the suspension wouldn't stick as the two were personal friends of Ted Turner, though in terms of storylines, Bischoff has never regained the power he once had.

At WCW's Spring Stampede pay-per-view in 1997, Bischoff seemed to show a merciful side as he urged Randy Savage to stop his assault against Kimberly Page, wife of Diamond Dallas Page. Instead, Bischoff was pushed down by Savage and was struck by Savage as Bischoff tried to retaliate. Though Bischoff and Savage later called a truce, this incident marked one of the first seeds of dissention within the NWO. As NWO member Scott Hall became involved in a verbal feud with Larry Zbyszko, Hall claimed that Zbyszko "couldn't even beat Easy-E," setting up a match between Bischoff and Zbyszko at Starrcade 1997. Furthermore, if Bischoff won the match, it was determined that the NWO would take over Monday Nitro. Though Bischoff attempted to cheat during the match, special guest referee Bret Hart saw Bischoff strike Zbyszko with a loaded boot and attacked Hall who was at ringside, putting him in the Sharpshooter. The match was awarded to Zbyszko by disqualification. With his in-ring career seemingly over, Bischoff continued his support of Hollywood Hogan and the NWO and continued to always appear at Hogan's side.

Dissention in the NWO once again showed itself during a January 1998 Monday Nitro broadcast involving Bischoff and Savage, where during an argument between Savage and Hogan, Savage picked up a chair and threatened to hit Hogan with it. As Bischoff attempted to stop Savage, Savage struck Bischoff and was in turn attacked by Kevin Nash. Strangely enough, it would be Savage and Nash who would later team up to form the "Wolfpac," to fight again Hogan's leadership of the NWO. Meanwhile, Bischoff remained firmly at Hogan's side. Furthermore, Bischoff interestingly began a cross-promotional on-air feud with WWF head Vince McMahon after the WWF began sending DeGeneration-X to WCW facilities (D-X consists of WWF wrestlers Hunter Hearst Helmsley, the New Age Outlaws, Chyna, and Sean Waltman, formerly Syxx of the NWO). Shockingly, Bischoff challenged McMahon to a match at Slamboree '98 as a means to settle their differences once and for all. McMahon refused to participate in the WCW event of course, and Bischoff replied by calling McMahon a coward and having the "match" anyway at the PPV, where McMahon was counted out and Bischoff was declared the winner.

COSTUMES

Costume #1: 21 (Black Martial Arts Pants)
Costume #2: 11 (NWO Shirt and Blue Jeans)
Costume #3: 21 (White Martial Arts Pants)
Costume #4: 19 (Leather Jacket and Blue Jeans)

II. Bischoff's Moves

GRAPPLING

No Grappling Moves

STRIKING ATTACKS

-Weak Striking-

A (Arm): Straight Punch
A+D-pad (Arm): Jabbing Punch
B (Arm): Body Punch
B+D-pad (Arm): Elbow Strike
A (Leg): Front Toe Kick
A+D-pad (Leg): Shin Kick
B (Leg): Low Kick
B+D-pad (Leg): Middle Kick

-Strong Striking-

A: High Roundhouse Kick
A+D-pad: Strong High Roundhouse Kick
B: Spinning Sidekick
B+D-pad: Jumping Karate Kick

-Reversals-

Ducking Attack: Low Blow

RUNNING

-Running Attacks-

Down-C+[B]: Running Toe Kick
D-Pad + Down-C + [B]: Running Elbow Attack
-Running Ground Attack-
Facing Up: Elbow Drop
Facing Down: Elbow Drop

-Evasion-

Evasion: Roll

GROUND

-Upper Body Submission-

None

-Lower Body Submission-

None

-Ground Attack-

Facing Up: Stomp

Facing Down: Weak Kick

TURNBUCKLE MOVES

-Turnbuckle Attack-

B: Body Punch

D-Pad + B: Low Kick

Down-C + B: Running High Toe Kick

-Corner Counter-

Irish whip to Corner Counter: Boot to Face

-Front Turnbuckle Grapple-

None

-Counter Grapple-

None

-Flying Attack-

Standing Opponent: None

Standing Opponent to Outside: None

Standing Opponent (Special): Double Axe Handle

Laying Opponent: None

Laying Opponent to Outside: None

Laying Opponent (Special): Double Toe Stomp

-Turnbuckle Inside Attack-

Turnbuckle Inside Attack: None

RINGSIDE

-Grapple to Apron-

None

-Rope Inside Attack-

Rope Inside Attack: None

-Flying Attack to Outside-

A: None

Down-C + [A]: Baseball Slide

Down-C + D-Pad + [A]: Baseball Slide

APRON

-Apron Attack-

To Inside: Knee Strike

To Outside: Strong Kick

-Grapple from apron-

None

-Flying Attack from apron-

A: Dropping Elbow

Down-C + [A]: None

-Flying Attack to Ring-

Standing Opponent: None

Laying Opponent: None

Standing Opponent (Special): None

IRISH WHIP

No Irish Whip Moves

TAUNTS

-Taunts-

Control Stick: Double Arm Raise with Crotch Chop
Special Taunt: Arm Twirling Taunt
Ducking Taunt: Crotch Chop Taunt
Celebration Taunt: Double Arm Raise with Crotch Chop

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