



## **Nikita Koloff**

Nikita Koloff was born in Minneapolis as Scott Simpson. As a young man, he was a weight training fanatic and superb high school football player in Minnesota. He played college football and was dreaming of an NFL career when injuries sidelined him. Unable to fulfill that dream, he turned again to weights and became an obsessive trainer, putting in extremely long hours at the gym. His friendship with wrestler Road Warrior Animal took him to Atlanta, where he was introduced to professional wrestling.



Changing his name to Nikita Koloff and acting as the nephew of Ivan Koloff, Scott took on a whole new persona. He entered the NWA and became a star, then moved over to the WCW and became an even bigger star. Eventually, he went from villain to hero, teaming with Dusty Rhodes, "The American Dream," to become a super patriot and a super star. He won many titles along the way.

Koloff retired from the grind of professional wrestling in 1992 and began giving back to his fans in a variety of ways. Nikita helps families that are battling illnesses and disabilities, he does charitable work in Africa and other countries and he gives his time to motivating others and talking about character and development.

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