Wrestling Observer Newsletter Awards 1980

Tag Team of the Year:

The Fabulous Freebirds (Buddy Roberts & Terry Gordy) [Mid South Wrestling]

Best Technical Wrestler:

Bob Backlund [WWF]

Best Brawler:

Bruiser Brody [AJPW /NWA/ WWC]

Most Overrated:

Mr. Wrestling II [NWA]

Most Underrated:

Hossein Arab (The Iron Sheik) [NWA/WWF]

Pro Wrestling Match of the Year:

Bob Backlund vs Ken Patera (Texas Death Match) (19.05.1980) [WWF]

Rookie of the Year:

Barry Windham (NWA)

Most Impressive Wrestler:

Ken Patera

Most Washed Up Wrestler:

Baron Scicluna