

Wrestling Observer Newsletter Awards 1981

Most Washed Up Wrestler:

Peter Maivia [NWA]

Most Charismatic:

Michael Hayes [WCCW]

Most Technical Wrestler:

Ted DiBiase [Mid-South]

Best Brawler:

Bruiser Brody [AJPW]

Strongest Wrestler:

Tony Atlas [NWA / WWF]

Best Flying Wrestler:

Jimmy Snuka [WWF]

Most Overrated:

Pedro Morales [WWF]

Most Underrated:

Buzz Sawyer [NWA]

Rookie of the Year:

Brad Armstrong [NWA]

Brad Rheingans [NWA]

Match of the Year:

Pat Patterson vs Sgt. Slaughter (Street Fight Match) (04.05.1981) [WWF]

Best Television Announcer:

Gordon Solie [NWA]

Best Wrestling Maneuver:

Jimmy Snuka - Superfly [WWF]

Most Disgusting Promotional Tactics:

Gene LeBelle Promotion claiming the "The Monster" was built in a laboratory [LeBell Promotions]

Biggest Shock of the Year:

Tommy Rich winning the NWA World Title from Harley Race [NWA]