

# 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]