Reading through the reader surveys that were printed in the September 2002 issue, we have come to the conclusion that as much as this sport has changed over the years, and as much as the fans' perception of the sport has changed, certain things do not change.

We've done four such surveys over the last 20 or so years, and in each we've asked you, our readers, to tell us what you like and don't like about Pro Wrestling Illustrated. One of the most popular answers each time on the positive side is the ratings.

Well, we'd like to give our readers what they like, and that's why, in 1981, we came up with the idea to compile the "PWI 500." If you like our Top 10, how could you not like our Top 500?

Simple concept? Perhaps. Simply executed? Why ... no! While it's relatively easy for our editors to list the top 10s in the various organizations, the "PWI 500" is a joint effort of the entire wrestling community. Just as the college football coaches do not see every team when they formulate their weekly rankings, the editors of PWI have not seen every wrestler. So, to a large extent, we are dependent on the honest assessments of those who have. There is no scientific approach to comparing the accomplishments of, say, the champion in an indy league in Florida to that of an indy league in Ohio, particularly if they share no common opponents. That's not to say that a great deal of painstaking thought doesn't go into the compilation of this list. We take it very seriously and we are proud of the impact it has had on the business.

All of the following criteria are considered (in order of importance):
- Win-loss record
- Technical ability
- Influence on the sport
- Success against the highest grade of competition
- Success against the most diverse competition
- Activity

As always, keep in mind that the "PWI 500" is not a ranking for the calendar year January through December. This year's grading period runs from August 2001 through August 2002.

A wrestler who has lost significant time due to injury can either be dropped off the list entirely (in which case he will be listed in "Farewell To The 500" with a disabled list--DL designation) or receive a ranking that might not be commensurate with his abilities or the amount of success he enjoyed in a reduced time frame.

We expect the "PWI 500" to ignite hot debates (both among readers and wrestlers in locker rooms), but that's the fun part. You can reach us with your comments at "PWI 500," P.O. Box 1148, Fort Washington, PA 19034. Or you can e-mail us at londonpub@koppapublishing.com (please write "PWI 500" in the subject field).

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[Editor's note: The numbers in parentheses following each name represent the wrestler's height, weight, years of pro experience, and rating in the 2001 "PWI 500." An "NL" means the wrestler was not listed a year ago. A complete list of wrestlers ranked in 2001 but not 2002, as well as an alphabetical cross-reference to the "PWI 500," follow the listings.]
ROB VAN DAM

(6', 237, 13, 59)

Top Five Moments of the Year:
1. Almost captured the undisputed WWE World championship on Raw, only to see a match restart by Ric Flair save The Undertaker's title reign. 2. Defeated Eddie Guerrero in a spectacular ladder match on Raw to win the WWE Intercontinental title. 3. Defeated William Regal at WrestleMania XIX to win the WWE Intercontinental title. 4. Beat The Big Show to retain his WWE Hardcore title on Raw. 5. Teamed with The Rock to beat The Undertaker and undisputed WWE World Heavyweight champion Chris Jericho on Raw.

He Said It: "When I was picked as the first runner-up in '99, I had my head up. I wasn't too crazy about having won a major title. I stayed in ECW and sacrificed a lot of money because I wanted to do it my way. Well, ECW and WCW have fallen off the face of the earth, and now WWE is the one monster promotion. I spent a lot of time decorating my waist with gold since I've been here. Being named number one in the PWI 500 is a great reward for a lot of hard work."


Where He's Headed: It might pain some people inside WWE to see RVD go, but RVD is a big part of the future of that company. His ridiculous risk-taking and uncanny athleticism easily win over fans, and his unpretentious backstage demeanor makes everyone watching WWE TV think that he's just a normal guy with extraordinary talent and an extraordinary job. If Van Dam doesn't win the undisputed WWE championship by this time next year, something will have gone drastically wrong. Forget about his lack of size. He's the complete package. We're not sure where he'll go immediately from here, but we do imagine that he'll have another extended feud with Brock Lesnar in the coming year, and more than likely it'll be over the World title, not the Intercontinental strap. Considering what we are forecasting here, it wouldn't surprise us in the least to see RVD join Bret Hart and "Stone Cold" Steve Austin as the only wrestlers to take home the top spot in the "500" two years in a row.

THE UNDERTAKER

(6'9", 328, 14, 11)

Top Five Moments of the Year:

He Said It: "What do you want to know? I kicked ass and took names this entire year, just like I do every year, and that's what I want. You feel the number-one spot to Rob Van Dam, one of the biggest punks I've seen in a long time. Where is my respect? What did he accomplish that I didn't? Can you tell me that I was the undisputed WWE champion? I don't recall RVD winning that title this year. Hell, I don't remember him ever winning that title at all. And I beat his punk ass at last year's Vengeance for the hardcore title, so that means that I even beat him at his own game. For that reason alone, I think that I should be rated higher than him. See, for most people, number two would be just fine. I'd be a great accomplishment. Too bad I'm not most people."


Where He's Headed: Now that's really hard to say. Who would have thought that The Undertaker would have arguably the strongest run of his career in 2002? At this point last year, we thought that "Big Evil" was winding his career down. That's why we thought he gave up the mysticism and magic, because he wanted one final run as himself, or as close to himself as the man is allowed to be on WWE TV. So imagine our surprise when he beat Hulk Hogan for the title at Judgment Day and then ran with the ball for two full months and a couple of days afterward. We're still tempted to predict that "Taker is headed toward retirement, but we just don't believe that anymore. He won't win the undisputed WWE World title again (haven't we said that before?), but that doesn't mean that he's not going to stick around and continue to make a huge impact on WWE. As strange as it may seem, the only place "Taker is headed is to the ring."
KEJI MUTO

(6'1", 245, 18, 4)

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR: 1. Defeated Mike Barton to win the 2002 Champion’s Carnival tournament on April 10 at the Tuskasuma Dome. 2. Defeated New Japan Pro Wrestling in January and signed with rival company All Japan Pro Wrestling. 3. Gave an incredible performance in a bout for the vacant Triple Crown title, losing to Genichiro Tenryu on April 13 at the Budokan Hall, just three days after winning the Carnival. 4. Along with Kaz Hayashi and George Hines, won the Giant Baba Memorial six-man tournament on May 12 by defeating Tenryu, Nobutaka Araya, and Arashi in the finals at Korakuen Hall. 5. Defeated Bam Bam Bigelow in a rare United States appearance at the International Wrestling Festival in Atlantic City on June 22.

HE SAID IT: "The Natural Born Master always comes out on top—whether it’s in New Japan or All Japan or wherever I choose to go. I’ve shown the world that no matter what name I take, Great Muta, Kokenchi, Mutch, my fighting spirit burns brighter and brighter each day. With the help of my Battl partners, my shining wizard attack, I have surpassed all of puroresu’s biggest stars to be recognized by the Pro Wrestling Illustrated as the top Japanese wrestler active today. It is a great honor to be counted among the best in the world once again, a distinction I regard very seriously. It is my goal to ascend to the position of number one wrestler, and rise above all others. I will always fight to be the very best in the world."


WHERE HE’S HEADED: Into the history books, for one thing, as the most consistent performer since the invention of the "PW 500." In the twelve years this ranking has existed, Muto has only fallen from the top 50 once, and this year marks his third among the top 10 best in the world. Muto’s legacy in puroresu will change soon, though, as he prepares to accept the mantle of president of All Japan Pro Wrestling from Motoko Baba. Not only will Muto be the company’s top star, but he’ll also be making the business decisions that will shape AJPW for years to come. While his jump from New Japan earlier this year may have closed many doors to Muto, he can now concentrate on one thing: regaining the Triple Crown, a title he helped restore interest in, after the NOAH exodus all but crippled All-Japan. With Toshiaki Kawada sidelined once again with injuries, Muto has already proven himself to be All-Japan’s ace. With his new presidency on the horizon, he’ll have the chance to become puroresu’s ace for a brand new era.

CHRIS JERICHO

(5'10", 225, 12, 9)


HE SAID IT: "I hate to sound like a damn broken record every year that this thing rolls around, but once again you people robbed me of what is deservedly mine. I was the WCW champion. I was the first undisputed WWE champion. I was the man who put WWE on its back and carried it to the final line for three whole months. Me. I did that. Not Bob Van Dibrag or The Undertaker. Chris Jericho—Y2J himself—did that. And despite my heinous year inside the ring, I still find myself looking at others who are ranked higher than me. I could live with the ranking if all I did was win a few matches here or there, but my year was much more than that. I beat The Rock. I beat Triple H. I even beat "Stone-Cold" Steve Austin. I guess I shouldn’t complain, though. I’m still a ‘Living Legend.’ And at least I wasn’t ranked at 11th for the third year in a row."


WHERE HE’S HEADED: More than likely, to the other side of the yard. Jericho has done an outstanding job as a heel. In this past year’s "500" grading period, he finally established himself as a strong, self-assured character and got rid of his dependence on smart-alecky antics. That change in character paid off, because the fans were finally able to build up some disdain for Jericho and actually hate him, an emotion that just about every professional wrestler strives to create at some point in his career. Jericho, however, is probably nearing the end of his strong run as a heel. No matter how well he did in the role this past year, the fans want to cheer him; they won’t be able to hold back much longer. And while we don’t picture him regaining the WWE World title in the coming year, we don’t see him leaving the title picture. Y2J is in the top tier to stay. It’s where he deserves to be.
Eddie Guerrero

(5'8", 205, 14, 50)

Top Five Moments of the Year:
1. Beat Rob Van Dam at Backlash to win the WWE Intercontinental Title.
2. Beat Paco and Juventud Guerrera in a three-way match at WWA: The Revolution to win the WWA International Cruiserweight Title.
3. Beat Rob Van Dam at Judgment Day to retain the WWE Intercontinental Title.
4. Nearly defeated then-WWE World champion The Rock on Raw in July and did a masterful job of blocking and countering a Rock bottom.
5. Drew the ire of Steve Austin by attacking him in a bar during a Raw sketch.

He Said It: "You never know what's going to happen in this business, I guess. I thought that guys had to spend the whole year in WWE to make good in this thing, but I guess not. It's good to know that a lot of people respect what goes on overseas. Of course, it's not like I didn't get the job done over here, either. Right? Latino Heat will do everything he can to have a great match wherever he goes and whoever he's in the ring with. And I don't want to be the guy that people are going to say he's not good enough to handle and then some more after that. Same went for Ric Flair and Steve Austin and The Rock and a bunch of other guys, too. Maybe if I had been in WWE the whole time, I wouldn't have had an even better run, but it won't do me any good to be worried about that right now."

Path to the Top 10:
- 141st in 1994
- 17th in 1995
- 17th in 1996
- 24th in 1997
- 28th in 1998
- 20th in 2000
- 50th in 2001

Where He's Headed: We are all born with certain gifts that make us special in certain ways. Eddie Guerrero was born to be a professional wrestler, and his innate wrestling ability has made him very special. Unfortunately, "Latino Heat" wasn't blessed with much size, and that's why a man who is often considered one of the best pure wrestlers in the world figures to remain on the cusp of main-event status for the rest of his career in WWE. We wish we could say otherwise, but we can't. In WWE, size matters most of the time. Even though Guerrero has been one of WWE's most dependable performers since returning to the promotion after dealing with substance abuse problems, we imagine he's as far up the card as he's ever going to get. Of course, if he continues to come through with great matches after great matches, maybe he'll force WWE to give him at least a taste of main events.

Kurt Angle

(6'1", 232, 3, 1)

Top Five Moments of the Year:
2. Beat Hulk Hogan by submission at King of the Ring.
3. Beat Triple H at No Way Out to win Helmsley's WWE World Heavyweight title shot (Triple H won the title shot back one night later on Raw).
5. Beat Triple H in a cage match on Raw.

He Said It: "I've been involved with professional wrestling for what, three or four years now? In 2001, I took home the top spot in this ranking. In my rookie year, I came in 13th. This year, I'm at number six. All things considered, I don't have anything to complain about. Of course my accomplishments deserve a little more recognition with a higher ranking, but I'm comfortable where I am. It just lets me know that I still have work to do. I'm not going to rest on what I've already accomplished, which, as everyone knows, is a lot. Next year, I will reclaim the number-one position. I'm going to do everything possible to make sure that happens, because after winning my Olympic gold medal, I know what's like to be the most respected person in your chosen profession. I want that feeling back. And I will be on top again."

Path to the Top 10:
- 13th in 2000
- 1st in 2001

Where He's Headed: Maybe the Olympic! Believe it or not, that might turn out to be the case. We've been told that the 1996 Olympic gold medalist will be allowed, if he so desires, to leave the active WWE roster and pursue his dream of a second gold medal in 2004. WWE would be making one huge sacrifice, but it appears that Vince McMahon will not stop Angle from attempting to win another gold medal while under WWE contract, no matter how slim Angle's chances at victory really are. And they are slim. Angle's competitiveness wrested the amateur style in six years, and in order to get into proper form for a run at the 2004 Olympics, he'd have to get on a full-time training regimen very soon. He'd also have to reach deep down and find motivation. For all this talk of him leaving, however, it's hard to actually envision Angle taking a sabatical for the Olympic pursuit. It might happen, but we're betting against it right now.
**TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR:**

1. Defeated Test at Survivor Series to unify the WCW U.S. and WWE Intercontinental titles.
2. Defeated Billy Gunn and Chuck Palumbo to win his second WWE World Tag Team title.
3. Defeated Kurt Angle in a hair vs. hair match at Judgment Day.
4. Defeated Christian in a ladder match at No Mercy to win his third WWE Intercontinental title.
5. Defeated Booker T at WrestleMania X8.

**HE SAID IT:** "When I started out in this business, there were a whole lot of things I wanted to accomplish, and being recognized as one of the top five or 10 guys was definitely one of them. I guess now I can scratch that goal off of my list, because I've finally made it. It's a strange feeling, though. I always thought of the guys in the top 10 as the absolute cream of the sport, the ultimate money players, and it's hard to believe people look at me as one of them now. Sometimes I feel like I'm still the young kid in the Toronto SkyDome watching Hulk Hogan take on The Ultimate Warrior at WrestleMania VI. But now I'm standing next to Hogan, and he's reaching out for my hand to tag me in. It's a dream come true. Sometimes I can't even believe that it's happening to me."

**PATH TO THE TOP 10:** 254th in 1997; 67th in 1998; 83rd in 1999; 51st in 2000; 20th in 2001

**WHERE HE'S HEADED:** Edge was still teaming with Hulk Hogan as we were going to press, but we're envisioning an Edge vs. Hogan feud sooner rather than later. And since the fans won't even consider booking Hogan these days, Edge is going to have to be the bad guy if it happens. Now, we know that all the Edge heads probably don't appreciate reading that, but it's true. Almost any way you look at it, if Edge and Hogan are going to feud (and even money says they will), Edge will have to be the heel. And, besides, it's not like it will be a stretch for the guy. Edge has been a very effective heel in the past. His long, blond locks lend themselves to a funny, Valley girl-type persona, and he can effectively poke fun at just about anyone. A strong heel run might even move him further up this list in next year's "500." We don't think he has peaked yet.

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**YUI NAGATA**

**TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR:**

1. Won the IWGP heavyweight title for the first time from Tadashi Sahada in Tokyo on April 5.
2. Retained the IWGP heavyweight title by beating NOAH's Yoshihiro Takayama at the Tokyo Dome on May 2.
3. Retained the IWGP heavyweight title on June 7 by defeating former champion Kazuhiro Nakamura.
4. Retained the IWGP heavyweight title over mixed martial arts star Bas Rutten on July 20 in Sapporo.
5. Beat Scott Norton on March 21 to become the number-one contender for the IWGP heavyweight title.

**HE SAID IT:** "My motto has always been 'be ambitious.' I have done everything in my power to be just that. These past few years, I have pursued every avenue to better myself, from my WCW days, to my Zero-One fights, from mixed martial arts bouts to, at last, the IWGP heavyweight title. My ambition and dreams have at last been realized, and it has taken me a long, hard decade to get there. The IWGP title is something I have sought since my first day as a wrestler. Now I am humbled to not only hold the most prestigious championship in our sport, but also because I have at last earned a place among the world's best. I am grateful that the staff of Pro Wrestling Illustrated has not overlooked all my hard work this year, and I will honor this great tribute to my ambition by fighting to become even better than before. I want to show all fans of pro wrestling that I am deserving of this great distinction."

**PATH TO THE TOP 10:** 164th in 1997; 83rd in 1998; 77th in 1999; 37th in 2000; 52nd in 2001

**WHERE HE'S HEADED:** If Nagata can remain focused these next few years, he'll emerge as the top star of his generation of wrestlers in Japan. As the old guard begins to show their age, Nagata needs to continue to refine his game, and wait for men like Muto, Misawa, Kawada, and Chono to pass the torch to the young lions. Unlike his contemporary, Jun Aoyama, Nagata has only just hit his stride this year, and he still has room to grow as a wrestler. He's traveled the world, facing the best every-where he goes and becoming one of the sport's most diverse performers. Since making his ascension to the IWGP title, he hasn't exactly met the most challenging competitors, and more interpromotional defenses, like his one against NOAH's Yoshihiro Takayama, will forge a stronger champion. To prove himself as one of the all-time greats, all Nagata really needs is time.
THE ROCK
(6'4'', 272, 7, 14)

Top Five Moments of the Year:

He said it: "Has this been a year for The Rock or what? Just take a look at The Rock's accomplishments in the ring; a WWE title win against Chris Jericho, a victory over the immortal Hulk Hogan at WrestleMania in one of the greatest matches of The Rock's career, and an undisputed WWE Championship win over Kurt Angle and 'The Dead Man' himself at Vengeance. That's called laying the smack down like it's never been laid down before. And all that was done while The Rock had the privilege of going out there and entertaining the millions and millions of The Rock's fans in The Scorpion Kings. And The Rock can't even say what's in store for the year—well, The Rock doesn't know enough to predict where this wild and crazy ride will take him in the next 365 days, so you'd better just stay tuned and come along for the ride!"


Where He's Headed: Where else? To the land of stardom and glamour in Hollywood, California. Though we would all like to believe otherwise, Rock is slowly adjusting to his new priorities. Movies come first and wrestling comes second. It seems like every other day, Rocky signs on for the starring role in yet another film. In fact, he's Hollywood career is skyrocketing. It's seriously making us wonder how much longer Rock is going to be around. For his part, Rock claims to want to be a part of WWE until the day he dies, but as he signs on for more and more movie projects, he's in essence signing on for less and less ring time. For all we know, he'll be a role player in WWE a year from now. And think about this: A career in the movie industry provides many more financial benefits—plus stunt packages! This could be his last stop in this top 10.

TRIPLE H
(6'5'', 253, 11, 6)

Top Five Moments of the Year:

He said it: "This past year was one of the toughest years of my life. I had to recover from quadriceps surgery, deal with all the baggage with Stephanie, compete for the spotlight with Hogan, and choose who I wanted to work for, Steve or Eric Bischoff. I wouldn't wish the past year on anyone—that's how tough it was. But I'll tell you this, and mark my words: I have never been more motivated in my entire life. Back in 1999 and 2000, I was the man, I was WWE's MVP. Then I tore my quad, and everything started to fall apart for a while. I'm just now starting to get back to where I need to be. I'll take this spot for this year, but I want to reclaim number one, and the only way I'll do that is if I reclaim the undisputed WWE World heavyweight title. That's the only goal for me."


Where He's Headed: Triple H jumped to the Raw brand a few weeks before this issue went to press, and that maneuver opens up a whole new world of possibilities for him. His chief concern should be his relationship with Eric Bischoff. Back when DeGeneration X was at its peak, Helmsley led exposions to WCW events and demanded the return of Kevin Nash and Scott Hall, who were then unhappy with the way things were going in Turnberry. Bischoff must surely remember the day DX invaded CNN Center and had Time Warner employees doing the "Suck It" routine. Bischoff might have recruited Helmsley for Raw, but that doesn't mean that tensions don't exist between the two men. It'll be interesting to see how they get along. As for the undisputed World title scene, Helmsley wants to be in, and he'll stop at nothing to get back in. For Helmsley, nothing means more than being the WWE champion. He wants to feel that strap around his waist yet again. We think he'll accomplish that mission.
15 GENICHIRO TENNYU (6’1”, 275, 26, 10) Reigned Triple Crown champi-
on of 48 Japan Pro Wrestling is one of Japan’s most respected veterans ... has been a top star for decades, with wins in New Japan, NWA, WWA, and his own group. WAA ... Returned to All-Japan after a lengthy absence to fill the void after Michita Misawa led the NOAH exodus. Much-anticipated singles pro-
gram with Toshiaki Kawada is on hold once again due to Kawada’s injury. Has some classic battles with Hiroshi Tanahashi in the last two months. Thick, muscular junior heavyweight is quick and lean. Uses a triple moonsault sequence to set up defenses.

16 SHOCKER (6’7”, 231, 17, 80) Although he lost his mask just a few years ago, Shockher has never been more popular in his native Mexico. Former partner, now rival of Mr. Nada has ascended to superstar status in the rings of NWA after a long tenure with the group. Spent some time as part of Los Ciberneticos, a stable of velvet-edge characters obsessed with looking handsome ... CMLL light heavyweight champion has been tending off challenges from top stars like Jey Gian and Black Warrior. Has teamed with the WCW’s Dito Del Sant and Masato Nakamura to battle Los Inmortal and a constellation of New Japan Pro Wrestling rookies. ... Popularity sky-
rocketing after confronting his foil with Emi Chono Jr. ... Has a spectacular flying body attack.

17 BROCK LESNAR (6’3”, 295, 2, 87) Family has wrestling a severe concussive as appropriate as the “Big Red” ... The 2006 NCAA Division I heavy-
weight champion is a natural ... Since making his WCW debut, has vastly altered his wrestling style and his trunk. In yet to see his spectacular shooting star press or any of his formidable techni-
cal skills, though that hasn’t hurt his win-loss record ... His con-
fidence has improved tremendously since he signed with Paul Heyman. Finding Heyman handle most of the interface. Looks to focus on wrestling. ... We have to won-
ner if he just wants the right time for a new era at All Japan Pro Wrestling. ... The ring is the King of the Ring journey. ... Has had a great deal of trouble against Rob Van Dam, however.

18 MITSHITARU MISAWA (6’1”, 238, 22, 10) The dominant Japanese heavyweight of the 1990s has slowed down considerably since the turn of the millennium. ... Began his career as the second Tiger Mask in All Japan Pro Wrestling. ... Classic battles with Toshiaki Kawada and Kenta Kobashi revolutionized not only All Japan in the mid-90s, but all of pro-wrestling. ... Now leads the Pro Wrestling NOAH group in Japan, after leaving NJPW with dozens of other wrestlers. Feared for his trademark elbow strike ... Was the first man to hold the NOAH Global Honor Crown 18 ... Eventually lost the title to Jun Akiyama. ... Five-time All Japan Triple Crown holder ... Often tags with Yoshihiko Ogawa and Takuma Sano ... Historic first appearance in New Japan this year yielded a stim-
ulat draw with Masato Chono ... Inventor of the emerald eruption, his pet finisher.

19 HULK HOGAN (6’7”, 275, 23, NJ) Returned to wrestling after a 16-month ab-
se by defeating Curt Hennig at the WWA’s TV tap-
ings in November. Reunited with Scott Hall and Kevin Nash for an NWO invasion of the WWA. ... Has met-
taken the likes of Dito Del Sant and Masato Nakamura to battle Los Inmortal and a constellation of New Japan Pro Wrestling rookies. ... Popularity sky-
rocketing after confronting his foil with Emi Chono Jr. ... Has a spectacular flying body attack.

20 WILLIAM REBAS (6’4”, 257, 18, 61) Lost his job when Team WWF defe-
vated Team Alliance at the Summer Series. ... Became the first indy into Vince McMahon’s “has my ass” club in order to get his job back. It’s uncertain whether he wore Championship before McMahon’s pitiful career. ... Underwent surgery to correct his chronically bloody nose. ... Used his trusty brass knuckles to beat edge for the Intercontinental title. ... Lost the V-CbF in the NWA/WWE cruiserweight champion for the second time in a year. ... Dropped it to Rob Van Dam this time. ... Won the European title, but lost it to Spike Dudley. ... Regained it from Littie Spike. ... Lost the belt to Jeff Hardy on Raw. ... Must select a new star now that the European championship has been unified with the Intercontinental title.

21 EL HUJO DEL SANTO (5’7”, 170, 20, 15) The most popular tecnico in all of Mexico continues to honor his father’s legend ... Tijuana’s Luchador de la Solidad licks his famous mask in Lucha Libre ... Despite many bloody mask vs. mask matches, he has always kept his hood. ... Regularly pops in at NWA and in Tijuana. ... Made a handfull of appearances in the United States this year, in Texas and Southern California ... Occasionally teams with Negro Casas. ... Stars in several wrestling-themed movies, just like his father did. ... His stable, the camel clutch, is his signature submission hold.

22 KENDO KA SHIN (5’9”, 190, 16) Former NWA junior heavyweight champion ac-
tended the title to fellow Koji Muto and Satoshi Kojima to All Japan Pro Wrestling because of previous’s most impres-
sive figure in the wake of the New Japan departure. ... Tipped masked mask had mixed results when he ventured into mixed martial arts competitions in the last year. A former “Best of ’97” Super Jr. champion. ... Rivalries with Kaz Hayashiki and Masa Sato are heating up. ... Didn’t take him long to capture All Japan’s junior heavyweight title. ... His great armbar helped him up the long dormant division. ... Has international experience, including some training in Europe under William Regal. ... In an armbar, he can apply from virtually any angle, even in the very beginning of a match.

23 TAIBARI (6’7”, 224, 8, 70) Lost the WWF light heavyweight title to WCW cruiserweight champ X-Pac at last year’s Sum-
merSlam. ... In one of the most forgotten stories of 2001, he had a 13-day reign as U.S. champion after defeating Chris Kanyon. ... Dropped the U.S. strap to Rhino. ... Seemed to have a loving relationship with Tommy Tonio. ... Forced Wilson to wear a goatee outfit. ... Wilson left Tajiri for Maven. ... Became part of a world’s trailer-truck tag team with Jamie Noble and Nada. ... His octopus and taurine are still crowd-pleasers. ... Better as the ethnic odd-
ball than the astride boogeyman.

24 JEFF JARRITT (5’9”, 160, 16) Fridged as World Wrestling Al-
leged at the start of every new era. ... Made split decision with Peter Maivia and Europe. ... Left WWE to form NWA Total Nonstop Action with his father, Jerry. ... Dropped the guitar and “shrapnel” routine ... Slapped by country music

25 MATT HARDY (5’11”, 212, 88) Seemed to turn heel at the end of 2003 as he became increasingly jealous of his brother, Jeff. ... Battiled Jeff in what was projected to be a long-term feud, but WWE officials weren’t impressed with their performance. ... Matt and Jeff took a couple of months off. ... His team with Jeff remained intact as they both were drafted by Raw in the mid-
stream draft extension on April 1. ... Slipped to the back-
ground as Jeff enjoys more success. ... Seems more conservative than his brother in terms of ring style. ... Fans still love his brand of fast finisher. ... A multi-time WWF World tag team champion.
27 YOSHIHITO TAKAYAMA (6'4", 280, 10, NL) KOAH tag team specialist made his mark in singles competition this year ... Has all but abandoned his No Fear partner Takio Omori, even through the two of them are former KOAH GHC tag champs ... One who quite close to winning the NSP heavyweight title from Yuki Nagatani in a cross-promotional match with New Japan ... Dabbles in mixed martial arts matches, but those really aren't his forte ... Thick, solid heavyweight is known for absorbing brutal punishment throughout matches without slowing down ... Has a devastating array of kicks in his arsenal.

28 BATISTA (6'9", 325, 4, 257) Former "Demon Of The Deep" is stuck in bad gimmick purgatory ... As Leviathan, was the most dominant champion in OWW history, drawing comparisons to Goldberg ... Was upset for the title by Prototype (John Cena) who had to use an echo-scooped tag to get the job done ... Was sold out by his manager Kay-san after he lost the title and his services were sold to G-Von Dudley ... Lost his final OWW match to Seven ... Could trade gimmicks with Brock Lesnar and few people would notice the difference ... When he's not clocking people with collection boxes, he runs a tremendously effective spoon/powerbomb combo ... May be WWE's breakout star of 2003.

29 HECTOR GARZA (5'10", 202, 3, 26) Long-time technico in AAA tuned his back on the farm to join the node this past year ... Forever mixed up in the battles of Latin Lover, Heavy Metal, and Perro Aguayo Jr. ... Westfalls a few matches in the WCW overmatch division a few years ago ... Found his career stumbling after he suffered a serious leg injury ... Probably in the best shape of his career right now ... Sometimes teams with El Duende ... Brief stints in Europe have helped his mat game tremendously ... Very graceful in the air ... Best known for his corkscrewプランcha, he also executes an in-ring variation of the move that he calls the Canawaza.

30 BUH BUH RAY DUDLEY (6'2", 325, 6, 30) He and half-brother D-Von beat The Hardy Boyz for the WCW World tag team title last year ... Then, they also defeated the Hardys for the WWF World tag team title at Survivor Series to unify the championships ... Became stooges for Vince McMahon by year's end ... The Dudley Boyz tag team were split due to the brand extension draft on April 1 ... Became a dominant hardcore champ on Raw ... The Bub Bub bomb is feared almost as much as the Dudley's 3-D ... Has faced considerably better as a singles star than "Reversed" D-Von ... Reverted back to competition as of late as a partner of his other half-brother, Spike.

31 SATOSHI KOJIMA (6', 243, 11, N) Surrounded by controversy after departing his home promotion of New Japan Pro Wrestling in January to sign with All-Japan Pro Wrestling ... He joined Keji Muto and Kondo Kojima in a move that became the biggest story of the year in Japan ... Kojima was given the title of the new Jawa, a former WWF tag team champion with Toshiaki Tanaka ... Never broke through to the top tier during his AJPW run.

32 JEFF HARDY (5', 191, 6, 17) He and Matt suffered several losses in late-2001, giving the impression that The Hardy Boyz tag team had run its course ... Lost the WWF and WCW World teams to The Dudley Boyz in separate matches following brief title reigns ... Criticized for becoming complacent and perhaps not up to the challenge of being a major WWF superstar ... The Hardys and Lita were given "leave of absence" last December ... Jeff, Matt, and Lita remained a unit on Raw following the brand extension draft ... Showed glimpses of his past promise by pushing WWF World champion The Undertaker to the limit in two matches on Raw ... Defeated William Regal for the European title ... Lost a European-continental unification match to Rob Van Dam on July 22 ... Still the biggest draw on Raw.

33 RANDY ORTON (6'5", 205, 2, 217) Third-tier star got a rough introduction to WWE, courtesy of Hardcore Holly ... 2001 PMR Rookie of the Year made a big splash upon his WWE debut, but his momentum seems to have stalled in recent months ... Stacy Keibler certainly takes notice whenever he enters a room, but that might not necessarily be a good thing ... Still gets some pointers from father "Cowboy" Bob Orton Jr. and grandfather Bob Orton Sr. ... Suffered a mild concussion against Batista in July ... Has a devastating wheelbarrow German suplex, but has yet to unveil it in WWE ... With a little more seasoning, he could contend for the Intercontinental title.

34 RIC FLAIR (6'2", 243, 29, NL) Returned to wrestling on the November 19 broadcast of Raw, seven months after the demise of the Turner-owned WCW ... The 16-time world champion claimed Shane and Stephanie McMahon had sold him Beers shares of the WCW, effectively making him co-owner ... His bloody match against Vince McMahon at Royal Rumble ... Lost another bloody one to The Undertaker at WrestleMania X8 ... Became exclusive owner of Raw following the April 1 brand extension draft ... Became drunk with power yet again in his career and turned against Stone Cold ... Austin ... Lost to "Stone-Cold" in Austin's final televised match ... Claims to have "one last great run left" ... Seen as "an old man" by Brock Lesnar on Raw ... Has lost weight and is in better condition than he has been in years.
35 **DR. WAGNER JR.** (2’9”, 216, 16, 21) Evil exorcists can usually be seen in his all-white mask and trunks. Long-time rival with EMLW takes on all comers. ... Also a favorite in Japan, where he has held New Japan’s IWGP junior tag team title with Kenzo Ku Shin. ... His brother, Silver King, also follows in their father’s footsteps. ... The brothers have both faced and partnered since breaking into the business. ... Likes to use the Michinoku driver as a finishing move. ... Put submission hold is the Warhawklock, a rolling ground-out hold. ... Regular teammates include Blue Panther and Frenza Guerra.

36 **SHIRASHI** (8’7”, 309, 10, 45) Emerged as a locker room leader during the Alliance’s invasion of the WFW last year. ... Acquiesced of having new WFW employees. ... The APA was split due to the brief extension draft. ... Went to Raw ... Initially hailed as a top babyface on par with Steve Austin, but WWE soon pulled back his push. ... Captured the hardcore title. ... Lost two quick matches to Chris Abrego and John Tenta in hardcore-rule matches. ... His clothesline and kick to the face remain devastating. ... Has passed the midway point of his career without realizing his full potential. ... Considering the mood on Wall Street, Bradshaw probably won’t be smoking cigars or drinking beer on CNBC anytime soon.

37 **CHUCK PALUMBO** (6’10”, 256, 2, 69) Following his dominance of the WCW tag team scene with Sean O’Haire and Shawn Stasiak in 2002, Palumbo has enjoyed an equally successful partnership with Billy Gunn in 2001-2002. ... Chuck and Billy held the WWF/WWE World Tag team title on two occasions. ... They lost the belts to Hulk Hogan and Edge on Smackdown. ... Sound wrestling skills and agility make up for his lack of charisma. ... His brash make him look like Hulk.

38 **KOJI KENMOTO** (6’10”, 360, 12, 259) Played for injuries for the last two years. Kenmoto is on his way back to New Japan standup. ... Briefly replaced his role as the third incarnation of Tiger Mask this year, teaming with Tiger Mask IV. ... Part of Masa Chono’s team 2000 conglomerate. ... A former WWF junior heavyweight champion and tag titlist alongside Minoru Tanaka. ... Feuded with Eddie Guerrero when Guerrero was in Japan between WWE stints. ... Won the annual “Best Of The Super Juniors” tour in June. ... It was the second time he won it. ... Stills used the Tiger suplex as a finisher.

40 **TEST** (6’7”, 302, 5, 37) Kurt Angle at October’s No Mercy for the biggest win of his career. ... The WWF failed to follow that momentum with a strong push. ... Best Edge for the intercontinental title on November 5. ... Dropped the I-C belt to U.S. champ Edge in a unification match at Survivor Series. ... Wasn’t forced to leave the WWF with his fellow Alliance members because he had won an immunity battle royal, meaning he couldn’t be fired. ... Hasn’t made much of an impact in 2002. ... Joints up with other bitter Canadians, Lance Storm and Christopher, in an anti-American crusade. ... His big foot fits his higher and harder than Huk Hogan’s.

41 **JOSHI LIGER** (6’6”, 208, 19, 25) Perennial junior heavyweight superstars has branched out this year, appearing not only in his home promotion of New Japan, but in Pro Wrestling NOAH as well. ... Probably the most famous masked man in the history of pro-wrestling. ... Has held the IWGP junior title 11 times, and has a variety of tournament wins. ... From the 2002 “Best Of The Super Juniors,” to its credit as well. ... Has formed championship teams with the likes of The Great Sakkaito, El Samurai, and Minoru Tanaka over the years. ... Inventor of the Tiger bomb and shooting star press. ... Revived for his brutal palm strikes and brainbusters.

42 **JAMIE NOBLE** (6’6”, 190, 6, 212) Best Matt Striker in the 2002 Super 8 before losing to the eventual winner, Donovan Morgan. ... Competed in the Heartland Wrestling Association, where he faced with Striker and teamed with The Big Boot to win the titles at the place of 8, in addition to defeating with Triple H in an all-hardcore match. ... Smart Kick for the cruiserweight title at King of the Ring. ... Formed a strange alliance with Tajiri. ... Embraced a redneck gimmick but suits him well. ... Previously known as “Shin-nos” of WWF’s Jughdra.

43 **BILLY GUINN** (6’6”, 260, 10, 12) After failing to become a major WFW singles star, Guinn rededicated himself to tag team competition. ... Sledged with Chuck Palumbo and won the WFW World tag team title twice. ... The only unprecedentted 10 WFW/WWE World tag team championships. ... Billy and Chuck dropped the belts to Rico and Rikishi for a while, and lost them again to Hulk Hogan and Edge. ... Executes the facebreaker and roman cutter to perfection.

44 **LA PARKA** (6’2”, 230, 15, 104) One of the more enduring characters in Lucha Libre. ... More popular than ever in his homeland of Tijuana. ... Has had his troubles with the Lucha Commission this past year and had a number of fines and suspensions, levied against him. ... Made a name for himself in AAA and was catapulted to superstardom. ... Long feud with Rey Misterio Sr. has been one of Mexico’s hottest rivalries this past year. ... Loves to brawl into the audience during his matches. ... Appeared in the United States for the first time since his WWE days, working with independent groups like Major League Wrestling and Chikara. ... Favorite move is the twisting sidemill from the top rope, a move best known for his swinging a steel chair so skillfully.

45 **JERRY LYNN** (6’7”, 224, 14, 217) The former WCW World champion was released by the WFW this year. ... It was suggested that the creative team couldn’t find a spot for him. ... Lost his opportunity for long-awaited matchs with Rob Van Dam and X-Pac. ... Finally found some appreciation back on the Mexican independ- ent scene, where he became a standout more than a decade ago. ... Competed in World Wrestling All-Stars as well as many of the higher-profile independents in the country. ... Now a top cruiserweight in TNA’s X Division.

46 **JAMES DOLPH LUNTZ** (8’5”, 250, 2, 181) “Who the hell are you?” – “I’m John Cena.” ... The former Prototype demonstrated his “ruthless aggression” by answering Kurt Angle’s open challenge and newly upsetting the Olympic champion. ... Was impressive even The Undertaker felt compelled to say something to Cena. ... Joined the debut sting of the effort. ... Started the Anti-Americans out of the ring on the July 25 Smackdown. ... Jim Ross called them the “Future of Smackdown.” ... As OWN champion, was the centerpiece of Bolin Services. ... OWN un- unbeaten streak was broken by David Flair, but used an eather-soaked rag to beat Levesque (Bolton) for the OWN live later days. ... Lost OWN title to Nova.
Taiyo Kea vs. Vampiro

TAKAO KEA (6’1”, 240, 8, 59) One-half of All-Japan’s tag team champions alongside partner Keiji Mutoh... has quickly grown into a top star thanks to hard work and the undeniable popularity of his pairing with Mutoh... Key player in the cross-promotional BATT stable... Hawaiian native has spent most of his career with All-Japan... Made a rare stateside appearance in the summer with Major League Wrestling in Philadelphia... Advanced to the finals of the tournament to crown MLW’s first champion, then lost to Shane Douglas... Throws an array of kicks throughout his matches to break down opponents... Calls his version of Marc Mero’s “TRI” Ace crupper the Hawaiian hammer.

SHINYA HASHIMOTO (6’1”, 267, 18, 47) One of the biggest names in pro wrestling for the last two decades is the top star of Zero-One in Japan... Briefly held the NWA heavyweight title before losing it to Dan Severn... Briefly toured the United States, where he destroyed American opponents from coast to coast... Returned to the promotion in which he first tasted stardom, the New Japan Pro Wrestling, to team with his sometimes-hated Naoya Ogawa against Scott Norton and Hayashi Toru... A three-time former NWA heavyweight champion... Part of the same training group that spawned Keiji Mutoh and Masahiro Chono in the 1990s... Feared for his powerful, accurate kicks... His matches with Nakamura in the 1990s set Japanese wrestling attendance records that stand today... Noted for his brutal brainbuster and leaping discus... In Japan, but years of in-ring abuse have begun to take their toll on the big man... He has battled with just about every dominant heavyweight in the current wrestling era, from Sting to Antonio Inoki, from Bret Hart to Shingo Hashimoto... Buckled back mostly from a number of injuries, including a broken arm that almost ended his career... The only American to ever hold both NWA’s NWP title and All-Japan’s Triple Crown... Still pulls out his awesome moonsault press from time to time... Handily puts opponents down for the count with his high-impact power bomb... Regularly teams with Scorpio... In Japan—the duo is known as Big and Bad.

BILLY KIDMAN (6’1”, 195, 7, 30) regained the WCW cruiserweight title from X-Pac on October 9... Lost the belt to Tajiri only two weeks later... Missed a couple of months due to the Alliance’s demise at Surfer’s Expo... Returned to WWE this spring with a barker physique... The rejuvenated Kidman uses the shocking star press more often than ever, and he did so in WWE’s final days... Won the cruiserweight belt yet again... Defended ex-girlfriend Torrie Wilson’s honor against Tajiri... Resigned as an on-air personality with Torrie despite their real-life relationship... The WWE cruiserweight division should heat up for the first time now that friend and rival Rey Mysterio Jr. is on Smackdown.

VADER (6’8”, 422, 17, 48) Former WCW World heavyweight champion feels quite at home in the rings of Pro Wrestling NOAH in Japan... Still one of the most respected competitors opponents down for the count with his high-impact power bomb... Regularly teams with Scorpio in Japan—the duo is known as Big and Bad.

KANE (6’7”, 345, 8, 16) He and The Undertaker was the first duo to reign as WWF and WCW World tag team champions simultaneously in August and September of last year... The “Brothers Of Destruction” lost both titles in September... Suffered a humbling defeat to Test of No Mercy in October... Tried to defend ‘em against The Invaders in February and March... The action of a gang-style, MNM attack backfired... X-Pac stole his mask and went to the ring for the next several months... Spent much of the past six months rehabbing old injuries.

REY MISTERIO JR. (6’3”, 149, 11, 98) Former WCW cruiserweight and tag team champion is one of wrestling’s hottest properties right now... Short stint in the WWE developmental program ended when he exploded onto the national scene once again... Spearheaded the Lucha Libre Invasion in the late-1990s that revolutionized American wrestling... Appeared regularly in both Mexico and Puerto Rico, but has a rabid fan following across the globe... Lost his mask in Mexico and the U.S. several years ago, but donned it once again for his WCW return... Hawkeye of Rey Mysterio Sr... Makes up for his lack of size with blazing speed and great freestyle... Matches up nicely with the likes of El Chavo Guerrero Jr. and Tajiri... Loves to use the hurricanar...
59 SCOTT HALL (6/8, 290, 17, 68)
Following some tours of Japan, Hall reunited with Kevin Nash and Hulk Hogan to mount an NWO invasion of the WWF. ... Hall, Nash, and Hogan cost Steve Austin his match against World champ Chris Jericho at No Way Out. ... Became the NWO's point man against Austin. ... Lost to "Stone-Cold" Steve Austin at WrestleMania XIX. ... His partying ways resurfaced, despite his sober behavior and drug matches at the beginning of his WCW stint. ... Released by WWE after "unprofessional" conduct during a European tour. ... Appeared at TNA’s inaugural pay-per-view, but failed to win the NWA title at that event’s "Gauntlet For The Gold." ... Surprisingly athletic for a man his size who happens to be in his early-40s. ... The Outsider’s edge is still impressive.

60 MASA CHONO (6/15, 249, 13, 56)
Team 2000 leader is still one of punishment’s most popular superstars. ... Serious neck and back injuries have slowed this veteran over the years. ... Continues to team regularly with Hayashi Tenjiku, the two have held numerous tag titles together. ... Blasted foes with his Yokozuna kick. ... Trained in the same group as Koji Muto and Shinya Hashimoto. ... Pet hold has always been the STF, which he learned from Luiss Tesh. ... A former NWA and IWGP heavyweight champion.

61 ULTIMO GUERRERO (6/20, 9, 154)
One-half of Mexico’s hottest tag team right now. ... He and partner Rey Bucanero are tearing through the competition in EMLL. ... The duo lost and then won back the CMLL tag title from El Hijo del Santo and Negro Casas this year. ... Sometimes teams with Tanaka Boy for bolsos as Los Infernales. ... The name was created when they lost the right to call themselves Los Infiernos to Satanicco. ... Feeds with the likes of Shocker, Black Warrior, and Mr. Niebla to continue escalation. ... Has managed to keep his mask for years, but thus far he’s been wise to avoid a mask vs. mask match with Bucanero, who continues to challenge him.

62 RAVEN (6/1, 243, 15, 50)
Spent nearly a year-and-a-half wrestling almost exclusively in hardcore matches. ... Disappeared with the rest of the Alliance following Survivor Series. ... Went to Raw following the brand extension deal. ... Did an excellent job as Jonathan Coachman’s co-host on Dodger and Sunday Night Heat. ... Reminded long-time fans of Johnny Polo’s witty banter with Gorilla Monsoon on All-American Wrestling. ... Asked to be returned to the active roster. ... Lost to Tommy Dreamer in a "loser-leaves-WWE" match in yet another installment in the Raven-Dreamer saga. ... Depends more on b甦acks and fire extinguishers than his eventual DDT. ... A WWE return is likely if Raven—and the creative team—can find a loophole.

63 YOSHINARI OGAWA (6/10, 290, 1, 216)
Probably the most unlikely NOAH Global Heavyweight champion this junior heavyweight upsets Jun Akiyama for the title and has been hanging on to the belt ever since. ... Hold off challenges from big men like Akira Taue. ... The Raven-Dreamer saga. ... More on b甦acks and fire extinguishers than his eventual DDT. ... A WWE return is likely if Raven—and the creative team—can find a loophole.

64 GOLDUST (6/5, 290, 13, 64)
Made a guest appearance at this year’s Royal Rumble. ... His slimmed-down physique and enthusiastic effort prompted to WWE officials to offer him a full-time contract. ... Tried to play mind games with Rob Van Dam, but RVD’s response was “Whatever.” ... Worked on young Maven next, and captured the hardcore title. ... Pursued a friendship with a reluctant Booker T. ... Emerged as an effective tag team despite Booker’s reservations. ... Loyal to Booker T, even after "The Bookman" was ousted from the NOG. ... Masquerated as the "Crocodile Hunter" in a hilarity vignette. ... His "golden ghillie" move is scary. ... Has experienced an unlikely creative rebirth in 2002.

65 KEN SHAMROCK (6/11, 239, 19, 10)
Took a break from Ultimate Fighting competition to join NWA-TNA. ... Entered the "Gauntlet For The Gold" at the promotion’s inaugural pay-per-view on June 19. ... Defeated Mister (formerly known as The Wall) in the final for the vacant NWA title, with Rick Steiner as the special referee. ... Some say Shamrock’s anklelock makes Kurt Angle’s pale in comparison. ... A showdown with former NWA champ and UFC rival Dan Severn seems inevitable.

66 REY BUCANERO (6/11, 197, 8, 166)
Along with partner Ultimo Guerrero, Bucanero has been red-hot in EMLL rings of late. ... Together they won back the CMLL tag title they had lost earlier in the year to Negro Casas and El Hijo del Santo. ... Teamed with Pista Morgan before hooking up with Guerrero and Torazo Boy. ... Part of Los Infiernos when they lost that tag to Satanicco. ... The group has renamed themselves Los Infernales. ... Laid out his mask just a few years ago, but it hasn’t hurt his career. ... Slammed down a bit, which has helped him improve his ring speed and stamina. ... Always battles Shocker and a host of EMLL technicians. ... Has a great-looking top-rope power bomb finisher.

67 SHANNON MOORE (5/10, 177, 7, 90)
This cruiserweight sensation has been bilking in Heartland Wrestling Association for most of the year as a WWE developmental wrestler. ... Held the NWA cruiserweight title several times. ... Recently moved up to the WWE main roster, finally getting matches on house shows, Heat, and Velocity. ... Should do well in WWE given that his Carolina contemporaries are Matt and Jeff Hardy as well as The Hurricane. ... This daredevil high-flyer has learned to mix his aerial techniques with more intricate mat work.

68 SCORPIO (6/22, 199, 13, 143)
High-flying sensation is now a regular with Pro Wrestling NOAH in Japan. ... He has competed under a variety of names over the years, including Flash Funk, Flying Watanabe, Scorpio II, and Diabolico. ... Entered WCW, ECW, NWA, and New Japan has made Scorpio one of the most well-rounded wrestlers active today. ... A former ECW champion. ... Formed Big and Bad with regular tag partner Vader. ... They have faced off with the likes of No Fear and the Double Take. ... Originator of the Scorpio splash, or as it’s more commonly known, the 450 splash. ... Remains one of the most graceful aerialists in the business.

69 TARANZO BAY (5/8, 195, 18, 171)
Hated nodach hasn’t had much luck in his little matches with CMLL light heavyweight champion Shockor. ... Sometimes teams with Rey Bucanero and Ultimo Guerrero, the three peaced seemingly endlessly with El Satanicco over the rights to the name Los Infernales. ... Now the trio is called Los Infernales. ... Serious injuries in the past few years haven’t hampered his game play. ... Caught up in a battle with the technician team of El Hijo del Santo, Shockor, Mascara Magica, and others. ... Chiseled physique hasn’t won him many fans, as his cocky attitude turned Lucha lovers against him more than a year ago, and his attitude toward them hasn’t changed. ... Better off in a tag team environment than in singles matches.

70 A.J. STYLES (6/21, 205, 1, 99)
Defeated Xavier and Red in the 2002 Super 8, but lost to Donovan Morgan in the final. ... Wrestled Tony Kozina on another East Coast Wrestling Association show. ... Won the World Wrestling All-Stars cruiserweight crown. ... The first NWA-TNA X champion. ... A former NWA Wildside champion. ... Went to Cincinnati to participate in a WWE tryout camp in February. ... His finishes are the Styles clash and the shooting Styles press.

71 SEAN O’HAIRE (6/8, 270, 2, 43)
The former Natural Born Thriller has become more aggressive since being named the director of security for Dolin Services in Ohio Valley Wrestling. ... Rarely uses his vaunted Seaton bomb anymore, opting for more power maneuvers instead. ... Easily handled the 400-pound Mr. Black in a feud between BS thugs. ... Utilizes more of his kickboxing skills in the ring, and it’s made him even more dangerous. ... Also seems more comfortable behind the microphone, though he often comes across like a larde. ... A feud with partner The Prophet (Cenzego) once again seemed to be simmering beneath the surface, but Kerry Brown kept the two on the same side.

72 DEVI STORM (2/23, 10, 91)
This former WCW standout hasn’t lost any momentum while on the Indies. ... Joined NWA-TNA as a member of James Mitchell’s evil clique and was rechristened Tempest. ... His unique blend of hard core antics and aerial acrobatics are still unimpressive. ... Even the most seasoned of opponents. ... Best known in Crowbar, but returned to his current name in recent months. ... Wrestles all over North America and has toured Europe. ... Appears on the WCW, TNA, and the Indies views as well as for some of the higher profile promotions in the country.
75 Donovan Morgan vs. Pepper Parks

75 Donovan Morgan
820, 6, 178 Competes for Japan's Pro Wrestling NOAH and California's Pro Wrestling Iron... Teams with Michael Modest as Excellence Inc... They competed in NOAH's first GHC tag tournament... Defeated NWA World champ A.J. Styles in a tournament final to win the 2002 Super 8... His puru-puru-inspired finisher is a variation of the sitting chicken-wing pecuiner.

76 Low-Ki
(198, 170, 4, 170) He and American Dragon held the East Coast Wrestling Association tag team title for a year... Their alliance turned into a bitter feud, and former NWA World champ Nick Steamboat officially one of their classic matches... Known for his strong style and blistering kicks... One of the hottest stars in the NWA-TNA X division... Participated in a spectacular four-way match also involving Dragon, Christopher Daniels, and Scott Andrews... Also battled Akira A.J. Styles, and Xavier... Made it to the final of All Pro Wrestling's King of the Indies tournament in California... Also competes in Florida and promotions all over the Northeast, including Ring of Honor.

77 Atlantis
86, 185, 19, 90 EMLL technique proves that some things really do get better with age... Veteran of Lucha Libre is back on top and still wears his trademark white and blue mask... Biggest match to date saw him retire his hood against Villano III in March of 2003 on pay-per-view... Captained a team consisting of Mr. Niebls and Black Warrior that captured the Trios Title from Dr. Wagner, Fuerza Guerrera, and Blue Panther... One of the pivotal neers of the high-flying, demon-like style that's so common today... Signature hold is La Atlantida, a variation of the torture rack backbreaker.

78 Tommy Dreamer
(83, 256, 13, 78) His only high-profile win in the Alliance was to pass the baton to get a coffee... Received a surprising push on Raw this past spring... Dreamer's tendency to swallow disgusting things finally got him over in WWE... Which tasted better, the Undertaker's previously-salted chewing tobacco or his own vomit?... Wrestled The Undertaker for the WWE World title in an exciting match on Raw... Career may be prolonged in WWE because its hardcore demands are significantly less than ECW's... Uses the Sicilian driver as his finishing maneuver, but his matches usually don't end that conventionally.

79 Tiger Mask IV
(57, 178, 12, 78) Follows in the proud tradition of Satoru Sayama, Mitsuharu Misawa, and Koji Kanemoto as the fourth man to don the hood of Tiger Mask... Teamed with Mask III in Kamakura this year in New Japan Pro Wrestling... Makes his home in Okinawa, where he teams with the promotion's other top stars, Great Saku and Gran Hamada... Style, grace, and speed are amazingly similar to the original Tiger Mask's... Was expected to miss several months of action after a serious arm and shoulder injury, but returned to the ring in a matter of weeks... His pinpoint accuracy with his array of kicks to the head and chest... Originated the millennium suplex hold, a German-style suplex executed while holding a chicken wing crossface... Best known for the Tiger suplex, like his predecessors, but also likes the Tiger driver as a finishing maneuver.

81 Kenjiro Sasai
86, 16, 41 Former IWGP heavyweight champion and protege of Riki Choshu has been one of New Japan's top stars for four years... Husband of retired female superstar Akira Hokutsu... Inventor of the Northern Lights bomb... The addition of the gamma bomb to his arsenal has made him even more dangerous... Fanses opponents with ferocious takedowns to the floor... Reputed rivalry with Scott Norton dates back to their time in the IWGP heavyweight title matches two years ago... Sometimes draws the face to paint to reprise his Power Warner character from his days alongside Road Warrior Hawk... Singles victory over All-Japan's Yoshiaki Kawada remains the crowning moment of his career.

82 Faarooq
(82, 291, 16, 50) He and Bradshaw were IWGP locker room leaders during the Alliance's invasion last year... The APA broke up as a result of the brand extension draft on April 1... Surprisingly, the cigar-smoking, beer-drinking Faarooq is thriving more on Smackdown than his ex-partner, Bradshaw, is on Raw... Serving as a mentor to his former Nation protege, Mark Henry... The former WCW World champ is amassing a cult following just as his body is wearing down... Damn!
85 SPIKE DUDLEY (5’7”, 159, 7, 62) Hasn’t gained his momentum since the Spike–Molly Holly puppy love storyline... ...while loyal to the WWF, although most former ECW stars deserted the Alliance... ...held the WWF World Tag team title with Team 3-D... Drafted by Raw in the brand extension... Upset William Regal for the European title, but the ‘UK’s goodwill ambassador’ regained it a short while later... Reunited with half-brother Bub Ray for a new twist on The Dudley Boys theme... The Dudley dog can be no dangerous for Spike in his opponents.

86 MICKIE JAMES (5’10”, 226, 7, 158) He and Done van Morgan comprise Excellence Inc. and compete primarily for Pro Wrestling NOAH... Excellence Inc. was to face Akiyama and Koushi at the second round of NOAH’s inaugural GHC tag team tournament... Co-owner of a new promotion, Pro Wrestling Iron, based in Hayabusa... ‘The T-bone suplex is his favorite finishing maneuver.’

87 KAZ HAYASHI (5’10”, 187, 10) Known as the masked Shiryu before being brought to WCW by Sonny Gory sans hood... Skilled in Lucha Libre as well as puroresu... Honed his skills in the WCW cruiserweight division opposite Ultimate Dragon and Billy Kidman... Has his contract picked up by the WWF when WCW was sold, but got shipped to the HWA developmental territory almost immediately... Eventually was granted his release by the WWF and returned to his native Japan... Signed service in Judo Koji in All-Japan PW, where he quickly fell into a feud with Kendo Ken Shino... Has experience in New Japan, NJPW, and a host of other international company... Now shaved clean like Muto... Has a great combination move, beginning with the Dragon suplex but floated over into a Crippler crossface submission.

88 BLUE PANTHER (5’6”, 205, 44, 11) Technical wrestling wizardry is one of the mat’s greatest accolades... Often compared to Bret Hart or Ric Flair... Remains every bit as good today, in spite of his age... Part of Mexico’s hottest trio right now, alongside Fuerza Guerrera and Dr. Wagner Jr. The trio of nudes lost the trios titles to Atlantis, Black Warrior, and Mr. Nada... Used to appear with AAA years ago, but he’s a regular with EMLL now... Muscleman veteran was wrenched in the United States and Japan in his legendary career.

89 AMERICAN DRAGON (5’8”, 190, 200) Held the East Coast Wrestling Association tag team title with Low Ki for a year... They floated with the Maximus brothers, the Haas brothers, and the J-Team... He and Low Ki had a falling out, and their war stretched from Delaware to California—on the ECWA, Ring of Honor, and All Pro Wrestling... Defeated Low Ki in the final of the APA King of the Indies tournament... Trained by Shawn Michaels... A former WWE developmental wrestler.

90 HIROYOSHI TANZAN (4’11”, 248, 12, 84) Many feared Tanzen would follow former tag partner Satoshi Kojima to All-Japan, but he has remained loyal to New Japan... Exposed his classic team with Masato Tanaka this year... Last in his bid to capture the IWGP heavyweight title from Tadao Yasuda... Breaks opponents down with his chops and headbutts... Still wears his buffalo head gear and horns to the ring for every match... A tag team specialist, he’s held the IWGP tag title on six different occasions... Frequently uses the meanest suplex, but now favors his buffet suplext as a finisher.

91 MASATO TA-NAKA (5’11”, 213, 9, 59) Zero-One cut his teeth in ECW and WWE for years, where his hard-hitting and sometimes extreme style fit in perfectly... A tremendous wrestler with a great nut background and sound power move arsenal... Japanese fan favorite is known for his wild charisma and scared body from years of violent matches... Flaked from group to group for a while before settling in with Zero-One... Now has experience from both Japan to All-Japan... Long feud with Mike "Gladiator" Awesome is the stuff of legend in the Orient... Famous for his fabulous finishing move, the Fliping Ace crusher he calls the diamond dust.

92 DOUG WILLIAMS (6’2”, 230, 6, NL) His match against American Dragon in California’s King of the Indies was considered a breakout performance... Also competes in Philadelphia’s Ring of Honor... His hometown is Reading, England... An ex-WWA British champ... Added the home score, a kneedrop from the top rope, to his resume... A runner-up in the King of Japan tournament... A former British Judo champion.

93 STEVE RICHARDS (6’2”, 227, 10, 137) Made a surprise return to WWE this year... Traveled with fellow ECW alumni Justin Credible, although they were never in ECW at the same time... That tag team started weak, then tapered off... Next, the WWE creative team tried to revamp the former RTC leader into a hardcore warrior... But they forgot to give him one thing: a personality... Penned Bub and Ray Dudley for the hardcore title... Jazz helped him retain it for a few occasions... Haven suggested they were "doing the lambs, the evil dance of love"... Has slipped into the background after losing the hardcore belt a final time... Uses the superkick as his finishing move... This talented star has shown signs of brilliance in the past, but WWE is making only half-hearted attempts with his career.

94 SSIIIIIIIIIIMAAAAA NOBUNAGA (5’11”, 203, 5, 73) Whether he’s called OMA Shinya, or any other variation, this young star of the Toyoukun group is sensation with fans both in Mexico and Japan... Leads the Crazy Max contingent consisting of Junya Okada, Kairi Hojo, and Taro... Rose to prominence with several high-profile wins at the 2000 Super J-Cup, lasting through the finals before being pinned by Justin Credible... Rivals with Tokyo Magnum and Kazuchika Okada... Debut in the WWE this year, but that incident only fanned the flames of hatred between them... Impact finisher is called shibatana, but is best known for his frog splash he dubs the mud splash.

95 JUSTIN CREDI- BLE (6’2”, 225, 10, 79) His WWE career has been the most disappointing of all the former ECW stars... A non-factor in the Alliance... Makes the occasional main event on Sunday Night Heat... Traveled with Steven Richards with them realizing there are no tag team titles on Raw... He’s probably begging for his Alito Mustaia mask now... No hopes for reunilting with Lance Storm or Darren Marie because both are on Smackdown... WWE even took away his best finish, the "That’s incredible" piledriver... Has plucked from his number-six ranking in the 2000 "PWI 500"... Capable of much more if given the opportunity.

96 FUERZA GUERR- ERA (5’6”, 193, 4, 16) Father of Jevatol Guerrero has started to slow down in the past few years... Longtime ndu with EMLL has also wrestled for AAA and a number of other Lucha promotions... Powerhouse Luchador is famed for his mosquito-style mask... Loves to use big chops and punches throughout his bouts... Always manages to find ways to sneak in a low blow or two when the referee isn’t looking... Found success teaming with Dr. Wagner Jr. and Blue Panther for trios matches this year... They have become the team to beat in Mexico.

97 TAKESHI MIKISHI (5’2”, 270, 4, NL). One half of the NOAH tag team champions, with regular partner Tama Tonga, the duo is known as "Double Takeshi" in Japan... Rookie had an upset over the Global Honerd Champion Yoshitaka Oiwa, who is barely half Mikish’s age... Known for his punishing strikes, particularly his latissims... Thrive, aggressive wrestler can go to-toe-toe with just about any of the NOAH powerhouse... Long feud with "No Fear" gave him much needed experience, the Takeshi are now legitimate main event players with NOAH... His powerbomb is an adequate finisher.

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99 **BOB HOLLY**

(6'1", 231, 9, 51)

Serving as a trainer on *Tough Enough* 2 improved his stature slightly this year... Has taken on the bully role on Smackdown, busting the chops of up-and-comers at Vince McMahon's request. Suffered a humiliating loss to Randy Orton in one of those efforts. Now teaming with The Big Valley... It's a shame they're still considered long shots for Lance Storm and Christian's WWE World tag team title—even though there are only three regular teams on Smackdown... Has been compared to a Southern fried Tazz.

100 **NICK DINSMORE**

(6'7", 226, 7, 182)

"Mr. Wrestling" is one-half of The Legion of Darkness with Rob Conway... Dinsmore and Conway won the OW Southpaw title in December 2001, but lost the title to Doug Basham and Demala in February... Gained a measure of revenge by teaming with Conway and OW owner Danny Davis to defeat Basham, Demala, and Victoria in April... Considered the most talented wrestler in OW... Has beaten At Snow and almost beat Chris Benoit... Could be considered the Sting of OW.

101 **TAKESHI MORISHIMA**

(6'2", 275, 4, NL) Captured NAHG's tag team titles alongside "Double Takehis" partner Takeshi Rikido, after a long grueling feud with Takeshi Morishima and Yoshihiko Takayama... Powerhouse wrestler demolishes smaller foes, his rock-solid chops and tackles are feared throughout Japan... Better suited to tag division than singles competition... Often teams with the smaller Mohammed Yone for six-man matches... Quick ascension to main event status is the result of hard-fought matches with all NAHG competitors.

102 **NEBRO CASAS**

(5'7", 180, 23, 109)

Veteran Luchador now helps train the future stars of Mexican wrestling... Still a regular with EMLL and is well-regarded by all fans of Lucha Libre for his incredible technical acumen... Has toured internationally and has a solid following in Japan... Still teams with El Hijito del Santo, his former rival, and Mr. Niebla in their war with Rey Bucanero, Ultimo Guerrero, and Taron Boy... Favorite hold remains a maneuver, a tightly cradled pinning combination.

103 **RICCO COSTANTINO**

(6'5", 238, 3, 139)

There's more to Rico than styling hair and wearing shiny boots... This suave dresser gained prominence in Ohio Valley Wrestling, where he held the heavyweight title several times... Former American Gladiator champion... He didn't always have the goody two-shoes; he used to have a mullet instead... Former member of Bottn Services.

104 **STEVE CORINO**

(6'1", 228, 8, 35)

The current Premier Wrestling Federation Universal, NWA Florida State, and IHFW champion... Competes in the U.S., Canada, the U.K., and is a regular for Japan's Zero One... His NWA title was held up after referee Fred Richards decided Corino was unfit to continue because of repeated kicks to the face from Shinya Hashimoto... Lost to Hashimoto a two months later, and the championship was awarded to the Japanese star... Slipped in the "PWI 500" rankings since his reign as NWA champ... Calls himself the "King Of Old School"... A former ECW World Champion.

105 **BRIAN CHRISTOPHER**

(5'10", 228, 13, 96)

Toured Europe with World Wrestling All-Stars... Had a few run-ins with Scott Steiner and Road Dogg... Had the unenviable task of substitute for Randy Savage against heavyweight champ Jeff Jarrett in WWF's first live American pay-per-view... Actually turned in a good performance with an old-fashioned Memphis brand, but Jarrett capitalized on several distractions to retain the title... Joined NWA-TNA... Rumors suggest he could return to WWE after Scotty Too Hotty recovers from neck surgery several months from now... Still has the hip-hop hop as his finisher although he's afraid to use the trademarked "Grandmaster Flash" as his wrestling name... A mainstay in Memphis Championship Wrestling promotion.

106 **MANABU HAKANISHI**

(6'1", 266, 8, 90)

Master of the torture rack spent some of last year training under Karl Gotch in Florida... off-and-on partnership with Atsumu Nishimura hasn't yielded any title shots for the so-called "Goh resulted... Powerful heavyweight is finally enjoying consistent singles success in New Japan after spending much of the 1990s focusing on tag team wrestling... Has held the IWGP tag title twice, once with Yuji Nagata, and once with Satoshi Kojima... WCW fans might remember his brief stint as Kurisawara here in the States, during which he broke Road Warrior Hawk's arm... still needs that breakthrough match to establish himself as a superstar.

**Nick Dinsmore vs. Doug Basham**
107 MAVEN (6° 2°, 230, 1, NL) Officially the first Tough Enough winner to crack the PWI 500. Recruiting Maven for UPN’s Smackdown provided a strong lead-in for Tough Enough 2, which immediately followed the broadcast, but on MTV. MAVEN was the Undertaker’s most dangerous foe as he eliminated “Big Evil” with a well-placed dropkick at the Royal Rumble, and later beat him for the Hardcore Title. Broke his leg while attempting a baseball slide—Romantically linked to Torrie Wilson—Torrie’s old boyfriend, Tweet, swore revenge and attacked Wilson and Maven in a hospital room.

108 LATIN LOVER (5° 15°, 194, 14, NL) Muscular exotic dancer is an all-time favorite with the female fans of AAA. He has been caught in a feud with Héctor Garza, Perro Aguayo Jr., and Heavy Metal for years. Sometimes teams with Alebrije or the Invitación La Parva—they make for a popular, colorful trio... Never entirely out of the title picture, but hasn’t had a shot at the Mexican National title in some time. Known for his long, dark hair and cat-like reflexes. Favorite move is the superkick.

109 DAN SEVERN (6°, 265, 11, NL) has reduced his wrestling schedule during the past couple of years due to shot fighting commitments. NWA President Jim Should ordered ref Fred Roberts to screw Shinra Hashimoto out of the heavyweight title in Japan, and Richards compiled by making a fast count and handing Severn the belt... The塞河 fixes the title by NWA Vice President Bill Berren because Severn had a fighting engagement at the time of TNA’s inaugural pay-per-view on June 19... “The Beast” has been challenged by new champ Ken Shamrock... One of wrestling’s greatest submission masters... Held the NWA title from 1995 to 1999, the longest reign since that of Dory Funk, Jr. in the early ’70s.

110 OSAMU NISHIMURA (6° 1°, 220, 10, 203) Prestige of Tatsumi Fujinami has rebounded from terrorist cancer and is winning over New Japan fans with his classic submission-based offense... Health problems haven’t hampered his in-ring performance one bit... His favorite holds the royal chop and the abdominal stretch... Trained under Karl Gotch in Florida alongside Masahiro Nakamura, earning them the name “Gotch boys.” Famed for his textbook zap—blackjack and flawlessly executed Northern Lights suplex... Continues to improve his technical acumen.

111 JUVENAL GUERRERA (5° 149°, 9 54) This Mexican high flyer appears all over the globe, with the WWE in Australia and the United States, with NOAH in Japan, and throughout his native Mexico... Briefly teamed with his father, Fuerza, in the ranks of EMLL... Recent EMLL action has seen him team with Black Tiger and Averno and feud with Felino and his technician partners... A three-time former WCW cruiserweight champion. Got his start in AAA... Lost his mask, but none of his popularity of late... The “Angel of Death” needs to take to the air, as well as walk lines and mannerisms from The Rock... Favorite moves include the Michinoku driver and the 450 splash.

112 HEAVY METAL (5° 7°, 101, 14, NL) Regular star of AAA has been in a steady rise over a decade now... Long-haired power wrestler is a great brawler, but still takes to the air when he feels it’s necessary... Son of legendary referee Popo Casas, who often gets embroiled in his son’s feud... Almost lost his dad a hair in a strange matchup of wrestlers and referees that ended with Senga Ottos being pinned and retine. Taurus being shaved bald... Teamed with Psicosis at Antonio Inoki’s World Wrestling Festival in 1996 in Los Angeles, which earned him plenty of international exposure... Enjoyed top star status during his junior days, as well as during his current stint on the side of the dais.

113 JOEY FLEISCH (9° 10°, 16°, 4, NL) the King of England tournament at the British Rebellion. Also takes on occasion in Combat Zone Wrestling. Best of the Best 2... Featured with his former mentor, Dino Scarfo, much of the year... ABabylinked elbow kept him out of action for several months... His finisher is the phoenix DDT, an incredible 720-degree tornado DDT.

114 SCOOT AULD (5°, 222, 9, 105) The “Black Nature Boy” lost the East Coast Wrestling Association title to Pinna in May, ending his year-long reign... Had successfully defended the belt against Pete Gas, Simon Diamond, Crowser, J.R. Rafter, Wagner Brown, and Billy Fes... Retained the title in a hard-fought four-way involving Christopher Daniels, Law-Ki, and American Dragon... Broke his ankle in the spring, but didn’t miss much ring time.

115 CHAIVO GUERRERO (Jr. 5°, 216, 9, 42) One of the longer-term members of the Alliance in WCW. He considered a serious threat to either the WFP light heavyweight or WCW cruiserweight titles... Wrestled an exciting match against Rey Misterio Jr. in the masked luchador’s Smackdown debut... That breaking performance should convince WWE to get serious about Chavo... His tornado DDT remains one of the most exciting finishing moves in the business... Joining his uncle, Eddie, on Raw would boost his career considerably... So... He’s too young to be relegated to Tough Enough trainer status already.

116 TAKAO OMORI (8° 257, 10, 23) the former NOAH GHC tag team champion has had his share of problems with NOAH’s new GHC tag team champion, Pinna... Once a dominant force in Japanese wrestling... Made plans to leave Japan for an international tour, sanctioned by NOAH, and did lose in his bid to win the GHC heavyweight title from Ken Shamrock at an ACW event... Spent a good portion of the year feuding with the Double Takehime, team as well as with Vader and Scorpio... Grooved in the rings of all Japan, he became a breakout star thanks to a partnership with Koshi in a clash that climaxed when they met in the finals of the Champions Carnival a few years back... Lived to punch and pain and punish with his ax bombard farta.

117 S.H.A.W.N STASIUK (6°, 242, 5, 123) Bumbled in every attempt to have the Alliance notice him, but finally connected with a cool stiff in June... Has finally found a gimmick that is true to himself with the “Planet Stasiuk” routine, as sexy as that sounds... But WCW has demonstrated its unfathomable to his groundwork of support... Teamed with old WCW rival Curt Hennig on Raw... Used the fisherman suplex and preserved from Hennig... The one-time WWWF World champion Stan Stasiuk.

118 RON WATERMAN (6° 275, 2, NL) This three-time Ultimate Fighting Champion is also a high school art teacher and finks pottery and sculpture as hobbies... Clearly spends at least as much time in the gym as he does in galleries... Waterman is a black belt in jujitsu and was a state champion wrestler at the University of Northern Colorado... Was set to replace the injured Eric Angle and team with Kurt Angle and The Disciples of Gymnastics in 2000... “Last Dance” card... Ended up teaming with “Beautiful” Bobby Ehrlich when Kurt was hurt as well... Waterman remains a dominant dark horse in TNA shows and is often contended with Scott Steiner by fans... Was released from his developmental contract in July 2000.

119 PERRO AGUAYO JR. (6°, 170, 7°, NL) Son of the legendary Perro Aguayo Sr. Like his dad, he loves to finish off opponents with the double-foot stomp... One of AAA’s most popular technicians, he is often embroiled in the ongoing battles with Hector Garza, Latin Lover, and Heavy Metal... Found a reliable partner in Eddy Edwards, who returned to America as Mr. Aguayo this year... Also learns with Zepa from time to time... Does fancy tricks just like his father... With his charismatic in-ring style, he is quickly becoming one of AAA’s top stars.

120 LANCE CADE (6° 261, 1, 191) The tall Texan survived the recent WWF reinventions....cut... Spent the last year in Heartland Wrestling Association where he won the heavyweight title... The youngest of the developmental... Frequently trained with Stone Cold throughout the year, but now on his own since Brady was released... Originally trained at the Shawn Michaels Wrestling Academy... Likes to finish off opponents with the suplex.

121 AKIRA TAJU (6° 272, 14, 122) Lumbering heavyweight is a fill-in... Has been with the company since 2000... Crowned in 1998, but hasn’t enjoyed the same success since losing it... Regularly appears in a mid-card position with Pro Wrestling NOAH... Lost his Global Crown title match to champion Yoshinao Suzuki this summer... Best remembered for his championship team with Toshitaka Kawada during their All-Japan heyday... Lockjaw big man still throws dropkicks and his occasional top—inventory of the baby erosion, a peculiar choke-arm variation... Must of all forms of the choke-arm, or nodea ototo, he even uses it from the top rope and off the apron to the area floor.

122 MARK HENRY (6° 330, 3, 167) Promoted from Ohio Valley to WWE early this year... Won Arnold Schwarzenegger’s “World’s Strongest” contest... That momentum made him a top pick in the WWE brand extension draft on April 15... Vince McMahon selected him for Smackdown—Performed amazing feats of strength in parking lot vignettes... Hasn’t gained any ground since his last stint in WWE, his strange man routines are amazing, but... "Sexual Chocolate" was more entertainment... Where’s Mike Young when he needs?
WILLIAM III

123

ALBERT

6.5°, 366, 5, 32
Completely lost in the shuffle during the Alliance storyline... teamed with Scooty for petty theft for several months and dubbed himself the "Hip Hop Hoppa"... Turned against Scooty, with a venomous desire... His change in ring attire (or lack thereof) doesn't make him any more appealing... it's hard to believe that this is a former intercontinental champ... Uses the Balde bomb, stemming from his days in Memphis... Has the size and unique look to be a much bigger star... This is one of those rare cases that calls for a one-dimensional gimmick.

26

SUPER DELFIN

9°, 205, 13
75-Cent masked man is the head of Osaku Pro, the company he founded after leaving Mikchnoco Pro... was one of the most popular stars in the Big Weights Universal Wrestling before joining Mikchnoco... Regularly teams with Super Damako, another aquatic-themed fan favorite... Long-running feud with the likes of Justin Liger, Great Sasuke, and El Samurai continues... Opposes SAMMA and his teammates constantly... Invented for the Osaku cutout, a reverse suplex that he turns into a Joe crusher... Spent some time training in Memphis when he was known as Monkey Magic Wakita... Favorite finishing combo is the swinging DDT followed by his patented Delfin clutch.

124

ELEKTRA

6°, 366, 8, 1957
The larger of the Island Boys... Spent much of the past few years in BWOB, developing a system of development, most recently in Heartland Wrestling Association... Made a surprise debut on Raw when he and Elektra attacked both D-Lo Brown and Shawn Stasiak during their match... He and Elektra even made even more of a stir by beating up Marc Young the following week... Despite his large size, this menacing Samson can do high-flying moves... Father is the legendary Stuka... Held the RAW tag team titles several times in the past year.

125

SAKU

5.1°, 208, 12, 57
Remains a top star on the independent circuit, especially on the West Coast... Appears regularly in California's Alpha Pro Wrestling, where he has aligned himself with The Sandman... Uses the top rope smashout with devastating effectiveness... In addition to being a former XPW champ, Saku has also held the ECW and NWA titles... Super-Gun can't hold together and his accumulation of injuries much longer... Still capable of a great run in BWOB with Rob Van Dam, but don't expect the McMahons to take that risk.

126

SABU

8°, 208, 12, 57
Remains a top star on the independent circuit, especially on the West Coast... Appears regularly in California's Alpha Pro Wrestling, where he has aligned himself with The Sandman... Uses the top rope smashout with devastating effectiveness... In addition to being a former XPW champ, Saku has also held the ECW and NWA titles... Super-Gun can't hold together and his accumulation of injuries much longer... Still capable of a great run in BWOB with Rob Van Dam, but don't expect the McMahons to take that risk.

127

JOHNNY STORM

188, 6, NJA
A mainstay in the UK's Wrestling Alliance... Nicknamed the "Wabbit King"... Made his American debut in Combat Zone Wrestling... Also competes for Pennsylvania's Ring of Honor and Premier Wrestling Federation... His finishing maneuver is the super revvant; this is a new gimmick... The current BWOB lightweight champion... Sits in his own entrance theme.

128

AL SNOW

9°, 213, 23, 29, 99
Tough Enough has made trainer A snow a MTV superstar... Displays the perfect blend of kindness and forcefulness... Teamed with Tough Enough 1 winner Maven on Smackdown... His finishing maneuver is the Snowplow, a version of the Northern Lights bomb... Serves as color commentator on Velocity... Celebrated his 20th year in the business... Now that Snow is such a big star, he can sit around and tell Mick Foley jokes.

129

ROB CONWAY

240, 5, NJ
Arrogant fan favorite is one of half of the Lords of the Ring with Nick Dinsmore... Conway and Dinsmore drove the OWW Southern tag title on February 9, 2002, in a memorable 30-minute "former" match... Considering his nickname, you'd think he's got better luck... The Lords of the Ring regained the straps at a WWE house show, then lost them again... Conway is a former heel who was previously managed by the rotund Kenny Bolin... Word around Louisville was that he would load his glove with some sort of foreign object, giving him a formidable knock-out punch... WWE developmental talent is one of the top fan favorites in OWW.

130

SHELTON BENJAMIN

188, 245, 2, 153
Former tag team partner of Brack Lesnar in the Minnesota Stroking Crew... A personal achievement for The Disciples of Sym in OWW... Lesnar and Benjamin held the OWW Southern straps on three occasions before Lesnar was injured by a fireball from Sym... After Lesnar joined WWII Benji recognized Red Dog has his partner, and the two had some success... Two-time NCAW wrestling All-American at the University of Minnesota is an innovative wrestler... Frequently seen opponents with a reverse European kick.

131

JINSEI SHIZAKI

9°, 207, 9, 143
American fans might remember his WWE stint as Bakurak, a character he sometimes plays in his native Japan... Part of Keiji Matos' BATT group, the two have tagged together for both New Japan and Mikchnoco Pro... Has wrestled for All-Japan Pro Wrestling and FNW as well... Generally slow, methodical wrestler surprises opponents with his explosive speed during key moments... Like The Undertaker, Shizaki can walk the top rope with remarkable agility, but Shizaki often does it with his eyes closed... Although he is a junior heavyweight, he usually wrestles against heavyweights... Unlike many of his Mikchnoco colleagues, Shizaki seems to prefer singles matches to the six- and eight-man tag match format... Has a sensational top rope headbutt... Comes to the ring dressed in traditional monk garb... Has many power bombs in his repertoire, but his signature variation is the praying power bomb.

132

NAGATA

8°, 180, 12, 57
Remains one of the top tag team partners in the Southern States... Has wrestled in the World Wrestling Alliance, the Independent Wrestling Association, and the World Wide Wrestling Association... Currently the team is positioned as a singles threat... If you want to get to Hollywood or Raw in Smackdown, you probably have to go through Hulk Hogan at some point.

133

NOVA

5°, 215, 8, 147
Comes up as the Northern Wrestling Pro Wrestling and Phoenix Championship Wrestling in 2001... Abandoned his Evolution tag team with Frankie Kazarian to compete in Ohio Valley Wrestling when WWE offered him a developmental deal... Defeated Prototype (Canary Cry) for the OWP title in his first appearance with that promotion... Feuding with Bolin Services... Has competed in each of the United States and in 10 other countries... Had the javelin record at his high school... Rose to prominence in EOW.

134

PERRY SATURN

9°, 234, 13, 66
This former OWW and ECW World tag team champion has been less visible than ever since his injury in late 2001... Hasn't returned since Raven threw Moppy into the wood-chipper... Recruited for Smackdown in the brand extension draft, but would have performed better in Raw's hardcore division... His finishing hold is the Rings of Saturn... A former U.S. Army Ranger.

135

ESSA MIKRO

8°, 205, 3, 117
Former OWW star has returned the name Mr. Agassi and returned to AAA in Mexico... Has competed internationally for EMLL and other Mexican groups... Once managed by Lita, Team Extreme fame, but his abusive ways didn't suit her... Sitting with the locomotive is his return to Lucha competition, teaming with Zoro and Pongo Apayo Jr.... Has been working his way into contention for Hector Garza's Mexican National title... Dynamic high-flyer returned to action a more well-rounded wrestler than ever before... Thanks to his long stay in the

United States... Once counted among Mexico's most revolutionary aetists, alongside Rey Misterio Jr. and Veneno Black... Has a stunning twisting body虐待.

136

RICHARD MORRIS

180, 310, 12, 49
The past year hasn't been kind to the former Shining Star. Reckless, as he dropped 90 spots this year... Hasn't been seen much to do with WWE management since the invasion storyline, and even then he was used mostly for comedy relief... Showed some chemistry with Chavo Guerrero Jr. in backstage skits during the invasion pay-per-view, but the duo hasn't been seen together since... Currently is positioned as a singles threat. If you want to get to Hollywood or Raw in Smackdown, you probably have to go through Hulk Hogan at some point.
matches this year … inventor of the black tornado slam and his put move, the “Quackenbush.”

143 BLUE MEANIE (5’1, 250, 8, 101) This lovable ball of blue is currently making waves on the independent scene … Always accompanied by his girlfriend, Jasmin St. Claire … Recently debuted for NWA-TNA where he confronted Francine during a Francine-Jasmin catfight … Wrestles for ladies all over the United States as well as Europe, South America, and Canada … His weight loss never diminished his charisma … Still uses the Maceassault as his finisher.

144 JOHNNY STAMBOLI (5’11, 248, 3, NJ) Formerly known as Johnny the Bully in WWA and WWF … Tied in Heartland Wrestling Association while working as a WWE development man … Originally from Atlanta, Georgia and trained at The Power Plant … Debut recently on Raw and has already held the hardcore title seven times … This powerhouse is well-suited for the hardcore division … Uses a spinning DDT as his finishing move.

145 SHINJIRO OTANI (5’10, 224, 11, 63) Former junior heavyweight star of New Japan Pro Wrestling is now a heavy-weight with the Zero-One promotion … Long-time partner of Koji Kanemoto and Tatsuhiko Takahashi in finding success on his own … A former WWP junior heavyweight and junior tag team champion … The last man to hold the eight-kilogram J-Crown titles before the championships were separated … Loves to submit opponents with his arm locks … Rises to stardom again in the early-1990s with a tag team tournament victory with then-partner Chris Benoit … Doesn’t do as much flying as he did when he was 30 pounds lighter, but still has an awesome dragon suplex in his repertoire.

146 MARK JINDRAC (5’9, 253, 3, 119) Founding member of The Natural Born Thieves had a transitional year … Struggled through mid-card matches in OWL and lost several dark matches at WTWE events … After going weeks without a singles win in OWL, finally broke the losing streak with a pinfall triumph over then-OWL champion Prototype (John Cena) in a non-title match … Based on his sheer size and ring presence, he’s almost certain to be called up to WTWE at some point … Still just 24 years old.

147 MASCARA SAGRADA (5’6, 202, 18, 14) Legendary masked man is a staple of AAA … Often teams with Octagon or one of the other veteran legends … Sometimes paired by his miniature counterpart, Mascara Sagrada Jr. … Has a spectacular eye cone that he executes by flipping over the ringpost to the floor … Injured his ankle this year, but didn’t take much time off … Always battling the evil Mascara Malavita … A recent cage match saw Sagrada retain his mask, while Pentangus lost his … One of Mexico’s most enduring characters … Lightning-quick huracanarana is technically perfect.

148 NAoki Ogawa (5’4, 236, 6, 108) Judo master is not only a star in Zero-One, he’s one of Japan’s biggest sports celebrities … Long-time rival of Shinya Hashimoto … The two now team from time to time … Groomed for stardom by Antone Inoki, who likes crossover wrestlers with background in other fields of physical combat … Known for his impressive and largely uncooperative attitude … Popped up in the ring of New Japan Pro Wrestling a number of times … A gifted mixed martial artist who adapted with pro wrestling very quickly … His mat game is among the best in the business, as he can work his jujutsu submissions and chokeholds from virtually any angle … A former OWL heavyweight champion … Participated in Space Takedown 2002, a violent throw akin to the side Russian leg sweep.

149 SHANE DOUGLAS (5’10, 246, 16, NJ) One of the most sought-after big-name talents on the independent circuit … Substituted for Ricco Rodriguez against Maryland Championship Wrestling titleholder The Bruiser on May 22 … His special referee (and former WCW tag team championship partner) Rick Stearns ended up in a brawl with The Bruiser before the match was over … Returned to the site of his greatest triumphs, Philadelphia’s Viking Hall (formerly known as ECW Arena), in mid-2002 to become the first Major League Wrestling champion … A former OWL heavyweight and TV titleholder.

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TADAO YASUDA

During his youth, Tadao Yasuda was a standout wrestler for FMW, where he formed the tag team with Toshiaki Kawada. His intense and aggressive style made him a fan favorite, and he was known for his ability to work the crowd to fever pitch. Yasuda's contributions to the promotion are still remembered fondly, and he remains a respected member of the wrestling community.

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JOEY MATTHEWS

Joey Matthews is a professional wrestler known for his work in various promotions throughout his career. His impressive in-ring skills and charismatic personality have earned him the respect of fans and fellow wrestlers alike. Matthews has been a mainstay in the wrestling world for many years, and his contributions to the sport are widely recognized.

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ALEBRIJE

Alebrije is a wrestler known for his impressive physique and athletic ability. His dedication to the sport has earned him a reputation as one of the most promising young stars in the wrestling world. Alebrije continues to work hard and improve, and his future in wrestling is bright.

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CRASH HOLLY

Crash Holly is a professional wrestler known for his dynamic in-ring style and impressive athleticism. His work in various promotions has earned him a dedicated fan base, and he continues to entertain audiences around the world with his high-flying maneuvers and intense battles.

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SEDO

Sedo is a professional wrestler known for his compelling storylines and charismatic presence in the ring. His career has spanned multiple promotions, and he has earned a place among the top stars in the industry. Sedo's dedication to his craft and his ability to connect with fans have made him a fan favorite.

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SHARKY BOY

Sharky Boy is a professional wrestler known for his impressive in-ring skills and unique appearance. His dedication to the sport and his ability to entertain fans have earned him a place among the top performers in the world. Sharky Boy continues to push the boundaries of what is possible in wrestling, and he remains a force to be reckoned with.

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CHRISTIAN YORO

Christian Yoro is a professional wrestler known for his intense in-ring style and dedication to the sport. His work in various promotions has earned him a dedicated fan base, and he continues to entertain audiences around the world with his high-flying maneuvers and intense battles.

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BOOB/MACHINE BASHAM

Boob/Machine Basham is a professional wrestler known for his powerful in-ring style and intense presence in the ring. His dedication to the sport and his ability to entertain fans have earned him a place among the top performers in the world. Basham continues to push the boundaries of what is possible in wrestling, and he remains a force to be reckoned with.

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JADO

Jado is a professional wrestler known for his impressive in-ring skills and dedication to the sport. His work in various promotions has earned him a dedicated fan base, and he continues to entertain audiences around the world with his high-flying maneuvers and intense battles.

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SATANICO

Satanic is a professional wrestler known for his powerful in-ring style and intense presence in the ring. His dedication to the sport and his ability to entertain fans have earned him a place among the top performers in the world. Satanico continues to push the boundaries of what is possible in wrestling, and he remains a force to be reckoned with.
**170** BULL BUCHANAN

A former Big Sleeve sidekick and right. To Censor goon has shown a lot more personality in Chi Valley Wrestling... When RT full-part, Buchanan returned to OWL and set six sights on then-champion Doug Basham... Though Buchanan dominated their feud, Basham managed to escape with the belt... It was during this feud that Buchanan revealed his fixation with television violence, secretly gathering footage of Basham and Vic Stone as they exited the arena for a segment with Big Bad John against Flesh and Trigger Puller Truck... A vicious man with an impressive kicking move.

**171** SPANKY (6’10”, 6’2, 290)

This former OWL developmental continues to tease the fans... His eccentric, playful personality makes him one of the more fun guys to watch... He’s carrying the Japanese trio into the next generation of wrestlers and knows how to maximize the impact of his small frame... Wrestlers all over the country, but is a top contender in Ring Of Honor... Originally trained at Shawn Michaels Wrestling Academy.

**172** THE SANDMAN (6’6”, 234, 13, 107)

Best Supreme to become King of the Beatmatch with the help of The Enterprise... Unable to beat XWW Champion Walter because of constant stipulation changes by Rob Black... Pippen Wob on one occasion, but Black said it wasn’t a sanctioned light match... Popular throughout the independent circuit despite some questionable alliances... A former ECW World champion... Still very active on the independents, wresting mostly in the Northeast, XWP, and FWA.

**173** DAMAJA (6’3”, 240, 3, 323)

Two-time former OWL champion turned on alongside Shigoro Oomi... Battles with Nacho Knows have produced some of the most exciting and strong style matches all year... Made a name for himself at the Skyview J in 1997, his first breakthrough performance... Held the MWF junior title briefly after an outstanding match with Lugar, eventually losing to the title to Minoru Tanaka... Bulky junior heavyweight can overpower almost anyone in his weight class... Parries foes with his overpowering powerbomb... Favorite move is the Death Valley Driver.

**174** CHRIS NELSON (6’1”, 250, 1999)

Comprises The New Heaviness Bodies along with partner Yuki Doi... Wherever he goes, he brings his masochistic past with him as he travels the mainland in Florida, but has branched out during the last year, wrestling all over the US and doing several overseas tours... He and DoiNiko held the NWA tag team title for most of the past year, but they lost it several times to Disturbing Behavior, Glacier and Jason Supergain, and The Shane Twins... Managed by “Gigolo” Jimmy Doll Ray, one of the original Heavy Bodies... Recently suffered a severe head injury and may be forced to retire.

**175** CHAD COLLIER (6’6”, 218, 3, 175, 164)

It’s been a bittersweet year... Signed a developmental contract with the NWA during the spring, but was recently released with the cutouts... Won the NWA cruiserweight title from Shannon Moore on February 13 and continued to feud with Moore for the belt until the NWA pulled out of HWA... Has also held the NWA heavyweight title previously... Frequently wrestles in Michinoku Pro in Japan and All Star Promotions in England... A two-time former NAC National finalist.

**176** VITO D'ANUNZIO (6’3”, 240, 300)

Spent most of the last year as one of the NWA tag team champions, The New Heaviness Bodies, along with his partner, Chris Nelson... The Bodies spent much of the past year working in the PWI top 10 tag teams, the first NWA-based tag team to do so in many years... Lost the title in January to the team of Glacier and Jason Supergain, but regained them the next night... Tracked the bodys with Disturbing Behavior and the Shane Twins in Lima in Peru... wrestled several times on Metal, Jakked, and in dark mat matches... Wrestling Korean on the XWP tripings in Orlando in November... Recently toured Saudi Arabia.

**177** TATSUMI TAKAWA

(5’10”, 227, 9, 1983) Former New Japan Pro-Wrestling standout has made his claim to stardom in Zero-0... a former MWF junior tag team champ...
192 Matt Stryker vs. Jamie Noble

193 Tom Howard (6’4”, 250, 9, NL) Well-rounded in the Lucha, shootfighting, and American styles . . . A Green Beret . . . Head instructor of UPW’s Ultimate University . . . Defeated Christopher Daniels for the UPW title in May . . . Began his career in AAA and has done extensive touring of Mexico and Japan . . . The most successful American star in Japan’s Zero-One.

194 K-Krush (6’2”, 225, 5, 131) No longer employed by WWE, where he wrestled as K-Kurik . . . Wrestled in Xtreme Pro Wrestling, where he changed his name to E. Sakai Shukuzo . . . Joined Rafael Perez in the New Panthers . . . Now competes in NWA-TNA, where he is coming toTerms as a junior heavyweight champion as to why he’s not gunning for championship opportunities . . . Wants to be called The Truth . . . Also wrestles on the independents when he gets the chance.

195 Dick Togo (5’8”, 219, 11, 126) The former Kleveland leader has returned to the company in which he rose to prominence—Michinoku Pro . . . Spent almost two years with Okada Pro following his disastrous WWF run . . . Originally trained by Kleveland with Terry Boy (now Mom’s TooL and Shikkyu (now Kaz Hayashi), and later recruited Taka Michinoku and Shoshu Funaki . . . Spent time in Mexico training in the Lucha Libre style, where he was known as the masked Sas . . . Steady grappler is a capable wrestler . . . A former British Commonwealth Junior champion . . . Has renewed his decoro-style rivalry with Shinsuke Nakamura, Gran Hamada, and Tiger Mask N . . . A gifted wrestler who can throw tremendous jabs and-uppers . . . Likes to plant his opponents with a pedigree to set them up for his signature move, the top-ropes sensational splash.

196 Gran Naniwa (6’7”, 194, 6, 169) Masked junior heavyweight began his career as Super Drifter’s sidekick in Michinoku Pro . . . Has wrestled for New Japan, Big Japan, WWF, and a slew of others . . . Now at home in All-Japan Pro Wrestling, where he is feuding with Kendo Kaishi over the junior heavyweight title . . . Appeared in the 1995 Super J Cup, beating Damien Cane before being eliminated by Jaminne Lee . . . Easy to spot with his trademark crab mask . . . Sometimes wears giant kilter claws to the ring . . . Invented the crab elbow, a move performed by holding the second rope to mid-ring before leaping up with an elbowdrop . . . Often thought of as a comedy act, a role he has tried to shed over the years . . . Briefly appeared in the United States in 1993 with ECW . . . Finished off his opponents with the Doctor bomb.

197 Evan Karagias (5’11”, 199, 4, 160) Made a surprise appearance at an NWA Wrestling Entertainment event, challenging Eric Priest for the heavyweight title, and became the new champion in one night. Still pursuing his acting career, and recently appeared on Passions . . . Left behind his WWE developmental deal, and has kept busy on the independent circuit . . . Best known as the leader of Three Count in WCW . . . Had a recurring role on All My Children.

198 Johnny Smith (6’1”, 235, 20, 135) British wrestler has been at home for years in All-Japan Pro Wrestling, where his no-nonsense mat style has won him fans and acclaim . . . Sometimes thought of as the Fifth British Bulldog because of his involvement with Dynamite Kid and Davey Boy Smith in the 1980s . . . A former tag team champion with Jim Steinl-Wolf Hawkesfield . . . Spent some time on the shelf this year nursing injuries. Not missed only one tour with AJPW . . . Gained valuable experience early in his career with Stu Hart’s Calgary Stampede promotion in Canada . . . Has a solid finishing move with his British tilt, an unusual body Slam variation that he has taken into the inverted DDT.

199 Bobby Rising (7’2”, 202, 5, 150) Lost in the opening round of the 2002 Super 8 . . . The first Canadian ever to compete in the tournament . . . Battled nebulous Master at another East Coast Wrestling Association event . . . Trained by The Big Valz and “Glamour Boy” Shane Sewell . . . Wrestled in promotions throughout the Canadian maritime, including Real Action Wrestling . . . Toured Puerto Rico . . . Travelled to Cincinnati to participate in a WWE tryout camp in April.
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**EMILIO CHARLES JR.**

*10/11, 210, 22, 222* (Long-time EMLP rival still tends to hang with Los Sugars, the arrogant stable of bleached-blonde wrestlers... has slipped to undercard status since teaming with Bobby Sakata and Squirtie Jr. — Usually figures various combinations of Valador Jr., Olimpico, Satan, and Tony Rivers... Long-time feud with Snooker doesn't help him much, as they fought for the attention of a druggist named Ken A., a dope-rifle that went nowhere — Classic old-school Luhracher is known for his overhead chops, hard right hands, and picture-perfect quads."

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**GRAN HAMADA**

*6/4, 196, 31, 156* Highly respected Mexican Pro wrestler has been active since the 1970s and hasn't lost much of his quickness... was a star with New Japan Pro Wrestling during the heyday of the original Tiger Mask... Now he runs a regular team, the fourth incarnation of Tiger Mask, as well as Great Sasuke... His daughter, Ayako, is one of hotest female gELS in jurrasic now... Created as the first wrestler to bring the true Lucka Libre style to
tamped Doctor boms in tribute to him... The vidoes/rocking decal that he uses on his bear moves in all of wrestling... Still best known for his Oklahoma choppin' power."

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**TSURABA**

*6/3, 20, 5, 227* Long-time top favorite in Osaka Pro turned his back on the fans and went way of the nude... Regular partner of Rock Buffalo... He no longer works with DWM from time to time... Opposes the Ikon of Super Denny, Super Denny, and Tenchururo Munakata... Appears for WEPE and some other Mexican independent groups... Masked man blends the Japanese and Mexican wrestling styles seamlessly... Sometimes accompanied by the ring of Francisco... Replaced Dongo as one of the most hated competitors in Osaka Pro... His unique crotch-top is wearing weighting boots that seems to defy gravity.

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**EL FELINO**

*6/7, 190, 20, 169* EMLP veteran is double-quick both on the mat and in the air... His colorful signature bodysuit is complete with tiger strips and fur, making him easy to identify... His international experience, even facing well in New York, is not enough to win "Best of The Super Junior" tourney a few years back... Dominant in midweight and heavyweight classes... Has won a number of singles tournaments over the years... Not currently active with DWM, he has been last seen losing a loses a bell stop... Lobbying for a CMLL tag title shot with Rey Bucanero and Ultimo Guerrero... Sometimes teams with fellow technique Neo Casas and Lizark Jr... Still has one of the best pinches successes in Mexico.

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**CURT HENNIG**

*6/2, 215, 4, 319* This surfer has traveled throughout the Mid-West, but will always call Heartland Wrestling Association home... is currently his second reign as the HWA heavyweight champi
on and is fighting with Lance Cage over the belt... Frequently teams with "The Ice Cream Man" Tony B... Finishing move is called the "Hanger 10"... Held the HWA tag team title six times with three different partners... Hails from Balius Beach, California.

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**SHINYA MAKASE**

*6/3, 220, 4, 239* This New Japan rookie spent most of the tour month Europe and Puerto Rico as Dragon Makase... Made a splash in the 2003 J-Cup tournament in a losing effort to Michinoku's Gorin Hamada... powerful junior heavyweight reminds many of Takuma Tsuchikawa... Known for his ferocious stop... I picked up some very valuable experience last year... His "Best Of The Super Junior" tourney... sometimes teams with Shinra Fujiwara... quite a star on the TV show... he's been trying his best, but he lacks density in his repertoire.

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**FRANKIE KAZARIAN**

*11/10, 198, 6, 319* He and Nova, known as Evolve, were the longest-reigning Ultimate Pro tag team champions of all-time... They lost the belts to The Black Baron and May... They re-formed in Osaka in Japan... Also wrestled Eddie and Christian last year... Plans to re-form Evolution with new partner Jerry Lynn since Nova left for Ohio Valley... His new signature move is the revolution... Thrashed

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**BOBBER BUCK**

*11/10, 205, 5, 324* One of the most dominating teams has been a tag

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**BLACK BUFO**

*11/10, 201, 5, 314* One of the most dominating teams has been a tag

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**MIKE SANDERS**

*11/11, 225, 4, 114* This former Natural Born Thriller's contract was bought by WWE and he was reassigned to Heartland Wrestling Association... Became the member and spokesperson for the WCW crew in their fight with the WWE development... In HWA... hometown is Atlanta, Georgia... Spent several months on the side with a broken foot... Was recently on TV as he was presented as a new talent on a WWE color commentator, but nothing came of it... Recently released from his WWE contract.

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**JASON LEE**

*11/11, 219, 6, 4, 222* Teams with his "co-ace" Dennis King as The Suicide Blondes... The pair have worn the OWB Southern title a few times and are an extremely talented, well-drilled team... Introduced his "nazi" favorite, Shally's Shallow Skull (formerly known as Pasner) in an announcer that surprised both the fans and King... Formerly managed by wrestler Rip Rogers... A graduate of the OWB Training Center, Lee is one of the most obvious wrestlers in the Ohio Valley.

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**HOTSTUFF HERNANDEZ**

*11/7, 255, 259* Competes in Texas, Mississippi, and Florida... Sometimes wrestles in All-Japan and Zero-One... Wins include The Necro Butcher, Kevin Northcutt, and Devastator... Call him the "The Man-Tas-Tick"... His signature maneuver is the hot bomb, a version of the awesome bomb... He and Casey Cryer form The Double Iron Sheiks in All-Japan... Faced Masato Tanaka and Hikasa at the recent tour Japan pes-verly... Defeated former NWA World champion Terry Funk in a hard-fought match on January 20... Missed eight weeks due to a broken ankle... Recovered after 40 stitches in his leg and was out for 10 days... Was recently successful in his return... A former NWA National Champion.

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**SILVESTRE TERKAW**

*11/6, 210, 4, 316* A member of the Ultimate Army in UPW... Feeding with Keiji Sakata and Samo Joe... Known as "Predator" in Japan... An NWA heavyweight champion in his senior year of college, he turned professional as a star in Japan... His only loss during his entire college career was to Kurt Angle... Added the Tajakaz to his repertoire... Became the very first Ultimate Pro champion in 1998.

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**SUZUKI**

*11/6, 205, 2, 6* "Lebowski is now a deuces, what does that make Seven? An Eucharistic minister? ... Scary-looking heel was introduced by manager Synn as a replacement for Levitas (Betata) — Scored an upset win over Levitas in Lebanon's first OWB match... Still ended up eating a desert bomb after the match... Much of Seven's background is clouded in mystery, but his incredible power is obvious... One thing is known: He had practically developed his body in the军队... his wildstyle wrestling when it was a developmental territory... He and Syn have hinted they are romantically linked, but one doesn't ask to know the nature of that relationship."
220 DAVID YOUNG (6’1”, 249, 13, 278) Known as the “Messiah Of The Spinbutter”... Split with his brother, 6’6” 265 pound Michael Young. Won the NWA Welterweight title in a thrilling three-way match also involving Rick Michaels and defending champion A.J. Styles. Included in aATEST America Annual’s “Top 30” of one of the industry’s rising independent stars.

221 CHET JABLONSKI (6’2”, 230, 2, MJ) The Jeff mainly teams with his brother Dean and they are collectively known as The A-Squad... Teamed with Derrick Mackey while Dean rehabbed an elbow injury... Held the HWA tag team title once with Dean... Originally from Buffalo, New York... Was a two-sport high school athlete... Considered a tag team specialist and is known for his cocky attitude, but can back it up in the ring.

222 JAY JUBER (6’7”, 175, 6, 210) Feeding with Rod Sowell... Competes primarily in Florida’s PWW, but has traveled to Delaware’s ECWA... Involved in a tremendous three-way match also involving Billy Bax and The Amazing Red while there... Called the “King Of Flip” and “The Madman”... Has the dash of stride... Trained by Dean Malenko... A member of Ron Nisam’s 91 Inc., which includes The Shane Twins and Mike Sullivan.

223 PAYNE (6’2”, 245, 3, MJ) Held the OWW Southern tag title with Flash, but the two had a falling-out... Payne beat Flash in a winner takes all match and

224 BRIAN Jablonski (6’2”, 265, 2, MJ) “The Dream” was a battle royal in his debut match in 2000... Has wrestled for several promotions including HWA, USCW, FNW, PWX, HWA, ECW... Uses the dream wheelbarrow hold as his finisher... Held the

225 TONY JONES (6’4”, 247, 5, 245) Wrestles throughout California, most notably for Pro Wrestling Iron... Nicknamed “The Butcher”... Competed as an amateur wrestler for San Francisco State University and has fought for Japan’s Battas Arts... His German automatic, consisting of three consecutive German suplexes, is devastating... Appeared in the documentary Beyond The Mat.

226 NEW JACK (6’0”, 225, 10, 173) Shocked old ECW rival Vic Grimes with a stun gun and threw him off a 40-foot scaffold to end their feud... A mainstay in Xtreme Pro Wrestling since January 2001... Almost became TV champ in October, but interference from The Helped helped Kao retain the title... A member of The Original Gangstas in ECW and Smoky Mountain.

227 DEAN JABLONSKI (6’2”, 265, 2, MJ) “The Dream” was a battle royal in his debut match in 2000... Has wrestled for several promotions including HWA, ECW, FNW, PWX, HWA, ECW... Uses the dream wheelbarrow hold as his finisher... Held the

228 BISON SMITH (6’6”, 243, 4, MJ) Competes for Japan’s Pro Wrestling NOAH and California’s Pro Wrestling Iron... Following Vader’s career path, with both starting out as center for the University of Colorado Buffaloes before breaking into pro wrestling (Bison was number 02, Vader was 03)... Ironically, his biggest match to date was against Vader in front of a sellout crowd at Tokyo’s Arikhe Coliseum in February... Maxx Justice had to use three consecutive chokechokes to defeat Smith on May 31... Has also competed in Ultimate Pro Wrestling.

229 GRAN APACHE (6’7”, 195, 26, MJ) Veteran rudo of AAA can still turn circles around many luchadores half his age... Appears overseas with Ultimo Dragon’s Torayama group from time to time... Small, stocky, remarkably agile competitor reminds many fans of Silver King... Famed for his high kick, which often comes out of nowhere... A submission expert who is at home on the mat... Teams with AAA mid-carders like Mr. Condor and Angel Martinez... Father of the many Apache sisters that wrestle throughout Mexico and Japan... Favours the Spiral Mountain power bomb variation.

230 SAMOA JOE (6’7”, 290, 2, 314) Holds the record for the longest Ultimate Pro title reign... Turned back challengers such as Tommy Dreamer and Sean O’Haire... Lost the belt to Mikiy Henderson at UPW’s “Home Of The Beast” in November... Tours Japan on occasion for Zero-One... The “rookie mistake” actually has two years of experience behind him... Aga big man.

231 MASAIAI Mochizuki (5’10”, 211, 5, MJ) Leader of M2K is perhaps the most hated man in all of Japan... Always with at Tokyo Magna, as well as with the Crazy Max stable... Had his head shaved after a losing effort against Shinji Nishimura earlier this year... Spent years on the Japanese independent scene before finally finding his niche with Ultima Dragon’s trainees... Known for his vicious style, Mochizuki is hard, soul kicks and a head... Teams regularly with Darkness Dragon.

232 TONY MAMALUKE (6’3”, 187, 5, MJ) One of the most hated wrestlers in NWA Whidade... Beat Jimmy Ray in a “1 vs. 1” match in early 2000... Participated in

233 RYO SATO (6’2”, 184, 5, MJ) Former WWA welterweight champion has had a rough year in both the Torayama and its sister group, the TIP... Off-and-on partnership with Genki Horiguchi ended when Genki’s ring-trip to join Masakatsu Mochizuki’s M2M group... Often rides his bicycle to the ring, and keeps his riding helmet and gloves at ring side... Known for his bright orange shirt... Racy partnership with Don Fugly Maxx has provided some tense moments for the smallish Sults... Still finding his way with NWA Collection AT... Loads his arsenal with a variety of fisherman suplex holds... Pet submission hold is called the cyclone yanking!

234 BULL SCHMITT (6’7”, 273, 4, 363) Recently suffered a knee injury... Competes primarily in Missouri’s World League Wrestling, with occasional tours of Pro Wrestling NOAH... Has wrestled Masaaki Mochizuki and Jun Akiyama in Japan... Teamed with Brian Smith and Vader while there as well... The current Global Pro Wrestling champion... Held the MLW big belt in a title match with Trevor Rhodes... A former Oklahoma Pro Wrestling standout.

235 ONYX (6’3”, 217, 3, 256) Fed by Jeff G. Bailey’s NWA Elite for most of 2001... His dancing and chiseled physique have made him very popular in NWA Whidade... Defeated Adams Jacobs for the Whidade TV title in October... Forced to give a unique sample, which resulted in nausea, after Bailey accused him of taking steroids... Threw the sample in Bailey’s face... Wrestled Cro Jones in a series of matches in early-2002... Wrestled Albert on Jakked.

236 PRINCE JUSTICE (6’3”, 370, 7, MJ) One of the most agile big in the business... Ended Shane Mountain’s reign as NWA Whidade champ... Lasted the Whidade title to Scottie Wrenn last September... Recruited by Jeff G. Bailey to destroy A.J. Styles... Wants a shot at current Whidade champion David Young... His finishing maneuver is the death penalty, a chokeslam/power bomb combo

237 TOM BRANDI (6’3”, 265, 17, 238) Competes almost exclusively in the Northeast... The current International Pro champion... Defended against challengers such as King Kong Bundy, Cowbow (Dean Shire), and Corporeal Punishment... Has the obvious habit of blowing a whistle into the ring microphone before his matches... Has wrestled as Salvatore Sincere and Johnny Gunn in the WFW and WCW, respectively... Sable would probably still find him attractable.
serious change of attitude this year... Turned against former partner Ryo Saito, eventually taking his NWA lightweight title as well. One of Ultimo Dragon's most impressive pro-
tages... Has also wrestled in Mexico, but is at home in Japan... Still brings his surfboard to the ring now and again... High-flying plexes
are reminiscent of that of Jeff Hardy... Now teams with Masaaki Mochizuki and the MSK group against Crazy MAX and Tokyo Magnum's stable... Displays his superior balance when executing his double-jump moonsault press
finisher.

243 SHANE BALLARD
(S'9, 204, 5, 290) Captured an
amazing array of tag team titles with his twin
brother, Shannon, including the OW, MSFW, and
All Pro Tag Championship... Defeated Frankie
Kazarian and Nova for their seventh Ultimate Pro
Tag team title... Won and lost the Combat Zone
Wrestling tag team belts on the same night... The
Backseat Boys and The Spanish Announce Team
are among their rivals... Made further incursions
into East Coast promotions this year... Their
team is Cheeseburger Melissa.

244 TONY B
(S'9, 204, 5, 212, 9) The \"Ice Cream Man\" is popular
with the fans, mainly because he tosses ice cream bars to the
ringside fans as he makes his way to the ring... Of course
fans are going to cheer free food... Sold all-around wrestler
with a good look... Needs a little
more swanning, but could be a
force with some more experi-
ce... Recently won the Heartland Wrestling Association
tag team title with partner Cody
Hawk... Feuding with the A
Squad over the tag straps.

245 GENKI HORIUCHI
(S'7, 8, 151, 4, 114) Fun-lov-
ing surfer in the Toraymen had a

Xavier vs. Scoot Andrews
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match also involving A.J. Styles, J.C. Dazz, and Jason Cross ... Run over by Dazz in the parking lot ... Captured the NWA junior heavyweight title in 2003 ... Also captured the IWGP Junior Heavyweight Championship...

253 JOSE MAXIMO (60th, 3, 260) Co-holder of the East Coast Wrestling Tag Team Championship with his brother Jose ... They are members of the Spanish Announce Team, along with Brian XL and Red ... Also competed in King of Honor, the HOP, DWA, and ANW ... Appeared in a commercial for King of the Ring, and was seen on WWE television during the Undertaker's attack on David Flair at a WWE training facility.

254 DENNIS GREGORY (60th, 222, 19, 249) Bill Self considers himself the Steel City champion, although promotion is now defunct ... Co-holder of the CMW tag title with Crusher Hanson ... Managed by "Nebulatario" Drew Lazzaro ... Gregory, Hanson, Lazzaro comprise the Golden Triangle ... Competes in the UK. Competed during high school in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, while in the U.S. Air Force ... Known as the "Superstar."...

255 OLEN OSBOURNE (61st, 265, 12, 247) This young veteran left the East Coast Wrestling Association after seven years to feud with John Zandig in Combat Zone Wrestling ... Lost a lumberjack bare-knuckle steak match to Zandig ... Departed CMW and won the Lethal Wrestling Federation title and the WAVA U.S. belt ... Defeated Cagé in a dog-collar match at Liberty All-Star Wrestling's "Summer Slasher." ... Competes throughout the Northeast.

256 ROBERT THOMPSON (61st, 201, 7, 26) Considers himself to be AAW's "franchise player" because he has been with the promotion since its inception ... Spent with Westside Promotions partner Royce Le Grand on a 21-city undefeated streak ... They vacated the AAW tag team titles as a result. ... Defeated the Andersons and Shoie in the APW Boot Camp ... Nicknamed the "Brown Bomber" ... Hearted the Nickle as his valet ... Has vowed to win a third AAW Universal title.

257 JASON SUBARMAN (62nd, 240, 2, NJ) This promising young star was invited to the WWF tryout camp in Cincinnati and was hired as a developmental wrestler ... Wrestled previously for Turnbuckle Championship Wrestling in Georgia ... Held the NWA tag team titles with Glacier ... Defeated with R.C. Harris in Ohio ... Was recently released from his developmental deal in July ... Hometown is Pensacola, Florida.

258 KEIJI SAKODA (60th, 250, 3, 300) Returned to California's Ultimate Pro Wrestling after missing the first few months of 2003 ... This power-bomber out of Judo and Jujitsu utilises the martial arts with lethality ... His signature moves include the rearing cobra and the diamond dust ... Has wrestled at WAVE shows ... Has also competed in Zero-One, the X Wrestling Federation, and Urban Wrestling.

259 JASPER JUSTICE (51st, 225, 5, NJ) The current Combat Zone heavyweight and ironman champion ... Has successfully defended the CZW heavyweight belt against Adam Flash, the Brisco brothers, Jon Kasak, Nick Giage, W. Beater, Nick Mondo, The Messiah, Zandig, Dirty Fous, and Trent Acid ... In the midst of his fourth heavyweight title reign after defeating Zandig on June 15 in Ireland ... Regarded as the promotion's franchise player ... His finisher is the Pain Finisher.

260 MIKEY HENDERSON (59th, 200, 10, 21) Has competed in Ultimate Pro Wrestling since 1999 ... Defeated Samoa Joe for the UPW title in November ... Defeated the strap to Christopher Daniels ... Wrestled Face Van Dam and Juventud Guerrera ... The first UPW international champion ... Defends the belt in Japan on a regular basis ... Nicknamed "The Miracle."...

261 MIKE SULLIVAN (61st, 220, 7, 266) Defeated Billy Fries for his fourth PW title ... Lost the belt to Aiden Glasgow ... Competed at the X Wrestling Federation's television tapings in Orlando ... Defeated Christopher Daniels, Tony Mamaluke, and Scott Andrews in a four-way match at PW's "Tag in the Cage." ... The top contender to Danny Dering's NWA Florida State title ... Accompanied by the beautiful XTC and the not-so-beautiful Ron Noni ... His finisher is a suplex facebuster...

262 JEREMY LOPES (57th, 183, 5, 260) Sometimes teams with Tony Mamaluke ... Defeated Jimmy Rave for the NWA Wildside junior heavyweight title in November ... Recrowned for six months ... Has mocked him in "Jer-Lee." ... Trained by Dave Mckennas ... Appeared on WCW Saturday Night a couple of years ago. ... A native of Tampa, Florida.

263 FRANK PARKER (61st, 275, 9, 260) Wrestled as a singles competitor most of the year, without Death and Destruction partner Roger Anderson ... Stripped of the Appalachia Pro title after attacking a fan. ... His finishing move is the face lift, a fireman's carry into a power bomb ... Suffered an injury at the end of 2001, but continued to wrestle ... Lost to 500-pound Rolling Thunder at this year's Tojo Yamamoto Memorial Show.

264 JOHN SPARDE (61st, 215, 4, NJ) OWL Training Center graduate is one of the top crate weightlifters in OWL ... Sparde was the first member of Doug Basham's Revolution ... Thinks of him as the X-Pac to Basham's Keen. ... Competed independently as Jim Cornette for Jim Cornette vs Mr. Wrestling, "Mr. Wrestling," Nick Dinsmore at a club in late 2001, but Basham's设备 legal team found a loophole allowing Sparde to return ... Boasts an impressive senator bomb finisher. ... Unfortunately, for him, he doesn't get to use it very often. ... Has proven to be a formidable tag team partner, and has had difficulty against heavyweights in singles competition.

265 SCOTTIE WRENCH (61st, 375, 7, 310) Defeated the NWA Wildside junior heavyweight title in November ... Recrowned for six months ... Nicknamed the "Ticking Time Bomb." ... Can absorb a sickening amount of punishment ... Called the "Ticking Time Bomb." ...

266 JAY WEBB (51st, 203, 7, NJ) Formerly known as "White Trash," Johnny Webb being given serious consideration to be a future midcarder ... He's claimed to be from "Amy Damn Trailer Park" and now says he's from Graceland. ... Impersonated Rob Sabin, who is the X-W's own device, to capture that promotion's heavyweight title in a three-way match also involving Sabu and Lance ... Has attempted to fill the void left by The Messiah. ... His signature move is the wheelchair checking. ... He's not as popular as World's Best, but he's popular among the crowd.

267 MIKE EVANSON (61st, 275, 7, 310) Has competed in Midwest Championship Wrestling ... A former All-Pro internet champ. ... Once defeated Nova, still considered his biggest win ever.

268 JOEL MAXINO (59th, 200, 2, 458) A member of the Spanish Announce Team (SAT) with his brother, Jose, Red, and Brian XL ... Trained by former ECW champion Michael Whipwreck ... He and Jose captured the East Coast Wrestling Association tag team title in a four-way tag match also involving Lone XL and Trevor Buck. ... Wiidre and Striker, and the T-Je Team. ... Also a top contender to the Maryland Championship Wrestling tag title with Jose. ... The larger of the two Maximos. ... Spotted on WWE television during The Undertaker's backstage attack on David Flair. ... Appeared in a commercial for King of the Ring.

POGO THE CLOWN

RAZZ (5'11", 205, 3, 348)

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287 JIM MANN (6'4", 267)

267, 11, 290) Became one of a hard-core specialist during the past year.

Recaptured the National Wresting League title.

The veteran is still adding high-risk moves to his repertoire, including a spear off the top rope.

On Feud with Steel Patrol and Samu.

His biggest victory of 2001-2002 was over King Kong Bundy.

Competes primarily in Maryland and West Virginia.

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286 JACOBSON (8'6", 300, 6, NJ Jeff G.

289 DON MONTREAUX (6'10", 275, 6, 223)

286, 1, NJ Jeff G.

Badger

Bailey's bodyguard

Called the

"Being Of Inconceivable Horror"

Slices opponents with a potato peeler so Bailey claims "law was forged in the dragon's forge.

Has posed against Jason Cross, including a taped flat match and a full-count

New PWI title in Australia.... Won a 10-man battle royal to capture the PWUSA belt.... Still holds both of those championships as of press time.

Reunited with his old partner, Hawk, to win "Captain Carew's" in

an Energizer commercial.... His finishing maneuver is the jagged edge, a lethal device off the top rope.

The first Australia-based wrestler to crack the "PWI 500." Plane on touring Asia and the U.S. in the near future.

283 GREG ANDERSON (6'7", 275, 12, 257)

284 INFERNO (6'4", 230, 10, 279)

284, Celebrated his 10th anniversary in the East Coast Wrestling Association.

Fellow with Rapid River and Ryan King.

Toured Puerto Rico, Honduras, Cuba, and Alaska.

Also competed in Pennsylvania's World Xtreme Wrestling.

The current PWW champion.

Appointed to theShiprocked reality television series.

Battled Justin Credible, Billy Gunn, and Tables in dark matches at WWE TV shows.

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288 J.R. RYDER (6'3", 230, 6, 263)

288, 3, 6, 263) He and J.J. Johnston comprise the brutal 3-Man Team, managed by Sebastian Knight.

They feuded with the Massimo brothers and the team of American Dragon (Jew-L) in the East Coast Wrestling Association.

Failed to beat ECW champion Scotty Brennan in a series of matches.

Faced Canada’s Principal Pound at the 2003 Brian Pillman Memorial Show.

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300 QUINN MAGNUM (6’0, 6’1, 6’2, 6’3) Has expanded his travels to the entire East Coast. Defeated Spyder for the North American title in less than five minutes at the NWA’s 55th Anniversary Show in the biggest win of his career. Excelled for both NWA champions Gary Steele, Steve Corino, Shane Hashimoto, and Dan Severn. Remained the top-ranked NWA star in PW’s ranking during the heavyweight title vacancy last year. Also held the NLW belt. Feuding with former best friend Crusher Hanson... His finishing maneuver is the JST Magna, a version of the blackkicker. Added the crossface submission hold to his repertoire. Expected to tour Japan with Zero-One.

301 PRINCE NANA (5’11, 235, 235) Ended Scott Anderson’s nine-year-long East Coast Wrestling Association title reign. Put the beloved Cheatham Master out of wrestling temporarily in a bloody, brutal cage match held in January. Also feuded with Scott Anderson, Tom Morgan, and Xavier. Wrestled Steve Blackman and Crash Holly at NWA shows... Competes throughout the Northeast... A legitimate prince from Ghana in Africa.

302 AZRAEL (6’0, 220, 5, 5) Abandoned his fun-loving “Mark E. Mark” persona and calls himself Azrael, the “Angel Of Death.” Oozes the sick transformation to The Sinister Manager, who manages Azrael and Gabriel. Known as the Last Boys... Uses lethal kick combinations... He and Gabriel defeated Blackout for the NWA Wildside tag team title in a wild ladder match... Strongly. The Last Boys’ morbid interviews have made them among the most popular stars in the promotion.

306 NICK MONDO (6’1, 202, 3, 3) Continues to sink hardcore violence in Steel Dome Wrestling and Combat Zone Wrestling despite sustaining multiple injuries in his brief career... Has endured five concussions, several breaks of his right wrist, and dozens of stitches in his back... Can violently move a bone fragment in his left elbow... His arsenal includes a double-stomp to the head from off the top rope, a corkscrew guillotine leglock, and his own invention, a sitout reverse power bomb... "Sick"...
FLASH BARKER (6'3", 270, 15, NL) The current FWA Brash champion. Best Doug Williams for the title in a controversial decision, but defends the belt in a straightforward manner. A popular veteran. Belongs to the Old School Faction in the Frontier Wrestling Alliance. His finishing move is a strong punch, known as the Iron Fist. Once represented the U.K. at the Olympics in karate competition. Holds the Premier Promotions mid-heavyweight championship.

SKILL GANZ (6'6', 266, 7, NL) Defeated IBA for the Extreme Intercontinental Championship wrestling title. Also a member of the Millennium Wrestling Federation belt. Injured his shoulder when thrown against a ring post, and involved in a car accident on January 13, his birthday. Underwent surgery four days later. Missed one month of action and returned without his doctor’s consent. Competes in Michigan, Ohio, Canada, and Pennsylvania. Added the cross-credit stretch, a submission hold, to his repertoire. Nicknamed the “Pistol.”

VICTOR RODGERS (6'1", 240, 7, NL) Defeated The Gold Exchange for the World Wrestling tag team title on two occasions, with Bull Schmitt and Wade Chism as partners. Faced Schmitt, his best friend, in a top contender match that went to a draw. Lost to former WCW Champion Jeff Jarrett at WWL’s biggest show of the year on May 4. His finisher is a bulldog off the top rope. Noted to have become the all-time youngest WWL heavyweight champion two years ago.

DUSTY WOLFE (6'1", 230, 26, 337) The current WWF champion. Competes primarily in south Texas and is based in Brownsville. Traveled England, where he’s feuding with James Mason. Wrestled Robbie Brookside to multiple 30-minute draws while in Britain. Celebrating two decades in the business in 2002. Competed in the WWF during the 1990s.

TOMI MARQUEZ (6'2", 230, NL) Became the first Phoenix Championship Wrestling TV champion. Dropped the title to Frankie Kazarian. One of Tom’s last trains in ECW’s House of Hardcore.

Scott D’Amore (5'11", 247, 10, NL) Now on a fan favorite again after being outed by The Syndicate. Vacated his position as Frontier City Wrestling champion following a controversial submission and technical wrestling. Has held the Border City title, in addition to regional championships in Ontario, Michigan, and Ohio. Has competed on WWF, WCW, and ECW shows as well as in Europe and Japan.

OLF HAMM (6'7", 310, NL) Feeding with Doug Williams and Scott Parker in the U.K.’s Frontier Wrestling Alliance. Briefly held the FWA tag team title with Drew McDonald. Native of Germany.

MR. OOH LA LA (5'10", 230, 14, 334) Defeated Jackie Fontaine for the EWC-Mid-Atlantic title after the two had a falling out. They later renewed their friendship. Also feuded with Chris Mattie and Thunder. One of the most hated men in the East Coast Wrestling Association. Had an in-ring confrontation with long-time EWC fan John “Hat” Gavlin in May. Competes in the Phoenix Championship Wrestling on occasion. Has one of the most entertaining (and clumsy) ring entrances on theindy scene.

IAN ROTTEN (5'10", 245, 12, NL) Re-formed Bad Breed with his brother, Aziz, and they won the IWA Mid-South tag team title a couple of times earlier this year. As an added bonus, caused a rash of shooter and knee problems for Rotten a couple of years ago, and he has since lost 60 pounds to improve his endurance and allow pressure on his knees. Won the IWA Mid-South King of the Deathmatches. Battled with 2 Cold Scorpio, Abdullah the Butcher, and Chris Hero this year. Best Match of the year according to the IWA. Came close to winning the IWA World Heavyweight Championship at the end of the year. His finisher is the double-underlock DDT.

PRESTON OUNN (6'4", 243, 7, 321) Won the Virginia Championship Wrestling title this year. His brutal six-month feud with Q-Sac led to a ban of the piledriver in the promotion. His signature maneuver is the parable drop, consisting of three rolling pinners. Added a modified backbreaker to his repertoire this year. Competes in Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Georgia.

Brandon K (6'10", 202, 4, 308) Expanded his travels beyond Pittsburgh this year. Stays at such as New Jersey, Florida, and Georgia. So obsessed with beating longtime partner Dirk Ciglar for the NWA East Triple Crown that he turned heel and joined Homicide.

Baker Taylor (6'1", 230, NL) Restored the PWI 500. His former mainstay in Florida. Also known as The Lighting Kid and Weightlifting Kid (X-Pac) in the IWA during the early-1990s. His highest PWI ranking was number 123 in 1993.
330 RAPID FIRE MALDONADO (6’2”, 241, 4, 350) Accused Premier Wrestling Federation owner Rob Dimension of being racist against Puerto Rican wres- tors, despite the fact that The Maximo Brothers are PWF tag champions and The Amazing Red is the junior heavyweight champ. A trained kickboxer who holds blank belts in three forms of karate... Recently suspended from the PWF for hitting a fan who was booping him... Former IWA champ.

331 SCOTT BISHOP (5’10”, 232, 21, 316) & partner Jason Justice are known as The U.S. Marshalls... They pre-

337 WADE GHISM (6’3”, 240, 1, 46) A standout high school football player in central Missouri who impressed many in various toughman competition... Pinned former World League wrestling champ Trevor Rhodes in only his second match... Trained with Rhodes to defeat The Gold Exchange for the WLW tag team title... Former NWA World champion Harley Race and former heavyweight boxing champion Len Spinks awarded Chism the WLW Rookie of the Year Award in 2001... His style has been compared to that of Butkus, Jones... Best known for his wild 200-pound match with The Freight Train... Used a spin kick.

338 DR. LUTHER (6’2”, 240, 1, 241, 14, 351) Still the North American Wrestling champion, as well as the NWA titleholder... Best known for his dive off the top turnbuckle... Former NWA World champ... Best known for his wild 200-pound match with The Freight Train... Used a spin kick.

339 JOHNNY SWINGER (6’2”, 231, 10, 350) Won an eight-man elimination match to claim the vacant Junior City title... Became the unofficial leader of The Syndicate after turning against Scott D’Amore... Competes throughout Canada and the U.S. Great Lakes area... On occasion with Simon Davis as his partner... His finisher is the Swing Thing, a claw catch into a Russian legpeel... Competed in WCW and ECW in the past... Recent surfer in NWA-USA.

340 CHRIS DIVINE (5’8”, 205, 3, NJ) Trained by former ECW champion Mikey Whipper... Competed in the East Coast Wrestling Association, Ring of Honor, and Puerto Rico’s IWA, among numerous other indepen
dents... He and Quiet Storm comprised the team of Divine Storm... Rivals include The Spanish Announce Team, Xavier, Low Ki, and The Backyard Boys... Uses the Texas clawed as his finishing hold.

341 RICK DEEZEEL (6’2”, 215, 14, 390) Fired from his post as AWF director of affiliates by CEO Dean Puckett... Avenging that humiliation by causing trouble among the polygamists... Already succeeded in placing a pup-
et owner, Pozen, in charge of England’s ECW... Considered one of the founding fathers of the Allied Independent Wrestling Federation... A hardcore specialist.

342 RUCKUS (6’1”, 240, 3, NJ) One of the most popular stars in Combat Zone Wrestling... Considered the number-
two junior heavyweight wrestler, behind Trent Acid... Larger than the average junior heavyweight, he has a striking resemblance to the classic wrestler... His hair mimics the annals of the Best of the Best junior heavyweight tournament... A former Combat Zone junior heavyweight champion.

343 NATE HATRED (6’1”, 265, 3, NJ) Holds the Combat Zone tag team title with Nick Sags... Held and Gage defeated VD for the belts on May 11... They com-

344 MARC ASHCRAFT (6’1”, 210, 3, 372) Reigned as IOWA pro wrestling champion for another remarkable year... This pop-
ular star is also involved in his never-ending feud with Viper... He is one of the top five IOWA competitors... Has a reputation for being a hard worker and a fighter... His finisher is the Ashcraft Lock, a crutch-like hold... Best known for his gritty 200-pound match with W. Bester a couple of years ago.

345 CYRUS (6’2”, 228, 13, NJ) A member of The Syndicate in Border City Wrestling... Co-holder of the Border City tag team title with Tony Taylor... Owned by Holds Barred Wrestling, based in Winnipeg... Trained by Winnipeg promoter Tony Cordello... Also wrestles a wrestling column for The Winnipeg Sun and Thunder Bay Chronicle Herald... Favorite figure-four leglock and a knee drop from the top rope... A former WWF and ECW star.

346 J.J. JOHNSTON (6’1”, 230, 4, 326) Formed The J-Team with J.R. Ryder in the East Coast Wrestling Association... Their feud with Jose and Joel Maximo and the team of American Dragon and Low Ki culminated in a three-way cage match... Wrestling as a singles competitor in Rococo Championship Wrestling... Appeared as a security guard in a backstage vignette on Smackdown.

347 MADMAN PONDO (6’1”, 231, 12, NJ) Claims to have realized his wrestling dream by teaming with Big Japan... Friends say that tour inflated Pondo’s ego... Appeared in The Insane Clown Posse’s IOWA... A guest on Mr. McMahon’s radio show several times... Appears in The Spinach’s DVD... Known for his high-flying moves... A former IOWA champion... Known for his high-flying moves... A former IOWA champion.

348 ACE STEEL (5’9”, 211, 1) Enjoyed success in IOWA Mid-South, Mid-American Wrestling, and World League...
343 MATT BRENNER (90, 196, 35) Lost the Combat Zone ironman title to Adrian Flash at the Cape of Death II. He wasn’t able to find his groove in CW since that loss … Enjoyed a successful tour of Japan. He is now a pro wrestler in several independent promotions.

353 JASH BENNETT (225, 200, 4) Co-founder of the Southern Championship Wrestling tag team title with Scab … Competes in a number of Southern independent promotions. Leader of the Anti-Social Society (ASS) … One of the most hated wrestlers in all of professional wrestling. His finishing maneuver is the Steelspike Kick … Has also held the SCW North Carolina State and brass knuckles belt, along with the World Wrestling Organization championship.

354 DANNY LYNCH (251, 6) The current Steel Domain TV and NWA Wisconsin State champion … Co-founder of the AWA tag team title with Kip … Recent opponents include Jerry Lynn, Kong Kong Bundy, Haku, The Harri Boys, Jim Duggan, and Gangrel … Has teamed with Jerry Lawler on occasion … NWA-TRAN manager Mortimer Plumpstone once guided his career … Has lost 75 pounds since 1990 … Born in the U.K. and raised in Chicago.

355 WAGNER BROWN (235, 6) Usually accompanied by Playboy model April Hunter … Trained by Killer Kowalski … Competes throughout the Northeast … Beat Chris Hassick for the AFW title in February … Feuded with Dylan Kope, Crawford, and Scott Andrews … Has also held the New England Championship Wrestling belt … Fell Interior’s heat during a WWF dark match … His nickname is “Skyscraper.”

356 ROBERT KNIGHT (265, 6) Won the Apocalypse Wrestling Federation title this year … Wrestled 17 days straight to become the AWF Iron Man champion … Featured on the pay-per-view scene of the NWA’s Power, and was one of the main events of the NWA’s Power, which is exactly what it suggests … Feuded with his brother, Joey Knight, all year … Wrestled Paul Tyrell in a series of matches while in England … Trained by the Hart “Dungeon” before honing his skills with the AFW’s Ron Hutchison … His signature maneuver is the giga-plex … Calls himself the “Sexy Monkey.”
370 BRUNO SASSE (5’11”, 220, 3, NL) His career in Florida’s Future of Wrestling received a boost when he won the fifth annual “Table Elimination Deathmatch” . Captured the national title from longtime champ Dan Johnson the following month . . . has successfully defended his belt against Barry Horowitz, Mike Graham, Christopher Daniels, and Steve Kein.

371 BILLY BAX (5’10”, 200, 2, NL) Doesn’t like it when fans ridicule his red hair and call him “Odie” . . . a mainstay in the East Coast Wrestling Association, where he has wrestled Crowbone, Red Mike, Knob, and others . . . a member of The Smooth Criminals in the Premier Wrestling Federation . . . Battled Striker, Tony Kazma, and Guest Storm in that promotion . . . has held the PWF junior heavyweight and IWA light heavyweight titles.

372 JUDAS YOUNG (5’3”, 220, 3, NL) Wrestled in WWE dark matches this year in addition to appearing in barroom segments . . . Hired his skills at Less Thatcher’s school and appeared on IWA shows . . . Battled a large number of ECDW stars, including Jerry Lynn, Little Guido Martino, Mikey Whapwreck, Chris Cetti, Julio Diener, Danny Daring, Joey Mathews, and Christian York . . . suffered a shoulder injury during a World Xtreme Wrestling show in Allentown.

373 BROCK SINGLETON (6’3”, 265, 2, NL) Reconciled with his valet, Sasha, and formed Zero Tolerance with Mason Hunter . . . They won the Allied Powers Wrestling Federation tag team title . . . Lost the Mason-Dixon in a title match to NWA Tri-State champ Magnum . . . Finished 2001 with a single record of 19-10-1 . . . Won two New York State titles during his similar wrestling career at West Point, and Amateur Wrestling News ranked him 10th in the U.S. during his senior year . . . Served in the U.S. Army and even conducted memorial services for America’s fallen heroes at Arlington Cemetery.

374 STRIKER (5’10”, 215, 3, NL) Trained by Johnny Rodz . . . Teams with Buck Wykle in the East Coast Wrestling Association . . . They are popular with the locals because of their model-quality good looks . . . Also compete in the PWF, WAW, JAWF, and other Northeast promotions . . . Fought with Crowbone, Xavier, Billy Bax, and Little John Sullivan at an indoor event in New York . . .工作方案 for tournament participation in various promotions throughout the New Jersey-Philadelphia area.

375 Z-BARR (5’11”, 210, 3, NL) Considered an old-school wrestler, despite his snazzy name . . . Takes responsibility when necessary . . . His finisher is the fuzz, a version of Reno’s roll of the dice . . . Voted Combat Zone Wrestling’s Most Hated Wrestler . . . Has struggled a bit this year . . . Teams with NWA star Black Cat in various matches throughout the New Jersey-Philadelphia area.


377 JOEY CORGAN (5’6”, 170, 3, 446) Fed up and on with frequent tag team partner Sarem throughout Texas . . . Sometimes venturers to Pennsylvania to wrestle for Hardway Wrestling, the International Wrestling Cartel, and Combat Zone Wrestling . . . Also competes in Florida’s PWX and Pensacola Wrestling Alliance . . . Teams with Joey North in the Sunshine State . . . His finishing move is the 450 splash called himself “Playboy” . . . A former NWA Southwest junior heavyweight champion.

378 2-DOPE (5’11”, 215, 4, 261) Paralyzed with Sydewest to pursue a single career for part of the year . . . Defeated Marcus Jordan for the NWA Rage TV title on October 9 . . . Lost the belt back to Jordan only one day later . . . He and Sydewest re-formed The Ghetto Mafia . . . Sydewest turned against 2-Dope and joined Doug Dolcosio and Mico Vena in Modles Inc.

379 RICK MICHAELS (5’10”, 224, 11, NL) Split with his longtime partner, David Young, with whom he has won four NWA tag team titles . . . Defeated Scottie Wren for the NWA Wildside title in October . . . Lost the belt to A.J. Styles two months later . . . Competed on WWE shows . . . His finishing move is the double-bridge, which can be described as a facebuster/nexkbreaker combo.


382 ROMEO VALENTINO (5’11”, 205, 12, NL) Holds much of the year feeding off his former partner, Ronnie Volk . . . Won possession of Volk’s steamboat, Candle, as the result of a prominent tag team match . . . Recruited Taka to keep an eye on Candle . . . Beat Marcus Jordan for the NWA Rage TV title, forcing “The Supervillain” to retire due to another pre-match stunt . . . Persuaded Candle to turn against Taka, and to stay with him full-time . . . Known as “The Cornerstone” . . . The only wrestler to hold the Maryland Wrestling Championship heavyweight, tag team, and Rage TV titles.

383 ADAM FLASH (5’11”, 220, 10, NL) Competes throughout the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast . . . Unsuccessful in his attempts to regain the Mid-Atlantic Texas Wrestling Championship title from the Bruiser . . . Scored a clean pinfall over Eddie Guerrero in January . . . No longer cares about the fans . . . ethnicity, and idioms . . .umed with The Bear at the Memphis Million Dollar Cup this year, but failed to win the six-way elimination match final . . . His finisher is the Seattle grunge plunger, a dropkick off the top rope.

384 TOMMY BRAKE (6’4”, 245, 1, NL) His best performance of the past year was against Pro Wrestling NOAH’s Baisin Smith at Big Time Wrestling card in California . . . Competes in Pro Wrestling Iron and Ultimate Pro Wrestling . . . His finisher is a clover knot that he turns into a sitting neck-breaker . . . Trained by Michael McDaid and Donavan Morgan . . . His most famous opponent has been Juventud Guerrera.


386 STEPHEN SEYLED (6’2”, 205, 5, NL) Blooded and beaten by Russian star Yulis Walfir in the final of a best-

387 JAGUAR VIJAY SINGH (6’2”, 270, 4, NL) A two-time Apocalypse Wrestling Federation champion . . . Appeared in a concert with Pro Wrestling NOAH . . . Competes in Combat Zone Wrestling with Flash . . . Known as “Doomsday” . . . A fine tag team wrestler . . . His finisher is the tough enough driver . . . Completely recovered from the separated left shoulder and sprained right ankle he suffered last year.

388 DANNY ROSE (5’11”, 247, 6, 430) Finally settled his issues with Adam Flash, allowing them to team more often . . . Competes throughout the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic region . . . Enjoyed most of his recent success in Combat Zone Wrestling with Flash . . . Known as “Doomsday” . . . A fine tag team wrestler . . . His finisher is the tough enough driver . . . Completely recovered from the separated left shoulder and sprained right ankle he suffered last year.

389 SMELLY (6’6”, 206, 3, 377) Banned himself into great shape for the end of the year . . . Competes in the international junior division of California’s Ultimate Pro Wrestling and Japan’s Zero-One . . . Jack Bull, Al Katala, and Screamin’ Al are among his foes . . . Added the proper power, a modified power bomb, to his repertoire . . . He and Christopher Daniels are the only men to have held the Ultimate Pro title on two occasions.
390 TERRY ALAN (8, 206, 9, NL) The Classic Wrestling Alliance champion. His mentor, Jimmy Valiant, is the top contender to his title. “T.A.” Valiant, and Tommy Green are defending the CWA against an invasion by the Georgia Wrestling Alliance. The fruit is especially personal between Alan and WWA leader Maddux. Competes mainly in Kentucky. Known as “Terro” Terry. A native of Wetumpka, Alabama.

391 PIRANHA (83, 756, 5, 390) Hasn’t been a major factor in the Northern Championship Wrestling title picture since Cobra screwed him out of the Quebec title. Also wrestled for the Apocalypse Wrestling Federation in Toronto. May challenge his best friend, Jackal, for the Quebec belt. Lost to Ioanu in his retirement match at ChallengeMania 10, just as he had done against Gunther at ChallengeMania 1.


393 HADDOCK (82, 241, 12, NL) Calls himself the “Extreme Shah.” Held the Future of Wrestling Tag team title with Brian Johnson. Based in Florida. Has also competed in Mexico, Peru, Canada, and Ireland. Managed “Skamenator” Abudneen. His finisher is the pinchever. Wants a shot at FOW champion Billy Flaws. Competed in ECW a few years ago.

394 CREEPER DEATH (87, 200, 4, 297) He and his brother, Rage, are the Sovereign World Wrestling Alliance and Ringside Championship Wrestling tag team champions. Held the Allied Independent Wrestling Tag team title for more than a year before the Disciples of Darkness put him out of action for eight weeks, causing a stress fracture to his left tibia. Azriel won the belt as a result.

395 JARDI FRANZEL (83, 182, 4, 402) He and his brother, Miyuki, comprise the high-flying Kamikaze Kids. The current All Pro internet champion. Toured with Pro Wrestling NOAH in Japan. Has gained his game toward a more technical skill since that experience. His finishing move is the shooting star press and the 450 splash. Based in California.

396 MARK MERCEDES (83, 309, 9, NL) Considered one of the top stars in Australia. In the midst of his fifth reign as International Wrestling Australia champion. Has also competed in New Zealand, New Caledonia, and Tahiti. Received his initial training at the Mae-Kiko wrestling school. Appears on WCW Worldwide several years ago. Wrestled Rick Martel on Monday Nitro in front of 40,000 fans at the Georgia Dome. His finishing maneuver is the pickerel.

397 RONNIE ZUKKOFF (83, 610) Had a violent falling out with partner Ronco Valention. Lost the services of his girlfriend, Candy. To his ex-partner as well. Won a battle royal for a shot at the Maryland Championship Wrestling World Heavyweight title on May 22. Seems useful to wrestle in that match because The Bruiser T-boned before it could take place. Still crying after Candy turned against him with Valentine permanently. Known as “Sodi Pops.”

398 NIKITA ALLANOFF (87, 230, 4, NL) Coskey high-flyer Jeffery Allanoff gained 40 pounds, adopted the Communist philosophy, and is now known as the “Soviet Terror” Nikita Allanoff. The current NWA East Inland knockouts champion. Defeated Sean Styles in a bloody best-of-three series. Added the Soviet wizard to his repertoire. His Siberian stranglehold, a version of the crossface chicken-wire, is another finishing move.

399 DIOR GILK (83, 215, 4, NL) Bulked up with nearly 20 pounds of muscle. Added a missile dropkick to his arsenal. Defeated Frankie Kazarian and Nova this year. Bent Crusher Hansen for the NWA Three Rivers title. Broke his ankle at the beginning of a title defense against Cory K, but endured 10 minutes longer to defeat the 6’10” behemoth. Had a falling out with partner Brandon K, and they reconvened a short time later.

400 JAMES CHAMPAGNE (81, 228, 2, NL) Wrestled dozens of matches over 18 days as part of the Apocalypse Wrestling Federation’s “Iron Man” competition in Toronto despite suffering a broken finger in the early going. Captured the AWF title last September. Dropkicks and monkey flips are staples of his repertoire. Known as “Sparkling” James Champagne. Gaming a cut following Quicks Lifestyles of The Rich And Famous host Robin Leach with his catchphrase, “I wish you a champagne and a caviar dream!”

401 BRIAN ANTHONY (87, 205, 12, 405) Competes in the World Xtreme Wrestling, the Heartland Wrestling Association, Cleveland All Pro Wrestling, Phoenix Championship Wrestling, and several smaller territories. Has also wrestled in trial matches for ECW and dark matches for NWA. Nicknamed “Bad Boy.” Claims to be “the one guy your mother warned you about.”

402 TIME BOMB (83, 205, 4, NL) This twisted geyser claims to be a tormented soul who’s looking for salvation through defeating his opponents and making them submit. Frequently teams with Nigel McKinney, but even he doesn’t quite trust his partner. Is a top contender to the NWA Cruiserweight title currently held by B.J. Whitmer. Calls his finisher the straight jacket, which might be more appropriately used if it was applied to him.

403 HELLRAISER HARK (83, 285, 8, NL) Competes in Texas and Oklahoma. Also known as “Headless” Hark. He and Jett Black comprise The Furious Facton. Won the Texas Championship Wrestling title. Rivals include Holsfuff Hernandez, The Blackbird Pizzay, Gary Todd, and Kent Hart. He signature move is a clothesline off the top rope. Has also held the TCW tag team and NWA Southwest TV championships.

404 MIKE KRUEL (510, 210, 2, NL) Nicknames include “The Shooter” and “Modern-Day Warrior” ... Formerly known as Kid Krul. Trained by his father, Bodyguard for Him: A Life as a wrestler in New York for several years. Has won several New York state amateur wrestling championships. Competes for promotions throughout the Northeast, including the East Coast Wrestling Association, Jersey All-Pro Wrestling, and USA Pro Wrestling. Held the USA Pro tag team title with Little Guido Matassa. His finisher is the Knurl Interlock armbar.

405 9083 EVANS (83, 240, 8, 406) Defeated “Slyk” Wagner Brown for the New England Championship Wrestling title. Faced Aaron Stevens prior to a Raw broadcast at the Providence Civic Center in Rhode Island. Feuded with Maverick Wild, Mike Holoway, and Alex Arion. Also appears in the Elite Wrestling Alliance and, occasionally, the East Coast Wrestling Association. His finishing maneuver is the ugly stick stomp. Known as “Brutal” Bob is a former Green Mountain Wrestling champion.


407 BOBBY ROGERS (510, 200, 12, 430) Owner of Florida’s Future of Wrestling. Dating FOW valet Jodi X. Has established a love-hate relationship with FOW champ Billy Flaws during the year. Turned pro at the young age of 16 after training with former WWF and NWA World champion Buddy Rogers. This is the guy who started a nationwide controversy by trying to sell his kidney on eBay.
ERIC EVERLAST (6’4”, 240, 3 NL) Competes throughout New England in promotions such as New Millennium Wrestling, Tri State Wrestling, and World of Hurt Wrestling... Held the NWI tag team title with Jason Atlas as The Donal Dom Blondes, but Atlas later turned against him... Calls himself the “Exceptional Icon”... His primary finisher is The Enthralled (a titi-e-wrist power bomb)... Must have stepped on his finishing move, the taamazer, during his match against Billy Gunn on New Year’s Day... Graduated from Noyo Kawanishi’s wrestling school... Trained in judo for four years and holds a third-degree black belt.

JEFF HARRICK (9’6”, 280, 11, 439) Teams with Jeff Lewis in Omega Pro Wrestling... His high-flying style complements Lewis’ daredevil lucha libre approach... Has also teamed with his cousin, Chris Harrick, and AJ Styles... Competes primarily in North Carolina... Recently opened his own training school.

BOBBY B-BAAD (6’7”, 240, 3 NL) Won the 2003 Humboldt Bumble in Humboldt, Texas, to become the top contender in the Texas All-Star Wrestling title... Defeated Mike Tanks in the title match... Also competes in NWA Southwestern... Fed with Mr. Mayhem and Black Rage... His finishing maneuver is the 2-Bad Slam... Co-holder of the Texas All-Star Tag team championship with Seth Shel.

MAJOR HAVOC (9’6”, 260, 4, 811) Won the Tribute Championship in Wrestling title twice this year... and the RCW Mid-Atlantic belt two times... Competes primarily in the AWF and its affiliates... Has key victories over P也很, Scott Douglas, Sweet Daddy, Scotchman, and Arzal... The Havoc is actually a diamond cutter, is his finisher... Spent a considerable amount of time in the AWF’s British affiliates.

NOVA CAIN (9’6”, 265, 3) 454) Doctors asked Cain to stop wrestling, but after he severely injured his right eye in August 2003... Returned anyway and teamed with his cousin, Blaze, to win the Northern Championship Wrestling tag team title... Turned against Blaze after he lost the title... Took farmer Joe under his wing, turned against him, and sent him into retirement.

540 JAY POUX... Relays on speed to outmaneuver larger opponents... Uses the springboard spinning DDT as his finishing move... Trained with WWF Hall of Famer Johnny Rodz.

MORZET FONTAINE (9’6”, 201, 3, 422) Managed by E.S. Easton... Held the ECWA Mid-Atlantic title for a year... His most notable opponents were Cowan and Gilbough... Also wrestled Mr. Ouch La La, Benny Stilts, Buck Wydle, and Ryan Wing... Repaired his damaged relationship with Mr. Ouch La La... One of the robed men in the East Coast Wrestling Association... Competes for Pennsylvania’s ProCom Championship Wrestling on occasion.

THE Bouncer (9’6”, 285, 6, 393) A member of Club Xright, also comprised of Colt Fury and Ace... Bounced and Fury beat The Rhino Rock for the CWA tag team title... Also held the AWA and NEPW title teams... He and Fury were rivals in 2002... His finishers are a diving headlock from the top rope and the happy hour, a fireman’s carry into a Michinocka driver... Competes in Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Michigan.

ARUNAI (9’6”, 168, 4, NL) This masked star competed in the ECWA, IWA, and USA Pro Wrestling... Rivals include Red, the Maximo brothers, Low-Ki, Prince Nana, and The Japanese Pool Boy... Relays on speed to outmaneuver larger opponents... Uses the springboard spinning DDT as his finishing move... Trained with WWF Hall of Famer Johnny Rodz.

ABAINIS (9’6”, 237, 4, NL) Defeated Luis Ortiz for the Chaotic Wrestling title on May 18... Won in a dark match prior to a Raw broadcast.

KEVIN KINGSTON (6’9”, 240, 6, 416) Competes throughout New Jersey and Pennsylvania in promotions such as the WWF, NWA, NJWA, SWP, and PWF Universal... Traveled with Dylan Night to defeat The Diamond for the Intercontinental Wrestling Alliance tag team title... Teams with Bigbie Biggs in the independent World Wrestling Federation... Laid off some big-name stars throughout his career, including Larry Zbyszko, Niko Volkov, and The Patriot.

E.Z. RYDER (6’7”, 296, 12, NL) Defeated Juggernaut at last year’s NWA anniversary show to claim the reinvented Canadian championship... Reformed a more dangerous version of The Seeds of Evil, complete with his wicked valet, Ginger Snaps... Teams with Madman Martin... Engaged in bloody battle with Baron Von Meroan, Snyder, and Dark Ren... Competes primarily in the Canadian Wrestling Federation... The setting reverse armbar, spinning sidekick, and Boston crab are his specialties.

DEWY CHEATHEM (6’9”, 160, 4 NL) Has a volatile relationship with his mentor, C.W. Anderson... Pinred Anderson for his biggest victory of the year... Competes primarily in Southern Championship Wrestling... His favorite move is the Steiner driver... Based in North Carolina... Has held the SCW tag team and North Carolina State titles, in addition to the World Wrestling Organization and Atlantic Coast Championship Lightweight belts.

BOOGALOO (9’6”, 225, 5 NL) This former All-American amateur wrestler has been training for the past year under Johnny Rodz... Known for his vicious suplexes and excellent shouting skills... Teams with Newdor as the Natural Born Sinner... Made his reputation in bloody, violent feuds with Dan Hill and The Baddies... Claims to now reside in Denton, Texas— In the abandoned house of the Von Erichs... Has held several singles titles in the Texas area, including WNW Continental and USA Pro New York State titles.
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430 **SCAB** (61°, 210, 4, 124) He and Natron Steele hold the Southern Championship Wrestling tag team title. Competes primarily in the South, with occasional tours of Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. Voted SCW tag team of the year by Dewey Chotom. The tomato bulb is his finisher. A three-time former SCW heavyweight champion.

431 **Norton Lewis** (61°, 211, 184, 21) Traded the UWW hardcore title with Macho Manmaina several times in 2001. Retired on October 13, 2001. Became a fan favorite after his career. Norton and Crozet battle bloodied their third son, Jeff Lewis. The Brotherhood turned against Norton. Along with Macho Man fans, they dominated the area. Norton and Crozet invaded the wrestling ring, bloodied Norton’s son, Jeff Lewis. The Brotherhood turned against Norton. Along with Macho Man fans, they dominated the area. Norton and Crozet invaded the wrestling ring, bloodied their third son, Jeff Lewis. The Brotherhood turned against Norton. Along with Macho Man fans, they dominated the area.

432 **Rollin’ Hard** (61°, 265, 5, 57) He and Mitch Page are the IWW tag team champions. They won the tournament in a final match that lasted from 1986 to 1997. Known for their variety of matches and claims to be the "food stamp champ.

433 **Brad Michaels** (61°, 190, 3, 3) Has competed in Bad Boys of Wrestling, Texas Outlaw Promotions, and Texas Championship Wrestling. Even traveled to Pennsylvania, where he appeared in Combat Zone Wrestling. Has sustained many injuries in a relatively brief career. Called "Bad Brad." His toughest opponent was Dark Angel. Uses either the platform or springboard DDT as his finisher. Has held the Texas Championship Wrestling heavyweight title.

434 **Hadjian** (61°, 220, 4, 267) Defeated Rob Eicko to win the vacant PWI American title on February 23. Teamed with Damian Adams to defeat Rapid Fire Maldonado and Alphonso Danger.


436 **Crusher Hanson** (61°, 260, 6, 352) No longer has a referee’s license to officiate his own matches. Has retired to his home in the Border city. Crushed the brain of his opponent in a match at the Great Lakes Arena in December. The NWA North American title belt from Quint Magoon, igniting a brutal feud. Added the title to his arsenal, still claiming that he’s related to Stan Hansen. Rewarded the Gavin stamp this year.

437 **Arch Kincaid** (61°, 220, 6, 114) The "Intelectual" wanted to be known as the "Techno Intellectual." He defeated the Backlash of Duke’s Damage manager, Brittan Summer, with a leather belt... Bathed Christopher Nowinski in a weapons match in January. Managed by the exotica, Cherry Payne... Lost a hard-fought match against Jimmy Snuka. His finishing maneuver in the Kin-cusion, a reverse neckbreaker.

438 **Norman Thax** (61°, 193, 4, 4) The current CFW North American champion... Also held the Cutting Edge Wrestling tag team title with Magnus as The Flamboyant Vegetables. Calls himself "Nearly God." His finishing maneuver in the "Skinbreaker," a variation of the Flairman... Competes in Newfoundland. Formerly known as the masked Dancer the Possessor.

439 **Johnny Maxx** (61°, 225, 2, 61) A fan favorite in the East Coast Wrestling Association and Pacific Coast Wrestling... Defeated the Japanese Pool Boy in a coin miner’s glove match... Rivals include Prince Nana, Jr., Mr. Osu La Lai, Mozan Fantani, Billy Bau, J.J. Johnston, and Ryan Wing... Aligns with Thunder, Buck Wyile, and Vince Goodale... The maximum overdrive is his finisher.

440 **Cruiser Lewis** (61°, 265, 4, 14) Competes in the United Wrestling Federation, which promotes throughout the Carolinas... He and his brother, Norton, have won 20 Indy tag team titles in eight years... Sadly, Cruiser and Macko kickboxed to turn against Norton... Won the UFW title twice this year... Cruiser and Macko have formed the New Brotherhood with Viper and Night Hawk.

441 **Franky the Monster** (61°, 206, 6, 121) Lost the NCW Quebec title to Pat King to protect his belt... Held the CWG strap in Quebec City... Also wrestled for the Apocalypse Wrestling Federation in Toronto... Wants a rematch with Quebec champ Jackal.

442 **Johnny Handsome** (61°, 228, 2, 51) One-half of The Chemical Cowboys... They lost the WCW tag team title to Dr. Luther and Juggernaut this year... Involved in competitive bodybuilding for five years... Placed first with a perfect score among light heavyweight at the 2000 Alberta Bodybuilding Championships and did the same at the 1999 Southern Alberta Bodybuilding Championships... Has trained for pro wrestling in all the great houses, from Sho Hart’s "Dangor" to Bret Hart’s house... The maximum overdrive is his finisher.

443 **Matt Vandal** (61°, 278, 2, 91) Competes in Phoenix Championship Wrestling, Cleveland All Pro Wrestling, and the ECWA... Considered PW’s hottest young star because of his style and finisher... Defeated Jukin Diener at a PCW show in Tom’s River, New Jersey. His finisher is the "too hard to handle" power bomb... Besides in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

444 **Stan Sierra** (61°, 265, 4, 4) Defeated Brock Lesnar for the WCW title in October 2001... "Undefeated wrestlers’ girlfriend, who had to see pictures with the fans... Has dominated Lesnar in the ensuing feud... Changed his nickname from the "Southern Owl" to "Sexy" after becoming more aggressive... Has incorporated the raps into his offense more this year... The most dangerous man in WCW... Also feud with John G.

445 **Sean Lei** (61°, 200, 3, 3) Defeated arch-rival Steve Perillo for the Championship Wrestling wrestling title... Co-holder of the Danger Zone Wrestling and Global Wrestling Alliance tag team championships with Sonjay Dutt... Accompanied by the lovely Lillly... Stars opponents with martial arts chops and kicks... Lost a hard-fought match to KYA Pro champion Brock Singeton at the first annual Howard

446 **Cash FLO** (61°, 250, 4, 3) This cocky star beat his trainer, Ian Rotten, to capture the NWA Mid-South title... Joined the heel clique of Rollo Hart, Mitch Page, and Dave Przack. Teamed with Rotten to defeat Hart and Page for the NWA Mid-South tag team belts in Indianapolis, but attacked his mentor immediately after... Rotten defeated Cash for the right to be a new championship partner... Can fly 16 feet across the ring to deliver the Alabama Jam and flies past the center of the ring with his 450 splash.

447 **David Lee Gilbert** (5°, 195, 7, 423) Spent most of the year feuding with "Big Dog" Butch Sawyer... Competes throughout the Mid-Atlantic... His signature move is the hammerlock... Calls himself "Simply Wonderful"... Voted the United States Wrestling Federation’s Wrestler of the Year... He was the very first UWFT champion... Has also held the USWF, SCW, NOA, and Cruiserweight titles, in addition to the Virginia light heavyweight belt.

448 **Simon** (61°, 220, 8, 418) Competed primarily in AWF affiliates this year... Defeated Major Havoc for the TriState Championship Wrestling title... Won the IAWW, championship twice, defeating Bodycrotch and Great Scott, respectively... Worshiped in Britain’s first-ever death match against CZW’s John Zandy... Wrestled Bodycrotch in a series of matches while on tour of the United Arab Emirates... His finishing maneuver is the toxic acid, an atomic spin to facebuster.

449 **Johnny Graham** (61°, 220, 19, 433) Has held several titles this year, including the World Star Wrestling cruiserweight and Trans-World Wrestling Alliance U.S. belts... Also the All-American Wrestling Federation tag team championship with Jessie Bell, and the Championship Wrestling Pro tag title, once with Major Mayhem and again with Taz... Competes throughout the Northeast... Teamed with Alphonso Danger and Shane Shadows... His finishing maneuver is the Graham cracker... Trained by Lara Anderson.
450 RUFFHOUSE RIVERA
(5’10”, 205, 20, 425) Decided to change his name from The Persian Prince to Ruffhouse Rivera following the September 11 terrorist attacks. Running “nuff about” through the East Coast Wrestling Association with his fellow thugs, Ryan Wing and Inferno... Celebrating his 20th year in the promotion... Lasted a match to Jeff Petron, who had just returned following a bout with cancer. Unfortunately, Petron’s career returned just a few weeks later... Feuding with Chestnut Master and Johnny Max. 

451 THE GODFATHER (6’3”, 222, 2, NL) Enters the ring wearing a fistful training gear... Competes in Otagan’s Apocalypse Wrestling Federation on Canada’s Atlantic coast... Trained by Ron Rushmore..... His finishing hold is a leglock called the “Fistula...” Considers himself “a high-flyin’, profiteer...”... A death-strike of a Grand Banks fisherman... Ric Flair couldn’t be reached for comment. 

452 SHAWN CHRISTOPHER (5’9”, 224, 7, 422) Held the WCW tag team title with Ric Flair from June 2001 until March 2002... Has acted citizen since losing to Flair in a tournament and成了 the WCW’s top contender to the WCW heavyweight belt... Feuding with The Louisville Mugger and Big Boss Country... Added some muscle over the past few months... Most colorful man in WCW... Now insists on being called “Showtime”... Uses the superkick... Backed in Kentucky. 

453 FLEX FENOM (5’10”, 220, 3, 467) Touted himself as “half-man, half-amazing”... Teamed with Aidan against John Rumble and Headshrinker Samu in a weapons match that was considered by many to be the greatest match of the year... And Aidan are now pursuing National Wrestling League tag team championships. Jack Hammer and Lash LaRoo... His finisher is the Phenomenal Flex-Flor... Who unified the House of Pain Wrestling Federation/NW navigation and wrestling. 

454 LESLIE LEATHERMAN (6’4”, 305, 3, NL) Teamed with Jake Dowd to defeat Flex Fenom and Aidan for the National Wrestling League tag team title on February 3 in Keyser, West Virginia... Also competes in Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Delaware... His signature maneuver is the sidewalk slam... Feuding with NW heavyweight champion Spazman Anthony. 

455 DAVE JOHNSON (6’7”, 262, 14, 419) A top wrestler in Florida’s Future of Wrestling... Defeated stars such as The Sandman, Terry Funk, Jerry Lawler. 

457 ROB ECCO (6’1, 210, 2, NL) Lost to Heatrub in a match for the vacant IWWF American title on February 23... Trained with Biggie Biggs to defeat Hadian and Daimon Adams for the Independent Wrestling Federation tag team title three weeks later... Considered more of a technical wrestler than Biggs... Competes throughout New Jersey and based in the IWF, but recently started branching out to other New Jersey-area promotions. 

458 BRIAN BEDLAM (6’3”, 315, 2, 465) Competes in NWA Pacific Northwest, Extreme Canada Championship Wrestling, and Northern California’s Big Time Wrestling... Beat Billy Two Eagles for another NWA Pacific Northwest/ECCW hardhat title at a September 11 event... Feuding with Dutch and Graham... His finisher is the “OSS: The Shoulder Shaker...” 

459 SPANKY MALONEY (5’10”, 265, 2, NL) Rare to stand out in the Southeastern Professional Wrestling Federation, which led to his appearances in NWA, NWA Wrestling Alliance and Turnbuckle Championship Wrestling... He and Brother Layton upset longtime champs The Sheik and the Sheik Jr. in a tag team title fight in front of a sellout crowd at the Kinky Recreational Center in Maine’s hometown of Portland, Florida... Became the youngest SWPF heavyweight champion of all-time when he defeated Tony Montana, substituting for Jumbo Atsuta in St. Petersburg... His finishing maneuver is the reverse neck-breaker.... Trained by Chris Nelson. 

460 GINO MARTINSON (5’11”, 312, 6, 477) Swapped the Chaotic Wrestling title with Rick Fuller in a series of brutal matches in 2001... Surrendered a neck injury in his title loss to Renato D. Liotus on September 7, 2001... Out of action for three months... Returned in early-2002 after losing 30 pounds... His finisher is the “OSS: The Shoulder Shaker...” 

461 STAMP LICKAGE (5’10”, 300, 5, NL) Considered dangerous because he’s capable of “going postal” at any moment... Has a high-flying arsenal despite his large size, which includes a 360 leaping from the top rope, the scissors kick, and a top rope walk into a building... His finisher is the choake slam... Lashes his hometown as “Post Office Road 911”... A former National Wrestling Federation champion... Held the NWF tag team title with T-Main... Became less popular with the advent of soft-adhesive stamps. 

462 ADAM BOOKER (6’4”, 248, 2, 460) Competes primarily in New England, with tours of the South and Midwest... Feuding with Frankie Armstrong and Dr. Hersey... Has a good showing against C.W. Anderson in the EWA... The current EWA heavyweight champion... Also held the EWA hardcore belt... Sometimes accompanied by Mike Kelly... His finishing maneuver is a backfist-off-the-top of a power bomb/inverted figure-four combo. 

463 ROMAN (6’1”, 232, 2, NL) Competes in New Jersey’s Independant Wrestling Federation... Managed by Mike Winner and a member of the Winner’s Circle... His finishing maneuver is the “OSS: The Shoulder Shaker...” A two-time former NWF champion... Also competes in NWA New Jersey and WFA Pennsylvania... Repeats include Chris Hamrick, Kevin Knight, Biggie Biggs, The Patriot, and Greg Matthews. 

465 C.B. CANE (5’11”, 228, 12, 462) Defeated The Mechanic to win the “Unbelievable” Thunder Wrestling Federation title after the promotion expanded in the Northern States division and Southern States division... Teams with his younger brother, YWF Southern States Junior heavyweight champ J.C. Cane... Tended to become more intense and aggressive this year... Continued to wrestle despite doctor’s orders to rest his knees. 

466 ROB NOXIOUS (5’8”, 249, 8, NL) Competes in several independents throughout the Northeast, including Classic Championship Wrestling and the Trans-World Wrestling Alliance... Trained by Steve Blackman and Johnny Graham... Turned against Graham and hired Harvey Wippleman as his manager... Sometimes managed by J.R. Manilla... Removes his partner, The American Jackals, for their sting of losses... His toughest opponents include John Balmain and Fummo... Lost his CWF title to rookie J. Money in a TLC match in April. 

467 BILLY REIL (5’11”, 201, 8, NL) Combines high-flying and technical skills, along with strong charisma... Wants to extend beyond the East Coast to independents throughout the U.S. and abroad in the upcoming year... Nicknamed “the Human Highlight”... Missed most of 2001 due to injury... Known for his “three,” the rivalry with Trent Ace... Trained by former NWA champion Dory Funk Jr. 

468 BROOKLYN ALLSTAR (6’2”, 235, 5, NL) A veteran of Midwest and Southern wrestling... Has held several regional titles... Known for his long-running feud with Ox Harv... Based in Hoosier Pro Wrestling... One of the most beloved wrestlers in that promotion... Demanding a shot at Hoosier Pro champion Ricky Roddock... Nails from Marseille Island, Louisiana. 

469 BOBBY COLLINS (5’7”, 150, 8, NL) Regained the Canadian Wrestling Federation junior heavyweight and hardcore titles, in addition to capturing the vacant heavyweight championship in May... May that makes him a champion three times over—to the dismay of the fans... Feuded with Cavenham Brooks and Cory Diamond... His finisher is the Collins crowd-pleaser, a leg drop off the top rope... Realigned himself with manager Frankie Mitchell... Nickname is “The Rebel.”
471 KELLY BELL (Six, 306, 2, NL) Maryland Championship Wrestling’s resident bluesman. The Kelly Bell Band is consistently ranked as Maryland’s top blues band by various publications. A former member of Total Quality Management who is now a fan favorite. Period Romeo Valentino for the Raw TV title, but Commissioner Michael Black forced him to return the belt because it wasn’t a sanctioned match. Produces music exclusively for WCW stars.

472 IDOL X (Six, 311, 240, 5, NL) Competes in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. Turned against his fans in Virginia Championship Wrestling. Rivals include Scab, Jacsy North, and Preston Quinn. His signature maneuver is the DDT. Calls himself “The Giant Superstar.” Hometown is Interstate, Pennsylvania. Lobbying for a shot at WCW champion Preston Quinn.

473 BOB KELLER (Six, 245, 8, 4, 306) Won the American Professional Wrestling title on two occasions as part of Absolutely Foul Play. Eliminated by Brock>Returns at the end of Championship Professional Wrestling’s “Wrestlehouse Brawl” on October 6. Sol revolt on Fantastic Force, by putting The Combat Kid out of action for a year with an elbow injury and defecting Brian Johnson to become the top contender to the Championship Professional Wrestling title. Competes in West Virginia. His finishing maneuver is the block. Defeated his stamping the year: “Rock ‘n Roll” is known for his purple ring attire.

474 JAKE DAMIEN (Six, 225, 4, 474) Rise to prominence in Virginia’s KYD Pro Wrestling. His best matches have been against Brock Scott. Competes throughout the Mid-Atlantic. Known as “The Ripper.” Has represented KYD Pro during tours of the U.K. and Ireland. Happy to be free of Alex Lear. A former KYD Pro heavyweight and Mid-Atlantic champion.

475 RICKY NOBLE (Six, 245, 3, 472) The current United Championship Wrestling champ (UCW’s most popular star). The main adversary of Black Truck and The Brotherhood. Competes in the Carolinas. Severely injured his back during the spring, but continued to wrestle. Feuding with Apollo Adams and Ken Farner in East Coast Wrestling. Also teams with Divina in Ring of Honor. A former World of Hurt and Pro Wrestling champion.

476 JUNIOR POOL (Six, 180, 3, 438) Competes in Delaware and Pennsylvania. Masked man considered the most exciting star in East Coast Wrestling Association. Wears a different outfit every time he appears at an arena. Won’t hesitate to dress in drag or dance like Madonna. Also uses a different stage name for each ring entrance: Has battled with Rich Myers, Red, and Now-Who? Appears in Pro Wrestling on occasion. If he spent half the time he allows to his entrances on improving his wrestling techniques, he’d be in the top contender.

477 BUCKO HOLLAND (Six, 250, 1, 113, 473) Competes in the Midwest, primarily in the Nu Wave Wrestling Association. Held the NWA and POW titles. He and Wang Kong hold the NWA tag team belts. Feuded with Bundy, Billy Joe Eaton, and Vladimir Ramandu. His finisher is the ring bell. Managed by Bill Kennedy. Plans to compete in an upcoming tournament for the vacant NWA championship.

478 MACK TRUCK (Six, 269, 5, 2) Competed in wrestling’s first “prophet” match against Joe Gunns. Now on ballot for best wrestler. A vegetarian, looks like a摘拳ist. A former UCW champion. The chunk and power bomb are his signature moves.

479 DERICK NEIKIN (Six, 240, 2, NL) This former professional baseball player has adapted well to wrestling. Joined the expanded ranks of the AG Squad this year and has been impressive since joining the group. Currently teams with Chet Johnson, with whom he won the NWA tag team title from Cody Hawk and Tony B. Native of Phoenix, Arizona.

480 RICK SLYCROFT (Six, 220, 4, NL) Competes throughout the Northeast. A member of The Hardcore Society—also comprised of Danger, Mike Hardy, and Kenny O’connor—ambi-fi-nation of Port Huron Wrestling. Also teams with Bubba in Ring of Honor. A former World of Hurt and Pro Wrestling champion.

481 LEO LUCAS (Six, 225, 4, NL) Competes in New Jersey. Competes primarily for World Power Wrestling. His finishers include the Fireman’s lift and the Bodysnapper splash. Dressed as Gumby, the green clay-mutton character, on occasion. Dominates POW Senior Winter Dan Murphy in a sparing session this year.

482 LORIDA (Six, 170, 2, NL) This young cruiserweight is making quite a reputation for himself in the New York, Pennsylvania, and Florida regions. He has been a tag team wrestler in the past, but now concentrates on his singles career. His unorthodox wrestling style includes a wide array of fips, kodes, and suplexes as well as the shining wizard and Rock bottom. Has feuded with Brian XL and Abnual. Recently started aligning himself with the Natural Born Sinners and adopting a more sinister, violent persona.

483 JONATHAN HOLLAND (Six, 220, 4, NL) The Chaotic Wrestling New England champion claims he was coneusted in the bowels of Studio 54 in New York City. He won a bout to unify his light heavyweight title with John Walters’ TV belt and New England championship. Dances with ABBA’s “Dancing Queen” before his matches. Yeah, he’s one of those... Has held the NWA tag team title with Knuckles Nelson.

484 MIKE KNOX (Six, 260, 5, NL) Teams with his cousin Marshall Knox as The Urban Outlaws. Hollywood and Hemoth. The Quantum and Hardcore Inc. Among their rivals, their greatest enemies are Native Blood. Injured his arm when he entered the ring. His brainwashing revenge is a huge ex-tractor hold—“He’s competed in Ultimate Pro Wrestling since 1999.”

485 BUCKY BLEDSOE (Six, 240, 4, NL) Trained at Dory Funk Jr.’s Funky Curtain in Florida. That led to a feud with Funk’s son, Adam Valentine. Teamed with Striker and feuded with Wagner Brown in the East Coast Wrestling Association. Competes as a single in Pococo Championship Wrestling. Generally relies on his power to win matches.

486 TERRY KNOTT (Six, 234, 13, 483) Hit hard by NWA World fans because of his lack of personality. One of the finest mat technicians in the promotion, he’s known for having his body set alight when he teamed with David Young against Rick Martel and Scott Steiner at the “Inferno flaming table match... Back in the ring with bandages a week later.”
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**490 RUSTY RIDDLE** (6'4, 265, 15, NL) Teaming with Shawn Royal as Total Destruction in NWA Wildside...Challenged NWA tag team champions The New Heavenly Bodies in Georgia and Florida...Riddle and Royal teamed with Tank in an exciting match against Blackout and New Jack Wildside television recently...Trained by the late Nevin Royal...A preliminary wrestler for Jim Crockett Promotions for several years.

**491 BRANDON WALKER** (6'10, 220, 5, 481) Won the Old School Wrestling Federation title this year...Also wrestled in Missouri’s World League Wrestling on occasion...Competes in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Missouri...His signature moves are the missile dropkick and sit-down crucifix...Sidelined for two weeks with a separated shoulder...Nicknamed "Thunderbolt."

**492 BUTTER** (6'2, 232, 5, NL) Won the Douglas Chandler Memorial battle royal...He and The Hacker are the top contenders to the Starter City tag team title...His finishing maneuver is the diamond guter...Carries a piece of gutter with him and refers to it as "Cindy"...Claims to hear "voices"...Has held the NWA Great Lakes and NWA belts...Graduated from the YA-AM Wrestling School in Windsor, Ontario.

**493 SAMIR** (6'8, 195, 3, NL) His bad feelings for Joey Carmyn emerged again this year, causing the breakup of The Overboy tag team...They fed off and on throughout the year, then reconciled for matches in Hardway Wrestling, the International Wrestling Cartel, and Central States Wrestling...Returned to NWA Wildside for appearances...The Overboy have held the SPW, NWA, and TCW tag team titles.

**494 LUIS ORTIZ** (6'6, 205, 6, NL) Teamed with Little Guido Maritato to capture the Chaotic Wrestling tag team title in August of last year...Became the first wrestler to win only three Chaotic Wrestling championships when he defeated Ronnie D. Lihsius for the heavyweight belt in December..."Latin Fury" stunned fans by joining the host clique known as The Office...Lost the Chaotic Wrestling Title to Averne Steven on May 18...Possesses a breathtaking Afoa moonsault...The Puerto Rico native has competed for George Takanos World Wrestling in Japan.

**495 OL FACTER** (5'6, 255, 6, NL) Competes throughout the South...His hardcore matches with Madman Pondo are always a smorgasbord of violence...Newly returned to the hardcore style and exhibit his technical ability...One of the most popular stars in Hoosier Pro Wrestling...Locked in a bitter feud with Gator McElister...A two-time former Hoosier Pro champion.

**496 SHANE SHADOWS** (6'2, 230, 10, NL) This hated wrestler has spent much of the past year feuding with Johnny Graham in CPW and the TWNA...Teamed with Brian Johnson to capture the Championship Pro tag team title on two occasions...Best Smilieheads for the Championship Pro heavyweight belt on April 27...Now defending the title against Bob Kellor...Competes in West Virginia.

**497 CHRIST VENOM** (6'6, 214, 2, NL) Competes throughout New England...One of the most popular stars in PWF Northeast...Lost a match to Billy Boxx at PWF Northeast’s “Convergence..." But Xack Acknowledges Venom’s tenacity...Rivals include Chris Hammond, Adam Brocker, The Damned, and Dr. Heresy...Engaged in a major feud with Billy Boxx...Also wrestled in Northeast Championship Wrestling and the Eastern Wrestling Alliance...His signature maneuvers are the burning hammer on inverted Death Valley driver and a modified T-bone suplex...Nicknamed "The Revolution."

**498 FRANKIE CAPONE** (5'10, 221, 7, NL) Defended the Southern championship Wrestling title despite Nova in a steel cage during an Extreme Warfield Wrestling show...Based in Florida, where he competes in SOW, PW Hardcore Wrestling, the Christian Wrestling Federation, John Tenta’s Western Wrestling, New Generation Wrestling, and United Florida Championship Wrestling...Feuded with Prince launke in I.F.W. Competed in ECW, Music City Wrestling, and the USWA in years past...Attended Adrian Street’s Skull Crushers Wrestling School.

**499 MATT RICHARDS** (205, 7, NL) Feuded with Bill Yorts, Dr. Luther, and Jugemus...Competes in Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba...Defeated Savion Tyler, Phoenix Taylor, Rick Vain, and Jason Booker this year...His signature moves include a triple-jump moonsault, a triple-jump plancha to the floor, and a fingerlock Frankenteiner...Known as "Jawlines...A two-time CWE Newfoundland Heritage champ.

**500 DEREK McQUINN** (5'9, 200, 1, NL) His early months in World League Wrestling were so impressive that he was awarded a spot at Dennis McQuay’s heavyweight title after only a half a year...Defeated Marc Goldberg in his debut on September 19, 2001 almost exactly forty years after Bill Goldberg’s first match...NNNNNNN...Made the unfortunate decision to take shortout as a member of The Gold Exchange...His flying forearm and spear are devastating enough to earn clean pinfalls, however...Known as "Destructive Derek...Trained by former NWA World champion Kenko Royce.

**501 JIMMY LEE** (5'4, 185, 5, NL) His bad feelings for Joey Carmyn emerged again this year, causing the breakup of The Overboy tag team...They fed off and on throughout the year, then reconciled for matches in Hardway Wrestling, the International Wrestling Cartel, and Central States Wrestling...Returned to NWA Wildside for appearances...The Overboy have held the SPW, NWA, and TCW tag team titles.

The list of active wrestlers is always changing. Since last year’s "PWI 500" came out, some wrestlers have migrated to different federations or changed their names. Others are now injured, inactive, or retired. Still others have dropped from your page’s year’s survey for other reasons.

Keys are as follows (D) deceased; (DL) disabled list throughout a major portion of the year; (f) inactive; (NC) name change; (NL) not listed; (R) retired.