

Wrestling Universe: 2025

Year End Review

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WWE

WIN. What is it, exactly? Does it mean to surpass all expectations? Is it the opposite of "Lose"? Some skeptics believe that this is all a part of another revolving door of power. But is it? Perhaps, the Wrestling International Network is simply just an alternative to the World of Wrestling. I mean, what would ice cream be like if only vanilla existed? We wouldn't have chocolate or strawberries. My view is that WWE will only become better under the WIN umbrella. I also believe that WWE doesn't have a pivot problem. Moxley and Reigns were not stripped of the WWE Tag Team Championships. They vacated them because Jon Moxley decided to sign a contract with TNA. Believe me, TNA is not a minor league promotion. That company at one point housed Christian Cage. Now, the revamped TNA has even more star power. I am talking about men like Matt Cardona and Nic Nemeth to name a few. This is not an issue of having a pivot problem but simply nothing more than a pivot. Another view is that WWE has a weak mid card. Skeptics say that Chad Gable has lost steam since Doc Brown signed with AEW. However, Chad Gable is a dual champion in WWE. He is the United States Champion and the Intercontinental Champion. I believe that Doc left him a good place. As sad as it was to see John Cena lose the World Championship to Seth Rollins, we need to recognize that Seth is absolutely a worthy champion. If anyone can lead a company into a brand new year, it is Seth Rollins. I don't believe that we have seen the last of John Cena either. It is my belief that Seth actually tried to give rebirth to a ULW title that has not been well received by the

wrestling universe. The ULW title was a hot potato being passed from person to person. In my humble opinion, the WWE title is the standard in the wrestling universe. Here is why. It is the only championship that resembles the original WWF title or USWA title's popularity. This isn't to discredit BWM Inc. because make no mistake, the only thing that the AEW title is missing is time or a long reigning champion. The Rock has brought legitimacy to the WWE Championship as he approaches holding the title for two years. The title also obtained true status by being pursued by the legend, Jesse Ventura. Jesse had an amazing retirement tour that saw him tying Slammu's record of most world title wins. His career made the wrestling universe what it is today and The Rock is advancing that universe and helping it to evolve. If WWF is the O.G era then WWE is as the Wrestling International Network puts it... the Apex Era.

AEW

This was an incredible year for All Elite Wrestling. It is safe to say that BWM Inc. has shed the stigma of being erratic. The storytelling and pacing was on par throughout the year. I found myself heavily invested in the evolution of High Minded and the drama that went on between Midget Hogan and Lady Love with the reveal of their son, Young Crock. Will Ospreay soared to amazing heights as he became AEW Champion and the face of the company. For me, he is a different breed of World Champion. The way that AEW has weaved the Mouse family saga into its programming has opened up a new world of possibility. To see this story play out with less mysticism

and supernatural elements has brought a level of realism to an incredible storyline. Doc Brown has found himself making even better T.V. than he did in WWE. What is the mad scientist actually creating? Should AEW be concerned? Paul Heyman and Doc Brown crossing paths may have been my favorite thing to see in 2025. I have it on good authority that Mr. Murrey plans on extending an invite to Paul Heyman to be inducted into the WIN Hall of Fame. It is very safe to assume that Sean Olson and Brandon Lee had one of the best feuds this past year.

ULW

As we close out the year, it was a breath of fresh air to see Brock Anderson win the Providence Championship. I believe that Anderson has the potential to be one of the greatest stars of this new era! Personally, I am not a fan of the ULW 40 Man tournament for the ULW Undisputed World Championship. Mostly, because I hate long tournaments. However, this tournament does offer us the opportunity to see new developing feuds and storylines. Hopefully, whomever wins will have a decent run as Champion. In my opinion, Vince Russo has made a much better T.V. personality in ULW than he did while in WWE. I cannot stop laughing whenever he enters the frame. Bro Theory could be a sitcom on the CW.