



Ed Lewis with Lou Thesz and Ric Flair with Adam Pearce. Lewis was the most dominant champion in the 1920s and 30s, Thesz was the greatest champion of the 1940s, 50s and 60s and Flair was the most dominant champion of the 1980s and early 90s. Adam Pearce may be the most dominant NWA champion of the 2010s.



World Greco Roman Wrestling Championship
William Muldoon (defeats Thiebaud Bauer)
Ernest Roerber
Beck Olsen
Tom Cannon

European Wrestling Championship
Tom Cannon (defeats William Miller)
Carl Abbs
Ernest Roerber
Beck Olsen
Tom Cannon

American Wrestling Championship
Edwin Bibby (defeats Duncan C. Ross)
Joe Acton
Evan "Strangler" Lewis
Martin "Farmer" Burns
Dan McLeod
Tom Jenkins
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Tom Jenkins
Tom Jenkins



Jack Brisco and Brent Albright were both awarded a red version of the NWA championship

World Heavyweight Championship
1. George Hackenschmidt (also defeat Tom Jenkins)
2. Frank Gotch
3. Gus Schoenlein (def Fred Beel)
4. Stanislaus Zbyszko
5. Charlie Cutler
6. Joe Stecher
7. Earl Caddock
8. Joe Stecher [2]
9. Ed Lewis [1] [3]
10. Stanislaus Zbyszko
11. Ed Lewis [2] [4]
12. Wayne Munn
13. Stanislaus Zbyszko
14. Joe Stecher [3]
15. Ed Lewis [3] [5]
16. Gus Sonnenberg (stripped by NWA and NY State)

Disputed world championship
John Olin
Ed "Strangler" Lewis [1]
Wladek Zbyszko
Ed "Strangler" Lewis [2]
Wladek Zbyszko
Joe Stecher (unifies with main line)



NWA & NYS World Championship
17. Dick Shikat (def Jim Londos)
18. Jim Londos
Stripped in NY. Still rec by NWA

NY State Athletic Commission World Heavyweight Championship
Ed Lewis [7] [2] (def Jack Sherry)
Jim Browning
Jim Londos [2]

ORIGINAL NWA National Wrestling Association World Heavyweight Championship
18. Jim Londos (def Dick Shikat)

Ed Don George
Ed Lewis [4] [6]
ORIGINAL AWA: American Wrestling Assoc World Heavyweight Championship (Boston)
Henri DeGlane (def Ed Lewis)
Ed Don George [2]

Disputed Heavyweight Championship California and Illinois
Ed Lewis [7]
Unified with NY State version

Unified World Heavyweight Championship
19. Danpo O'Mahoney [3]

Los Angeles/Philadelphia World Heavyweight Championship
Vincent Lopez
Dave Levin
Dean Detton
Bronko Nagurski
Jim Londos [3]
Rube Wright
Babe Sharkey
Enrique Torres
Gorgeous George
Enrique Torres [2]
Baron Michele Leone
Lou Thesz [1] [7]

National Wrestling Alliance World Heavyweight Championship
Roy Dunn (forfeit Ray Steele)
Ed Virag
John Grandovich
Ed Virag [2]
Roy Dunn [2]
Bill Longson [1] [2]
Ray Steele
Dave Levin
Orville Brown
Sonny Myers
Orville Brown [2]
Lou Thesz [1] [6]

National Wrestling Association NWA World Heavyweight Championship
20. Dick Shikat
21. Ali Baba
John Pesek (awarded and stripped)
22. Everett Marshall (awarded in 1938)
23. Lou Thesz [1]
24. Steve Casey
25. Everett Marshall
26. Lou Thesz [2] [3]
27. Bronko Nagurski
28. Ray Steele
29. Bronko Nagurski [2]
30. Sandor Szabo
31. Bill Longson
32. Yvon Robert
33. Bobby Managoff
34. Bill Longson [2]
35. Whipper Billy Watson
36. Lou Thesz [3] [4]
37. Bill Longson [3]
38. Lou Thesz [4] [5]

Ring Magazine Heavyweight Championship
Dave Levin
Dean Detton
Bronko Nagurski
Jim Londos [3]
Recognised as per boxing to the 'rightful' World Champion. Recognised as last linear champion until 1946 retirement

American Wrestling Assoc (Boston) World Heavyweight Championship
Yvon Robert
Lou Thesz [1] [2]
Steve Casey
Marv Westenberg
Gus Sonnenberg [2]
Steve Casey [2]
Ed Don George [3]
Steve Casey [3]
French Angel
Steve Casey [4]
French Angel [2]
Steve Casey [5]
Sandor Szabo
Frank Sexton
Steve Casey [6]
Frank Sexton [2]
Don Eagle
Gorgeous George
Lou Thesz [2] [8]

AWA (Ohio) Championship
Don Eagle [2]
Bill Miller
Don Arnold
Buddy Rogers
Don Arnold [2]
Buddy Rogers [2]
Antonino Rocca
Buddy Rogers [3]
Stripped

National Wrestling Alliance & National Wrestling Association NWA World Heavyweight Championship
38. Lou Thesz [1] [8]
39. Whipper Watson
40. Lou Thesz [2] [9]
41. Dick Hutton
42. Pat O'Connor
43. Buddy Rogers [1] [4]
44. Lou Thesz [3] [10]
45. Gene Kiniski
46. Dory Funk Jr.
47. Harley Race
48. Jack Brisco
49. Giant Baba
50. Jack Brisco [2]
51. Terry Funk
52. Harley Race [2]
53. Dusty Rhodes
54. Harley Race [3]
55. Giant Baba [2]
56. Harley Race [4]
57. Giant Baba [3]
58. Harley Race [5]
59. Tommy Rich
60. Harley Race [6]
61. Dusty Rhodes [2]
62. Ric Flair

Jack Veneno
Ric Flair
Victor Jovica
Ric Flair
Carlos Colon
Ric Flair

63. Harley Race [7]
64. Ric Flair [2]
65. Harley Race [8]
66. Ric Flair [3]
67. Kerry Von Erich
68. Ric Flair [4]
69. Dusty Rhodes [3]
70. Ric Flair [5]
71. Ronnie Garvin
72. Ric Flair [6]
73. Ricky Steamboat
74. Ric Flair [7]
75. Sting
76. Ric Flair [8] (first WCW Champ)
77. Tatum Fujiwami
78. Ric Flair [9] (vacant when left for WWF)
NWA & WCW titles vacated

AWA (Colorado) Heavyweight Championship
Don Leo Jonathan
Karl Gotch
Lou Thesz [1] [11]

World (Disputed in Omaha) Heavyweight Championship
Lou Thesz [2] [9]
Edouard Carpentier
Verne Gagne
Wilbur Snyder
Dick the Bruiser
Wilbur Snyder [2]
Dr. X (Bill Miller)
Don Leo Jonathan
Bill Miller [2]
Don Leo Jonathan [2]
Verne Gagne
Gene Kiniski
Verne Gagne
Bill Miller
Verne Gagne
Crusher Lisowski
Verne Gagne
Fritz Von Erich
Verne Gagne
Crusher Lisowski [2]
Verne Gagne [6]
Mad Dog Vachon
Verne Gagne [7]
Mad Dog Vachon [2]
Mighty Igor Vodic
Mad Dog Vachon [3]
Crusher Lisowski [3]
Mad Dog Vachon [4]
Dick the Bruiser
Mad Dog Vachon [5]
Verne Gagne [8]
Dr. X (Dick Beyer)
Verne Gagne [9]
Nick Bockwinkel
Verne Gagne [10]
Nick Bockwinkel [2]
Otto Wanz
Nick Bockwinkel [3]
Jumbo Tsuruta
Rick Martel
Stan Hansen
Nick Bockwinkel [3]
Curt Hennig
Jerry Lawler
Mr. Saito
Larry Zbyszko [2]
AWA title vacated

AWA (Minnesota) World Heavyweight Championship
Pat O'Connor
Verne Gagne
Gene Kiniski
Verne Gagne
Bill Miller
Verne Gagne
Crusher Lisowski
Verne Gagne
Fritz Von Erich
Verne Gagne
Crusher Lisowski [2]
Verne Gagne [6]
Mad Dog Vachon
Verne Gagne [7]
Mad Dog Vachon [2]
Mighty Igor Vodic
Mad Dog Vachon [3]
Crusher Lisowski [3]
Mad Dog Vachon [4]
Dick the Bruiser
Mad Dog Vachon [5]
Verne Gagne [8]
Dr. X (Dick Beyer)
Verne Gagne [9]
Nick Bockwinkel
Verne Gagne [10]
Nick Bockwinkel [2]
Otto Wanz
Nick Bockwinkel [3]
Jumbo Tsuruta
Rick Martel
Stan Hansen
Nick Bockwinkel [3]
Curt Hennig
Jerry Lawler
Mr. Saito
Larry Zbyszko [2]
AWA title vacated

WWA (Los Angeles) World Heavyweight Championship
Edouard Carpentier
Fred Blassie
Rikidozan
Fred Blassie [2]
The Destroyer
Fred Blassie [3]
Bearcat Wright
Edouard Carpentier [2]
Fred Blassie [4]
Dick the Bruiser
The Destroyer [2]
Bob Ellis
The Destroyer [3]
Pedro Morales
Luke Graham
Pedro Morales [2]
Buddy Austin
Bobo Brazil
Buddy Austin [2]
Lou Thesz [1] [12]
Mark Lewin
Kim II
Mike DiBiase
Buddy Austin [3]
Bobo Brazil [2]
Rejoins the NWA

NWA International World Heavyweight Championship
Lou Thesz [self awarded]
Rikidozan
Giant Baba
Bobo Brazil
Giant Baba
Gene Kiniski
Giant Baba
Bobo Brazil
Kintaro Ohki
Dory Funk Jr
Bruce Reed
Dory Funk Jr
Bruiser Brody
Dory Funk Jr
Bruiser Brody
Jumbo Tsuruta
Stan Hansen
Jumbo Tsuruta
Bruiser Brody
Jumbo Tsuruta
Unified with PWF World Title and NWA United National Championship



Lou Thesz presented his NWA title belt to Nobuhiko Takada in UWFI



UWFI champ Takada faced WCW champ Vader for the old NWA belt



NWA champion Dan Severn won the Ultimate Fighting Championship

National Wrestling Alliance NWA World Heavyweight Championship
79. Masahiro Chono (def Rick Rude)
80. The Great Muta
81. Barry Windham
82. Ric Flair [10] [12]

National Wrestling Alliance NWA World Heavyweight Championship
83. Shane Douglas (def Scorpio)
84. Chris Candido (def Tracy Smothers)
85. Dan Severn
86. Naoya Ogawa
87. Gary Steele
88. Naoya Ogawa [2]
89. Mike Rapada (def Jerry Flynn)
90. Sabu
91. Mike Rapada [2]
92. Steve Corino
93. Shin'ya Hashimoto
94. Dan Severn [2]
95. Ken Shamrock (wins battle royal)
96. Ron Killings
97. Jeff Jarrett [1] [5]
98. A.J. Styles
99. Jeff Jarrett [2] [6]
100. A.J. Styles [2]
101. Ron Killings [2]
102. Jeff Jarrett [3] [7]
103. A.J. Styles [3]
104. Raven
105. Jeff Jarrett [4] [8]
106. Rhino
107. Jeff Jarrett [5] [9]
108. Christian Cage
109. Jeff Jarrett [6] [10]
110. Sting [2] [10]
111. Abyss
112. Christian Cage [2] (vacated when TNA leaves NWA)
113. Adam Pearce (def Brent Albright)
114. Brent Albright
115. Adam Pearce [2]
116. Blue Demon Jr.
117. Adam Pearce [3]
118. Colt Cabana
119. The Sheik (unifies with disputed AWA title. Stripped of NWA title but continues to claim title)
120. Adam Pearce [4] wins tournament
121. Colt Cabana [2]

World Championship Wrestling International Championship
Ric Flair [1] [13]
Rick Rude
Hiroshi Hase
Rick Rude [2]
Sting (vacated) [1] [4]
Sting (def Vader) [2] [5]

World Championship Wrestling Unified Championship
Ric Flair [3] [16]
Title continues as WCW championship for several years until bought by WWE.

Zero One AWA World Heavyweight Championship
Yuji Nagata (defeats Tanaka)
Shinjiro Ohtani
Ryoji Sai
Masato Tanaka [2]
Toshiaki Kawada
Kohei Sato
Bambi Killer
Daisuke Sekimoto
Ryoji Sai [2]
The Sheik (loses Zero One title, but defeats Larry Zbyszko for his version of the belt)

AWA Superstars World Heavyweight Championship
Jonnie Stewart
King Kong Bundy
Dale Gagne
Danny Dominion
Larry Gligorovich
Eric Priest
Evan Karagias
Danny Dominion
Evan Karagias
Matt Wiese
Evan Karagias
Takao Ohmori
Steve Corino
Shinjiro Ohtani
Takao Ohmori
Ric Converse
Steve Corino
Takao Ohmori
Masato Tanaka

AWA Superstars Heavyweight Championship
Larry Zbyszko (awarded)
Ricky Landell
Keith Walker

American Wrestling Affiliates Heavyweight Championship
Brian Logan (defeats Zbyszko)
Tony Givens
Brian Logan
Robbie Cassidy
Chris Richards
Becomes NWA Smoky Mountain.



Eight time NWA champion Harley Race



NWA champion Ken Shamrock was also a UFC champion



The Sheik unified the NWA and AWA (Zero One version) titles