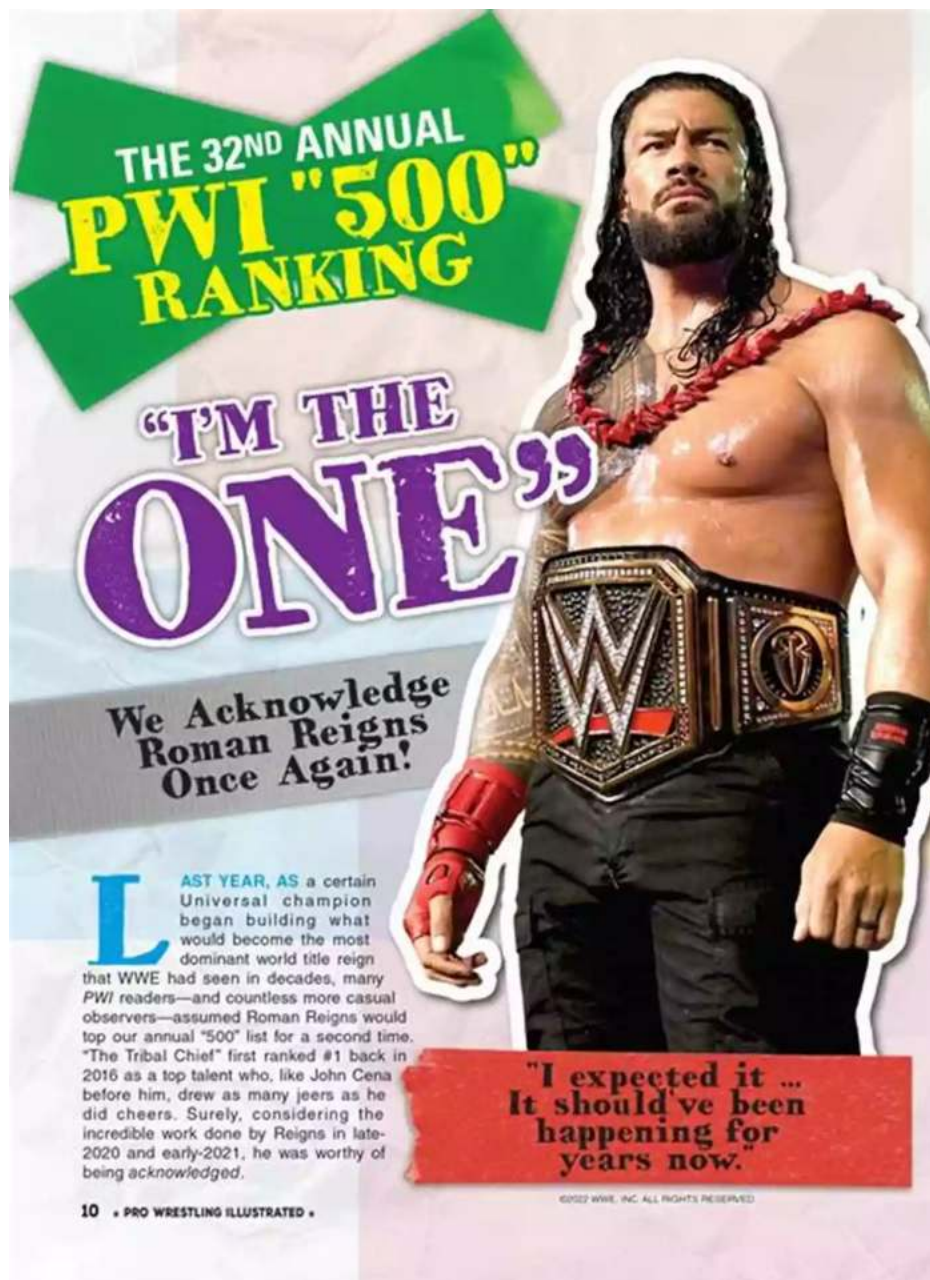


# The Pro Wrestling Illustrated 31st Annual PWI 500 Issue December 2021: A Celebration of Wrestling Excellence



**THE 32ND ANNUAL  
PWI "500"  
RANKING**

**"I'M THE  
ONE"**

**We Acknowledge  
Roman Reigns  
Once Again!**

**L**AST YEAR, AS a certain Universal champion began building what would become the most dominant world title reign that WWE had seen in decades, many *PWI* readers—and countless more casual observers—assumed Roman Reigns would top our annual "500" list for a second time. "The Tribal Chief" first ranked #1 back in 2016 as a top talent who, like John Cena before him, drew as many jeers as he did cheers. Surely, considering the incredible work done by Reigns in late-2020 and early-2021, he was worthy of being acknowledged.

**"I expected it ...  
It should've been  
happening for  
years now."**

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It's that time of the year again when Pro Wrestling Illustrated, the leading authority in professional wrestling, unveils its highly anticipated annual edition,

the PWI 500. As the wrestling community awaits the release of the 31st Annual PWI 500 Issue in December 2021, fans and wrestlers alike gear up for the celebration of wrestling excellence.

## An Iconic Ranking System

Since its inception in 1991, the PWI 500 has established itself as the definitive list of the top 500 wrestlers worldwide. What sets this ranking system apart is its dedication to considering various factors beyond mere win-loss records. The PWI 500 takes into account a wrestler's in-ring skills, overall impact, championships held, quality of competition, and crowd reaction to create a comprehensive evaluation.



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The high prestige of the PWI 500 lies in its consistent commitment to reflecting the ever-changing landscape of professional wrestling. It captures not only the biggest names in the industry but also recognizes rising stars, underdogs, and international talents who have carved their niche.

## The Impact of the PWI 500

The PWI 500 has proven to be a definitive guide and a testament to the hard work and dedication of professional wrestlers. Ranked wrestlers gain immense recognition and validation for their efforts, as the PWI 500 serves as an acknowledgment of their contributions to the sport. In turn, those who make the list are celebrated by fans and often receive significant opportunities and exposure within the industry.

For fans, the PWI 500 provides a valuable resource to discover new talent and expand their knowledge of various wrestling scenes. It sparkles debates and discussions as fans compare their opinions with the rankings, leading to the exploration of different wrestling styles, federations, and events.

## **Controversy and Excitement**

As with any subjective ranking system, the PWI 500 has generated its fair share of controversy and excitement throughout its three-decade history. Wrestling fans are passionate and opinionated, and the debates sparked by the rankings often fuel the fire in the wrestling community.

Some fans vigorously show their support for their favorite wrestlers, urging others to rally behind them and push for their higher placement. On the other hand, unexpected rankings generate buzz, polarize opinions, and fuel anticipation for future storylines and rivalries.

## **The Road to Ranking Glory**

Months before the release of the PWI 500 Issue, the excitement builds as wrestling fans speculate on who will top the list and who will make notable entries. As the year progresses, wrestling promotions go into overdrive, creating memorable matches and moments to secure their talent's place in the rankings.

For wrestlers, making a mark in the PWI 500 means everything. It represents recognition from fellow professionals, validation from critics, and an opportunity to showcase their skills to a wider audience. The road to reaching the upper echelons of the PWI 500 is paved with triumphs, rivalries, and unforgettable moments that etch a wrestler's name into wrestling history.

## **A Celebration of Excellence**

The December 2021 issue of Pro Wrestling Illustrated marks the 31st Annual PWI 500, and it promises to be a grand celebration of excellence in professional wrestling. From the compelling rankings to the in-depth wrestler profiles, this edition caters to fans of all backgrounds, offering a comprehensive overview of the state of wrestling across the globe.

The PWI 500 Issue also unveils the winner of the prestigious Wrestler of the Year award, an accolade that cements a wrestler's status as a true icon of their era. Previous winners have included legends such as Stone Cold Steve Austin, The Rock, and John Cena, among many others.

Furthermore, the December issue of Pro Wrestling Illustrated features interviews with top-ranking wrestlers, behind-the-scenes stories, and exclusive looks at the future of the industry. The magazine delves into the heart and soul of professional wrestling, capturing the passion, dedication, and dreams that make it a beloved form of entertainment.

The Pro Wrestling Illustrated 31st Annual PWI 500 Issue December 2021 is a highly anticipated event in the wrestling world. With its iconic ranking system, impact on wrestlers and fans, controversy, and excitement, the PWI 500 has become an essential part of professional wrestling culture.

As fans eagerly anticipate the release of the PWI 500 Issue, they can expect an engaging and comprehensive celebration of wrestling excellence. From the top-ranked wrestlers to rising stars and international talents, this issue presents the best of the best and offers an exciting glimpse into the future of professional wrestling.



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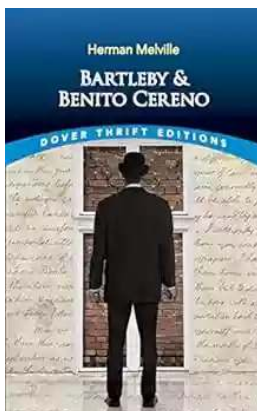
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