

Best Of 2018: Female Wrestler Of The Year



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Why I didn't have this in the original group of categories isn't clear but stupidity would be a likely candidate. The women's division has become one of the best things going in all of wrestling today and there is no reason for them not to have their own category. I remember once saying that we might as well rename the Worst Match Of The Year as Worst Women's Match Of The Year so things have certainly turned around.

Charlotte

Let's just get her out of the way early. She's been very solid as usual, but there are people who have just been better. It makes sense to have her be in a prominent spot, but right now other women are better suited for the spot and they would be smart to have Charlotte stay away from being champion. Let her be the established star of the division while others take the top spots. It makes more sense that way and above all else, gives us a little break from her.

Shayna Baszler

She's kind of been forgotten down in NXT but my goodness she's turned into a star. There's this natural confidence about her

and it's playing very well with the subdued actions and natural fighting skills. Just let her keep being herself and she'll make a heck of a splash on the main roster. As great as the NXT women's division has been, Baszler is the only two time champion. That's the case for a reason.

Toni Storm

If there has ever been a more perfect fit for WWE's vision of a prodigy, I don't know who is it. Storm is 23 years old, has been wrestling for nearly ten years (seriously), has confidence, a following, and happens to be rather attractive. What else could you possibly ask for in a star of the future? She's going to be a big deal in WWE and the only question right now is when.

Sidebar: I'm not putting Rhea Ripley on here because I don't think Storm had the best year and given how many times the two are compared, I don't think Ripley is above Storm, meaning it's hard to say she's the best right now. She's very good, but not quite as good as the others listed.

Kairi Sane

Back in the first Mae Young Classic, it was clear that Sane was a star in the making. We knew she was going to be good but the question became how good could she be. Well it turns out the answer is quite good, as she's gotten the hang of the NXT style very well and has had an awesome feud with Baszler. She's grown on me a lot and with some more experience over here, she could be a rather nice addition to the main rosters.

Tessa Blanchard

She might not be as well known but Blanchard has turned into one of the best things about Impact for a long time now. With a near perfect combination of looks, charm, talking abilities and work, there's very little missing from her. I know she's had the issues with her personality and attitude, but dang she

can make you forget it with just how good she really is at everything.

Ronda Rousey

You knew it was going to be her or the other one. Here's the thing about Rousey: she's still a rookie and while she's almost a natural, a lot of that is due to her previous (good, not bad in this case) reputation. It's a case of everyone being impressed by her before she even gets in the ring and that holds her back just a bit. That and she can't act to save her life, but that's the case for a lot of people in wrestling.

And now...oh of course you know.

Becky Lynch

Yeah who else was it going to be? She's turned this recent turn into something incredibly special, but don't forget how good she was before the Man stuff started. Becky is as complete of a package as you can get in wrestling and this push is long overdue (check the old reviews to see me saying how great she is over and over, along with several others likely saying the exact same thing). It's great to see things going as they should and the last few months have been more than enough to give this to her.

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