

Best Of 2019: Group/Tag Team Of The Year



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This is a category that has gone up and down over the years but this one might be a resurgence. There have been a lot of stables in the last few years and 2019 had one of the better crops. Then there were some rather strong tag teams and that is something a lot of fans can get behind. It's quite the mix this year and that makes things more interesting.

Young Bucks

I don't remember the last team (or wrestler for that matter) that had me more confused than the Young Bucks. There are times where I'm convinced that they're brilliant and times where I never need to see either of them again. That's quite the range, but I can understand that they know how to get people cheering and invested into their matches.

It's safe to say that AEW and the Elite in particular had a big year, but the Young Bucks are (arguably) the most well known out of the entire team. They have been featured all over the place with one big match after another and most of them have been incredibly entertaining, if not high quality at times. These guys deserve some praise and when they're doing things a certain way, they're hard to beat.

Imperium

Sometimes you need a team to look big, imposing and downright scary. These four have the matching tracksuits to make that work and it's a matter of time before they're a bigger deal. The moment that makes me appreciate Imperium the most was one where they weren't even there. At one point, Adam Cole said the Undisputed Era was the most dominant force in WWE. I would have given quite a bit to see Imperium come out, just to see Cole panic.

That's what makes Imperium work: they're intimidating with Walter seeming to be the kind of guy who could hang with (and beat) anyone in all of WWE. The rest of the team looks awesome too and I could go for seeing them on the main roster (at least in NXT as the four of them on Raw or Smackdown would be a mess). These guys are great and Walter is the big piece in the middle that makes it all work.

Grizzled Young Veterans

We'll stay over in NXT UK for the time being with these two, as Zack Gibson is one of the best heat magnets I've seen in years (if not longer). The fans just cannot stand him and it's a joy to watch him drive everyone crazy and have them ready to go for his throat. You don't see that kind of heat anymore and it's just incredible to see every single time they're out there.

Oh and then they're a heck of a team in the ring as well, which is one of the most important parts of any team. They were the first NXT UK Tag Team Champions and beating Moustache Mountain in NXT UK is the kind of thing that goes near the top of anyone's resume. I had a great time watching these two do everything they did and just hearing Gibson rile up a crowd is one of the best things going today.

Inner Circle

AEW has been on fire in their rookie year and these guys are one of the biggest parts. Chris Jericho has taken it to a level that no one his age should be coming close to and the rest of the team has been great as well. With the former LAX as the awesome tag team, silent Jake Hager as the heavy and Sammy Guevara with the most punchable face in wrestling, this time is outstanding.

I don't know how long the Inner Circle is going to be around but they're an outstanding first major story for AEW. The performances have been the best thing about AEW so far and I enjoy seeing whatever these guys are doing. Their chemistry is crazy strong and with Jericho at the helm, they already have built in credibility. Just keep these guys coming for a long time.

Lucha Bros

There have been a lot of great things about AEW but their tag division is one of the strongest in any company in a very long time. Out of all the teams around though, the Lucha Bros are as good as they get. I've been watching these guys for years across a few promotions and I have yet to get tired of them. They've been great in every promotion they've been in and that's what great talent will get you.

What makes them that much better than anyone else is you could put them out there either as a team or on their own and it is gold every single time. Pentagon was the hottest thing in the indies for a time and Fenix might be the better of the two. If these two aren't some of the top stars in wrestling for the next ten years, it's not because of anything they did wrong. They're that good and everyone seems to know it.

New Day

At some point the award might have to be partially named after them. These guys just stay popular no matter what they do and manage to get it over through sheer dedication (I still don't

know why pancakes are funny but dang they've ran with those things). This team shouldn't have lasted six weeks and we're coming up on six years. That's an elite level and they just keep going.

Then there was that whole KOFI WINS deal for their crowning achievement. The team has been ready for the big moment and that is what they finally hit this year. That moment is going to stand the test of time and even though it was Kofi winning, it felt like a team effort. Oh and if that's not enough: they won two more Tag Team Titles, bringing their total up to seven, which is a great year on its own. How they keep going is beyond me, but you know they're just going to.

There is one team above them all though and that is....what's a word something with no doubt?

Undisputed Era

This is a scary combination: they're good, they know they're good and now they're showing they're good. The Undisputed Era is as talented in the ring as anyone can get and now the talking/character stuff is getting even better. Cole can talk with anyone, Fish is fine, Strong has gotten better than I ever would have believed after watching him in Ring of Honor and O'Reilly is the best guitarist in wrestling since Man Mountain Rock.

One of the biggest stories in NXT this year was the Undisputed Era's prophecy of holding all the gold and that's exactly what they did. I don't think I really appreciated just how great these guys were but the more I watch them, the more incredible they look. I could watch them all day and it's going to be a big deal when they finally lose. That's the sign of a well done story, and the team just keeps getting better. This was their year, and you have to wonder how long that is going to be the case.

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