

Professional Wrestling's Best Nicknames



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Throughout decades of WWE wrestling, we've seen some of the biggest personalities make the walk down to the ring. These athletes often come with their own nicknames that represent their character and the qualities they present. There have been way too many memorable nicknames to count, but these ones stand among the best.

While the "Wild West" had nicknames like ["Billy the Kid"](#), ["Wild Bill" Hickok](#) and ["Buffalo Bill"](#), other industries have taken this trend even farther. For instance, the poker world is filled with memorable nicknames for their players, and professional fighters choose names that will make them seem more fearsome. In the world of wrestling however, nicknames are all about giving the athlete more personality.

"Latino Heat" Eddie Guerrero

The late Eddie Guerrero is a wrestler that will never be forgotten and alongside Rey Mysterio, he is an icon for Mexican-Americans. While the seldom spoken Mysterio was known for his high-flying acrobatics, Eddie made his name with his fiery personality and charisma. He was a scrappy wrestler that would do anything to win, including cheat and play dirty. "Latino Heat" is what you came to expect when you faced Guerrero in the ring.

"Nature Boy" Ric Flair

Ric Flair was a master of the microphone, a true "natural" when it came to promoting and getting the crowd whipped into a frenzy. His nickname "Nature Boy" really means "The Natural" and is a homage to early wrestling legend Buddy Rogers. The name was passed down to Ric and this is precisely why it's so great. "Nature Boy" Ric Flair is a piece of wrestling history that carried Ric to the highest level of the sport. His other nickname, "The Dirtiest Player in the Game" wasn't too bad either.

"The Heartbreak Kid" Shawn Michaels

Shawn Michaels took a different avenue when it came to

creating his character. Instead of being overly muscular and bulky, Michaels had a more athletic figure and used more high-energy moves in the ring. He also played up the “ladies man” persona with his nickname, “The Heartbreak Kid.”



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“Big Poppa Pump” Scott Steiner

Wrestlers were always trying to out muscle each other and “Big Poppa Pump” [Scott Steiner](#) made it a point that he wanted to be the biggest and most muscular of all. His name is absolutely ridiculous but somehow was perfectly fitting when he entered the ring in his bizarre trademark chainmail headdress, reminiscent of what a knight would wear.

"Macho Man" Randy Savage

In the era when professional wrestling was all about masculinity and testosterone, one man stood as the most "macho" of all. "Macho Man" Randy Savage is a legend of the 80s golden era. His trademark raspy voice combined with his muscular figure and bright flamboyant attire made him a fan favorite during his title reign.

"Stone Cold" Steve Austin

Almost assuredly [the greatest wrestler of all time](#), "Stone Cold" Steve Austin was an incredible success. His nickname was everything at once, exciting, fearsome, and catchy. Combined with his signature move, the "Stone Cold Stunner" he became a superstar of the sport. His other nickname, "The Texas Rattlesnake" was equally monumental, as it illustrated his loner attitude and quickness to strike at friends and foes alike.

"The People's Champion" The Rock

People forget that movie star and [part-time Olympics hype man](#) Dwayne Johnson started off his career in pro wrestling. Long before his film days he was "The People's Champion," The Rock. This is an iconic nickname because of what it represented. Much like the equivalent in the later cliché nickname of "The Champ" John Cena, this name represents the

fact that at the time The Rock was the biggest star on the roster. He was the ultimate face of the franchise and let the fans know he was here for them.

"The Eighth Wonder of the World" André The Giant

André The Giant was a wrestler that didn't need a nickname. His massive 7'4", 520lbs figure made him one of the largest entertainers of all time. André could be seen towering over the crowd as he made his way to the ring. With all of these features in mind, "The Eighth Wonder of the World" was the ideal nickname for André. It underlined the truth of the man, that he was a one-of-a-kind human being and it was a true marvel that he existed at all.