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FEATURES

20 HOTSEAT: PCO

Mainstream sports fans can't get enough coverage of Tiger Woods, who won a major golf tournament for the first time in April since 2008. A remarkable achievement, all things considered. But certainly no more astonishing than the comeback of PCO, Pierre Carl Ouellet, who revived his career in 2018 after seeing it reach its height 25 years earlier in the WWF. In this exclusive interview with Senior Writer Al Castle, PCO discusses what motivated his return and why it's important for him to be considered a legitimate contender—and not a mere novelty act—as he continues to dazzle Ring of Honor fans match after match.

**26 WRESTLEMANIA 35:
THE REAL WINNERS & LOSERS**

Including tag teams, there were 19 wrestlers whose arms were raised at the conclusion of their WrestleMania 35 matches. We'll never forget Becky Lynch's tears of joy, or Kofi Kingston's sons, or that look on Curt Hawkins' face that said, "What I am going to do with all those T-shirts?" But, as is our tradition, *PWI* takes a look beyond the obvious, pointing out those who benefited by or were damaged by what transpired in the MetLife Stadium ring on April 7. WrestleMania is, of course, the most important date on the wrestling calendar, and what happened during those 6½ hours could have ramifications throughout the rest of the year and beyond.

**32 THE 2019 PWI POLL:
WRESTLING'S 50 HOTTEST
QUESTIONS ANSWERED**

The professional wrestling landscape is on the verge of major change as All Elite Wrestling gears up to make its national TV debut and begin a regular performance schedule. We knew our readers would have opinions on the new company, so we made sure to include a series of questions about AEW among those we posed in this special section. As we do annually, we reached out to 250 of our print and digital subscribers to sample their views on a variety of topics on the state of the industry as a whole. It's truly a fascinating study.

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