



A No Win Proposition

In your standard wrestling match there are always winners and losers. The wrestlers themselves directly experience victory or defeat, and vicariously, the wrestler's coaches, teammates, parents and fans experience heart wrenching disappointment or spirit lifting joy. However, there is one individual who

never wins. He may have had a flawless performance, or he may have had his worst night ever, regardless, he will never have his hand raised. He is the referee and he does the hand raising.

As anyone who has spent any time around the sport recognizes, it takes a special breed to be a wrestling official. Much

like the differences between wrestling and participating in virtually any other sport, officiating wrestling is unique. Typically, only the two combatants and the referee occupy the spotlight and between the three of them, the outcome of the match will be decided. With the exception of post-season tournament competition, an official works