**Bill Kazmaier**

Kazmaier won three consecutive World Strongest Man titles (1981-83) and then, the organization banned him from participating as they thought nobody could beat him. He also claimed himself to be “the strongest man who ever lived”.

After training with with Verne Gagne and Brad Rheingans, he turned to pro wrestling in 1986. He muddled around the indy scene until joining WCW in 1991. He received several shots at Lex Luger's WCW World Heavyweight Championship but failed to win the title. He also briefly teamed with Rick Steiner, only to lose to The Enforcers in a tournament final for the WCW World Tag Team Championship.

At Halloween Havoc 1991, in Chattanooga, he beat Oz by submission. At the 1991 Starrcade Battlebowl: The Lethal Lottery, Kazmaier and his partner Jushin "Thunder" Liger defeated Diamond Dallas Page and Mike Graham. His WCW career saw few other highlights of note.

**Dino Bravo**

Canada’s strongest man won a “rigged” bench lifting contest with the help of Jesse The Body Ventura at the inaugural WWF Royal Rumble in 1988. He would then avenge a WrestleMania IV loss to Don Muraco with a big win at SummerSlam 1988.

From there he bounced around awhile do little else until becoming the main lackey of Earthquake in his feud with Hulk Hogan in the Summer of 1990. Bravo left the WWF and retired from wrestling following a European tour in April 1992. After retiring, he helped train wrestlers in Montreal.

His life would end tragically in the winter of 1993 when he was shot mafia style after getting wrapped up in a cigarette smuggling ring.

**Ken Patera**

Patera was a highly decorated Olympic weightlifter. He won several medals at the 1971 Pan American Games including gold in the weightlifting total. He finished second in the 1971 World Weightlifting Championships as well.

Patera won four consecutive U.S. Weightlifting Championships in the super heavyweight class from 1969 to 1972. He was the first American to clean and jerk over 500 lbs (227 kg), which he accomplished at the 1972 Senior Nationals in Detroit.

He is also the only American to clean and press 500 lbs (227 kg), and was the last American super heavyweight for years to excel at weightlifting at an international level.

In the late 70s’ he began wrestling and challenged men such as Bruno Samartino for the WWWF Championship. He was a staple of the early 1980’s AWA wrestling scene before eventually leaving for the WWF full time.

Patera was an integral part of the Heenan Family in the AWA (1982–1983), (1984–1985). While in the AWA, he feuded with Hulk Hogan, Greg Gagne and Jim Brunzell.

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In the WWF, Patera resumed his feud with Hogan, and also assisted Big John Studd in his feud with André the Giant, helping Studd cut Andre's hair after both had attacked him. It seemed as though he would be a major force in the WWF, but a stint in prison and then a torn bicep upon his return ruined all of that.

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He and fellow AWA heel Masa Saito later assaulted the police officers sent to arrest Patera at the hotel where they were sharing a room. Sixteen months later, at which point Patera was in the WWF, he was sentenced to two years in prison.

The WWF never treated him the same upon returning to the company.

**Ted Arcidi**

Ted Arcidi bench pressed 705.5 pounds (320 kg) on March 3, 1985 at Gus Rethwisch's Budweiser World Record Breakers in Honolulu, Hawaii for an APF & USPF world record, to become the first man to bench 600 pounds in an officially recognized powerlifting competition.

On September 14, 1991, at a Mr. Olympia contest, he squared off face to face with his greatest rival Anthony Clark to determine who the greatest bench presser of the world was. Arcidi defeated the much bigger Clark (5'8", 375 lbs) by pressing 725 pounds off his chest to establish yet a new, but controversial, world record. That attempt was later disqualified after it was revealed that Arcidi had failed to lock out his arms due to bone spurs in his elbows which he had corrected with surgery.

Arcidi's 705 pound all-time world record bench press was performed in one of the earliest bench shirts - an original prototype supportive bench press shirt, which was 50% polyester and 50% cotton and only one layer thick. It was thus later categorized as "equipped", although it did not improve his bench by much, if anything. In 1984 Arcidi had benched an official 666.9 pounds (302.5 kg) at 286.0 pounds bodyweight completely raw, without a bench shirt in Honolulu, Hawaii as well.

Despite all of that, his WWF career lasted less than 18 months, but is still one of the orginal LJN action figures ever created.