
Game of Thrones Smash Emmy Records with 12 Awards

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Game of Thrones, which had 24 nominations and eight wins in technical categories - declared last week - added four more to its kitty, winning best drama, best supporting actor (Peter Dinklage), best direction (David Nutter) and best writing (David Benioff and D.B. Weiss).

"I wasn't prepared at all. I was even chewing gum," said a surprised Dinklage after receiving the award.

The best drama award was presented by comedian Tracy Morgan, who is recuperating from a life-threatening traffic accident.

Hamm (Man Men) finally won an Emmy in the best actor category after eight consecutive nominations.

"There's been a terrible mistake clearly. It's incredible and impossible for me to be standing here," he said, visibly moved while saying goodbye to his life-changing role as adman Don Draper.

Hamm is now the only actor from the Mad Men series to win an Emmy.

Moreover, Davis (How to Get Away With Murder) became the first black woman to win an Emmy for best actress.

"The only thing that separates women of color from anyone else is opportunity," Davis said.

"You cannot win Emmys with roles that are simply not there."

Uzo Aduba (Orange is the New Black) won the best actress in a supporting role for the second consecutive time.

Another HBO production 'Olive Kitteridge' took home two awards (two of them in technical categories), including the best limited series drama, best actor (Richard Jenkins) and best actress (Frances McDormand), in the limited television series or film.

Jenkins, holding his first Emmy, thanked all the women who made Pliver Kitteridge possible and dedicated the trophy to his wife of 46 years.

"We're all here because the power of a story well told. Sometimes, that's enough," said McDormand, who also received her first Emmy award.

Bill Murray, who was absent at the ceremony, won the best supporting actor; Jane Anderson won for best script and Lisa Cholodenko for best direction.

Regina King (American Crime) also won an Emmy in the supporting role category.

One of the biggest surprises of the event was 'Veep', which bagged the best comedy category (handed over by veteran Mel Brooks) that had been dominated by 'Modern Family' in the last five editions.

Modern Family was aspiring for its sixth consecutive Emmy, which would create a new record, surpassing the five it now shares with 'Frasier' in this category.

Veep bagged five trophies in all, including best actress and best supporting actor for Julia Louis-Dreyfus and Tony Hale respectively.

'American Horror Story: Freak Show' and 'Transparent' also won five trophies each.

This is the fourth consecutive Emmy and the sixth one overall for Dreyfus, while Amy Poehler (Parks and Recreation) was nominated for the 17th time, but did not win.

Jeffrey Tambor won the best comedy actor for Transparent where he plays a transsexual named Maura Pfefferman.

This was his first win in seven nominations; he was nominated for best supporting actor six times before.

Allison Janney won the best supporting actress for comedy series 'Mom'.

This is her seventh Emmy award; she earlier won four for 'The West Wing', and one for 'Masters of Sex' and another one for 'Mom'.