

# GOLDEN DAYS FOR FENLAND

## 6<sup>TH</sup> AND FINAL ROUND

*(The Indies – plus one or two others - In East Anglia during the late 60s)*



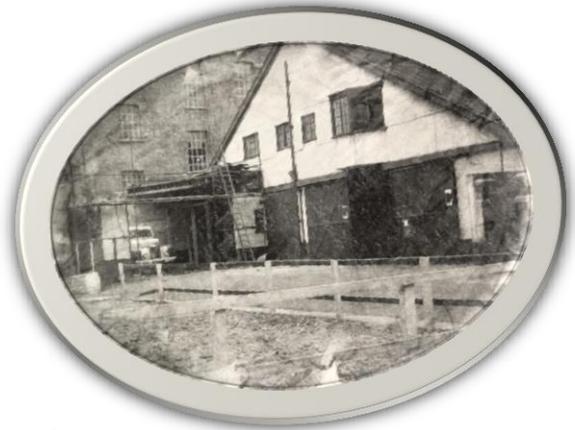
### 20 The Story So Far ....

We're concluding our stomp around the Fens during the Golden Years of the late sixties and early seventies with a look primarily at Peterborough and its fine wrestling heritage. And to tie up the loose ends we'll throw in a few bills from other halls from across East Anglia that deserve a mention in any Golden Years tribute ... not to mention some hard-working performers whose contribution can also slip sadly past the wrestling spotlight as it shines relentlessly on the Daddies and McManuses.

### 21 Peterborough Fans Know the Drill

Peterborough's grappling days go back around 80 years. In the 40s, Canadian Olympic hero Maurice Latchford, a true globetrotter and ambassador for the sport, promoted shows at the Drill Hall in London Road.

The Drill Hall competed with the Palais in Wentworth Road for a time in the 60s, and shows ping-ponged between the two before Dale Martin set up their main HQ in the Wirrina, a spanking new stadium in the city centre.



The Palais had been a conversion of a garage (right) and established itself as one of the foremost music venues of the south. It was run by Norman Jacobs who also ran the Wisbech Corn Exchange and the Palais hosted concerts with groups like the Moody Blues, the Kinks, the Yardbirds and the Who.



Like so many of the halls in this series if you didn't catch them at the time then you're too late. The Palais is long gone as is the Wirrina. There are plans afoot, apparently, to convert the car park which lies where the Wirrina stood into University buildings.

Interesting to note that from the Maurice Latchford days at the Drill Hall through to the sixties and seventies there was one name that cropped up time after time. It was that of Master of Ceremonies George Lawson- Peeke, whose dulcet tones introduced so many of the Joint Promotions' TV offerings years later.

## **22 Fighting Forties and Beyond ...**

We go back first, then, to Maurice Latchford (right) who dished up the first big bills to hit Peterborough. He went from the forties and through to the fifties before returning home to Canada where he carried on promoting.

It's strange to see names like Mick McManus and Johnny Kwango gracing bills from the forties. But they did. McManus faced Vic Coleman and Kwango went in against Sonny Wallis.

But our concentration is on the sixties, and the Palais starts to come into its own. Dale Martin is the delivery company, and it didn't stint on quality in those mid-60s days. The names that graced the posters and flyers were the names that were to become the names that would be headliners in the Golden Years history books.



DALE MARTIN PROMOTIONS (of London)  
Presents by Arrangement with Norman G. JACOBS

**"BIG TIME" WRESTLING**  
The Palais (WENTWORTH STREET) Peterborough

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10th, 1966**  
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Doors Open 7.00 p.m.

A Sensational Anglo-American Heavyweight Contest  
Six Ten Minute Rounds  
THE MAMMOTH MASKED MAN FROM THE U.S.A.  
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Waterloo

versus  
**REG TROOD**  
Kensington

A Sensational Anglo-Italian Heavyweight Contest  
Five Ten Minute Rounds  
FRESH FROM LATIN AMERICA  
**ANTONIO ROCCA**  
Soho, London

versus  
THE TOUGH GUY & SUPERMAN FROM WALES  
**JOHNNY YEARSLEY**  
Cardiff

THE PETERBOROUGH PALAIS,  
Telephone: Peterborough 3524

Prices: 10/- 6/- & 4/-  
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**"BIG TIME" WRESTLING**  
The Palais (WENTWORTH STREET) Peterborough

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25th, 1965**  
Commence 7.45 p.m.  
Doors Open 7.00 p.m.

**International Wrestling At Its Best**  
Two Outstanding Contests Over 5 Ten Min. Rounds  
A Sensational Waterweight Contest  
THE MAN EVERYBODY LOVES TO HATE, THE INSTALLED SCHWASTIC  
**"MR. T.V." PALLO**  
Espoo, Finland

versus  
THE ORIGINAL WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPION OF THE WEST INDIES  
**LINDE CAULDER**  
Antigua, West Indies

Sensational Anglo-Russian Heavyweight Contest  
CORNWALL'S DYNAMIC YOUNG STAR  
**ROY ST. CLAIR**  
Redruth, Cornwall

versus  
THE BRILLIANT RUSSIAN RING STYLIST  
**JOSEF ZARANOFF**  
Lodz, Poland, U.S.S.R.

A Super Catchweight Contest  
**ADRIAN STREET**  
Cardiff

versus  
**BILLY STOCK**  
Swadlowpool

A Super Heavyweight Contest  
**CLIFF BEAUMONT**  
Wigan

versus  
**ALAN MIQUET**  
Huddersfield

Prices: 10/6 8/- 6/- & 4/-  
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By 1968 Thursday nights at the Palais had switched to become Thursday nights at the Drill Hall. But not before the indies stuck their oar in. There were not many halls that were home to both indies and Dale Martin, but for a short time the Drill Hall did become one such hall.

Here is a report I wrote for the Peterborough Evening Telegraph on Jack Taylor's International Promotions event at the Drill Hall in April 1967. He really pulled out the stops for this one. He had a local tag team in with Adolf Dabrowski (below), and for the bill-topper he got Shirley Crabtree and the Ghoul, a bout which ended in mayhem and a double disqualification.

There's also a plug for his following presentation in which he had billed one of his favourite gimmick matches ... a male and female vs male and female tag match. Peterborough's councillors were fine with that (unlike their counterparts in Kings Lynn).

## LOCAL WRESTLERS ISSUE CHALLENGE

A SMALLER but still substantial crowd watched International Promotions' second city wrestling presentation at London Road Drill Hall last night — and there was no lack of action or thrills.

Local boys Jack Brittain (Stamford) and Derek Perkins (Elton) were featured in a tag team contest which shared top billing. After an unruly 27 minutes they were declared winners over Poland's Adolf Dabrowski and German Wilhelm Snyder by a disqualification.

At one stage the continental twosome seemed likely to be fighting half the people in the mall and dissatisfied with a disqualification verdict, Brittain and Perkins immediately issued a return match challenge for sidestakes of £50 a man.

The major heavyweight match also ended on a disqualification, but this time

both participants were given marching orders, although Shirley Crabtree (Halifax) was already half way to the dressing room by the time the decision was announced, after demonstrating his contempt of the whole proceedings by throwing both the referee and master of ceremonies across the ring.

### Awesome giant

The end came when Crabtree, an awesome giant of 23 stones drove veteran masked heavyweight the Ghoul into a corner and a free for all developed. At that time each man had scored a fall. The Ghoul taking a second round lead, Crabtree gaining an equaliser in the fourth.

Italian Vincenzo Aurilio (Caserta) defeated Australian Tammy Hunt by the odd fall in a heavyweight eight rounder and Farmer Raymond (Clayton) carried too much weight for young Chris McManus (London).

International's next bill on May 11 includes a mixed tag contest in which each team will consist of a male wrestler partnered by a woman.



Adolf Dabrowski

### 23 And your winner is ... Dale Martin ...

Eventually the battle for punters proved too much and Jack pulled out of the Drill Hall and left it to Dale Martin, who used it as its base in the city for the next couple of years. In March 68 the Zebra Kid returned to the Drill Hall to face Mike Marino and Bill Robinson was also a bill-topper, as these two Evening Telegraph clips show :

And the May 68 season finale saw yet another Pallo v Kwango match-up! (Special Note - Mike Marino beat and unmasked the Zebra Kid at the Drill Hall)

## WRESTLING: Substitute no match for champ

WITH his billed opponent Josef Zaranoff delayed on the Continent, British heavyweight champion Billy Robinson whipped substitute Lee Sharon (Bradford) by two straight submissions in barely 15 minutes of wrestling at London Road Drill Hall on Thursday.

Both Robinson and master of ceremonies Lou Marco were full of praise for Sharon's display, but the lighter northern wrestler was no match for Robinson who took the first submission with a reverse head lock in round two, and repeated the move immediately the third round was underway.

Both contestants in the main supporting match, mid-heavyweights Johnny Czeslaw (Cracow) and Abe Ginsburg (Manchester) finished up having hospital treatment, Ginsburgh for a cut and Czeslaw for suspected concussion after a final round collision of heads.

## HEAVIES' CLASH

EVERGREEN Mike Marino, a top of the bill wrestling personality for more than 15 years, meets an old rival, massive George Bolas, the Zebra Kid in Thursday's main event at London Road Drill Hall.

Mike, now British Mid-Heavyweight champion, came within an ace of beating the lumbering American in a match at the old Corn Exchange, and has always hoped for another chance to show city fans that he can win despite a six stones disadvantage in the weights.

Sharing the top billing is another heavyweight contest in which Shipley bully boy Danny Lynch the blond Kent night club owner tackles top ranking Albert Wall (Doncaster).

Another king-size clash is likely at Wisbech Corn Exchange next Monday when the main event of an International Promotions bill matches veteran Jimmy Lewis (Manchester) with former British welterweight champion Jack Dempsey (Wigan).

## To-Night's WRESTLING Programme

Dale Martin Promotions Ltd. present  
INTERNATIONAL WRESTLING  
Peterborough Thurs., May 2nd

A HEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST  
4 Ten Minute Rounds 2 Falls, Subs. or K.O.  
Syed Saif Shah v Bruno Erlington  
Pakistani Freestyle Champ. Portsmouth, Hampshire

A MID-HEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST  
4 Ten Minute Rounds 2 Falls, Subs. or K.O.  
Al Fontayne v Bill Torontos  
Bethnal Green, London Chicago, U.S.A.

A CATCHWEIGHT CONTEST  
4 Ten Minute Rounds 2 Falls, Subs. or K.O.  
Ignatious Borg v Alan Sergeant  
Malta Romford

TONIGHT'S MAIN EVENT  
A HEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST  
5 Ten Minute Rounds 2 Falls, Subs. or K.O.  
"Kiw" Kingston v "Crusher" Verdu  
Christchurch, N.Z. Ohio, U.S.A.

Master of Ceremonies: BOBBY PALMER  
Referee: TINY CARR

## Next SENSATIONAL Attraction

Don't Miss the Next Tournament of  
International Wrestling at this Venue on  
Thursday, May 16th

A CATCHWEIGHT CONTEST  
"MR. T.V." PALLO  
Highbury, London  
VERSUS  
JOHNNY KWANGO  
Lagos, West Africa

Leon Fortuna v Jim Fitzmaur  
Tonga, Friendly Isles Kerry, Ireland

Julien Morice v Chris Bailey  
Toulon, France Brixton, London

A HEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST  
"HONEY BOY" ZIMBA  
Freetown, Sierra Leone  
VERSUS

STEVE HAGGETTY  
Toronto, Canada

ADVANCE BOOKINGS:  
FRAMES TOURS LTD.

It's September 68, and Dale Martin is now settled into the Wirrina, a much bigger venue, and one that proved very popular.

Pallo kicks the season off (now on Fridays), followed by Les Kellett and yet another appearance by Johnny Kwango, a firm Peterborough favourite by this time. The next clips from the Advertiser and Evening Telegraph flag up the first tag match to be staged at the Wirrina .. the last bill of 1968 .. and the first of 1969 ... starring one Mick McManus.

## To-Night's WRESTLING Programme

Dale Martin Promotions Ltd. present  
INTERNATIONAL WRESTLING  
Peterborough Friday, Sept. 20th

A HEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST  
4 Ten Minute Rounds 2 Falls, Subs. or K.O.  
"Honey Boy" Zimba v Bob Kirkwood  
Freetown, Sierra Leone Portsmouth, Hants.

A CATCHWEIGHT CONTEST  
4 Ten Minute Rounds 2 Falls, Subs. or K.O.  
Brian Maxime v Kalman Gaston  
Ellesmere Port, Cheshire Budapest, Hungary

A WELTERWEIGHT CONTEST  
4 Ten Minute Rounds 2 Falls, Subs. or K.O.  
Peter Szakacs v Robby Baron  
Budapest, Hungary Sydenham, London

TONIGHT'S MAIN EVENT  
A MIDDLEWEIGHT CONTEST  
5 Ten Minute Rounds 2 Falls, Subs. or K.O.  
"Mr. T.V." Pallo v Mike Eagers  
Highbury, London Sheffield, Yorkshire

Master of Ceremonies: G. LAWSON - PEEKE  
Referee: TONY MANCELLI

## Next SENSATIONAL Attraction

Don't Miss the Next Tournament of  
International Wrestling at this Venue on  
Friday, October 4th

SENSATIONAL CLASH

LES  
KELLETT  
VERSUS

AL  
FONTAYNE

Terry Rudge v Len Hurst

Johnny Williams v Tony Borg

JOHNNY CZESLAW  
VERSUS

JOHNNY KWANGO

ADVANCE BOOKINGS:  
FRAMES TOURS LTD. 35 BRIDGE ST., PETERBOROUGH

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# CITY BOUT FOR TAG WRESTLING STARS

*From edition dated Oct 15 68*



BERT ROYAL AND VIC FAULKNER

TAG team wrestling comes to the Werrina Stadium for the first time on Friday and with it a return to Peterborough of the popular Bolton combination, Bert Royal and Vic Faulkner.

The Faulkner brothers, veterans of countless televised bouts, have not been seen a great deal as a team in recent months while Bert had a spell out of the ring to undergo an operation.

Now they are back in action and will be out to give a tough time to the controversial pair who call themselves the Rebels, Ivan Penzekoff from Lancashire and Ireland's Jimmy Ryan.

A previous meeting of the two teams in the city ended in a narrow win for Faulkners after some tempestuous action. This time Ryan and Penzekoff are confident they can turn the tables.

The supporting bill consists of three contests in the lighter weights, and although the local fans would probably prefer some heavyweight action, the matching of popular Jon Cortez (Dulwich) and flamboyant Bobby Barnes (Lewisham) should be quite something.



## McManus to top the Werrina wrestling

WERRINA wrestling is to greet the New Year with a bang — top of the bill on Friday, January 10, is Mick McManus v Vic Faulkner.

Further details of this bill will appear in Friday's Advertiser.

Two of wrestling's most formidable giants collide in the main event of the last Werrina bill of the year this Friday evening.

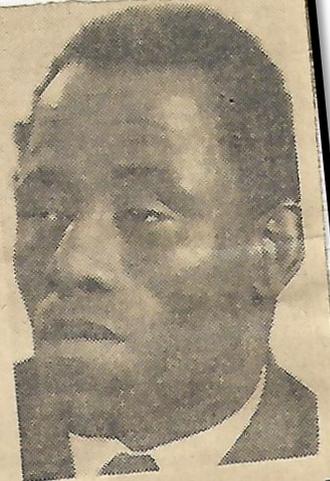
Portsmouth's former Marine Bruno Elrington, the six-foot-three, twenty stone colossus faces Scotland's heavyweight mat monarch, 19

stone Ian Campbell the bearded star from Dunfermline.

Neither man has been seen locally for a considerable spell and this contest will certainly contrast with the previous Werrina main events which have usually featured men stars from the lighter weights.

Evergreen Charlie Fisher (Eltham), a heavyweight campaigner for more than 15 years makes a rare Peterborough appearance to tackle local favourite Johnny Kwango, the head butting West African from Lagos.

Two contests in the lighter weights complete the bill, Jon Cortez (Dul-



JOHNNY KWANGO — at the Werrina on Friday.

wich) meeting Hungarian Peter Szakacs while Terry Rudge (Dunstable) is matched with Indian newcomer Rajendra Singh.



The indies couldn't hope to compete with names like McManus and Pallo, and having McManus as the 69 New Year opener was a clear banker. His 1969 opponent was Vic Faulkner, who'd had fabulous TV exposure over the previous months ensuring a sell-out .. and the bout caused quite a publicity stir ....

# Mick will draw the fans

TELEVISION'S arch-villain Mick McManus (right) looks like setting a new city wrestling attendance record when he tops the first bill of 1989 at Wirrina Stadium.

The massive Wirrina Sports Hall is the largest-ever Peterborough wrestling venue and it will be packed to capacity on Friday when McManus meets European middleweight champion Vic Faulkner.

"The advance bookings are the best we have had since wrestling began here — and we still have several days to go. I am sure we will have a capacity crowd," said Wirrina general manager Bryan Gee yesterday.

## Spectacular

It will be the first local bout featuring McManus, the Southern England welterweight champion, for more than four years and the rule bending Londoner should have his hands full facing the speedy and often spectacular Faulkner.

A top attraction for

"close on twenty years — and still enjoying every minute of his contests — McManus scorns talk of retirement and says he will leave the ring when he stops getting a kick out of wrestling or starts losing.

One of the old school, McManus is a wrestler like Les Kellett, Steve Logan or Mike Marino who came up the hard way and was a star in his own right long before the glare of television lights shone on a ring for the first time.

In contrast, televised bouts were Faulkner's springboard to success, both partnering his brother Bert Royal in tag contests, or in solo action.

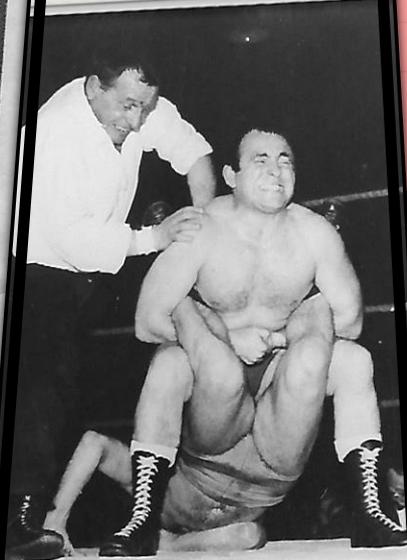
As recently as November, Faulkner defended his title against McManus at Nottingham and a 5,000 crowd at the Ice Kink saw him win by disqualification in an amazing contest.

Ever since McManus has been itching for another match with the Bolton wrestler and Dale Martin Promotions give him this chance here on Friday.

Portsmouth's Bob Kirkwood faces the popular Pakistani free style champion Syed Saif Shah in a supporting heavyweight contest.

There is also an interesting youth versus experience battle between former welterweight champion Eddie Capelli (Wimbledon) and up and coming Robby Baron (Sydenham) and a welterweight bout between Ian Gilmour (Middlesbrough) and Ray McGuire (Essex).

LEFT: Vic Faulkner who meets the redoubtable Mick McManus on Friday.



# WRESTLING ACES DRAW BIG CROWD

THE largest Peterborough wrestling crowd for many years assembled at the Wirrina last night to watch bad-boy Mick McManus go into the ring against the European middleweight champion Vic Faulkner.

McManus, the Southern area welterweight champion, found the going tough to begin with, but soon got into his stride and proceeded to demolish the youngster with his rough-house style of grappling.

Ever since McManus was disqualified in a European title fight at Nottingham he has been itching to clinch a return match against the Bolton wrestler.

## Revenge

In this, a non-title bout, McManus, from New Cross, London, grabbed the deciding submission in the final round, thus obtaining his revenge.

Evergreen veteran Charlie Fisher replaced Syed Saif Shah in a heavyweight bout against Bob Kirkwood in which the popular Kirkwood could not continue after Fisher applied a Boston-Crab.

This contest rounded off an evening of action-packed grappling that left every person in the packed hall satisfied.

So, from the "small but still substantial" crowd for the indies to "the largest Peterborough wrestling crowd for years" for Dale Martin and its star-cum-booker. You could say "No Contest" ... but only as far as Peterborough was concerned! (Indies still ruled other Fen towns). DMP stars continued to come out in the city .... with Pallo (r) fast on the heels of McManus. On the Pallo bill was the tornado that was Bill Torontos. He was to die in the same Wirrina dressing rooms in September 81. RIP.

Dale Martin Promotions Ltd. present

# WRESTLING!!

Wirrina Stadium, Peterboro'

Friday, January 24th Commencing at 8.00 p.m.

A SENSATIONAL MIDDLEWEIGHT CLASH

**PETER RANN**  
CAMDEN TOWN

versus

**'Mr. T.V.' PALLO**  
HIGHBURY

Leon Fortuna v. Brian Maxine

Bill Torontos v. Kalmes Gaston

**YURI BORLENKO**

versus

**CHARLES VERHULST**

ADVANCE BOOKINGS:

Ed Wensor (without the Dr Death hood) was still in the area ... and unusually went down 2-0 to Sean Regan. This, and the Vines v Wall bout was a pre-cursor to Peterborough's first big championship match-up of the season.

# IRISH CHAMPION SHAKES WENSOR

AT the Wirrina Stadium last night, Wellingborough's top wrestler Ed Wensor was defeated in straight falls by Irish heavyweight champion Sean Regan.

Wensor, who gained a considerable amount of fame wrestling as Mr X, never seemed to settle down in this fight, and although he gave a good account of himself Regan was never in trouble.

Rocky Wall was given a rough time by former Welsh rugby international Don Vines, but his experience far outweighed the bull-dozing

tactics of his somewhat clumsy opponent. Wall beat the newcomer in the final round of the main event contest.

Former Welsh lightweight champion Johnny Williams, who won by two falls to one, and Calman Gaston beat Reg Trood by the one fall needed.

The next promotion features a 15-round contest for the Mid-heavyweight championship of Great Britain, between Gold belt holder Mike Marino and Southern England champion Al Hayes.

**To-Night's WRESTLING Programme**

Martin Promotions Ltd. present  
INTERNATIONAL WRESTLING  
Peterborough. Fri., Sept. 19th

50 Minute Duration

A TAG-TEAM CONTEST 2 Falls, Subs. or K.O.  
**THE FIGHTING REBELS** V **LEN HURST & JOHNNY KWANGO**

A CATCHWEIGHT CONTEST 2 Falls, Subs. or K.O.  
4 Ten Minute Rounds  
**Clay Thomson** v **Johnny Czeslaw**  
British Middles Champ. Cracow, Poland

A LIGHTWEIGHT CONTEST 1 Fall, Sub. or K.O.  
8 Five Minute Rounds  
**Alan Miquet** v **Jon Cortez**  
Brixton, London Dulwich, London

TONIGHT'S MAIN EVENT  
A HEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST 2 Falls, Subs. or K.O.  
5 Ten Minute Rounds  
**Pat Roach** v **Dany Brecht**  
Birmingham, Warwickshire Nuremberg

Master of Ceremonies: **GEO. LAWSON-PEEKE**  
Referee: **BOB ARCHER O'BRIEN**

**Next SENSATIONAL Attraction**

Don't miss the next tournament of International Wrestling at this venue on **Friday, October 3rd**

A HEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST  
**DON VINES**  
Cardiff, Wales  
VERSUS  
**"ROCKY" WALL**  
Doncaster, Yorkshire

<b>Reg Trood</b> Kensington, London VERSUS <b>Kalman Gaston</b> Budapest, Hungary	<b>Ray McGuire</b> Wickford, Essex VERSUS <b>Johnny Williams</b> Cardiff, Wales
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A HEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST  
**SEAN REGAN**  
Donegal, Ireland  
VERSUS  
**ED. WENSOR**  
Wellingborough, Northants.

ADVANCE BOOKINGS: The Stadium Telephone: 69820

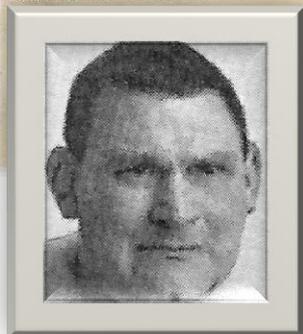
Judo Al Hayes and Mike Marino were as firm favourites in the city as they were across the country, and fans knew this would be a rare 'scientific' match – with the added 'gravitas' of a championship belt. Strange we never got to see the belt, though ....it would appear there was one for this Mid-Heavyweight Title (see pic). Even the choice of referee was a topic for the press!

# TOP REFEREE FOR TITLE CONTEST

MAX Ward, the official who has handled some of the top clashes of recent years at London's Royal Albert Hall, has been appointed by the Wrestling Control Board to referee tonight's British mid-heavyweight championship contest at Wirrina.

Burly Ward, a former wrestler from Birmingham, will be in charge when holder Mike Marino defends his title and the Lord Mountevans Gold Belt against challenger "Judo" Al Hayes from London over 15 five-minute rounds.

Tickets for the programme which starts at 8 pm have been in big demand and Wirrina general manager Mr Bryan Gee said this morning that he is expecting one of the stadium's biggest wrestling attendances to date.



Dale Martin Promotions Ltd. present

# WRESTLING

Wirrina Stadium, Peterborough  
FRI., OCTOBER 17th Commencing at 8.00 p.m.

British Mid-Heavy-wt. Championship

MIKE **MARINO**  
The Champion

versus

"JUDO" AL **HAYES**  
The Challenger

Capelli v. Cooper  
Baron v. Skarlo

**Bruce v. Kirkwood**

TICKETS FROM: The Stadium  
Prices: 11/- 8/6 6/6 5/6 4/6  
Tel: 69820

The title match lived up to the hype ... but Al walked away without the belt and prepared to cross the Atlantic where he sealed his legacy to become one of the very few UK stars to make it in the U.S. (not to mention his mysteriously unheralded elevation to the House of Lords!)

We'll skip through the next few bills ...

## WRESTLING

Friday, November 28, 7.45 pm.

Two super main bouts

JOCK CAMERON v MANUEL POLMAN  
TIBOR SZAKACS v JOHNNY CZESLAW  
RYAN v TROOD/CAULDER v JOYCE

Tickets 11/-, 8/6, 6/6 and 4/6.

## WRESTLING

FRIDAY, 14th NOVEMBER 8 pm

TAG MATCH

HELLS ANGELS

Adrian Street & Bobby Barnes

SILENT ONES

Harry Kendal & Danny Hegan

ALSO  
Johnny Williams v Eddie Cappelli  
Zoltan Boscik v Sid Cooper  
Pat Roach v Wayne Bridges  
11/- 8/6 6/6 4/6

## Haggerty upsets the fans

CANADIAN wrestler Steve Haggerty whipped Worrina grappling fans into a frenzy in his chaotic bout with popular West African Johnny Kwango.

Haggerty gained the first fall in round two after weakening Kwango with dubious moves, and during the rest period he repeatedly kicked and punched the coloured grappler in his corner.

Kwango, however, was more than capable of dealing with the situation, and retaliated with a series of head-butts that had the crowd screaming for a finish to the bout.

But Haggerty was cagey, and produced a host of foul moves that were the blind side of the surprisingly lenient referee.

Then the African started to match Haggerty punch for punch and foul for foul, which quietened the rough-house fighter a little.

The end came when Haggerty delivered a punch that flattened his opponent, and the referee called an end to the proceedings, leaving Kwango a popular victor.



**CHAMPION** — Mike Marino wearing the British mid-heavyweight championship belt which he defends at Worrina on Friday. This will be his seventh defence since winning the title nearly three years ago.



**CHALLENGER** — "Judo" Al Hayes, the top heavy-weight, who also finds time to serve as a Councillor of the Canonbury ward of Islington Borough Council, and already has recognition as Southern England champion.

## HAYES BIDS FOR TITLE

ONE of the city's biggest wrestling crowds of recent seasons is expected at Worrina on Friday to see Mike Marino defend his British mid-heavyweight title in the first official championship contest to be seen in Peterborough for 12 years.

Challenging the Anglo-Italian favourite for his crown and the Lord Mountevans Gold Belt is 'Judo' Al Hayes, the wrestling Councillor from North London.

The contest is over fifteen five minute rounds and could turn out to be quite a needle affair. Both men prefer the text-book style of wrestling but will be pulling out all the stops with the title at stake.

Always slow to get into his stride, Hayes will be happier the longer the contest lasts and has become quite controversial with some moves in recent contests.

## Mastery

Evergreen Marino has been a top of the bill grappler for more than a dozen years and shows no sign of losing his ring mastery. Earlier in the year he spent eight weeks in Japan and may soon be off on his travels again for a tour of Australia and New Zealand.

It was late in 1966 that Marino beat Billy Joyce of Wigan in the final of an open tournament held at Sheffield to decide the successor as champion to Yorkshireman Geoff Portz who had been forced into retirement because of injury.

Subsequently he has defended the crown on more than half a dozen occasions seeing-off challengers from top stars including Tibor Szakacs, Johnny Allan, Danny Lynch and Portz who has now returned to the ring after a year-long lay-off.

Marino will be making his first appearance at Worrina but will be remembered by city fans for his victory at London Road Drill Hall last year when he defeated and unmasked the 22 stone American giant the Zebra Kid.

An all round sportsman Hayes captains the All Star Television Wrestlers' soccer team and throughout the summer played in charity cricket matches almost every weekend.

Into 1970 we go with Geoff Portz v Steve Veidor as the opener ...

After this Veidor opener, the inevitable advert proclaiming another "coming" ...

**WRESTLING**  
 FRIDAY, 23rd JANUARY, 1970  
 THE RETURN OF  
**MICK McMANUS**  
 PLUS FULL PROGRAMME

Then Champ Mike Marino was added to the bill, and McManus' opponent was named as Alan Sargeant

**WIRRIINA STADIUM**  
 MANAGER BRYAN R. GEE TEL:69820

**WRESTLING**  
 FRIDAY NEXT JANUARY 9th: 8 pm

Heavyweight Classic  
**G-OF PORTZ**  
 of Bradford v.  
**STEVE VEIDOR**  
 of Cheshire

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**WRESTLING**  
 FRIDAY, 23rd JANUARY, 1970  
 MICK McMANUS  
 v  
 ALAN SARGEANT  
 v  
 MIKE MARINO  
 v  
 TONY CHARLES  
 Plus full supporting programme

**Mick McManus storms to victory**

ACROBATIC Alan Sargeant (Romford) tried one back flip escape too many against the infamous Mick McManus in Friday's Wirrina wrestling main event.

With honours even and the fourth round in progress Sargeant sprang backwards to get out of trouble but mistimed his effort, crashing face downwards on the canvas, McManus moving in quickly to take the decision with a top press.

The controversial New Cross wrestler snatched a second round lead with a folding body press, not before upsetting the biggest crowd in the current series of tournaments. However, Sargeant brought the house down with his upstart folding press equaliser six minutes later.

light the purists, British champion Marino was out-maneuvred in round three when Charles scored with a rolling body press—although it was the only mistake he made, coming back with a double leg shoulder press in round four before a fifth round winner with the Marino speciality, the cradle hold and press.

Veteran Eddie Capelli (Wimbleton) took a fall in the second round against Dick Conlan (Lewisham) and there was no further score before the time limit was reached.

Spencer Churchill, the famed physical culturist from Kew returned to the city arena after a long absence and was a popular winner by the only fall needed in a light heavyweight bout against Bolton's Ivan Penz-koff.

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**Great ovation**

Sharing top billing was a contest of a very different kind, Mike Marino (London) and Tony Charles (Rhondda) getting a great ovation after five rounds of action to de-

We'll leave the Wirrina with a couple more reports and a pre Christmas bill once again featuring Jackie Pallo, this time against Ed Wensor. Pallo was giving a fair amount of weight away in that one before nipping off for the Panto season.

Adrian Street and Bobby Barnes, as Hell's Angels, remained great crowd-pullers ... and, boy, did the Wirrina crowd love to hate them.

The 'Real' Golden Days were drawing to an end ... and Dale Martin went monthly instead of fortnightly, and the local paper saw that as a significant draw-back. But let's not dwell on dwindling crowds and TV over-exposure. Let's celebrate the preceding years ...



Mike Marino



ADRIAN Street and Bobby Barnes, the men who make up wrestling's crowd pulling Hell's Angels tag team combination will be featured in solo bouts against two top television favourites in Friday's bill at Wirrina.

While Londoner Barnes faces the one and only Les Kellett, Welshman Street meets the head butt specialist Johnny Kwango.

As the 'Angels' usually act as second for each other when they appear in two single bouts on the same bill the outcome can be pretty explosive.

'Clown Prince' Kellett will be making his first local appearance for a year and this

## Television favourites in action at Wirrina

ageless Yorkshireman who has suffered more serious injuries in a long career than almost any other wrestler still keeps in trim between bouts working his 40 acre small holding not far from Bradford.

### Arrogant

Although the heavier man in the tag team Barnes, from Lewisham is often overshadowed by the arrogant Street but will have plenty of scope to shine against Kellett.

A man of many parts out-

side the ring, antique collector Street is probably the fastest emerging wrestling personality of the present time.

Already being tipped as the successor to Mick McManus as wrestling's public enemy number one, Street's self-assured style and subtle villainy has brought a string of notable victories.

The heavier Kwango could provide tougher opposition, especially if the ring wise coloured favourite can find his range with a series of those famed head butts.

Two welterweight con-

tests complete the action. Leon Fortuna from Tonga returning after a long absence to face stylish little Frenchman Julien Morice from Toulouse.

New teenage sensation Steve Grey (Peckham) should have made his debut locally last month but was out of action through illness. He hopes for better luck on Friday and is matched with experienced Tony Skario (Bermundsey).

## Vast crowd see 'Angels' beaten

MORE than 1,100 city wrestling fans packed the Wirrina Sports Hall on Friday and saw the notorious tag team duo Hell's Angels get their just deserts from Johnny Kwango and Les Kellett's in the evening's featured contests.

The crowd was the biggest of the current series of tournaments beating even that drawn by the recent appearance of Mick McManus.

Coloured favourite Kwango was declared winner over Adrian Street (Cardiff) when the Welshman walked out of the ring after demanding an extra round.

The four round bout ended all square, Kwango equalling with a third round shoulder press after Street scored within a few minutes of the contest getting under way.

Street then insisted on an extra five minutes to obtain a result. Kwango agreed only to see his opponent beat a hasty retreat as soon as the bell sounded. Referee Tony Mancelli simply counted out the Welshman before raising Kwango's arm.

Londoner Bobby Barnes, the other half of the tag combination, was anything but angelic in his tussle with television personality Kellett and the Yorkshireman was awarded the verdict after a fourth round disqualification.

## City bout then panto for Pallo

TELEVISION wrestling personality Jackie Pallo will be at Wirrina on Friday in what is likely to be his last local appearance before turning his back on the ring for a little while.

Pallo meets Irchester's Ed Wensor in this week's local main event but will soon be turning his attentions to battling with demon kings and wicked barons in a Christmas pantomime.

Jackie already has made numerous television stunt appearances or filled guest spots, but his real stage debut is to come at Norwich on Boxing Day.

### Impressive

Pallo could have his hands full against Wensor who was impressive when wrestling at Wirrina for the first time a month ago.

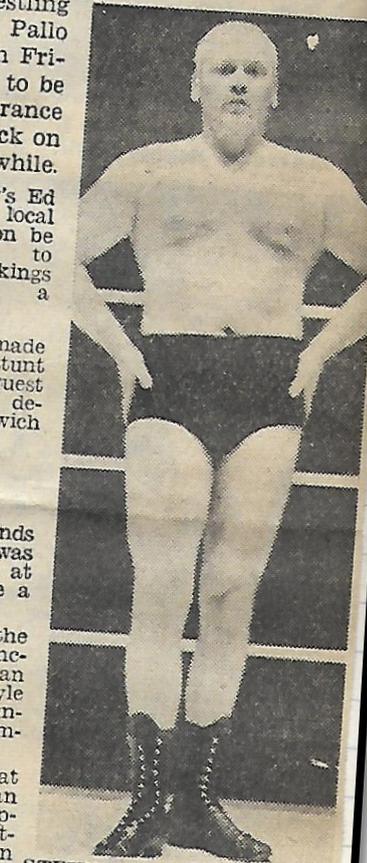
Although beaten by the heavier and more experienced Sean Regan, he showed an aggressive all action style that should be just the counter to the Londoner's bombastic ring manner.

Another of wrestling's great characters, one time Gambian policeman Masambula appears in the main supporting contest against iron hard Irish - Canadian Steve Haggetty.

### Flying visit

Possibly the promoters missed the boat by not putting wily Masambula against Pallo in the other featured contest, but with Haggetty's rule bending tactics an entertaining bout is assured.

British middleweight title holder Clayton Thomson



STEVE HAGGETTY — a wrestler whose style will hardly endear him to city fans on Friday.

(Dundee) has just returned from a flying visit to the British trade fair in Tokyo and faces clever Dunstable challenger Terry Rudge.

Reg Trood (Kensington) rarely figures in a bout that disappoints and will be fully extended by popular Len Hurst (Montego Bay).

## Varied bill at Wirrina

WITH tournaments now at monthly intervals the weeks drag by all too slowly for Peterborough wrestling followers but there is another Wirrina bill on Friday evening.

It is one of the most varied programmes to be presented by Dale Martin Promotions in Peterborough for several years, featuring some new faces and other wrestlers who are seen in the city only infrequently.

Popular Cheshire heavyweight Steve Veldor takes on all-action Jim Hussey (Manchester) in the evening's main event and will need to be on his toes against an opponent who has been topping northern bills for years and knows every inch of the ring.

In a heavyweight supporting bout Poland's Johnny Czeslaw tackles lively coloured campaigner Honeyboy Zimba and newcomers Mark Rocco (Manchester) and Peter Preston (Bradford) meet in a middleweight bout.

Preston achieved overnight fame after taking a verdict from the redoubtable Mick McManus in a televised bout a few years back and is one man many of the leading personalities take care to avoid.

The programme is completed by a tag team contest in which the Magyars combination, Hungarians Peter Szakacs and Kalman Gaston meet the new pairing, Yorkshire's Sid Cooper and Joe Murphy of Dublin.

**24 Here's to the Halls ....and the Mighty Indies ...**

In this Fen series and the Wisbech Chronicles, we've been to Indy strongholds like Wisbech Corn Exchange, Wisbech Tower Hall, The Wisbech Hudson Sports Centre, Wisbech Empire Theatre, Marcam Hall in March, March Palace Hall, Kings Lynn Walks Stadium, Kings Lynn Corn Exchange, The Palace in Chatteris, Downham Market Town Hall, Fakenham Corn Exchange, Diss Corn Exchange, Brandon Cinema, Queen's Hall in Watton, Swaffham Assembly Rooms, Holbeach WI Hall, Whittlesey Gliderdrome, Donington Dial Hall, Dereham Sunshine Rooms, Fakenham Corn Hall, Kettering Windmill Club, Peterborough Old Showground, Peterborough's Palais & Drill Hall and Joint's heartland like the Worrina and Spalding Savoy Theatre.

We'll finish, though, with a selection of DMP bills from across the region (and slightly beyond) in towns that we haven't yet visited. These also deserve not to be forgotten. So ... here's to : Northampton Drill Hall, Rushden Windmill Club, Corby Civic Centre, Littleport's Regal Cinema and Ramsey Gaiety Ballroom. Hope you enjoyed the ride!

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**JOHNNY YEARSLEY TONY CHARLES**  
**BOBBY BARNES** v. **JOHNNY KWANGO**  
 (Lewisham) v. (West Africa) v.  
**REG TROOD** v. **PETER RANN**  
 (Kensington) (Camden Town)

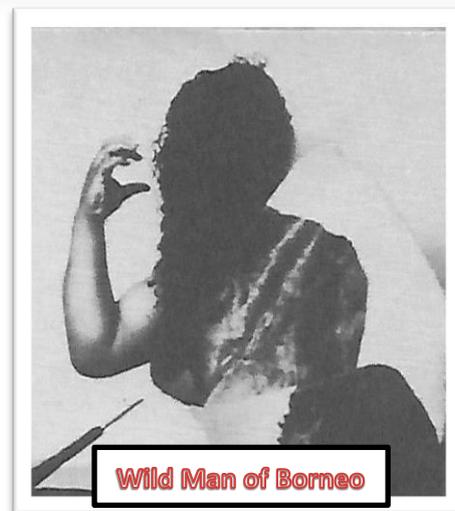
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