

Ron's Wrestling Ramblings

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Chelsea Palace

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Ron

If you picture the Free Trade Hall Manchester The Chelsea Palace Theatre was similar in that the capacity was 2500 or so. Seating included pits, stalls and an upper gallery. Built 1902 and eventually converted to an ITV studio.

A promoter Alf Allen had the pub, The Black Prince on Walworth Road and he started a wrestling venture in March 1935 at this venue. 39 shows later he ended up in court. It seems a wrestler Joe Sheppard fronted a consortium, although he was the main provider of wrestlers, and paid Alf Allen £50 cash to run the shows with Allen's name on the advertising.

For London in 1935 it was all a bridge too far. The shows were on a Sunday. I also found two shows with lady wrestlers, not sure if these are the earliest ever since Wrestling's inception in December 1930. But if not I am going to claim it was certainly the first masked lady wrestler I have come across in Britain.

Though Kayfabe, choking out her opponent brutally was just too much for some people as were accusations of some of the bouts looking fixed and not proper sport.

Of course Sheppard was Johanfesson and he heavily featured his son Jack Quesick. But the wrestlers he brought in were good. Even Riley and Atherton came with their bout probably practiced to perfection.

Without the galleries working it's hard to show 39 bills but I have picked a few out and you get the feel of some names that I have only spotted before on Ray's index. A new one on me was the Flying Bullet.

Did not know Eric Fisher was Frankenstein (the Yorkshire Pudding). White Hawk? (Not White Owl). Madcap Mad Carter? Scarface . Leo Quarter Nelson .

Hope you enjoy the bills. Two weeks into 1936 the venture stopped.

<p>CHELSEA PALACE THEATRE Promoter: ALF ALLEN. Phone: HOP 3423</p> <p>ALL-IN WRESTLING SUNDAY EVENING, MARCH 16, 1935 Doors Open 7.30 p.m. Commence 8 p.m.</p> <p>GREAT HEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST. 60 mins. 2 falls. 2 subs. 2 k.o.'s Johan FESSON v Dave ARMSTRONG</p> <p>GREAT HEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST. 60 mins. 2 falls. 2 subs. 2 k.o.'s Ivan ZARYNOFF v Bull COLEMAN</p> <p>THE SENSATION OF THE YEAR. LADY WRESTLERS. A FIGHT TO A FINISH. Miss Maud McVIE Scotland. Open Challenge to all England v.</p> <p>Miss Maggie MURPHY Ireland. Maggie says Ireland for ever</p> <p>SPECIAL MIDDLEWEIGHT CONTEST. 60 mins. 2 falls. 2 subs. 2 k.o.'s Babe QUESICK v Tiger MADRILL</p> <p>GREAT MIDDLEWEIGHT FIGHT. 60 mins. 2 falls. 2 subs. 2 k.o.'s Pat HOWARD v Jim MALONY</p> <p>PRICES, including Tax. Ringside Stalls Circle Pit Upper Circle 46 3- 2- 16 1/- Seats may be booked at the Box Office. Phone: FLAXMAN 9618. M.C.—GUS ELTON.</p>	<p>CHELSEA PALACE THEATRE Promoter: ALF ALLEN. Phone: HOP 3423</p> <p>ALL-IN WRESTLING SUNDAY EVENING, APRIL 21. Doors Open 7.30 p.m. Commence 8 p.m.</p> <p>Personal appearance of the Heavyweight Champion of the British Empire, SONNY MUIR</p> <p>15st. 512. Heavyweight Champion of Australia and British Empire v GARY CURRIE</p> <p>19st. The Famous Lumberjack BULLDOG BILL CARMON Heavyweight Champion of Wales v ADHMIT ALI Birmingham, Turkey</p> <p>GREAT LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT FIGHT. CAB CASHFORD (U.S.A.) v LEO-QUARTER-NELSON (London)</p> <p>GREAT MIDDLEWEIGHT CONTEST. THE FLYING BULLETT (Blackfriars) v TIGER HARRIS (London) £10 a side. £10 a side. SPARKS (The Referee)</p> <p>BIG-BOY WADE (Southend) This contest is £10 a side and Promoter's Prize winner take all. No time limit.</p> <p>M.C.—GUS ELTON.</p> <p>PRICES, including Tax. Ringside Stalls Circle Pit Upper Circle 46 3- 2- 16 1/- Seats may be booked at the Box Office. Phone: FLAXMAN 9618. 1935</p>	<p>CHELSEA PALACE THEATRE Promoter: ALF ALLEN. Phone: HOP 3423</p> <p>ALL-IN WRESTLING SUNDAY EVENING, MAY 5. Doors Open 7.30 p.m. Commence 8 p.m.</p> <p>Smashing Heavyweight Contest. DESMOND JEANS v JIM REGAN</p> <p>International Heavyweight Contest. JONAN FESSON v CARL FERDINAND</p> <p>Special Light Heavyweight Contest. MADCAP MAD CARTER (U.S.A.) v HELL CAT HARRIS (London)</p> <p>By Special Request. Sensational Middleweight Smash-up SPARKS v CAB CASHFORD</p> <p>Great Light Heavyweight Contest. JACK GOLDSTONE (Southend) v TONY DEMARTO Italian Mat Maulers.</p> <p>M.C.—GUS ELTON.</p> <p>PRICES, including Tax. Ringside Stalls Circle Pit Upper Circle 46 3- 2- 16 1/- Seats may be booked at the Box Office. Phone: FLAXMAN 9618. 1935</p>	<p>CHELSEA PALACE THEATRE Promoter: ALF ALLEN. Phone: HOP 3423</p> <p>ALL-IN WRESTLING SUNDAY EVENING, JUNE 2. Doors Open 7.30 p.m. Commence 8 p.m.</p> <p>GREAT HEAVYWEIGHT FIGHT. DAVE ARMSTRONG (Choppington) v BATTLING PHIL SIKI British West Indies. Has won his last 37 contests.</p> <p>GREAT HEAVYWEIGHT FIGHT. BILLY RILEY British Empire Champion and Belt holder v JACK ATHERTON (Doncaster)</p> <p>FIGHT OF FIGHTS. LITTLE HACKENSMIDT v VON HALPERN Champion of the World. Austria.</p> <p>SPECIAL MIDDLEWEIGHT CONTEST. SAYAS PAPAGEORGIOU The strongest man in the world. £5000 challenge for his equal v SCARFACE (London)</p> <p>SPECIAL MIDDLEWEIGHT BOUT. JIM MALONEY (Ireland) v GINGER RAWLINGS (London)</p> <p>M.C.—GUS ELTON.</p> <p>PRICES, including Tax. Ringside Stalls Circle Pit Upper Circle 46 3- 2- 16 1/- Seats may be booked at the Box Office. Phone: FLAXMAN 9618. 1935</p>
<p>CHELSEA PALACE THEATRE Promoter: ALF ALLEN. Phone: HOP 3423</p> <p>ALL-IN WRESTLING SUNDAY EVENING, JUNE 30. Doors Open 7.30 p.m. Commence 8 p.m.</p> <p>SMASHING INTERNATIONAL HEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST. MITCHELL GILL Bradford. Contender for the Heavyweight Championship v EX-P.O. SMITH U.S.A. Ex-Heavyweight Champion of the American Navy.</p> <p>GREAT LIGHTWEIGHT CONTEST. TREVOR REES (London) v FLYING BULLETT</p> <p>SMASHING FIGHT. BOB FIFE Canadian Cyclone v ERIC FISHER Yorkshire.</p> <p>INTERNATIONAL FIGHT. SAILOR BARNES v MAD-CAP MAD CARTER U.S.A.</p> <p>LADY WRESTLERS. Personal Appearance of the MASKED LADY WRESTLER Who is she? v MISS CONNIE LANDI Middleweight Champion of Italy.</p> <p>PRICES, including Tax. Ringside Stalls Circle Pit Upper Circle 46 3- 2- 16 1/- Seats may be booked at the Box Office. Phone: FLAXMAN 9618. 1935</p>	<p>A MAN'S SPORT WOMEN ADORE!! All-In Wrestling 1935 AT CHELSEA PALACE THEATRE, King's Road, S.W. Book your seats in advance at the Box Office. Phone: FLAXMAN 9618. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15. Doors Open 7.30 p.m. Commence 8 p.m.</p> <p>GREAT HEAVYWEIGHT ALL-IN FIGHT. TONY MANDELLI The Italian Thunderbolt v BIG BEN The Canadian Lumberjack.</p> <p>HEAVYWEIGHT CLASH FRANKENSTEIN FISHER The Yorkshire Pudding v TOM WHALLEY The Lancashire Tug</p> <p>By SPECIAL REQUEST TONY DEMARTO Italy. Mussolini's Boy Friend v THE FLYING BULLETT (Blackfriars)</p> <p>FIGHT OF FIGHTS. RICHARD WILLS Winner of the Light-heavyweight Championship of England and Good Belt v BABE QUESICK (Brixton)</p> <p>LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST. OTTO ZAMMER 7-1 Famous German Light-heavyweight v WHITE HAWK Cumberland.</p> <p>PRICES, including Tax— Ringside Stalls Circle Pit Upper Circle 46 3- 2- 16 1/- M.U. in attendance. Referee Sparks.</p>	<p>A MAN'S SPORT WOMEN ADORE!! All-In Wrestling 1935 AT CHELSEA PALACE THEATRE, King's Road, S.W. Book your seats in advance at the Box Office. Phone: FLAXMAN 9618. SUNDAY EVENING, DEC. 29 Doors Open 7.30 p.m. Commence 8 p.m.</p> <p>GREAT NEEDLE CONTEST. DAVE ARMSTRONG (Newcastle) The famous Choppington Chicken v FRANKENSTEIN ERIC FISHER The Yorkshire Pudding</p> <p>HEAVYWEIGHT CLASH THE FAMOUS MONTEVERDE 19st. The Wrestling Carnera v MITCHELL GILL Bradford. Leading contender for the British Heavyweight Championship</p> <p>By SPECIAL REQUEST TED HAMMOND The Woolwich Testaway v MACK ENGLAND The New Zealand Terror</p> <p>FIGHT OF FIGHTS. AUSSIE. The Dutch A great two-handed fighter v SPARKS (The Referee)</p> <p>PERSONAL CHALLENGE CONTEST TOM WHALLEY The Lancashire Tug v DAN O'AVY (Ireland)</p> <p>PRICES, including Tax— Ringside Stalls Circle Pit Upper Circle 46 3- 2- 16 1/- M.U. in attendance. Referee Sparks</p>	<p>CHELSEA PALACE THEATRE Promoter: ALF ALLEN. Phone: HOP 3423</p> <p>ALL-IN WRESTLING SUNDAY EVENING, JUNE 9. Doors Open 7.30 p.m. Commence 8 p.m.</p> <p>SMASHING INTERNATIONAL HEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST. 60 minutes. HANS LAUREN Sweden. The Great Continental Star. v MR. JACK PYE</p> <p>MIDDLEWEIGHT BOUT. ERIC FISHER v JACK DALE Southern Area Middleweight Champion</p> <p>TONY DEMARTO (Italy) v EX-GUARDSMAN WILKINSON Light Heavyweight Champion of the British Army.</p> <p>GREAT LIGHTWEIGHT CONTEST. TREVOR REES (London) v MAD-CAP MAD CARTER</p> <p>This Contest has been specially requested INTERNATIONAL FIGHT. CARL FERDINAND The German Ace. v BABE QUESICK (Chelsea)</p> <p>M.C.—GUS ELTON.</p> <p>PRICES, including Tax. Ringside Stalls Circle Pit Upper Circle 46 3- 2- 16 1/- Seats may be booked at the Box Office. Phone: FLAXMAN 9618. 1935</p>

Anglo Italian

So much to digest here, thanks Ron.

Mad-Cap Mad Carter was doubly mad - I wonder what his show was like? Ex PO Smith catches the

eye in any case, but then I view the year: 1935: so he was living off this after 17 years? Ivan Zarynoff in 1935: several other similar names would follow over the decades. Was he the originator? Mr Jack Pye?

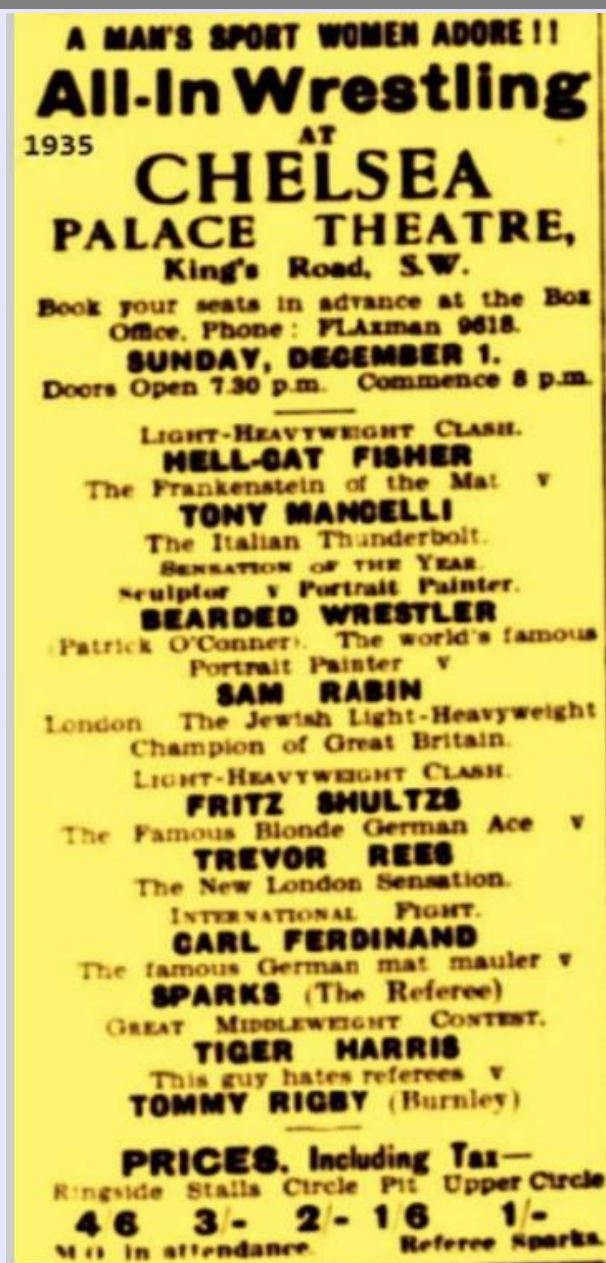
Ron

Enjoy some more. I have seen the Question Mark before but not many times.

Cub Panther Pye, Young Bull I think son of Bull Coleman, Young De Rel and Peter Gotham, Ronald Roman Public Schoolboy and Rugby player. Quantrill. Barney Goldstone. Tulley Marshall USA.

<p>CHELSEA PALACE THEATRE Promoter: ALF ALLEN. Phone: ROP 3423</p> <p>ALL-IN WRESTLING SUNDAY EVENING, APRIL 14. Doors Open 7.30 p.m. Commence 8 p.m.</p> <p>GREAT HEAVYWEIGHT FIGHT THE IRON DUKE London's Own v. HALF NELSON KEYS 17st. 6lb. Has fought over 200 contests</p> <p>SPECIAL HEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST. SMICK ROLFE From the Borey, New York. v. THE "7" FROM CAMBRIDGE This fight will be worth seeing.</p> <p>SMASHING WELTERWEIGHT CONTEST. SHAIN PEARSON Welterweight Champion of Australia. v. AL SAUNDERS Birmingham. A boy who lives a fight.</p> <p>GREAT MIDDLEWEIGHT FIGHT. JACK GOLDSTONE (Southend). v. GORDON SHAW (Plymouth).</p> <p>SPECIAL MIDDLEWEIGHT BOY. TULLY MARSHALL Late of the U.S.A. Army. v. NORMAN STEWART The Middleweight Champion of Scotland.</p> <p>M.C.—GUS ELTON. PRICES, including Tax— Ringside Stalls Circle Pit Upper Circle 4/6 3/- 2/- 1/6 1/- Seats may be booked at the Box Office. Phone: FLAXMAN 9618. 1935</p>	<p>A MAN'S SPORT WOMEN ADORE!! All-In Wrestling 1935 AT CHELSEA PALACE THEATRE, King's Road, S.W.</p> <p>Book your seats in advance at the Box Office. Phone: FLAXMAN 9618. SUNDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 10 Doors Open 7.30 p.m. Commence 8 p.m.</p> <p>GREAT HEAVYWEIGHT ALL-IN FIGHT. JACK PANTHER PYE Northern Champion of Great Britain v MIKE O'SULLIVAN Official Heavyweight Champion of Ireland</p> <p>GREAT HEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST. TONY SAER Heavyweight Champion of Scotland v HANS LAGREN The famous Swedish mat mauler. "ENORMOUS ATTRACTION."</p> <p>TIGER SEAL Welterweight Champion of Kent v JOHNNY CHEESEMAN Southern Area Middleweight Champion.</p> <p>LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT CLASH. ALF MADRILL The famous blonde tiger v ROUGH-HOUSE QUANTRILL Southend</p> <p>INTERNATIONAL HEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST. RED DEVIL Famous International Footballer v BIG BOY WADE The New London Sensation.</p> <p>PRICES, including Tax— Ringside Stalls Circle Pit Upper Circle 4/6 3/- 2/- 1/6 1/-</p>	<p>A MAN'S SPORT WOMEN ADORE!! All-In Wrestling 1935 AT CHELSEA PALACE THEATRE, King's Road, S.W.</p> <p>Book your seats in advance at the Box Office. Phone: FLAXMAN 9618. SUNDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 17 Doors Open 7.30 p.m. Commence 8 p.m.</p> <p>GREAT HEAVYWEIGHT ALL-IN FIGHT. DAVE ARMSTRONG The famous Chopping Chicken v CORDITE CONROY The Wigan Thunderbolt.</p> <p>HEAVYWEIGHT CLASH. JACK STANLEY Ex-heavyweight boxing champion v BULL COLEMAN 7 times British Heavyweight Champion</p> <p>"ENORMOUS ATTRACTION." SMASHING MIDDLEWEIGHT BOY. YOUNG BULL The new London sensation v PEDRO DE ROOPE The famous Spanish Bull Fighter.</p> <p>SENSATIONAL MIDDLEWEIGHT CONTEST. HARRY SMITH The Pitman Hercules v PETER DODDS (Plymouth).</p> <p>BY SPECIAL REQUEST. MACK ENGLAND (New Zealand) v TREVOR REES (London).</p> <p>PRICES, including Tax— Ringside Stalls Circle Pit Upper Circle 4/6 3/- 2/- 1/6 1/-</p>	<p>A MAN'S SPORT WOMEN ADORE!! All-In Wrestling 1935 AT CHELSEA PALACE THEATRE, King's Road, S.W.</p> <p>Book your seats in advance at the Box Office. Phone: FLAXMAN 9618. SUNDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 24. Doors Open 7.30 p.m. Commence 8 p.m.</p> <p>A FIGHT TO A FINISH. JACK PYE A human mauler v BIG BEN The Canadian Lumberjack.</p> <p>INTERNATIONAL FIGHT. TONY SAER Light heavyweight Champion of Scotland v PHIL SIKI (West Indies)</p> <p>"ENORMOUS ATTRACTION." YOUNG DE REL Lightweight Champion of the North of England v CUB PANTHER PYE The New Sensation from Doncaster.</p> <p>FIGHT TO A FINISH. EX-GUARDSMAN WILKINSON The Society Entertainer v LIGHTNING BAKE QUEENIK The Raddip Valentine of the sea.</p> <p>GREAT MIDDLEWEIGHT BOY. BILL MANN (the Welsh Tearaway) v CYRIL TROWER The New London Sensation.</p> <p>PRICES, including Tax— Ringside Stalls Circle Pit Upper Circle 4/6 3/- 2/- 1/6 1/- N.O. in attendance. Referee speaks.</p>
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Young Bull was usually Vic Coleman but hard to say always. Neat stuff there Ron.

Ron

Often come across this Bearded Wrestler in the records, but not so sure that I knew he was Patrick O'Connor. Different of course to the Bearded Monarch, Ken Davies. In the first set of bills on June 6th Jack Dale is billed as Southern Area champ at Middleweight.

Jack Pye is also there as Northern heavyweight champ. Could it be that Johanfesson was the originator of these titles and the way Jack Quesick his son was there at the start of Dale Martins, it makes me wonder if Dale Martins origins lay in the work of Johanfesson who apparently in the 1930's was one of the few promoters with a license in London.

Dale Martins for sure adopted these Southern area titles.

Quesick held one for a long time and it went to McManus.

Hack

What a splendid piece of writing and bit of history for us there Ron. Identifying the Bearded Wrestler was the cherry on the cake.

Anglo Italian

I like that idea that The Southern Area Welterweight title was some kind of legacy, of greater historical prestige than other titles. I wonder if that really was the

case?

Ron

I can find Jack Dale billed as Champion of the South in 1934 but specifically "Southern Area Champ" I think this at Chelsea in 1935 might be the first find and I think it is a copy of Boxing.

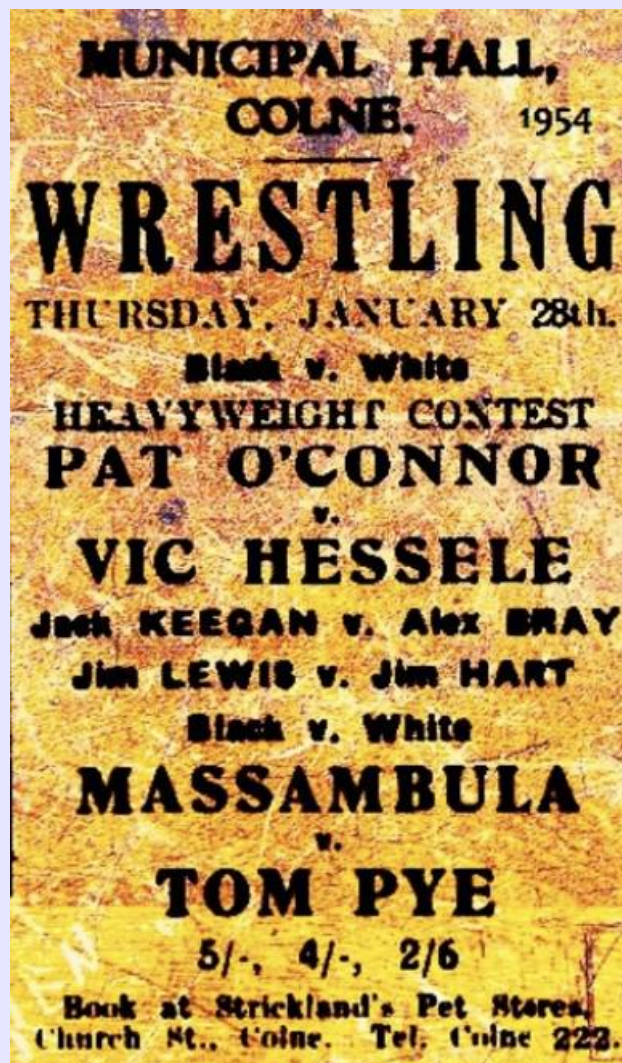
Before the war Johanfesson and his son Quesick (mother's maiden name) were of Chesterfield but I believe they moved to Brixton. It was 1949 before I could find Quesick as Southern Area Welterweight Champ, the one that went to McManus later. Quesick seems to have held the British lightweight title in a lineage from Harold Angus, Jack Alker, Ginger Burke, all the way to Saint and Breaks.

One snip of interest is that Johanfesson was making about £20 from a show after costs until it all went sour and then he was losing money due to poorer fan numbers. Some elements of his creativity backfired on him.



Here is The Bearded Wrestler. I don't know if he stuck around long and as Bill Benny emerged, he was also billed as The bearded Wrestler.

Could O'Connor have had a career elsewhere, there are so few bills and yet could this be him nearly 20 years later.



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