

Ron's Wrestling Ramblings

Devereux

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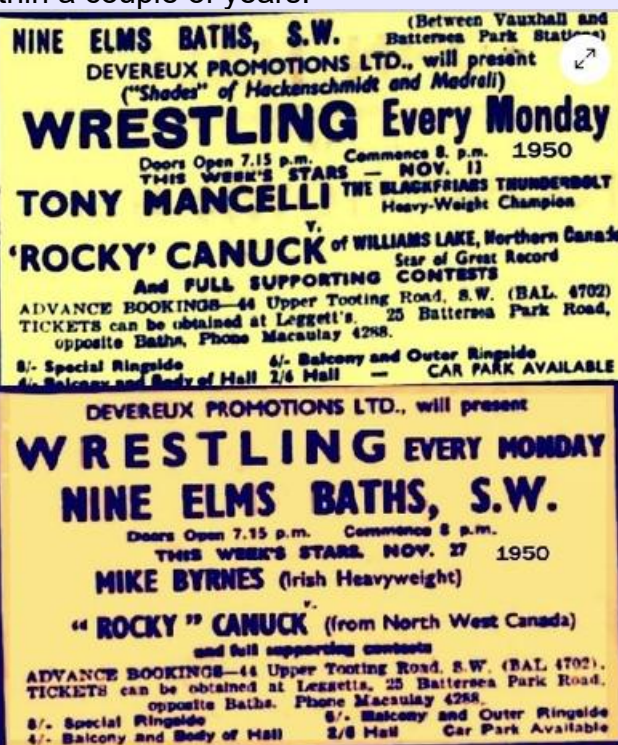
RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

IN 1948 I came across a Dale Martins bill and a report.

Herbert Devereaux looked to be a well established pivot in the Dale Martin machine.

Johnny Dale was the M.C., Lou Marco the referee, H. Devereaux the timekeeper, and Les Martin the match-maker.

The earliest Devereux bills I have ever found were within a couple of years.



Nine Elms Baths had been built in 1901 and by the 1950's was in a dangerous state of repairs. In winter when the baths was closed a sports event could house 1500 people. By 1956 ther balconies had to be pulled down and the place demolished in the 1970's.



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The advertising was only pushing the main bout , but the quality was threatening to be very good.

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I leave you with these , like I say the earliest I have ever seen.

Devereaux's split with Dales seems to have been amicable , just maybe this tells us a bit more as to when,

As for why , well I would think Herbert thought he could make more money with his own shows.

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PAT O'REILLY of The Emerald Isle
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TONY MANCELLI of Blackfriars
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And the venue , another one I have never come across before.

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Excellent stuff.

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Really good finds Ron!

Hack

Another fascinating bit of history. Thanks Ron. Another corner of the past that I reckon is worthy of further exploration. We don't seem to know much about Devereux and his later connection with the Joyce family. The earlier ad is at Eastbourne with Devereux employed by Dales. The latter at Nine Elms with Devereux in charge. These were early days with alliances being formed so it might have been seen as a natural development rather than a break. Over the years Devereux did have a mixed relationship with Dales. Most of the time seemed co-operative and using Dales men, but on occasions fiercely proclaiming their independence.

Anglo Italian

Twenty years later another second became timekeeper and then MC. His name was Peter Bates. He just couldn't pronounce properly, a shortcoming for an emcee, and always said BRIANBELT GOLD MAXINE. He was completely lost.

RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

On the Trail of Devereux I find him about a year later (1951) at Wimbledon Palais, but only at the year end.

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★ ★ **WRESTLING** ★ ★

WIMBLEDON PALAIS, Colliers Wood Tube Station
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, AT 8. Doors open at 7.15.
The Mighty 19 Stone The French Canadian

VAN DUTZ v. **LA ROUCHE**
Al Sherry v. Len Britton Stan Wurth v. Granville Lawrence

GEORGE KIDD v. **EDDIE CAPELLI**
World Lightweight Champion Ex British Champion

Advance Booking and Tickets: Wimbledon Palais (Phone: WIMBLEDON 8342)
PRICES: 10/- Special Ringside; 8/- Ringside; 6/- Outer Ringside; 3/- Body
of Hall 3/6 Unreserved. 1951 Rights of Admission Reserved.

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WIMBLEDON PALAIS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20th 1951
A Stupendous International Heavyweight Contest: 6 Ten-minute rounds.
2 Falls, Sub, or K.O. Official Southern Area Heavyweight Champion TONY

MARINO v. **MANCELLI**
Milan, Italy, winner of European title Blackfriars, the dynamic all-action
at the Cirque D' Hiver, Paris, in "Thunderbolt" from South London,
1949. Italian champion 1948. one of the greatest ever.

A Great Catchweight Contest: **JACK QUESICK**, Southern Area Welter Champion,
v. **STAN WURTH**, Sydney, Australia. A Welterweight Contest: **PAT**
KLOKE, Croydon, v. **ARTHUR FISHER**, Eitham.

A Super Empire Light-Heavyweight Contest introducing:
GERHARDT DE JAGER v. **SONNY WALLIS**
Capetown, Dropkick and flying Hammermith, one of the greatest
scissors expert. Light-Heavyweights in Europe to-day

The same again in 1952. Other bills during that year did not state Dale Martins or Devereux. It looks a very Dale Martins Roster even Mick McManus on bottom left.

Devereux Promotions Ltd. present 1952

! WRESTLING !

THURSDAY, 27th NOVEMBER, AND EVERY THURSDAY
Doors Open 7.15 **WIMBLEDON PALAIS** Commence 8 p.m.

Very Special Double-Champion Heavyweight Contest

Ernest BALDWIN v. **Clem LAWRENCE**
Northern Champion - Wakefield Eastern Area Champion - Chelmsford

Junior Heavy Match Southern Area Welterweight Middleweight Bout
Chas. FISHER v. **Jack QUESICK** v. **Arthur FISHER** v. **Ron HARRISON**

Alan WILSON v. **Johnny PETERS**
Brixton Champ Eltham Challenger

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THURSDAY, 4th DECEMBER, AND EVERY THURSDAY
Doors Open 7.15 **WIMBLEDON PALAIS** Commence 8 p.m.

The Most Daring and Sensational Heavyweight Clash of the Decade!

JACK PYE v. **PAT O'REILLY**
The World-famed "Doncaster The 1st. 10th. Irish Colossus. Has
Panther." Wrestling's Greatest Name destroyed all opposition until now
Pat KLOKE v. **Jackie PALLO** v. **Mick McMANUS** v. **Frank O'DONNELL**
Irish and Highbury British Welter Champion Irish Champion
Special Added Heavyweight Attraction

TONY MANCELLI v. **DAVID JONES**
Southern Area Champion The Greenwich Adonis just back from Spain

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THURSDAY, 13th NOVEMBER, AND EVERY THURSDAY
Doors Open 7.15 **WIMBLEDON PALAIS** Commence 8 p.m.

Outstanding Heavyweight Attraction

CLEM LAWRENCE v. **DAVID ARMSTRONG**
(Chelmsford Eastern Area Champion) (Northumberland 6ft 11in. 17-stone super mat man)

STARANOFF v. **GEORGE KIDD** v. **KEN JOYCE** v. **MICK McMANUS** v. **ARCHER O'BRIEN**
DON STEDMAN

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THURSDAY, 18th NOVEMBER, AND EVERY THURSDAY
Doors Open 7.15 **WIMBLEDON PALAIS** Commence 8 p.m.

Terrific Anglo-Irish Battle of Strength and Skill

MICK CASEY v. **ANACONDA**
Heavyweight Champion of Ireland The English Carner, 2nd. Swedish-Swenson King

Len Britton v. **Mick MARINO** v. **Chas. SCOTT** v. **Frank O'Donnell**
Herman Thomas v. **Eddie CAPELLI**
Anglo-Italian Neapolitan

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Peter

There is a clip of a Deveraux event in a often repeated 1954 film on Talking Pictures. Just cannot remember the name of the film

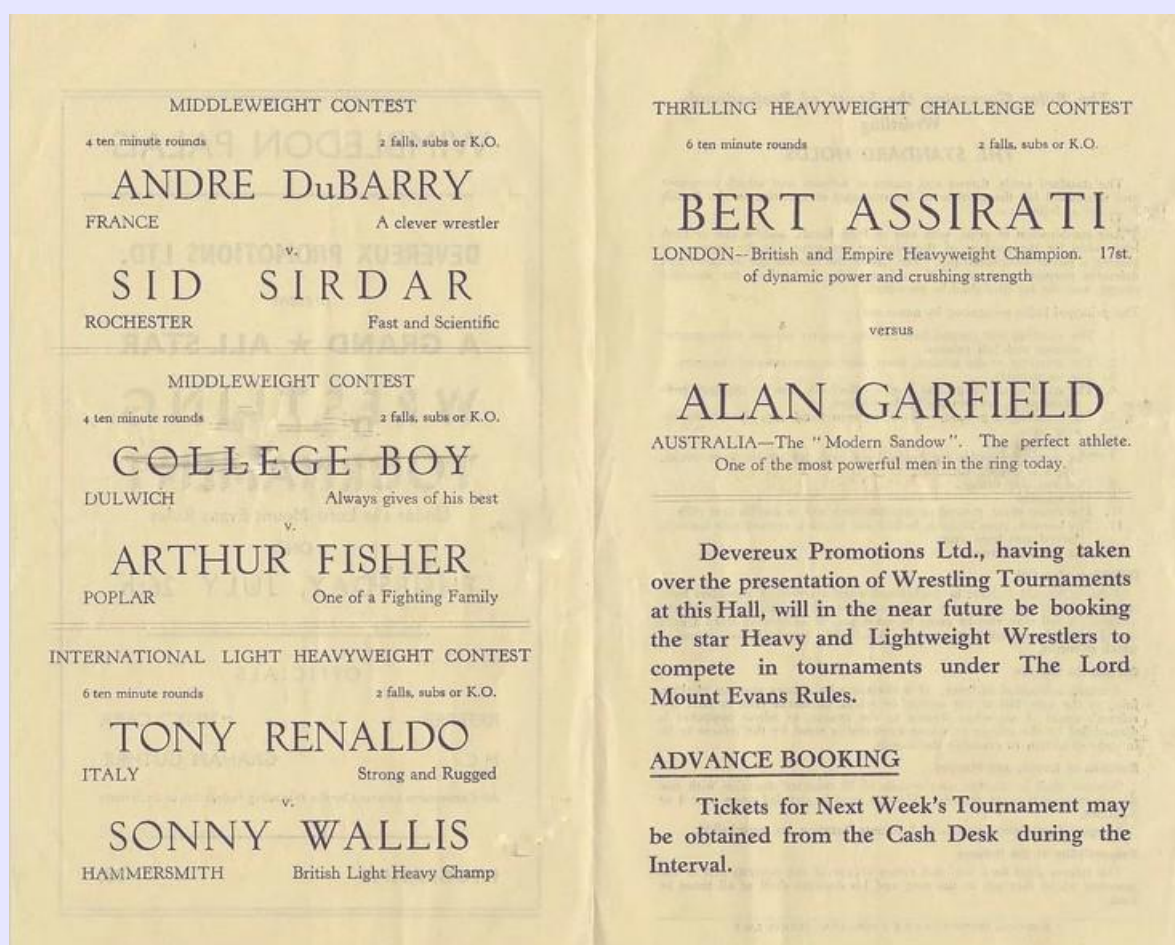
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Interesting bills for Devereux at Wimbledon.

For 1952 ,I was surprised to see ,what I would call Northern wrestlers like Dave Armstrong, Ernie Baldwin and Jack Pye on these bills.

Hack

It looks like Devereux took over at Wimbledon Palais in July 1951. Here's the programme for 26th July



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I've got the original programme for that ?

Hack

Have you got the previous weeks Steve? Do you know the previous promoter?

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All shows before that date are by Maurice Letchford.

RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

Here are the three shows earlier that month. No clue as to the promoter.



Hack

Thanks Steve.

RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

Super info from Steve. We really have captured |Devereux early days.

Origins seem to be in the very heart of London. With Wimbledon and Nine Elms both south of the river. Quite ambitious venues in size.