

# Ron's Wrestling Ramblings

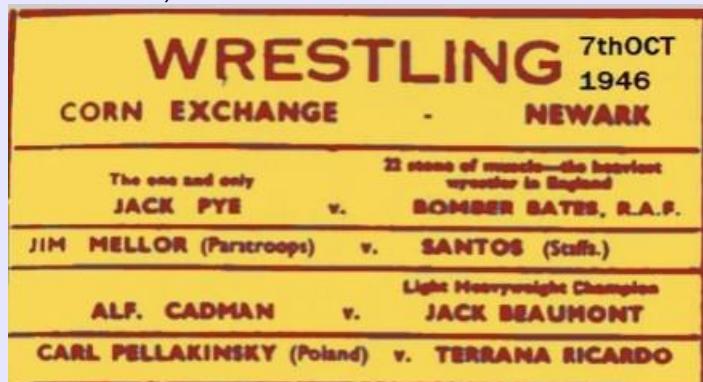
## Newark

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### RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

Very first wrestling in Newark was 1934. I don't have a bill for it but I can tell you that it was at Newark FC, outdoors and a crowd of almost 500. Jack Hickling of Mansfield was the Promoter.



Never heard of some of the wrestlers but for me the standout for skill would have been a bout between Jack Alker and his great mate Scotty Ambrose.

There was a follow up show then nothing until the war when some shows were done in the Ransome and Marles Canteen that I covered in another thread. After the war a few shows at the Corn Exchange were done before a long interval with no wrestling for many years.



By 1958 wrestling was entering a boom again due to TV Coverage under the guise of Sports enterprises. Again the Corn Exchange was to be the venue.

But in 1960 Promoter Matt Lewis came along with another venue.

PROFESSIONAL FREE-STYLING  
**WRESTLING** 1959

PALACE CINEMA, NEWARK Friday, September 11, at 7.30 p.m.

MATT LEWIS PROMOTIONS PRESENT

GRAND INTERNATIONAL HEAVYWEIGHT CHALLENGE MATCH — 10 5-minute rounds

Light Heavyweight Champion of Germany **HANS STREIGER** v. **MICHTY ELMO FOY** (Balton)

Amateur Heavyweight Champion of the World

Catchweight Contest — 8 5-minute rounds

Tommy Damon Damon (Liverpool) v. Mike Ross (Ireland)

Catchweight Contest — 10 5-minute rounds

Tom Woods v. Gentleman Jim LEWIS (Manchester) (Official World Welterweight Champion)

SECOND MAIN EVENT — INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF THE DREADNOUGHTS — 10 5-minute rounds

**MUSTAPHA HASSEK** (Egypt) v. **MIKE McGURN** (Canada)

(Referees Appointed by The Wrestlers' Welfare Association)

Ringside 8/6, 6/6, 2/6, 4/6; Circle 7/6

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SENSATIONAL TAG TEAM CHALLENGE BY OVERWHELMING PUBLIC DEMAND

ONE HOUR OF NON-STOP ALL ACTION WRESTLING

**THE TERRIBLE 'TWINS'** v. **THE CHAMPIONS**

**Tiger Woods** (London) and **Gentleman Jim Lewis** (Welterweight Champion of the World and Maurice Du Bois (French Champion)

**Tommy Damon** (Liverpool)

PLUS

**Other Top Line Bouts of Professional Wrestling**

Prices of Admission: 8/6, 6/6, 5/6, 4/6, 3/6. Circle 7/6 . . . BOOK NOW NEWARK

A little bit of info on these two venues is to be significant. You see, the Corn Exchange held 1500 spectators and yet the Palace Theatre or Cinema only held 630 seats. It's a bit strange how things worked out. Corn Exchange below left and the small Cinema on the right.



Stupendous attraction—International Promotions present

**WRESTLING** 1960

CORN EXCHANGE, NEWARK

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19 at 7.45

SPECIAL APPEARANCE OF—

British Commonwealth & European L.W. Champion

**JACK TAYLOR** v. **GUY MARIE**

Accrington v. Mexico

Mannie Hermann (Dusseldorf) v. Jon Hambers (Sweden)  
Ronto the Bull (Singapore) v. Digger Watson (Australia)  
Judo Martin (Blackpool) v. John Collins (U.S.A.)

Advance booking now at Coynes, 18, Market Place, Newark. 10/-. 6/6. 4/-. balcony 7/6, platform 5/6.

Remember a booked seat is a safe one

**INTERNATIONAL WRESTLING** 1960

Corn Exchange, Newark, Monday, May 23, 8 p.m.

\* Special effort in Aid of the World Refugee Year \*

British European & Commonwealth Lightweight Champion

**JACK TAYLOR** (Accrington) v. **BUTCH GOODMAN** (Wigan) challenger

Son of the CHOUL v. Harry YARDLEY

U.S.A. v. Birmingham

**KEN DAVIES** (Wales) v. **ERNIE COATES** (Nottingham)

Australian "ask him ref" **LEON ARRAS** v. **HARRY BENNETT** (Yorks.)

This is your chance to support the cause: Book now at Coynes 18, Market Place, Newark. Tel. 313.

No sign of Jack Taylor on the 1950's bills but by 1960 he had for sure captured The Corn Exchange for a long run. Jack as a great Champion was star of his own shows.

So 1961 Jack Taylor is established in the big Venue.

ALL STAR  
INTERNATIONAL WRESTLING  
CORN EXCHANGE, NEWARK  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17 at 7.45

Another Star-Spangled thrill a minute tournament  
At stupendous cost. Over 40 stone in the ring at the same time  
The MONSTER U.S.A. 6ft. 8in. 25 stone v.  
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Black versus White  
Lindo Casidor (W. Indies) v. Cliffe Milla (Denmark)  
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Ken Davies (Wales) v. Roy La Rue (S. Africa)  
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Refreshments Buffet continuously

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\* Stupendous Whituntide bill to suit all tastes \*  
Lancashire Tag Champions —  
**JACK and RAY TAYLOR**  
the Accrington brothers v.  
**GEORGEOUS GEORGE and JON HAMBERS**  
Sweden's Tag Combination  
**BLACK MASK v. HARRY BENNETT**  
20 Stone Sheffield  
**HARRY RHODES v. ROY LA RUE**  
Bradford South Africa  
7/-, 8/-, 10/- Booking now at Coynes, 18 Market Place, Newark. 1961  
Make it a family outing

INTERNATIONAL WRESTLING

CORN EXCHANGE, NEWARK 1961  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, at 7.45  
The little show with the big reputation  
\* SPECIAL REQUEST PRESENTATION \*  
American Style Tag-Match  
FRANK PRICE (Islington) and PAT KLOKE (Ireland)  
JACK TAYLOR (Accrington) & RAY TAYLOR (Accrington)  
ROY LA RUE (S. Africa) v. DICK RICHARDS (Australia)  
JESS CONDA v. BLACK MASK  
Special £50 challenge  
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Refreshments Buffet

CORN EXCHANGE, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

Newark's cosiest little arena. Doors open 7 p.m. Commence 7.45

INTERNATIONAL WRESTLING

\* Another superb bill with top of the bill gigantic attraction \*  
British & European Heavyweight Champion  
**SHIRLEY CRABTREE v. Big Bill COVERDALE**  
Halifax 6ft. 2in. 19 stone Perth 6ft. 1in. 20 stone  
Australia's man-mountain star

PAUL DE GRAN	JACK KEEGAN	GORDON CHESTER
Belgium v.	Rochdale v.	Liverpool v.
CLIFFE MILLA	Young RAYMOND	LES PARRY
Denmark	Lancs.	Derby

Prices 7/6 — 8/- Bookable now at Coynes of Newark, Market Place, Newark. Continuous refreshment bar 1961

Fascinating that Joint Promotions, Relwyskow and Green should challenge by going into the small venue known as the Palace. The March 4th bill even put Newark on the map as a TV Venue. And look, Mick McManus is there working for Relwyskow and Green. The people of Newark had a feast of wrestling with this choice.

**WRESTLING** 1961

RELYWSKOW AND GREEN PROMOTIONS LTD.  
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PALACE THEATRE — NEWARK

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, at 7.30 p.m.

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The Favourites

**BILLY TWO RIVERS v. DOUG JOYCE**

The only full-blooded Red Indian Wrestler appearing in G. F. H. De Relwyskow

**CLIFF BELSHAW** v. **ERIC CUTLER**

Wigan, World's W.W. Champion and soon challenging to all v. Sheffield v. Notts.

**STEFFAN MILLA** v. **AL NICOL**

London v. Notts.

**HEAVY MIDDLE-WEIGHT** 10-5 RDS.

**ARTURIO MONTORO v. BOBBY GRAHAM**

Spain v. Sheffield

Book at Savoy Cinema, Newark

Price of admission: 10s. 6d. 8s. 6d., 4s. 6d. 3s. 6d. All seats bookable

Relwyskow and Green are members of Joint Promotions Ltd., exclusive contractors to ITV for wrestling. No other body promotes wrestling on ITV, and only with Relwyskow and Green will Newark fans see the ITV stars in their home town.

**PALACE THEATRE — NEWARK**

**ALL-STAR WRESTLING**

Presented by Relwyskow & Green Promotions Ltd.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 1961**

Doors open 8.00 p.m. Commence 8.45 p.m.

**SENSATIONAL ALL-STAR PROGRAMME**

part of which will be

**TELEVISION BY A.B.C. TELEVISION**

**Smashing Heavy-weight contest** Ten 2 minute rounds

**MIKE MARINO v. JOSE ARROYO**

Angle Italiano v. World's Mid-Heavyweight Champion No. 1 contender for World's and European Title tomorrow

**Smashing Welter-weight Bout** Eight 1 minute rounds

**TONY CHARLES v. ERIC CUTLER**

Wales v. Welsh Welter-weight Champion v. Sheffield v. Notts.

**JULIAN MAURICE** v. **AL NICOL**

London v. Notts.

**Great Light-weight bout** Eight 1 minute rounds

**JIM BREAKS v. ERIC BUTLER**

Brothers v. The record Versus v. Notts.

**Smashing, fast moving and full of drama & very sharp action.**

**Terrible Middle-weight Contest** Ten 2 minute rounds

**INGA PERUANA v. NICK McMANUS**

London v. Brothers Army Welter-weight Champion.

**Members of Joint Promotions Ltd. (Television Contractors) and Alliance Européenne de Lutte de Combat**

**A Division: 3s. 6d. 2s. 6d. 2s. 6d. 1s. 6d. 1s. 6d. 1s. 6d.**

Book at the SAVOY Cinema, Newark

**PALACE THEATRE — NEWARK**

**ALL-STAR WRESTLING**

Presented by Relwyskow & Green Promotions Ltd.

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 15, 1961**

Doors open 8.45 p.m. Commence 9.00 p.m.

**Thrilling Middle-weight Bout** Ten 2 min. rounds

**REME BEN CHEMOUL v. JOHN FOLEY**

of Wigan v. of Wigan

**See the World Middle-weight Champion in Action ... in an eight 2 min. round Contest at Middle-weight**

**TOMMY MANN v. BERT ROYAL**

the World Champ. of Manchester v. of Bolton

**Smashing Heavy-weight Bout** Ten 2 min. rounds

**SARBY DOUGLAS v. ALLAN DENNISON**

of London v. of Dumbarton

**GORDON BELMARTIN v. JIM BREAKS**

of Bury v. of Bradford

**Members of Joint Promotions Ltd. (Television Contractors) and Alliance Européenne de Lutte de Combat**

**Prices of Admission: 3s. 6d. 2s. 6d. 2s. 6d. 1s. 6d. 1s. 6d. 1s. 6d.**

Booking Office open at the SAVOY Cinema during NORMAL Cinema hours

**PALACE THEATRE — NEWARK**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 1961**

Doors open 8.45 p.m. Commence 9.00 p.m.

**ALL-STAR WRESTLING**

Presented by Relwyskow & Green Promotions Ltd.

A THRILLING STUPENDOUS PROGRAMME

**Terrible Mid-Heavyweight Eliminator of Ten 5 min. Rounds**

**JOHN ALLAN v. GORDON NELSON**

Halifax v. Former Canadian Amateur Champion

**Interesting Welter-weight Clash of Eight 5 min. Rounds**

**ERIC CUTLER v. ALAN DENNISON**

Sheffield v. Dumbarton

**Eight rounds of 1 min. each**

**A Sensational Contest at Mid-Heavyweight**

**MASAMBOLA** v. **COUNT DAISONE**

South Africa v. Italy

**ROBERT MACDONALD** v. **ERIN RILEY**

Scotland v. Light Heavy-weight Champion of Great Britain and Europe

**Members of Joint Promotions Ltd. (Television Contractors) and Alliance Européenne de Lutte de Combat**

**Prices of Admission: 3s. 6d. 2s. 6d. and 2s. 6d.**

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**PALACE THEATRE — NEWARK**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 1961**

Commence 9.00 p.m. Doors open 8.45 p.m.

**ALL-STAR WRESTLING**

Presented by Relwyskow & Green Promotions Ltd.

**Terrible Heavy-weight Contest of Ten 5 min. Rounds between**

**HANS STREIGER & GEOF. PORTZ**

Manchester v. Bradford

**A Thrilling Catch-weight Contest of Eight 5 min. Rounds**

**ROY ST. CLAIR v. DEAN STOCKTON**

Manchester v. Wigan

**A Contest not to be missed at Mid-Heavyweight of Eight 1 min. Rounds**

**BERT ROYAL v. SEAMUS DONLEVY**

Sheffield v. Dublin

**BOB SHEENEY** v. **Former JOHN ALLEN**

Halifax v. Halifax

**Members of Joint Promotions Ltd. (Television Contractors) and Alliance Européenne de Lutte de Combat**

**Prices of Admission: 3s. 6d. 2s. 6d. 2s. 6d. and 2s. 6d.**

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**PALACE THEATRE, NEWARK**

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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1961**

Doors open 8.30 p.m. Commence 9.00 p.m.

**Relwyskow and Green Promotions Ltd. PRESENT**

**ALL STAR WRESTLING**

A TERRIFIC PROGRAMME

**Thrilling Heavyweight Contest of 10 x 1 min. rounds**

**IAN CAMPBELL v. GORDON NELSON**

(Ayr, Scotland) v. (Canada)

**JIM BREAKS v. ALAN DENNISON**

(Dumbarton) v. (Bradford)

**A Top Heavyweight Contest between two good fighters**

**JACK BELMONT v. CERRY HOGAN**

(Manchester) v. (Wigan)

**Outstanding Heavyweight contest**

**SEAMUS DONLEVY v. BARRY DOUGLAS**

(Dublin) v. (London)

**Prices of admission 3s. 6d. 2s. 6d. and 2s. 6d.**

Books can be booked in advance at the SAVOY Cinema during the normal cinema hours until 9 p.m.

## SaxonWolf

Would that be Count Bartelli, as "Jess Conda" on the Feb 28th 1961 bill at the Corn Exchange? Also, that 1960 poster!, has Jack Taylor gone a bit "over the top" with all those nationalities on one bill!

## Mad Mac

Especially "Leon Arras, the man from Paris" becoming Australian!

## martinlcampbell

Some great digging, Ron. Thank you. Hands up those who'd have given their right arm to see Jack Pye v Bomber Bates!

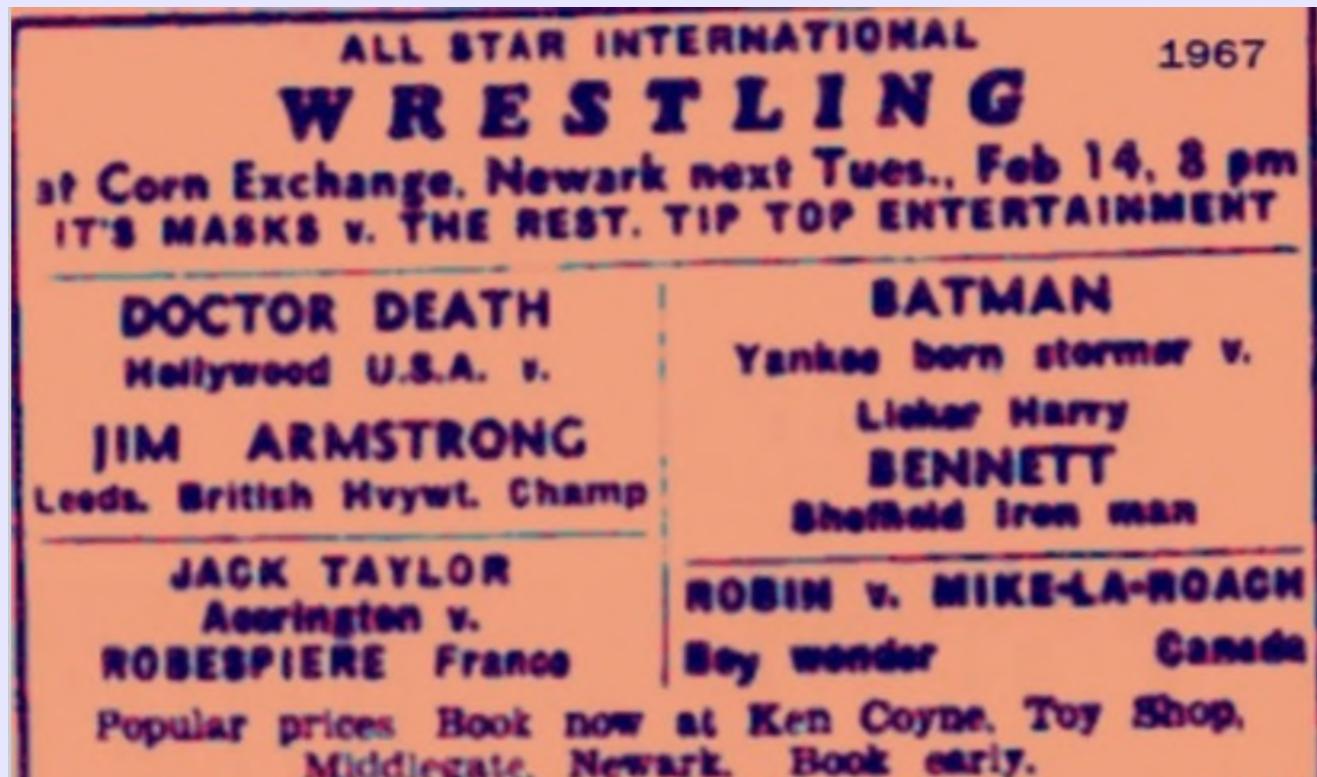
## RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

Sax, I am fascinated with this Jess Conda. Discussed on a previous thread it was concluded that it was unlikely to be Bartelli. But I am finding him a shed load of times with Jack Taylor. Previous debate in the link.

<https://heritagedocs.wixsite.com/talkwrestling/forum/memories-of-the-old-days/did-bartelli-fight-maskless-pre-1966>

Taylor had a great imagination and this "Mask Night" would have been right up my street.

Some of these are pure fiction.



### SaxonWolf

Thanks Ron, I just took a quick look at the link you posted, to remind myself of what we said at the time.

"Jess Conda" seems to be in some high profile bouts (The Monster, Cowboy Jack Cassidy, etc.), so if it is not Bartelli, who is it?

Did Bartelli's love for "the game" mean he would risk upsetting Joint Promotions, to appear on an opposition bill?, cash in hand, no questions asked?

I guess we need to find someone from that promotion, who is still with us, who would remember who he was, or a picture of him?

### RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

Wonder if Bartelli had an agreement that he could do it as long as it was not done deep in Wryton Land. He certainly seemed to go his own way. So much so that later he had the Bartley promotions venture. We kind of know he was fed up of the mask.

The jokes on us though, we just don't know.

### SaxonWolf

Or maybe it was that he could wrestle on other shows, as long as he wasn't "Count Bartelli"?

RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

CORN EXCHANGE, NEWARK 1962  
**INTERNATIONAL WRESTLING**  
 THIS FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 at 7.45  
 Star spangled wrestling in Newark's cosiest Hall  
**DOCTOR DEATH** of the U.S.A.  
 versus  
 the Lancashire Pride **YOUNG RAYMOND**  
**FARMER BOB WHITE** v. **CARL HACKENSMIDT**  
 Bolton Germany  
 ERIC CHARLES Yarmouth v. KURY VON VIDOR Norway  
 WALLY SEVERN Canada BUDDY WARD Ellesmere Park  
 Advance booking at Coynes, Market Place, Newark.  
 Tickets also available at the Hall. Refreshments

CORN EXCHANGE, NEWARK, NEXT TUESDAY, SEPT 24  
 1963  
**WRESTLING**  
 Doors open 7 p.m. Tickets & Spills. Commence 8 p.m.  
 ANGUS CAMPBELL Scotland v. THE MONSTER  
 IKE WILLIAMS U.S.A. Matto Gross, Brazil v.  
 JUDO PAT POACH Birmingham  
 BILLY YUKON Canada v. LAZLO BAKJO Hungary  
 KEN DAVIES Wales JACK TAYLOR England  
 Advance booking NOW at Ken Coynes, Toy Shop, Market  
 Place, Newark. Book early

Enjoy a few more Jack Taylor shows through the 60's. He kept a hold on that Corn Exchange.

You won't see the ladies much earlier than this. These really were some of the first.

CORN EXCHANGE, NEWARK, Next Monday, Oct. 12, 8 p.m.  
 ALL-STAR INTERNATIONAL 1964  
**WRESTLING**  
 \* SUPER SENSATIONAL BILL—BOOK EARLY FOR THIS \*  
 Judo-Karate GIRLS! GIRLS!! GIRLS!!! Wrestling!!  
 BETTY JONES RITA HOWARD  
 Bootie Karate expert & Grows Self Defence 12st. &  
 ALF MARCATE V YOUNG RAYMOND  
 Liverpool Clayton  
 JUNGLE BOY (from the heart of Africa) v.  
 SPIKE O'REILLY (Irish Champion)  
 Andre svajik (Hungary) v. Ian St. John (Scotland)  
 Young Chester (Liverpool) v. Pete Smith (Newark)  
 Advance Booking at KEN COYNES TOY SHOP, Middlegate,  
 Newark. Make sure you get your seat early.

Corn Exchange, Newark - Tuesday, June 1, at 8 p.m.  
 ALL-STAR INTERNATIONAL 1965  
**WRESTLING**  
 \* A rare opportunity for the wrestling fanatic \*  
 NOT JUDO The Wrestling Girls as seen on TV  
 NANCY BARTON v. DENISE BLANIER Monte Carlo  
 England's pride and joy  
 PLUS GREAT TAG-MATCH TIT-BIT  
 COWBOY CASSIDY & BILLY YUKON v.  
 VINCENT AURALINS & LENO LARAZZI  
 Steven Briggs (Bolingbrook) v. Pete Smith (Newark)  
 Jim Clark (Birmingham) v. Giant El Cid (Switzerland)  
 Advance Booking As Usual at Ken Coynes Toy Shop  
 Middlegate Newark. — TICKETS GOING FAST

Corn Exchange, Newark. Tues., Jan. 31, 8 p.m.  
 ALL-STAR INTERNATIONAL 1967  
**WRESTLING**  
 \* RE-OPENING GIGANTIC STAR-SPANGLED BILL \*  
 Top of the Bill Super Heavy Classic  
**SHIRLEY CRABTREE v KLONDIKE BILL**  
 Halifax . 26 Stone European Champion v.  
 the 38 Stone Alaskan Giant  
 including six-round Captain's bout  
 Can the boxer beat the Wrestler!!!  
**MICK DALBY** (Loughboro) wears gloves v.  
**LEGS VALENTINE**, Australian ace  
 Plus Tag-Match Thriller  
**CHRIS McMANUS & ROG LADAIRE** v.  
**TONY KELLY & MICK COLLINS**  
 Booking at Ken Coynes, Middlegate, NEWARK.  
 Excellent Refreshment Bar. Get your Tickets Early

### **martinlcampbell**

Mick Dalby always fascinated me. He only had two fights as a pro middleweight boxer (one tko loss and one points loss) but he did the rounds (no pun intended) for Jack, nearly always against Legs Valentine in boxer vs wrestler matches and, as I remember it, was usually a ko winner.

### **Anglo Italian**

But those early girls you point out, Ron, are in a MIXED tag match. Alf Marquette in there with his Betty. I can't recall any other mixed tag, thankfully.

### **Hack**

Anglo Italian: "I can't recall any other mixed tag, thankfully."

Blimey, after all these years Anglo has discovered the only advantage of being a southerner.

### **martinlcampbell**

Sorry to have to tell you this, Anglo ... but Jack Taylor put on many, many mixed matches. Male vs Female ... Male and Female vs Male and Female Tag .... Male tag v Female tag.

Here are some posters and a report and pic on Mick Collins vs Nola Goldsmith at Wisbech. I saw dozens of these matches ... and I never saw one that wasn't embarrassing at least and disgracefully pitiful at worst. He often used his own lady, Lady Caroline to take part. Not his finest hours ....





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INTERNATIONAL PROMOTIONS of Leicester, The Midlands leading Promoters, proudly present

**WRESTLING**

MONDAY 25th MARCH

The Bout King's Lynn Council Banned

GERDA ROG

**SNYDER & LADAIRE**

VERSUS

JOHN T.V. BRITT

**MONK & VARTZO**

A Top Line Lightweight Bout

GRAHAM TAFFY

**SELLERS** V **JENKINS**

Special Lightweight International

JOHN KIDD V TIGER VALENTINE

Additional Non-Title Challenge

**JACK TAYLOR** **KEN DAVIES**

PRICES 10/- 7/6 5/-

All seats bookable from the box office Corn Exchange, Wisbech Tel. 4147

**RON HISTORYO....Time Cop**  
Those posters look in super condition.

**martinlcampbell**

They are, Ron. I got many of them from Jack before they were stuck on walls ... a reward in addition to the half-crown for bucket duties!

## BATTLE OF THE SEXES WAS OH, SO TAME !

The man versus women wrestling match at Wisbech, on Monday, proved to be rather a tame affair.

And the young lady who dared to question the male superiority, attractive Nola Goldsmith, was well beaten and put in her place by a mere strippling, Mick Collins.

True, Nola did take the lead within 25 seconds of the start of round one with a submission, after she had thrown Mick all over—and out of—the ring.

But from then on Mick decided to forget he was a gentleman and started to mix it with Nola, slapping her face and giving her head-butts to the stomach—a move that drew groans from both the crowd and Nola.

### INTEREST

The near-capacity crowd watched the contest with a quiet interest and in round three Mick equalised with a folding press, and finished the fight in the fifth round with a folding body press.

This bout was simply the hors d'oeuvres, compared with the other bouts featured in the programme.

One of the most hated wrestlers to fight at Wisbech, the infamous black-clad Doctor Death, and his henchman Johnny Romero fought a hard, bitter tag match with Bobby Berne and Heine Von Schultz, who eventually won.

### BRAWL

There was a real "hate" match between Adolf Dabrowski and Madcap Campbell. Both were disqualified in round five after a bruising, battling brawl in which every tactic not in the book—including fighting between rounds, spitting water at each other, strangle-holds with towels, and fighting the referee—were used.

In earlier bouts Jack Brittain beat Derek Perkins by two falls to one, and Hillbilly Burt beat Ken Motley by two falls to one.

## **RON HISTORYO....Time Cop**

It's a very interesting area Martin bordering several counties. Looking at the bills I have collected Jack Taylor had a Field Day. I guess some of the venues were just not big enough for Joint, but Jack sure made it pay. What an imagination, but from what you say, he did not always get the balance right.

### **martinlcampbell**

That's exactly right, Ron. He tried out several halls across Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Lincolnshire, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire. Sometimes he'd finish up with just the one show ... in others it would take off. He always presented a "local" lad and at least one striking headliner (Cassidy, Ghoul, Klondike, ladies etc). My only criticism at the time was that very often there would be too many up-and-comers from Jack's training school. They didn't look the part. They were just starting out, of course, but they were young (and looked it) and while we all have to start somewhere I think sometimes he would overload a bill with them. As for the mixed stuff I really couldn't fathom it out ... because it did pull in the punters the first time at each hall ... but it never, ever worked well and putting it on a second time did not bring the punters in. Quite the opposite. A shame, really, because the likes of Nola Goldsmith, Britt Vartzo, Sugar Pye Harlem and particularly Lady Caroline were good workers in their own right ... but both males and females struggled to make mixed match-ups look half decent.