

# Ron's Wrestling Ramblings

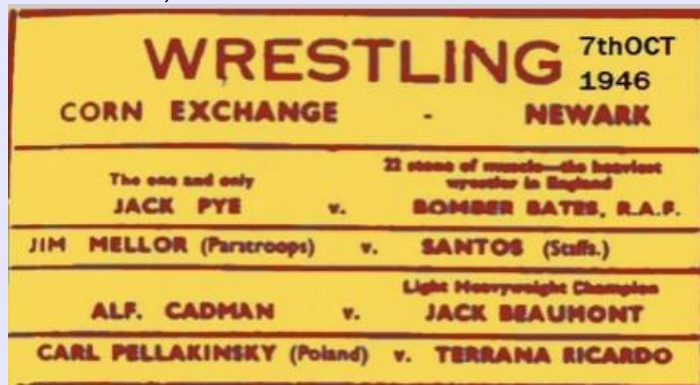
## Newark

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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.

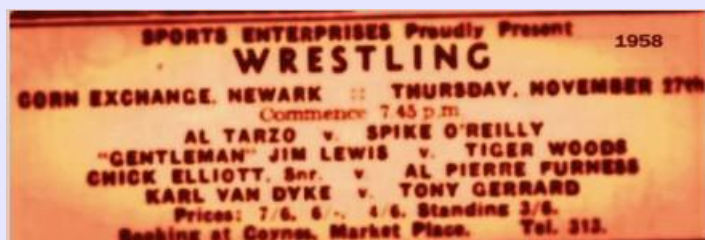


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The one and only		22 stone of muscle—the heaviest wrestler in England	
JACK PYE	v.	BOMBER BATES, R.A.F.	
JIM MELLOR (Paratroops)	v.	SANTOS (Staffs.)	
ALF. CADMAN	v.	JACK BEAUMONT	Light Heavyweight Champion
CARL PELLAKINSKY (Poland)	v.	TERRANA RICARDO	

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.



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AL TARZO		SPIKE O'REILLY	
"GENTLEMAN" JIM LEWIS	v.	TIGER WOODS	
CHICK ELLIOTT, Snr.	v.	AL PIERRE FURNESS	
KARL VAN DYKE	v.	TONY GERRARD	
Prices: 7/6, 6/-, 4/6, Standing 3/6.			

Booking at Goyne, Market Place. Tel. 313.

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-STYLE 1959**  
**WRESTLING**  
**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 STRIEGER (Dortmund)**  
**v.**  
**MIGHTY ELMO FOY (Boston)**  
**Amateur Heavyweight Champion of the World**

Catchweight Contest — 8 5-minute rounds  
**Tommy Doman Damone (Liverpool) v. Mike Roscoe (Ireland)**

Catchweight Contest — 10 5-minute rounds  
**Tiger Woods v. Gentleman Jim LEWIS (Manchester)**  
**(Official World Welterweight Champion)**

**SECOND MAIN EVENT — INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF THE DREAMBOUGHTS — 10 5-minute Rounds**  
**MUSTAPHA HASSER (Egypt) v. MIKE MCGURN (Canada)**

(Referee Appointed by The Wrestlers' Welfare Association)  
**Ringside 8/6, 6/6, 5/6, 4/6; Circle 7/6**  
**BOOK NOW — Box Office Open Daily**

**Palace Cinema, Newark**  
**Tuesday, 6th October at 7.30 p.m.**

**EXCITEMENT — SPECTACLE — THRILLS**  
**PROFESSIONAL FREE-STYLE WRESTLING**  
**Matt Lewis Promotion Presents**  
**A NIGHT OF FIRST CLASS**  
**WRESTLING**  
**FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT**

... Main event of the evening being a bout between ...  
**JACK DILLON** and **TED SEACH**  
of Ireland (5' 10" high)  
Light Heavyweight Champion Powerful, rugged and one of the most feared wrestlers in the country

Prices of admission: Ringside 8/6, 6/6, 5/6, 4/6.  
**Circle 7/6. Book now—Box office open daily.**  
**Telephone: 199**  
**Come and enjoy First Class Entertainment in the warmth and comfort of the Cinema. 1959**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6th, at 7.30 p.m.**  
**PALACE CINEMA 1959**  
**Matt Lewis Promotions Present**  
**WRESTLING**  
**SENATIONAL TAG TEAM CHALLENGE**  
**BY OVERWHELMING PUBLIC DEMAND**  
**ONE HOUR OF NON-STOP ALL ACTION WRESTLING**

**THE TERRIBLE 'TWIN'S'**  
**Tiger Woods (London) and**  
**Tommy Damone (Liverpool)**

**THE CHAMPIONS**  
**Gentleman Jim Lewis (Welterweight Champion of the World)**  
**and Maurice Du Bois (French Champion)**

**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—**

<b>British Commonwealth &amp; European L.W. Champion</b>	<b>The celebrated Mexican sensation</b>
<b>JACK TAYLOR</b>	<b>GUY MARIE</b>
<b>Accrington</b>	<b>Mexico</b>

**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 Coyne's, 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 CHOU v. Harry YARDLEY**  
**U.S.A. 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 Coyne's 18, Market Place, Newark. Tel. 313.**

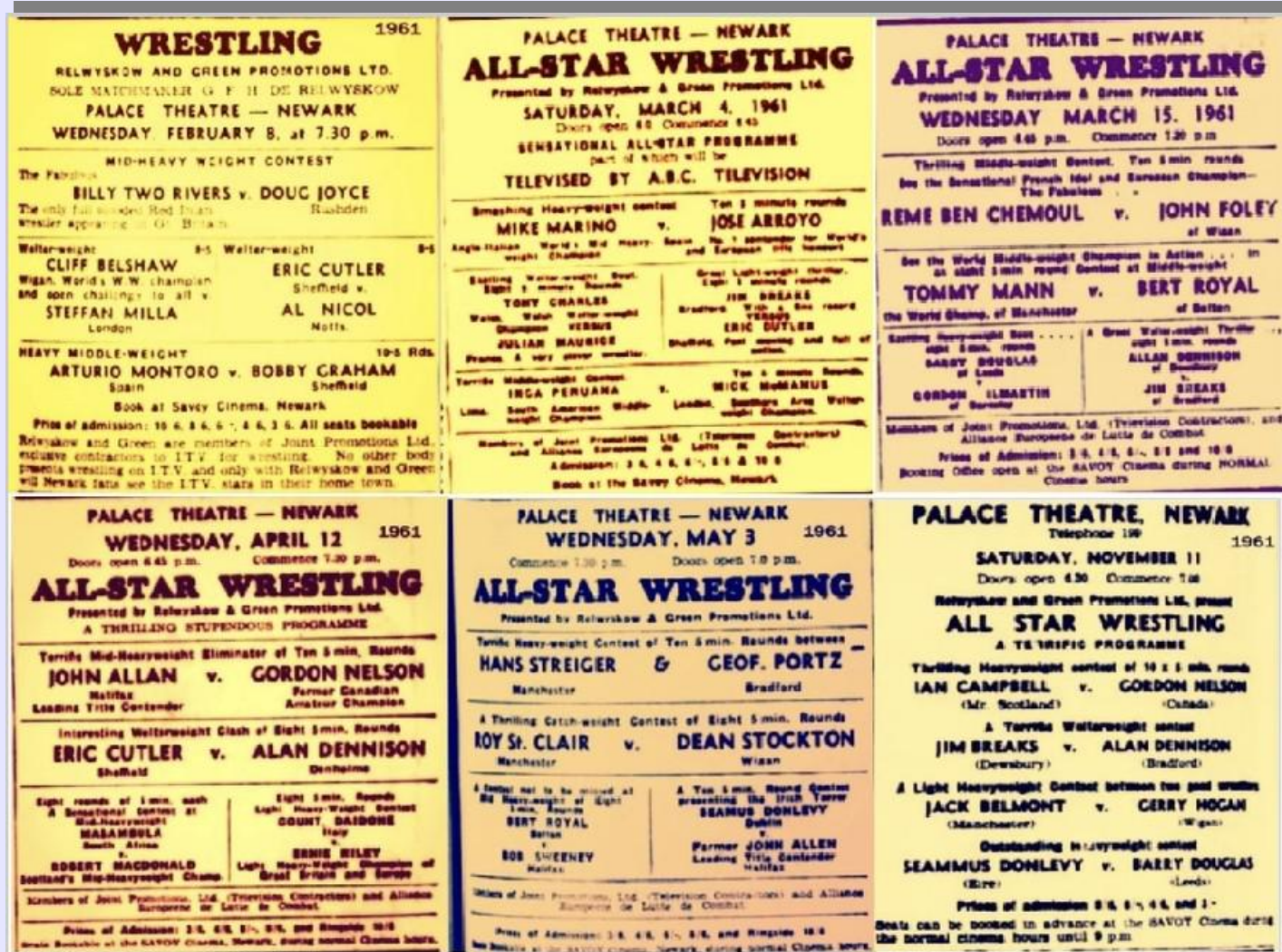
No sign of Jack Taylor on the 1950's bills but by 1960 he had for sure captured The Corn Exchange for a long run. Jack as a great Champion was star of his own shows.



So 1961 Jack Taylor is established in the big Venue.

<p align="center"><b>ALL STAR 1961</b></p> <p align="center"><b>INTERNATIONAL WRESTLING</b></p> <p align="center"><b>CORN EXCHANGE, NEWARK</b></p> <p align="center"><b>TUESDAY, JANUARY 17 at 7.45</b></p> <p>Another Star-Spangled thrill a minute tournament At stupendous cost. Over 40 stone in the ring at the same time</p> <p><b>The MONSTER U.S.A. 6ft. 5in. 25 stone v.</b> <b>BIG BRUNO Portsmouth 6ft. 4in. 19 stone 8 lbs.</b></p> <p>Black versus White</p> <p>Linde Casider (W. Indies) v. Cliffe Milla (Denmark) Digger Watson (Australia) v. Harry Yardley (Birmingham) Ken Davies (Wales) v. Roy La Rue (S. Africa)</p> <p>Prices 1/6, 4/-, 4/-. Book now at Coyne's, Market Place, Newark. Refreshment Buffet continuously</p>	<p align="center"><b>INTERNATIONAL WRESTLING</b></p> <p align="center"><b>CORN EXCHANGE, NEWARK 1961</b></p> <p align="center"><b>TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, at 7.45</b></p> <p>The little show with the big reputation * <b>SPECIAL REQUEST PRESENTATION</b> *</p> <p align="center">American Style Tag-Match</p> <p><b>FRANK PRICE (Islington) and PAT KLOKE (Ireland)</b> v. <b>JACK TAYLOR (Accrington) &amp; RAY TAYLOR (Accrington)</b> <b>ROY LA RUE (S. Africa) v. DICK RICHARDS (Australia)</b></p> <p><b>JESS CONDA v. BLACK MASK</b> Special £50 challenge</p> <p>Advance Bookings only at Coyne's, 18 Market Place, Newark. Refreshments. Buffet</p>			
<p align="center"><b>ALL-STAR INTERNATIONAL WRESTLING</b></p> <p align="center"><b>CORN EXCHANGE, NEWARK, TUES. MAY 23, 8 p.m.</b></p> <p>* Stupendous Whitsuntide bill to suit all tastes *</p> <p align="center">Lancashire Tag Champions — <b>JACK and RAY TAYLOR</b> the Accrington brothers v. <b>GEORGEUS GEORGE and JON HAMBERS</b> Sweden's Tag Combination</p> <p><b>BLACK MASK v. HARRY BENNETT</b> 20 Stone Sheffield</p> <p><b>HARRY RHODES v. ROY LA RUE</b> Bradford South Africa</p> <p>7/-, 6/-, 4/- Bookings now at Coyne's, 18 Market Place, Newark. Make it a family outing 1961</p>	<p align="center"><b>CORN EXCHANGE, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1</b></p> <p align="center">Newark's cosiest little arena. Doors open 7 p.m. Commence 7.45</p> <p align="center"><b>INTERNATIONAL WRESTLING</b></p> <p>* Another superb bill with top of the bill gigantic attraction *</p> <p align="center">British &amp; European Heavyweight Champion Australia's man-mountain star</p> <p><b>SHIRLEY CRABTREE v. Big Bill COVERDALE</b> Halifax 6ft. 2in. 19 stone Perth 6ft. 1in. 23 stone</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td><b>PAUL DE GRAN</b> Belgium v. <b>CLIFFE MILLA</b> Denmark</td> <td><b>JACK KEEGAN</b> Rochdale v. Young <b>RAYMOND</b> Lancs.</td> <td><b>GORDON CHESTER</b> Liverpool v. <b>LES PARRY</b> Derby</td> </tr> </table> <p>Prices: 7/6 — 4/-. Bookable now at Coyne's of Newark, Market Place, Newark. Continuous refreshment bar 1961</p>	<b>PAUL DE GRAN</b> Belgium v. <b>CLIFFE MILLA</b> Denmark	<b>JACK KEEGAN</b> Rochdale v. Young <b>RAYMOND</b> Lancs.	<b>GORDON CHESTER</b> Liverpool v. <b>LES PARRY</b> Derby
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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.



## 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!

## martincampbell

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

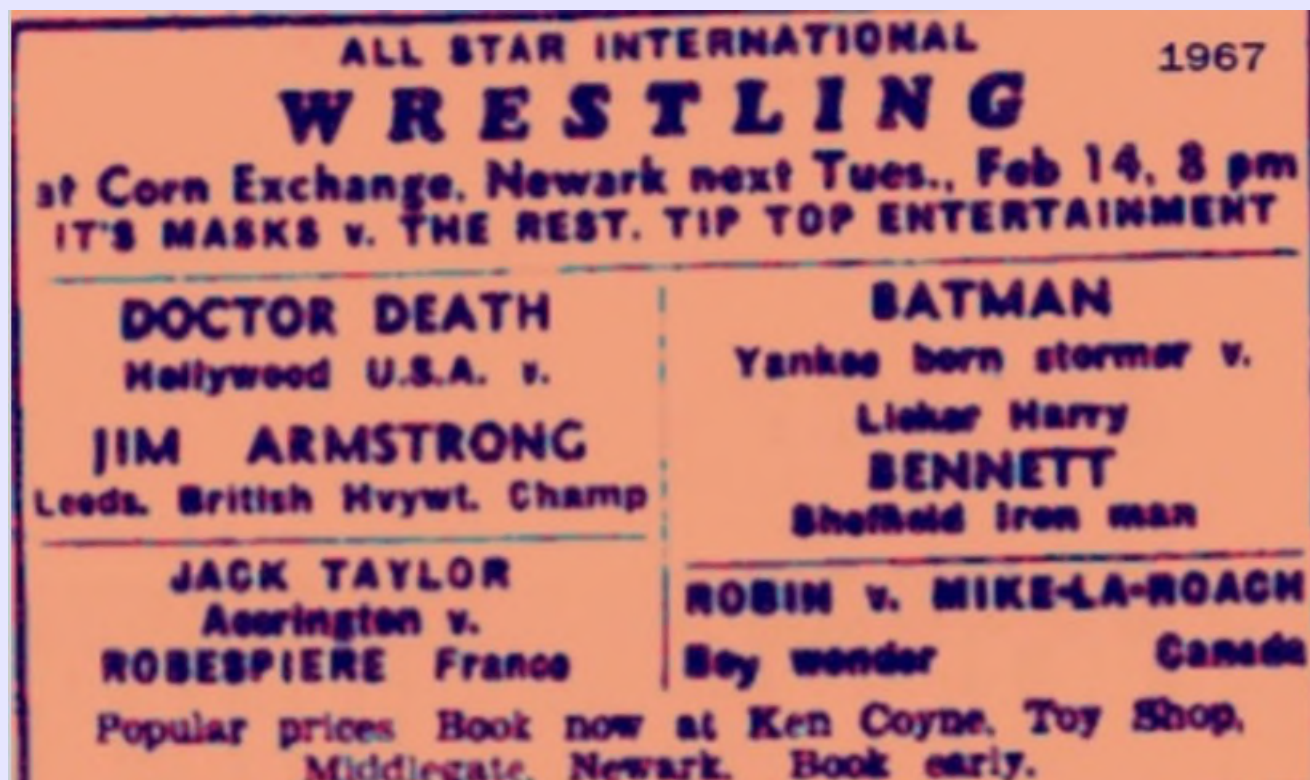
Sax, I am fascinated with this Jess Conda. Discussed on a previous thread it was concluded that it was unlikely to be Bartelli. But I am finding him a shed load of times with Jack Taylor. Previous debate in the link.

<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 coolest 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 31**  
**ALL STAR INTERNATIONAL 1963**  
**WRESTLING**  
 Doors open 7 p.m. Thrills & Spills .Commence 8 p.m.  
**ANGUS CAMPBELL** Scotland v. **THE MONSTER** Mattie Green. 361st. v.  
**IKE WILLIAMS** U.S.A. **JUDO PAT POACH** Birmingham  
**BILLY YUKON** Canada v. **LAZLO BAKJO** Hungary  
**KEN DAVIES** Wales **JACK TAYLOR** England  
 Advance booking NOW at Ken Coyne, 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-Karatte GIRLS! GIRLS!! GIRLS!!! Wrestling!!  
**BETTY JONES** v **RITA HOWARD**  
 Bootle Karatle expert & v **Greve Self Defence 12st. &**  
**ALF MARGATE** 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 \*  
**ROY JUDO** The Wrestling Girls as seen on T V  
**NANCY BARTON** v **DENISE BLANIER**  
 England's pride and joy v Monte Carlo  
 PLUS GREAT TAG-MATCH TIT-BIT  
**COWBOY CASSIDY & BILLY YUKON** v  
**VINCENT AURALINS & LENO LARAZZI**  
 Brown Briggs (Bolingbrook) v Pete Smith (Newark)  
 John Clark (Birmingham) v Giant El Gid (Switzerland)  
 Advance Booking As Usual at Ken Coyne 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 Coyne, 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 embarassing at least and disgracefully pitiful at worst. He often used his own lady, Lady Caroline to take part. Not his finest hours ....





**CORN EXCHANGE, WISBECH**  
INTERNATIONAL PROMOTIONS of Leicester, The Midlands leading Promoters, proudly present—

**WRESTLING**

Doors Open 7.30 p.m. **MONDAY 25th MARCH** Closing Time 11.0 p.m.

The Bout King's Lynn Council Banned Mixed Tag - Team Thriller

**GERDA SNYDER & LADAIRE** **ROG**

**JOHN T.V. MONK & VARTZO** **BRITT**

A Top Line Lightweightweight Bout

**GRAHAM SELLERS** **TAFFY JENKINS**

Special Lightweight International

**JOHN KIDD** **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  
March 25th 1966, Leicester, Leics.

## 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 stripping, 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.