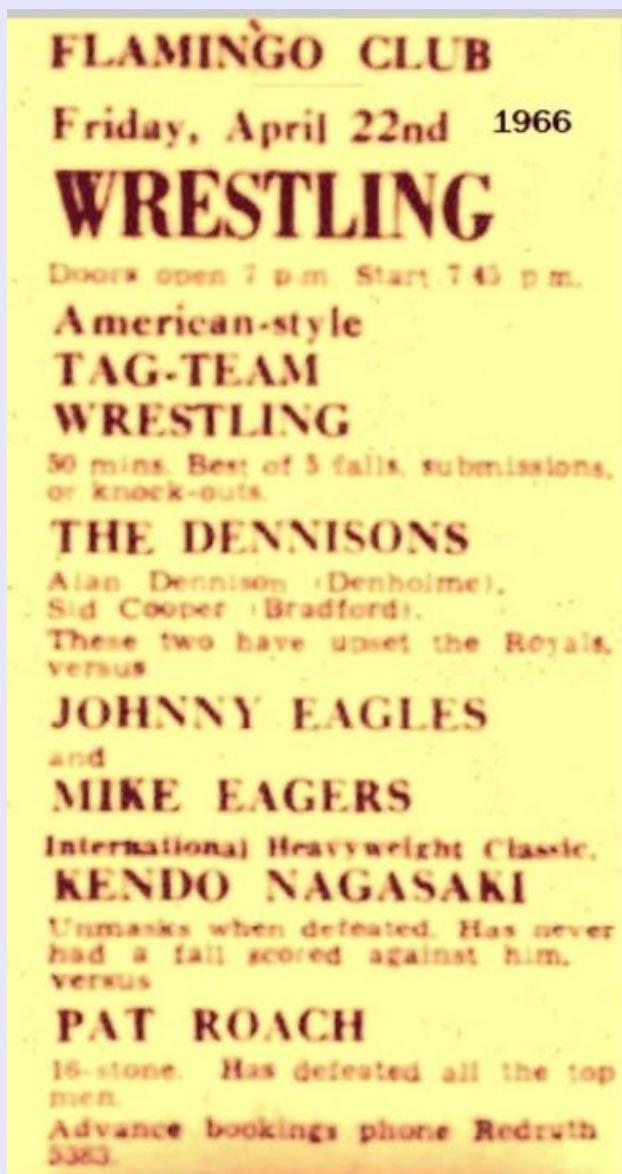


Ron's Wrestling Ramblings

Redruth

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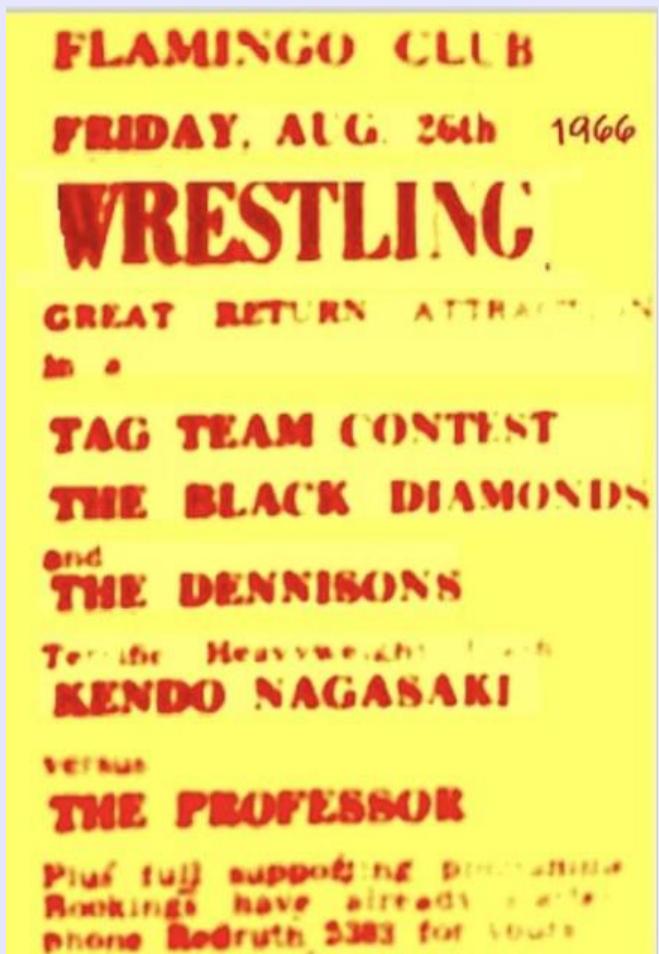


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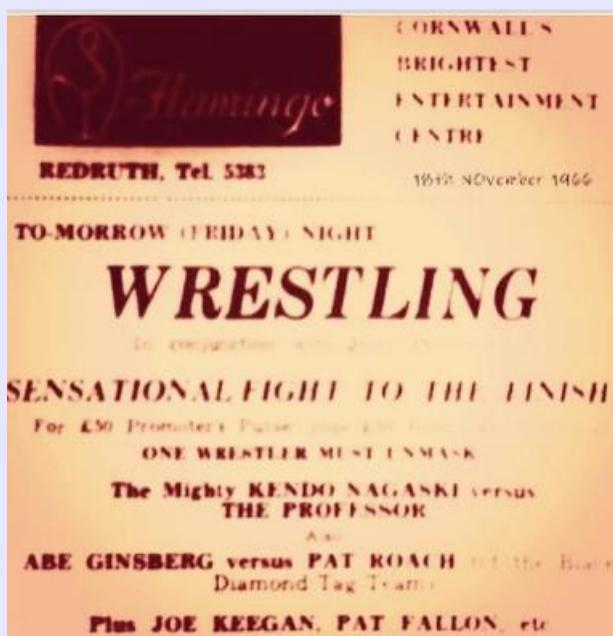
Just a glimpse of Kendo visiting Redruth the year he unmasked Bartelli

In 1966 I doubt if many in the audience knew of him unmasking Bartelli. In fact many may never have heard of Bartelli.

In fact only 18 months into his career it may have been Redruth's first taste of Kendo Nagasaki.



Having unmasked Bartelli in 66 it looks to me as though another unmasking was set up in Redruth. A two match grudge series I suppose and I can only imagine the Professor unmasked in the second contest looking at the stipulations.



adrianpollard.shangri-la

Hi RON!!-In PETER's Book-If you Remember- He Recalls a 'Notorious' Meeting at MALVERN Between KENDO NAGASAKI and THE PROFESSOR!! In PETER's Own Words-In The 'Early Days'- He was 'Very Robust'with KENDO's Offence and Apparently-This Bout did NOT 'Go to Plan'!

The PROFESSOR-Who is Described as 'Portly' was Aggressively Thrown Out of The Ring and Landed in an Unceremonious Heap on The Floor!! And....Didn't Move!-The Referee Who- I Seem to Recall was STAN RYLANDS- Began his Count!-Still The PROFESSOR Did NOT Move!-KENDO Remonstrated with him Interrupting The Count which was Stopped and Started again at least 3!!! Times!!-It would Seem The PROFESSOR Had been Knocked Unconscious...FOR REAL!!- Apparently The Crowd went Berserk at KENDO's 'Violence' On One of Their Favourites as he was Stretchered Behind The Scenes by 'Medical' People-Probably St. John's Ambulance Folk!!

PETER States that because of the Enormous 'Heat' Generated by KENDO That Nite!-NAGASAKI Never Wrestled at MALVERN again for Many Years After!! This Could All Be TRUE you Know RON!!??

RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

A bit of a mystery is that Cyril Morris is in the A-Z strongly tipped as The Prof , but he died before that second grudge bout. I had wondered if the second bout was a tribute to him. But the guy you are telling us about was much bigger. So who was the Professor and were there more than one. Was the Cyril Morris rumour wrong?

Hack

That's an interesting find Ron. As you say that couldn't have been Cyril Morris and from what Main Mask says it sounds like it wouldn't have been anyway. Might well have been someone just put in place for the unmasking. Do we know the promoter?

bkendo1

It's a Wryton promotion more to follow.

RON HISTORYO

Fantastic Paul , so many of these end up frustratingly tantalising .

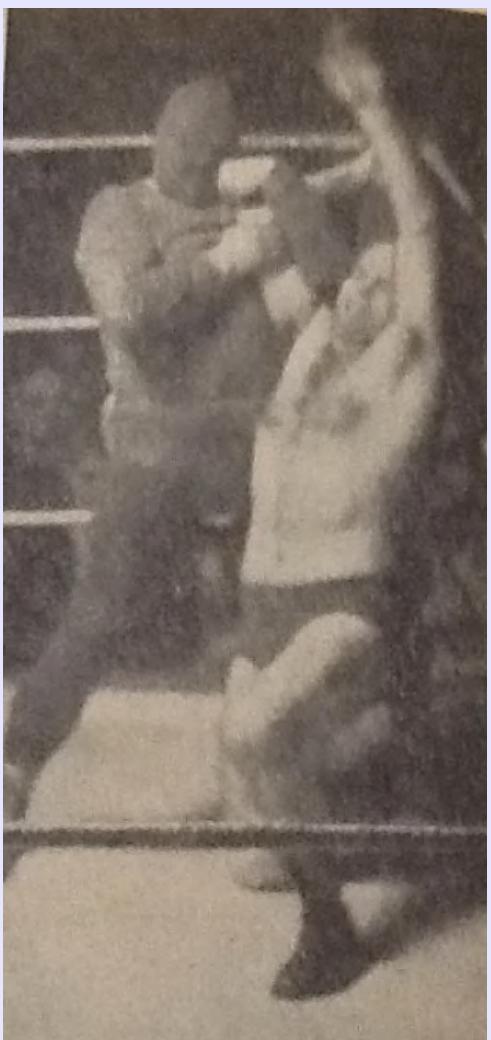
There is a real history here in this fun. Kendo, it seems may have taken a second scalp in 1966. If he didl wonder if he did it in a few places like he did The White Angel unmaskings in the 1970's.

A great push you would think for Kendo and yet where would the news have actually traveled to.

Mouthwatering stuff Paul

ianwpringle

Just another twist to the Nagasaki V Professor bout at Redruth 26th August 1966. Three days earlier on Tuesday 23rd August 1966 at Edinburgh Professor met STEVE BEST believe or not. Surely yet another Professor.



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SO!!-WHICH PROFESSOR is This Then??- He DOES look a bit 'Portly'?!

bkendo1

Firstly Steve Best's opponent there was an Artist in name changes. Now I wonder if this helps remeniscing a while back I mentioned mask v mask bouts and my mate said was this one before your time, Wryton put on in the midlands a bout they thought had legs namely the Strangler versus the Professor but it ended in mayhem and was deemed to have no future. The Strangler was Hans Streiger the Professor was Jack Rowlands.

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I've just Re-Checked PETER's Book On This!-Firstly he States he Went to REDRUTH. Twice-The 1ST Time Being '6 Weeks or so' after he Started Wrestling!

Next he Obviously Thought That 'The Controversy at MALVERN'-The Chapter's 11 Page Title was So Significant in KENDO's Early Career that it Merited a WHOLE Chapter in the Book!- i got The Referee Wrong for This MASK versus MASK Contest-NOT STAN RYLANDS bit in fact-JACK ATHERTON- Who was also Promoting This Show!

I Suspect That The Match 'Verdict'-although not mentioned-was a NO CONTEST!-As there is also No Mention of THE PROFESSOR Being Unmasked-as would Normally have happened if he Failed to Beat The Ref's Count of Ten!

Apparently The PROFESSOR was 'Revived' in The Dressing Room-'Not Knowing what had Happened!'

It Seems ATHERTON Tried to Cash-In on The 'Sensationalism' of This Nite by Publicising in MALVERN that THE PROFESSOR had Subsequently DIED as a Result of Injuries Sustained at The Hands of KENDO NAGASAKI!!!

So as a Matter of Personal Safety he did not Wrestle in MALVERN again between 1965 and 1969!.....4!!!! Years!!

bkendo1

Interesting Adrian I have the book but I haven't fully read it. I find the death of a wrestler stunt very unlike Jack Atherton and as an associate promoter with Wryton Joint it would be dangerous for future co operation. It would also if it did indeed keep Nagasaki off Malvern bills end a revenue stream. Plus DM would pounce on this at monthly Kirkgate meeting as bringing the game in to disrepute very odd indeed.

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Yet PAUL-This is What PETER Writes in his Book-Chapter 13! I Agree On First Impression it DOES Sound 'Questionable'- but if He States This-I-For One-Won't be Contradicting him Next Time I See KENDO!! He Does Say that This 'Publicity' was 'Localised' to MALVERN Only-So Perhaps WRYTON Didn't get Wind of it-It was The Mid 1960's!!

RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

Looking at Jack Rowlands , I get the feeling he was not with "Joint" until 1967. More to the Professor than meets the eye.

bkendo1

I get what you mean about localised to Malvern but in my experience everything got back.I remember an incident in Hanley being discussed in the dressing room at Hanley. Ron Jack did bits earlier for Jack Atherton and Wryton he was that rarity a worker who left reappeared left again.Jack was far better known abroad than in England. The lighter weight Professor wasn't on joint bills exclusively but always used education based names.

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Of Course you would Know Better than Myself as to What Happened 'Behind The Scenes' PAUL!-i Can;t Quite 'get' Why PETER would be That Bothered if KENDO had Never Wrestled in MALVERN Ever Again!-Unless If This Story Was Accurate it Would Harm his Future Career as far as Bookings were Concerned and he would end up like ASSIRATI- with No-One Willing to Go in with him!!

Riot Squad

Bkendo1, did Rowlands work as Professor whilst Morris was around or only after his death. Did he do much as Professor or just the sporadic ones we now know about?

Anglo Italian

I keep coming back to Hack's question as to who the Redruth promoter was? Very northern bias, in fact not a southerner in sight. Redruth is synonymous with the St-Clairs and they are Manchester - but no sign of them, either. The differences within JPs are clear. Jack Atherton, even refereeing, could dictate how each bill went. Dale Martin bills were just churned out without any personal touch. We have all become so used to not believing anything that we now haven't a clue ☺

Hack

bkendo1 slipped in yesterday this was Wryton show, and it does have the look. This is why the dates of Rowlands as a Professor matter. Were Wryton using two Professors simultaneously or was Rowlands brought in as a short term serial unmasked after Morris died. Neither would be the professionalism we would hope for.

As for the lightweight Professor, was it College Boy Roger Green. Though a bit far north for him. Maybe he was checking out colleges before settling on Leeds.

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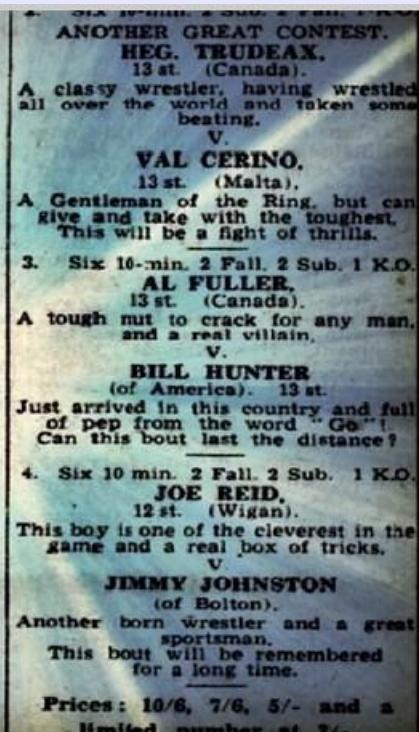
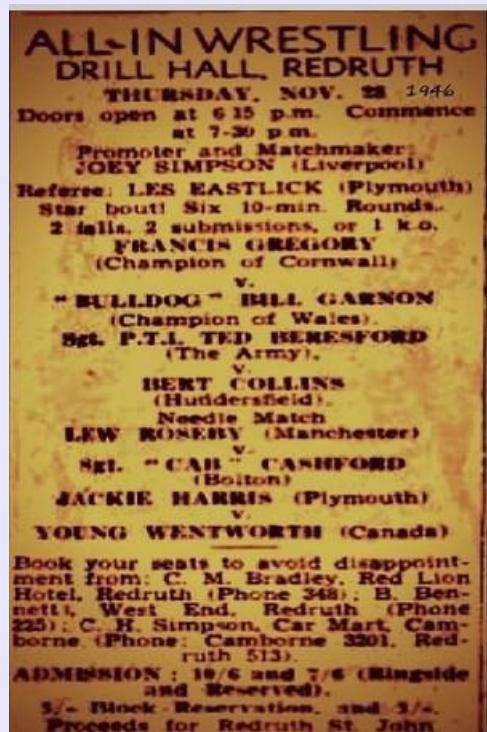
Just a bit of history on Redruth specifically. After the war Francis St Clair Gregory did many shows there, but in those days The Drill Hall. He was still going 1958 but by then The Flamingo Club was the place to be with a 2000 capacity. I believe it was eventually converted to a Morrisons and pulled down a few years ago.

Earlier bills show the promotional set up but the 1958 bill shows the Wryton Influence with Conroy there as ref. Such was the pull of the Gregory's Roy and Tony took over Dad's popularity there. See Tony Gregory on the 1967 bill.

Through the 1960's Dale Martins did a few but leaned towards regular shows at St Austell. Paul Lincoln was there and even early Brian Dixon with the Girls.

Other Independents as well.

It seems to me that the Entertainment Centre could provide a window for any wrestling promoter to put a show on. In other words "room for all."



ALL-IN WRESTLING 1958
at the
FLAMINGO
Friday, December 19th
DOORS OPEN 6.30. COMMENCE
7.30 p.m.

FRANCIS GREGORY
(Eight times Champion of Cornwall)
versus
LE MASQUE
France. A sensational wrestler.

BILL HOWES
The Bolton Thunderbolt
versus
JOHNNY CZEZLAW
Poland
And full supporting Bouts

Admission: Ringside 10/-, 7/6 and
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Referee: MARTIN CONROY.
M.C.: Mr. Kessell.
Timekeeper: Mr. Laposta.
Tickets obtainable:
Simpson's Motors, Redruth 473,
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FLAMINGO BALLROOM
ILLOGAN, Redruth
Tel. REDRUTH 5383
The Entertainment Centre Of Cornwall presents 7th Oct 1966
TOMORROW (Fri.) NIGHT
ALL-STAR WRESTLING
Sensational Return Contest
TONY CHARLES (now 31 and still terror)
ROY ST. CLAIR GREGORY (Cornwall)
Extra programme prior and after each bout
Super International Heavy-weight Match
ERIC LIEDERMAN (first time here) versus
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Full Supporting Bouts
TICKETS BOOKABLE—
Phone **REDRUTH 5383**
Seats must be taken by 7.30 p.m.
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FLAMINGO BALLROOM
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Friday, November 24th 1967
International Wrestling
Great Star programme featuring
Too—
BORG TWINS v. BLACK DIAMONDS
plus—
PENZCOFF, HOLTON, HEATH and TONY GREGORY (Redruth)
All Patronage Please Note.
Bookings commence
Monday, November 13th
All 10/- seats are individual
bookable and are bookable
(1) by telephone—Redruth 5383
(2) by post—post remittance
and the
(3) at the
Ticket Office 12 to 2 p.m.
3 to 6 on November 24th
33rd 34th
(4) TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM
ALL BOOKING OFFICES
in the town and in the
Plymouth Hall Booking Office
All booked seats must be
claimed and paid for by
7.30, November 24th
Take advantage of pre-book
and avoid having to queue
the night.

Flamingo Ballroom Redruth 5383 28th Nov 1969
Tomorrow (Friday)
ALL-IN WRESTLING
SABU (India) v. **BOB HEMMS (B'ham)**
AL MARTIN (Wales) v. **ROY ST. CLARE (Cornwall)**
HONEY BOY ZIMBA (Africa) v.
STEVE WRIGHT (Warrington)
NIKE POWERS v. **BARRY DOUGLAS (Leeds)**
Doors open 7, start 7.45
Prices 10/-, 7/6, 5/-

Anglo Italian

Ron, you have discovered a microcosm!
In Darwinian terms, where life began.
But it didn't begin, just flourished.
A Great Cornish Barrier Wreef of Restling.

RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

Francis Gregory had been a multi Cornish champ and local celeb due to Rugby as well. Cornish wrestling had thousand of followers as it was put on sparsely.

To enchant enough of these spectators it probably needed Francis Gregory otherwise I believe it could have failed.

Logistically it was hard but time has proved that wrestling went to Redruth, Truro, St Austell, Penzance, Newquay, Bodmin and Falmouth. Almost like North Wales, it had a good presence. Look at this effort to promote in Cornwall in 1934.

SENSATIONAL ATTRACTION—ALL-IN WRESTLING.
PUBLIC ROOMS, ST. AUSTELL THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 21st.
DOORS OPEN 7 p.m. COMMENCE 8 p.m. Sharp. 1934
Great 1 hour (60 mins.) 2 falls or knock-out Contest:
FRANCIS GREGORY v. **HERBIE ROSENBERG**
The Cornish Champion. U.S.A. Height 6ft. Weight 210lbs.
Special 1 hour (60 mins.) 2 falls or knock-out Contest:
JACK BICE v. **JACK BURNS**
Liskeard, Cornwall. London.
Sensational International 1 hour (60 mins.) 2 falls or knock-out Contest:
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Come and see this new sport which has been thrilling thousands at Plymouth.
Prices of Admission—3/6, 2/6, 1/10 and 1/8. Boys 7d.
Seats booked and plan of hall at J. Kellow, 5a, Church St., St. Austell. Phone 279.
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60 MINUTE CONTEST

T. HARVEY
NEWLYN

M. HACKENSMIDT
THE WHITE PANTHER

NEXT SATURDAY, Aug. 4th 1934

Doors open 7.0 p.m. Commence 7.30

Further details see posters.

GEO. FOHD: Promotor.
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ALL-IN WRESTLING & BOXING

PUBLIC ROOMS, ST. AUSTELL,
THIS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8th.

Doors Open 7 p.m. Commence 8 p.m.

THE BLUE MASKED MARVEL v. ERN MACK
(London). (New Zealand).

FRANCIS GREGORY v. THE BLACK PANTHER
(Coloured South American).

DICK ALLEN v. JACK JARVIS.
GEORGE WILLIAMS v. HANNIBAL WILLIAMS

Book your Seats early at J. KELLOW,

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'Phone 279.

BOB LEWIS' PROMOTIONS.

ALL-IN WRESTLING AND BOXING 1934

PUBLIC ROOMS, ST. AUSTELL.

THIS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22nd.

Doors open 7 p.m. Commence 8 p.m.

THE FIGHT OF THE YEAR FOR £20 A SIDE.

BERT MANSFIELD

The most feared fighter in
England.

v.

FRANCIS GREGORY
Cornwall.

RICHARD WILLS v. ERN MACK.

DICK ALLEN v. COCK HANNINS.

HIPPER WILDE v. CHARLIE ANDREW.

Prices of Admission: Ringside, 3/-; Balcony,
2/6; Body of Hall, 2/6, 1/10 and 1/3;
Boys, 7d.

Anglo Italian

And Francis is on every single bill! No doubt who was pulling the Cornish strings.

So he's there with Riley, del Rel, Morrell, Dale, Atherton and all the rest.

Yet his name doesn't appear in JP terms.

But his sons got the biggest pushes, each with their own titles. Often makes me see similarity with Vic Hesse. Was he also a local promoter?

bkendo1

Couple of points Hack Jack was doing stuff prior to 65 with Joint it seems. The Rowlands professor was after the original version though the bonnet and out fit had been used earlier but not as the Professor. The reason I questioned the story of wrestler dying and Kendo not returning were, just not what Jack Atherton would use as publicity at this time public halls monitored a the gates and by reputation death wasn't a good selling point. Joint would have got wind it never ceased to amaze me what info Dales and especially Morrel would garner and sometimes they were fed what now would be called fake news. Nagasaki at this time needed to proceed cautiously too vicious a rep would limit

opportunities and Geoff knew exactly the pitfalls his lad faced. The professor Jack didn't go on to be the big draw but this was largely due to the meeting with the Strangler Streiger it was brutal. Roger did a series of fights with Steve at this time and used the professor tag. Now Anglo your question about Vic Hesselle yes he was involved in promotion but I'm in midst of tracking that down so I'll update soon.

RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

Rowlands as the Professor is a great Heritage discovery. It's what I call fun history.

Trivial but Niche and over the years this site has collected enough to be the premier place to read , enjoy and learn.

Many thanks Bkendo1

Anglo Italian

Yes Ron. Bkendo is providing the most incredible input. Presumably he was swatting for mock O-Levels at the time and it was well before his debut. Tremendous to have an open wrestler-fan on here.

I believe most wrestlers were fans (well, not Vedor) but they generally get a bit precious about the punters. Nagasaki's book holds back at every corner.

We have to respect Paul because he, like the rest, feels shackled by the omerta. Not easy to open up.

With all the deaths, this is the last place to keep it all

Hack and I were invited for tea with Mick McManus and his porcelain, unfortunately it all fell apart and he was dead three months later. RIP dear Mick.

The Ost

Always interested in reading anything pertaining to Francis St Clair Gregory and Vic Hesselle so this is really interesting, thanks!

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