

Ron's Wrestling Ramblings

Rutland

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RON HISTORYO....Time Cop



I always knew as a kid that Rutland was the smallest County in England. I like the old traditional counties before the 1974 changes that have done their best to rub out history.

Apparently Rutland has only two towns as compared to villages. Oakham and Uppington. It came as no surprise to me that the Joint promoters probably had decided it was not worth bothering.

On the Spalding and District thread I revealed that in the early 1960's Jack Taylor was the promoter at Spalding and also did shows at Bourne and Stamford. Stamford sits right next to the boundary of Rutland just in Lincoln. So it is no real shock that Jack Taylor promoted at Oakham in Rutland.

The Victoria Hall does not look very big to me. I am struggling to see more than 300 spectators in there. Amazing how they made it pay.



VICTORIA HALL, OAKHAM. Special Pre Xmas Tournament
INTERNATIONAL 1961

WRESTLING

WEDNESDAY, 20th DECEMBER
at 7.45 p.m.

Don't miss this eye-opener. Wrestling at its very best.

DOCTOR DEATH U.S.A. versus GYORGY CSELKO Hungary.	Return Challenge £25 aside SPIKE HARRY O'REILLY v. YARDLEY Ireland Birmingham
British Lt./hvywt. Champ'n FRANK PRICE (London) v. ERIC CHARLES , of Yarmouth	Australia's Dick RICHARDS v. John HOWARD , of Leicester.

BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS NOW in hand at Roberts
of Oakham, 20, Catmose Street. BOOK EARLY. S15-12

ALL STAR **WRESTLING** at Victoria Hall, Oakham
TUES., 6th NOV. 7.45 p.m.
* Ultra Special Thriller Featuring Tag Match * 1962

— 60 Minute No Bounds Tag Match —

DWIGHT J. JACK HARRY PEDRO
INGLEBURGH & TAYLOR v. BENNETT & the GYPSY
U.S.A. Accrington Sheffield ???

6 Rd. Contest
between
TAG CAPTAINS

STOKER BROOKS
R. Navy versus
IMRE CSAK
Hungarian

Gyorgy CSELKO
Hungary v.
Yag. VULCAN

ADVANCE BOOKING NOW at ROBERTS of OAKHAM, 20
Catmose St., OAKHAM. Get in early for your ticket.

Victoria Hall, OAKHAM ★ MONDAY, 6th NOV., at 7.45
ALL-STAR INTERNATIONAL 1963

WRESTLING

★ Another Gigantic Attraction. Thrills and More Thrills ★

American Style Tag Match England's KNOWLES JACK PETERS & TAYLOR Leeds Accrington	Four Man Tournament REG GYORGY RAY CSELKO England Hungary
KARL VON PIERRE KRAMMER & LATOUR Germany France	JACKIE BOSS. WENSOR DIAMOND Chelsea Canada

BOOK EARLY. Advance Booking NOW at Roberts of
OAKHAM, Catmose Street. Remember, a Booked Seat
is a sure seat.

ALL-STAR INTERNATIONAL 1963

WRESTLING

at Victoria Hall, OAKHAM : MON., 23rd NOV., at 8 p.m.
★ Rutland's only Wrestling Presentation. Thrills & Spills ★

Proudly presenting the
Amazing Mat Phenomenal
DOCTOR DEATH
H. of U.S.A. v.
TONY ANCELL
the Southern Star.

Special Middleweight clash:
ROY LA RUE
S. Africa v.
KEN DAVIES
Cardiff.

Schoolboy International
MICK JOHN
COLLINS v. JENKINS
Leicester Wales

ADVANCE BOOKING NOW at ROBERTS of OAKHAM, Cat-
mose St. OAKHAM. Another Great Programme. BOOK
EARLY NOW.

OAKHAM, Victoria Hall ★ MONDAY, OCT. 7th, at 7.45
ALL-STAR INTERNATIONAL 1963

WRESTLING

★ A Wrestling Extravaganza out of this World ★

Presenting the Scottish Ace — the 6' 5" 241st colossus
ANGUS CAMPBELL v. THE MONSTER
Fife, Scotland Matto Cross, S. America

Judoka v. Welter Clash
JUDO PAT ROACH v. YOUNG VULCAN
Birmingham Midlands Hvywt. challenger

BILLY YUKON Canada v. Col. McDONALD Scotland	IKE WILLIAMS U.S.A. v. RIC. CHARLES Yarmouth
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BOOKING NOW at ROBERTS of OAKHAM, Catmose St.
A reserved seat is a sure seat — Secure yours Now

ALL STAR INTERNATIONAL 1964

WRESTLING

at Victoria Hall, Oakham : Next Monday, 6th April, at 8 p.m.
★ Thrills—Spills. Secure your seats for this sensational
Drama ★

One wrestler versus TWO
THE MONSTER
Matto Cross, 241st. v.
JACK YOUNG
TAYLOR & RAYMOND
Accrington Clayton

Scotland v. Hungary
Special
IAN ANDRES
ST. JOHN v. SVAJIK
Fife Budapest

LOUIS PIERRE-DUBARRY
Monte Marte, France v.
LENO LARAZZI
Milan, Italy.

ADVANCE BOOKING over the week-end at Roberts of
Oakham, Catmose Street. Tickets also available at the
Hall on the night.

grahambrookjazz

My first promotion was in my home town at The Public Hall, Wilmslow, in January 1976 financed from my first pay packet as a teacher but my first planned promotion which never saw the light of day was at Oakham Town Hall, Rutland, back in 1975. I was studying at Leicester at the time and attending shows all over the area (both De Montfort and Granby in Leicester, Corn Exchange in Melton Mowbray, Jack Taylor's smaller shows in some of the Leicestershire villages, Ice Rink and Victoria Baths in Nottingham etc) and felt sure that, with some of my fellow drama students, that we could mount a wrestling show. My best friend at the time was a lad called Bill Tong who was raised in Oakham and came from a boxing family so it was decided to stage the show there. I felt that I could work out a bout with Bill, two of the lads on the P.E. course were up for putting a bout together and two of the girls on the dance course also felt that they could put together a workable bout.

I approached Jack Mawdesley about hiring two professional wrestlers to top the bill and he managed to obtain the services of Eddie Rose and Ian Wilson. I knew Jack for his work as a second

at Belle Vue and M.C. for Jack Atherton.

It came to working out a date to give to Jack and when my fellow students realised that I intended to put this on for a paying public rather than just for fellow students they got cold feet and the whole thing disintegrated. Although students were treated with greater respect than they seem to be now (there were no tuition fees and we got grants), I still didn't have the money to hire a bill consisting totally of professionals so had to give the idea up until I got my first job. I told Jack that I had to cancel the provisional booking of Rose and Wilson and he was furious. From that day on he blanked me whenever we met until his death.

Of course, as mentioned at the beginning of my contribution, I did indeed promote my first show at Wilmslow Public Hall the following year. Abe Ginsberg booked the show for me and, indeed, who should feature on that show but Eddie Rose versus Ian Wilson. It's no wonder Jack was furious. Ginsberg did no favours but, even so, I was paying him a third of the amount for them that Jack was asking. How much of that amount would have actually worked its way down to the two wrestlers I'm not sure!

RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

Thanks Graham, but here is a big Question. Roughly, what was the minimum attendance you could tolerate before making a loss, on average. I know the rent for Halls and Ring might vary and I also assume wrestlers on fairly cheap wages. Or do you plump for a big star to ensure the gate.

grahambrookjazz

Of course, the outlay needed for hire of the hall, ring and advertising (posters and newspapers) is a fixed amount whatever the bill. This is also a considerable percentage of your outlay so I think overall that forking out for a big name such as Pallo, Kellett, Street or Bartelli tended to be more successful for me than attempting to promote shows featuring local wrestlers as Doctor Death and such gimmicks. Especially if you wanted to build the hall and put on several shows there rather than just promoting a one-off.

Peter

There is an event in Oakham 29 October 2021

Mad Mac



Messrs. St. John and Svajik on the bill yet again.....

Hack

Another great collection Ron with all the Taylor regulars. Like Paul Lincoln Taylor used the same wrestlers over and over yet still managed to make his bills look fresh.

County Cinema, Oakham
INTERNATIONAL WRESTLING PROMOTIONS
Proudly Presents 1965

WRESTLING

Doors open 7.00 p.m. Commence 7.45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 20th OCTOBER

For the first time ever, You've read about them, now see them in action, the Fabulous Girls' Wrestling.

Girls! Girls! Girls!
Naughty Nancy HAYES
The Blonde Bombshell
v
LU-LU HUNTER
The Hardest Girl in the country.

DON'T MISS THESE GIRLS OF THE RING!

DR. DEATH
One of wrestling's all time Greats, Hollywood, U.S.A.
v
COWBOY CASSIDY
Now on a world tour, Calgary, Canada.

10 x 5 min. Rds. 11/Weight Contest

60 min. duration American Tag-Team Contest
JOHNNY ALLEN & ANDROS SUMIC
v
IAN ST. JOHN & LENI ROBAIR
This should be one of the most exciting bouts of the year.

Plus Captains' Team Match

Prices 10/6, 8/6, 7/6, 5/-
Bookable in advance, from County Cinema, Oakham.

RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

Somehow I think I was right about the capacity of the Victoria Hall at Oakham, and the country had gone through a boom through TV Exposure in the early 1960's.

By 1965 a bigger venue was used and Girls were introduced. Dr Death v Cassidy should have been a great night with the boom of Jack's guns, then the girls and the Tag match keeping the cost's down with a further match from the tag captains. Well balanced and a good strategy.

But a complete move out of Oakham, six miles to Uppingham and the Rutland Cinema proved to be the next stage for this business. Hard to say what capacity this Cinema had but I know the Wryton held a thousand or so.

I am sure it would more than doubled the Victoria Hall,



maybe even trebled.

RUTLAND CINEMA, UPPINGHAM 1966
WEDNESDAY, 10th AUGUST, at 8 p.m.
ALL-STAR INTERNATIONAL

WRESTLING

★ A SENSATIONAL GRAND OPENING SPECTACULAR ★

International Lightwt. 8x5 CLIFFE MILLA Denmark. European Champion v. TONY CORTEZ Tough Londoner.	Direct from Madison Square — KLONDIKE BILL Alaska, 38 st. Yankee v. BIG JIM ARMSTRONG Leeds, British & Empire Hwywt. Champion.
England v. Scotland clash! JACK TAYLOR Accrington v. JIM McLAREN Fife.	Extra Special Catchweight TAFFY v. MICK JENKINS Tonypandy v. Belfast

Popular Prices: 10/-, 7/6, 5/-. Seating Limited. Book Early at the Cinema and at the Central Garage, Uppingham.

RUTLAND CINEMA, UPPINGHAM 1966
NEXT WEDNESDAY, 30th NOVEMBER, 8 p.m.
ALL-STAR INTERNATIONAL

WRESTLING

★ Extravaganza ★ Thrills & Spills ★ First Class Bill ★

Tag-Team Thrills : 40min. Sizzler JACK TAYLOR & BOBBIE BIERNE Accrington. Tops Co. Roscommon TV fame	Local Flavour Challenge DEREK PERKINS Elton v. MIKE LA-ROACH Canada.
versus MAN KRAUSER & ADOLF DABROWSKI Bremen Poland	Ireland v. Scotland TONY v. JIM KELLY Co Mayo v. Dufferline
DOCTOR DEATH v. HEINZ VON SCHULTZ Hollywood U.S.A. German matador	

Tickets available this weekend from Mrs. Flood at the Cinema. Don't miss this Star-Studded Presentation.

ALL-STAR INTERNATIONAL 1966

WRESTLING

at the **RUTLAND, UPPINGHAM**
WEDNESDAY, 5th OCTOBER, 8 p.m.
★ Another tip-top International Presentation ★

Sensational Hwywt. Challenge THE OUTLAW Challenging all-comers v. ED. WENSOR Channel Isles, 16 stone.	Tag-Match Spectacular BOBBIE BIERNE & JACK TAYLOR Ireland v. England
BILL RAWLINS of York v. LEGS, VALENTINE	versus RORY MADCAP & JOHN CAMPBELL v. JOHN ROHLRO Scotland v. Latin America
	MIR ZEPAREM Pakistan v. ERIC SMITH Bradford

BOOK with every confidence NOW at the Rutland Cinema with Mr. FLOOD. Don't Delay. Book today!

THE RUTLAND — UPPINGHAM 1966
NEXT WEDNESDAY, 7 SEPT., at 8 p.m.
ALL-STAR INTERNATIONAL

WRESTLING

★ DON'T MISS THIS OUTSTANDING SPECTACULAR ★

Ultra Special All-Girls' Clash !!! Naughty NOLA GOLDSMITH London. Black-haired beauty v. The LADY CAROLINE Oxford's gal grappler	International Heavyweight DOCTOR DEATH Hollywood U.S.A. v. ADOLF DABROWSKI the Polish hercules.
DAVID BELL Canada v. MEL CAMERON Scotland	MICK DALBY Loughborough v. MIKE GAGE Wigton.

Popular Prices. ALL SEATS BOOKABLE in Advance at the **RUTLAND CINEMA**. Plenty of Car Parking. Refreshments

RUTLAND CINEMA 1967
Wednesday, 15th Feb., 8 p.m.

WRESTLING

Don't Miss This !!!
European Heavyweight Champion—
SHIRLEY CRABTREE
Halifax, 25 stone v.
GIANT HILLBILLY
18 stone tough Farmer.

LEMBAR SINGH v.
India **MICK DALRY**
Loughboro'

JACK BONE
Stamford Popular v.
ADOLF DABROWSKI
Poland.

Tag Team Wrestling
Jack TAYLOR & Taff JENKINS
versus
CHRIS McMANUS & SKULL MURPHY
London Cork

Adv. Booking with Mrs. Flood
at the Cinema Booking Office.

Wednesday, January 18th
8 p.m. 1967

BIG-TIME INTERNATIONAL WRESTLING

Four Terrific Contests
Cowboy Jack CASSIDY
Calgary Plains v.
Farmer RAYMOND
Sensational K.O. exponent

Can the Girl beat the Male?
Naughty NOLA GOLDSMITH
London ex-model v.
KAMIKAZE
Japanese ex-suicide expert

Local Boy makes debut....
NEIL KEMP of Bidden v.
LEON VALENTINE
Australian Bushwacker

Mick Collins v.
Michael La-Roach

Advanced booking at the
Cinema — You can tele-
phone Mrs. Flood.

The Rutland Cinema Uppingham

1967, interesting that Shirley was still about and still touted as European Champion.

And tucked away there is Naughty Neil Kemp.

Anglo Italian

I just love Graham's contributions. All the things that can go wrong, fizzle out, human frailties ...and consequences and sulks that can last a lifetime.

RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

I believe by 1968 wrestling had passed that peak .

Colour TV's, though could have made it more popular to stay at home and watch the small screen rather than go out to a wrestling hall. Whatever and I am only guessing, but it seems wrestling went back to Oakham.

BIG TIME :: ALL STAR :: INTERNATIONAL 1968

WRESTLING

VICTORIA HALL, OAKHAM WEDNESDAY
Commencing 24th JANUARY
Super Star Spangled Extravaganza

Fifteen Round contest for the Commonwealth
Lightweight Championship

JACK TAYLOR v. JAGER SINGH
Accrington, Britain's own Triple Champion The Indian Champion from the Punjab

Additional Star Contest 8x5
MISTER X v
Celebrated Northants star

PLOUGHBOY 8x5
From Beccles in Suffolk

Middleweight thriller 8x5 Welterweight sizzler 8x5
MEL CAMERON v
Dundee

JIM LEWIS v
Manchester

VINCENZO AURALIO
Italy

MANUEL GONZALES
Mexico

Prices 10 - 7 6 5 - Advance booking at Roberts of Oakham,
20 Catmose Street, Oakham. Tel. 2097. Book early.

NEW YEAR ATTRACTION 1968
VICTORIA HALL — OAKHAM
BIG-TIME :: ALL-STAR :: INTERNATIONAL

WRESTLING

WEDNESDAY, 3rd JANUARY, Commencing 8 p.m.
Don't miss this!! Get your tickets early.
Sensational Mixed Tag Match Thriller!!!!

The one and only
LADY CAROLINE with **LORD SNOOTY MONK**
Exton's own grappler the Hereford aristocrat

ROG LADAIRE & BRITT VARTZO
the Anglo-Italian ace Blonde Swedish sizzler

SHEIK ABDUL SINGH v. LORENZO MARINO
Arab Yogist celebrity Famed Italian Golden Boy

Lightweight Clash **ANDRE DUPREZ**
Paris v. **GHOUL v. Gypsy SMITH**
Greek Italian USA Northants

10 - 7 6 5 - Booking NOW at Robert of Oakham,
20 22 Catmose Street, OAKHAM. Tel. 2097. Come Early. 8.00.10.5

BIG TIME :: ALL STAR :: INTERNATIONAL

WRESTLING

VICTORIA HALL, OAKHAM
FRIDAY, 16th FEBRUARY, 8 p.m.
Thrills! Spills! Excitement!

Sensational Heavyweight Topper 10x5
GIANT JUMBO
30 stone American currently touring the U.K. v.
COBBER HARPER
Australian 18 stone star from Down Under

KAMIKAZE
Jap suicide exponent v.
PANCHO GONZALES
Mexico

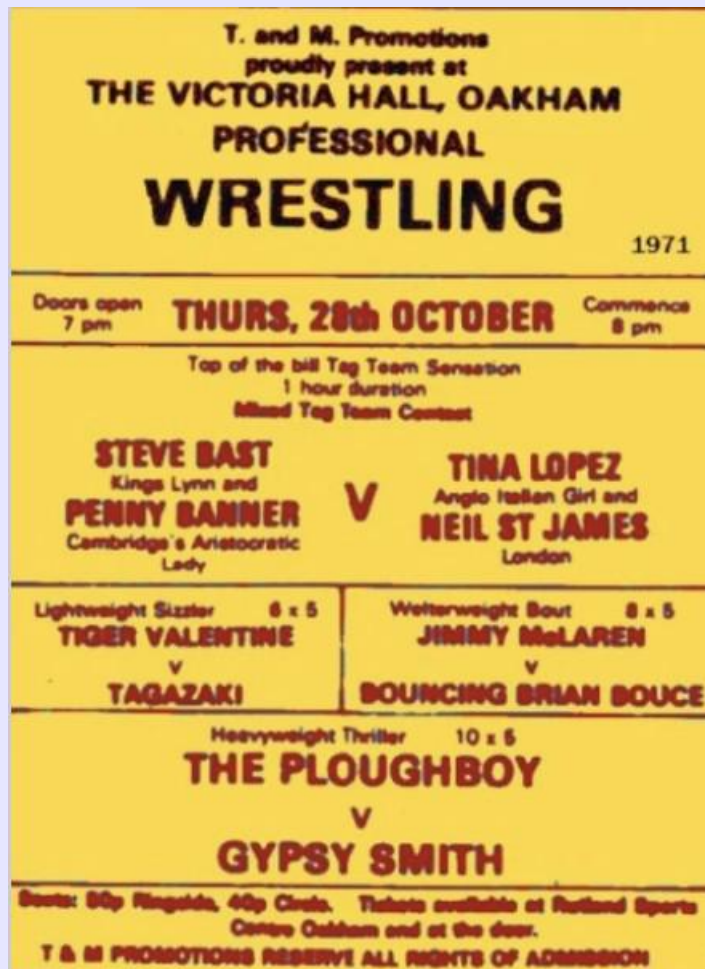
Plus Mixed Tag Team Sizzler
Cambridge's **Penny Banner**
with **Dave Chapman** v.
Michael La-Roach and
Sweden's **Britt Vartzo**

Price 10 - 7 6 5 - Advance booking NOW at Roberts of Oakham, 20-22 Catmose Street, Oakham. Tel. 2097.

1968

RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

By 1971 it was T and M Promotions. Maybe Hack can help me on that one.



Also here this one looks a very local sort of effort.

Who were these guys?



Hack

T & M I've no idea. I know they also promoted in Retford. Forced to guess I'd say Terry Goodrum. His wife was also a wrestler and her name was Margaret.

RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

In the 1970's some of these relatively unknown wrestlers were on here and not just in the two towns but also the village of Market Overton. Maybe someone can confirm for me that Gypsy Smith was the same as Gypsy Joe Roman or Romario who was the many times unmasked White Angel who worked with Nagasaki. Or am I dreaming. Also I have little knowledge of Klondyke Jim, is he even in the A-Z although I appreciate Main Mask has put a photo of him on the Forum in the recent past. Even the Undertakers pop up.

PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING
Victoria Hall, Oakham
Thursday, December 6th 1973
at 8.0 pm
Top of the bill by special arrangement — Spectacular Tag Match
KLONDYKE JIM AND THE RED SCORPION
versus
BIG DAVE BRYSON AND GYPSY JOE SMITH
Also full supporting programme
Tickets 60p, 50p and 40p obtainable at the door or Tel. Oakham 3912 and book now.

PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING
MARKET OVERTON VILLAGE HALL SAT, APRIL 27 1974
Doors open 7 pm. Commences 8 pm.
SENSATIONAL HEAVYWEIGHT TOP OF THE BILL
The famous **MASKED OUTLAW** v
Big local boy **MAL DAVES**
Also full supporting programme.
Prices are 50p stage, 40p ringside, 30p children and old age pensioners. Tickets available at the door.

Professional Wrestling
Victoria Hall, Oakham
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21st 1974
at 8.0 pm
TOP OF THE BILL
Sensational Championship Title Contest between the reigning champion
CHRIS McMANUS
versus a worthy challenger
MICK COLLINS
ALSO FULL SUPPORTING PROGRAMME
TICKETS 60p, 50p and 40p available at the door or ring OAKHAM 3912 and book now.

PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING
at Victoria Hall, OAKHAM
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, at 8 pm 1973
ALL STAR BILL
KLONDIKE JIM v
GYPSY JOE SMITH
also full supporting programme
TICKETS 60p, 50p, 40p

PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING
MARKET OVERTON VILLAGE HALL 1974
Saturday, March 30. Doors open 7 pm, commences 7.45 pm
Top of the bill — a sensational tag match
White Angels v your local tag team, Red Arrows
Klondyke Jim v Little Brinn
ALSO FULL SUPPORTING PROGRAMME
Prices 50p & 40p Available at the door or ring Oakham 3912 and book now.

ALL STAR PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING
at the
VICTORIA HALL, OAKHAM
on
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22 1974
Double Top of the Bill
No 1 SPECTACULAR HEAVY CLASH
FAMOUS WILD MAN OF BORNEO
v
Your Own Favourite Giant
LITTLE BRINN
No 2 SPECIAL CHALLENGE MATCH
NATHANIEL of the UNDERTAKERS
v
DAKTARI
Full Supporting Programme. Licensed Bar. Prices
Ringside 75p. Remaining 60p & 50p
Tel OAKHAM 3912

By 1976 Jack Taylor was still about seen here in Uppingham

UPPINGHAM FEAST WEEK ATTRACTIONS! THRILLS!
SPILLS!

1976

ALL-STAR ★ INTERNATIONAL
WRESTLING

at the
RUTLAND CINEMA
Tues. June 29. Opens 8.30

★ *Special late night tournament commencing 9.30* ★

<p>Judo v Wrestler Clash Prof OGER WOJER 4th Dan Black Belt v KEN SNOW Meiton's top flight wrestler</p>	<p>Special Girls Challenge LADY JANE Oxford v LINDA LOVELACE Lincoln</p>	<p>Mid/heavy Classic EXORCIST Secured for Uppingham v JACK TAYLOR Accrington Triple Champion</p>
<p>Bookings open at the School Theatre, Steckborstone Road, Uppingham. Tel 3318 & 1416. Postal bookings SAE please. Book Early</p>	<p>Lightweight International COLLEGE BOY Loughborough v STEVE MILLER Denmark</p>	<p>TAG-TEAM SIZZLER The Lincolnshire Imps MIKE CHICK GOLDIE & CHIVERTON versus THE UNDERTAKERS Nathaniel & Jonathan</p>

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LANGHAM, OAKHAM, RUTLAND
Telephone OAKHAM 2984

JUBILEE OPEN
AIR WRESTLING
on MONDAY 6th JUNE
at 3.00 pm 1977

Featuring
TAG MATCH 40 min
THE RIOT SQUAD
CHRIS McManus & BRETT MARTIN v
TAG CHAMP DAKTARI & COWBOY STEVE WEST
8 x 5 Min
KLONDYKE JIM 32 **STONE GIANT** v **FLASH**
EDWARDS
8 x 5 Min
PODDY OF THE BODY PERFECT v **RON MARINO**
Plus Supporting Bout

Free car parking. Refreshments available.
Adults 50p. Children 25p.

Tickets Available from Messrs Furborough & Smith, 30 Northgate,
Oakham. P. Dryland, Mount Pleasant,
Oakham. G. D. Smith, Station Bookstall,
Oakham. Ranksborough Hall Office.

Klondyke Jim here in 1977 in the Village of Langham.

Seems the Independents had Rutland all to themselves.

grahambrookjazz

I used Klondyke Jim (I have no idea of his real name) on several occasions as he came with Bill Clarke's carful which would often include a young lad who wrestled as Marcel Carpentier, Rick Wiseman (Ace Ricardo) and his two midgets. Although I never promoted it, he had a good bout with Clarke. I recall a Cassidy show at The Houldsworth Hall, Deansgate, Manchester, in which, before the interval, Klondyke Jim faced a blue-eyed Abe Ginsberg in a wild bout which spilled over into the top of the bill bout after the interval which was "Bronco" Jack Cassidy versus Doctor Death. On the

next show, Cassidy and Ginsberg joined forces as a blue-eyed tag team to face Jim and Death (Bill Clarke). I also recall timekeeping for Brian Dixon in a show at The Champness Hall in Rochdale in which blue-eyed Dangersmen (Haggetty and Joynson) faced the combination of Klondyke Jim and Klondyke Bill.

I won't go into details as I have mentioned it before in contributions, but when I promoted at The Parr Hall in Warrington I staged an eight team K.O. tournament which was won by The Lincolnshire Poachers (Bill and Rick Clarke (Wiseman)) who returned on the next show to face an unusual blue-eye combination of Klondyke Jim and Lee Sharron.

He had limited mobility and moves but did have quite an imposing presence and was a quietly-spoken, easygoing nice guy.

grahambrookjazz

Further to my initial posting, I recall Abe Ginsberg doing a show for me a few days after his tag encounter (alongside Jack Cassidy) against Clarke and Jim and his back was playing up. The impressive end to the tag match saw Ginsberg hoisting the massive Klondyke Jim off his feet and pinning him. The secret of course was for the big man to relax so that Abe would find it comparatively easy to lift and pin him. However, Jim was so stiff that it was hard work for Ginsberg and he paid the price afterwards. I recall him saying that the money was better on the independents (though, of course, telling me that I was one of the meanest payers, which I knew to be untrue) but that you were far more likely to be injured by clumsy wrestlers who did not really know what they were doing.

RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

Keep em coming Graham. What great stories.