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## Never In A Daddy Tag Match

### **Andy**

So which big stars never featured in a Daddy tag match? We often saw the likes of Sid Cooper involved but was Jimmy Breaks in any? And Tally Ho Kaye? How about Brian Maxine? I believe neither Pat Roach or Adrian Street were ever involved. Am guessing that McManus and Logan must have been at least once. Both Breaks and Maxine were champions, so would they have refused to do it? Or am I just wrong? Just thought of another, Johnny Kincaid.

### **powerlock**

How about Masambula. Les Kellet. Leon Arras

### **frank thomas**

Adrian Street was reported to have said any wrestler who had any pride about himself, i.e. Refused to job, would never have faced Big Daddy, but in the 1970s I saw Pat Roach meet him (in his Shirley Crabtree days) in a singles match, and defeat him by two falls to one. And hardly anybody but Kendo Nagasaki was beating him around that time..

### **David Mantell**

McManus and Logan did do one Big Daddy tag match, with Young David as the blue-eye in peril at the Royal Spa Centre in Leamington Spa on TV in 1979.

Breaks did something weird - despite being a hated heel, he was pictured shaking hands with Daddy and Tony St Clair for winning a trophy tournament. Which would be like Hulk Hogan and Ultimate Warrior being pictured congratulating the Nasty Boys for winning the WWF World Tag Team title at WM7 in 1981

### **Mad Mac**

I'm struggling to recall an occasion where Pete Roberts was in one.

### **frank thomas**

I can recall just the once Mad Mac, Pete partnered Tibor Szackacs at Liverpool stadium against Thundercloud & Whitecloud, think Pete was replacing Bill Howes.

### **Tom H**

Isn't there a match on the world of sport dvd with Mcmanus and Logan against Nagasaki and George Gillette.

### **David Mantell**

Yes, but Big Daddy wasn't involved which is rather the point of this thread.

**john 94**

NAGASAKI an occassional tag partner of DADDY - described by george gillette as an unholy alliance -

**David Mantell**

"Unholy Alliance" was Nappers and Steve Vedor in 1977. Nagasaki and Daddy was really just your standard Nappers heel team, not unlike Kendo & Paul Neu in 1993.

**Mad Mac**

"Unholy Alliance" was also used for Bridges and Rocco.

**martin**

Hi all. It's been a while since I contributed but I'm back now. (blame the age). I did see Jim Breaks in a tag against Big Daddy and Peter Collins. He stood in for Ian Muir and partnered Tony Walsh. No surprise there. This was at a sports centre near Leigh called Howe Bridge in 83/4. Can't think the promoters would've put Catweasle in a tag with him or Kevin Coneeley or Mr Kellett.

**Paul**

I think it has been mentioned elsewhere but the Iron Greek wanted nothing to do with Daddy as he felt it would ruin his legacy. Also I wonder if it is worth considering if former partners and opponents that tag with him when he had some credibility would have done so in his more pantomine days when the Daddy roadshow was in full swing.

**David Mantell**

Apparently Wayne Bridges got tricked into becoming World Champion because Arion pulled him on top for the winning fall at the RAH and then did a bunk from Joint Promotions rather than job to Daddy.

I say 'apparently' because I think it would have been easier for Arion to just wait for the big night and then cut Big Daddy up like his countryman Chris Colt did. Bear in mind that this was the same Arion who busted open Colin Joynson so badly that there was an IBA enquiry and Joynson, hitherto a tweener and a few years earlier a brutal thug heel, got so much sympathy that he was never able to work as a villain again.

**SaxonWolf**

David, surely you don't mean that Arion actually caused Joynson to bleed? What you really mean is that Joynson cut himself to give the appearance of being "busted open" by Arion.

By the way, I would have to go back and watch the match again, but from memory, Arion looked terrible, it was a poor clash-of-styles, the "punch/kick" US style against a classy worker like Joynson. If the ref had said "ok lads, you can go off script for the next five minutes, and have a real match", there would have only been one winner.....

**matey dave**

lets be honest, the bout between coiin and spiro was a set up so shirley could come into the ring pe-arranged providing heat for shirley and spiro non event. this is where it all goes pear shaped

**David Mantell**

Point is that if Arion wanted to get out of the UK because he thought putting Daddy over was demeaning, there are better ways he could have done it than pull Bridges on top of him.

Whoever's doing the Arion/Joynson gorefest was, it was outside the normal box of ITV Wrestling violence (although by the time of the Kendo/Rocco wars "the locals" had rather caught up.)

**matey dave**

lest we forget the blood feast was not the first that happened on ITV, going back to clay thomson/les kellet live from wembley was nasty. i remember quite a sprinkling on the front row in front of me. i was in second row

**Mad Mac**

Let's not forget what we now know - a few years before his UK "stint", Arion was regularly challenging Bruno Sammartino for the (then) WWWF Heavyweight Championship. Arguably, he would have been the most "prominent" overseas wrestler to step into a UK promotion.

**Bill Smith**

Spiros drew with Sammartino at Madison Sq Garden, and was a title holder in his time in Australia, falling over for Daddy was not in his plans.

Bridges was a more athletic chap, and a loss would look credible

**Paul**

Not sure Ray Steele ever did a tag. Then again, he didn't fit the bill of lighter fall guy.

What about Pete Roberts?

**Mad Mac**

See earlier post, Sir. I don't recall Pete in one of those matches.

**Paul**

Interesting. Pete didn't seem the type to throw his weight around with matchmakers. You could argue that it would have taken the limelight from Daddy, but then the likes of Marty Jones, Chris Adams, Dynamite Kid, Alan Kilby.... the list goes on, could hold their own with the best.

**Mad Mac**

We touched on Mr. Roberts recently - he had plenty of work overseas (especially in Japan where he was much-respected) and could probably, to a degree, "pick and choose" his engagements while at home.

I recently watched one Daddy tag match with Marty Jones pling, as one would expect, anything but the all-too-typical "fall guy" - if anything, he had a bit of an "OK, it's a night's work, but I'd rather be facing Rocco or Finlay" look about him.

**SaxonWolf**

Pete Roberts is listed as being in a Daddy team, along with Leon Fortuna, in 1978, taking on McManus, Logan and Haystacks.

**David Mantell**

Was watching Keith Hayward's 1980 bout against Tim Fitzmaurice last night - have a hard time imagining Keith in a Daddy tag (or Tim for that matter.)

**frank thomas**

Could imagine Tim more so than Keith in all honesty, as lightweight partners getting bashed up by "the heavy squad" then rescued by Big D seemed to be the exception rather than the rule..

**David Mantell**

Bear in mind who trained Tim - and was considered a folk hero in the 80s locker rooms for what he nearly did to Daddy.

**frank thomas**

Would you refresh my memory please David?

**Bill Smith**

Me too David

**paul mitchell**

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**Bernard Hughes**

Hi Mad Mac, just catching up on this thread.

Wouldn't Lou Thesz come into that reckoning?

**Mad Mac**

A fair point, Sir, but somewhat before my time :-)

**Anglo Italian**

Now Mike Marino famously booked himself to defeat Big Daddy at the RAH, the night he also beat McManus there (modest matchmaking).

I imagine he was never in a Big Daddy tag though he was in some famous tag bouts down the years, even if only an occasional. This would be particularly strange as he was booking others to wrestle Big Daddy at the same time.

Vedor & Nagasaki, by the way, was a "strange and unholy alliance," the bout being at the Fairfield Halls, Croydon. We inserted this byline into the site several year's ago and the source is George writing in about 1975 in the Kendo Nagasaki Fan Club newsletter, many of which we still have.

**paul mitchell**

AT 20th century the order went out hurt Shirley your sacked Barnsley lad hurt Shirl and was promptly sacked.

**Hack**

We're there many capable of hurting Shirl Paul? And are you up to telling us which of the Barnsley lads?

**David Mantell**

If you could out catch-wrestle the man then you could hurt him. And most people were miles ahead when it came to catch techniques. He knew a bit about how to use his strength to his advantage, but he was no shooter.

**paul mitchell**

Hack yes Mr Craddock

**Ron Historyo**

Paul is giving us a great insight as to who some of the most difficult men were. We so often discuss the same names time and again , but Paul has made us aware of Tery O'Neil (Mr Adonis) number one opponent of Nagasaki and a nemesis of Shirley in Bert Craddock. Here they are in history matched against each other.

It's an eye opener Paul.....thanks.

**Hack**

Thanks very much Paul, I appreciate your contributions and echo Rons comments. I had in mind either the names Craddock or Betts. Sam always speaks highly of Bert Craddock.

**maskedmummy**

Pete Roberts did do a Daddy tag Warrington rings a bell Also seem to remember Ray Steele doing one on a Rel's show Leeds or Sheffield and Catweazle did at least one for Dales at one of their summer venues

**TheOfficeHold**

I don't seem to recall ever seeing Steve Young (Skull Murphy) , Wayne Bridges, Jim Brakes , Dave Bond , Johnny Kincaide, Mike Marino or Eddie Hammel in any FF combination

**ken sowden**

All of the above did the Daddy tag on at least one occasion (as in the case of Breaks and Kincaid) whilst Marino and Bridges not only teamed with Daddy but also fought against him in tag.

**Andy**

That is very interesting to learn, Ken. Do you have any further info on that? Why on earth was Mike Marino against Daddy?

**SaxonWolf**

Eddie "Kung Fu" Hammil did a Big D tag in 1982. Wayne Bridges did one in 1980 against John Quinn and Yasu Fuji.

**Andy**

Dave Bond said he had wrestled Daddy in a book... well, obviously he wrestled him in a ring but he mentioned it in a book LOL

I think Kincaid had left the promotion before Daddy really took off and the great Mike Marino may well have already died.

**mark**

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I seem to remember back in the early 80's on TV , Dave Bond and ' Banger ' Tony Walsh taking on Big Daddy and Jackie Turpin and they thought they had won it with the winning fall and silenced the crowd for a few seconds with Dave Bond , arms raised and shouting to the crowd , "" What about that then !!! " . until the Referee disallowed it and Daddy and Jackie Turpin went on to win a few moments later.

**David Mantell**

Yes, I remember Bond against Daddy in a solo match.

Just spotted this. Yes, there is video of a 1978 feature on wrestling on experimental local cable TV channel Swindon Viewpoint which includes footage of Big Daddy vs Dave Bond in a singles match - with Daddy actually selling for Bond!