

Ron Historyo goes where no man has been before

Nooks and Crannies

Dalkeith

RON HISTORYO....Time Cop

Nice and simple to look at four bills from the mid 1960's. The Pavilion, I believe was a 1915 cinema with 800 seats, eventually became a Bingo Hall. Often the way in the 1960's that Cinema's were coming out that were wider with bigger screens and the old and tired were retired. Some small promoters grabbed these for a few months to do a few shows. Money coming in, rather than being left empty. Very common round Manchester.

The promoter, well I need help on that one.

Very early Pat Roach, the usual StJohn - Svajick combo, who is six ten Ski Hi Walters? Pre Joint Johnny Saint, Copycat masked men, early ladies, Orig, Corbett, O'Shea, who was promoting?

Pavilion, Dalkeith 1965		CONTINENTAL MATCHMAKERS present at — 1966	
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 10th Commencing 8 p.m. Doors open 7 p.m.		THE PAVILION, DALKEITH WRESTLING	
ALL STAR WRESTLING AS ON TELEVISION		Doors 7.00 WEDNESDAY, 26th JANUARY Commence 8.00	
STUPENDOUS OPENING ATTRACTION		The Greatest Sensational Wrestling Show Ever Presented	
KLONDYKE BILL	v MARCEL CERDAN	THE MIGHTY CHANE	v ARMSTRONG
The 40-stone terror of American rings. Direct from Madison Square Garden.		Star of the Ring. Cane on Blood Island; the James Bond features Dr. No's "Goliath" etc.	
ZULU	v JOHNIE KOWALSKI	A Lightweight Thriller between two of the fastest men in the World.	
The Wrestling Wild Doctor of TV fame.		ANDREAS SVAJICK	v JAN ST. JOHN
IAN ST JOHN	v ANDREAS SVAJICK	Hungary. British L/W Champion.	
Faster than George Kidd.		WILD ANGUS CAMPBELL v THE GHOUL	
THE CLASH OF THE GIANTS		Art the Rugged Scottish Champion and TV Star. 22-stone monster of the mat.	
SKY HIGH WALTERS	v BIG PAT ROACH	Sensational Challenge Tag Match Four men in action a team	
The 6ft 10in star of the Tex Texan Show.		The Undefeated Red Indian Tag Team — The roughest and toughest of Scotland and Ireland.	
Popular Prices, 5/-, 7/6, 10/- Advance Booking at the Pavilion — Ensure Your Seat — BOOK NOW		CHEROKEE JOE and APACHE JACQUES versus SEAN O'SHEA and EDDIE McGREGOR	
CONTINENTAL MATCHMAKERS present at — 1966		Prices — 5/-, 7/6, 10/- Seats can be booked for 7/6 and 10/-	
THE PAVILION, DALKEITH WRESTLING		Advance Booking — The PAVILION. Don't miss this spectacular	
Doors 7.00	WEDNESDAY, 2nd MARCH Commence 8.00	CONTINENTAL MATCHMAKERS present at — 1966	
International Wrestling at its Best		THE PAVILION, DALKEITH WRESTLING	
By Public Demand, a return Challenge Match		Doors 7.00 WEDNESDAY, MAY 18th Commence 8.00	
WILD ANGUS CAMPBELL	v THE GHOUL	10 Round International Heavyweight Contest	
8 ft, 4 in. Rugged Scottish Champion & TV star. Greatest of all the masked stars. 300lbs of terror.		AMERICA'S MASKED STAR THE NEW SCOTTISH HEAVYWEIGHT	
SPECIAL REFEREE ORIG WILLIAMS, former International Football Star		In Scotland with a LITTLE SURPRISE IN STORE. Come and see the greatest and fastest Heavyweight in the world.	
BIG BAD JOHN	v GORDON CORBET	THE OUTLAW v DUNCAN McROBERTS	
New Orleans 4 ft, 6 in., 245 lbs. Tough, Rough Fighter		Eight Round Middleweight Contest DAVE NEWMAN (Wigan) v. JOHNNY SAINT (Manchester)	
PAT CURRIE	v EDDIE WALSH	Eight Round Light-Heavyweight Contest ORIG WILLIAMS (Wales) v. GORDON CORBETT (Birmingham)	
6 round LADIES CONTEST		SENSATIONAL LADIES TAG MATCH — FOUR WOMEN IN THE RING AT ONCE	
ANNITA CORTEZ	v DIANNE RODRIGUES	SUGAR PIE HARLEM v SCOTLAND HONEY BUNCH v ANN and JEAN MCKENZIE	
(USA) World No. 1 Lady Wrestler The blonde bombshell from London.		Advance Booking — The Pavilion, Dalkeith. Ensure your seat — Book NOW	
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These bills have many Cape Promotions wrestlers, could it be Danny or Fred working with someone locally?

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Penicuik is very nearby and here are Cape as you suggest the following year. Continental Matchmakers, I just don't know.



Hack

The lack of local wrestlers makes me think this was not a local promoter. More likely one of the English promoters.

No proof but I think we may have answered Ron's question about Continental Matchmakers. I found Continental Matchmakers promoting all over the Britain and Ireland ... Barnoldswick, Bodmin, Chester, Coventry, Derry, Downham Market, Dublin, Dunfermline, Frodsham, Galway, Inverness, Maesteg, Matlock, Nantwich, Stonehaven, Wilmslow....

Many of the bills are very similar to the ones in Dalkeith, regulars Williams, O'Shea, Saint, Flynn, St John, Swasjics, Klondyke....

Makes me believe that the Scottish Continental Matchmakers is the same set up as the Scottish one.

Then I found the address of Continental Matchmakers. 29 Talbot Road is a six bedroom terraced house in Fallowfield. Made me think it could be Sean O'Shea. I couldn't find who was living at that address in 1966, can you Ron? I would put half a crown on it being a Jack Jefferson (Shaun O'Shea)

Admission 10/-, 7/6, 5/-, advance booking 10/- seats only at Mersey View Pavilion, or send stamped addressed envelope with remittance to Continental Matchmakers Ltd., 29 Talbot Road, Fallowfield, Manchester 14, ensure your seat, BOOK NOW or pay at door on night of show.

Then I came across a report from the Irish Times, 26th October, 1965. The report stated that Continental Matchmakers of Manchester were planning to sue Cork Council because they had banned a ladies match. The spokesman for Continental Matchmakers was Orig Williams.

Now I'm not aware of Orig living in Manchester. So possibly an O'Shea/Williams collaboration, or an O'Shea business with Orig working for him.

Or maybe this is the wrong tree.

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Can't do anything with the address, but it looks very like O'Shea, who it is not clear if he was Jack, or Paul or another name even. I might add that it was O'Shea who did many Irish tours with this troupe and got in plenty of trouble for fraudulent advertising and letting spectators down. Pat Roach and Wild Angus soon worked their way out of this scene.

Anglo Italian

The Mighty Chane. Independent copying an independent! Ski High Walters really is intriguing: probably no-showed!

Thanks for sharing, so much to dissect.

j_shelvey

I always believed that boxer Marcel Cerdan, didn't die in a plane crash and that was just a ruse, so's he could eat his way out of the middleweight division and eventually reappear as a 28 stone heavyweight wrestler in Dalkeith years later. Wrestling research throws up so many wondrous stories!

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