

## 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?

<p><b>Pavilion, Dalkeith 1965</b></p> <p>WEDNESDAY, NOV. 10th Commencing 8 p.m. Doors open 7 p.m.</p> <p>ALL STAR <b>WRESTLING</b> AS ON TELEVISION</p> <p>STUPENDOUS OPENING ATTRACTION</p> <p><b>KLONDYKE BILL</b> v <b>MARCEL CERDAN</b> The 40-stone terror of American rings, direct from Madison Square Gardens.</p> <p><b>ZULU</b> v <b>JOHNIE KOWALSKI</b> The Wrestling With Doctor of TV fame.</p> <p><b>IAN ST JOHN</b> v <b>ANDREAS SVAJICK</b> Faster than George Kidd.</p> <p>THE CLASH OF THE GIANTS</p> <p><b>SKY HIGH WALTERS</b> v <b>BIG PAT ROACH</b> The 6ft 10in star of the Tull Texas films.</p> <p>Popular Prices, 10/-, 7/6, 5/- Advance Booking at the Pavilion — Ensure Your Seat — BOOK NOW</p>	<p>CONTINENTAL MATCHMAKERS present at — <b>1966</b></p> <p><b>THE PAVILION, DALKEITH</b></p> <p><b>WRESTLING</b></p> <p>Doors 7.00 WEDNESDAY, 26th JANUARY Commence 8.00</p> <p>The Greatest Sensational Wrestling Show Ever Presented</p> <p><b>THE MIGHTY CHANE</b> v <b>BIG JIM ARMSTRONG</b> Star of the film 'Clung on Blood Island'; the James Bond features 'Dr. No', 'Goldfinger' etc.</p> <p>A Lightweight Thriller between two of the fastest men in the World.</p> <p><b>ANDREAS SVAJICK</b> v <b>IAN ST. JOHN</b> Hungary.</p> <p><b>WILD ANGUS CAMPBELL</b> v <b>THE GHOUL</b> 4ft 6in Ragged Scottish Champion and TV Star.</p> <p>Sensational Challenge Tag Match The Undeatable Big Indian Tag Team — The roughest and toughest of Scotland and Ireland</p> <p><b>CHEROKEE JOE and APACHE JACQUES</b> versus <b>SEAN O'SHEA and EDDIE MCGREGOR</b></p> <p>Prices — 5/-, 7/6, 10/- Seats can be booked for 7/6 and 10/- Advance Booking — The PAVILION. Don't miss this spectacular</p>
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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.

#### **RON HISTORYO....Time Cop**

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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