

Ron's Wrestling Ramblings

Devereux

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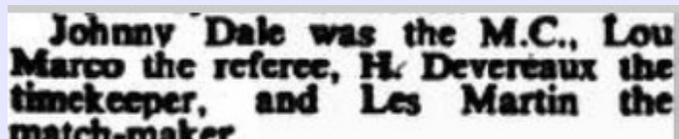


DALE MARTIN PROMOTIONS present
"THE WORLD'S MOST SENSATIONAL SPORT"
WRESTLING!
1948
WINTER GARDEN, Eastbourne
DOORS OPEN 7.15 p.m. Wednesday, 6th October COMMENCE 7.45 p.m.
OUTSTANDING HEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST
Bearded MAN MOUNTAIN
27st. Goliath of the mat. A Dynamic and Crushing Grappler with amazing Agility. One of the most Sensational wrestlers to appear in this country.
KIWI KINGSTON
Heavyweight Champion of New Zealand. Weight 16st. Height 6'6". A Great and Scientific Wrestler. Has wrestled all over the world.
MICK McMANUS All Action Ireland
JOHNNY PETERS Wrestling's Boy Singapore
RON HARRISON London - An outstanding wrestling star
LEN BRITTON London - First appearance here
EXTRA SPECIAL BLACK v. WHITE CLASH
Black **BUTCHER JOHNSON** The Joe Louis of the wrestling world. Known to all as the Back Kick Expert. A crafty and wild lad who knows all the moves. versus
White **DAVID JONS** London - Wrestling's latest and greatest discovery. The man with the perfect physique. Rated as a coming champion.
Advanced Bookings and Tickets from The Winter Gardens, Eastbourne. Tel. 5252

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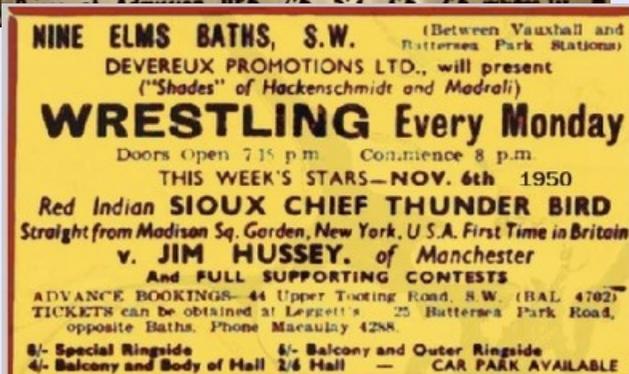
IN 1948 I came across a Dale Martins bill and a report.

Herbert Devereaux looked to be a well established pivot in the Dale Martin machine.

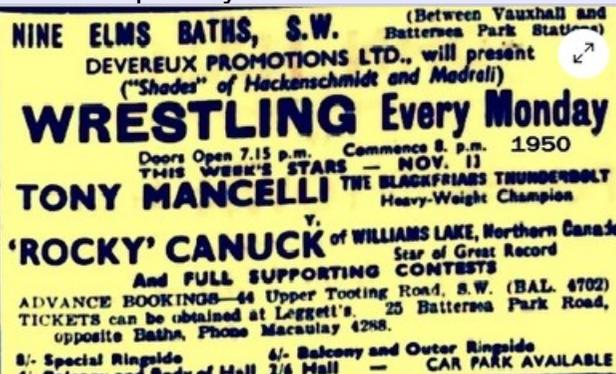


Johnny Dale was the M.C., Lou Marco the referee, H. Devereaux the timekeeper, and Les Martin the match-maker.

The earliest Devereux bills I have ever found were within a couple of years.



NINE ELMS BATHS, S.W. (Between Vauxhall and Battersea Park Stations)
DEVEREUX PROMOTIONS LTD., will present ("Shades" of Heckenschmidt and Madrali)
WRESTLING Every Monday
Doors Open 7.15 p.m. Commence 8 p.m.
THIS WEEK'S STARS—NOV. 6th 1950
Red Indian SIOUX CHIEF THUNDER BIRD
Straight from Madison Sq. Garden, New York, U.S.A. First Time in Britain
v. **JIM HUSSEY, of Manchester**
And FULL SUPPORTING CONTESTS
ADVANCE BOOKINGS—44 Upper Tooting Road, S.W. (BAL. 4702)
TICKETS can be obtained at Leggett's, 25 Battersea Park Road, opposite Baths. Phone Macaulay 4288.
8/- Special Ringside 6/- Balcony and Outer Ringside
4/- Balcony and Body of Hall 2/6 Hall — CAR PARK AVAILABLE



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Doors Open 7.15 p.m. Commence 8 p.m. 1950
THIS WEEK'S STARS — NOV. 11
TONY MANCELLI THE BLACKFRIARS THUNDERBOLT
Heavy-Weight Champion
v. **'ROCKY' CANUCK** of WILLIAMS LAKE, Northern Canada
Star of Great Record
And FULL SUPPORTING CONTESTS
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THIS WEEK'S STARS. NOV. 20. INTERNATIONAL HEAVYWEIGHT CONTEST
CHIEF THUNDERBIRD (CHAMPION OF CANADA)
v. **PAT CURRY** OF BOSTON, MASS., U.S.A.
and full supporting contests
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Doors Open 7.15 p.m. Commence 8 p.m.
THIS WEEK'S STARS. NOV. 27 1950
MIKE BYRNES (Irish Heavyweight)
v. **"ROCKY" CANUCK** (from North West Canada)
and full supporting contests
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Nine Elms Baths had been built in 1901 and by the 1950's was in a dangerous state of repairs. In winter when the baths was closed a sports event could house 1500 people. By 1956 ther balconies had to be pulled down and the place demolished in the 1970's.



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WRESTLING EVERY MONDAY
NINE ELMS BATHS, S.W.
 Doors Open 7.15 p.m. Commence 8 p.m.
THIS WEEK'S STARS DEC. 4 1950
DAVID ARMSTRONG (of Newcastle)
CHIEF THUNDERBIRD (Official Red Indian Heavyweight)
 Champion of Canada
 an full supporting contests
ADVANCE BOOKINGS—44 Upper Tooting Road, S.W. (BAL 4702).
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The advertising was only pushing the main bout , but the quality was threatening to be very good.

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WRESTLING EVERY MONDAY
NINE ELMS BATHS, S.W.
 Doors Open 7.15 p.m. Commence 8 p.m.
THIS WEEK'S STARS DEC. 11 1950
BLACK BUTCHER JOHNSON THE COLOURFUL SENSATION
FRANCIS ST. CLAIR GREGORY Heavyweight Champion of the
 Western Area. Former Rugby
 Star
 and full supporting contests
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I leave you with these , like I say the earliest I have ever seen.

Devereaux's split with Dales seems to have been amicable , just maybe this tells us a bit more as to when,

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NINE ELMS BATHS, S.W.
 Doors Open 7.15 p.m. Commence 8 p.m.
THIS WEEK'S STARS DEC 18 1950
PAT O'REILLY of The Emerald Isle
 v.
TONY MANCELLI of Blackfriars
 and full supporting contests
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As for why , well I would think Herbert thought he could make more money with his own shows.

And the venue , another one I have never come across before.

mitchel.steve454
 Excellent stuff.

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Really good finds Ron!

Hack

Another fascinating bit of history. Thanks Ron. Another corner of the past that I reckon is worthy of further exploration. We don't seem to know much about Devereux and his later connection with the Joyce family. The earlier ad is at Eastbourne with Devereux employed by Dales. The latter at Nine Elms with Devereux in charge. These were early days with alliances being formed so it might have been seen as a natural development rather than a break. Over the years Devereux did have a mixed relationship with Dales. Most of the time seemed co-operative and using Dales men, but on occasions fiercely proclaiming their independence.

Anglo Italian

Twenty years later another second became timekeeper and then MC. His name was Peter Bates. He just couldn't pronounce properly, a shortcoming for an emcee, and always said BRIANBELT GOLD MAXINE. He was completely lost.

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On the Trail of Devereux I find him about a year later (1951) at Wimbledon Palais, but only at the year end.

DEVEREUX PROMOTIONS LTD. present
★ ★ **WRESTLING** ★ ★
WIMBLEDON PALAIS, Colliers Wood Tube Station
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, AT 8. Doors open at 7.15.
The Mighty 19 Stone The French Canadian
VAN DUTZ v. **LA ROUCHE**
Al Sherry v. Len Britton Stan Wurth v. Granville Lawrence
GEORGE KIDD v. **EDDIE CAPELLI**
World Lightweight Champion Ex British Champion
Advance Booking and Tickets: Wimbledon Palais. Phone: WIMBLEDON 8342
PRICES: 10/- Special Ringside; 8/- Ringside; 6/- Outer Ringside; 5/- Body
of Hall; 3/6 Unreserved. 1951 Rights of Admission Reserved.

DEVEREUX PROMOTIONS LTD. present ★ **WRESTLING** ★
WIMBLEDON PALAIS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20th 1951
A Stupendous International Heavyweight Contest! 6 Ten-minute rounds.
2 Falls, Suba, or K.O. Official Southern Area Heavyweight
"Golden Boy" MIKE Champion TONY
MARINO v. **MANCELLI**
Milan, Italy, winner of European title Blackfriars, the dynamic all-action
at the Cirque D' Hiver, Paris, in "Thunderbolt" from South London,
1949. Italian champion 1948. one of the greatest ever.
A Great Catchweight Contest: JACK QUESICK, Southern Area Welter Champion,
v. STAN WURTH, Sydney, Australia. A Welterweight Contest: PAT
KLOKE, Croydon, v. ARTHUR FISHER, Eltham.
A Super Empire Light-Heavyweight Contest introducing:
GERHARDT DE JAGER v. **SONNY WALLIS**
Capetown, Dropkick and flying Hammersmith, one of the greatest
scissors expert. Light-Heavyweights in Europe to-day.

The same again in 1952. Other bills during that year did not state Dale Martins or Devereux. It looks a very Dale Martins Roster even Mick McManus on bottom left.

Devereux Promotions Ltd. present 1952
! WRESTLING !
THURSDAY, 27th NOVEMBER, AND EVERY THURSDAY
Doors Open 7.15 WIMBLEDON PALAIS Commence 8 p.m.
Very Special Double-Champion Heavyweight Contest
Ernest BALDWIN v. **Clem LAWRENCE**
Northern Champion - Wakefield Eastern Area Champion - Chelmsford
Junior Heavy Match Southern Area Welterweight Middleweight Bout
Chas. FISHER v. Jack QUESICK v. Arthur FISHER Ron HARRISON
Alan WILSON Brixton Champ Eltham Challenger Johnny PETERS
Tickets and Advance Booking from Wimbledon Palais (Phone: LIB. 8342),
or from BAL. 4702 Licensed Bar - Refreshments.
Inc. Tax. 10/6, 8/6, 6/6, 5/6, 4/- Car Park.

Devereux Promotions Ltd. present 1952
! WRESTLING !
THURSDAY, 4th DECEMBER, AND EVERY THURSDAY
Doors Open 7.15 WIMBLEDON PALAIS Commence 8 p.m.
The Most Daring and Sensational Heavyweight Clash of the Decade!
JACK PYE v. **PAT O'REILLY**
The World-famed "Doncaster The 1st. 10lb. Irish Colossus. Has
Panther." Wrestling's Greatest Name destroyed all opposition until now
Pat KLOKE v. Jackie PALLO Mick McMANUS v. Frank O'DONNELL
Ireland Highbury British Welter Champion Irish Champion
Special Added Heavyweight Attraction
TONY MANCELLI v. **DAVID JONES**
Southern Area Champion The Greenwich Adonis just back from Spain
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Devereux Promotions Ltd. present 1952
! WRESTLING !
THURSDAY, 13th NOVEMBER, AND EVERY THURSDAY
Doors Open 7.15 WIMBLEDON PALAIS Commence 8 p.m.
Outstanding Heavyweight Attraction
CLEM LAWRENCE v. **DAVID ARMSTRONG**
(Chelmsford Eastern Area Champion) (Northumberland 8ft. 1in. 17-stone super mat man)
STARANOFF v. **GEORGE KIDD** v. **KEN JOYCE** v. **MICK McMANUS** v. **EDDIE CAPELLI**
DON STEDMAN v. **JOHN O'BRIEN**
Tickets and Advance Booking from Wimbledon Palais (Phone: LIB. 8342),
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Devereux Promotions Ltd. present 1952
! WRESTLING !
THURSDAY, 20th NOVEMBER, AND EVERY THURSDAY
Doors Open 7.15 WIMBLEDON PALAIS Commence 8 p.m.
Terrific Anglo-Irish Battle of Strength and Skill
MICK CASEY v. **ANACONDA**
Heavyweight Champion of Ireland The English Carner, Mrs. Swedish-Swedish King
Len Britton Heavyweight Attraction Frank O'Donnell
Norman Thomas Anglo-Italian Necessite Eddie Capelli
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Peter

There is a clip of a Devereux event in a often repeated 1954 film on Talking Pictures. Just cannot remember the name of the film

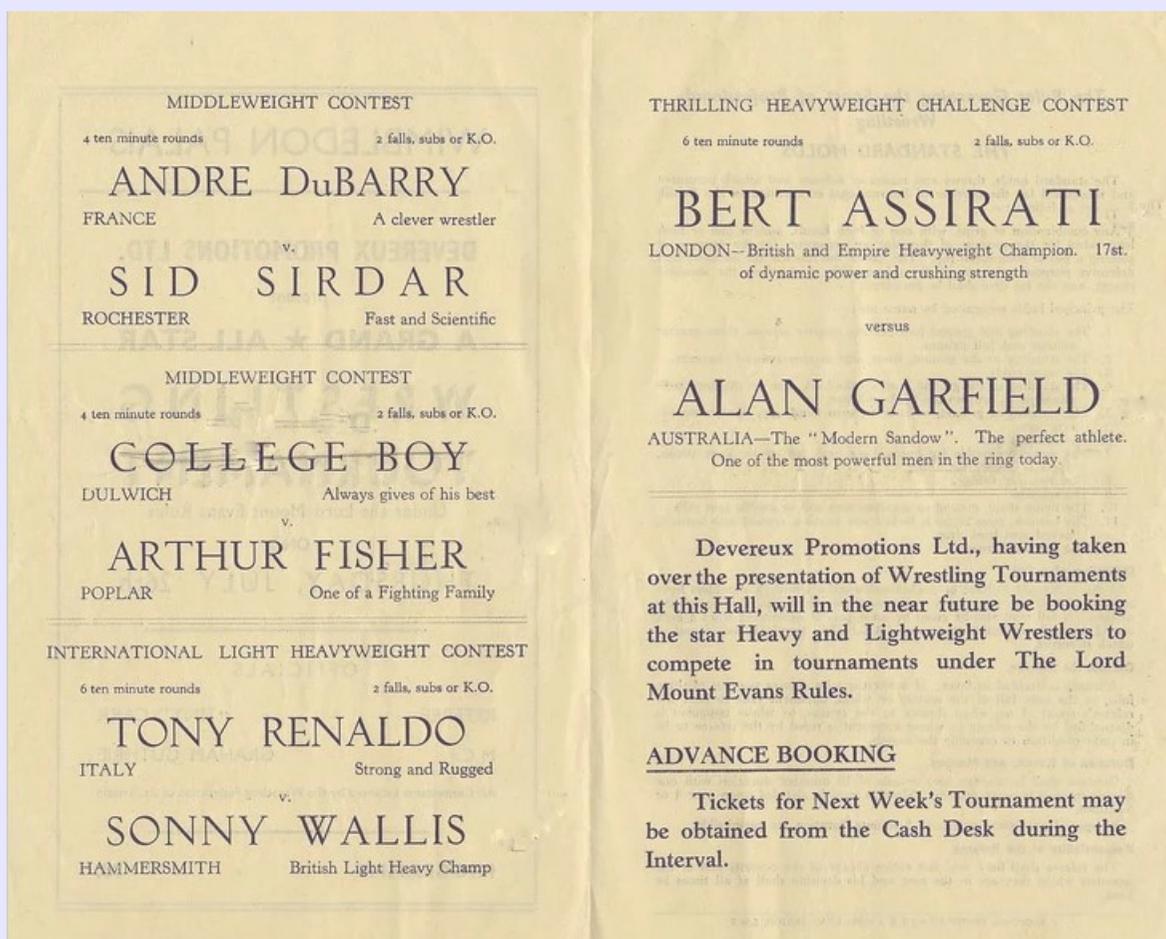
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Interesting bills for Devereux at Wimbledon.

For 1952 ,I was surprised to see ,what I would call Northern wrestlers like Dave Armstrong, Ernie Baldwin and Jack Pye on these bills.

Hack

It looks like Devereux took over at Wimbledon Palais in July 1951. Here's the programme for 26th July



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I've got the original programme for that ?

Hack

Have you got the previous weeks Steve? Do you know the previous promoter?

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All shows before that date are by Maurice Letchford.

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Here are the three shows earlier that month. No clue as to the promoter.

<p>• WRESTLING • WIMBLEDON PALAIS THURSDAY, JULY 5 Doors open 7 p.m. Com. at 8 p.m.</p> <p>LT.-HEAVYWT. CHAMPIONSHIP OF EUROPE 1951</p> <p>MILO POPOCOPOLIS Greece. European Champion and Belt Holder Versus SONNY WALLIS London. British Lt.-Heavywt. Champ.</p> <p>And Great Supporting Programme</p> <p>PRICES (inc. Tax): 10/-, 7/6, 5/-, 3/6 Advance Bookings by Plan, Broad- way Travel Service, Wimbledon. Phone: L18 1877/3848/8128. Wimble- don Palais. Phone: L18 8242. LICENSED BAR</p>	<p>• WRESTLING • WIMBLEDON PALAIS THURSDAY, JULY 12 DOORS OPEN 7 p.m. Com. at 8 p.m.</p> <p>Great International Heavywt. Contest</p> <p>LAJKONANDOR Budapest. Hungarian Wrestler First appearance in England. Vs. JULES KIKI Anglo-Spanish Mat Star Recently returned from tour of South Africa</p> <p>And Great Supporting Programme</p> <p>PRICES (inc. Tax): 10/-, 7/6, 5/-, 3/6 Advance Bookings by Plan, Broad- way Travel Service, Wimbledon. Phone: L18 1877/3848/8128. Wimble- don Palais. Phone: L18 8242. LICENSED BAR 1951</p>	<p>• WRESTLING • WIMBLEDON PALAIS THURSDAY, JULY 19 Doors Open 7 p.m. Com. at 8 p.m.</p> <p>Thrilling Tag Team Match 1951</p> <p>MANCELLI London. Partnered with VAN DUTZ Holland DAN DAVEY Wales. Partnered with PHIL NIEMAN London</p> <p>And Full Supporting Programme</p> <p>PRICES (inc. Tax): Ringside Res., 10/-, Res., 7/6, Res., 5/-, Unres., 3/6 Advance Bookings from: Broadway Travel Service, Wimbledon. Phone: L18 1877/3848/8128. Wimbledon Palais. Phone: L18 8242. LIC. BAR</p>
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Thanks Steve.

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Super info from Steve. We really have captured |Devereux early days.

Origins seem to be in the very heart of London. With Wimbledon and Nine Elms both south of the river. Quite ambitious venues in size.