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THE "SKULL" IS SCREAMING MAD

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DID YOU KNOW?

OUR COVER ILLUSTRATION: THE SENSATIONAL SCOTT BROTHERS

● **GEORGE AND SANDY SCOTT** are the only "Brother Team" at present wrestling in Australia. The Scott Brothers are from Canada and are the Canadian Tag Team Champs. They were born in Glasgow, Scotland, and the family migrated to Canada when George and Sandy were kiddies. Being brothers and having been raised together is a definite advantage in their work as a team. They think alike and have the uncanny knack of being able to anticipate each other's next move. Fans will realize how important this is in tag team wrestling and can well understand why the Scott Brothers are so great. George and Sandy journeyed to Australia to get a crack at the World's Tag Team Title. They would make great tag team champs.

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● **JACK LITTLE**, genial compere of World's Championship wrestling at G.T.V.-9, Melbourne, and side-kick of Tommy Hanlon on G.T.V.-9's "It Could Be You", is one of the busiest announcers in the radio and T.V. world.

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● **JOHN DOYLE** is now in the United States, looking for new talent for Australia. He will no doubt sign some top stars for appearances here.

● **BRUNO SAMMARTINO** is the world's highest paid wrestler. For example, each time he comes to Australia, he is paid \$25,000 American Dollars, plus all expenses for just THREE weeks. In that time he wrestles approximately 12 matches.



● **HERCULES CORTEZ** is in Madrid, Spain, where he wrestles and dabbles a bit in the promotion of wrestling. Many fans here wanted to know how he is these days. Hercules is of course (as usual) the wrestler on top who applies the pressure.

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● **RED BASTIEN** has retired from wrestling. He is the managing director of a gymnasium in California. This gives him more time at home with his family. And he wants to be remembered to his many wrestling fans here who haven't forgotten him and who certainly wish him well in his new venture.

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● **DANDY DAN MILLER** was a great football player in the U.S.A. before he took to pro wrestling. Dan's one of the roughest men in the business, as you can judge for yourself. But he can take as well as he gives!

● **BEARCAT WRIGHT** is well known as a great music lover, in fact, he carries a small tape recorder with him. The "Cat" is learning how to play the flute, and he's fairly good. Knowing his versatility and desire to learn, we predict he'll become a top flautist one of these days. He will certainly be the biggest, strongest and tallest flautist ever!

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● **SAM MENACKER** has been flying his own aircraft for years and has resumed flying here in Australia. Actually, he had quit flying when he arrived here, but Sam's wife insisted he fly again.

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● **DOMENIC DE NUCCI** visited his family in Venice, Italy when he left Australia. Now he is in Montreal, Canada. He wrestles in Canada and the U.S.A. De Nucci is one of the all-time favourites in Australia and we hope he'll be back here one of these days.

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SAM and DOMENIC

SPIROS ARION

- WRESTLER
- WEIGHT LIFTER
- RUNNER
- SWIMMER
- RACING DRIVER

Greek wrestling champion Spiros Arion is an athlete with very contrasting interests — when it comes to hobbies.

Arion, 26, 19.6, combines driving a sports car at 140 m.p.h. and 15 miles cross country runs in his leisure moments!

It is not difficult to imagine Arion squeezing his 19 stone frame into the cockpit of his Alfa-Romeo sports car.

It is not difficult to imagine this fearless Greek athlete hurtling the car around a racing track or a road circuit at speeds of 100 miles plus.

But can YOU imagine that 19 stone bulk being carried over a 10 or 15 miles hilly, cross country run?

"Running is relaxation for me. I can run for more than an hour and really enjoy myself. Getting over 10 miles does not worry me, and if I feel really well I will increase the distance to around 15 miles", Arion said.

"I know it is hard for a person my size to enjoy running long distances. But I really thrive on it.

"I built up a lot of strength in my legs when I was weight-lifting. And even as a schoolboy I had a lot of natural speed.

"Today I enjoy nothing more than a strenuous cross country run. I prefer hilly courses, which present more of a challenge than runs around flat districts.



"Weight-lifting is still a great sport with me. Naturally I do not get any chances of competing in tournaments, but I love to test my strength with weights as often as possible", he said.

Arion started his amateur wrestling career when he was 15 and weighed about 11 stone.

"Even in those days my mates used to complain about my strength with some of my holds", the Greek champion said.

Arion won a string of championships in amateur heavyweight bouts and was

offered the chance of a professional career in 1962.

"I thought about this offer for a long time. I felt I might win an Olympic gold medal at wrestling or weight-lifting at that stage", Arion recalled.

"But I am happy now that I took the professional offer. There are some really great champions in professional wrestling, and it is wonderful to be tested by the best men in the sport", Arion added.

Is there anything left for Arion after wrestling, weight-lifting and running?

You may say "No".

But Spiros is a fanatical swimmer and skin diver. He likes to get in the water as often as he can and prefers ocean beaches. In fact, he enjoys swimming in heavy surf.

But the courageous Arion is not keen on surfing. He explained: "I don't think my physique is suitable for one of those surf boards. And I don't like going out into very deep water. I just don't like sharks!"

Well, you must admit that Spiros Arion is a very busy champion whether he is in the wrestling ring or enjoying one of his "relaxations".

There is one hobby, however, at which Arion is happy to accept some first-hand advice. That's car racing!

"My wife, Fanny, was a champion racing driver when I married her five years ago. I was her keenest fan, but did not imagine myself as a racing driver", Arion said.

His wedding present from Fanny was, in fact, a beautiful M.G. When he asked: "What will I do with this?", Fanny said: "Drive it, of course!"

Two years ago he bought the Alfa-Romeo. It gives him a great thrill to compete at track and road meetings in it. But Arion has no ambitions to be a world champion car driver.

"I will be happy always with the world heavyweight wrestling championship. That will satisfy my ambitions in sport", Arion added.

—DES MAURICE



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters and expressions of opinion are invited from all lovers of wrestling, young and old; but please keep your communications short. All letters must carry your full name and address, but you may elect, if you so desire, to have a non-de-plume used as signature instead of your name.

Please address all letters and other correspondence to The Editor, **WRESTLING NEWS**, 61-63 City Road, South Melbourne, S.C.4., Victoria.

SHORT AND TO THE POINT

...Give us more fine tag teams like the Scott Brothers. They are dreamboats... And we do like "Wrestling News"—it's terrific...

E. D. Skurrie,
Westernport, Victoria.

We agree with you—on both points. Thank you. Editor.

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NO REFEREES?

Why do we have referees? They never enforce the rules, so what are they doing in the ring? They are apparently afraid of the tough guys, so the only ones they order around are the nice ones.

William G. Thomas,
Langford, N.S.W.

We had at least three other letters, in similar vein, but not as polite. I don't agree with any of them. I think our referees are good. But I would like to invite all the letterwriters who are so bitter about our "blind, deaf and extremely dumb" referees (even that is one of the more polite phrases in another letter) to tell "Wrestling News" what or whom we should have in their stead!? Editor.

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STILL WORRIED ABOUT TANAKA

I couldn't agree more with the protesting letters appearing in "Wrestling News" concerning the attacks on Prof. Tanaka's nationality. He is...accused of being a Korean, as if this were some sort of crime. This is disgusting. What does it matter if Tanaka is Korean by birth...and what business is it of ours? If he is Japanese at heart and Japanese in mind and deed, then surely this is the most important thing. To my mind, the Professor has good reason to sue all concerned with this scandalous affair. I know I certainly would.

Stuart Cooper,
Caulfield, Victoria.

Well, perhaps you are right, but I don't know. If somebody says he's something, and somebody else says, he's not, whom do you believe? However, as far as "Wrestling News" is concerned, we parted quite good friends in the end when we published the Professor's reply—even though we wouldn't tell him where to find the Japanese journalist who had started the controversy. Alas, I didn't shake hands with Tanaka, as he offered to do: Korean or Japanese, I couldn't care, I had seen what those hands can do to a professional wrestler—and I'm only an Editor.

WHO WOULD HAVE WON?

Your magazine is great... My dad liked particularly your story on Bonnie Muir (Vol. 1, No. 5) and we got into an argument how he would have made out against wrestlers like Lou Thesz or Bruno Sammartino or even "Skull" Murphy. What do you think?

Rob. X. Iner,
Montmorency, S.A.

That's a difficult question; techniques were different, the fans wanted to see more scientific holds in those days, so the champions trained with that in mind. They were slower and much lighter of course. The other day Sammartino bench pressed 590 lbs. I seem to remember hearing that Lou has lifted "Haystack" Calhoun off his feet—and that mountain of a man weighs 675 lbs. All in all, I would just say that "Bonnie" and Lou and Bruno were all champions who gave, or still give, all wrestling fans a lot of pleasure, thrills and excitement. Let's leave it at that.

Editor.

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PROFESSOR TANAKA

Is Terry Right? (See last letter in next column).

DID HE FALL OR WAS HE PUSHED?

It seems funny that in the past few months we have had so many wrestlers capable of becoming world champion—Killer Kowalski, Professor Tanaka, Mark Lewin, De Nucci, Skull Murphy, Bearcat Wright and Dr. A, yet not one took the title back to his own country... It makes one wonder if the "Cat" wasn't told to lose the fight to keep the title in Australia.

M. J. Dunnecliff,
Epping, N.S.W.

You are right when you say that we have an amazing number of wrestlers who are potential world champions. The Barnett/Doyle Corporation sees to it that this is so, and they also ask that the reigning champion defend his title against all-comers. This is the reason the title changes comparatively frequently; no champion can stay at the top all the time, and so another gets the crown. But it certainly doesn't follow that one champion is asked to "hand over" the title before he leaves Australia. Usually a champion stays until he is beaten, and more often than not, in the fight in which he loses the title, he gets injured in some way. Do you think that's "put on"? I think wrestling has greatly benefitted by having so many wrestlers able to compete for the title, instead of just one outstanding man who'd beat all others easily. Don't you agree?

Editor.

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"TEACHER" LEWIN WANTED

I have just heard that poor "Bearcat" has been hurt and I only hope he won't be away as long as you said. Can't you bring back Mark Lewin, the only wrestler who will teach the "Destroyer", this kicking and punching wrestler, how to be a clean wrestler... Also, when is the wrestling coming to Ballarat, it never comes here, it only goes to Geelong... Please help!

(Miss) Val Fisher,
Ballarat East, Victoria.

We agree, Mark is a good teacher, but there may be others who'll do the necessary job on the "Destroyer" for him. We'll ask the Doyle/Barnett Corporation who promote World Championship Wrestling if something can be done about your fine city. Thanks for your interest. Editor.

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WHAT I LIKES I LIKES!

Dear Editor, I am writing this letter asking you will you put Larry O'Dea's photo on the next "Wrestling News" and write a two-page story or more about him as I am a fan of his. I thought the picture of Professor Tanaka was awful and I think he has an awful looking face. Thank you, Editor...

Terry Taylor (Aged 12),
Preston, Victoria.

Dear Terry, in the issue of "Wrestling News" which featured Prof. Tanaka on the cover (Vol. 1, No. 4) we had a full page write up on your favourite wrestler. Larry O'Dea will no doubt go a long way as a wrestler, and then we'll certainly put him on the cover for you. Sorry you didn't like the Professor. I agree he won't win a prize in a beauty contest! Editor.

RED HOT LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The "Skull" wants three heads!

attacking any of those personalities if I was face to face with them on the floor of the court.

I will get thousands of dollars from this law suit. But money does not mean that much to me. I can get all the wealth I need from my law practice in the States, and my wrestling.

Who is this Des Maurice?

I knew him in Canada many years ago, and he was writing similar articles about me then. This goes back to a bout with one of his favourites, Johnny Bernard, in the States.

He predicted Bernard, who is no relation to my great partner, "Brute", would pin me twice. I was pinned once, but then I split open Bernard's skull, and he was rushed to hospital.

That started a feud, and now the slanderous attacks are being made again by this under-sized reporter.

He hides behind his desk, and never comes close to the wrestling ring when I am in action!

I wonder why?

Fans, I am a very fair wrestler — but I will admit that occasionally I have to use my head butting — strictly legal — to stop opponents wearing me down with tactics that are outside the rules.

Every wrestler is allowed to protect himself by the best means available. I like it that way.

"Brute" Bernard and I have never used telepathy. I could if I wanted to because I have more brains than any wrestler in the world today.

I like to win by fair tactics, but I am forced to retaliate against opponents who don't respect the referee's rulings.

I have read TWO books on telepathy.

They were delivered to my room in a New York hotel one day. I read them, and then tossed them away.

Bernard and I are the greatest tag team in the world. We are the champions. We have done this by **hard training, teamwork, and brilliant thinking.**

That does not add up to TELEPATHY!

If anyone needs telepathy it is the Managing Editor of "Wrestling News" and his reporter.

If they knew what I would like to do to them they would be thousands of miles away.

When it was rumored that Australian champion wrestler Roy Heffernan had left the two telepathy books for Murphy at his hotel, I asked Roy, but he denied it. Heffernan said: "I had nothing to do with the books. But anybody who endeavours to do something that would lift Murphy's mentality is doing wrestling a good turn. His mind sure needs some education"... When I asked Des Maurice to comment, he only said: "The fans will do it for me when they read the rubbish that the 'Skull' has written". As for myself, I am not particularly timid, especially when I watch wrestling on T.V. or from my (usually safe) ring-side seat. On the other hand, Mr. Murphy is, I assure all readers, **EVEN BIGGER AND TOUGHER** close up or standing in an editorial office than he looks on your screen or from your seat in the hall ... Therefore, I'm not taking sides. Do you blame me?

Editor



Fans—I am the greatest wrestler in the world and I use my skull, which is three times normal thickness, but... this is one time I wish I had **THREE HEADS!**

I know I get excited in some bouts, and sometimes use vigorous tactics, but I almost went mad when I read the accusation in "Wrestling News" about me using telepathy on my friend and tag partner "Brute" Bernard.

That's why I wished I had three heads.

One to crash on the skull of ruthless promoter Johnny Doyle, another for the timid Editor of "Wrestling News", and the third to put puny reporter Des Maurice out of existence.

I want to go bang, bang, bang against each of their skulls until all pass out with the pain!

Already my solicitor has started proceedings against "Wrestling News", promoters Johnny Doyle and Jim Barnett and Stadiums Ltd.

I am a lawyer, and could have handled this case myself. But I doubt whether I could stop myself from

The Destroyer - Greatest of them all!

I would like to thank the Editor of "Wrestling News" for allowing me the space in this great publication, so that I can answer the countless requests from wrestling fans about my magnificent protege, Dr. A. The Destroyer.

It is a dastardly shame that such prejudiced T.V. commentators as Jack Little in Melbourne and Sam Menacker in Sydney will not allow me to talk for The Destroyer.

Intelligent T.V. viewers must realize that Little and Menacker are just puppets and say only what the promoters tell them to say, to try to knock my wrestler.

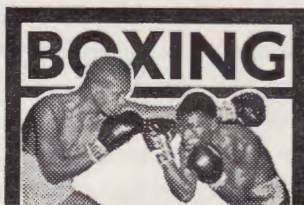
I don't know Jack Little too well, but I know he's afraid of me.



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Every Sunday night



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Every Friday night

SYDNEY — Sydney Stadium
Every Monday night

BRISBANE — Festival Hall
Every Monday night

by **DANDY DAN MILLER**

As far as Menacker goes, well I'll let you in on a little secret.

About ten years ago, when I was just a beginner, I teamed up with my brother, Bill Miller, and we were a great tag team duo. Sam Menacker was doing the commentary for a number of wrestling shows in the U.S.A., and he wanted to make a comeback to wrestling so he teamed up with Argentina Rocca, and he and Rocca wrestled my brother and myself.

What we did to them, is something that Sam in particular will never forget.

That match made Sam realize that he should stick to television and forget that he ever was a wrestler.

Because I thrashed him so badly, he does all he can to make me look bad in the eyes of the public, and most of all he degrades my protege, the greatest wrestler in the world to-day, The Destroyer.

Only last week, both Little and Menacker said they'd received hundreds of letters protesting the tactics of the Destroyer. Why didn't they tell you fans about the thousands of letters The Destroyer receives, praising him?

Why don't they tell you about The Destroyer Fan Club, already with a membership of over 5,000?

Why don't they tell you that when The Destroyer, while wrestling in the U.S.A. was nominated for public office in Jackson, Mississippi?

A fine, public spirited organisation, The Ku Klux Klan, wanted The Destroyer to become Mayor of the City.

Now it seems that the fans have started a guessing game as to who the Destroyer really is. Some minor T.V. announcer by the name of Don Lane seems to think The Destroyer is Art Nelson. This is silly!

Promoter Jim Barnett insists that The Destroyer is none other than Bert Potts. I must admit Potts is similar in

physique to my man, but the Destroyer is definitely not Bert Potts.

Now I've told you who he isn't.

I will tell you this.

First of all, The Destroyer is without a doubt, the greatest wrestler in the world to-day!

Second, he will never reveal his identity, unless he is defeated two falls in a two out of three fall match.

I am so confident that this will never happen, that I make the offer. Remember, now, not a one fall match, and not a loss by disqualification or count-out. He must either be pinned or give up in a hold twice in a two out of three fall match!

The Destroyer is about the most intelligent wrestler in the business. He is a graduate of a medical school and holds a licence as a doctor. He had a practice in Hollywood, and was induced to become a motion picture actor, but decided to turn to wrestling instead. He does not have radiation burns on his face. That is a vicious rumour started by Menacker. The only reason he is masked — well, there are two reasons, really.

First of all, since he is a doctor, it would be advertising on T.V. I know you fans understand this.

The second reason is that Warner Brothers Studio in Hollywood has a contract on the Destroyer and it states that he can not appear as a wrestler.

Since no one knows who the Destroyer is, Warner Brothers will never find out, either. I'm pretty smart, don't you think?

Fans, bear this in mind. The Destroyer has an aggressive style of attack. It is not dirty wrestling. I don't go in for dirty wrestling so I would never allow him to wrestle in an unscientific manner. I just want him to be aggressive.

When you see the Destroyer in action, you are watching the world's greatest wrestler.



ART NELSON

Rumour had it that Art Nelson is The Masked Destroyer. This photo-reproduction may enable you to find out for yourself if the above body matches The Destroyer's; even though the face is hidden behind the mask, you can't really disguise your torso.

Editorial Note:

Well, Dandy Dan Miller had his say regarding his protege, The Masked Destroyer. I am looking forward to the letters by fans when they read Dan's remarks in his second-last paragraph: **"It is not dirty wrestling... I don't go in for dirty wrestling so I would never allow him to wrestle in an unscientific manner... I just want him to be aggressive..."**

Any of you who saw The Destroyer fight "Bearcat" Wright at Melbourne's Festival Hall may have a different opinion.

"Bearcat" suffered a double hernia, by the way, and will be out of action, it would seem, for several months. He has already undergone corrective surgery. **We do hope when he's fully recovered he'll head back for Australia.**

But coming back to The Destroyer and his identity: we're getting lots of letters from fans each week trying to pierce the armour of his disguise. Some say he's Buddy Austin, Art Nelson, or Harley Race. There is also a strong rumour that he is Hassan Bey, wrestling champion of Turkey. Although I've heard his spokesman, Dandy Dan Miller, converse with him in a foreign language I did not recognise, I can tell you quite definitely that he is not Hassan Bey.

The easiest way to find out would be of course to defeat him two falls in a two out of three fall match.

Incidentally, some fans have written in to find out why Dan Miller is referred to as "Dandy Dan". Well, Dan is one of the best-dressed men in the sports world. He has a very large wardrobe, but on his trip to Australia he brought with him only 79 suits. With his eleven suitcases he had to pay \$400 excess luggage. Dandy, Dandy — is there a tailor handy?

— Editor.

FLASH: After this story was written, Art Nelson fired Dan Miller as the Destroyer's Manager and took over the job personally. It was the rugged Nelson who originally discovered the masked menace in the United States and put Dan Miller in charge of his Australian tour. Apparently, when Nelson felt that Miller was not doing a good job — he discharged him. **Editor.**

"GENTLEMAN"

JIM HADY

**... Hady is NO Gentleman —
when illegal tactics upset
him ... says Bruno Gordon**



Jim Hady, who was born at Pittsburgh, is an athlete destined to be a champion.

Today Hady, 5ft. 10½ in. and 17 stone, is one of the world's top wrestlers. But he could have been a top-ranking baseballer or gridiron star.

"I love all sport, but I had to make up my mind when I was attending the University of Detroit which sphere I was to specialize in", Hady said.

Hady was a wizard half-back in the gridiron team, and a catcher at baseball at the Detroit University.

Of course, he was one of the champion wrestlers there as well!

"I loved each of the three sports, but I had to decide which one to concentrate on while I was studying. It is difficult to spend hours studying each day and try and fit in sport training", he recalled sadly.

"I had started wrestling when I was 11, and had won several championships. It seemed I could combine wrestling better with my studies than the other sports.

"And of course I had to find only one other athlete if I wanted to have a work-out on the wrestling mat at the University gymnasium. It's different with baseball and gridiron!

"So wrestling became my main activity in sporting spheres", he added.

Certainly Hady has no regrets about the sport — and later profession — he decided on.

Hady spends 11 months of each year wrestling, and covers 150,000 miles yearly through Canada and the United States.

"Usually I drive about 70,000 miles annually as I move from city to city. I enjoy driving, and of course I cover many more thousands of miles by plane", he said.

"I enjoy moving around the country, meeting new opponents, and gaining new friends".

It is not hard for Hady to gain new friends — he is known through the United States and Europe as **"Gentleman Jim"**.

Hady is in Australia for the first time, but he made his first overseas' trip in 1956 when he visited England and the Continent. "I wanted to see different parts of the world, and wrestling has helped me to do this", he said.

Hady is a couple of inches shorter than many of the world's top wrestlers, but lack of height is compensated for by tremendous strength.

"I was husky as a kid, and seemed to have much more power in my muscles than my mates" added Hady.

"When I was eleven I appeared in my first tournament, and was lucky

enough to win the medal. I trained at the Brewster Youth Club, High School and the Y.M.C.A., wherever there was a wrestling ring, I was certainly always around.

"When you wrestle, you exercise every muscle in your body. You need every bit of strength you have. There are not many sports where this applies".

One of the most likeable wrestlers, well-remembered by all Australian followers of the sport, Red Bastien, looked after Hardy in his early days in professional ranks.

"Eventually I became Red's partner in tag matches, and we travelled most successfully all over the United States", explained "Gentleman Jim".

"Red" suggested I should come to Australia. He said the best wrestlers in the world were here, and it would be tremendous experience for me".

Hady likes to live up to his "Gentleman Jim" title.

"I know I have greater strength than most wrestlers, but I like to use it the right way", he said.

But here is something that most rugged and rules-breaking wrestlers have discovered: Hady is NO gentleman when illegal tactics upset him to the point of retaliation!

Height 6ft. 1 — Weight 250 lbs.

DAN MILLER

**"... Only one man calls him
baby brother — — and then
not often ..."**

writes Des Maurice

Powerful Dan Miller, 6ft. 1 and 250 pounds is as strong as any wrestler in the world but ...

...there is one man who calls him "baby brother", and Miller appreciates it!

Bill Miller, 6ft. 5 and 285 pounds is the wrestler who refers to Dan Miller as "baby brother".

He could and should — because he was the athlete who started Dan Miller on his wrestling career with some brotherly advice.

"Football was my main sport at High School, and I kept it up at the Ohio University in 1950 and 1951. I was studying at the University for a Physical Education degree", said Miller in a recent interview!

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Miller built up a reputation in gridiron playing as a tackle.

"Then Bill took me to the gymnasiums with him when he was working out. He suggested that if I wrestled him it would be good exercise as I would also be using other muscles than those I used at gridiron", Dan added.

"I was not much of an opponent for Bill in the early work-outs. But I started to learn a few holds, and of course I had my strength".

"Bill told me I should concentrate on wrestling instead of gridiron. So I decided to join him and we travelled through Ohio".

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Dan was a very studious partner, and he picked up hints in every bout in which he teamed with his brother. He worked in a lot of tag matches, and these increased his knowledge.

The Miller Brothers starred eventually, and were in constant demand throughout Canada and the United States.

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"I learnt a large variety of holds, and found I had the power in my arms and legs to stand up to wrestlers who resorted to illegal tactics. But Bill had always told me to stick by the rules if I wanted to be a success — and a drawcard". (He IS a success and a drawcard — — but do YOU think he has followed Big Brother Bill's advice in Australia? Editor)

A neck breaker is Miller's favourite hold.

Opponents who do not submit to that hold are in danger of having their necks broken.

Referees keep a close watch on Miller — and the suffering opponent — immediately he applies the neck breaker.

They have to watch that opponents do not lapse into unconsciousness before having the chance to signal they are submitting.

Miller's neck breaker has become one of the most feared holds in wrestling as with this hold he defeated opponents in Canada, the United States, South America and Japan.

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"I had two previous opportunities to come to Australia, but decided against the trip. Then my brother suggested I should come here this season to test myself against the best wrestlers in the world", Dan said.

Miller relaxes at golf and swimming. "I had two years in the services, and I managed to fit in a lot of golf during that time", he added with a smile and a big wink.

Miller travels 125,000 miles each year on wrestling circuits. But he fits in six weeks holiday in that time.

"Normally I have a two weeks spell in June, and another four weeks in December", Dan Miller continued.

Miller is glad he came to Australia. "It has been wonderful here. But I would like to leave these shores as the world champion when I go".

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Conditions of Wrestling (Catch-as-Catch-Can-Style)

1. Rounds are of ten minutes each with a two-minutes' interval between each round.
2. The referee's decision shall be final, and he shall decide all questions which arise during the bout.
3. The referee's decision is given on pin falls, that is, when one wrestler is thrown on his back with both shoulders touching the floor at the same time for a period of three seconds, which must be counted by the referee.
4. A fall may also be awarded when a contestant surrenders (submission fall), which is usually signified by tapping the mat.
5. When a wrestler refuses to continue at the referee's instruction, the decision may be awarded against him.
6. Opponents may grasp any part of each other's body. One arm may be pressed against any opponent's throat, but the other arm must not touch the opponent's head or neck. (The strangle hold is barred in Australia).
7. Deliberate striking and kicking, scratching and biting are regarded as fouls. Boring and gouging are prohibited.
8. When a foul or a deliberate breach of the rules occurs, the referee may award a fall against the offending wrestler.

9. When the wrestlers roll off the mat, beyond the boundary lines, or under the ropes, they shall be ordered to the middle of the mat. The wrestler who has the advantage when the rolling out of the ring occurs, must be given the position of aggressor when the bout resumes, in the centre of the mat.

10. The referee must tap on the shoulders or on the back, the wrestler securing a fall.

11. Seconds must not touch their man or give him advice during the progress of a round.

12. Changing holds or grabbing by the legs is permitted.

13. The use of oil or grease on the body or head of a wrestler is not permitted.

14. Australian championships may be decided on points, but world's championship is only decided on falls.

INTRODUCTION:

In the last issue of **WRESTLING NEWS** (Vol. 1, No. 6) we introduced a new feature "CHAMPIONS OF THE PAST". The biographical notes on the champion wrestlers are reprinted from a **CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING SOUVENIR** of ten Light-Heavyweight Wrestlers who contested the World's Championship at the Melbourne Stadium (now Festival Hall), forty years ago.

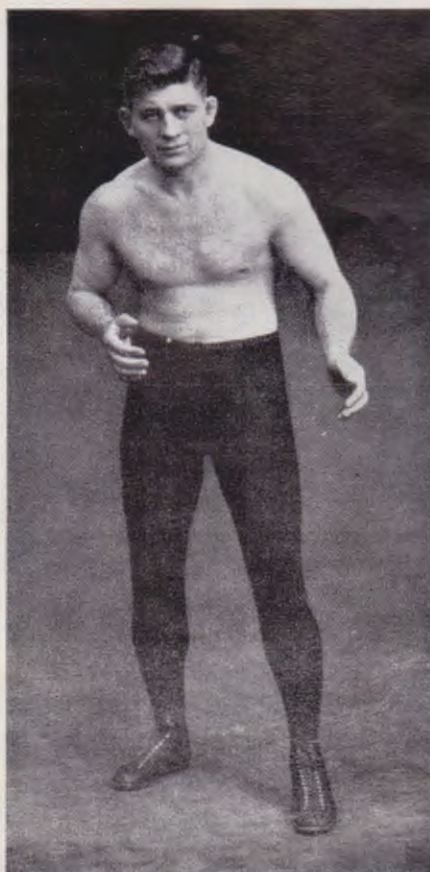
The response to our new feature has been most encouraging, and it is with

pride and pleasure that we present the second of these Champions of the Past, **TED THYE**, who died earlier this year in the United States.

One of the questions which quite a number of our correspondents asked concerned the **Conditions of Wrestling** in Australia at the time when these championship matches took place. Mr. R. W. Lean, of Stadiums Pty. Ltd., once again proved very helpful and produced a set of Conditions as they applied in 1926/27.

CHAMPIONS OF THE PAST — 2:

Ted Thye



is not a Scotsman, although he was born in Aberdeen. Alas, this was Aberdeen in South Dakota, United States of America. This ex-Light-Heavyweight World Champion, has been in the front rank of international wrestling since 1919, when he first won the world title. He is probably the fastest and most scientific wrestler ever seen in action in Melbourne.

This is his third trip to Australia; although he has been engaged in 22 contests, only four times has he been defeated — once by Walter Miller in 1925, twice by Sam Clapham in 1926, in World Championship Contests, and once this season by John Kilonis, the Greek champion.

As a youth, Ted showed marked ability as a wrestler, but when his father heard of Ted's intentions, the youth was promptly bundled out of the home, where he was told no "rough-necks" were allowed.

How this young American, of Norwegian descent, made good, is history.

His beautiful home in Portland, Oregon, U.S.A., is the Mecca at which sportsman have always found a true welcome.

Of all the visiting wrestlers, Ted Thye is the keenest to win the World Championship title from Sam Clapham. His strong personality and wrestling genius have gained for him thousands of friends in Australia, who heartily wish him good luck in this, his pet ambition.

MEASUREMENTS

Chest (normal)	42 in.	Reach	73 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.
Chest (expanded)	46 in.	Neck	17 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
Biceps	14 in.	Forearm	14 in.
Waist	33 in.	Thigh	22 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.
Ankle	10 in.	Calf	15 in.
Weight	12 st.	Height	5 ft. 9 in.

DID YOU KNOW?

● **KINJI SHIBUYA**, the Japanese wrestler, is considered to be the best Japanese wrestler in the sport to-day. There are, of course, varying opinions on this, but most of the Japanese magazines as well as a number of American ones agree with this assessment.

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● **ROY HEFFERNAN** is an ardent tape-recorder enthusiast. He has a number of recorders and always carries one with him on all his trips. He has some fine recorded music.



● **VITTORIO APOLLO**, the spectacular Italian star, has his legs insured for One Million Dollars. He is a great leg wrestler, and relies upon the springy muscles in his legs for his amazing leaps into the air. Fans say he is the best dropkicker they have ever seen. Vittorio was born in a small province in Italy. At an early age, his family left their homeland and took up residence in Buenos Aires, Argentina (see "Wrestling News", Vol. 1, No.6). Vittorio excelled in his school work and was also one of the greatest school boy soccer players in Argentinian history. But once he began wrestling, he dropped all other sports and devoted all his time to the mat sport. And it was a wise choice for Vittorio, for he is a top man in ability and popularity.

● **GENTLEMAN JIM HADY** is not only a great wrestler, he's a terrific singer. In fact, a Sydney recording company may publish an album of records by Jim. Incidentally, Hady started wrestling at the same time that Red Bastien made his entry into the professional wrestling world. Both Hady and Bastien had their initial matches in Chicago under the aegis of a young promoter named Jim Barnett, who now, along with John Doyle heads the Great New Era of Wrestling in Australia.

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● **STEVE BOLAS**, the young, handsome Greek wrestler, has scored a big hit in every city in which he's wrestled. Steve was born in Greece, but came to Canada at an early age when his family migrated there. Steve has always been an admirer of the great champion of the past, Jim Londos, and patterns his wrestling style after that of Londos.