

# Yes, It Has Always Been A Work (This Is Awesome)



Who said wrestling is a modern art?

<https://www.archaeology.org/issues/139-1407/trenches/2178-oxynchus-papyrus-wrestling-contract>

What you're looking at is a contract from the year 267 AD, saying that two teenagers would be having a wrestling match and one of them would take a dive in exchange for money. So yes, wrestling with fixed results goes back nearly 2000 years. Check the link for the full text, which even goes into the amounts paid for the loss.