

# SPORTS NEWS

# LAS VEGAS AGE

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## BUFORD SET FOR MAT BOUT WITH PAPIONAS

### Canadian Champion Will Tackle Rough Californian Tomorrow Here With Idea of Wading Through to World Championship Match With Ira Dern in Near Future.

Big time wrestling! That's what Leo Papionas, the Greek bruiser from Los Angeles, and Al Buford, Canadian champion of champions, are going to stage at El Patio tomorrow night.

Fans and sportsmen who saw the rough Los Angeles grappler tangle with Ira Dern for the world's championship here a short time ago are rarin' to see him in action again with his rabbit punches and his bag of tricks.

Buford is not merely champion in a single weight in the northern country. He is champion of them all, and is in the United States seeking new fields to conquer.

This will be Buford's first match on his American barn-storming tour, according to A. B. Mortenson, who is in charge of arrangements for the bout, being promoted by Jack Harbertson and himself. Ira Dern, light-heavyweight champion of the world, who "air-planned" Papionas to the mat in a heap for the second time in his bout with the Californian here, sent Mortenson a challenge for the winner of this bout.

Dern is willing to return to Las Vegas for another match despite the fact that he is used to performing for thousands. He says he likes this town and wants to get acquainted. "Something different," and he wants to entertain Las Vegas again, when his schedule permits.

If Buford falls before Papionas tomorrow night he will have tripped upon his first try, and he is bound to be on the lookout for every eventuality, with determination to win. If he loses, however, Papionas may meet Dern again here.

If Buford wins, the Canadian challenger may be pitted against the champion here, it is stated.

## BRUSHING UP SPORTS . . . By Laufer



NOW that the National League is tightening up into a race that gives promise of being one of the closest in recent years, the subject of Rogers Hornsby and his influence on the Chicago Cubs is again brought to the front.

With the teams of the first division so closely bunched, the daily scrambling of positions, the next few weeks should give some insight into what fighting spirit the Texas has added to the club.

When Hornsby was first crowned by the Wrigley millions, many opinions were voiced that the Rajah was just the necessary batting impetus the Braves needed to win the pennant.

But there were also quite a few who thought Hornsby would be more of a handicap than a boon to McCarthy's clan. They pointed to his stormy record with the St. Louis Cardinals and New York Giants. They asked why the Boston Braves were so eager to part with him.

Jack Hendrick, manager quoted to the effect that Hornsby would do any team more harm than good. He went further to say that he thought Maguire, the man who went to the Braves for Hornsby, would have been of much more value to the Cubs right now, his better feeling more than offsetting the extra batting Rogers would furnish. To make his argument more forceful he said he'd rather have his Hughie Critz than a dozen Hornsbys.

**YOUNGEST YALE COACH**  
NEW HAVEN, Conn., June 10. (AP)—Johnny O'Donnell, 19, is the youngest coach in the history of Yale athletics. He will coach the freshman wrestlers. Johnny's father, Eddie, is coach of the varsity grapplers.

LOS ANGELES, June 11.—(AP)—Ed Baecht, former Philadelphia National League and Portland pitcher, and "Lefty" Montgomery, late of the Wichita Western League club, have been signed by the Los Angeles Pacific Coast team, it was announced here.

SANTA MARIA, Calif., June 10. (AP)—Seven store buildings were destroyed by fire of unknown origin at Guadalupe, nine miles from here, this afternoon. Santa Maria fire trucks assisted in fighting the blaze.

MIAMI, Fla., June 11.—(AP)—Mike Stankovich, local lightweight, took a fast eight-round bout from Thomas Luns, Filipino, here.

**Sport Shorts**

LOS ANGELES, June 11.—(AP)—Frank Wykoff, Charlie Paddock, Dud Houser and a dozen other noted track performers, will gather at Harvard field for the second series of L. A. A. tryouts being held to select a team to compete in the National A. A. U. championships at Denver in July.

Those who show favorably will be kept in training until June 22, when the final eliminations will be made.

HOLLYWOOD, June 11.—(AP)—Newsboy Brown travelled fast in the final three rounds to take a close ten-round decision from Blas Rodriguez, Mexican, here.

The fight was slow through the first six rounds with all the advantages going to Rodriguez. After a fairly even seventh, Brown swarmed all over his opponent to gain the nod.

Charlie Sullivan took a six-round decision over Jimmy Piela in the semi-final.

## Eagles Pull Out of Hole in Last Inning for Win

With three scores made in the last inning on four successive hits, the Las Vegas Eagles forged ahead of the U. P. baseball team here Sunday to uphold their record of no defeats for the season by the skin of their teeth. For they had been a lap behind the railroad boys right up to that crucial last inning. The final score was 8 to 7.

Bert Smith and Red Jackson were the battery for the Eagles, and Bill Hall and Murray Golden for the Union Pacific. Some of the Eagles played with the U. P. organization to fill out the team, and a good time was had by all.

"It's close games like this that furnish plenty of excitement for the fans," said Golden. Jacomini furnished some excitement when he slid to the bag on second and bruised his head so severely it was bleeding profusely by the time he crossed the home plate.

The four successive hits which won the game for the Eagles in the last inning were made by Rornow, Singleton, Vann and Walter Houck. Art Vann's hit was a

## Dog Course May Be at Lorenzi's

W. S. Kincaid, Presiding Director for New Race Project, Arrives in Las Vegas; Bus Line May Be Started.

Possibility that the dog racing course to be built in Las Vegas in the near future by the Nevada Coursing Club, Inc., may be located at Lorenzi's was seen yesterday when W. S. Kincaid, presiding director for the new corporation, arrived from Denver, and, with Dr. Cox and W. B. Cross, well-known newspaper correspondent, took a "flying trip" to the lake resort.

Should the course be located at the lake it is probable that a bus line will be started between this city and the resort, according to Cross who staged artificial rabbit races at the California state fair in Sacramento under the old fashioned method. These races were so popular, said Cross, that the San Franciscans demanded more dog races for San Francisco day at the fair.

two-bagger. Houck was put out on second.

Negotiations are under way for another game with some "imported" team for next Sunday.

## Babe Is Still Ill But Able To Move About

Babe Ruth, apparently still suffering from the effects of a heavy cold but able to sit up and to move about, received newspapermen today and announced he was "feeling pretty good."

He made it clear he was resting up for a few days more and getting into shape, with the Athletics series in mind.

The doctor, he said, had insisted that he remain quiet a few more days, and he was planning a trip out of town for a change of scene. The Babe, apparently a shade scared at this bout with illness and deciding to look out carefully for his health hereafter, said that henceforth at any sign of illness he would place himself promptly in a doctor's hands.

The Babe indicated he would be inclined hereafter not to overtax his strength with exhibition games. He said he hoped to be in form for the Athletics series which he manifestly realized is important to the Yankees.

# WRESTLING

## Al Buford Canadian Light-Heavyweight Champion

VS. Leo Papionis OF LOS ANGELES

### Finish Match, Catch-as-Catch-Can Style. Best Two Out of Three Falls.

## OTHER FEATURES TO BE ANNOUNCED

Ringside Seats \$3.00; Reserved Seats \$2.00; General admission \$1. Boys under 12, 50 cents. Ladies half price.

# EL PATIO THEATRE WEDNESDAY NIGHT

June 12 8:30 P. M.

## Out Our Way - By Williams



## MOM'N POP



## BY COWAN