

sports round-up



PROMOTER BILL MILLER'S modest success with his "Strip Fight of the Week" boxing show in the show room of the Castaways Hotel each Tuesday night has drawn covetous glances from near and far.

At least one other Strip hotel has tried to entice Miller away from the Castaways, but Bill apparently is well pleased with his present arrangement at Ike LaRue's establishment. Besides, we understand there is a contract involved.

Miller's ability to keep things going week after week in the rather restricted confines of the 500-seat Castaways show room also has piqued the interest of several out-of-town promoters. Johnny Flores was up from Southern California recently to look things over after receiving glowing accounts of the local potential for club fights from Los Angeles managers and trainers who have brought boys in for the Castaways cards.

Among the latter is former triple-champion Henry Armstrong, who has shown his good, little lightweight, Adolph Pruitt, here on several occasions. Pruitt, formerly of St. Louis, surprised a lot of local fans on May 19 when he shellacked out state lightweight champion, Davey Patterson.

ANOTHER PROMINENT boxing figure from the Southland who feels Las Vegas has great promise as a club fight center is Pinky George, now back in harness after almost two years of inactivity due to heart sickness over the unfortunate brain injury sustained by his fine Argentine heavyweight, Alejandro Lavorante, in his 1962 fight with Johnny Riggins.

Pinky has finally become reconciled to Alex's untimely demise and is now handling several good boys who have appeared here, including high-ranking welterweight Curtis Cokes and undefeated bantam Norman Parra.

Parra's sensational knockout victory over rugged Willie Kee, the Navajo Indian scrapper from up Reno way, earlier this month at the Castaways proved that his two previous victories over otherwise unbeaten Lenny Brice were no flukes. Norman should go a long way under the able guidance of the astute Pinky.

Miller is providing local battlers with a great chance to show their stuff and most of the boys have been rewarding him with fine per-



CONTENDERS--This is the CoCo Club team that is waging bitter battle with Nevada Test Site for Municipal Softball League pennant this season. Front (from left) Kenny Eckhoff, Sr., assistant manager; Kenny Eckhoff, Jr., bat boy; Jim Kizzire, Chester Ely, Frank Mummy and Art Melanson. Rear (from left) Jack Wilson, John Davis (leading hitter), Jay Luna, Dave Danforth, Lloyd Boudell, manager; Duke Durden and Larry Fortier. Absent, Ernie Brooks. CoCo Club and NTS started week tied for first place at 8-1 each.

formances. Notable among these are junior welterweight Joe Clark and junior middleweight Aman Peck of the George Owens stable. Clark seems to have regained his confidence with a couple of strong wins after blowing a close decision to Ernie Lopez on the Emile Griffith-Luis Rodriguez title fight card while Peck proved he still has a lot left by pot-shooting willing James Ahmed into defeat recently.

Peck's good showing against Ahmed may earn him a shot at the vacant state middleweight crown in the near future with the opposition being furnished by a top Reno fighter.

We note that middleweight champion Joey Giardello has confirmed our exclusive report of last week that he is seriously considering defending his title against top contender Rubin (Hurricane) Carter at the Las Vegas Convention Center on September 28.

We also note that Floyd Patterson, whose recent impressive victory over Eddie Machen in Sweden put him back in the heavyweight title picture, has been offered a fight with Zora Folley in San Francisco on that same date, Sept. 28. Something will have to give here.

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AL MATTEUCCI, a Las Vegas attorney, has filed for election to the office of Justice of the Peace for Las Vegas township. Matteucci was born and raised in Las Vegas and is a graduate of the University of Nevada. He received his law degree from the George Washington Law School, Washington, D.C. His law experience in southern Nevada includes work as chief criminal deputy in the District Attorney's office, Deputy Attorney General and Deputy City Attorney.



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In the area of fair employment, he has included in his platform a provision to carry on the practice instituted by Justice Tom Pursel to hire according to qualifications. He has served on the Las Vegas municipal baseball federation board, the American Cancer Society, and as a cub scout master. Matteucci was an infantry company commander in Korea, and received a Distinguished Unit Citation on behalf of his troops.

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