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## Gridiron Stars Square Off In Arm Wrestling Set For June 8

LAS VEGAS—Attention sports fans! It's the San Francisco 49ers vs. the New Orleans Saints on June 8 at the Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino (Las Vegas) along with 14 other NFL teams.

The field of action for this match won't be 100 yards of astroturf, however. The action will take place on a leather-covered table four feet square. And there won't be 22 men at the line of scrimmage. This match will be one on one -- "mano a mano."

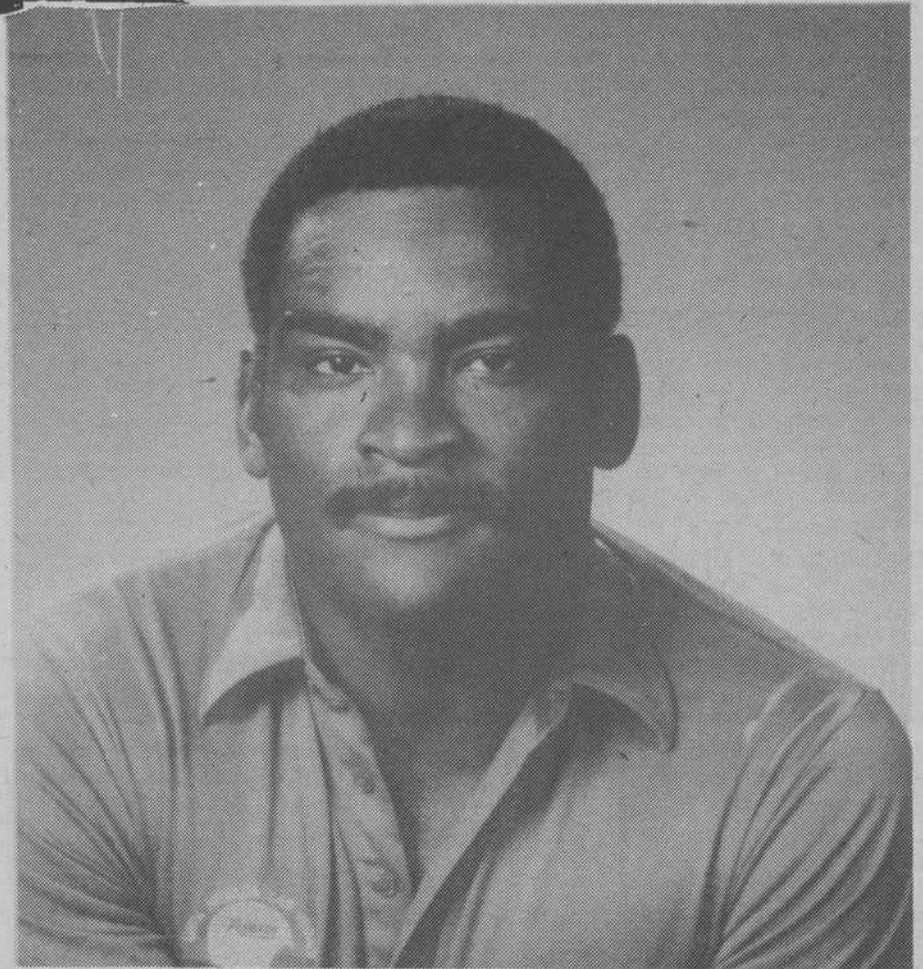
The popular event is the ninth annual Pro Football

Team Arm Wrestling Championship and is taped for national television for ESPN Sports Network. It is open to the public at no charge. Doors to the Imperial Theater (main showroom of the Imperial Palace) open at 11:00 a.m.

on Sunday, June 8. Taping begins at noon. The event is hosted by the Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino and sponsored by MYOFLEX "Pain Relief Rub." On June 8, two men from each of 16 pro football teams will arm wrestle their way to the

championship in a triple elimination tournament conducted by Arm Wrestling International (AWI) under the direction of Tony Celeste, president.

Also scheduled for June 8 is the Men's Professional Light Heavyweight Arm Wrestling Championship and the Women's Professional Championship. Defending his 1985 title against 18 national state champions will be John Buononato of Santa Ana, CA, who out-muscled Johnny Walker, long-time competitor and champion, for three straight years.



## Wayne Nunnely Named UNLV Interim Head Football Coach

Wayne Nunnely, who has been serving as assistant coach and coach of the running backs at UNLV since 1982, has been named interim head football coach of the Rebel team, said UNLV President Robert C. Maxson and Athletic Director Brad Rothermel in a joint statement.

Nunnely will serve as interim head coach for the 1986 football season. At the end of the season, a search for a permanent head football coach will be conducted,

Maxon and Rothermel said.

"Wayne Nunnely is a graduate of UNLV, and he loves this university," Dr. Maxon said. "I have complete confidence in his ability to lead our program during this interim period."

Nunnely, who graduated from UNLV in 1975, played on the Rebel football team during the 1972 and 1973 seasons. After graduation he taught physical education and coached at Valley High School in Las Vegas, then returned to UNLV as a graduate assistant coach

under head coach Tony Knapp in 1976. He coached at Cal Poly Pomona for two years and at Cal State Fullerton for one year, then spent the 1980 and 1981 seasons coaching at the University of the Pacific. He returned to UNLV in 1982 as an assistant coach under Hyde.

Nunnely has played or coached under all of UNLV's head football coaches: he played under Bill Ireland and Ron Meyer and coached under Tony Knapp and Harvey Hyde. Hyde had been relieved of his duties during the latter part of April.

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