

Imperial Palace To Host Pro Baseball Team Arm Wrestling Tournament

Strength, timing and will to win are the three essential ingredients in any athletic contest, but rarely does one see them so clearly as in the sport of arm wrestling. And rarely does the public have the opportunity to enjoy the sport as much as during the tournaments staged at the Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino.

Sox, will be the 1986 defending champion in this year's tournament. There will be 16 men competing in the Men's World Heavyweight Division with a special eye on defending champion, Johnny Walker from Atlanta, GA. Walker at 190 lbs. will compete against men from the U.S. and Canada that

in Erlanger, KY. They market Mentos, Fruitella and other fine confectionary products. On Saturday, December 6th, the pro baseball players will be available to meet their fans for picture taking and will sign autographs. Doors open to the showroom for the tournaments, which will be



Willie Horton (R) of the Chicago White Sox, who is the 1986 defending champion in the Pro Baseball Team Arm Wrestling Tournament, is pictured here battling it out with Dave Henderson (L) of the Boston Red Sox last year. The tournament will take place at the Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas December 7, 1986.

Coming up Sunday, December 7th will be a triple bill guaranteed to thrill arm wrestling fans: Sponsored by the Imperial Palace and Van Melle, Inc., makers of "mentos," a candy with a unique chewy center, pro baseball team players will battle for personal glory (and substantial prize money) as well as the honor of their teams. The big men of the sport, the heavyweights (265 lbs. and under, will compete for the Professional Men's World Championship, and professional women arm wrestlers will face each other in a special Women's Arm Wrestling Tournament (145 lbs. and under).

These 14 ladies that are competing have never before won an AWI (Arm Wrestling International) championship. A favorite in this year's tournament and runner-up last year, is Maria Badaloni, a bellperson at the Imperial Palace and Kathy Dudley, a local cocktail waitress. They will be competing against women from Canada and all over the United States.

Each man on the pro baseball teams will compete in his proper weight division, 195 lbs. and under or 196 lbs. and over. Willie Horton, coach for the Chicago White

outweigh him by 20-60 lbs. Pro baseball players participating include Willie Horton (defending champion) and Ken Williams (Chicago White Sox), Bobby Jones and Oddibe McDowell (Texas Rangers), Timmy Raines (All-Star Team of the Year and 1986 National League Batting Champion) and Tim Wallach (All-Star 3rd Baseman) (Montreal Expos), Mark Cresse and Todd Maulding (LA Dodgers), Billy Sample and Terry Harper (Atlanta Braves), Billy Williams and Mike Martin (from Las Vegas) (Chicago Cubs), Rick Peterson and Mike Hargrove (Cleveland Indians), Mike Diaz and R.J. Reynolds (Pittsburgh Pirates), Gary Green and Deacon Jones (San Diego Padres), Matt Nokes and Brian Harper (Detroit Tigers), Phil Lombardi and Shane Turner (NY Yankees), and Dave Sax and Gleen Hoffman (Boston Red Sox in the 1986 World Series).

The event, hosted by the Imperial Palace, is presented by Arm Wrestling International and is coordinated by Tony Celeste, president of AWI. Corporate sponsor, Van Melle, Inc., is a Holland-based company and has U.S. headquarters

taped for ESPN Sports Network, at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 7th. Admission is free. Hot dogs and beverages will be for sale for the convenience of sports fans who don't want to miss any of the action once the tournament gets underway.

BUSINESS IN THE BLACK

By Charles E. Belle
Business Editor

Only the Ridiculously Rich Win With Reagan Your Taxes are Going up

Readers of this column will recall the first regime of Reagan's aim was to reduce low income laborers Black and white, as well as, other minorities to serfs. Having half accomplished this economic ignominy in America during his first term in office, the Charlie McCarthy puppet of the conservative faction of the Republican party has put into effect his greatest shame on the supposedly middle-class of America. True they voted for him and deserve what they just got with Ronald Reagan requested new tax bill. But, Black Americans and other poor people will pay slightly more as well while the great bulk of white middle America and a few Black Americans will pay much more in the years to come under this Reagan ram rod fleecing.

In the event you are earning in excess of \$250,000 a year, it is pointless for you to continue reading further as you have just received your greatest tax relief since the implementation of the United States Federal Income Tax. All others read on. Congressional Joint Committee on Taxation indicates that in 1988, those earning over \$200,000 will pocket over \$3,362 in tax savings while those earning as much as the average white American family might save \$273, and the Black American family might save all of \$220. The

latter two groups must however conform to a certain lifestyle to save their pennies.

Owning two homes is almost a must in order to take maximum advantage of mortgage interest deductions. Plus having a high equity in your homes is a must since loans for consumer interest items will disappear next year. Think about a home equity loan to retire all those credit card balances. In fact, there are a lot of things you had better think about doing before the end of the year. Visit your accountant immediately. January 1, 1987 is too late. Let's pay all those medical bills this year or next year you will need a lot of teeth pulled and major surgery to get a write-off. Plus collect all the unemployment compensation this year, because next year it will be fully taxable. This will increase the taxable income of a lot of singles and doubles who have been laying around in between jobs.

Also the "marriage penalty" is back for couples with high incomes and no children, since they will lose the special deduction of up to \$3,000. Black American "Buppies" who have bought into the "Yuppies"

syndrome will pay right along with them next year to the tax man. Most of what you can do to avoid paying more taxes must be done before the end of the year. Give to church and charities, it may be your last chance for a long time to cut your taxes while easing your conscience. Considering buying a new car, buy now and take the rebate, since interest on auto loans will not be around for the life of the car or contract payments which ever comes first. Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA) one more time, do it, it may be your last chance just in case you do get a job with a company with a pension plan, in which case next year it may no longer be available to you. Those in small business of course will contribute up to the maximum of \$30,000 in their 401(k) plans before the top drops to \$7,000 on New Year's Day.

Tax planning will require a visit in the future with a financial planner to help you pare off "passive income" as opposed to "non-passive income." Plus you will not be able in the future to deduct the expense of the tax accountant, unless of course you have a business as is usually the case of those with an annual income of a quarter-of-a-million dollars.

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