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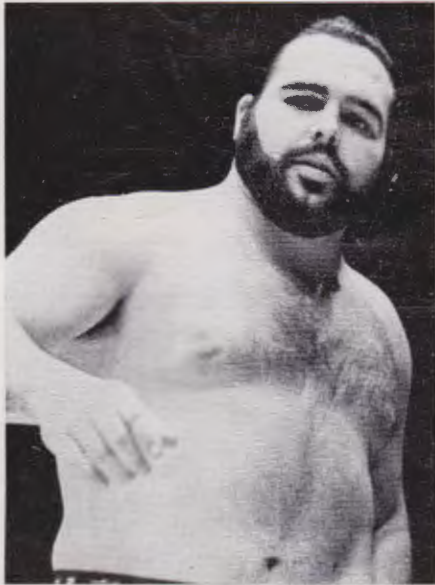


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AUSTRALIAN MEN NEGLECT THEIR WOMEN • MORE LETTERS



# DID YOU KNOW?



● **THE ALASKAN** has as much respect for the rules in the wrestling ring as Pierre La Belle — better known as “The Beast” — which is very little, indeed. It is, in fact, doubtful who of the two would break more rules — and more quickly — once they are intent on defeating an opponent. The fans of The Alaskan can be happy about one thing though, with which The Alaskan scores easily compared to The Beast: his beard is by far better trimmed and much neater looking.

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● **NICK BOCKWINKEL** is probably the number one camera enthusiast among all the wrestlers. He has cameras of all sizes and descriptions. However, he favors movie cameras above all.

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● **GENIAL JOHNNY DOYLE** has now been flying all over Australia in his Cessna 310, and he loves it. So many of the wrestlers fly their own planes. Incidentally, Mr. Doyle's plane is about the best equipped light aircraft in the southern hemisphere.

● The referee's lot is a sad one, and with one exception, no referee can be said to be popular. Certainly **Ron Hanson, Hunter Shaw** and **Bob McMaster** are top ring officiators, but none of the fans seem to like their decisions. The one exception we must mention is Melbourne's **MICHAEL HUNT**. He is a great referee and the fans love him. Michael has a gym at the City Baths in Melbourne which is extremely popular and all the wrestlers train there.

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● **FRANK SHIELDS**, former protege of Prof. La Belle is now one of his greatest detractors. Shields, a man of few words, says, “One day I'll get him!!”

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● **BILLY WHITE WOLF** is a student of languages and is at present writing a book on Indian Lore in the United States.

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● **HAYSTACKS CALHOUN** is clad in blue denims and doesn't wear any boots, but wrestles barefoot. His weight varies between a slim 615 lbs. up to almost 700 lbs. But with all that weight, he can still wrestle. He has been ‘upended’ by a few men. Sammartino did it and so did Lou Thesz. But even they had difficulties not to be squashed right underneath the mammoth.



**HAYSTACKS CALHOUN**



● **MARK LEWIN**, after a recent long vacation, is getting back into action in the States and hasn't lost any of his skill or vigour. He is building up a fantastic following and still gets many fan letters from Australia. He sends best wishes and greetings to all his many friends in Australia.

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● **EMILE DUPREE** is one of the wealthiest wrestlers in the business. Not only is he a leading draw card in all parts of Canada, he owns a fleet of fishing boats, several apartment houses, a fleet of taxi-cabs, and is also backing some wrestling promotion. Yet, Emile had a most humble beginning. He started life in an orphanage, left there penniless. His great ability as a wrestler earned him much money, and his business acumen caused him to invest the money wisely and it really paid off handsomely.

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# CHIEF BILLY WHITE WOLF —

“ . . . just a little better every week . . . ”

## AN INTERVIEW with MAURICE JACQUES

Indian Chief Billy White Wolf is a world wrestling champion who refuses to be satisfied.

Billy White Wolf, 28, 6 feet and 17 stone, holds the world title because his dreaded Indian Death Lock is almost inescapable.

Billy, a chief of the Cherokee tribe, could not avoid being an exponent of the Death Lock which was used by his ancestors centuries ago.

“It was just something that came to me when I was a kid wrestling with my playmates and others”, he said.

“I found that I could slip my leg into position quickly for the death lock, and decided this was to be the greatest asset in my wrestling career”.



SYDNEY — Sydney Stadium  
Every Wednesday and Saturday night

BRISBANE — Festival Hall  
Every Thursday and Friday night

MELBOURNE — Festival Hall  
Every Sunday night



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Every Friday night

SYDNEY — Sydney Stadium  
Every Monday night

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But what makes Billy White Wolf dissatisfied most of the time?

Is it because he does not have a string of scalps around his waist to indicate he is the “big chief” of the wrestling world?

No. Certainly not!!

The skilful, quick thinking White Wolf is not happy unless he is a **BETTER** wrestler **THIS** week than he was **LAST** week.

“I like to think I improve every time I step into the ring for a contest. So I should improve every week”, added the Chief.

This is why White Wolf does not worry about recreation a great deal during his wrestling tours. “Whenever I have a day off”, he said, “I like to do some good, strenuous work in a gymnasium and exercise my legs so I can get greater power into the death lock”.

“I know when the death lock is applied correctly no opponent can get out of it. But the more power I have in my legs the quicker I can gain submission falls!”

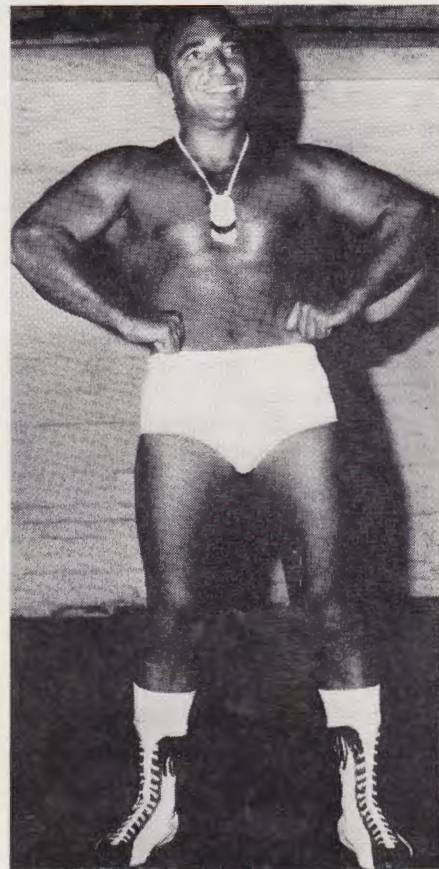
“I like lifting heavy weights in my training sessions because this helps me in my bouts when I am tired and have to find some extra strength to avoid defeat”, he said.

“If a wrestler is to stay world champion he has to be fitter than any of his challengers. That is why I am always fit so I can stay champion”, he added with a wry smile.

White Wolf comes from Oklahoma, and has a B.A. and Master's Degree in Physical Education.

“I would have liked to continue adding to my physical education honors, but wrestling took up too much of my time”, the ambitious Wolf said.

Billy White Wolf was one of America's top amateur wrestlers before moving into the tougher sphere of the professionals. He was champion of the National Colleges Amateur Association which conducts one of the biggest tournaments in the United States.



He was light heavyweight champion of the Amateur Association Union also.

“I seem to have been wrestling continuously since I was a kid. And I like it better all the time”, the champion said.

The Chief won gold medals as a discus thrower and shot putter at College. So it is no wonder that opponents reel away when the Chief is forced to retaliate against illegal tactics.

How long will Billy White Wolf be champion of the world? “It is the greatest honor any wrestler can gain. You don't give it up easily”, the champion said.

Chief Billy White Wolf will be wrestling's top name until some opponent can find a way of beating his Indian death lock.



# **Oh Dear — What Can the Matter Be ?**

Our poetry-writing fan, "Lilac", has sent in two more of her little ditties on our matmen.

The first one, "amid tears of farewell" for "Skull" Murphy and Brute Bernard, is sung to the tune of "Oh, dear, What can the matter be", and goes like this:

Oh, dear, what can the matter be,  
Skull and Brute lost all their  
telepathy,  
They don't know if its Monday  
or Saturday —  
Sandy and George called the tune!

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In the second contribution, our poetess takes up staff writer Des Maurice's invitation to comment on Ray Stevens' remarks regarding his future.

You may remember that Ray told Des that he has a very ambitious plan after quitting wrestling: "I plan to purchase a schooner — and sail it around the world. I think a 50 foot schooner would be about the right size", said Stevens.

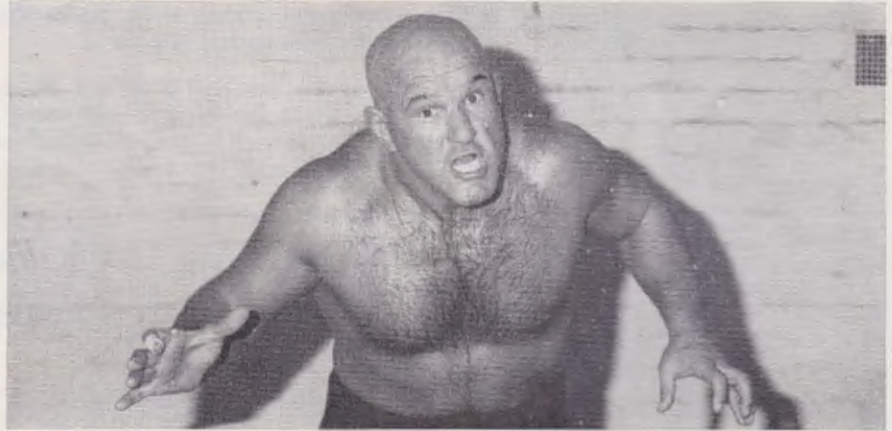
Des Maurice then invited readers to comment on this peaceful picture of a calm and lethargic Stevens asking: "Can YOU imagine the fiery Stevens sitting up in his schooner sailing on placid waters in the Pacific or Atlantic oceans? With nobody to be hurt — except fishes?"

Alas, funnier things have happened! A world champion boxer became a mild missionary, the son of a ferocious wrestler a Jewish Rabbi. Perhaps Mr. Ray Stevens may end up as a fisherman — or as a basso profundo with the Moscow Opera Company.

The latter is what most of his wrestling opponents would certainly approve of heartily.

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Well, this is what "Lilac" has to say:



**"WHERE IS THAT LILAC?" asks BRUTE BERNARD**

Well, shiver me timbers' —  
I do declare —  
Is it a clairvoyant?  
Or a mad millionaire?  
He sails round the bay  
with the greatest of ease,  
His blond tresses flowing  
in the salty sea-breeze.  
A T-shirt of stripes —  
a jaunty old cap  
And bell-bottomed pants:  
typical sailor chap...  
But wait — that's odd,  
I'm having some 'doots':  
Why the heck would a sailor  
wear big wrestling boots?  
Not an 'old salt' at all —  
more like mustard I'd say!  
In a schooner — Ray Stevens!  
The surprise of the day!

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Other comments on Ray Stevens, following Des Maurice's invitation, come from two readers in Greenacres, South Australia.

They take great exception to Ray's tough methods and the way in which he deliberately breaks every rule in the book.

They are, quite correctly, sore about Mr. Stevens' typical remark that "it was an insult for him to have to come to Adelaide", and they invite him to go to — — —, in rather stronger language than my editor would allow me to print.

The two readers combined to produce a verse, signed "from two Stevens fans"; alas, I don't believe they mean it. Here is their effort:

Ray Stevens comes from the  
U.S.A.:  
Oh how I wish he'd stay away.  
He thinks that he is very tough,  
But we all know he's just plain  
rough.  
He's only fit to sail a boat,  
'Cause in the ring he's quite a  
goat.  
He shouldn't try to be so mean —  
But he doesn't know how to  
wrestle clean.

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Them's hard words, friends! In the main, you're quite right, but don't ever under-estimate Ray Stevens. He's not a goat, not at all. He is very clever, and at his most dangerous when his opponent thinks he has him in a tight corner or in an unbeatable hold.

We'll all see more of this rough, tough, mean and utterly ruthless man who also happens to be an immensely strong, wily, and at times absolutely brilliant wrestler who never shirks pain, but likes nothing better than to inflict it on others.

Ray will surely be back to match his wits and his courage — and his complete disregard of the rules against all-comers.



***If you want to argue with Nick, contact BRUNO GORDONI***

# Australian men neglect their women — says **NICK BOCKWINKEL** **(6ft. 1½ — 17 stone)**

Athletic Nick Bockwinkel might not have been one of the world's best wrestlers if he had avoided a heavy smash in the face when he was attending college in Oklahoma.

Bockwinkel was not in the wrestling ring when the accident occurred.

He was playing with the college gridiron team.

"My big sporting interest was football. I loved gridiron, and that looked like becoming my main sport", Bockwinkel said.

**"I was buried in a scrum, was whacked heavily in the face, and ended up in hospital for a nose operation".**

When he had recovered, he developed an interest in wrestling.

"My father Warren Bockwinkel, had starred in professional ranks", he recalls.

"I started on the wrestling circuit in Southern California in 1955, and have continued non-stop since then", Bockwinkel said.

Bockwinkel had won a few amateur wrestling tournaments while attending High School at Oklahoma: "I weighed around 210 pounds (15 stone) when I finished", he said.

**"I was only 19 when I moved into professional wrestling, and it was a very severe baptism for me. I still shudder when I think back on some of those early bouts against experienced men".**

Bockwinkel, a keen surfer, thought Sydney—with its world famous beaches—would be the playground for his favourite recreation.

**"But I was not happy on the boards. They were too small for me", the 6 ft. 1½ in., 17 stone Bockwinkel said.**

Water-skiing is another favourite with Bockwinkel, but he has had little time for that sport during his wrestling in Australia.

"I have a 16 feet speed boat in the States. It can do more than 30 knots, and I spend hours on my water skis", Bockwinkel added.



Bockwinkel, who is happiest when in female company, handed out one big "knock" to Australian men in general.

**"Australian men neglect their women. I have noticed that your men put women at the bottom of their interests!"**

**"Grog, sport, mates and betting are top priorities with Australian men. Their women folk come next if they are lucky", Bockwinkel said.**

"Australian men are the greatest assets Americans have when they visit Australia", added Bockwinkel.

**Ladies, Nick deserves a special cheer for carrying your banner.**

Bockwinkel is a very keen hunter during his leisure moments in the States. (Our reporter now apparently refers to game, not anything else! Editor).

But on one occasion in the Rocky Mountains he felt he was on his last shooting expedition.

"A mate and myself were trapped on a 6,000 feet mountain in a blizzard while hunting elk. We had to battle through a three feet snow drift to reach the base camp", he said.

The temperature was down to 27 degrees.

"I think we are more stupid than the elk", Bockwinkel told his hunting partner.

Frozen clothes hung to the two hunters as they reached the base near Idaho.

**"What did you feel like most as we battled through the snow?" Bockwinkel asked his mate.**

**"I kept thinking of a cold beer when we got to the hut — if we ever did" he replied.**

**"I had the same thought" Bockwinkel replied.**

**Really!!**

**Temperature 27 — and beer?**

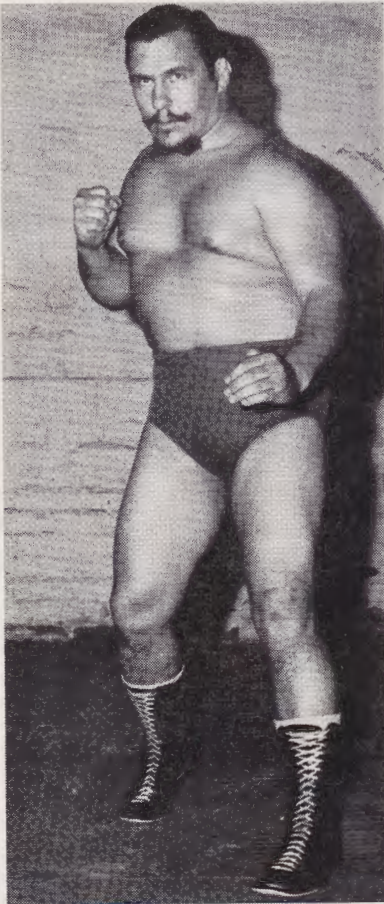
**Sounds like what an Aussie would do.**



# **THE MANAGER WITH THE WALKING STICK — OR**

## **Which one is THE BEAST?**

**enquires DES MAURICE**



**MISTER RUDY LA BELLE**

Rudy La Belle is a top class wrestler, but he appears to be happier when he is wielding the "big stick".

And he uses it in particular when he is "managing" THE BEAST —

Perhaps you do not admire the tactics of "The Beast" — the bewhiskered 18 stone ruffian who relishes bashing opponents into insensibility!?

"The Beast" is Pierre La Belle, younger brother of Rudy.

Now "The Beast", with his complete disregard for wrestling rules and obvious pleasure at inflicting physical punishment, is not the "bad man" of the brothers!

It is Rudy who crashes his walking stick on the head and shoulders of

Pierre's rivals in the ring or hooks it around their ankles in the corners — who is the "Big Beast"!

Rudy La Belle has been wrestling professionally for 10 years, and was in action four years before Pierre.

**Yet he prefers to operate from outside the ring while "The Beast" takes all the risks in tag matches.**

Perhaps this means Rudy is happiest taking the spotlight with his stick waving and upending tactics while younger Pierre takes the thumps?

"You're a beast!" Rudy yelled at me across my desk when I suggested this.

As he waved his walking stick viciously above my head, I pointed out he was an expert when it came to handling "beasts".

"I use the stick only to attract Pierre's notice", he replied.

But Pierre, sitting a couple of feet away from me, was much more tolerant.

Suddenly he spoke quickly and at length in French to Rudy.

"Alright. I'll be tolerant", the excited Rudy said.

"But I am not frightened of any man — in or out of the wrestling ring", Rudy insisted as he thumped the table with his huge fist.

Perhaps this confidence ebbs from Rudy's days as an amateur and professional fighter.

"I had 12 professional fights, won them all and ran out of opponents then", Rudy explained in discussing his switch to wrestling.

Bewhiskered and long haired Pierre is not inconvenienced by the "mop". "I have had the beard and long hair since I worked in the woods of Canada", he said.

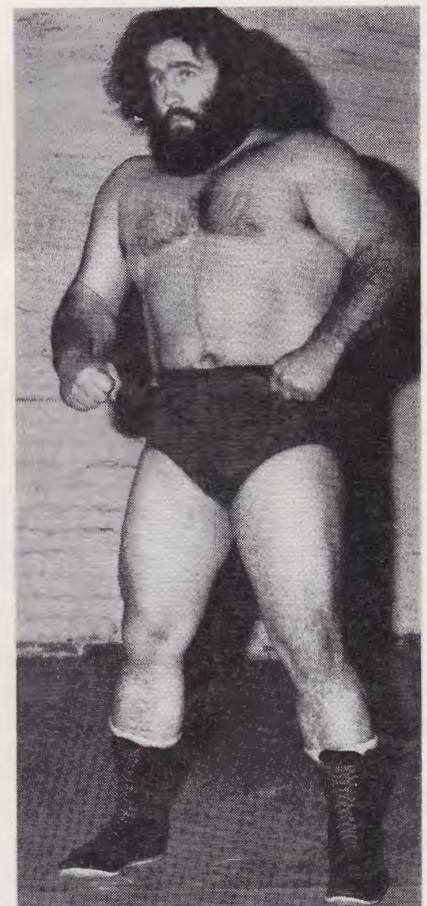
"I am used to it, and I intend to wear the beard and long hair while I wrestle".

"I have done every job that had to be done around logging camps. I like hard work, and I had to learn to look after myself when I got into holds with older and more experienced men in the tough sphere of the timber mills", Pierre said.

Pierre's displays in training sessions in Quebec with his older brother started him on the wrestling circuit in the United States and Canada.

Rudy and Pierre were accomplished ice hockey players before deciding to concentrate on wrestling. Each thrives

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**THE BEAST — but is he?**



#### WHICH ONE IS THE BEAST (contin.)

on a rugged sport — and what could be more rugged than professional wrestling?

The La Belle Brothers have been successful in tag matches in Canada and the United States. But Rudy feels it is better if he stays OUTSIDE the ring, and advises Pierre in individual matches.

**"Pierre wrestles better when I am there to advise him. All my instructions to him are in French, and cannot be understood by most opponents!"**

How about relaxation for these busy La Belle Brothers? Their main interest is mutual — taking their horses to Winter Fairs throughout the States.

The horses are Belgian thoroughbreds, and weigh a ton each!

They would need that poundage when the La Belles go riding.

**"The Beast" is 18 stone, and Rudy is always over the 17 stone mark.**

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## **"KILLER" KOWALSKI TO RETURN . . .**

Just as we go to press, the news came through that "The Killer" is coming back to Australia. He is due back in May unless unforeseen circumstances delay his departure from America.

You either like "The Killer" or you don't like him: — you can't stay neutral, you'll have to take sides. He is rough, he is tough, he many go "good" for a few days or even weeks — but he doesn't stay "good". He is literally hated by many fans because of his vicious tactics and utter ruthlessness in the ring — but even they have to admit that he is a first-rate wrestler. He is a dangerous man in the ring — and as far as wrestling promoters are concerned — even outside the ring. Nevertheless, the wrestling fraternity will certainly give him a big welcome when he arrives back in his "adopted" country.



**"THE KILLER"**





## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters and expressions of opinion are invited from all lovers of wrestling, young and old; but please keep your communications short. All letters must carry your full name and address, but you may elect, if you so desire, to have a non-de-plume used as signature instead of your name.

Please address all letters and other correspondence to The Editor, WRESTLING NEWS, 61-63 City Road, South Melbourne, S.C.4., Victoria.

### "BRUTE" and "SKULL"



#### THE BI-LINGUAL "BRUTE"

... I read that Brute Bernard, Skull Murphy's tag team partner, is a French-Canadian and speaks very little English, yet I have seen him before bouts speaking with the referee in what I am sure was not a foreign language. Could you explain this, please?

Louise Mottershead,  
Gymea, Sydney.

"Brute" is a French Canadian, and even his French is hard to understand, as it is some sort of "patois". He speaks English quite well—but doesn't like it and only uses it when he can't help it—or when he wants to get something. He must have wanted something rather badly when you saw him trying to persuade the referee.

Editor.

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#### BOCKWINKEL FAN

... Have been fascinated by your fine articles on a lot of good wrestlers, but what about one on the best of them all—Nick Bockwinkel?

A Fan,  
Rockhampton, Q.

We hurried to oblige. Editor.

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### IN DEFENCE OF "THE GREAT MALENKO"

... This Russian has gained a reputation of being rough, rugged and using illegal tactics. He is being booed, called "gutless"—"a cannibal". Why? He is young, fast and as strong as a bull, with muscles bulging all over his great body. He deserves our respect, at least, for being a fine champion who throws himself all in to win. Be fair to Malenko.

Eugene Ivan,  
North Balwyn.

I must reserve judgment on this. Unfortunately, I missed too many matches of "The Great Malenko" to comment knowledgeably. But I've come to rely on the exceedingly good sense and sportsmanship of the fans—and from them "The Great Malenko" got, to say the least, a mixed reception. Editor.

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### "LILAC" SUGGESTS MORE COLOUR!

... What an exciting finish to 1966 we had—The ovation given to George and Sandy Scott when they regained their title had to be seen to be believed. And that Russian Roulette! Twelve gorgeous men flying in all directions—and not ONE landing in my lap!

... If the line-up of international stars who came here to Australia to open the new season is an example of what is in store, this year promises to be the best yet in this "New Era of Wrestling".

And now, all you boys, both new and old, how about brightening up Festival Hall with MORE COLOUR? Oh, I'm not suggesting you should all be tripping round the ring in polka dots and lolly-pink—but, last year, two out of three wrestlers wore black or those ghastly plum-coloured trunks. I think a few more reds, blues and greens would do a lot for the atmosphere!

"Lilac",  
South Melbourne, Vic.

Thanks for your comments, "Lilac". The new season should certainly prove very exciting. I've told the promoters about your colour suggestions—and they'll tell the boys: but don't forget, men are extremely conservative about their dress.

Editor.

### WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT IT!



### SPIROS ARION — The Golden Greek: Did Pythagoras look like him?

... In your article "Greek Wrestling Saga" (Vol 1, No. 8) I was surprised to find that no mention was made of an ancient Greek wrestler whose name is familiar to most people. He was one of the most famous philosophers of antiquity and he won the prize for wrestling at the Olympic Games when he was eighteen (in about 560 B.C.). Who was he? None other than Pythagoras.

The general public tends to think of all wrestlers as the Brute Bernard type; they need to be reminded of the great men who have been associated with the sport of wrestling.

(Miss) C. Phillips,  
Sunnybank, Brisbane.

One good reason why we didn't mention Pythagoras among the ancient greats in the sport of wrestling was—that we didn't know. It is rather strange to think of the founder of the Pythagorean School of Philosophy which believed in reincarnation and concerned itself with matters of harmony and astronomy, with mathematics and music, as a matman. But you are so right. A great number of our most savage and mean wrestlers are highly educated, serious-minded, intelligent people outside the ring. Thanks for your help. Editor.

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### DON'T MIX 'EM!

... I read with disgust Miss Stock's letter from Perth who suggests mixed matches, such as a tag match of women wrestlers against a team of men. What a terrible prospect! Nobody in his right mind would support it.

W. Meredith,  
Port Melbourne, Vic.





"BEARCAT" WRIGHT as many fans remember him...

### SHIELDS AND NELSON AS PIN-UP BOYS?

...I thought "Lilac's" Season's Greetings were very well done and deserve the thanks of all the fans. I don't agree with her judgment of a number of wrestlers, but I certainly think she is right regarding RED BASTIEN. Also, many fans I know would like to see BEARCAT WRIGHT back again...

Why is everybody so mean to FRANK SHIELDS? I regard him as one of the very best, and on par with my all-time favourite ART NELSON. You certainly need courage to meet either of them; but if you want to chicken out or run to your Mummy because of the rough tactics they use, you shouldn't be a professional wrestler.

William Upjohn,  
Woollongong, N.S.W.

I told readers over and over again: there is no accounting for taste. That's what makes wrestling so interesting. Some fans like this wrestler, others like his opponent. What is rough and dirty to some, appears clean and gentle to others. Ah well, as long as I don't have to meet Nelson or Shields in the ring myself, I suppose I shouldn't complain. Editor.



FRANK SHIELDS

### MORE GREEK MAT STARS

...I thought your article on Greek Wrestling in your No. 8 issue was excellent. I am sure many people will remember the magnificent wrestlers from Greece who have come to Australia to wrestle here. I remember many years ago one of the finest-looking men ever to grace a ring—John Kilonis. He beat Ted Thye in a fantastic match. I was a young law student then and didn't have much money, but I wouldn't miss any of those matches at the Stadium. There were a few others, but of course their names were difficult to pronounce then and certainly impossible to remember. But they were great wrestlers, fine athletes and—gentlemen. Good luck to your magazine, I do enjoy reading it.

Q.C.  
South Yarra, Vic.

Thanks for your encouraging letter. As a matter of fact, John Kilonis is one of the 10 wrestlers who will be featured in our series "Champions of the Past". He was here in 1927 and so was a compatriot of his, Louis Pergantas. But I agree with you about the names, some of them real tongue-twisters. But, if you allow me to say so, the Greeks would probably consider your name unpronounceable! This remark, I'm sure, doesn't break the seal of anonymity which you asked to have observed. Thanks again. Delighted you enjoy our efforts. Editor.

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### THE BODY BEAUTIFUL

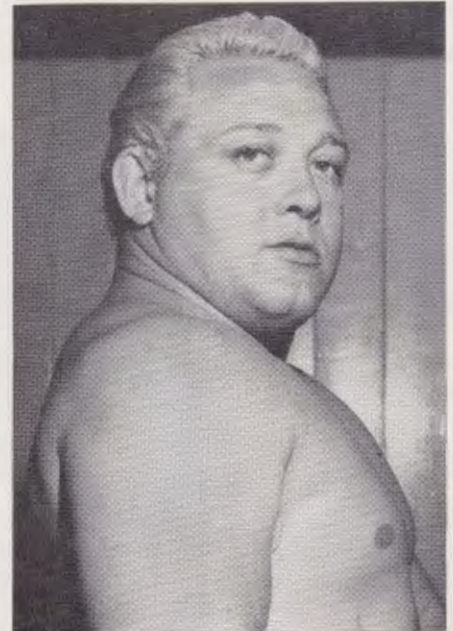
...Your "golden" Christmas issue was certainly a winner, and I particularly liked the Greek Wrestling Saga. I think the Greeks are wonderful people altogether—and they certainly produce some good-looking men. Not only Mr. Tofalos (whom you had pictured—what a hunk of man!), but, after all, H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh was born there, too. Alas, I think he prefers polo to wrestling.

(Mrs.) W. Gordon,  
Mitcham, Vic.

### RAY IS TOPS!

...I would like to comment about the way Ray Stevens was treated, not only by referees, but by commentators, specially Sam Menacker. Whenever Ray was winning a match, the only words Sam said were "...brutal wrestling...". But on the few occasions he was being beaten, Mr. Menacker was full of "...fine wrestling on the part of...". ...Apart from this complaint, I think your magazine is a real winner....

Ken Doyle,  
Lakemba, N.S.W.



RAY STEVENS

...Have just received a copy of Vol. 8 of your "Wrestling News" and must say it compares with the top publications here in the U.S....one exceptional thing was the story you did on Ray Stevens...I am sure that all the fans in Australia as do the fans in other countries appreciate Ray's type of action....

Many fans from Australia have joined the International Ray Stevens Fan Club of which I am the President—because fans everywhere recognise class when they see it.

Joe Pottgieser Jr.,  
228 East Julian Street,  
San Jose 12, California, U.S.A.

...I think Ray Stevens is Tops! Of all the wrestlers I have seen he is certainly the most versatile and most rugged. He dishes it out, but my goodness, he can certainly take it, too.

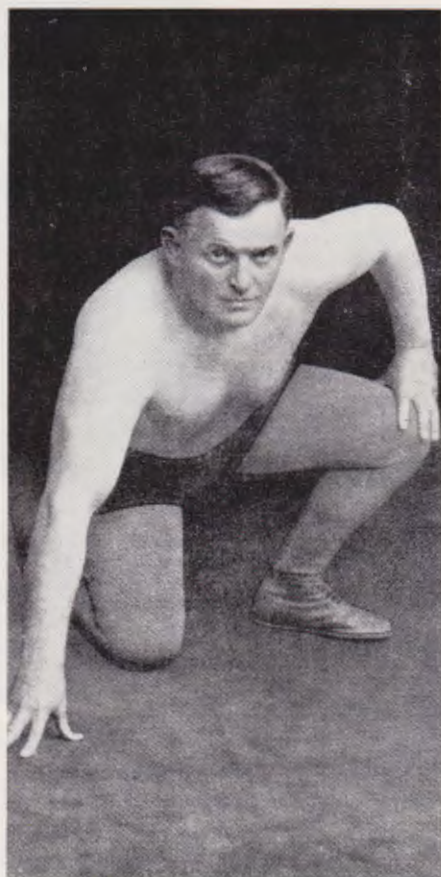
(Miss) Gertrude Johannson,  
Victor Harbour, S.A.

Mr. Doyle: Sam Menacker is one of the finest wrestling commentators in the world and unlikely to run down one wrestler so consistently, unless he has a good reason. I didn't hear it, so I can't comment with regard to the circumstances that lead up to Mr. Menacker's harsh words. As to Mr. Pottgeiser Jr., the French say: "Chacun a son gout"—which means in English: "Everyone to his taste!" Good luck, anyhow. Editor.



## CHAMPIONS OF THE PAST — 4:

# Mike Yokel



farmer, sheriff, and undefeated Middleweight World Champion, was born in the little Pennsylvanian village of Economy, 43 years ago. He is the oldest of the wrestling visitors — and the craftiest.

Yokel and the eleven little Yokels are known throughout the Commonwealth — and wherever Mike goes, his popularity increases.

In the ring he appears to be a slow mover, but when required, Mike Yokel's speed is equal to that of any opponent, and as he is the most experienced ring general of them all, he is ever regarded as a dangerous adversary.

Mike is a keen lover of nature, and as a game hunter amongst the wilds of the Rockies, in Wyoming, U.S.A., has few equals.

Quiet, unassuming outside the ring and a great lover of children, Mike is a universal favourite. He is a true sportsman, and during his 25 years as a professional wrestler, has never made an enemy.

Yokel is well in the running for World Championship honours, and should he win the title, there will never be so popular a champion.

### MEASUREMENTS

Chest (normal) ....	42 in.	Reach ....	72 in.
Chest (expanded) ....	46 in.	Neck ....	18½ in.
Biceps ....	15 in.	Forearm ....	13 in.
Waist ....	37 in.	Thigh ....	22 in.
Ankle ....	13½ in.	Calf ....	14 in.
Weight ....	12 st. 10 lb.	Height ....	5 ft. 6 in.

The above write-up appeared in a Championship Wrestling Souvenir of ten Light-Heavy-weight Wrestlers who contended the World's Championship at the Melbourne Stadium (now Festival Hall), forty years ago; this is the fourth in our series "Champions of the Past".

Many readers who have heard of the famous Mike Yokel will be surprised at his small stature. Don't forget he was a middleweight and this was long before our Super Colossal Mammoth wrestlers of 18-20 stone average. Pity there were no good films to record the action which would have been of extreme interest to many fans.





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We are of course deeply grateful to you, the wrestling fans, who buy our magazine — which is fairly expensive because, of necessity, its appeal is limited to a discerning public and the circulation is so much lower than that of, say, a Sydney Rugby or a Victorian League Football magazine.

And we must single out in our thanks those hundreds of avid letter writers who tell us of their experiences or ask questions about our exciting sport.

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But now we are back in the swing and are going full steam ahead.

Managing Editor.

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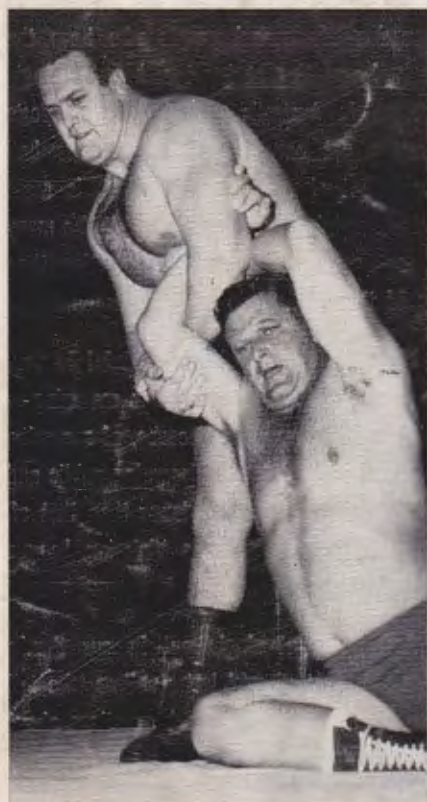
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# DID YOU KNOW?



● **THE MIGHTY HERCULES** has proved to be one of the most popular wrestlers ever to visit this country. He gets an average of 500 fan letters each week. Hercules is most interested in promoting wrestling in Spain.

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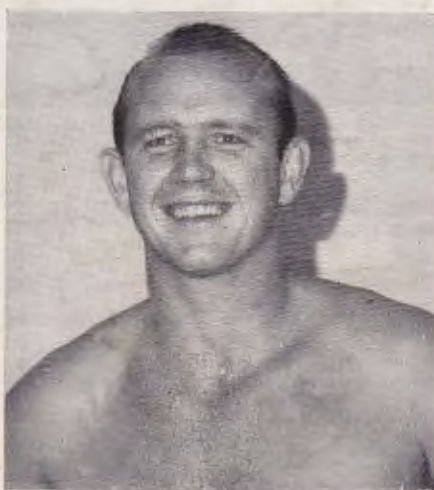
● **CZAYA NANDOR** of Budapest, Hungary, was a brilliant soccer player as a youth. Everyone in his home town felt that Czaya would become a professional at the sport. However, Czaya surprised everyone by becoming a top adagio dancer. He and his partner toured Europe and appeared at leading clubs and theatres. Of course, Czaya always did strenuous training at local gyms. He became interested in wrestling and grew so proficient that it wasn't long before mat promoters made him tempting offers and he gave away dancing and went in for wrestling on a full time basis. He is a most likeable chap.

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● **DR. HENRY MATZEK** of Alhambra, California, is an eminent psychiatrist and neuro-surgeon. For a number of years he has been making a study of wrestlers, their habits, and their reasons for using dirty tactics in the ring. One of his most interesting subjects is **PROFESSOR RUDY La BELLE**. In a recent lecture at the School of Psychiatry in Cucamonga, California, Dr. Matzek revealed that Prof. La Belle is an expert hypnotist and also has the faculty of keen extra sensory perception. Perhaps this explains the undue influence La Belle has over the Beast and Dory Funk, Jr.

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● **DORY FUNK JNR.** has surprised all in the wrestling world with his recently adopted rough tactics in the ring. In one way, however, his change is not surprising. His dad, Dory Funk, Sr., is one of the leading wrestlers in Texas. The senior Funk is a great wrestler, but, brother, is he rough in the ring!! Dory Jr., has always been a very clean sportsman, though certainly not gentle, but now his change of style has disappointed a number of fans. Dory explains it this way... "I have the greatest respect and admiration for Ray Stevens and I want to be just like him". Well, with the rough tactics we've seen Dory use, there is no doubt in our minds that he could replace Ray Stevens as the number one meanie of the mat.



**DORY FUNK JNR.**



● **KILLER KOWALSKI** as **CELESTIAL NAVIGATOR?** Among rough and dirty wrestlers, there is no one who can top the one and only **KILLER KOWALSKI**. Yet the Killer is about the best draw card in the mat profession and one of its winningest wrestlers. Along with his tremendous strength and roughness, he is one of the outstanding wrestling strategists. He uses a lot of psychology when he faces a tough foe, and in a match when the Killer seems to be on the defensive, watch out! That's the time he is most dangerous. Kowalski is one of the most erudite men in wrestling with diversified fields of education. An expert cameraman with expensive equipment — an airplane pilot — and at present he is studying celestial navigation: one day he may pilot his own plane across the Pacific.

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● **JIM BARNETT** is at present in the United States and has signed eight of the top wrestlers there, and it won't be long before they'll be here in Australia.