

Right-Wingers Berate Asa On Shonichi

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At least one truck representing a nationalist association in the Japanese capital was seen, and certainly heard, outside the Ryogoku Kokugikan on the morning of Day 1 of the ongoing basho.

Ear splitting announcements accompanied by Japanese music were heard to berate missing yokozuna Asashoryu as he apparently continues to degrade Japan's national sport.

The truck was itself in evidence outside the front entrance of the stadium with all entering forced to listen to at least a couple of minutes of anti-Asa feelings as they passed through the ticket gates.

(An)Other truck(s) were also in place, shouting out the same opinions and announcements the evening before the tournament began according to Kokugikan staff.