
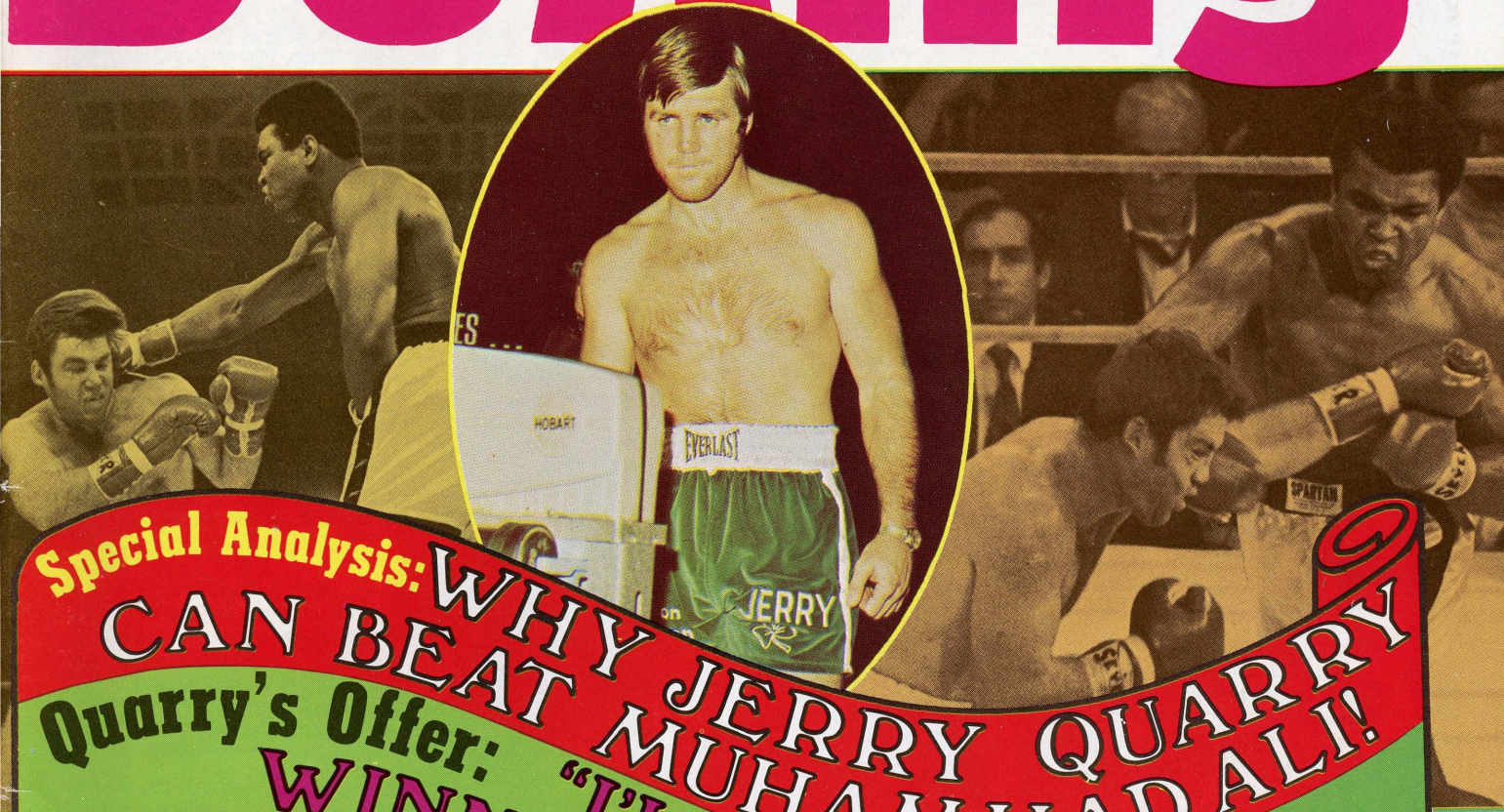


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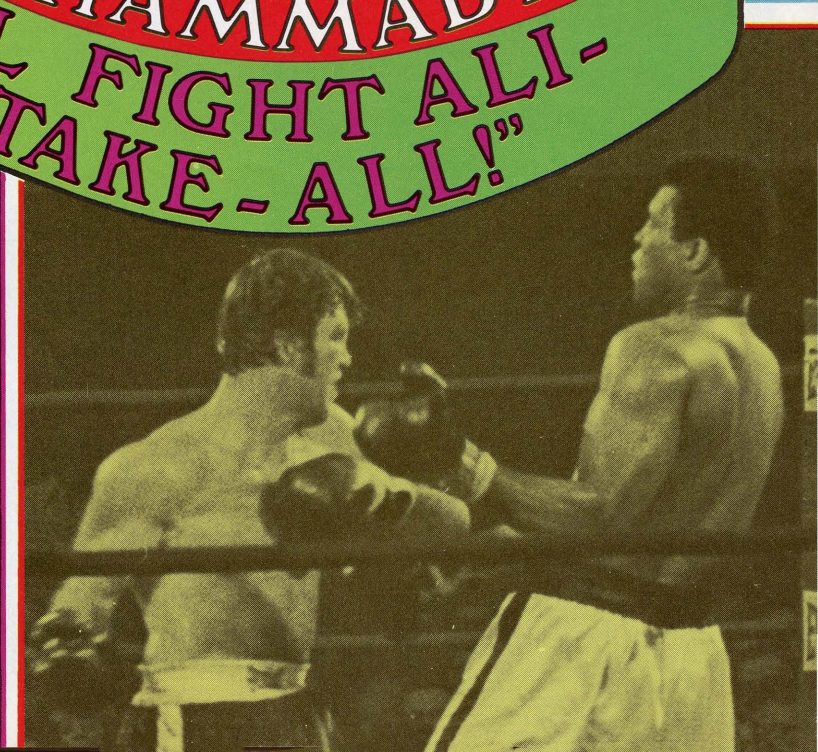
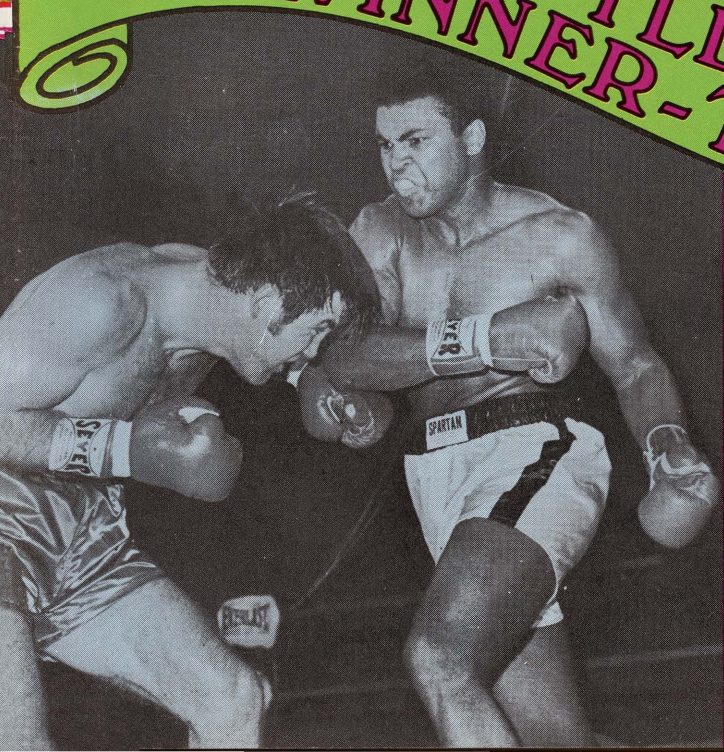
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## AN OPEN LETTER TO THE GOOD PEOPLE OF THE U.S.

It is high time you fellas realized this OIL CRISIS is causing the world a whole lotta havoc and send the great Muhammad Ali to meet the shieks in the Middle East in an attempt to let there be light once more.

Yeah, ALI is the man. All the bla-bla about Kissinger, etc., will just worsen the issue. Why you people have not thought about this beats me.

Here is the one and only guy who predicted many things and has done them all. Here is the only living soul who could keep presidents, shieks, university deans, film actors, in fact the entire world awake by just deciding to spend 45 minutes or less at Madison Square Garden with somebody. Those in the cities stay awake by drinking beer in the pubs while those in the remotest villages light bonfires and drink palmwine till the announcement comes over the transistor that the bum

*Muhammad Ali is surrounded by fans wherever he goes in this world. One reader from Liberia says the U.S. should get smart and let Ali go overseas and talk to the sheiks to solve the U.S. oil problem.*



has fallen as per prediction.

Here is the only guy who won a gold medal for the U.S. and later spoke beautifully about the land of his birth to the Russian journalists but then refused to be drafted into the U.S. Army because he knew it was wrong to use human beings for target practice.

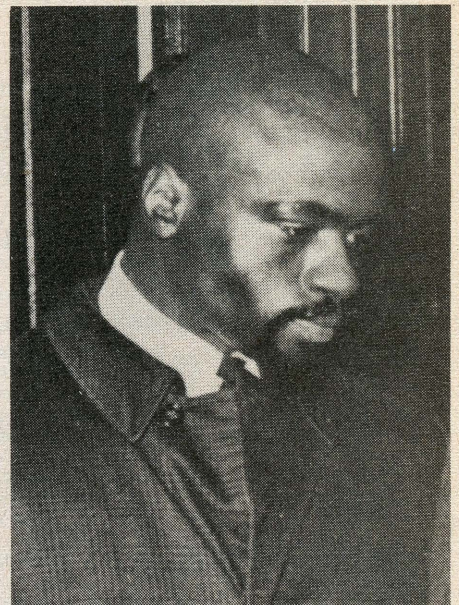
Here is the most popular guy since Jesus Christ.

Here is the onliest American living who could come down at ANY AIRPORT in the Middle East without the Black September people planning to give him the TWENTY-ONE BOMB SALUTE.

In short, here is the only guy living on God's green Earth whom the Shieks will listen to and nod in agreement without any comeback stuff.

Long live MUHAMMAD ALI, the greatest guy who ever lived. There has never been anyone like you and there never will.

CAESAR OWUBA  
Monrovia, Liberia



*Readers of WORLD and INT'L BOXING continue to write letters in support of Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, who's hoping for a new trial.*

### AIDING RUBIN CARTER

I am a stone soul brother and I enjoy reading your articles in the magazines about Rubin Carter.

I would do anything possible to help Rubin Carter. If writing to Governor Byrne of New Jersey would help, everyone should write. Everyone now and then gets a raw deal.

So to his wife and daughter—keep praying and keep your head high.

EARL WOODS  
Huntsville, Texas

### PREDICTS NEW ENDING

When Ali gets in the ring with Jerry Quarry the third time, it'll all be over. Ali! Jerry will TKO, or kayo Ali this time.

Quarry was winning the first bout. And if he didn't get that freak cut he would have knocked Ali out in the fifth. Jerry lost the second bout because of his brother being knocked out by Bob Foster. Jerry never tried to fight and Ali knew it.



However, since the second bout, Jerry hasn't lost a bout and has destroyed everyone in his way. Quarry is 28 years old and Ali can't compare in punching power to Quarry. So what Frazier started, Jerry will finish. Jerry knows he has to win and with that amazing counter-punching will destroy Ali forever.

Jerry Quarry is the best heavyweight in the world. He's the greatest!

THOMAS J. POLACK  
Clinton, Mass.

### ANOTHER FOR JERRY

Jerry Quarry is going to be champ before too long.

Now he is at the height of his career. He can beat any fighter today. Joe Frazier would be a good fight, but it would end as a victory for Quarry. The same goes for Muhammad Ali and Ken Norton. Ali was never a big puncher, now he has even less of a punch. Ken Norton is a hard hitter, but against the counter-punching Quarry he would have no chance.

beaten by Quarry. That's why Foreman's avoiding him. Jerry has taken two very promising heavyweights, Lyle and Shavers, and forced them to take wide detours on their way to the title.

Quarry is still young, only 28, and he has a lot of years ahead of him. Also, Quarry is one of the only top contenders who has never dodged an opponent. Jerry Quarry is the greatest!

TERRY WHITNEY  
Ludlow, Mass.

### CONGRATULATIONS FOR MUHAMMAD

A lot of people might think I don't know what I'm talking about because I'm a female. But one thing we all have to agree with is that Ali whupped Frazier good and proper this time.

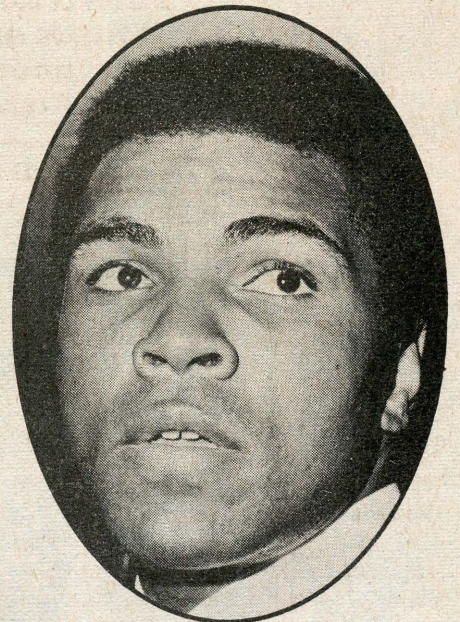
All the old greats like Louis, Marciano, Dempsey, Sugar Ray Robinson, Baer, Walcott and Schmeling would never stand up to the heavyweights of today.

Ali, with his fast moves, quick punches, and new tactics, in my opinion

Howard Cosell (in my opinion) doesn't like the idea of blacks liking whites or vice versa and keeps edging it on until he gets something going.

Congratulations Muhammad Ali. Everyone knows who is the best man between you and Joe Frazier.

MARY HELSEL  
Lake City, Mich.



### ALI THE VICTOR (A POEM)

He came out dancing on his toes, just like he said he would be.

And Joe Frazier getting hit by all Ali's blows was thinking "This couldn't be happening to me."

But Muhammad kept throwing those jabs, for he knew, Joe he could lick.

Frazier came out smokin', but Ali snuffed out his smokin' like a matchstick.

Joe was getting hit so many times he thought he was in a storm of hail.

I'm surprised Ali wasn't charged with manslaughter and thrown into jail.

Frazier became desperate and started to swing wild.

But Ali danced safely away, while Angelo Dundee just smiled.

Frazier needed a knockout in order to win.

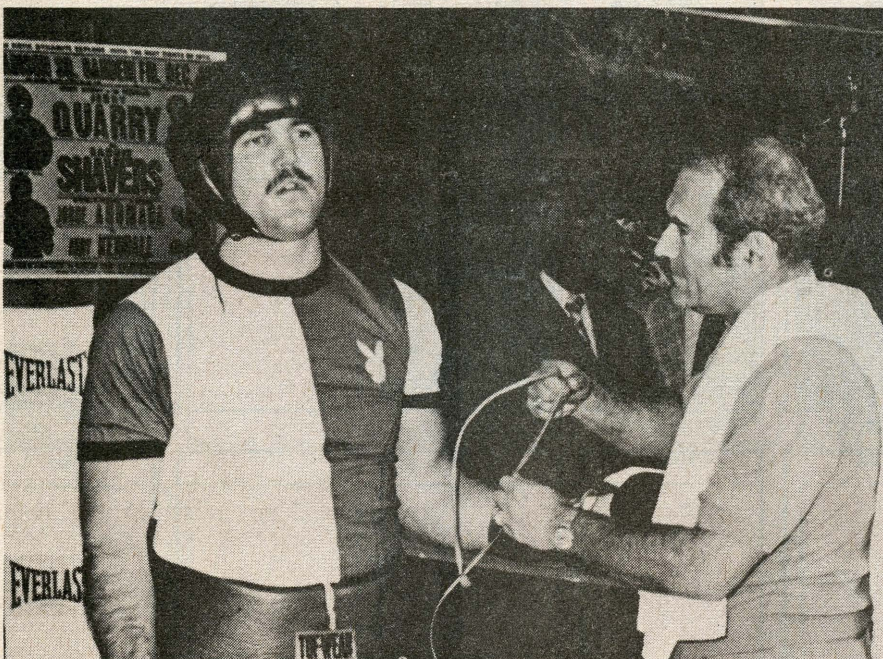
However, Ali had this bout, to lose it would be a sin.

If you're up on current events, Muhammad Ali is the latest.

And if you know your boxing Muhammad Ali was — and still is — the greatest!

ACE CACCHIOTTI  
Cranston, R.I.

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*Gil Clancy laces Jerry Quarry's gloves during a training session. Most fans believe Clancy has turned Jerry into a new man and quite a few feel Muhammad Ali is avoiding a third confrontation with him.*

As Quarry proved in his past fights this year, he's a helluva fighter with a big punch. Under the guidance of Gil Clancy, and with all of his personal troubles gone, Quarry has turned from a good fighter to the great fighter he is now. He has always had the skills needed to become champion, and now, with Clancy, he's using those skills.

George Foreman would also be

would score a knockout of any of these greats within three rounds. And Foreman with all his power—although I don't consider him fast—if he ever connected with any of the old greats, they'd never make the next bell.

I don't think Ali is prejudiced against whites—I'm white—and I think he likes all people the same.



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### WIN, LOSE, OR DRAW (ANOTHER POEM)

Though the legs and the hands aren't as fast as before,  
 And young Kenny Norton had broken your jaw,  
 You came back and whupped Joe Frazier to even the score.  
 Now you're the greatest, win, lose, or draw.  
 When you went up against Liston, you probably knew  
 The odds were against you, fight fans were too.  
 But you took control and really came through  
 With your face still unmarked and prediction come true.  
 Fight fans just couldn't believe what they saw,  
 'Cause Liston had flattened some "big mouths" before.  
 But after round six, he couldn't take anymore.  
 He knew you were greatest, win, lose, or draw.  
 Now fight fans would come to see you get beat.  
 Spend hundreds of dollars to pay for a seat.  
 All you had to do was jab and retreat.

For 29 victories without a defeat.  
 The Armed Forces said it was breaking the law,

To not serve your country in time of a war,

So you were stripped of your title, couldn't fight anymore.

But fans still called you the greatest, win, lose, or draw.

Patterson, Liston, Moore, and Terrell

The round that you called was the round that they fell.

It's amazing how often you predicted so well

And managed to match wits with Howard Cosell.

Thought the legs and the hands aren't as fast as before

And young Kenny Norton had broken your jaw.

You came back and whupped Frazier to even the score.

Now you are the greatest, win, lose, or draw.

JIM SHEEHAN

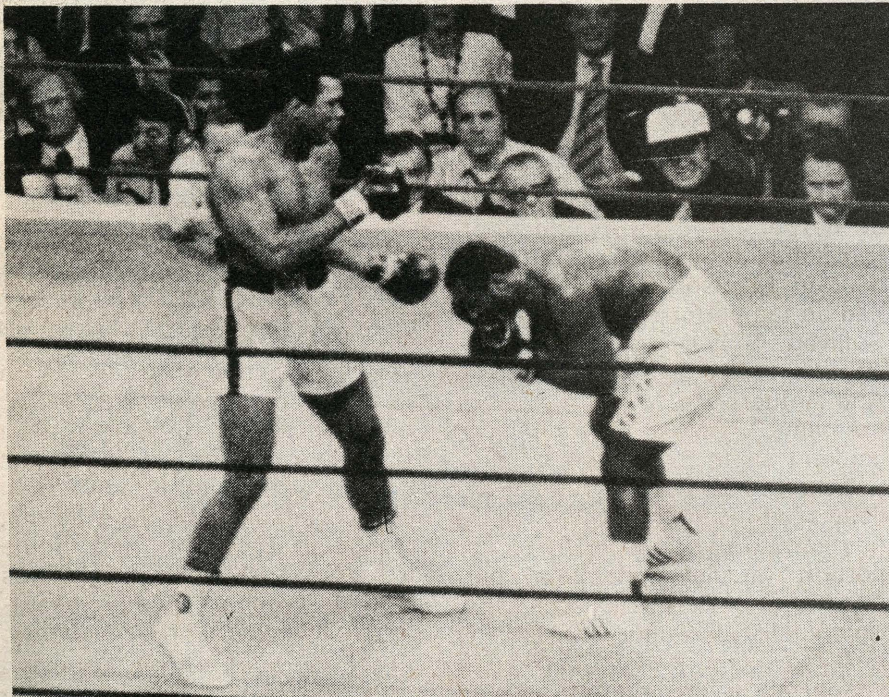
Harrison, N.Y.

### ALI THE IMMORTAL

I agree Muhammad Ali should be rated as one of the best heavyweights in world boxing history.

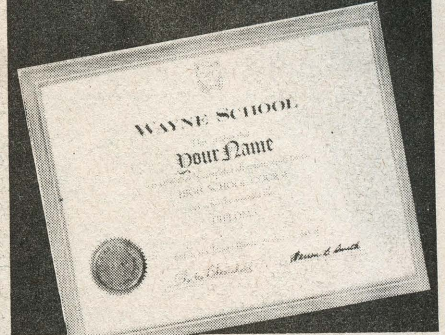
The reason I say he is one of the greatest is the fact that he's got such beautiful footwork and terrifically fast hands. A lot of people said Ali would

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Muhammad Ali's victory over Joe Frazier has caused some fans to wax poetic. We're no judges of poetry, but we're printing two of the many we received. Others couldn't be printed because of space.

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lose the second Frazier bout due to the fact he was a "one-handed" fighter (left jab only). In his two previous bouts he was asked why he never used his right hand. He said he was saving it for Joe Frazier. Anybody saying that Muhammad Ali is finished definitely doesn't know anything about boxing.

Joe Frazier could have used his wife as second and she could have done no worse than he did. I saw Joe Frazier when he lost his title to George Foreman. He reminded me of a puppet with very weak strings. Heavyweight champion George Foreman predicted Muhammad Ali would lose the second fight to "The Robot" Joe Frazier. We'll see how well Foreman makes out when he goes against the one-handed fighter.

L.E. SETTEE  
Jenpeg, Manitoba, Canada

### IN JOE'S CORNER

Many boxing fans may disagree with me. Frankly, I don't care. Joe Frazier is back.

In Joe's fight with George Foreman he wasn't physically or mentally prepared. He just did not know what was going on. You could tell in his next fight against Joe Bugner he was better, but not completely. It took someone like Muhammad Ali, who constantly mocked Joe, until Joe woke up and finally realized how much he wanted to win in his second fight with Ali. He may have lost but he fought like a champ as he did in 1971 when he beat Ali.

Joe still has a lot left in him, and has one more shot at the championship if he fights his best. He may have lost a little, but you can't prove to me he has lost very much in his ability.

JOHN KNIPFING  
Carle Place, N.Y.

### FRAZIER WON IT

I viewed the Frazier-Ali bout on closed circuit TV. While it was a good fight, I felt it was Joe's from the third round on.

I don't know how the judges score a fight but the positive points are aggressiveness and effective punching. The negatives are holding and running, both of which Ali did plenty of.

If Joe fought the way Ali did, it would have been a dull fight. However, if Ali fought like Joe did, it would have been even better. Every time Joe came in punching, Ali would hang on.

Frazier's left landed twice as much this fight than in their last bout. Joe fought three minutes of every round while Ali either danced away or held on, although he did land some effective shots during the fight.

There are at least 100 Ali fans to every Frazier supporter. It didn't matter if Ali danced, hit, winked or missed; there was a roar of approval. I feel Ali won because if he didn't boxing would have lost a lot of fans—not boxing fans, but Ali fans. And a Foreman vs. Ali fight would make more dough than a Foreman-Frazier rematch.



Joe Frazier, according to many observers, won the Ali fight. He also proved he's from finished.

Naturally, Ali isn't screaming for a fight with Foreman because if they do meet I'm afraid Ali will be knocked cold. Ali is a great boxer and showman, but I feel the latter won him the fight.

GERALD COLUCCI  
Long Beach, Calif.

### ALI VS. CHARLES

I'll bet no one has ever thought about a Muhammad Ali-Ezzard Charles bout.

Ezzard was one of the most underrated champions in boxing history. After analyzing both fighters, I would pick Charles the victor! Ezzard could box and move as well as anyone of his era. He proved he could also slug it out if he wanted to. Remember, he gave the great Rocky Marciano his toughest



fight ever. Both men were rocking each other at the final bell.

Ali was never up against an opponent with these weapons. He would have trouble landing his left more than once or twice in a row. How would he react to a skillful fighter like Charles?

I think Ezzard would have forced Ali into slugging it out. In this way Ezzard would be in a great position to knock out Ali.

ALLEN J. LIPSET  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

### DISGUSTED WITH GEORGE

George Foreman has no right to do what he is doing. I thought the boxing commission ruled that a heavyweight champ had to challenge the top contenders. Where is that rule prevailing now?

How is it George got away with hitting Roman when Joe was going down? What is happening to boxing? Has everybody gone berserk? Fifty years ago the public would never had stood for this.

I don't think Foreman's a good fighter. Actually, I think he's a lousy fighter. Joe Frazier could kill him and will. George is a wild man. He has no right to deny Jerry Quarry a fight. Quarry would knock him on his "A" and everyone knows it, including Foreman.

I, like many others, hope you will make a thing out of Foreman and expose his cowardice and make him fight the top contenders. If he does not want to, tough. It's his job.

People will listen if this magazine prints the story because you and a few others are one of the few boxing magazines that make sense.

ALEX KIPPER  
Montreal, Canada

### THREE JUDGES PER FIGHT

I believe there should be three judges to score a fight. The referee has his hands full watching the fighters for breaking the rules, such as throwing low blows, butting, and swinging after the bell.

A referee is supposed to keep his eyes on the fighters all the time, seeing that they are fighting fair and doing such things as breaking up clinches. They must also know and keep their eyes on any fighter who is being cut up, to see when to stop the fight on a cut, or when a fighter is being knocked down and beaten up to a point of being disabled. A referee is too busy to decide which round each fighter wins.

They should never have a fight in which the referee is the only one to decide which fighter is the winner, as they do in some foreign countries.

I believe the referee should be in good physical condition so he can move around and see that fighters are fighting clean and fair.

Judges have nothing to do but sit and watch the fighters and study each one for every round. They can see which fighter is the best in each round.

ELMER CHRISTMAN  
Seattle, Wash.

### DEMPSEY'S PUNCH WAS TOPS

I have been an avid boxing fan for 10 of my 19 years, during which time I have collected a large fight film collection of over 100 of the greatest heavyweight fights.

In your March issue, I was amazed



*There is no "rule" that George Foreman or any other division champion has to fight the "top" contenders in his division.*

to see that a reader, Carl Weingarten, felt that a left hook to the head of Jess Willard by Jack Dempsey in round one was the hardest punch in history. What was amazing is that in all the fights, punches, and punchers I have on film, I felt that that exact punch, which led to Willard's first knockdown of his career, was the hardest punch in history. It was a really unbelievable punch

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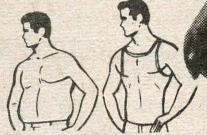
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and it also broke Willard's right cheekbone into 13 fragments!!

This opinion was not made overnight. Rather, it took hours upon hours of slow and still motion study of many great punches on my films and much reading to conclude this opinion.

MICHAEL HUNNICUT  
Harrison, N.Y.

### DEMPSEY THE GREATEST

I am 18 years old and have studied boxing for a long time. The greatest heavyweight fighter in my opinion is Jack Dempsey.

He was a gentleman outside the ring, but in the ring he was a killer. He had the greatest left hook of all time.

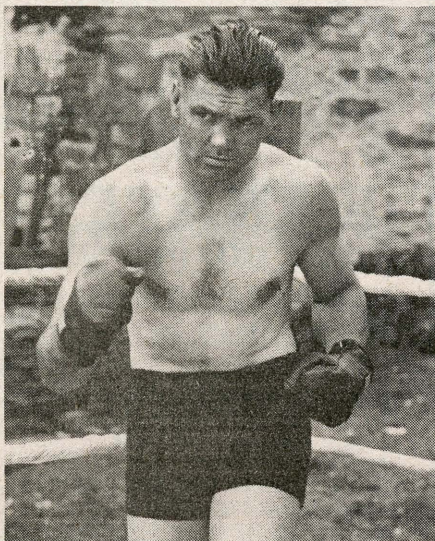
Some boxing experts would look at Dempsey's films and say he could have been out-boxed. I disagree strongly.

It is true Dempsey would leave openings in his defense, but it worked for his advantage. When bigger fighters would hit Dempsey, he would throw a harder punch back. In other words, Dempsey wanted to exchange punches with other fighters. Dempsey could never have been outslugged. Jack was a ferocious puncher and he had the courage of a mountain lion.

It is true that clever boxers did give him trouble. But did Dempsey ever get out-boxed in his prime? No!

Only one man ever went the distance with Dempsey and that was Tommy Gibbons. Dempsey won by a decision. So this proves that Jack wasn't likely to be out-boxed by anybody. In my book, Dempsey is the greatest of all.

AL ROOKS  
New Castle, Pa.



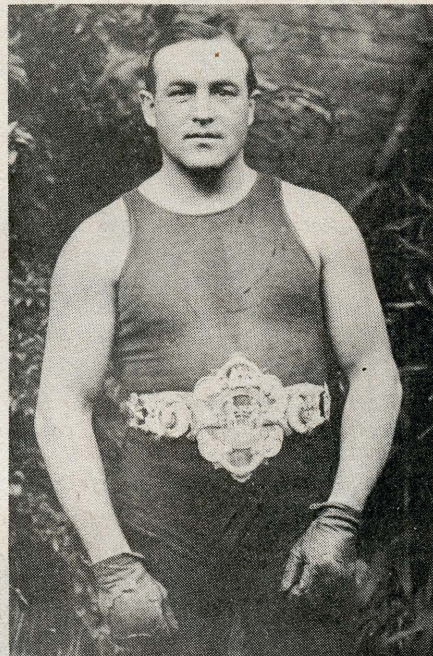
### SIZE ISN'T IMPORTANT

Billy the Smith must rate as being the top man for having the most totally crass letter ever printed in your magazine.

He asserts that the heavier and taller the fighter, the more likely he is to defeat his opponents. Looking at the heavyweight division proves quite the contrary.

Let's go back to June 9, 1899. Bob Fitzsimmons, 5-11¼ and weighing only 170 pounds, gave Jim Jeffries, 6-2½ and 225 pounds, a terrific beating before succumbing to the "boiler-maker" in the 11th round. Fitz, who was 37 years old, would most likely have outpointed Jeffries in 15 rounds (modern rules) if he had been younger.

Canada's Tommy Burns, smallest man in history to win the championship, performed that feat in 1906. Standing but 5-7, our Tommy gave 5-11¼ Marvin Hart a 20-round boxing



*Men like Tommy Burns (above) and Jack Dempsey (left) tend to disprove the argument that bigger fighters are the better fighters. Burns was a perfect example of this. At 5-7, he almost always was up against much bigger foes.*

lesson. A year earlier, Hart had defeated Jack Johnson, a feat almost forgotten today by boxing experts.

Jess Willard, 6-6¼ and 250 pounds, was lambasted by Jack Dempsey, 6-1 and only 187¼ pounds, and the giant had to retire after the third round for fear of being beaten to death.

Going back to May 11, 1900, boxing master James J. Corbett only 184 pounds and 34 years old, literally

danced rings around the over-rated Jeffries for 20 rounds before being knocked out in the 23rd round. In a modern ring, that marvel of a man Corbett would have won a unanimous 15-round decision without working up a sweat.

Billy the Smith rates Max Baer as being a "serious little heavyweight." Even a novice boxing fan knows Max was not serious nor was he little. Baer was called "the Merry Madcap" and the "Clown Prince of Boxing" by sportswriters. Baer was always a clown and never learned how to box because he didn't give a damn. He possessed probably the hardest right hand of any fighter and strictly relied on it to put his opponents into dreamland, where 50 of his 79 opponents went. So much for Baer being serious.

Max Baer little?? Hah! The man stood 6-2½ and weighed a solid 215 pounds, bigger than Sonny Liston and Joe Frazier (two men Billy the Smith calls GIANTS! and I believe Max could have knocked out Frazier if he caught him with his right).

Baer won the title by defeating an even larger man than himself—6-5¾, 267-pound Primo Canera! He sent the game colossus toppling 11 times in 11 rounds, Max winning via a technical knockout.

Rating Dempsey, Louis, Charles, Tunney, and Baer as being little is absurd. It's true that weight and height do influence a match but it's the ability of the fighter himself that determines a winner.

Corbett, Fitzsimmons, Burns, Dempsey, Tunney, Sharkey, Schmeling, Braddock, Charles, Walcott and Patterson were not heavy men. However, with the exception of Burns and Fitz, they all stood six feet or over. They all possessed very good ring generalship and boxing ability except Dempsey. He relied on his two-fisted, whirlwind attack to overwhelm his opponent.

To call them small and overmatched against 215 pounders is a mistaken assertion because all of them defeated bigger men in their careers. They all had courage. None of them quit by sitting on a stool as Liston did.

I disagree wholeheartedly against a super-heavyweight division because there have been too many so-called small men who have triumphed over big men.

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# Special Analysis: WHY JERRY QUARRY CAN BEAT MUHAMMAD ALI!

**Today's Jerry Quarry is not the same man who twice lost to Muhammad Ali. Today's Muhammad Ali is not the same man who twice whipped Quarry**

**J**ERRY QUARRY CAN beat Muhammad Ali.

Two years ago the above statement would be included with observations such as "King Kong is alive and well," and "Bob Hope is the leader of SDS."

But a lot changes happen in two years.

The first person to change was Muhammad Ali. His comeback from his enforced layoff was one of the most remarkable feats in sports history. To get his tired, out-of-shape body back into some semblance of condition was a task that is testimony to the man's determination and courage. However, any athlete can tell you that an extended period of inaction permanently damages the muscles and coordination. They can never return to what they once were during their prime.

Muhammad's performance's upon his return showed what a great athlete the man is. A Muhammad Ali with his gifts diminished was greater and more exciting than most of the heavyweights currently fighting.



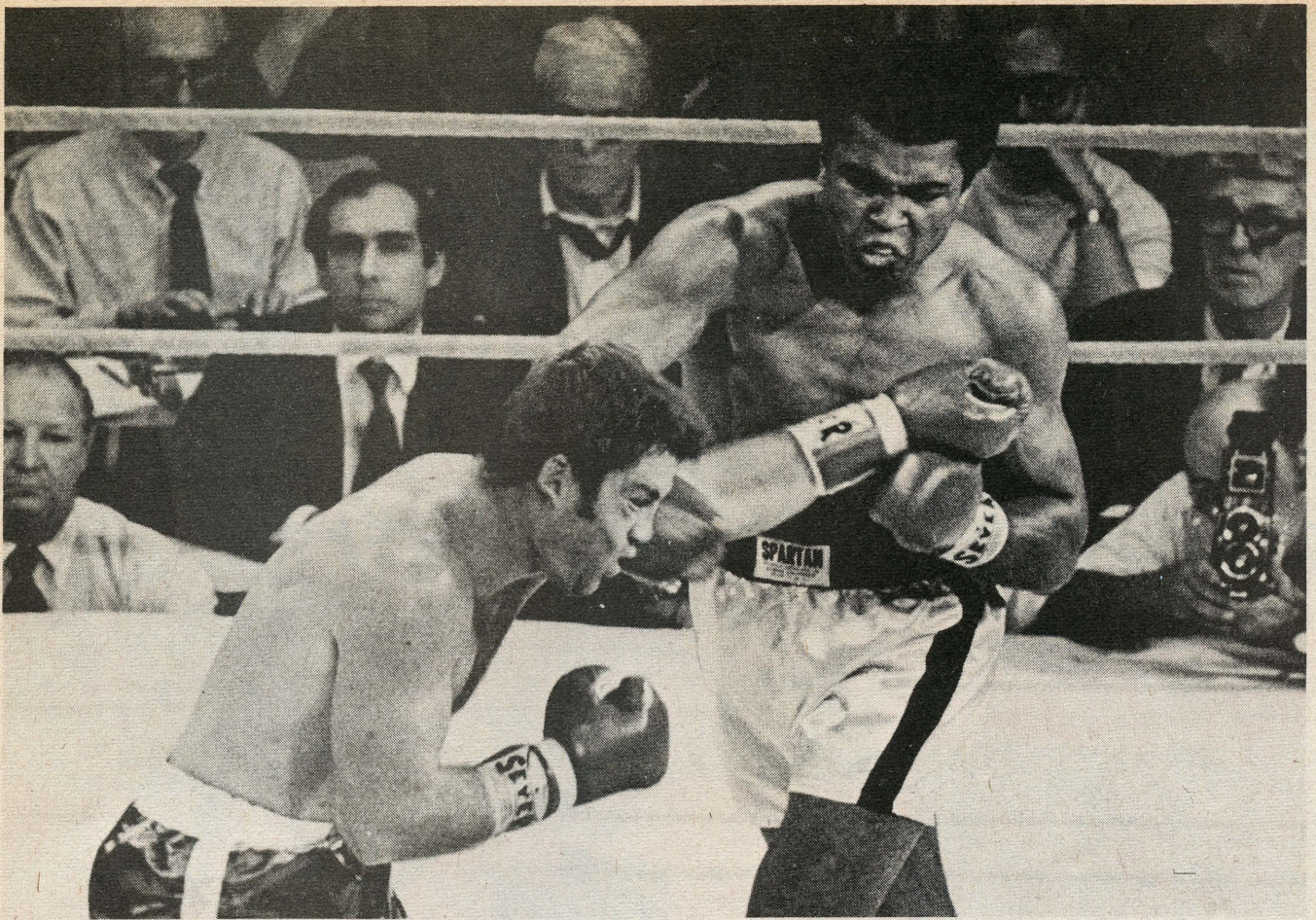
*Jerry Quarry and Muhammad Ali have at each other along the ropes in their first fight in Atlanta—one which Quarry could've won had he not suffered an 11-stitch cut.*

However, a body pushed beyond its capabilities can function for only a short time before deteriorating. In his last fights, Ali became a vague recollection of the magnificent boxer who won the heavyweight championship and did more for the sport of professional boxing than any man in history. His legs lost their spring after a couple of rounds. Only occasional brilliant flashes are left. Muhammad Ali is now only a pretty good imitation of the fighter he used to be.

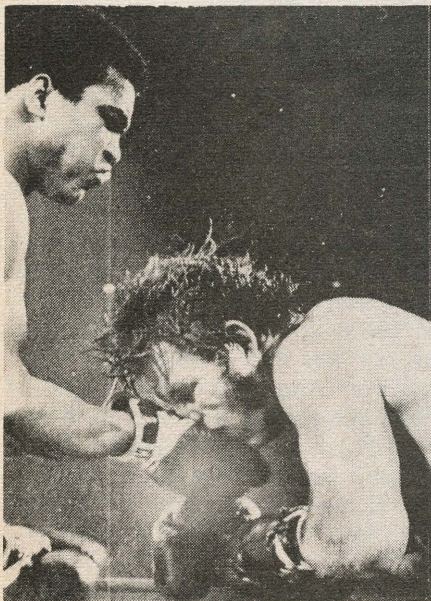
Meanwhile, Jerry Quarry is improving by leaps and bounds. Since ending his second retirement, Quarry has changed his status from perennial opponent to *the* boxer to be feared. The reasons for avoiding Quarry are many, the reasons to fight Quarry are few.

At this point, if Ali fought Quarry he would stand to lose much more than he would gain. If he lost to Quarry, which is a good possibility, a big money fight against George Foreman would be out of the question. Ali doesn't want to jeopardize what promises to be the largest purse





*Coming out of an enforced layoff, Muhammad Ali staggers Jerry Quarry (above) with a right hand during their Atlanta fight. Quarry runs into an uppercut (below) in their second bout in Las Vegas, Nevada. But Quarry hadn't yet reached his prime in those fights. Ali had.*



of his career by losing to Quarry. Ali went so far as promising to sign for another fight against Quarry. Then he backed out at the last moment. Ali is an intelligent man. He knew what he was doing.

Ali is professional enough to recognize that his gifts are slipping away from him. And he also recognizes that the improvement in Jerry Quarry makes him a much more dangerous fighter than the man he successfully defeated twice before.

Jerry Quarry always had the physical equipment to become the heavyweight champion. However, emotional strains and family troubles made it impossible for him to devote his concentration solely to his career. Without singleminded determination no man can become the best in any field.

The reasons Quarry now possesses the mental stability to become champion have been well documented — his new wife, who gives him encouragement without strings attached, and his new manager, Gil Clancy. Quarry has shaken off the well-meaning parasites that sapped

his strength and undermined his confidence. He is his own man and ready for the top. Jerry Quarry has matured.

In Quarry's first fight against Ali, the first bout Ali had after coming out of his forced retirement, Muhammad won when Quarry suffered an ugly gash above his right eye in the fifth round. The second fight drove Quarry into his second retirement.

Quarry claims he lost the second Ali fight when his brother, Mike, lost his light heavyweight title bid against Bob Foster in the preliminary bout. He saw his brother get plastered by a devastating left hook of Foster's and listened while the referee counted to 10 over Mike's unconscious body.

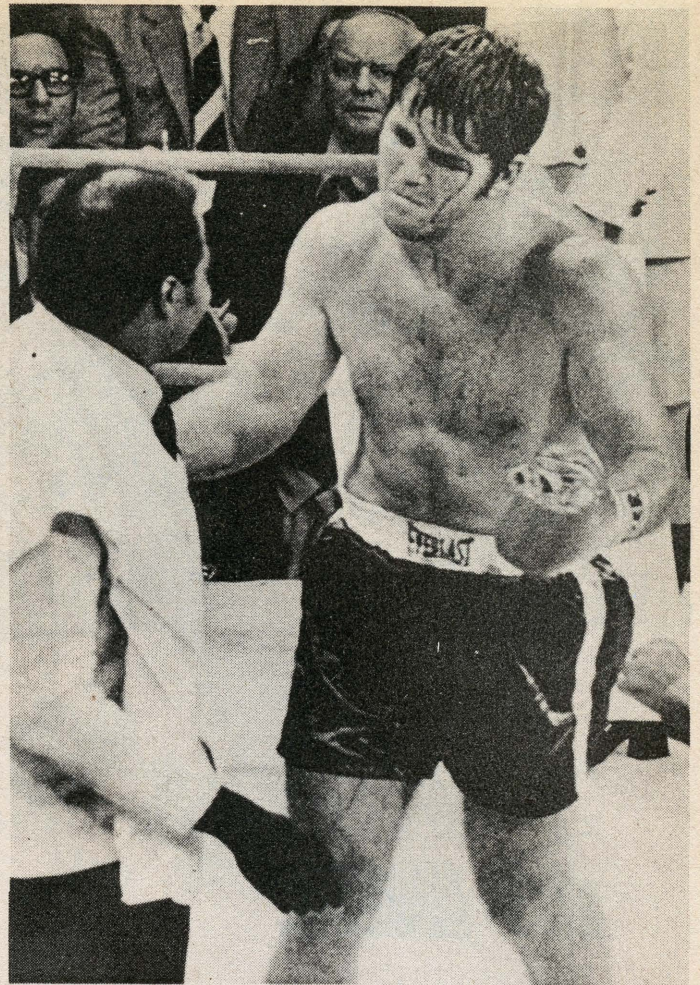
"I lost my desire when Mike lost his fight," Quarry said at the time. "Watching my brother lose like he did was seeing him go through the same frustrations I'd gone through."

Today, Quarry no longer confuses the fate of the Quarry family with his heavyweight boxing career. He wants the championship and the fin-





*Blood streams down the left side of Jerry Quarry's face during the third and final round of his first fight against Ali (above). Quarry (right) begs anyone who'll listen not to stop the fight despite the cut, which would require 11 stitches to close. Ali seemed to be tiring and the bout might have ended differently had Tony Perez not stopped the contest.*



ancial rewards that go with it. All he has to do is beat the only man to defeat him twice — Muhammad Ali. If he can get past Ali, Foreman will be forced into fighting him.

If he can get a fight with Ali, which would probably mean a bigger payday than a championship bout, Quarry is fairly certain he can win the bout. Many experts agree with him.

The fight plan would be similar to the one Quarry hoped to use against Ali in their second fight, before his brother's loss supposedly knocked the desire out of him. Quarry outlined how the fight should go and then ignored his entire plan. Whether the ability of Muhammed Ali had anything to do with that is a matter of opinion.

"Ali can't really hurt you," Quarry claims. "I knew I could go to him once I got myself loose. I could go to him without fear of being hurt by his punching power. I knew he could not stop me coming in and carrying the fight to him. I knew I could get him out of there because I could hurt

him and he couldn't hurt me!

"I'm fast enough when I get myself loose and when I get myself oriented to the fight. I can cut him off. Joe Frazier did a good job on Ali [in their first bout] and I don't think Frazier is any faster on his feet than I am. That's why I picked Frazier over Ali. Ali doesn't have the power to keep a Joe Frazier away from him. He doesn't have the power to keep me off of him once I get relaxed and moving good.

"I gave him too much punching room early in the first fight. Even though there were times I cut him off I was still too far away from him. Frazier cuts him off but he's right there in front of him when he does it. That's what I intend to do."

The one allegation which writers continue to hurl at Quarry is that he is a "bleeder", that cuts will stop his fights. Ali defeated him once before by opening a gash over his right eye. Since Ali's knockout record since the first Frazier bout is almost nil, it would seem Ali would have to try to reopen those cuts.

Ali doesn't like to go the full route lately. Even though he knew he would get the decision over Frazier, he was obviously disappointed following that bout. He wanted to end it early, when his stamina is still there. Ali was very tired in the later rounds against Frazier.

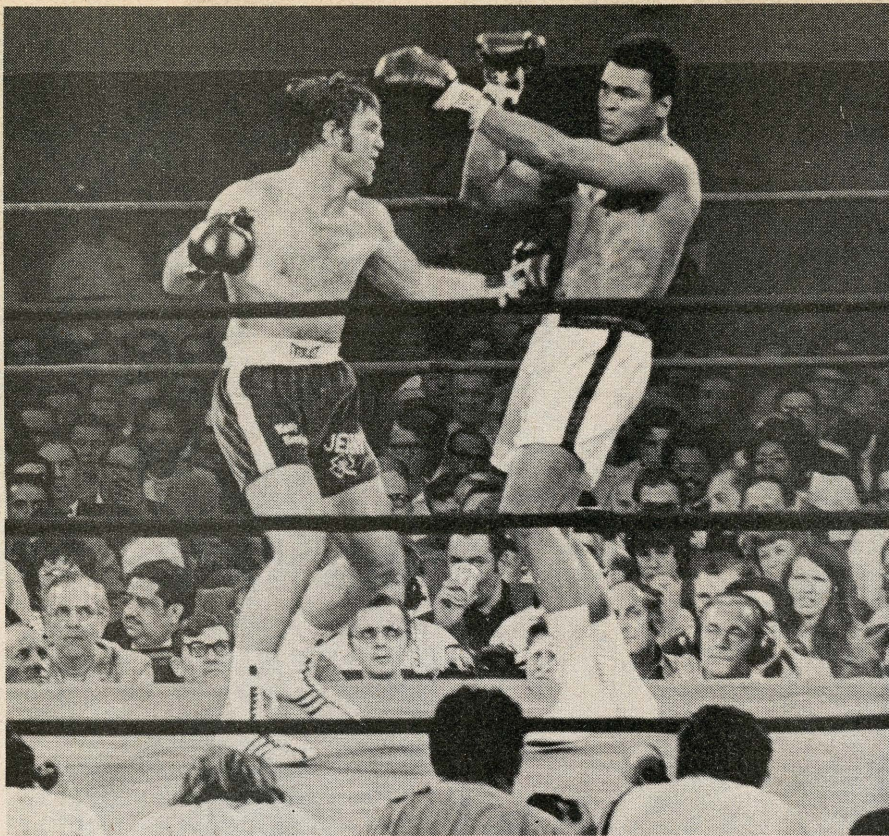
Cuts being Ali's main hope against Quarry is not much of a hope. Quarry, in fact, cuts very rarely.

"Everybody thinks I'm a cutter and bleeder," Jerry acknowledges. "But I'm not. I've had three major cuts since I've been fighting. One was in my first fight with Floyd Patterson. One was in my fight with Frazier and the other was with Ali. That does not make me a bleeder.

"Even the cut I received against Frazier was only a slight nick under the eye. And they didn't stop that fight because of that cut. It wasn't even bleeding. They stopped the fight because my right eye was completely closed and that was from a head butt that landed above my eye and closed it.

"The cut I suffered against Ali is





Quarry digs a left into Ali's body (above) while Muhammad tries to keep him at long range with a pawing left of his own. Jerry said his sad performance in that fight was attributable to seeing his brother Mike get kayoed by Bob Foster earlier that night. Prior to that fight (right) Jerry, in an exclusive interview, told this magazine of his strategy to beat Ali. But he didn't stick to the plan.

perfectly healed. It was a freak thing to begin with. It could happen in any fight. I could've thrown a punch and ripped *his* eye open. I doubt that it'll happen again because I never work out in the gymnasium with head-gear, which would make me susceptible to cuts around the eyes, and I haven't had anything close to a cut in all that gymwork.

"Therefore, I'm not worried about getting cut again. I know I have the ability to beat him. He knows I'm a good fighter!"

He may know that Jerry Quarry is too good a fighter. There is no denying it appears Ali is ducking a bout against Quarry. Ali, you'll recall, is the man who would fight anyone, anywhere, anytime. For Ali to avoid a fight with someone is something unheard of for the former champion. That is probably the most important indication Ali recognizes a new Quarry.

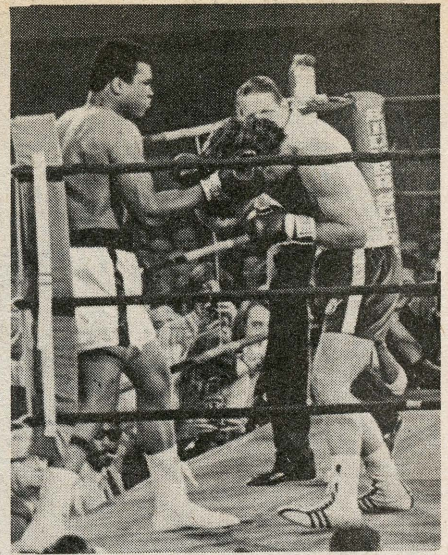
This is the first time Ali's allowed his common sense to overcome his courage. Ali has never not finished a bout. Rocky Marciano and George

Foreman are the only other heavy-weight champions who can claim that distinction. Ali finished his bout against Ken Norton despite a broken jaw. There is no denying the man's great courage.

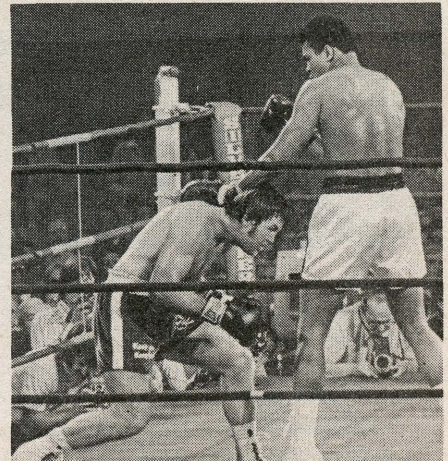
However, he must realize he has only a few paydays left. He can be justifiably proud of his record. He also knows that Jerry Quarry has as good a chance as Foreman to lay him out for the count.

Quarry is a more mobile fighter than Foreman and has learned a great deal from his many encounters. Foreman has had few real opponents—George Chuvalo and an overweight and perhaps out of shape Joe Frazier. Quarry has fought all the top men of his time and none who have defeated him have consented to a rematch, except for Ali.

Foreman has not had the opportunity to learn what Quarry has learned. It will take a clever fighter to defeat one of the most cunning men ever to don boxing gloves. Foreman hasn't had a chance to gain the necessary knowledge it would require to defeat



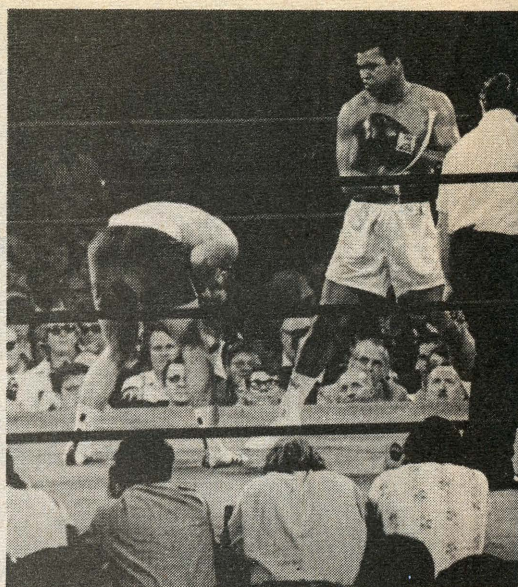
Quarry traps Muhammad in the corner (above) but can't apply the pressure. With a flurry of punches Ali easily gets out of trouble.



Ali's reach advantage (below) was a decisive factor in both meetings with Jerry. But Jerry uses the Joe Frazier fights as an example of how that edge can be overcome.







*Quarry, trying to protect himself from Ali's long-range attack, goes into deep crouch (above and left), a position he assumed throughout most of their second fight. Ali (below) consoles Jerry after the bout was stopped in the seventh round. Recent victories over Ron Lyle, Tony Doyle and Earnie Shavers have earned Quarry a third opportunity at Muhammad.*

Ali.

Quarry is a smart enough boxer to beat Ali. His physical equipment is now equal to or surpasses Foreman's and his boxing wits are far more developed than Foreman's. Ali can do a lot to an opponent by fighting with his head. Quarry may be the only fighter around with enough savvy to beat Ali.

Many believe Jerry Quarry, more than anyone else, has been the man who defeats Jerry Quarry. There can be little argument that is at least partially true. The fact remains that Quarry allowed his family to pressure him, allowed the celebrity leeches to take advantage of him. After all, they provided a ready excuse in the event he lost.

The excuses are gone now, at Jerry's insistence. He wants the title badly, which may be the most important reason Quarry can defeat Ali. Jerry isn't looking for excuses—he's looking to win.

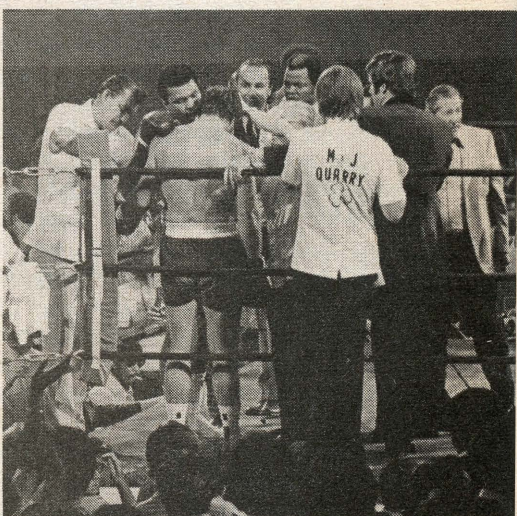
On the other hand, Ali seems to be tiring. He has said he doesn't need George Foreman. All he wanted to do was avenge the two defeats on his

record, which he has done. Ali has had the most controversial career of any public figure in recent times. It would be understandable if he's tired, ready to leave the limelight. In interviews before the second Frazier bout, Ali downgraded the importance of the fight. The single-minded concentration that led him to be one of the sport's all-time greats has left him. He's a family man who may want to rest. Nobody can blame him.

However, no one can change the facts, either. Ali is in the tail end of his career, with his fabulous gifts deteriorating. He has a slightly more valid claim to a championship match than does Floyd Patterson. It's a quirk of fate that Foreman's style makes him one of the few boxers Ali has a chance to defeat. He has much less of a chance against Jerry Quarry.

A fight between Ali and Quarry in the near future would pit an aging, decaying legend against a tough, determined fighter. It is impractical to compare what would happen if the two men in Ali's prime.

Ali's prime is past. What has to be considered is the present. At this



point in time, Jerry Quarry should be able to defeat Muhammad Ali.

The only thing working in Ali's favor is Quarry's mercurial temperament. Lately, Quarry has become angrily despondent over not getting a match with either Ali or Foreman. If he allows his anger and frustration to overcome his reason, as he's done in the past, he may give the third fight to Ali. It looks like the only way Ali can get it. □