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WORLD'S HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

15 ROUNDS

GEORGE FOREMAN

CHAMPION



FOREMAN

VS



QUARRY

JERRY QUARRY

CHALLENGER

MUHAMMAD
ALI

15 ROUNDS

VS

JOE
FRAZIER

JOE
LOUIS
CHAMPION

15 ROUNDS

VS

BILLY
CONN
CHALLENGER

PUTTING HEAVY JIGSAW PUZZLE PIECES TOGETHER PROBLEM FOR PROMOTERS

By NAT LOUBET

NOT so long ago, Joe Frazier, onetime \$75 a week slaughterhouse worker in Philadelphia, refused to fight Muhammad Ali (Cassius Clay) a second time for \$3,200,000 in Jack Kent Cooke's Forum at Inglewood, Calif.

Now Frazier and Yank Durham, his trainer-manager are trying desperately to get a return fight with George Foreman, who stopped Joe in two rounds at Kingston, Jamaica, on January 22.

A Foreman-Frazier fight is one of the very few major attractions open for competition among the leading promoters, all of whom are based in the United States.

Efforts are being made in England to pull Joe Bugner and Danny McAlinden into the Big Fight ranks but the impression exists in well informed circles that neither qualifies.

Putting together the pieces of the jigsaw puzzle, which were scattered to the winds by the Foreman victory over Frazier and the Ken Norton defeat of Ali, is a task which has eligible promoters stymied.

Despite the fact that Ali was a \$3,200,000 victim of the Frazier debacle, he stood out as the wise man of the limited coterie of top-flight heavies until he took Norton too lightly.

Let us review the heavyweight situation as it stands, going all the way back to Frazier's solidification of his heavyweight title by stopping Jimmy Ellis. Here is the story by the calendar:

February 16, 1970 — Joe Frazier knocked out Jimmy Ellis in five rounds, at New York.

October 26, 1970 — Muhammad Ali stopped Jerry Quarry in three rounds, at Atlanta, Ga.

December 7, 1970 — Muhammad Ali stopped Oscar Bonavena in the 15th round, at New York.

March 8, 1971 — Joe Frazier beat Muhammad Ali in a 15-round fight in which Clay was decked in the last heat, at New York.

January 22, 1973 — George Foreman knocked out Joe Frazier in the second



Heavyweight champion George Foreman gets warm welcome from students at E. O. Smith Junior High in Houston, the school he attended as a youth.

round, at Kingston, Jamaica.

February 9, 1973 — Jerry Quarry beat Ron Lyle in a 12-round fight, at New York.

February 14, 1973 — Muhammad Ali outpointed Joe Bugner in a 12-round fight, at Las Vegas.

March 31, 1973 — Ken Norton outpointed Muhammad Ali in 12-rounds at San Diego.

Note, please, that four of these Big Fights were fought in New York. Where is the Big Town now in major boxing? It lies in the dumps, praying that Governor Nelson Rockefeller will wake up and ask the state tax people to be much more lenient to major boxers operating in Madison Square Garden. Right now the Governor is too taken up with the political fight concerning New York's mayoralty to consider anything having to

do with boxing or the Garden.

Out of the jumble of heavyweight events we have the spectacular emergence of Foreman as the most surprising winner of the heavyweight championship in the history of boxing.

Foreman was in no hurry to be "lured" into fighting Frazier, a topeavy favorite. Now Foreman is in no haste to defend the world championship against any heavyweight who deserves a headline.

There was a lot of loose talk about Foreman fighting Muhammad Ali, with George collecting \$5,000,000.

Dick Sadler, manager-trainer of Foreman, says that he received no such offer and that he does not know of any promoter who would offer that sum for a title defense. That, of course, is academic now.

Ali stood ready to fight Frazier for

\$3,200,000 and he is prepared to fight Foreman for less. It was not Clay's fault that the \$6,400,000 fight with Frazier exploded. Then again, look what happened to Cassius in San Diego.

Wise men now present two interesting questions:

1 — Why, risking a \$3,200,000 payday with a man whom he already had beaten, did Joe take on Foreman, big, strong, with unknown possibilities, for \$850,000?

2 — What happened to the Frazier of the Ali fight against Foreman at Jamaica?

The No. 2 query has brought forth the possible explanation that Joe, at Kingston, was a sick man. Certainly he was not well for weeks after the meeting with Clay.

The No. 1 query suggests that Durham and Joe greatly underrated Foreman, as did so many experts. The only knowledgeable boxing figures who gave George a serious chance were Angie Dundee, Joe Louis and Archie Moore.

It is almost certain that Durham rated Foreman a sucker against Frazier. Without Yank's urging it is not likely that Frazier would have gone to Jamaica.

In any event, what's on the table for American promoters, a category very limited in so far as Big Money fights are concerned?

Foreman could fight Frazier, an adventure George could approach with the confidence born of six Frazier trips to the canvas at Kingston.

Foreman might pass up the possibility that Frazier would emulate Floyd Patterson against Ingemar Johansson and recover the championship.

Foreman could defend his title against Norton, the conqueror of Clay and the breaker of his jaw.

Foreman could indulge in a warmup against Quarry, whom Madison Square Garden is trying desperately to build up into an alleged contender.

Frazier could start rebuilding himself with a fight against Quarry.

A very interesting situation would have been created if Lyle had scored decisively over Quarry.

However, that was something that could not be expected in the light of Lyle's comparative lack of experience.

It is questionable if Lyle's manager did the right thing in throwing him in with an experienced fighter like Quarry, who had fought a 10-round draw with Floyd Patterson and had beaten him in a 12-round fight.

Lyle is by no means finished. He was merely rushed into fighting Quarry.

How are the Wise Men of the East and the Wise Men of the West going to solve the heavyweight riddle? Right now, nobody knows.



Ex-king Joe Frazier would like a return match with Foreman in an effort to win back the crown he lost to George in Jamaica.



Jerry Quarry, who defeated Ron Lyle, tells Muhammad Ali he'd like another shot at him. Ali has beaten Quarry twice. In the center is Walter Youngblood, Ali's assistant trainer.

WORLD

By NAT LOUBET

HEAVYWEIGHTS (over 175 pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

GEORGE FOREMAN, Hayward, Calif.

- 1—**JOE FRAZIER**, Philadelphia, Pa.
- 2—**KEN NORTON**, San Diego, Calif.
- 3—**MUHAMMAD ALI (CASSIUS CLAY)**, Cherry Hill, N.J.
- 4—**JERRY QUARRY**, New York, N.Y.
- 5—**JIMMY ELLIS**, Louisville, Ky.
- 6—**ERNIE TERRELL**, Chicago, Ill.
- 7—**RON LYLE**, Denver, Colo.
- 8—**FLOYD PATTERSON**, New Paltz, N.Y.
- 9—**JOSE ROMAN**, Puerto Rico
- 10—**JOE BUGNER**, England

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS (not over 175 pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

BOB FOSTER, Washington, D.C.

- 1—**PIERRE FOURIE**, South Africa
- 2—**LEN HUTCHINS**, Detroit, Mich.
- 3—**ANDY KENDALL**, Portland, Ore.
- 4—**VICTOR GALINDEZ**, Argentina
- 5—**JOHN CONTEH**, England
- 6—**RUDIGER SCHMIDTKE**, Germany
- 7—**CHRIS FINNEGAN**, England
- 8—**MIKE QUARRY**, Los Angeles, Calif.
- 9—**JIMMY DUPREE**, Jersey City, N.J.
- 10—**EDDIE OWENS**, Springfield, Mass.

KEN NORTON FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

FIGHTER of the Month? Just a breeze! Ken Norton, the Jaw Breaker. Ken Norton, the 5 to 1 shot—with a few takers, who whipped Muhammad Ali (Cassius Clay) in a 12-round fight at San Diego, which never before had had so important a contest.

Ken Norton, whose record showed only one defeat, an eight-round KO by Venezuela's Jose Luis Garcia.

Before Norton defeated Clay, the Ring Rating Committee decided that the Fighter of the Month laurels belonged to Japan's Kuniaki Shibata, who had taken the junior lightweight title from Ben Villaflor, of the Philippines.

However, when the Jaw Buster came along and outboxed Clay, Shibata's claim to the Fighter of the Month was wiped out.

In beating Clay, Norton achieved the remarkable feat of leaping from the lower echelon of the Top Ten to No. 2,

MIDDLEWEIGHTS (not over 160 pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

CARLOS MONZON, Argentina

- 1—**TONY MUNDINE**, Australia
- 2—**JEAN-CLAUDE BOUTTIER**, France
- 3—**EMILE GRIFFITH**, New York, N.Y.
- 4—**MIGUEL de OLIVIERA**, Brazil
- 5—**KOICHI WAJIMA**, Japan
- 6—**BENNIE BRISCOE**, Philadelphia, Pa.
- 7—**BUNNY STERLING**, England
- 8—**JUAN CARLOS DURAN**, Italy
- 9—**RODRIGO VALDEZ**, Colombia
- 10—**NESSIM COHEN**, France

WELTERWEIGHTS (not over 147 pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

JOSE NAPOLES, Mexico

- 1—**HEDGEMON LEWIS**, Detroit, Mich.
- 2—**ROGER MENETREY**, France
- 3—**CLYDE GRAY**, Canada
- 4—**JACK TILLMAN**, Mobile, Ala.
- 5—**ERNIE LOPEZ**, Las Vegas, Nev.
- 6—**ROBERT GALLOIS**, France
- 7—**BILLY BACKUS**, Syracuse, N.Y.
- 8—**EDDIE PERKINS**, Chicago, Ill.
- 9—**RONNIE HARRIS**, Detroit, Mich.
- 10—**ROLAND PRYOR**, Washington, D.C.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS (not over 140 pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

ANTONIO CERVANTES, Colombia

- 1—**BRUNO ARCARI**, Italy
- 2—**VICTOR ORTIZ**, Puerto Rico
- 3—**CARLOS GIMENEZ**, Argentina
- 4—**ALFONSO FRAZIER**, Panama
- 5—**ROMANO FANALI**, Italy
- 6—**TURK KAMACI**, Turkey
- 7—**ROGER ZAMI**, France
- 8—**HECTOR THOMPSON**, Australia
- 9—**JOHNNY GANT**, Washington, D.C.
- 10—**NICOLINO LOCHE**, Argentina

behind Joe Frazier, with Cassius No. 3 and Jerry Quarry No. 4.

Except for the Norton and Shibata achievements, the month failed to produce anything noteworthy.

Behind the Shibata achievement we find the winning of the light heavyweight championship of Europe by John Conteh, of Britain. He leaped into the headlines, replacing Chris Finnegan, by stopping Rudi Schmidtke, of Germany.

Schmidtke had created quite a furor by wresting the title from Finnegan, who has not been right since he took the beating from Bob Foster.

Examination of the heavyweight ratings reveals no change from the listing for May.

There stands George Foreman at the head of the class, surprising conqueror of Joe Frazier, who insists that he should get the first crack at the new kingpin.

However, Foreman has no fight in sight and he is reported to be in no hurry to sign for one. He feels he is entitled to a

RATINGS

RATINGS FOR THE MONTH ENDING APRIL 15, 1973

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ROBERTO DURAN, Panama

- 1—ESTEBAN DE JESUS, Puerto Rico
- 2—RODOLFO GONZALEZ, Long Beach, Calif.
- 3—KEN BUCHANAN, Scotland
- 4—JIMMY HEAIR, Los Angeles, Calif.
- 5—RAY LAMPKIN, Portland, Ore.
- 6—ANTONIO PUDDU, Italy
- 7—CHANGO CARMONA, Mexico
- 8—PEDRO CARRASCO, Spain
- 9—CHU CHU MALAVE, New York, N.Y.
- 10—RUBEN NAVARRO, Los Angeles, Calif.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

KUNIAKI SHIBATA, Japan

- 1—BEN VILLAFLORES, Philippines
- 2—SAMMY GOSS, Trenton, N.J.
- 3—VICTOR ECHEGARAY, Argentina
- 4—LOTHAR ABEND, Germany
- 5—ALFREDO MARCANO, Venezuela
- 6—FRANKIE ORTERO, Miami, Fla.
- 7—WALTER SEELEY, Sayville, N.Y.
- 8—LOVE ALLOTEY, Ghana
- 9—JOE MARIN, Costa Rica
- 10—UGO POLI, Italy

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

- 1—ERNESTO MARCEL, Panama
- 2—JOSE LEGRA, Spain
- 3—RICARDO ARREDONDO, Mexico
- 4—BERT NABALATAN, Philippines
- 5—DANNY LOPEZ, Los Angeles, Calif.
- 6—EDER JOFRE, Brazil
- 7—BOB ALLOTEY, Ghana
- 8—BOBBY CHACON, Los Angeles, Calif.
- 9—ARNOLD TAYLOR, South Africa
- 10—JONATHAN DELE, Spain

rest after travelling the long road that landed him at the crest.

Behind Foreman, Frazier, Muhammad Ali and possibly Jerry Quarry, there are no title threats in the heavyweight ratings.

This fact is driven home by this listing: 4, Jimmy Ellis; 5, Ernie Terrell; 6, Ron Lyle; 7, the perpetual Floyd Patterson; 8, Jose Roman; 9, Ken Norton; 10, Joe Bugner.

Maybe Bugner is entitled to more stylish listing. But the Hungarian-born Briton is so erratic. When he will rise, when he will fall, is a puzzle the raters do not care to predict.

Action in the middleweight class has not been spurred by the shooting of Carlos Monzon, who is recovering from the insertion of a .22 calibre bullet into a shoulder.

Emile Griffith dropped to No. 3 through a draw with Max Cohen. Emile's No. 2 spot among the contenders, behind Monzon has gone to Jean-Claude Bouttier. George Cooper has fallen out of the ratings because of inactivity.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ROMERO ANAYA, Mexico

- 1—ENRIQUE PINDER, Panama
- 2—RODOLFO MARTINEZ, Mexico
- 3—AUGUSTIN SENIN, Spain
- 4—RAFAEL HERRERA, Mexico
- 5—JOHNNY CLARK, England
- 6—CHARTCHAI CHIONOI, Thailand
- 7—CHUCHO CASTILLO, Mexico
- 8—PADDY MAGUIRE, Ireland
- 9—DAVE NEEDHAM, England
- 10—JOSE CASAS, Argentina

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

VENICE BORKORSOR, Thailand

- 1—BETULIO GONZALEZ, Venezuela
- 2—ERBITO SALVARRIA, Philippines
- 3—FRITZ CHERVET, Switzerland
- 4—HENRY NISSEN, Australia
- 5—FERMIN GOMEZ, Mexico
- 6—MIGUEL CANTO, Mexico
- 7—SUSUMU HANAGATA, Japan
- 8—TONY MORENO, San Antonio, Texas
- 9—LUPE HERNANDEZ, Mexico
- 10—OSAMU HABA, Japan

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

| Name | Pro Debut | Total Bouts | Won | Lost | Draws | KO's |
|--------------------------|-----------|-------------|-----|------|-------|------|
| HEAVYWEIGHT | | | | | | |
| John Dennis | 6/72 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Attleboro, Mass. | | | | | | |
| LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT | | | | | | |
| Willie Taylor | 10/72 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Brooklyn, N. Y. | | | | | | |
| MIDDLEWEIGHT | | | | | | |
| Dave Love | 8/71 | 16 | 13 | 3 | 0 | 5 |
| San Diego, Calif. | | | | | | |
| WELTERWEIGHT | | | | | | |
| Mario Miranda | 4/71 | 17 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 15 |
| Argentina | | | | | | |
| LIGHTWEIGHT | | | | | | |
| Angus McMillan | 10/70 | 22 | 18 | 2 | 2 | 10 |
| Scotland | | | | | | |
| FEATHERWEIGHT | | | | | | |
| Enrique Alonso | 1/62 | 14 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 12 |
| Panama | | | | | | |
| BANTAMWEIGHT | | | | | | |
| Chuck Goodrum | 5/62 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Los Angeles, Cal. | | | | | | |
| FLYWEIGHT | | | | | | |
| Ignacio Espinal | 1/70 | 14 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Dominican Rep. | | | | | | |